

Simply Sex



Beautiful 22-year-old Barbara Sherman, above, denies 14-year-old Tamar Hodel's charges of Hollywood sex orgy, but admits intimacy with Dr. George Hill Hodel, Tamar's father.

Blonde, 14, Diagrams Hollywood Sex Orgy

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Los Angeles.—Further details of a lurid Hollywood sex party, in which no holds were barred, will be aired Tuesday when Dr. George Hill Hodel, 38-year-old Hollywood psychiatrist, goes on trial in Superior Court, on charges of incest brought by his blonde 14-year-old daughter, Tamar Hodel.

The charges have been denied by Dr. Hodel and the defense has sought to paint the sophisticated young girl as a pathological liar. However, through all these attacks, the girl has maintained her astonishing composure and insisted on all details of a scene which has been described as a midnight sex circus.

Tamar, whose parents are divorced, said she came home from a date one night in July to find Dr. Hodel "hypnotizing" beautiful, sultry 22-year-old Barbara Sherman in a bedroom.

"My father and Barbara had their clothes off," the poised 14-year-old observed. There were two other grown-ups present; she identified them as artist Fred Sexton, a friend of her father's, and Corinne (Connie) Tarin. "Connie," she said, "didn't disrobe, Barbara helped take my clothes off."

Barbara Called Perjurer.

Until then, Tamar related, she and Sexton had been sitting on the bedroom floor. "I was kissing him," she went on. "Then Fred and I had normal intimate relations on the bed, nude."

The girl's disclosures came at a preliminary hearing, at the close of which Barbara Sherman was arrested on a charge of suspicion of perjury. The District Attorney's office said that her testimony denying the sex party was a direct contradiction of details she had given in a previous statement partially supporting Tamar's account.

Tamar, continuing her testimony, charged from the stand that her father later arranged an abnormal act between her and Barbara.

A Biblical Tamar

Tamar Hodel, who accuses her father of incest, bears the same name as Tamar, the daughter of David and Maarah, who was raped by her half-brother Amnon, as related in Chapter 13 of the Second Book of Samuel. Two years later the deed was avenged by Tamar's brother, Absalom, when he had his servants kill Amnon during a feast.

Then, she said, Barbara left. Then, Tamar related, followed the event which led to her father's arrest.

Tamar's testimony was borne out in detail by Sexton and Connie. However, Tamar's mother, Mrs. Dorothy Barbe, who has remarried and lives in San Francisco, helped the defense with the assertion from the stand that her daughter had been labeled a pathological liar by a San Francisco psychologist.

At this time the girl was living with her mother in San Francisco. She came to live with her father only about a month before the orgy she described. This was in June.

It Happened on Father's Day.

Indeed, Barbara Sherman, in her testimony, placed the time as Father's Day. "Tamar," she said, "was present when I arrived between 10 and 11 P. M."

She denied seeing "anything take place" between Tamar and her father, but admitted an "act

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Father and Daughter



Blonde Tamar Hodel, 14, left, accuses her father, George, right, of sponsoring a sex party in which she was a victim of incest.

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of sexual intercourse" with Dr. Hodel. She also denied seeing anything between Sexton and Tamar.

She said there had been a discussion of hypnotism and they decided to conduct an experiment.

"Dr. Hodel asked for volunteers and I volunteered," she related. "He began the hypnotism routine. Sexton, Tamar and Connie all left the room and they did not return."

This story, of course, did not jibe with Tamar's in any major details. However, Defense Attor-



Mrs. Dorothy Barbe

ney Neeb in his questioning of Tamar sought to make her out the liar, and managed to extract admissions from Tamar that she had run about a lot with boys and had become pregnant.

"You will always find in this type of case," the defense attorney warned the court, "that the prosecution takes the position the charges must be true; otherwise how could a juvenile describe these things?"

With Tamar on the stand, Neeb probed relentlessly into the 14-year-old's background.

"Where," he asked, "did you pick up these expressions you use?"

She replied, "Why, I've known about sex and all I have discussed here today since I was very, very small."

Q. Didn't you and your father

argue daily about your staying out after midnight? A. Yes. He was very worried. If you had a daughter, I think you would understand.

Q. On this particular night where had you been? A. Out in a hot-rod getting the hair blown off my head.

Q. Whom were you out with? A. I can't remember.

Q. Isn't it a fact that you told your father you had intercourse with 40 boys in the month you had been in Hollywood? Didn't you tell him you were pregnant and that you didn't know who would be the father of your child?"

The prosecution made an objection at this point and it was sustained, but Tamar made this reply, anyway:

"When I found out I was pregnant, I wanted to call my mother and he didn't want me to."

Q. Had you ever had intercourse before? A. Yes, with a roomer.

I fancied myself in love with him."

That about ended Tamar's testimony. Two other men are being held in the case. They are Dr. Francis C. Ballard, 36, and an associate, Charles Smith, 36, charged with an abortion on Tamar.

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