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PILLS AND PUSHERS

Altho it affects the readers of the News only to a limited degree, the LCE News feels that it is appropriate to publish laws affecting the pill and dope traffic.

Some places in San Francisco have become well known as "drug stores", rather than their alleged businesses of bars and restaurants. None of them is now an advertiser in the LCE News. We will refuse advertising from anyone who allows traffic in these things.

There have been innumerable arrests and pickups of persons frequenting these places. In the case of one bar in San Francisco, going into the place is an invitation for the Narcotics Squad to pick up the patron and hold them for two to six hours while being interrogated. Most of the time this interrogation consists of allowing the suspect to sit in an office and contemplate what he might be charged with, and in some cases have his parole or probation be revoked.

It is common knowledge that in at least one establishment, a State or Federal agent is on the premises at all times. What the owners do not know, however, is that the officers are not interested in making arrests at that time, but are just waiting until they can get a full house for a "grand slam" arrest.

The LCE is not interested, morally, in the traffic in these items. We are far more interested in seeing that innocent persons do not become involved in something of which they have no knowledge. We would like to publish the names of the establishments where we know the management is aware of the traffic in pills, but to do so might interfere with the investigation that the Police are making into the major source of narcotics.

An arrest for "Suspicion of Drugs" is one of the most damaging of misdemeanor arrests. Whereas most bonding companies will furnish fidelity and casualty bonds for sex and disorderly conduct arrests, they are quick to shy away from furnishing bond to a person who has been arrested, altho not necessarily convicted, of narcotics violation. The Federal and State and City Civil Services consider an arrest for narcotics as ample reason to turn down applications for employment. Speaking as an employer, this editor would hesitate to employ anyone with a narcotics record.

Altho the News is interested in the stopping of the drugs traffic, it should be remembered that even the "pushers" are entitled to certain rights. The right of freedom from illegal search and seizure most not be abridged regardless of the charge leveled against a person. In at least one case reported to the

League, there appears to be an illegal search involved.

However it must be remembered in this case that a search warrant is not necessary if the officer has reasonable cause to believe that a felony is being committed, and many of the laws regarding dope are felonies in California as in other states.

In some cases, the mere going into an establishment that is a known "drug store" can be considered ample reason to believe that a felony may be committed.

An intelligent officer will refrain from making an illegal search, for to do so will negate the effectiveness of the evidence obtained. However, Police officers are not always noted for high IQ's, so illegal searches continue.

We have seen people in the finest places in town so high on drugs that they did not know where they were. We have also seen some of these same persons plus others in places of not such high reputation. Pill Pushers are not limited to the non-conformists. In fact it could be safely said that pep pills originated in the executive towers of Manhattan, where the harried executive needed a "pickmeup" before going home to the wife. Then they became the vogue with the nighttime worker who had not gotten the proper sleep.

Now it is the vogue with those who have nothing better to do than to say, "Last night I was so high on bennies that I was out of my mind." We have the old-fashioned idea that regardless how good a time you have, it would have been much better if you could remember what it was that was so much fun.

Your Editor is no angel in this matter. Frankly I have tried everything from Methyl Ethyl Ketone, the current bugaboo of the Attorney General, up to and including a pipe of opium. I have not found any of them as stimulating as a stiff jolt of brandy.

However, the occasional user of pep pills cannot be condemned, for to do so would bring on a rash of new laws that would make it a felony to take Alka Seltzer without a doctor's prescription.

The aim of the law enforcement officers should be to jail and keep jailed the persons who sell, without prescription, any sort of drugs that have a hypnotic effect. But it must be realized that some persons can get high on almost anything. How to correct this is a question. The one thing that must not be lost in correcting the situation is individual freedom.

The persons who are unaware of being in an establishment that may double for a drug store are far too innocent to be allowed out at night, alone.

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L.C.E. NEWS AND THE TRUTH!

Last week we had a visitor in our fair city from Los Angeles. He was quite verbal regarding the LCE News. But his story depended upon whom he was talking to at the time.

One person quoted him as saying: "The last issue of the LCE News was one of the best things that ever happened". Another person quoted him as saying: "The LCE News is the worst thing that ever happened to California and I wonder why they are not sued for libel every issue".

Let us state very clearly so that never again can this mistake be made: The LCE News never has, and never will, so long as the present Editor is running the paper, ever print anything that is proveably untrue. We have and will state opinions regarding many things. When opinions are stated it will be clearly an estimate of a situation. When we say that such and such appears to be true, the statement stands on its own merit.

Our visitor had in mind, we feel, some of the things that we had to say about Mr. Heyler. Not to whip a horse to death, we feel that our journalist to the South had other motives than the uplifting of Hollywood in mind when he started his crusade. We know that some of his statements regarding deviates were untrue. And any other person of intelligence who might have read them knew they were untrue. But as much as we would like to believe to the contrary, all Americans are not intelligent. We will therefore point out the facts in some cases such as this. Now if the truth hurts then we must bind the wound but not disregard what we know to be true.

The Editor of the Hollywood Citizen News frightened many people. We of the LCE News have too much faith in the power of truth to be frightened by a paper of this nature, or in fact by any paper. We realize only too well the many troubles of running a small newspaper such as the Hollywood Citizen-News and the LCE News. We too, depend on advertisers for revenue. But we will not accept advertisements from those who we feel are working against the principles of the League even if others will. Nor will we sacrifice even the smallest principle to satisfy any person or group of persons.

Now as to the LCE being the worst thing that ever happened to California - It should be obvious that we have accomplished much in our short years of operation. But it should be doubly obvious that there are better methods of gaining the rights and the privileges of citizenship that have been our goal. The methods that are better always involved big names and big money. Now if these big names and big money will come forward we will be happy to put them in touch with people who are prepared to launch a big public education program to better educate the general public with the facts

and have lobbyists who are prepared to launch a program to secure needed changes in the law. This would cost about \$100,000. Anyone have that kind of cash handy?

If, on the other hand, we as individuals can and will exercise our rights as citizens we will be able to accomplish a far more lasting change in the attitudes of the legislators and the law enforcement officials.

And more important it will be each individual's victory.

The LCE News has been under fire from the Community for reporting news of costume parties, for letting the "Why Not" advertise with their trademark, for not using certain words, for using other words, for being a little too reserved, for being too outspoken, for printing nude torsos, for allowing certain types advertising and for not allowing other types of advertising. In fact it would be difficult to think of something that we have not been criticized for at one time or another.

Therefore it would appear that a statement of the feeling of the staff of the LCE News is in order.

We feel that the News is a trust that has been placed in us by our subscribers, members and advertisers. We feel that any reader who honestly feel that there is a need for Community unity has a right to feel that this is his paper. We have open ears to complaints. However, we will not be a party to putting down any segment of the Community.

We will, from time to time, point out certain practices that are not in the general interest, but our primary

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the League for Civil Education, the Board of Directors has announced by Resolution that the Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held in San Francisco on the 22nd of April at a place to be announced to the members only.

The Board has authorized a ballot by mail prior to the meeting to change the quorum requirements now set by the By-Laws.

Business of the Annual Meeting will include, but is not limited to:

1. Financial Report
2. Resolution to change date of Board Meetings.
3. Resolution to change official location of the League for Civil Education.

Announcement is made of the last meeting of the current Board of Directors on the 1st of April at Room #200, 226 Embarcadero.

Members of the League who desire to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year, should contact the office of the League.

PILLS AND PUSHERS

The person who knowingly frequents a place that sells or allows the sale of drugs is making his own bed and can expect to find it full of thorns.

The LCE News is being made constantly aware of the places that are selling or allowing the sale of the drugs.

The Community can make their weight felt in this situation by reporting to the management any action on the part of any customer who attempts to sell drugs.

LCE NEWS AND TRUTH

concern is the protection of the rights of the individuals and not in understanding or spreading the understanding of practices.

Now as to the critics who do not feel that a unity of purpose will accomplish anything or who use as a defense that they are afraid.

To those who think that if we bide our time the intellectuals will prevail - Sorry, we do not have that kind of time nor that much faith in the intellectuals.

To those who are more interested in their own financial gain than in the forwarding of an American principle - We hope you make a million, but you have lost the greatest thing that is available - the pursuit of happiness.

To those who fear - You have nothing to fear but fear itself and those who would take away your rights will depend on your fear to force you to conform to their dictates.

To those who are natural born dissenters - We know how you feel, for we too are dissenters. However we know that there is more to be gained by unified action, even if we do not agree in full with everything.

The complete project that has been undertaken by the League is so enormous that it defies boundaries.

know that we are not capable of coping with it; but we also know that we are more capable than any other organization in this country.

Our format and our practices have attracted more subscribers and more members and more popular support than all other organizations combined.

The LCE News has a greater distribution than all other publications in the Community each issue. And the LCE News is published twice as often as any other publication in the field.

But never lose sight of the basic fact: The LCE News is an open, free forum for those who have opinions to express. We will publish letters and articles that are in disagreement with us so long as they are signed.

Any dissenter is welcome to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors if he is a member of the League. If not a member of the League, the Editor will make arrangements for any one to attend the Board meetings and see that they are allowed to express their opinions.

The League exists for you, and for you alone.

Thirty-six persons were arrested. Thirty of them were charged with violating Section 220 of the San Francisco Police Code which reads:

"VISITING HOUSE OF ILL FAME FOR UNLAWFUL PURPOSE PROHIBITED"-It shall be unlawful for any person to resort to or visit any disorderly house or house of ill fame for the purpose of engaging in or observing any lewd, indecent or obscene act or conduct."

The minor who was arrested, was not arrested for "wearing the clothing of the opposite sex", as was reported.

The owner, in an interview with the LCE News, stated that there had been a little trouble earlier with an officer who had been harassing the customers of the place and he felt that this combined with the possibility of a jealous competitor who might have the ear of the over-sealous police officer might be the cause of the raid.

At this writing one person has pleaded guilty and an attorney has been retained for the rest of the persons arrested.

ORIGINAL DON'S

Don Cavello, formerly owner of Don's Restaurant at Pine and Leavenworth in San Francisco, together with George Bauman, formerly the operator of Jack's Waterfront Hangout have opened at 226 Embarcadero an all nite eating spot.

At a private party given prior to the actual opening, all the old customers that these well-known operators could contact were invited.

The guest list for this affair was like reading "Who's Who in San Francisco".

Prominent among the guests at the party was Michelle. The large dining area of Don's is called "The Michelle Room" in honor of that exceptional entertainer's performance at the "Michelle International" held in that room now named in his honor.

The decor of the new place is unusual in this type establishment. The walls are dark red with Toulouse-Latrec type-figures painted at random in vivid colors.

There is a large broiler in the back area together with ample cooking facilities to take care of almost any number of diners.

The menu is varied and encompasses everything from a simple cup of coffee to stuffed boneless squab and New York Cut steak.

Last Saturday night from 10PM till 5 AM was reminiscent of the days in San Francisco in 1961.

BARREL HOUSE

The Barrel House at 86 Embarcadero in San Francisco has reopened under new management. Gene Cox, a newcomer to the ranks of bar operators in this city is the host at the new place.

"We are going to have a place that serves drinks to those who are out for a good time", Mr Cox said, "and we want customers who know how to enjoy themselves".

The Barrel House is attempting to find a real "honky tonk" piano player to entertain. The last report reaching the LCE News is that they are to have one of San Francisco's most popular pianists there.

Mr. Gene Cox is welcomed to the ranks of the entertainment operators in San Francisco by his well known bartenders.

JOBS

For the first time in several months the Employment Referral Service of the LCE has had more jobs than it could fill from the people on file.

With the opening of new businesses and the general increase in business we have completely exhausted our file of qualified persons seeking employment in the food and drink service businesses.

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TROUBLE AT THE BALLOON

On St. Patrick's day in San Francisco, the first "raid" since the Tashout outrage was staged in the Tenderloin.

The location of the raid was the Orange Balloon on Turk Street. This establishment serves coffee and soft drinks from early evening to early morning.

PROSTITUTION

There has been a great increase in prostitution in all cities of the United States in the past twelve weeks.

In Los Angeles, estimates go as high as 50% increase in the number of persons engaged in prostitution.

In New York, an observer for the LCE News has informed us that some of the former "semi" spots have had such an increase as to make ordinary conversation impossible.

San Francisco has come in for far greater increase than most cities. With the advent of the arising of the bigots in Los Angeles and the hysterical writings of a newspaper there has caused a great number of persons to quit their jobs and to seek gainful employment elsewhere.

The police problem is magnified in San Francisco. There appears to be a sincere desire at the present time to recognize the rights of the individual. But at the same time, the safety and welfare of the City must be preserved.

Sixteen out of the last 19 homicides in the city appear to have had some connection with prostitutes. It was never the prostitute that was killed, but the customer of the prostitute.

This should be fairly easily understood when it is considered that the prostitute rarely thinks of himself as a variant, but considers his customer as a freak and feels that he, the prostitute, has the full protection of the law.

Such is not now the case in most of the cities of the country with the notable exception of Los Angeles. In that city, the police department has been likened to the worst of the totalitarian governments and has a lack of respect for the individual.

Portland, Seattle and San Francisco are fortunate in having police departments that have some degree of respect for the rights of the individual.

Jobs

Jobs that are now open include: Bartender-Liquor bar, must be experienced and either have a following or a personality to build a following.

Restaurant Manager-Must have had heavy experience in management of a complete dinner house, including bar operation-Out of State.

Busboys, waiters etc. Weekend clerical position open.

THE ? ROOM

The Last resort has embarked upon a complete revamping of the decor and facilities of that place. The first part to be redecorated was the front bar area.

Gordon MacLane, the Manager, has been trying to find an appropriate name for the newly refurbished area. The decorations include glitter on the walls, lanterns hanging from the ceiling, lighting concealed behind Japanese umbrellas and light colored plastic upholstery on the bar stools.

Located at 90 Market Street, this popular spot caters to the late night crowd with coffee, soft drinks and food.

Gordon is offering a prize for the best name for the room, the prize will go to the person who dreams up the best name by April 15th, then Gordon tells the LCE News that he will have a party and christen the room.

AROUND

THE WORLD

Carmel, California Now that the Kimbal Hilton is closed, Monterey is very dead.

EUGENE, OREGON Eugene is going to have another first in entertainment spots and the readers of the LCE News should be interested.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA "The Green Door Tavern" is now serving food patio style, and is ready to welcome all the cross-country travelers between the East and the West.

Membership Closed No new members will be accepted in the League for Civil Education from the 14th of April up to and including the 22d of April.

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DRUNK ARRESTS

The mark of an inefficient officer is the number of drunk arrests that he makes.

ALTHO not admitted by the administrators of the San Francisco Police Department, it reflects with more than a little discredit on the officer who can do nothing but arrest drunks.

However it should be noted that in dealing with what the various departments like to think of as "undesirables", a drunk arrest is highly effective. The "Terror of the Tenderloin" specializes in this type arrest as did the "Gauntlier of Grant Avenue".

The law in these cases is:

San Francisco Municipal Code Sec. 152 reads: "DRUNKENNESS IN PUBLIC PLACES PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful for any person to be drunk or intoxicated on any public highway or in any public place or in any place open to the public view, or to be in any private premises or in any private house in a drunken or intoxicated condition to the annoyance of any other person"

The California Penal Code Reads: "Section 647-DISORDERLY CONDUCT DEFINED-MISDEMEANOR. Every person who commits any of the following acts shall be guilty of disorderly conduct a misdemeanor:

(f) Who is found in any public place under the influence of intoxicating liquor, or any drug, or the combined influence of intoxicating liquor and any drug, in such a condition that he is unable to exercise care for his own safety or the safety of others, or by reason of his being

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under the influence of intoxicating liquor, or any drug or the combined influence of intoxicating liquor and any drug, interferes with or obstructs or prevents the free use of any street, sidewalk or other public way."

The San Francisco Municipal Code is probably unconstitutional since the State Code, by reason of duplication, supercedes it.

In theory, a person can be arrested for drunkenness and can get a sobriety test to present to the Court when he is brought to trial. However in practice it is impossible to get any type of sobriety test. Protests regarding this infringement on the part of the police for making all these unnecessary arrests have had no effect.

The Citizen who is arrested on trumped up charges should insist on a sobriety test. (he will be refused), when he is bailed out he should state to his bondsman or to whoever bails him out that he has asked for and has been refused a test.

The money involved is small, the principle involved is great. If we are to put a stop to the increasing disregard for the rights of the individual then we must stand up for what we know is right.

It is up to each and every American to say to the Police Departments: "You too, must obey the law!"

HEYLER

One of the paradoxes of the modern day is the way the Editor of the Hollywood Citizen-News used the sex deviates to gain revenue.

Newspapers are rated in Circulation by the Audit Bureau of Circulation. This organization certifies that each publication distributes a specified number of papers.

So if, for instance, a cigarette manufacturer wishes to advertise in the H.C.N he can look in a catalogue that is published quarterly and find out the column inch rate for the advertising value that is based on the number of copies sold, all over a given period of time.

So the Editor of the Hollywood paper knew that by making this attack he could increase his circulation by at least 20%, all from the people he was attacking, who wanted to know if he had come up with something new.

It is undoubtedly true that the HCN lost some advertisers and some subscribers during this period, but the deviate, just like others, has a short memory and will soon be back buying in the stores of the advertisers of the HCN.

Since the H.C.N is not basically a subscription paper, the loss of a few subscribers would not hurt much.

TELEPHONE SECRETARY

With the coming of April 1st the Telephone Secretary is finally in operation. It will be operative from 8 AM til 2 AM each day of the year.

The Telephone Secretary is prepared to offer the following services to the readers of the LCE News and to others:

1) Providing a message referral service to the subscribers to that service. In other words the Telephone Secretary will provide business cards to their subscribers that will include the name of the subscriber, his home phone (if desired), and any other information desired.

2) Typing or composing of letters or other forms of business or personal typing.

3) Wake up Service. The Telephone Secretary will call and wake up anyone between the hours of 8 AM and 2 AM.

4) The telephone Secretary will refer calls regarding needed information on legal matters and on some of the more pressing matters to Guy Strait or to Bill Bent during these hours.

SOUTH SEAS

Again your South Seas Reporter sits down and does a little work for a change. That is if you can call this work. I'm in Honolulu again and having a ball.

The heat wave? That is a young dancer by the name of "Prince Hanalei". Remember that name for I say that soon it will blaze throughout the states.

ACE'S PIZZA PALACE 3-1657

ers of Tahiti-land and I say this: "Prince Hanalei" of the Le Coq D'Or could show them a thing or two. His routine has a little of all of it, from the smooth Gypsy Rose Lee, to the fire and passion of the girls of Tahiti.

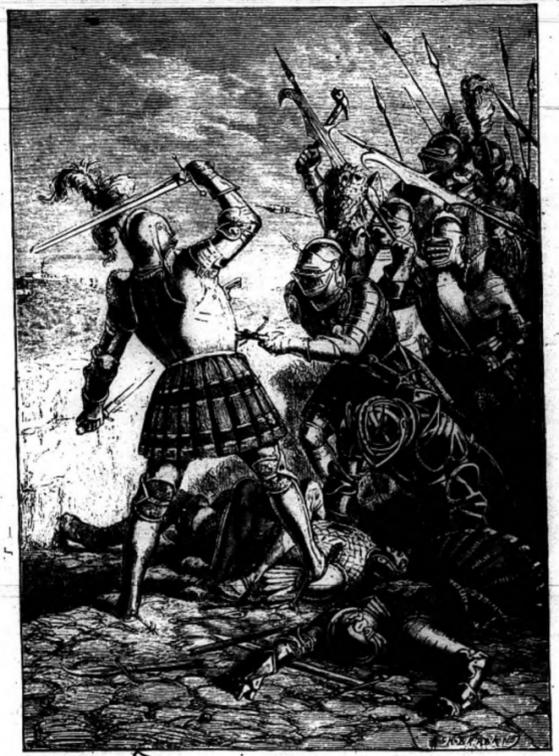
Hanalei is an island boy, about 26 years old, 6'3" and 185 pounds who told me that he had been dancing professionally since he was ten years old; primarily Hula which all island children learn.

He came on stage, and from then on - WOW. Muscle control that Mr. America wishes he had. His hips were a blur and his legs like two moving pistons.

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SOUTH SEAS The show has been running at a profitable clip now for three weeks. Hanalei told me that he had given up club work almost a year before and had been concentrating on teaching Hula and Tahitian dancing.

ROVING REPORT

We finally made this issue. After all the big deal about Hollywood and the Senators' trip to that city was written up in the last issue, there was so little room that it was really not worth while.

First: Joey down at the Edgewater has a broken wrist. There were more jokes about broken wrists on this one than even common decency tolerates.

Then there was someone else who almost got his nose broken over on Market Street last week but if I told you that was I would probably never live it down.

On a trip to Polk Street, we find that Lee Grass has forsaken the slope of Russian Hill and has taken himself to Polk Gulch and the Yumpin' Frog. It is really like old times.

Then we hear more about Aquatic. But this time Berzerkly. The heat wave there has everyone seeking the shade of the trees and then they find that, sure enough, the camouflage school of the BPD has been very effective.

But then Jerry Knight has gone back over the bridge and will keep things a little lively there.

We hear that Roby Landers has joined Pudge at the Jewel Box Revue in Kansas City, but so far it is merely one of those unconfirmed reports but we will know by the next issue.

Speaking of "San Francisco", we had a long discussion with a few old timers about Herb Caen's prohibition on calling it 'Frisko. Evenly divided...but we sort of feel that it is something like a successful prostitute who has finally checked in at the Fairmark.

And then the matter of arrests is uppermost in many minds. The rash of arrests for wandering (drugs) is so prevalent that it would make you think that Squibb, Parke Davis, etc. are themselves a little on the odd side.

Over at the Oak last week, we had some Champagne. About the strongest thing we drink now-a-days. We were wondering how the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board would react if we said we drank a special brand of booze.

So then we went over to the Box. There we had only a glass of water. Now that should have shaken them up. First thing you know there will be no water for all us to drink.

Anyhow over at the Box things are topling along just like a Harley. We exposed our ignorance when we admired a Honda.

Then we went down to the Barrel House where Gene is getting the place ready for opening. It looks strange there without the stage and with a little imagination we could recollect Roby up there on that flimsy stage telling the world about "Party Lights" and all the rest.

At the Bird we had Cokes so now there is another soft drink that can not be sold in bars here. But then,

that will make Pepsi real happy... from what we hear, however, Pepsi People are kind of happy anyhow.

Then we stopped by the Black Cat. There Kish and the rest of the staff were in form...or forms. You know, the type advertised in Ladies Home Journal.

We went by Gasket Kates for brunch and managed to get a place to set for breakfast. I like that breakfast there for it reminds me of home.

The party at Don's prior to the opening was a real one. Nothing was spared to make it a real social event: Champagne, ham, beef, fish for lent.

There, of course, we drank some special French Champagne and I guess Continued on Page 6

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ROVING REPORT

that will put DeGaulle out of business in California. You can expect to hear of the fall of DeGaulle any day now for ABC will not allow any of us to drink anything.

Went to Safeway and I have finally discovered why they are such a well-liked store; they sell only national brands of milk. Not one carton of our fine Mayor's milk is to be seen.

We were really sociable this week and went up to the Crown Room of the Fairmont. Now there is a real happy place. We have never seen so many old timers. It looked like a combination of Shoreline 7, House of Ivy, and Laguna Honda Home for the Aged.

Did you read in the paper about a guy who was arrested for contributing to the delinquency after paying 800 a trip? Mama is suing for \$325,000 for altering the proclivities of her son. You mean the kid used that 800 each time without Mama knowing about it?

Dick Nolan, writer for the San Francisco, has been promoted (demoted) to the editorial pages. His remarks about our governor were a mite to caustic, maybe.

Then we hear from Donny Cappock of the Oklahoma Cappocks. Went by the Mayflower Lounge there before heading for San Francisco. That is the way it is, you know. They come to the big city and then get lost. Anyhow, we are happy to hear again from the Mayflower.

Then there were the people from Ace's Pizza Palace who were in the Big City from Monterey passing out Schedules for the Giant's, the 1962 National League Champions. We missed them at the Last Resort. Our Monterey Correspondent who prefers to remain completely unknown to even us tells us that Ace's is the Place.

Then we hear for Los Angeles, we got so many letters from there in fact, that we now feel qualified to write the Los Angeles Story. Some of them are unbelievable, so we don't believe them. From the customers of the Indian, The Discoverer and the Gold 59's, we hear nothing but good times. There was a little perturbation about a remark we made (or the Senator made) about another place so we will not repeat.

Then we went by one of San Francisco's most famous spots-Union Square. There were several people there that are more at home in various parts of the Hall of Justice. Some in the barred sections and some from the ordinary uniformed sections. I do believe that some of the Los Angeles delegation, deserters from Selma Street do not understand that the same laws are in operation here. But the local police are quick in convincing them. My advice to all is to stay away from Union Square.

Then I was going to make a survey of the situation and see if the ABC would bring some charges against the St. Francis such as they did against Jack's for allowing people on the

120 foot area surrounding the premise to engage in lawful but not desirable practices. But then I thought that since we will probably be successful in getting the ABC to outlaw most of the brands of booze because they were sold to me, that it was not even necessary to point out that the greatest area of prostitution in the entire state was operating within 120 feet from the front door of that noble holstery.

Some people have not yet found that the offices of the League as well as the residence of the Editor is no longer on Kearney Street. We have given out this information freely, but some insist on climbing those "Valhalla"-like 126 steps off Broadway. And it does no good because there is no one there at all...not even an old god.

Troy - you remember, the one who is currently sporting the Harley around town? Carlos tells me that Troy made enough off him to pay for a Harley a long time ago. Anyhow, Troy was 86d from a Turk Street after hours place for having even gone into Carlos place.

It would appear that the San Francisco Fair project is going to have to be abandoned. Between the finding of the spot, because several acres would be needed, and the fees that must be paid to the various officials and the guarantees that would have to be given to the Merry-Go-Round owners etc. it looks like the only people who would make any money would be the City of San Francisco and altho we would like to contribute to our fair city, we do not want to put on a fair for their benefit.

Nevertheless, there will be something going on that weekend.

Speaking of paying taxes and putting money in the city treasury, we are prone to ask who gets paid off for letting the Grey Van block one lane of Kearney Street most of the night. We have watched to see if it is the officer on the beat and we had thought that it was possible that it was some sergeant. However, it must be a real "biggie" that is getting the parking fee for this thing. Anyhow, any evening you want to check and see; it is parked in front of the old Hall of Justice. And it stays there for several hours while the riders take in the Symphony at Pinnocchio's.

Then we are wondering how it comes to the attention of the PD about the parking on Grant Avenue in Chinatown. We have some real sharp officers on that street. They can tell by looking at a car whether or not it is owned by an occidental or if one of the merchants on the streets owns it. If you want to try this one, watch the officer. On both sides of the street it says very plainly: "No Parking At Any Time". The Ticket Writer will come along and give tickets to all except the merchants.

We suppose we should welcome the "Plush Doggie" to the ranks of the joints along Market. That makes an even thousand of them. But even the

fact that it lights up the corner of Market St. that has been previously reserved for some of the "damsels-of-the-night" type characters is a blessing in itself.

Then, we give a Distinguished Service Medal to the Emporium for their clever window dressing for the season. With an emphasis on birds, the place has real live cranes stalking around.

Speaking of birds - The birdman of Alcatraz would be at home there now. The Rock has been abandoned as a prison and is not to be used as such anymore. It has been given back to the sea gulls for a short time. The talk of making it a gambling casino has also died out. The story that it is to be a preserve for the readers of the LCE News is also unmitigated lie. Then there is the story that some real estate operator has the ear of Caryolyn Kennedy, and this is getting a little closer to the truth.

Anyhow, one of San Francisco's landmarks is soon to fade away. If the wreckers get any more proficient, we will be adopting the zoning plans of Ames, Iowa or Podunk Junction, Idaho. And we will have just about as much to show the tourists. The reason that Ames comes to mind is that only today we got two notable subscriptions. One from Ames Iowa and one from Waco, Texas. We remember Ames because we were stuck there one day and had to spend 24 hours whittling in front of the store in order to keep from going nuts. Then Waco Texas reminds us of the days that were spent there in Pat Neffville (Mr. Pat Neff being the long time president of Baylor University and a man who did not believe in dancing, drinking smoking, chewing, nor for that matter did not believe in doing anything.) There are probably more people kicked out of Baylor than all other universities in the south.

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THE GREAT HOAX

By Allan Wright

Why is it that for hundreds of years Americans have been striving for freedom and yet have not been able to obtain it? Is our primary threat to freedom from outside or within the country? Why do we have apathy inside America? Why a lack of respect for established order, especially with the restless generation? The answers to these and other perplexing questions are long overdue.

The term freedom is something that can be used effectively by those who would like to take it away. As long as people can be kept locked in their own environment, they can be called "Free". This is the way the Russians know freedom. Is America suffering from the same delusion? Not completely since we are given a chance to travel, and it is through travel that contrasts in freedom are available. We Americans are so blindly eager for freedom, although we so little deserve it, that we are like the Chinaman who loved his breath so much that he held it. We too are holding our freedom so that we can have it. In the history of the world, law and freedom are bad company. Especially where law rules over freedom; law and equal law, for anything is justifiable in the name of "Justice" notwithstanding the laws of the country. Ironically one of the truly free countries in the world today is Germany. This is simple because the

Germans have seen what too much rule can do. You can see mass migrations of students today along the roads (The Happy Wanderer) with packs on their backs, hitching rides from one place to another, camping out in the woods, travelling across the country to see a concert or festival in such a carefree manner that it makes you wonder why it isn't possible in America.

They why isn't it? Sure, some of these things are against the law, but in Germany the officers simply turn their backs; since they know that everyone at one time or another could be arrested for something. They are not resentful, nor do they feel compelled to make everyone react alike. It should be possible and encouraged - that is the free travelling - for everyone cannot afford a Hilton Card to see this country. And very few want to be arrested on the everyday money making charge of vagrancy or disorderly conduct.

Just what is freedom anyway. We should think of freedom as being divided into two main parts; social and individual. Unfortunately, through social freedoms we are often able to take away individual freedoms. Because society demands a certain mass pattern, (due to inbred insecurities). We as individuals are driven against the wall of conformity. It is thru this conformity that we have developed our state of National Apathy. Conformity never developed a country, unless you consider the Russians as developing something worth while. It does not breed Patrick Henry's. The sick McCarthys are still hammering away at our foundations, using law as their reason for existence. As is painfully clear there is no right or absolutely wrong way of doing things. This is good, but it allows a lot of bad things to happen. Law and order are relative. The American, French and even Cuban Revolutions were justified altho the patterns those countries followed afterward have been widely separated. No one has dis-

covered the perfect way to live. As long as man exists he will continue to create problems for himself, both real and imagined.

In recent years especially, there has been a noticeable increase in the complete lack of respect for the law, or any authority - from the younger generation. Why is this? A major contributor is the lack of individual freedom that our society has to offer "You can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink". Why should we want to make him drink? To prove that we are right? If our natural inclinations are sound then they will beat a path to our door without our having to bludgeon them into our way of thinking. If they don't come don't be surprised. The point is - our society is not so "pure" that we can throw stones. Much of the "beat" generation is wrong, but much is also right. Instead of sounding the alarm with "run in circle, scream and shout" or "the sky is falling", we should see what we can learn from them and they in turn might learn from us.

Europeans have a "Utopian" idea of the chance for freedom in America. They model their every action on the belief that the United States not only believes in freedom but acts on it. Somehow they have been kept in ignorance, until recently that we are no more free than they are, and in some cases a lot less free. The dream that America would someday supply the example that they have been dreaming about is a long time coming. Since some of these countries have turned to Russia for help, we should wonder just how far our American dream is slipping. Not the smallest part of this delay has been our preoccupation with law first and freedom second, when we get around to it. Some of these countries have realized the pit falls of too much control, such as Norway and England. They have changed their laws with good success, per-

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haps we are going to have to get our ideas of freedom from them.

Most of the responsibility for our loss of freedom rests squarely on our own shoulders for passing it out as if it were of no value and allowing a law enforcement official to do with our freedom as they choose. I will not be the last to say that to be a policeman is not a happy lot, with much unrewarding drudgery, but I will be among the first to say that it is mostly self imposed. Look at the content policemen of England. Why? Because they are called on infrequently to enforce the law but when necessary they do it well. They do not even in England, carry guns. With the respect they have developed among the English they don't need them.

I was with a rather wild and woolly fellow American who was driving thru the heavy traffic when at last we got stopped by an English "bobby". An extremely cordial conversation ensued, in which such a witty command of the "kings english" was given by the officer that it verbally cut my friend down to size. Not a harsh word was spoken, not a voice was raised, but the point was delivered and when the officer realized this we were allowed to proceed. Ticket? Of course not, for what has that to do with the proper way to drive? As an American example that will ring true, let us see what is happening in this country every day.

Let me show you Mr. Average American behind the wheel. He is happily travelling across broad America on

a beautiful sunny day. He has a smile on his face and is at peace with the world. Suddenly he hears the wail of a police car; he is slyly caught for speeding on an open four lane highway that has somehow gone from 70 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour with a little or no warning. Even then Mr. American does not get the drift of what's going on. He only feels that he has broken the law and pays the fine quickly; for the officer turns on the music about being held, over for court and the bail necessary for "breaking the law". So he turns a bright shade of green and has guilt feelings all the way home.

The big, dumb American deserves a police force that is big and dumb..

The police in this country arrest as a matter of routine, thousands of persons each day. Check, if you will, the number of legitimate arrests compared to the quick conviction arrests using the coverall terms of vagrancy and disorderly conduct. It has always been a problem. Thoreau commented on this in the 1840's, but it has never been used with such a vengeance as it is today. This provides income but surely not justifiably.

Police are big business-Why must this be? Two reasons seem of prime importance. One is to instill fear, not respect, in the minds of the poor, for it is from the poor that our police derive most of their income. It is seldom that the above average citizen is shown this discomfort. Why? Simple - the poor cannot fight back.

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PUNISHMENT OF THE VICTIM

Heyler of the ill Hollywood Citizen News has said that sex deviates are involved in 65% of the crime in that city.

A member of the San Francisco Police Department has estimated that the social variant is involved in 50% of the crime in this city.

In very veiled reference, the FBI has from time to time, given the same inference.

It is admitted that in 18,000,000 persons there is to be found murderers, robbers, thieves and rapists. For comparison, we must consider the number of variants in this country as approaching the population of the State of California. This is not an exaggerated figure, but rather, is a compilation of many, many, estimates. Some of the estimates run much higher - up into the 24,000,000 bracket. But nevertheless, in this number of persons is to be found every thing in the way of criminals, crooks and petty thieves.

The spokesmen for this minority have never denied that such conditions exist, but many of them have been very reluctant to discuss the subject. It goes without saying that the time has come to open up the subject, for it is by this method alone that progress can be made.

Most of the laws having to do with variance are so written as to be entirely vague. For instance, the law of the State of California dealing with lewd conduct is so written that each individual officer is the judge himself in deciding what is, and what is not, lewd.

We have had cases where a person leaned over to whisper into another's ear and was arrested for kissing. Yet, we have pictures of Mr. Christopher, our honored Mayor, being embraced by Mr. Kruschew. Does it depend on whose ox is being gored?

This instance is rather absurd of course because the custom of the persons involved is such as to make it not only permissible but actually desirable.

It is the vagueness of these laws themselves that accounts for the big percentage of persons involved in these percentages of crime.

But the real crux of the matter is never explored by these figures because the word "involved" is always very prominent.

The variant is involved primarily to the extent that he is the victim of these crimes. It is said in San Francisco that 16 out of the last 19 murders in this city involved a social variant. It seems that no one is willing to state that 16 out of the last 19 persons murdered in this city were suspected of being social variants.

The police department of our fair city have descended upon the Community like a swarm of locust because some of their number have been murdered. The action of the police department against the respectable business has been approached only by the actions of the gestapo against the Jews of Germany.

In one instance where it was known that the person involved had a record of patronizing male prostitutes, the police department has harassed the places that he normally frequented to such an extent that it has made business there impossible. Yet there has been, to this writer's certain knowledge, no attempt made to curtail the male prostitute traffic.

Last week this writer was in a hotel in the Tenderloin where a young man was faced with the prospect of either paying off to a hood or getting a severe beating. When calling the police was suggested, the hoods could not be disturbed for they know that nothing will come of it. The police department in that vicinity is so involved in the harassment of the variant that they have no time to investigate the traffic in dope that made the beating a possibility.

Again in the idea of calling on the police department of the city of San Francisco for assistance, the social variant is afraid for his own safety. This paper has repeatedly asked for cooperation with the Police Department and almost every time one of our readers has gone to the people who are supposed to protect their rights, they have been rebuffed with taunts and insults.

How then, can we expect any person to go to the Police to prevent robbery, mayhem and beatings?

The Police Departments and the hysteria peddlers of Los Angeles have said that the variant is "involved" in so many crimes that some laws must (continued on page 2)

JUSTICE PLEA

Gentlemen:

There has been introduced into the Assembly, a bill to alter Sec. 647 of the California Penal Code;

There has been talk of further authority being given to the ABC;

There has been considerable talk in Los Angeles of the Sex Deviate problem.

Let us here set the record straight and attempt to show why action is necessary, but in opposite directions than indicated by the political opportunists of the Southland.

The ABC has used every trick and every illegal device possible to secure testimony against bars that serve drinks to deviates in keeping with the Supreme Court ruling.

The ABC has become so corrupt that they no longer make any pretense of being anything else and have made the serving of drinks one of the most highly profitable in America (for the agents).

The ABC has been proven to be a "gestapo type" operation and you only need go to any seller of alcoholic beverages to confirm this.

The Police Department of San Francisco and Los Angeles have used the very legislation that you have passed to enforce their personal will and pay little or no attention to the actual facts of law enforcement.

In an article in this issue, you will see exactly how this has been done. You need only to talk to the people involved.

The Police Department of Los Angeles has become nothing short of a "terror organization" for to be arrested for violation of 647 has the effect of depriving a person of the right to make a living. Even if proven innocent in court, this record follows a man the rest of his life and effectively deprives him of a security clearance. This clearance is becoming increasingly important as defense work increases.

The Police Departments of both cities have used their own ordinances concerning intoxication by alcohol to "whip into line" those persons who will not bow to the individual will of the officer.

The Wandering Law has made it possible for anyone to be arrested for not having identification, altho you (continued on page 2)

LOS ANGELES

A committee composed of William B. McKesson, District Attorney; Peter J. Pitchess, Sheriff; Harold W. Kennedy, County Counsel; and Leland Carter, Chief Probation Officer, all of Los Angeles county have proposed that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ask the Legislature to make certain changes in the laws of the state. These changes are obviously aimed at the sex deviates and if enforced as a general law would have the effect of outlawing sex in all California.

Under the supposed pressure of the sensation-seeking Citizen News (a paper not necessarily dedicated to the printing of the whole truth), the officials of that County have responded in irresponsible fashion.

The proposed changes are:

Sec 647. (Disorderly Conduct: Punishment) Every person who commits any of the following acts shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor:

(a) Who solicits anyone to engage in or who engages in lewd or disorderly conduct.....(The effect of this change would be to make any type of sex act - except possibly those enjoyed by married persons - a misdemeanor. For instapnce foundling of the breasts is a lewd act if performed in public and under this change would be a lewd act in private also. It must be remembered that the persons convicted of this section are considered as sex perverts and must register with the sheriff of their county as such. Another effect of this would undoubtedly be that those persons not enjoying marital bliss could be persecuted for enjoying any position other than face to face, for in the eyes of many, to perform the sex act in any other way is lewd. At least this might cut down on the very real problem of the increasing population for it would have the effect of outlawing sex.

"Sec d. Who loiters in or about any toilet open to the public or commits any act of masturbation in such place." (The District Attorney of Los Angeles County in his report on this particular proposed change in the law objected to the old verbiage of "...for the purpose of engaging in.....etc" because it was too vague. Yet he did not object to the verbiage of "loiter- continued on page 2")

MEMBERSHIP — MEETING — APRIL 22ND

HARPERS

Harpers Magazine for March, 1963 has an article of interest to many in San Francisco and, in fact, in the entire country. Written by William J. Helmer, it deals with "New York's Middle class". Mr. Helmer, according to a footnote, is formerly of Texas, now living in New York as an editor and a free lance writer, specializing in history, sociology and humor. He is married and has two children.

The writing of the machinations of the minds of some of the Community in Manhattan are under the microscope of this writer. One profound statement included therein is "For obvious reasons, personal attractiveness and age seen the most important qualification for getting ahead socially....A premium is placed on appearing neat, fashionably dressed, young and handsome, and anyone who is slovenly or physically unattractive is severely handicapped."

Frankly, that sounded like a requirement for initiation in a college social fraternity or something of the sort. Possibly there is some connection.

The article seems to be well written and certainly worthy of the purchase of the magazine. If you like it, you should tell the publisher of Harpers.

The writer makes a small mistake when he discusses the League for Civil Education. Grouped with a number of organizations that are concerned with the sociological and psychological welfare of individuals, the League is concerned with the rights of the individuals.

BLACK LAMP

Sheriff Bryan Clemmons of Baton Rouge, Louisiana led a raid on a bar there that netted the arrest of two strippers from New Orleans.

The scene of the raid was the Black Lamp. Sheriff Clemmons said the Black Lamp was suspected as being a rendezvous for social variants and possibly a place where narcotics were passed around.

90 persons were arrested in the early morning raid. They were held for questioning and then released.

Some barbiturates, mostly dexadrine and benzadrine were found on the floor of the establishment. The Sheriff did not state whether the drugs were dropped there by the patrons of the establishment or were put there as evidence by the raiding officers.

Altho the sheriff made the two arrests for prostitution, he made no arrests of variants, which was the aim of the raid.

"We intend to stop this sort of thing," Clemmons said. Other places were suspected of such activity. He failed to state or to clarify whether he meant when he said that he was going to stop "this sort of thing" that his office would in the future respect the rights of the individuals. From past experience with the law enforcement in Louisiana, it is suspected that this is not what he meant unless some money changes hands.

HARASSMENT

Five establishments were subjected to varying types of harassment last week. In no case itemized below can any legitimate excuse be offered for

this illegal activity.

Bar X: This establishment was visited on a Friday night one week and on a Saturday night the following week. The first night, the wagons arrived like gangbusters and one observer remarked, "I thought that I was at home watching a rerun of 'LINE UP'". Two persons were arrested for being drunk. On the following Saturday night, the same thing occurred. Six persons were arrested. All for being drunk. The arrests were made at random. The You, You and You type of law enforcement. One of the persons arrested as being drunk has not had a drink in some months.

Some of the persons arrested are taking the cases to trial on hopes of putting a stop to this sort of arrest on the part of our homegrown Gestapo.

Bar Y: This bar was hit at 10:30 in the evening. Again, the patrol wagons rolled up. Every patron in the bar was taken to Police Headquarters and was there asked for name, address and place of employment. One patron was arrested for being drunk; the bartender was arrested for serving a drink to an intoxicated person. The rest of the patrons were released.

This example of the law enforcement tactics should explain even to the most ignorant of readers why, in San Francisco, it is much more a crime to drink than it is to commit a murder....Anyhow, the Police seem far more apt in apprehending people who drink than they are in the apprehension of murderers.

Place Z: This establishment has opened to the public and was having a grand opening party. When your reporter arrived on the scene, the big, brave SFPD had just arrested a girl for being drunk and had given the owner of the establishment two tickets for not curbing the wheels of her sports car. This activity took several minutes to be completed with the squad cars making a fine display for intended patrons of the bar. After 1:30 when drinks had been shut off for the night, two unmarked cars eased to a stop in front of the establishment. The officers were uniformed, and eyed this reporter and each of the patrons that came out of the place, making their presence felt in such a manner as to discourage further patronage of this place.

Place A: The NKVD arrived therein full force. Only the owner was taken in for questioning.

No arrests were made at the Condor where this reporter observed four persons so intoxicated that they had to be helped to their cars. Nor at Lucky Pierres where an officer, rightly so, helped another drunk into a cab, nor at the Iron Horse where two women were so intoxicated that the bartender not only refused to serve them but attempted to force them to leave.

We know why this is - It is the sample of Law Enforcement that San Francisco has become famous for since Christopher has become Mayor.

L.C.E. MEETING

On the 22d of April in San Francisco, the League for Civil Education will hold its second annual meeting of the membership as required by the By Laws of the Non Profit Corporation in its charter that was granted by the Secretary of State of the State of California on the 24th of April, 1961.

- The order of business will be:
1. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting.
 2. Financial Report by the Treasurer.
 3. Report on the activities of the League by the President.
 4. Resolutions
 5. Election of the members of the

Board of Directors for the coming year.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE OFFERED
1. Resolved that the Board of Directors meet in regular session on the first Tuesday in May and August and November and March at the office of the League at 226 Embarcadero, San Francisco, California, or at such other place as may be approved by the Board.

Be it further resolved that special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or any two members of the Board provided notification is made in writing by the Secretary of the League no less than 5 (five) days prior to the meeting.

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50% of the Board constitutes satisfactory quorum for transaction of business at a special meeting.

2. Resolved that the Editor of the L.C.E. News be appointed by the Board of Directors and that he serve until dismissed by the Board by 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

3. Resolved that the Board of Directors of the League be composed of 7 members but that additional members may be added from time to time by the constituted board by majority vote of the Board to serve until the next meeting of the membership.

Be it further resolved that no nominations be entertained by the Chair unless written acceptance of such nomination is in the hands of the Secretary of the Meeting and then such nomination be made from the floor.

ELECTION OF THE BOARD

The meeting will then be open for nominations to the Board of Directors these directors to meet on the first Tuesday in May (If Resolution #1 is passed; if not passed then the Board will meet on the first Monday in May) to elect the officers of the League.

These officers will include the President, 3 Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

DISCUSSION OF THE OPERATION OF THE LEAGUE

Following the election of the Board of Directors a discussion on the operation of the League will be held.

CORRUPTION

(Editors Note: The following are articles taken from the feature story "Corruption Uncorked in New York" of the April 5, 1963 Life Magazine with appropriate happenings in California)

"A state official threw himself under a subway train and died a terrible death."

"In California in the 'Gayola Scandal', a police officer committed suicide because he feared becoming involved."

Said a Harlem bar owner: "It's cost us more than \$50,000 in payoffs to the State Liquor Authority and the cops over the past five years."

"In California, a operator testified that it had cost him more than that in a like period."

"These shocking facts are the outgrowth of a many-handed system of political corruption built on the shakedown, the bribe and the pay-off."

"In California, the constant never-ending series of bribery and pay off and outright eliminating of certain competitors has made the ABC the most feared and distrusted of all public agencies."

"The very atmosphere generated by this wholesale grafting made anyone selling liquor vulnerable to further plucking, not only by S.L.A. inspectors, but by occasional dishonest cops who planted a prostitute in a bar - and then "accidentally" found her there - as reprisal against a owner who refused to pay off."

* In California, the bars that stay in business apparently do not need to pay much attention to the law but there is no evidence in San Francisco in 1963 that there is any payoff. In earlier days, it was proven that a payoff did "pay off."

"Turiello's troubles were not over however. Last winter he was arrested for "making advances" to a police-woman who happened to be sitting at his bar. He was tried and acquitted. Next day, however, the S.L.A. canceled his license. He has been shut up tight ever since."

* In California, an appeal was before the Courts, a licensee appealed to the Supreme Court for a stay of execution. The ABC entered evidence to deny the stay that has since been proven in court as perjury and the person involved found innocent. However, the ABC has made no move to give the license back to the owner.

"In all the history of man, it has been a simple truth that corruption ends when action by an aroused citizenry begins."

* In California, the League for Civil Education has attempted to arouse the people and the legislature to the abuses and corruption of the ABC. We have met with limited success. The ABC has threatened the advertisers of this paper and has, to a large degree made it impossible for a bar to advertise herein. The Legislature sits on their laurels and assume that the ABC is an honest, effective instrument of government, altho it has been proven to be corrupt, prejudiced and totally irresponsible.

"I know plenty about payoffs", says a midtown bar operator, "I've paid for myself and for my friends in the business. But if you deal with Hogan (ED. Note: Hogan is NYC DA) you're marked. They may leave you alone this year, but next year or the year after the S.L.A. will start stinking again, and they'll come after you."

* In California it is the same. In the scandals erupting that cause the conviction of one agent and the apparent suicide of another, all the establishments that offered evidence have been closed. Even the evidence that was submitted by the officers who were later convicted or suspended was used as testimony. But they have been closed.

In Southern California, an entire office of the ABC was proved to have been accepting bribes. They were so flagrant that they even pooled the payoffs and split them. Yet, the evidence that they gained, even thru perjury and thru the process of not being paid off has been used as testimony to close bars.

Since the do-gooders of the early twenties first introduced America to the absolute control of alcoholic beverages, graft and corruption have

been the order of the day. In the early days, it was the rackets that controlled the corruption. Now it is a little different...Each state has its own racketeers. Usually they are in government service. So it is in New York and California.

Yet the Legislatures of both states sit with closed eyes to this, the greatest evil existant in the government today.

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RADICAL?

In some respects we suppose we may rightly be considered radical. That is, if you believe that the constitution of the United States is radical.

We, the members of the League for Civil Education have the absurd belief that the Constitution actually means what it says. We were taught in school that this document says: "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law". We were taught that this meant that no one can be summarily hauled off to jail without cause and without provocation. We actually believed this.

We were taught and we believe that "A persons born or naturalized in the United States....are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No State shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States" We have always thought that this was clear enough for almost anyone to understand. I suppose that we were naive.

So we must assume that if Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin and the rest of the signers of the Constitution are to be considered radical, then the LCE may also be considered radical.

But on the other hand - what shall we consider persons such as Dave Heyler, who by the wild ravings and ranting in his newspaper has inspired the worthy members of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to draft the legislation we have printed in this issue? Must we consider them as conservatives when they openly advocate the violation of that part of the Constitution that states: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable search and seizure?"

And, again, what shall we consider the sergeant of the police who ordered the arrest of the patrons at Bar X the other day? Is he a "conservative" when he openly and with complete disregard for the rights of the individuals, violates that part of the Constitution that grants to everyone immunity from this type of dictatorship in our country? Is he a conservative?

And again what shall we consider the Chief of Police of San Francisco when he denies the LCE News the freedom of the press that the Constitution has held so dear? When he allows, or encourages his underlings to harass the advertisers in this Newspaper? Shall we consider him the type of person that Thomas Jefferson had in mind to enforce that part of the Constitution that states: "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge...nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction, the equal protection of the laws."

If you believe that everyone has under our present state and city government equal protection of the laws we suggest that you compare the laws that were enforced against the place formerly known as Jacks Waterfront Hangout as opposed to those enforced in the Oak Room of the St. Francis Hotel. The department of Alcoholic Beverage Control made the actions of the patrons of Jacks while within 120 feet of the front door of that establishment a portion of the charges against them, yet the Oak Room of the St. Francis has within 120 of its front door, one of the greatest concentration of prostitutes in all San Francisco.

Shall we consider that the "equal protection of the laws" have been applied by the Police Department in such cases where the Police Dogs have been brought into a peaceful bar yet

establishments known as narcotics distribution points have been left alone.

Whether there is a payoff or not we do not know. We have our suspicions.

What shall we consider ourselves? Are we radical because we choose to follow the same pattern as Jefferson and Franklin and not tow-to to the people who do not believe in the Constitution?

But then we must remember that Harris, Fineberg and Falvey of the ABC, Christopher and Cahill of the City of San Francisco; Brown and Mosk of the State of California, probably believe that when the founding fathers drew up the governing documents that they intended that they be applied only to "nice" people.

We are quite sure that Heyler of the Hollywood infamy thinks that the readers of the LCE News are not entitled to the protection of the laws so it behooves each and every one of us to be prepared in coming elections to show these people that since they have not yet been successful in taking our right to vote away from us that it applies to us also.

FROM

THE PRESIDENT

It has been a great experience to be President of the League for Civil Education for the past two years. I have enjoyed the victories that the members of the League have made possible. I have bemoaned the set-backs in our attempts to "secure the blessings of Liberty".

We have seen the League grow from an idea into a reality. We have seen it pass from the time when we could not afford to buy but ten sheets of carbon at a time to the present circulation of the News of 3,000 copies per issue with an average of 4 readers per copy.

But it has not been all happiness in the League. There have been attempts to subvert the League into a organ of one particular group or another. There have been attempts to put pressure on the League to give up and become another milk toast organization.

But all in all, with the setbacks and the many, many times we have made errors, we have gone ahead in a steady plodding pace.

But in the days ahead, there is a lot that needs doing. There is need for a greater versatility of personnel to handle the situations that arise from day to day. Since no officer, including the President nor the Editor of the LCE News is paid for his work it is necessary that this work be split so as to even the burden and the responsibility.

Therefore I will not be a candidate for the office of the President of the League in 1963. If no one comes forward to accept the office I shall be available to serve only until such a person does come forward who has the time and the inclination for this job. It is an excellent time to get new and energetic persons in office.

I shall continue to serve as Editor of the LCE News until replaced by the Board of Directors.

Neither my desire to be relieved of the office of the President nor my complete rejection of any political office should not be interpreted by anyone as "quitting". It is anything but that. Frankly I want more time to explore the possible ways of securing the freedom that we feel is ours as citizens of the United States.

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NO POLITICAL OFFICE

In answer to many requests that I consider myself a candidate for office in the coming city elections, I must thank my backers and friends and state without equivocation that I am not a candidate for any office in 1963 nor any other foreseeable date. To make myself plainer: "I will not run if nominated, and will not serve if elected".

NO QUITTING

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Guy Straif

AROUND THE CITY

The SF papers have informed us several times of the displeasure with which the NAACP has greeted the Police Department's decision to employ "savage dogs" in controlling various situations.

We submit that if the NAACP is truly interested in discovering other tactics of equal savagery with the Police and other City and State agencies employ, they contact the LCE. We could give them a few pointers.

We see where one of our leading SF Newspapers has again laid a golden egg. We refer, of course, to the recent front page expose on the scandalous doings of those wife swappers, seemingly so prevalent in Northern California these days. We're sure it's sold a lot of papers, and here competitive newspaper circulation is treated like a boys burlap bag race on Memorial day, who are we to doubt that selling papers is indeed important, at least to those concerned.

As absurd as those screaming headlines may be, there could very well be some good come out of all this aside from boosted circulation. If the figures and assumptions on the part of the "fake swimmers" is correct, we may safely assume that extra legal sexual activity is here to stay and that no amount of legislation on adults is going to stop it. In it's

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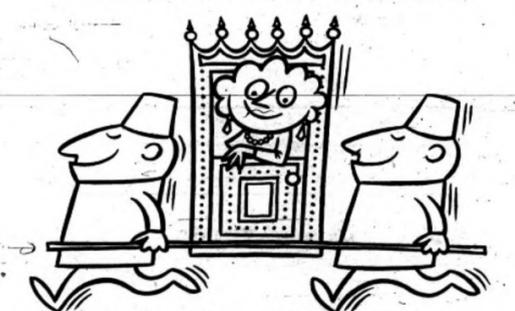
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(PUNISHMENT OF THE VICTIM (continued))

be passed to prevent this. So the board of Supervisors of that area have come up with laws dealing with variance in private. There was no new proposal that would tend to decrease the criminal element of the variant.

The whole mess boils down to a few simple facts:

1. The laws dealing with variance are so written to make a potential blackmailer out of every policeman and ABC agent in the state of California and not a few take advantage of it with impunity because they know that no punishment of importance will be given for victimizing a few of the less desirable citizens.

2. The Police Departments of San Francisco and of Los Angeles are not at all interested in investigating any crime perpetrated against the variant because they themselves feel that the variant is "fair game" for any sort of criminal, including themselves.

3. The Police Chiefs of the City of San Francisco and of Los Angeles are not interested in controlling the criminal element in and out of the Police Departments. Several protests have been made in person and in writing to both of these worthy men to no avail. They can not be bothered. These paragraphs are not wild ravings nor are they without grounds. They can be proven without a doubt. In fact, in one obvious case the harassment against a place of business has increased manifold after a visit to the Police Chief of the City of San Francisco. Now this officer knows he has the blessings of his Chief.

We are not questioning the honesty of either Chief Parker of Los Angeles or of Chief Cahill of San Francisco but we are stating without equivocation that both of these men have now shown thru their actions that they cannot be bothered about crime against the social variant and rather than prosecute the criminal, they'd much rather prosecute the victim.

The Legislature of the State of California has been asked by the Law Enforcement agencies to give them more laws to prosecute the victims of the criminal element in and out of the variant population.

Last week in San Francisco there was a beating. The victim was taken to the emergency hospital. There he was questioned by the officer in charge. When the victim told of his taking a person home for coffee, the officer promptly lost interest and said there was nothing that he could do. He was not even interested enough to inquire as to the description of the perpetrator of the crime. A persons apartment was completely looted. When it came to light that the victim had a record of lewd conduct, the investigating officers did not even so much as call upon the crime lab to see if there was any trace of the criminal.

In another instance, a person was stabbed on Market Street and spent two weeks in the hospital. When it was learned that the victim was an employee in a bar serving the Community the police promptly lost all interest. All as if to say that it was a shame that the criminal had not done a good job.

In yet another instance, a hotel owner here in the city demanded that a person get out of the hotel without refunding the rent that was paid for the month, the victim called the police. When it came to light that the person involved was a variant the policeman enforced the will of the hotel owner and threatened the victim with jail if he did not get off the property.

In still another instance, a police officer who arrived on the scene of a big celebration picked a fight with two people and promptly jailed them for resisting arrest and a multitude of other charges. They were later found innocent.

All this proves without a doubt that variants are involved in crime. Yes, involved in crime because the people who are supposed to be involved in law enforcement have willed no attempt be made to protect the life and and property of these people.

But "involved" can rather better be changed to "victimized" in this high percentage of crime. Then let the enforcement officers attempt to explain how this victimization takes place. It is with their express permission and consent.

Plea from page 1 as legislators have provided no acceptable form of identification. They can be arrested for wandering altho there is no law that provides for any person having to possess any such identification.

They can arrest a person for "wandering" altho you know that this law is unconstitutional and would be declared so by any court of consequence in this country.

Therefore, we as citizens of this great, freedom loving state, beseech you as our elected representatives to give us back our freedom. You would not purposely deprive us, we believe, but these agencies have subverted the law and it is up to you to tell the world that you do believe in the principles of the United States Constitution.

Los Angeles from page 1 "ing." We have heard many cases involving this law and each one of them hinges on the point of whether or not a person was loitering. And what constitutes "loitering"? Is this a question of timing or what? Is the State of California to determine how long a person must take to consummate his natural acts? The addition of the provisions for masturbation are purely window dressing for even an idiot could see that it is covered in section "a". It must then be supposed that the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County assumes that its Legislature is composed of persons unable to see thru this window dressing.)

Now comes the real crux of the proposed changes from Los Angeles: "Every person arrested for violation of subsection a, b, d, or f, shall be examined by a public health officer without unnecessary delay and prior to arraignment or release upon bail. When there is probable cause to believe that such arrested person has any contagious, infectious or communicable disease, such person shall be committed to the custody of the State Department of Health and be subject to the provisions of the Health and Safety code of the State of California. When there is probable cause to believe that any such arrested person is a person who may be subject to the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title Section, part III of this code, proceedings shall be instituted thereunder."

Here is the real reason that the Sheriff and DA want this legislation passed. It is possible thru the application of this law to hold a person for a couple of weeks for almost no reason at all.

Our legislators may be foolish enough to believe that this law will be enforced impartially and fairly. We, to the contrary, know of the type of Law enforcement that William Parker has been handing out in Los Angeles and we know some of the officers here in San Francisco and can assure any legislator by pure testimony that these changes are designed to subvert the rights of individuals and that no real purpose other than that can be expected.

So far as the provisions of the communicable disease are concerned, we have more than one reason to believe that the Police Departments are not even the slightest interested except that it will give them greater authority. We are reminded in this instance that "Power corrupts" (as we have seen) and that "absolute power corrupts absolutely" (as we shall see if these are adopted by this legislature).

We cannot believe that any doctor who is interested in the control of communicable disease could endorse the provisions of the changes. We have spoken to some of the authorities on VD in our City and State and have found them all opposed to this Legislation.

Dr. Uhl of the City of Los Angeles has endorsed these changes and we are prone to believe that this man is far more interested in forwarding his particular religious beliefs than in the control of disease.

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The City from page 5 own rather tawdry way, our local news medium has been bringing this incontestable fact before the eyes of the public time and time again over the past few days.

Although we feel that is no one's business, let alone the business of a large, city daily newspaper to pry into the causes of marital bliss among Bay Area couples and individuals; and although we deplore the methods employed in this operation, we must nevertheless cheer them on. For unknown even to them, I am sure, they are publishing nothing more than what we have all known has gone on before news print was even invented and in their own innocent way, they

are merely strengthening our long held conviction that you cannot legislate morality between consenting adults.

Well, the Headhunters has surely closed. The incidence of the parties given for the Academy Awards was just about three per city block. The News was present at one given by J.J. Van Dyke of Pinnocchio and Kishment of the Black Cat. Mike Tresini, the dispenser of booze at that party awarded three "Oscarettes" to three of the finest entertainers in San Francisco. One to J.J., another to Kishment, and one to Miami Starr.

The Editor is going to Los Vegas and therefore will not be able to be present at the big Easter Egg Hunt at Paulines, in Bakersfield. This event is one that should be filmed for posterity, if any. Starting out in one of the parks of the City they will be hunting eggs and then retire to the bar for refreshments with awards to be given for the best decorated egg in Middle California.

It seems to be a definite understanding that the payoff to the PD has gone up to such a point that you must be doing a terrific business before you can afford it. Ah, well such is inflation. There was a case last week that seems to have needed 500 for the PD and 200 for another branch of the city government. The heck of it is that San Francisco has an honest Chief of Police and you can only pay off to a certain level and then there is always someone in the special services that is bucking for a promotion and there is just not any amount that will buy him off.

But the Police here are very nice about it. You can start a business without having to make a payoff. They let you develop a business and then make it so uncomfortable that you are wanting to payoff. My best sources tell me it is possible.

Now if anyone knows for sure about such a thing be sure and tell us. We will keep it a deep dark secret until we find someone that we can trust to carry out an investigation. That is probably longer than you imagine. After the reputations for integrity that fell after the ABC scandals of recent years it will take some real looking to find one.

We have in our fair city a law that we want to suggest to the officers who have no more imagination than to make all their arrests for being drunk. This suggested Code violation is one that surely is fair and is guaranteed to satisfy even the most eminently fair of all officers. It is even more far reaching than Sec. 650 1/2 of the State Penal Code. If you, as an officer, or as a chief of police want to really throw a charge at someone, may we recommend Sec. 23 of the Municipal Code of the City and County of San Francisco which reads: "Un-sightly persons, Appearance on the Streets, Prohibited - It shall be unlawful for any person, who is so diseased..."

I think that this is a far more colorful charge than that usually in the minds of the officers who must arrest to fill their quota. But then I forget that they do not have a quota this season except on certain types of birds.

We made several openings last week and even the rain and the "big brothers" who made their presence felt in some places did not dampen the Ardor of the celebrants. There was one case in fact where the interference of Goebels added to the enjoyment of the crowd. This was a place that after the unpleasantness was over, the owner invited them all back to the joint and they had a big celebration. The owner joined in, for after all it was his free suds that was going over the bar. And a big time was held by all.

If you see a guy circulating with a camera set to take ultra-violet photographs, pay no attention, he is merely there to record the happenings for posterity. No pictures are published in this paper without the express permission of those in the picture. Of course that does not include the "public servants".

It is not very often that we apologize. In fact we recall very few times that we have found it necessary or desirable. But we now must be honest (as we always are-almost) and say that our reference last issue having to do with drug store activity was not aimed at the Caboose. We have poked some fun at Chick and he has taken it with good grace. But to be involved in pills is not funny, and we do not want to ever be guilty of false accusation. Therefore please accept our apologies, Chick.

ENTRAPMENT

In a recent case before a jury a man was tried for lewd conduct.

Unknowingly the readers of the LCE News had previously been made aware of the charges against this man. His charges formed a part of the big charges against Jack's Waterfront. The Agents name was Nielsen and his testimony was:

"At approximately 12:45, Sunday Morning, September 30, 1962, a male patron named-----approached your affiant and struckup a conversation. Mr.-----introduced himself as "Bob". The following conversation ensued:

Bob: "How about coming over to my place for some coffee?"

Nielsen: "What do you have in mind?"

Bob: "I don't care. I want to please you. I'll agree to anything you like."

Nielsen: "What do you like?"

Bob: "I like ---- best but I like ----too."

Nielsen: "You like-----best?"

Bob: "Yes is love-----". At this time "Bob" placed his hands on your affiants hips. But I like-----each other is good too.

Readers may remember Mr. Niensens testimony regarding a patron who, he says, performed a feat of exhibitionism that has since been proven impossible except in the imagination of an ABC agent.

On the witness stand in the trial of "Bob" our Mr. Nielsen could not remember whether he asked Bob if he wanted to go someplace or not. He did not remember whether Bob said where to go or not. He did remember that he urged "Bob" to tell him of what he would like to do. He did remember his urging "Bob" into violating the law.

The jury in a long deliberation decided that either Mr. Nielsen was not telling the truth or that it was a question as to who was the Law violator - "Bob" or Mr. Nielsen.

Mr. Nielsen testified that even in the car when "Bob" was being arrested he did not give away his true identity and pretended that he too, had been caught in a lewd act. With loud moans of "What will my wife think of this",

he led "Bob" to believe that they were both arrested. Therefore until "Bob" was brought before a booking officer did he realize that he had been a victim of the ABC School for Decoys. Mr. Nielsen was described by one observer as "rather effinate in appearance and probably would make an excellent decoy". This observer was rather straightforward when he said: If you are going out after ducks then you want a decoy that looks like a duck. When you are going after the game that Mr. Nielsen was playing you want to look like a player. Mr. Nielsen can play the part like a true actor.

The jury apparently sensed that Mr. Nielsen was not telling the truth or that it was impossible to tell who was the real law violator, Mr. Nielsen or the accused.

"Bob" has been found innocent of all charges and Nielsen is still in the employ of the ABC, engaging in one of the most deppicable of all the rackets (entrapment).

Judge Welch of the Municipal Court instructed the jury on the principles of entrapment when he made his instructions to the jury.

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NEW YORK

By Randy Wicker

The current issue of Nugget Magazine carries an article by Dan Wakefield about yours truly and I plead innocent to all charges. The article is an account of Mr. Wakefield's visits to some of the local coffee shops and bars with this writer.

Thruout the article he makes tongue in cheek jabs at his host. Fortunately, the net effect is to give added stature while destroying some popularly held stereotypes.

While Nugget Magazine can be considered a limited success, Look Magazine has indicated after several visits by this writer that it is not interested in doing a full scale coverage at this time. Still no time is wasted if it brings heightened interest and information to key people in the communications industry.

Good news from Washington, D. C., where a group has had substantial success in interesting the local ACLU in the employment situation faced by the social variant in governmental agencies. Genuine progress is being made and while I am not at liberty to give details at this time, you can look for news of national importance coming out of the capitol city during the coming year.

The four largest groups on the East Coast met this past weekend and officially set up plans for an East Coast Conference to be held in Philadelphia over the Labor Day weekend. This corresponds with the meeting at that time of the American Psychological Association and intensive efforts are underway to create widespread interest in the panel discussions and

lectures of the convention on the part of visiting psychologists. The aim is to stimulate a flood of new and significant work in this area.

On the social side, the Coronet's Thursday night talent show has apparently developed quite a following and that small club is packed for each performance. On the waterfront, the more bizarre Fo'Castle continues on as a "Poor man's Peppermint West." The police have been up to mischief lately with some of the places all over town however. A "raid" in which police just entered and checked ID has diminished the previously sizeable patronage of the Cherry Lane on Commerce Street.

Spring is in the air with the temperature climbing into the high 70's and then plunging back to the twenties. With spring comes parties and open windows and grouchy neighbors and policemen. By strokes of bad luck every party lately with over two or three hundred people has been dampened by the cordial police visits where the host is told to "keep it quiet or break it up." NY neighbors are becoming more suburban every day.

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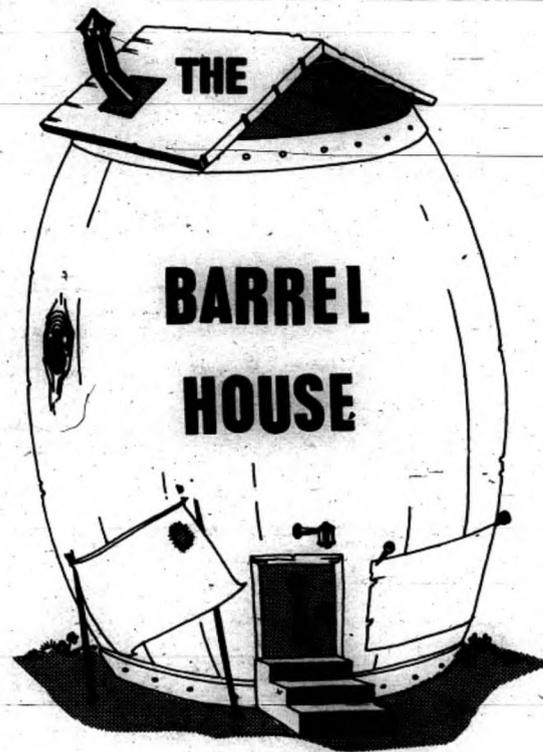
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REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the League for Civil Education was called to order in the Golden Empire Room of the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco on the 22d of April at 8:27 in the evening by the President. A quorum was not present and all business transacted was declared to be dependant upon the signing of the minutes of the meeting by enough of the members to constitute a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with in the absence of the Secretary who was in New York City.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved upon reading while being passed among the members for closer examination.

The Treasurers report was as follows:

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION Period ended 31 March 1963

Cash in Bank	737.38
Accounts Receivable	24.30
Fixed Assets	92.21
Total Assets	853.89

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	384.23
Suspense	942.08
Total Liabilities	1326.31
Net Loss	472.42

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1963

Expenses	
Legal	2000.00
Printing	4828.90
Supplies	820.55
Postage	968.21
Bank Charges	105.76
Art Work	775.30
Promotions	179.69
Misc	404.19
Contract work	465.06
Guy Strait (Petty Cash)	349.15
Dues and subscriptions	7.83
Refunds	23.60
Total expenses	10928.24
Net Loss	472.42

The President then made the following statement of the operation of the League:

At the end of our second year of operation I feel that it is time that we stop for more than a few minutes and see what has been accomplished and what we should look forward to in the coming year.

First I believe that it is important to understand why the League was formed and what was in the minds of the founders. You might be interested in knowing that the five founders are still members of the League. Prior to the application for a charter these five people called a meeting of all the persons then in the busi-

ness of supplying food and drink to the Community, together with members of the Police Department, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the District Attorneys office and the Mattachine Society.

Regardless of what anyone may say about not being invited to this meeting it can be proven that each and every establishment then in operation was invited. Now as to who was represented at this meeting; several of the places of business, plus two members of the Mattachine plus two from the Police Department attended.

Then an attorney was secured to put into legal form the intents of the organization. These documents are now our governing documents.

After the granting of the charter, and with what we thought was appropriate publicity we went into the bars attempting to sell the idea of social responsibility and membership in the League. Actually the League had very little to offer and as a result got very little response from the drive.

We rocked along for some time, still driving to form a cohesive spirit in San Francisco. It was our intention all the time to publish a news letter but we never could come up with a qualified journalist to do the job.

Finally back in October 1961 we decided that it was time for something to be done so we published the first issue of the LCE News. It was an 8x10 sheet of some of the worst journalism ever attempted outside a kindergarten. However, it did accomplish one thing; that was to prove that there was a very definite need for a method of communication.

I look upon the LCE News as nothing more than that; a means of communication between the League and the Community and between segments of the Community. It is a means of bringing to the attention of the Community certain things that affect our daily lives.

But to go back - There have been times that it would seem that the thing to do was to abandon the League. Since we started out the whole idea was that the League was to be a service organization of purely unselfish aims, and it has been difficult to maintain those aims.

You will note by the financial report that there has been no salary or expense money paid to any official of the League. This is a little more surprising when you also look and see that there has been no expense for rent, utilities or telephone service paid by the League. In my position as a manufacturer's representative I have always had to maintain an office and have had to do a certain amount

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PLAYBOY PHILOSOPHY

(Editor's Note: The following editorial from Playboy magazine is a continuation of the "Playboy Philosophy." Playboy says in essence the same thing that we have been attempting to say for these many months.)

"In the March issue, we discussed the importance of religious freedom and the separation of church and state in any society that is to remain truly free; we traced the history of American Puritanism and, last month, we pointed out how it has managed to insert itself into many of our laws and traditions, so as to frustrate some of the guarantees of freedom that our founding fathers wrote into the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Religious Puritanism is never more insidious than when it succeeds in undermining the free expression of words and ideas amongst us. In the April issue, we also pointed out that censorship can become so confused that single words treated as symbols, separate and apart from the action, object or idea they may represent - are often considered "obscene" in our culture; although granting such power to mere symbols might be likened to the worship of idols - specifically, for bidden by the Bible - and is, according to Judge Thurman Arnold, creating attitudes toward sex that are akin to fetishism;

OBSCENITY AND THE LAW

"The U.S. courts no longer accept the position that a single word or phrase can be legally obscene, so such censorship or suppression in America is actually extralegal or outside the law; the U. S. Supreme Court has ruled that a work of art or literature - and this includes a book, magazine, movie or play - must be judged in its entirety and no part of it may be considered alone. But while the courts have become increasingly liberal in their interpretations of what constitutes obscenity in recent years, they still persist in judging our art and literature on the premise that obscenity does indeed exist and that it is illegal and outside the protections guaranteed to our freedoms of speech and press. It is with this premise that we wish to take issue.

Is there any idea, no matter how repellent it may seem to some, that we can hope to expunge from the mind of man or afford to disallow in his writing or speech? As we have already said - and said again - our democratic way of life is built upon ideas and our nation's inner strength is drawn from their free, unhampered exchange - and not, as Congresswoman Kathryn Granahan would have us believe, from censoring those notions

that do not particularly suit us at a particular time. History has proven, over and over again, that the most important ideas are often not recognized as such when they are first expressed.

"Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, stated in his second inaugural address: "The press, confined to truth, needs no other restraint...no other definite line can be drawn between the inestimable liberty of the press and demoralizing licentiousness." And in 1799 James Madison, chief hand in the drafting of the Constitution of the United States, wrote that to make a "distinction between the freedom of and the licentiousness of the press" would subvert the First Amendment.

Madison stated further: "Some degree of abuse is inseparable from the proper use of everything and in no instance is this more true than in that of the press. It has accordingly been decided by the practice of the States, that it is better to leave a few of its noxious branches to their luxuriant growth than, by pruning them away, to injure the vigour of those yielding the proper fruits."

SEXUAL REVOLUTION

"The founding fathers of this great democracy were unalterably opposed to any exception in this nation's guarantees of the freedoms of speech and press because of supposed immoral, licentious, obscene or otherwise objectionable ideas that might be expressed, for they were convinced that no man, or group of men, or any government had the right to curtail the opinions of any other man or their free expression.

"Nothing in the intervening years has given us any reason to disagree with the wisdom of these first American patriots; in fact, a greater insight into the psychological factors that influence man's behavior supplies additional reasons for agreeing with Jefferson and Madison that these most basic freedoms should not be abridged. Nevertheless, religious puritanism has subtly eroded both the spirit and letter of this doctrine so that today it is virtually lost to us.

"Only with the sexual revolution of the last decade have we begun to win back some of this long-lost freedom. We would like to establish here why we, ourselves, are opposed to any manner of censorship and why the label of "obscene" is no just cause for suppressing any man's endeavor, no matter how significant or trivial."

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of travelling. Therefore, Strait and Associates has paid for the operation of the League for the first 18 months of existence. For the first few months this was no particular strain, but as the scope of the League increased, it has become such that I have practically abandoned my former means of livelihood. I do not, under any circumstances, want any of the members to feel that the League owes me anything. I consider it a pleasure to have been of service, for it is rare for a person to be given the opportunity to so serve his fellow man. If I had it all to do over again I would do exactly the same. I have long held the belief that there are segments of our population that are merely waiting for the opportunity to become first class citizens. The social variant is one of these and I feel that we have proven time and time again that, given half a chance they will respond with the greatest vigor.

But it has not been all peaches and cream. Most of you know those who have been our supporting factors. I want to call your attention to a few things that cannot be published. This is not done with the intention of degrading anyone but these things have been bottled up these 24 months and should now be a part of the record.

Our progress has been held up by these factors:

Since we have always been an outspoken organization we have failed to gain the support of many people because they feel that it is best not to disturb a sleeping lion and maybe he won't be hungry when he awakes. Frankly it is my opinion that the way to overcome anything is to face it and prepare to fight. I do not believe that a leopard will change its spots and the various law enforcement agencies have found a convenient whipping boy in the persons of the minorities and will give vent to their sadistic feelings without fear of retaliation. It is much the same as with the Negro, they were told to go slow and they would gain their rights. For 100 years they went slowly and got nothing. In the past 20 years they have stopped begging and have started demanding and are

making fast progress. We are not interested in sociology, nor in psychology - we are interested in the very real fact of American Citizenship. I hope that the League will always be a "demanding" organization and not bow down to the weak sisters who would rather trade real freedom for a little temporary security. We knew when we first became involved in this that "the crowd would not stick together". We have found that those who wail this the loudest are the first to find fault and to attempt to spilt an organization.

AN ATTORNEY OBJECTS

Mr. ----- when first contacted regarding the League thought that it was a good idea, but did not think we would be successful. When we were in search for attorneys to represent those who had been accused of misdemeanors, we investigated and found that among attorneys in the city, Mr. ----- charged the highest fees and had, in our opinion taken advantage of his clients. Since we would not send business to Mr. ----- he then advised his clients, several of them bars, to have nothing to do with us.

WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

We have attempted to work with several organizations. Some of the organizations are very jealous of the success of the League. One organization has declared that they are the "vested spokesmen". Let me take the opportunity while I am still President of the League to state in no uncertain terms that there are no others who speak in the slightest sense for the League for Civil Education.

NATURAL DISTRUST

We have worked against the natural distrust of the Community. This is readily understandable. After being double crossed, in many cases, by both home and country we can hardly expect to find them trusting us with out reservation. We must work harder and with a far greater trust ourselves before we can be accepted by all. I have taken a great amount of personal satisfaction out of the fact that we have converted some of the doubting Thomases to our way of thinking, but

I must also report that we have lost some by the wayside. Some expected us to become a social organization and we were not; some thought that it might be a way to make friends, and it is not; some thought they could use the League for personal advantage and they can not. Therefore we would naturally lose some of these members. Some think that we are too far advanced - some think that we do not go far enough. Most of these have stayed with us.

I feel that a definitive statement should be made in this respect: I see the League as an organization that truly represents the Community and altho not representing each and every segment of the Community, can speak out on issues that affect each segment of the Community. I see the League as being an organization that is ready to do battle with anyone at any time when their actions affect the liberty and happiness of any segment of the Community.

LCE NEWS

Now to the LCE News - It has been a source of great personal satisfaction to me that the LCE News is successful. I feel that the whole story can now be told. The Board of Directors voted \$20.00 some 18 months ago to get the paper started. We are still operating on the original \$20. We have a circulation of 8,000 and a probable readership of 25,000. We have distribution points in Spokane, Seattle, Portland, Bakersfield, Los Angeles and San Diego and New York. We get letters from all parts of the country.

Altho I have served as Editor of the News, the credit for the spread of this paper cannot be mine. It has to be given to each one of our readers who pass the News on to their friends in all parts of the world. We still get clippings for subscriptions from papers that are over a year old. They are still in circulation. We who see the paper each issue take it for granted by those who are out in the hinterland are amazed at the idea of such a publication. If we cannot have this paper then we have truly lost the right of a free press.

OBJECTIONS TO THE NEWS

There have been many who have objected to the publication of pictures of impersonators, and there have been those who objected to the old "Why Not" ad. To these people we must say that we must not be any more biased than those who we are fighting or we will have lost sight of our objectives. There has been pressure to discontinue the Roving Report, and then there is pressure to devote at least one page to this type news.

But then the critics say that we are judged by the world as we appear in our paper. Gentlemen, I believe that those who judge us harshly would do so if the paper read like the New York Times. The paper should serve the purpose of welding the Community. Then there are those who say that they have friends in high places who would support us if we would tone

down some of these segments. I feel that those persons in 'high places' would find an excuse to withhold support whatever we did. I have no faith in persons in high places if we must sacrifice our objectives. I have faith in the average American and in his ideals and in his numbers. If we must alter our format to gain the nebulous support of those in high places then let those in high places go to the Woolworth T Room where they are each day. There are those who say that if we tone down our formula that we will be able to gain the support of the intellectuals. If the intellectuals are interested let them come forward and we will be happy to take advantage of their knowledge. I do not have time for those who can only criticize, we cannot allow any who only talk, to affect our decisions. By masses yes, but not as individuals. Again I repeat, the paper is important only in that it provides a method of communication and if it is so written as to be of no interest to the entire community then it defeats its own purpose

LEGAL ACTION
Now as to the Legal action. I can tell you things new that I have not previously felt were safe topics for discussion. It was the decision of our legal counsel that we write, formally, to the ABC and to the Police Departments protesting the interference with the individuals freedom and complaining of the interference with the freedom of the press. During the time of the raising of the funds, writing the letters and for four months thereafter there were no instances of frivolous arrests or of harassment. Now I can tell you of this. Had I done so in the paper the various departments would have instantly gone about proving that it was an oversight on their part. We have therefore refrained from publically mentioning it.

Since the first of the month there has been three cases of obvious harassment and I have directed our attorneys to file suit. I do not want to tell you that we are going to secure our rights this year. In fact, I would say that it is going to take a good many years to finally secure a freedom that we have been assured, in school, in the armed forces and in the speeches of our elected officials was ours all the time. Many of us have been awarded Purple Hearts, DSM, and other awards, some after death, in the defense of these rights. So to us they are very real, very tangible fights.

In conclusion let me summarize - We have made a good start in these two years, but it is only a start. I want everyone to realize that what has been done is not the result of any one person. Not me. Not the Board, but each and every one of you. In the coming year we must however try our best to put across the very real concept that the League belongs to its members and to the Community. Gentlemen, It has been my distinct

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Fabulous LAS VEGAS

In keeping with the times, the News brings you in this issue the Vegas Vacationland Special. Travel arrangements were made by Danna, Guisti and Pavoni over on Columbus Avenue. The trip was made to coincide with the opening of Vincent Edwards (Ben Casey), at the Riviera.

One hour from San Francisco by TWA Jet lands you in Los Vegas, indescribable, and unbelievable. You must remember that Los Vegas sets in the big middle of a desert surrounded by mountains and having absolutely nothing to recommend it other than its number one industry - gambling.

With nudity everywhere even the old roués still are unmoved except for the roll of the dice or the turn of a card. Sex has been so sublimated to gambling that it is difficult to comprehend.

Here in the middle of nowhere are some of the most plush hotels in the world and without a doubt the most baroque motels that have ever been drawn on an architects table.

Probably the number two industry outside the actual gambling is the neon sign industry. In the middle of town there is one corner that is far more brilliantly lighted at night than it is in the middle of a very clear day. Out on the "Strip", the signs take on every shape and color. The big casino-hotels have signs that can be seen for miles. A little hamburger joint on the way downtown has a sign that undoubtedly cost four times as much as the place itself.

Each of the hotels has full size restaurant-theaters. These theaters seat about 750 persons each and have three to four shows daily. The top talent in the country comes to Vegas, and they are paid higher there than any other place in the world. If you can imagine Broadway in New York transplanted 2,000 miles into the desert, made modern, and magnified, you have the shows of Los Vegas.

RIVIERA

This was the premier performance of Vincent Edwards. We were prepared to be disappointed here because the star of the show was virtually unknown outside his role of Dr. Ben Casey, in the television series.

The show opened with a dozen of the most supple dancers that the country can produce. Each of them working in a team, yet each a dream of smoothness alone.

Ford and Reynolds then took the stage to conduct one of the most entertaining comedy routines of them all. Woven thru the fabric of the act was "What're you gonna do?" Reynolds specializes in bringing the audience into the act. This is a very risky business but the people of Vegas are there for entertainment and take no offense. Their rendition of "Misty" is not to be believed.

Then comes Edwards. Now this Vincent Edwards does not have the type of voice that is likely to get him in the Met but he delivers a song in the most pleasant manner we can imagine. He has no tricks of delivery nor gimmicks, but just an earthy, well modulated style that is sure to go over to all listeners.

One of the things that will endear this singer to the hearts of a lot of his listeners is his obvious desire to sing to the young. We were sitting very close to a beautiful girl of about 16 who was serenaded to the strains of "You And The Night and The Music".

Other songs that he delivered equally well were, "I Remember You", "Love is A Many Splendored Thing" and the favorite of Edwards - "Lost in the Stars". After a roaring approval of his premier, Edwards really sold his talent by giving out with an old Italian folk song (and he speaks Italian as a native) and a Jewish Lullaby (and he is equally at home in the Jewish Idiom).

As I said, we were prepared to see a flop, instead we saw a new, pleasing singer come on to the American scene. Now we would like to see this very fertile, much masculine man recognized for what he is, one of the top singers in the country.

DESERT INN

At the Desert Inn we saw that old favorite Phil Harris in a review with a number of good acts. The least of these was not the Jubilee Four which we remember from "the good old days". Phil Harris has had this act with him for more years than either of us care to remember. I had wondered what had happened to them and it seems that they have retired from the entertainment world and only appear on the stage when Mr. Harris makes his annual pilgrimage to Los Vegas. The dance and song routine built around "There's An Awful Lot of Coffee in Brazil" gave the Donn Arden Dancers an opportunity to prove their versatility.

One act unfortunately did not come off very well. A young singer who was making her debut fell rather flat and probably by this time is on her way back to Beaumont, Texas.

Phil Harris puts on a show that is a combination of homespun humor and slick acts. It is difficult to transpire from one atmosphere to the other.

If you have four days or more in Los Vegas, you should see this one.

At the Tropicana Theatre Restaurant there is the greatest show that we have ever seen. For 90 minutes there is no time to even think. It completely envelops the senses with beauty, both of motion and of color.

The "Follies Begone" is a show that must not be missed. I have seen the Follies Bergere in Paris back in the war years, but this so far surpasses anything that Paris had to offer that they should not even be considered in the same conversation.

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this show for the action was so fast and so continuing that there was not sufficient time to completely see any part of it before it was replaced with something more eye-appealing.

George Matson, presented a speciality act of pantomime, using a few ostrich feathers and pantomining a few people such as Yma Sumac and yet another of a drunk woman. These few feathers make a lot of difference in the appearance of this fine entertainer.

The Tropicana Dancers along with the fantastic costumery conspire to make this show one that must be seen before you leave Los Vegas.

STARDUST

At the Stardust, Le Lido de Paris presents "Voila". The costumery is not of the same calibre as the Follies but is still eye-catching. If we had not seen the Follies, we would probably write more glowingly of this show.

However the stage arrangements for the show are probably the most versatile in the country. Such things as ice skating rinks, fountains, huge mirrors etc., keep you guessing as to what may be next. There is a little more feminine nudity in this show than appears to be necessary but it is always handled in good taste and only a prude could take offense. This is a "should-see" show.

Flamingo

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Now LETS SEE, BILL, IS THE APOSTROPHE AFTER THE "D" OR THE "O"?



At the Flamingo.....I didn't even want to see this show. With all the teen-age singers that inflict punishment on the ears of the older generation it was a little too much to expect to enjoy Bobby Darin. But there we were at the Flamingo, Lady Luck was not smiling on the Black Jack players, and it was too early in the evening to do anything else.

So we went to see Bobby Darin. It is not so easy to admit that you have made a mistake, but I had made one. I had judged this entertainer in the light of all the others. This is unfair, because this boy is a heck of a lot more than a singer. He plays a mean piano, a hot vibraphone and is a natural comic.

I feel that the antagonism of the audience might have been apparent at the beginning of the show but within a matter of minutes he had them eating out of the palm of his hand. In a manner as free and easy as Crosby as ever been able to achieve, Bobby captivated the crowd with new material.
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ial as well as the old, more familiar songs.

But a lot of the credit for the brilliance of his performance must be given to the lighting arrangements. Somehow the upper lights of vivid red and the front lights of blue-white combine to make the star of the show appear to be within a few feet of each person in the audience. Combined with the natural charm of the man, this adds to an already highly dramatic display.

Then there was Allan Drake, "The Thinking Man's Comic". With his very real portrayal of the "Teen Age Dilemma," he effectively scolds the parents of the younger generation.

But one not to be overlooked was the young accompanist of Mr. Darin in a couple of folk-song bits. In enjoying his performance we failed to get his name. There is no mistaking this one, tho, he is dressed as a fashion plate and when he comes out with the folk songs it is completely out of character.

This is a don't miss show.

Aku-Aku

For one of the best meals of your life you are going to have to take in AKU AKU. Not only does this place excel in decor, as most Vegas places do, but the food is the best anywhere in the world. Polynesian, of course, with a name like that, it has a menu that make you wonder what you are going to be eating and when you are served you wonder if all the other items on the menu are equally good. After eating two meals there we can say without reservation that they are superb.

Ask for Mike as your waiter, he is without peer in the serving of a fine meal. If you can't make up your mind as to what you want to eat then feel at ease and let him order for you.

During the afternoon hours in Vegas there is very little to do except gamble, golf or sunbathe. Some of us are not very good gamblers and most of us do not play golf, and if you are from San Francisco you do not get enough sun to be able to stay out in the Vegas sun for very long the first few days. But there is a place where you can go for relaxation and conversation that is really worth while. Mike Tulane has a gym up on the top floors of the Riviera Hotel that is the gathering spot for the show crowd and the semi-permanent or better known guests of the hotel.

Best you check in on this place the first day or so you are in the area.

Then over at the Stardust in the theater room there is a waitress who gave such service that we were really amazed. Olga by name, she is from Lexington, Kentucky - Number 16 is her badge. She said: "Tell them that you got me. Never say that you had me".

Then while you are in Vegas you had better check into the action at

Maxines. "Maxine" had previously written us about the News and we were there several times looking for our correspondent but did not locate him. Make it on the weekends.

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THE PROBLEM OF DEFINITION

"We do not believe that a satisfactory definition for obscenity can ever be established.

The Supreme Court of the United States attempted a definition in 1957 in a split decision (7 to 2) in the case of U.S. vs Roth. The high Court ruled that a work is obscene when "to the average person, applying contemporary community standards, the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to prurient interest." This is the definition currently used by the courts.

"It had the virtue of seriously curtailing the kind of arbitrary censorship that had previously prevailed. It included several specific directives; A work must be judged as a whole, not piecemeal; the predominant theme must be prurient; the standard for judgment must be an average member of the community, not an emotionally retarded adult and not a child. It confirmed that a mere discussion or portrayal of sex was not enough to automatically stamp a work "obscene"; on the contrary, the Supreme Court clearly recognized that material dealing with sex was an essential part of the exposition of ideas protected by the Constitution and only those works devoid of the "slightest redeeming social importance" were considered to be outside the protective arms of the fundamental law; unorthodox ideas, even ideas hateful to the prevailing climate of the First Amendment. It also attempted to establish a distinction between erotic realism and pornography. However, as much-censored author D. H. Lawrence observed, "What is pornography to one man is the laughter of genius to another."

"And how does one go about 'applying the contemporary community standard'?" The community standards of a sophisticated urban area like San Francisco are certainly not the same as those of small town in Massachusetts. The community standards in the heart of a major city may not be the same as those of its suburbs; and both may differ from those to be found in the outlying rural areas; or in any particular part of a city where one particular ethnic group or sect vastly predominates. Whose particular community standards do we apply? Is it to be the will of the majority? Or is it the will of well-educated and enlightened minority? And in any case, have we the right to deny the laughter of the genius to one group on the ground that it is pornography to another?"

"Justice William O. Douglas of the Supreme Court has observed: "The standard of what offends 'the common conscience of the community' conflicts in my judgment, with the command of the First Amendment that 'Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of

the press." Certainly that standard would not be an acceptable one if religion, economics, politics or philosophy were involved. How does it become a Constitutional standard when literature treating with sex is concerned?

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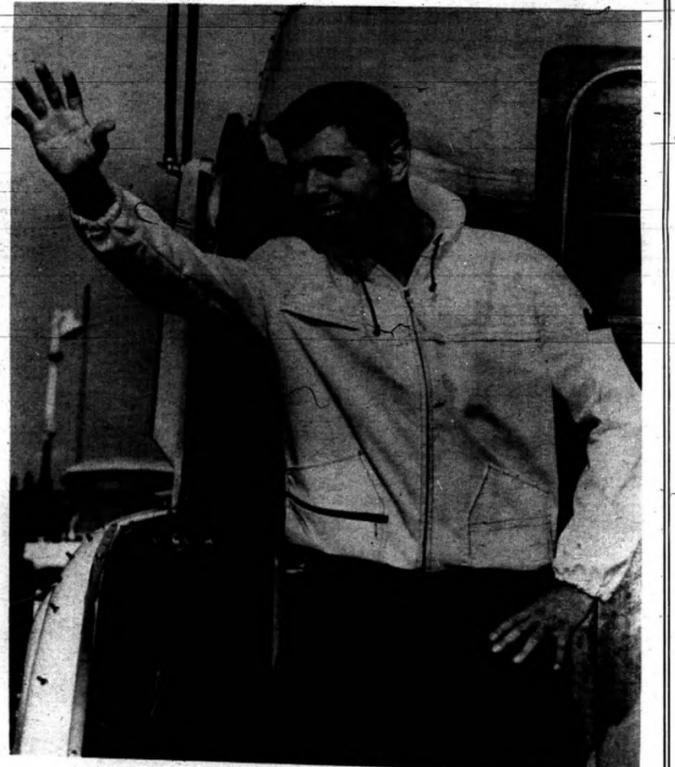
"Any test that turns on what is offensive to the community's standards is too loose, too capricious, too destructive of freedom of expression to be squared with the First Amendment. Under that test, juries can censor, suppress, and punish what they don't like, provided the matter relates to 'impurity' or a tendency to 'excite lustful thoughts' -- community censorship in one of its worst forms. It creates a regime where, in the battle between the literati and the Philistines, the Philistines are certain to win."

Moreover, the judicial assumption that pure pornography is without any "redeeming social importance" is open to serious question. There is presently a considerable school of scientific opinion amongst authorities on human behavior suggesting not simply that pornography is harmless, but that it may actually have some value as a sublimation and release for pent-up sexual frustrations and desires.

"Any person who feels the censor's vengeful wrath may find some comfort

in the knowledge that he is in illustrious company, for many of the world's most honored writers, artists, poets and philosophers - the giants and the geniuses down through the ages - have known the scorn of their contemporaries and seen their works expurgated, bowdlerized, banned, burned and otherwise destroyed and disfigured. The list of censored is a veritable Who's Who of philoso-

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New Business

There being no old business the President yielded the chair to the First Vice President and presented the following motions to the League:

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall meet on the first Tuesday of May, August, November and March in regular session. Special meetings may be called by the President or by any three other directors. Meetings shall be held at the offices of the League at 226 Embarcadero, San Francisco, California, or such other place in the City and County of San Francisco as may be designated by the President. Quorum for the regular meetings shall consist of such number of persons as may attend these meetings. Quorum for a special meeting shall consist of 50% of the constituted Board.

MOTION SECONDED AND DISCUSSION FOLLOWED - MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENT

RESOLVED THAT THE EDITOR OF THE LCE News shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall serve until removed by the Board by 2/3 vote thereof; That the Editor shall have the sole authority to employ and discharge persons involved with the publication of the News; That a bank account be established for the LCE News and that the Editor and one other director be signatory to that account and that all funds from the News be deposited therein; And that the Editor have authority to do all things necessary for the publication of a newspaper.

MOTION SECONDED AND DISCUSSION FOLLOWED AND MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENT

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS be limited to seven members at this meeting and that each of these members must have signified their willingness to serve on the Board before a nomination can be accepted by the Chairman.

MOTION SECONDED AND DISCUSSION FOLLOWED AND MOTION PASSED WITH ONE DISSENT

RESOLVED THAT THE QUORUM OF THE REGULAR meetings of the membership of the League be that number of persons who attend the meeting after due notice of meeting has been given.

MOTION SECONDED AND DISCUSSION FOLLOWED AND MOTION PASSED WITH ONE DISSENT

A RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED THAT: The three old accounts outstanding to the LCE News be passed into the hands of a collection agency. The three old accounts being:

The Headhunters	\$75.00
The Crossroad	75.00
The Copper Pit	60.00

MOTION SECONDED WITHOUT DISCUSSION MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENT

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Eleven persons had previously indicated their willingness to serve on the Board of Directors. Since the motion to limit the board to seven had been passed, then seven members of the Board were elected. The names will be released in the next issue of the News.

OTHER BUSINESS

A call for other business was issued and a member called for discus-

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sion and a report on the resolution of last year calling for the Treasurer to purchase U.S. Treasury Bonds to be used for bail for persons whose rights had been violated.

The chairman reported that no member of the League had been arrested in the period involved and that therefore there had been no necessity for the use of such bonds and that the Treasury could not finance such a purchase.

A motion was made:

RESOLVED THAT THE PROPOSITION CALLING for the League to purchase such bonds for the use of bailing out persons whose rights had been violated be voided.

MOTION SECONDED DISCUSSION FOLLOWED AND MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE DISSENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:27

LETTER TO PLAYBOY

Dear Mr. Hugh Hefner;

We read in the San Francisco Chronicle that you have admitted to paying off the State Liquor Authority in New York.

Frankly, we here in San Francisco are more than a little perturbed concerning this payoff. Not that you did pay off, but the amount. We fear that once the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control agents hear of the large amounts that are possible that they will be getting some ideas.

We know only too well of the necessity of paying off, but here in California the amounts have been kept down to a reasonable figure. In fact, in the Santa Ana Office of the ABC, the agents were so lenient that they got together and pooled the pay-offs so there would be a little bit for each of them. What happened to them? Well there is not much information as to that, but we know that they were suspended. I suppose they are back on the job because some of the testimony that they turned in on the bars that would not pay off is still being used in court.

Then too, we were a little surprised that you would fall for the old gag of "no reprisals for giving information". Here in San Francisco the same thing happened and the bars involved were assured of no reprisals but all of them got closed up, regardless. Some of them with the testimony gathered by the agents who were convicted of taking payoffs.

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Also here in San Francisco when it came to investigating the officers, you would think that the filing system of the agencies was inefficient. Maybe it was, but there were recorded conversations that got lost, there were documents that disappeared, and some of the best talent of the District Attorney's office was inept.

Now, don't get me wrong. I am not saying that there was any dishonesty on the part of the agency, just convenient inefficiency.

We have been talking about the graft and the pay-offs in New York and in California for about 18 months now but the only thing that has happened is that the ABC and the Police Department have done everything they could to hamstring and to harass our advertisers.

Have you ever thought how the State Liquor Authority could make it difficult for your advertisers. In your May 1963 issue you have such advertisers as: Canadian Club, Balantine, Calvert, Old Crow, Martini and Rossi, Bacardi. One will get you ten that pressure is brought on them to discontinue advertising. I know, for the liquor suppliers here will not advertise with us under any circumstance you can imagine.

Mr. Hefner, all thru our great country it has become the common practice for the leeches to grab onto the liquor industry for graft. It has happened in every state in the Union. Don't be too surprised if we soon are forced to discontinue the consumption of alcoholic beverages in order to starve out the grafters. More and more rules are going to be made so there will be more and more ways to keep you from getting and keeping a license to sell the stuff.

In fact, you may not know that now one is unable to get a license in our fair state because he has a record of participating in a payoff. The fact that he has not been tried

or convicted for it is immaterial. In our glorious state even if he has been tried and found innocent of all charges, just the accusation is sufficient to keep his name off a license.

But we would like to give you a little advice on how you should go about opening your club here in our City. We know that you have been having a little trouble and in fact have the place picked out and are just waiting to get approval from the "Big Brother Keeper of the Morale". First you must not think of these people as being moral and really interested in seeing that the people of our City do what is right. Far from that. You must first contact a three-time loser, just out of San Quentin to find out exactly how a criminal mind works. Make a close study of his mental reflexes and you will get a good idea of how to go about getting this license. (To show you how bad it can get, the big news the other day was how an officer

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 and an ex-officer had conspired, robbing one of the places they were supposed to be protecting. Sometimes we wonder how the younger generation is playing "Cops and Robbers".

But a few pointers:
 1) Do not try to bribe the Chief of Police, for regardless of what else may be said about him, he is honest.

2) DO NOT bother to go to the District Attorneys office and complain that you are not getting a fair shake from the PD because our DA is on the way to becoming a judge and he is shying away from anything that is in the least controversial.

3) Do not bother to go to the Attorney General's office for he is always running for something.

4) You are dealing with crooks so you must think the same way they do.

5) Now as to the Police here in the city. Most of them are honest. But there are very definite rumors that there are god knows how many of the lower echelon for a price. But, Mr. Heffner, please, none of those high payoffs. We just can't afford it. We know that there are bars in New York that are selling a beer for \$1.00 and that the owner is not making the difference.

6) In San Francisco the people in high places with the ABC appear to be honest (This is not to say that a few under them are not). But we have a situation that is even worse than dishonesty. We have a collection of do-gooders that would make the DAR look like a chapter of the Mafia. So before you open your Playboy Club in San Francisco you must convince them that you will not serve more than one drink to a customer; you must assure them that you will not allow any of your customers to have evil thoughts; you must assure them that you will not allow anyone to walk in front of your place with evil thoughts (For they do make charges against people for action on the street in front of bars. These actions must comply with the moral concept of the agents). Never confuse "moral concept" with "financial considerations" in San Francisco, they have nothing in common.

It takes about \$500 for one of the agents to change his moral concept. You know how it is, a little educational fee. No bribery. Just a small consideration.

Now there are a few laws here that you may not know about that would affect your operation. First there is the law that states that the Chief of Police must pass on your honesty as regards having pin-ball machines. Sure there are machines paying off all over the city but honest people have a hard time getting a license. Then you are going to have to go to the Chief to get a license to have someone take pictures in your place. Why? Because it is part of the Police State. Then you are going to have to go to the Chief to get a permit to have people work in your massage and

steam baths. One of these paragons of virtue that the SFPD has on the payroll will browbeat them to find if they ever did such a dastardly thing as be in City Hall when they decided to wash down the steps during the House Unamerican Activities Committee meeting or engage in any sexual activity that did not meet the high standards of the PD.

Now come to think about it, you really don't have to do any of these things - if you can find the right man. For we know of places that violate the law right and left and apparently know the right man. Now we would not infer that there are payoffs but when the law comes around, there appears to be a sudden blackening of the area and they do not see what is going on.

We admire you Mr. Heffner. We have long thought of you as the foremost exponent of freedom of thought in our country. We hope that your delving into this rotten mess that constitutes our governments handling of the liquor industry will accomplish something but we have just about given up hope of anything changing the graft and the corruption that exists in our Police departments and in our Liquor Laws.

But we are very serious when we say that you will not open your Club in our city until you can prove to the authorities that you are going to run a kindergarden.....that is unless you can find the right man with the right amount of unmarked cash in your pocket but please do not inflate the payoff any worse than it already is here in that 100% American City of San Francisco.

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phy, art and literature: Homer, Confucius, Dante, Galileo, Shakespeare, Bacon, Voltaire, Gibbon, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Thomas Paine, Thomas Jefferson, Goethe, Shelley, Balzac, Victor Hugo, Hawthorne, Hans Christian Andersen, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Darwin, Whitman, Ibsen, Tolstoy, Mark Twain, Gilbert and Sullivan, Zola, De Maupassant, Shaw, Oscar Wilde, Kipling, Jack London, James Joyce, D.H. Lawrence, Eugene O'Neill, Faulkner, Hemingway and Walt Disney, to name but a few.

NO NUDES IS GOOD NUDES

Since the beginning of recorded history there have been individuals determined to force their own standards upon their fellow men, and time inevitably proves that the "dangerous" work of art or literature of one generation is the classic of the next -- that any contemporary condemnation of the spoken or the written word appears ridiculous to succeeding generations.

Even the Bible has faced a long history of censorship in many countries. When William Tyndale translated the Bible into English, his work was suppressed and in 1536 he was imprisoned, strangled and then burned

at the stake along with his translations.

Judge Thurman Arnold, past Assistant Attorney General of the U.S. and celebrated Associate Justice of the U.S. Court of Appeals, who wrote the famous decision in the Esquire obscenity case in 1946, has commented on the frustration and unintentional humor sometimes involved in a court's attempt to determine what is, and is not, obscene; as a participant in the Playboy Panel on "Sex and Censorship in Literature and the Arts" Judge Arnold observed: "I remember that in the case of Sunshine Book Company vs. Summerfield - involving a nudist magazine - in the District Court, Judge Kirkland examined each nude in the magazine and tried to analyze which would cause prurient thoughts. He condemned some and passed others. The spectacle of a judge poring over the picture of some nude, trying to ascertain the extent to which she arouses prurient interest - and then attempting to write an opinion that explains the difference between that nude and some other nude - has elements of low comedy." Judge Arnold observed that the only way to avoid argument over what is obscene and what is art in cases of this kind is to hold that "no nudes is good nudes" which he was unwilling to do.

Arnold pointed out that William James made a most telling - and amusing - comment on the desperate futility of "playing the game of definitions" in trying to determine just what "hard-core pornography" is: James wrote, "Such discussions are tedious - not as hard subjects like physics or mathematics are tedious, but as throwing feathers endlessly hour after hour is tedious."

Dr. Albert Ellis, clinical psychologist and psychotherapist, authority on sex and marriage, author of The

Folklore of Sex and co-author of the two-volume Encyclopedia of Sexual Behavior, said, during the same Playboy Panel on "Sex and Censorship": "I don't believe that the word 'obscene' can EVER be properly, conclusively defined."

(PLAYBOY PHILOSOPHY ON CENSORSHIP WILL BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE)

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ROVING REPORT

Enough of Los Vegas - Back here in California there is still a heck of a big time to be had. Within 24 hours after the 'Senator' was in Vegas the report was strong that he had invested the funds of the League on a crap table there. Of course, it was not true - he robbed a bank.

Out at the Bird of Paradise there is so much going on that we are going to have to start a column and give only the factual information regarding the activities. The Turtle Racing Season has not started yet but a run on the 15c beer is due at any or almost any moment.

Down the street we dropped in on the D'Acorn Room. You know, "Big Oaks from little acorns grow". There the things have settled down into a very likeable routine since Bob Walker learned all about the unscramble system of the red lights there. It seems that Bob---Well go out there and let him tell you all about it. It goes to prove - If death don't get you, taxes will.

The Cove is closed but Norman (The Colonel) wants everyone to know that he is still in town and soon is to be back at his old haunt - with Hula Skirt and all.

It appears that it is a shame at Halloween that so much effort is put into costumes and that so few people are really able to see the great and original work that everyone has done. The question has come to us, and to several others, can anything be done about this? Is it possible that some one could stage a spectacular show on that night for the benefit of the Salvation Army or the Mentally Retarded? It may not be possible, but you should think of all the benefits that would accrue to the community. There would still be time to make the bars but with much more acceptance.

Hear of big doings up at the Pioneer Hotel in Woodside. Such carryings on. Visitors due.

Someone should post signs up near the Horseshoe Courts at Golden Gate Park saying "Keep off the Grass". It is against the law you know and too many people are violating the law in that area. There are a few who read this paper but most of them are 'just looking'. Looking is against the law also. If you don't believe me try looking at the rest room down on the middle drive at GG.

Then too, over at the little park atop Russian Hill there is some nice young boys and men, of well bred and well to do families taking target and batting practice on the wild life in that area. There is going to be yet another murder in that area. Will a visit from the police help? Probably not since they would arrest the ones being beaten and complain of the big increase in crime in San Francisco.

Speaking of increases in crime, is the duo that were arrested for the robbery in Golden Gate - you know the

one where the ex-officer and the officer who was guarding GG Park robbed the concession stand - to be charged as a misdemeanor or a felony. Anyone interested in making bets on conviction.

"The Nightingale of Montgomery Street" is packing them in at the Black Cat on Sunday Afternoons. Rose is coming back strong. After his lay off for lack of an accompanist he is on the road back with the viguh of a Kennedy. And since he is the feature attraction of the new magazine MINOTAUR, he is getting ready for the new influx of customers.

We hear from "The Paddleboard" in Hermosa Beach - The summer season is in full swing down in the Southland.

Then from Shreveport, Louisiana, we get notice that even the Baton Rouge is having difficulties and New Orleans has a bad case of the Blues, there is plenty of life in Shreveport.

And "The Cavello", empressario of "Original Don's" has so much gotten back into the swing of things that it seems like old times. But one thing is different. Formerly we depended on getting at least one ticket a week at those red-marked curbs. In the new place there is plenty of parking space. But during the Fashion show there was such a crowd that the three wheeler was busy with his pad and pencil. Still, there was plenty (of parking) across the street. But then, you see, The Embarcadero, at that spot is almost as wide as Canal Street in New Orleans at that spot.

At the Box - Tool Box, that is - A welcome sight. Many of the Los Angeles riders were in town last weekend. We saw some faces that have been missing for a long, long while.

Then down in Los Angeles, our Troy was surprised at finding his name on the walls at the Club. He wanted his name in lights.

The Apache in Los Angeles has made such a change in the appearances of the place that the rumors here are regarding a change of management. Not so - just that constant redecorating.

Yes, The Cove is closed, the Cross Road is closed, The Barrel House is closed. Nothing but leases etc.

But The Last Resort is open and is going strong - We were talking to the owner about an ad saying "Check in to see who our new manager is." But it would not seem right. Anyhow there seems to be some plans for the place that include a new format.

There would appear to be some new places here in San Francisco. A place that formerly did not want any of our readers seems to be determined to get what business they can. Big posters etc.

The Yumping Frog - Premier spot on Poststrasse has such a business on Saturday and Sunday afternoon that it looks like they are having a soiree'. And from Poststrasse there comes news that Mr. K has sold his bottle house. We have not heard from him in some time. But a not that I get without a signature tells that he is leaving.

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Four models displayed all types of clothing, from business suits down to beach wear with one model in the audience giving the viewers a big look at the latest in black kid.

This show was a departure, and a welcome one, from the usual fare to be had in the City. It was well attended and should be repeated.

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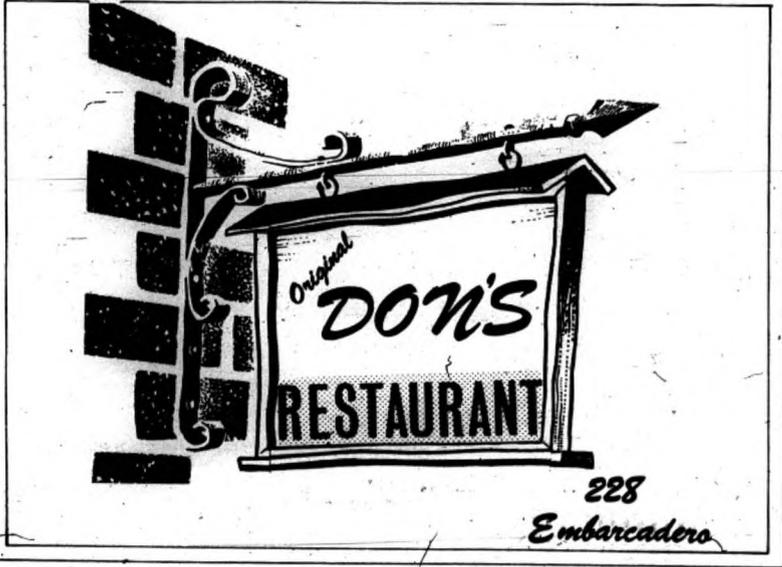
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