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THE ELECTION

This is Wednesday, November Fifth and John Shelley has just been elected Mayor of San Francisco by an overwhelming vote.

So what happened to our man - Mancuso. We must face facts. We were caught in a landslide.

If you think that this Editor has remorse this morning, please consider the editors of the three daily papers in San Francisco. All of them were strongly in favor of Mr. Dobbs. With his spending of \$300,000 on the campaign he still lost. In fact, Shelley got more votes than all other candidates combined.

During the campaign we heard many reasons why people would not vote for Mancuso. Let us look at a few of them for a few moments:

1. "He is a good man, but he won't win and I want to vote for a winner." This is completely stupid. It can reflect nothing but the inability of the speaker to stand up for what he believes is right. (However this editor has come to believe that the inability to stand up for what is right may well be a trait of his readers.)

2. "What is he going to do about the freeway ramps." This was asked by a drunk at one of the places we visited.

Gentlemen, Mr. Mancuso was going to do exactly the same thing that all the other candidates were going to do! Absolutely nothing! Watch Mr. Shelley take a sledge hammer to the freeway. This will be a real day in history. He will not do a damn thing about it.

3. "I cannot vote for Mr. Mancuso because someone might suspect me." The person who does not know any better than this does not deserve any comment other than - "Do you know a competent head-shrinker?"

4. "I am going to vote for Shelley because he will 'open up' San Francisco."

I feel that the answer to this is in today's edition of the Call Bulletin - "Shelley to retain Cahill". Any more questions?

Then last night as we were crying in our beer, we were approached by one of the 'ill' members of the Community, saying "When are you going to retire from politics." To all our readers in San Francisco - We feel that we have, in the past two years, been largely responsible for the decrease in the number of arrests in San Francisco. We have hesitated to say anything about it for fear of bringing on disaster. It seems to be apparent that this decrease means nothing to the average person. Therefore an increase should mean nothing to the same group. Except for the past two years when we have been active in politics, there had always been a rash of arrests on Hallo-

ween for instance. But in these two years there was not one arrest. Shall we then abandon our political drives? It is strictly up to you.

Now as to a look at the actual vote of yesterday:
Shelley-120,560
Dobbs - 92,627
Mancuso- 17,581

We have made a preliminary survey of the vote for Mancuso. We find that in areas where our readers are dominant that Mr. Mancuso was far ahead of Dobbs. We find that in the Italian or mixed sections that he lagged considerably. In some sections where other Italian candidates got almost 100% of the supervisor votes, Mr. Mancuso fared badly. For instance in one precinct, Moscone, Ertola, and Baccari received over 125 votes each, Mr. Mancuso tallied only 22 votes. And we could count almost that many members of the Community in that precinct. We find that in areas where Mr. Mancuso might be expected to pick up a large number as a protest against either Mr. Shelley or Mr. Dobbs, he received not one single vote. In areas where the Community is not represented he was not even the third man.

It is impossible to tell exactly what percentage of the vote was ours but with the preliminary study, indications are that it is about 90%.

For Supervisor
Kardop-130,033-An incumbent, not recommended but strongly backed.
Ertola-125,527-An incumbent and was expected to lead the field. Not recommended.
McCarthy-114,845-Not recommended
McMahon-110,216-An incumbent. Not recommended.
Moscone-102,973-Recommended. Good man.

Other recommended candidates:
Nichols-87,529 - A little stronger campaign would have elected him. Too unsure of himself.
Baccari-83,157 - Far too honest to be a member of the Board of Supervisors.
Percy Moore-60,773 - The highest vote a Negro candidate has ever received in San Francisco. To be congratulated.
Downton-8,783 - This was put in our list as a counter. At least 95% was our vote.
SHERIFF
*Carberry.....162,369
McDonough..... 36,322

MUNICIPAL COURT OFFICE NUMBER TWO
Friedman.....92,740
Linn.....88,301

Even justice and liberty are expected to win sometimes. This proves it.

THE PROPOSITIONS
* (Our position)
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HALLOWEEN 1963

It was a clear, cool night this year when Witches' Christmas was celebrated.

It had been marred by an announcement from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of California that the license of the Black Cat, traditional Halloween gathering spot, would be revoked at Midnight on the 31st. The Carrie Nations of our State even went further to announce that they would padlock the doors of the place on that date. This was not true, of course, and the Black Cat received more publicity than ever before. Several articles, all in a friendly tone, called attention to the fact that the Cat had long been a bohemian hangout.

The NEWS stationed a sound truck across the street from the Cat in anticipation of a larger turnout than previous years. There had been talk of violence against the agents of the ABC, but this did not develop since the license was lifted at 2:10 AM on the morning of the 31st.

The crowd started to develop about 9 PM and continued to grow until midnight.

Arriving early there were some scattered customers that easily gained admittance to the Cat. However as the large crowd congregated they all went to the center of the street that had been blocked off by the San Francisco Police Department and only those persons in costume were allowed to enter the area in vehicles. Soon the street was so packed that it became impassable. A few beatnik numbers had a ladder and set it up to use as grandstands. Earlier in the evening we had told the sergeant in charge there to call on us if we could be of any

assistance. In this instance he requested we ask those on the ladder to move it to the sidewalk. They did so but later in the evening their roost collapsed. No one was hurt in this instance. An emergency ambulance was called for a person who fainted from the excitement. The ambulance later returned on a standby basis.

The first large production to arrive at the Black Cat was the one entitled "Sophie's Bus". It was a two decker, english-type bus with an outside staircase. The riders were all dressed to the hilt. One of the most entertaining of the group on the bus later became incapacitated and stumbled (fell?) down the staircase. They did not attempt to enter the Cat.

Another early arrival was a person dressed as a willow tree. With the branches of the willow coming from his hat he had more than a little trouble negotiating the narrow aisle that the mob would grant him.

By this time the crowd was predominantly tourists. There was considerable dirt in the streets. Jose had asked for the streets to be kept open and our sound truck had begged that people stay back on the sidewalk but it was all to no avail.

When Michelle's Bus arrived with all the riders in virginal white, it was impossible to get thru to the Cat so they remained on their Gray Line Bus.

About this time the crowd was getting unruly. One of the tourists, a woman who was standing in our sound truck remarked, "What a bunch of misfits!" The Editor then had to remind her that she would either have to change her mind or throw away all her (Continued on Page 2)



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 slacks. To this she said, "But that is different. I wear them just to be comfortable." Anyone taking bets on this would be foolish.

About this time some idiot tried to tear the windshield wipers off the Michelle Bus. And four hoods climbed atop the bus. Another limousine had arrived behind the bus and a tourist walked on the hood and top. When he got to the back of the limousine he was met with a fist from the driver. We could hear it above the crowd and for about 100 feet.

Eric and his entourage arrived behind the limousine.

This was the most spectacular of all the mobile displays.

Eric (as Cleopatra) was dressed in a white pleated garment, a gold serpentine head dress, a gold lame' cloak with a set of Egyptian scepters. Four chair bearers in red, white and gold costume with gold and black head dress and a flower girl scattering rose petals. He was carried in a gold and black sedan chair. Clyde, proclaimed as an Egyptian at the Michelle' International last year, served as a Nubian Slave.

As Eric left his platform the dirt in the crowd took over the truck, damaging his backdrops beyond use.

By this time the affair had gone too far out of control. Alcho Jose' and The Senator, and J.J. Van Dyke (as Phyllis Diller) had attempted to get the crowd back on the sidewalks, it became a physical impossibility for the celebrants to enter the Cat.

The Michelle Bus left the Cat with the four hoods still on top. Driving the bus was a resourceful, understanding man. He proceeded down a rather dark street and warned the riders inside to "hold-on". He then slammed on the brakes and threw some of the unwanted riders off the top of the bus. The riders then got out and demonstrated their pugilistic abilities without paying much attention to the fact that they were dressed demurely, and innocently in all white. Gooch skinned his knuckles, Royal lost a heel from his boots. Beaded bags were damaged beyond repair. The law appeared on the scene, cleaned up the dirt and the bus proceeded to even greater glory.

Next in front of the Cat came "A night in Shangri La". This was a procession staged by the Oriental and Polynesian Community.

At Midnight, Firecrackers were set off at Pacific and Montgomery Streets, about two short blocks from the Cat. Two bannermen carried the banner, proclaiming the name of the pageant. They were followed by three court musicians playing cymbals, drums and chimes. Following the musicians was a sedan chair made in the Phillipines. It was pagoda shaped, red with black panels. At each corner was a lantern. The chair was especially made for this event. It was a creation of relatives of the participants. It was carried by 8 boys from the outside. The Queen of Thailand Sirikit, was riding in the chair as depicted by Haku. Following him was the depiction of Miss Korea, Mel; and Miss China, Ricardo. Preceding the whole entourage was red smoke carried by a man playing the gong. It was an event never before seen in San Francisco.

It was a grand night at the Cat.

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Proposition A	
Yes*	96,217
No	99,566
Proposition B	
Yes	68,308
No*	118,792
Proposition C	
Yes*	95,803
No	107,236
Proposition D	
Yes	68,483
No*	114,531
Proposition E	
Yes*	103,835
No	85,199
Proposition F	
Yes*	99,926
No	99,600
Proposition G	
Yes	110,234
No*	75,374
Proposition H	
Yes	59,925
No*	121,879
Proposition I	
Yes*	86,591
No	101,198
Proposition J	
Yes*	118,083
No	70,398

In the case of the Propositions it is apparent that the voters did not follow the lead of this newspaper or any other newspaper. Proposition C was recommended for adoption by all civic groups, all newspapers, all the candidates. In fact it was a foregone conclusion that it would be the one ballot measure that would pass.

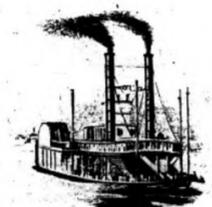
As in the case of the race for the Mayor, it is apparent that the voters were so tired of Christopher and the people who backed Christopher and the people who represented Christopher, that even the heaviest downpour of the year could not keep them away from the polls to vote against anything that he favored.

As we said previously, we were in the big middle of a landslide and did not know it. We make no apologies at all. We merely state that what we had in mind was far more than the election of a Mayor. We were intent on proving that the Community would vote together. We were partially successful in this attempt. Whether we will ever be completely successful remains to be seen. We do not feel that such a golden opportunity will ever again present itself.

It is much like the South in that as long as we are told by others how

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Guy Strait - The Editor

CAFE SOCIETY

FROM CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS

The big celebration of Halloween went off with a bang. The prize for the best costumes went to grand displays. The prizes were tickets to see "Camelot" at the Grand Opening in Chicago.

They had to take time out from the beer bust to have the party. The "Bust" at Mr. B's is on Wednesday nights and it is a big success.

FROM MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The bars here are doing more business than in the previous weeks. It has been a little hot here due to the big police scandal. It did not involve our bars but when the lid goes on the cat houses, and the police are caught taking bribes, it seems to always come our way.

FROM INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Bette K's and the Alps are doing a big business. With the football season here there seem to be more and more visitors from out of town. The University of Indiana is located nearby and every Saturday brings an influx from other colleges.

FROM THE PLAINS OF TEXAS

Since the vacationers have returned from California, THE NEWS has spread like a new face in town. Everybody is interested. Here they are dumbfounded by the fact of its existence and read it (every word) completely, sometimes more than once.

Lubbock and surrounding territory.

Amarillo, Abilene, San Angelo, etc., is about the same as usual with very little going on except for the weekend jaunts to Dallas and Oklahoma.

And speaking of Dallas, The Texas-OU weekend was nothing but wild and carefree. The new bar, The Centaur, has caught the eye of many of the locals, as well as the out-of-towners and is very popular. And there was some extremely nice people in town from Austin for the big game, Houston was also represented with what you know as "Typical Texans".

FROM EL PASO, TEXAS

Armando, our dancing reporter tells us that everything there is better than ever. Luis, the owner of the Place Pigalle, tells us that he is completely satisfied with the results of his preparations for Halloween and the weekend that passed with fun and frolic.

ON THE GRAPEVINE

New James's in Chicago is the best place in Windy City.....Confirmed a report on Paulinas, in Bakersfield, California. It is definitely closed. No trouble. The Green Door in Phoenix is not interested in your business. Changed ownership. Le Pigalle in Big "D" has changed address. The House of Ivy in Los Angeles is still in business. Very much so. Tony of the Roman Terrace now has nothing to do with The Gallery in that same city. Chances R in Wichita is being subjected to a boycott because of the peep-freaks that haunt the joint.....Texas may be the next state to adopt the Model Penal Code of the American Law Institute. As an Ex-Texan, we will believe it if we see it.....The High and Mighty in Oklahoma City had such a whing-ding on Halloween that even the Okies won't believe it. The Royal Prize was won by Paige, Most Unusual by Waddell (Better known in the

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HALLOWEEN PHOTOS



EDITOR AWARDS-Prizes have been presented to many people this year. It has been a good Halloween. We want to show our appreciation to these people for making it possible.

THE MOST SPECTACULAR (1) Eric and his Court of Cleopatra

HALLOWEEN GOLDEN GLOVES AWARD Michelle's Bus of Vestal Virgins BIGGEST SURPRISE Daryl Gled as a truck driver in lace MOST ORIGINAL PRODUCTION A Night in Shangri La (2) MOST APPROPRIATE

The Fairy MOST PRACTICAL SPECTACULAR Sophie's Bus MOST ORIGINAL SINGLE The Willow Tree MOST DURABLE Candy Lee (3)

San Diego Area); "Fantabulous" was won by Swanda, Most Convincing was a costume by Tinsley as The Last of the Red Hot Mamas. Talent award went to Kitty of OKC and Tony Sinclair. The emcee was Bobby Jean McInnis. Stealing the show was Alice J. Brooks in red and black.

Altho the license has been revoked the Black Cat is still open for business during the daytime as the "Nickle an' Umce Lunch" and nightly as a coffee house. Jose', the very popular entertainer takes the night time shift.

GROUP FORMING to discuss personality problems and specific causes of anxiety, tension, frustration. If interested in gaining a more constructive perspective please call VA6-8451. INFORMAL WEEKLY MEETINGS NO OBLIGATION.

The Black Cat, long famous bohemian hangout in San Francisco was deprived of its right to sell alcoholic beverages on the 31st of October. Alcho Sol, the owner, has fought a long legal battle to retain this license it was removed because the Supreme Court of California refused to hear the case. Appeals to the United States Supreme Court were not heard by that body.

The biggest thing in the wind in San Francisco is the upcoming whingding that the Boys from Coit Tower are planning. Come to think of it this is to be Saturday the 9th.

If you have any ideas regarding what you would like to read about in the NEWS we suggest you write to the Editor.

We were supposed to go on the big "Witches Run" with the Motorized Set on the 27th but the press of the big election put a stop to it.

Be good and remember - Don't smile for it may be a cop.

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FORMAL NOTICE

A meeting of the membership of the League for Civil Education is to be held on the 18th of November in the Comstock Room of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel.

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1. Shall the League for Civil Education be continued.
2. If so, in what direction shall the League progress.

THE NEWS will be continued at any rate. However this meeting shall also decide whether it should continue as an official voice of the League. Or if the League is discontinued what the Community would like in the way of a Newspaper.

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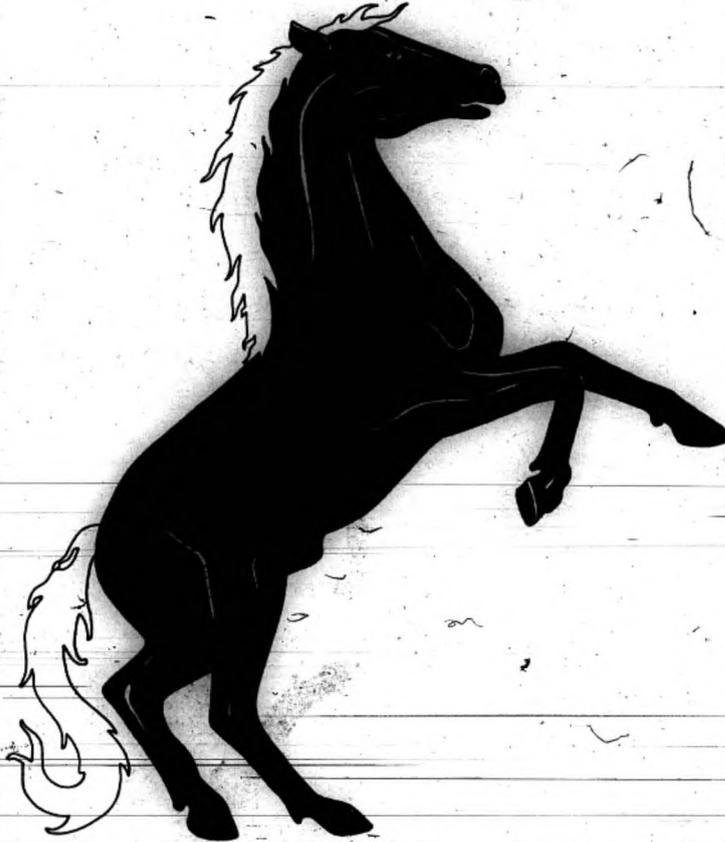
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AND THE POLICE

It would appear, even to the casual observer that the law enforcement agencies of this country have three separate and distinct functions.

1. To provide the various local governments with a steady flow of income from parking tickets, license fees, and various misdemeanors that are primarily civil matters;

2. To enforce laws that have been passed at the urging of various religious leaders and moral do-gooders in the field of personal relationships that are primarily private matters;

3. To investigate and to apprehend persons who have deprived others of life, liberty or property.

The use of the Police Departments as income producers is largely responsible for the sorry image that these departments present to the general public.

In San Francisco in the past week we have had demonstrated the complete disregard that the next crop of voters have for the San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Fire Department.

In one instance while firemen were battling the blaze at Sutro and the SFPD was directing traffic they were pelted with stones looted at them from a cliffside. The culprits were from upper and middle income family backgrounds and it was all for fun.

It would be difficult to pin down exact causes and motivations for the conduct of teenagers who had such a low regard for the law that they openly would commit what could be considered insurrection. Open defiance of the law for no good reason can be considered nothing short of sickening, yet we cannot blame them for actions of this sort. We must see to it that they do no go unpunished, but unfortunately we are unable to punish any of the people who have presented the Police Department as an object to be generally disregarded.

In another instance, about 75 young men and women pelted the police with rocks when they attempted to break up a gathering in a Housing Development. This is far more understandable, for these people have seen harassment by law enforcement officers for many, many years. Naturally this harassment is carried out under the guise of prevention of crime, when in actuality it is nothing short of persecution. Regardless of the reasons for the harassment, denial of constitutional and inherent rights under any circumstance is not desirable and smacks to high of the tactics of the Gestapo and the Secret Police.

The Editor, most of his friends, and practically all the rest of the country has, at one time or another, been a victim of the hungry municipalities as they used the Police Departments for tax purposes.

The Parking Meter represents a huge source of income for all cities

of this country. How often have you heard, "I was just gone for half a minute and that bastard cop gave me a ticket!". This in the presence of immature minds. How often have you heard, "I was only doing 65 and that SOB gave me a ticket for speeding in a 60 mile zone". All this conversation in the presence of children who are forming their impressions of the world they are to someday control.

It is repeated so often that they soon have the idea that all officers are bastards and sobs.

Let it be thoroughly understood that this Editor knows more than one in several Police Departments that readily fit that description. He knows one Police Chief in California (not San Francisco) who so amply fits these descriptions that it is only with the greatest restraint that we do not violate the ethics of good conduct by so naming him.

But, on the whole, the Police Departments are made up of well-intentioned citizens who are attempting to do a good job.

But how can we expect youngsters to have any regard for the law when their parents have none.

Income producing activities of the Police Departments have become far too important in the scheme of municipal governments. We of the metropolitan districts of our country have long talked about the traffic traps of the small cities. Yet we have allowed our Police Departments to become nothing more than traffic traps for the unwary. Or, we have made the penalty small enough so as to discourage the citizenry from becoming alarmed about the situation. Yet this is one of the major causes of unrest of the younger generation.

The old, "do as I say, not do as I do", went out with the blue-backed speller and sound dollar.

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Another major function of the Police Departments of this country would shock the founding fathers. They depicted a life free from religious demands. Yet the law enforcement departments spend a major portion of their time in the enforcement of religious beliefs of various people.

In this field also we have set such a poor example for the coming generations that we can expect them to question our whole system of law.

For instance, we have, over the years, developed an attitude toward "Undesirable Characters". No less than a Federal Judge last week warned a group of people that they were not to be allowed in a National Park.

We, of the Community, also have a unhealthy attitude toward what we consider undesirables. We would change the ways of those in the Community in various ways. Of course this does not

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THE LEAGUE

The League for Civil Education, held the first open meeting in its history on the 18th of November in the Comstock Room of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 8 PM by the President, Guy Strait.

The operating statement of the League was presented as a financial report by the Treasurer.

The president made a report on the activity and accomplishments of the League as follows:

1. The political activity was responsible for approximately 15,000 of the votes of the candidate supported by the paper. There has been an increasing amount of awareness of the necessity of political action and this has been manifested by other organizations, business establishments and individuals driving for the registration and participation of all the Community.

2. In the Social Service Field the LCE has secured about 700 jobs in the past six months; participated in various degrees in 120 legal matters; completely disposed of 14 legal cases at no expense to the victims and terminated 3 shakedowns.

3. In the field of Police Liaison the LCE takes a major part of the credit due for a peaceful Halloween and the fact that the frivolous arrests have practically ceased.

3. In the legislative field the LCE has made important contacts in the Assembly.

The President went on to stress that this was done on a minimum budget and that this could not continue.

THE WAR CHEST

Lack of funds and the decrease of income for the past six months was attributed, by the president, to the War Chest Drive that was held last year, wherein the NEWS became very militant and raised \$2000. to hire attorneys to bring those agencies violating the Constitution of the United States in the limitation of the freedom of Assembly and Press into Court.

He reported that he had attempted to get the attorney to which the money was paid to do something, all to no avail and submitted the following letter as his last communication to the attorney:

Gladstein, Anderson, Leonard, and Sibley
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San Francisco, California
Gentlemen:

About 11 months ago this organization paid to you the sum of \$2000. This was collected from a number of persons and was intended to be spent in bringing action against the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Con-

trol and the San Francisco Police Department to bring a halt to entrapment, interfering with the freedom of assembly and the freedom of the press.

Before this money was collected we were assured that we had a case against these agencies by your office.

Since that time the writer has begged for some sort of legal action. And when he was successful in getting an answer to phone calls he was assured that something would be done. To date your office has written two letters. The effect of these letters is questionable and definitely has not deterred the ABC in any activity.

Back in August we asked that you investigate the possibility of entering as a friend of the Court in the case of the Attorney for that firm sent you the information that you requested. He has called several times and has been unable to get anyone to return his calls.

Conferences that the writer has had with your office have resulted in nothing more than a waste of time.

The writer is convinced that your office propose to do nothing, exactly as has been the case for the past 11 months.

On the 18th of November the writer is to make a report to the membership regarding various matters concerning

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GUY STRAIT - EDITOR OF THE NEWS

Pictured above is Guy Strait, Editor of THE NEWS, and President of the League for Civil Education as he prepares the report that was presented to the Membership of the League last week.

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 apply to those of us who are "respectable" (in our own eyes). Only to the others.

For they have sinned--by being too obvious.
 Practically all the sex laws of the country are nothing more than the extensions of the teachings of the adherents of the various sects, churches and religions. We say to our younger generation: "Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery". Yet we glory in the cavorting of the movie stars as they bask in the Italian Sun or the Baja California resorts.

We say to our children: "Love Thy Fellow Man". Yet we pass laws and enforce more against others for having a blacker skin. And this is not centered necessarily in Dixie. Do not be so childish as to believe that restrictive laws are passed for the general public. Regardless what the intent of some people, those laws that restrict personal conduct are for the control of the minority.

Probably less than 5% of the people in the United States pay even the slightest attention to the sex laws of this country and daily commit felonies without even considering the consequences, yet they are highly disturbed when their children (mistake: The children of these people never do, commit these crimes, it is always the children of other people) commit a simple misdemeanor.

We have said to our children that they must obey the law and we have consistently disobeyed laws. Laws that should not exist perhaps, but we have made very little attempt to correct a single law and most of us are frankly afraid to speak up for legal reform.

Kinsey has estimated that 74% of the men of the United States have committed adultery, a crime punishable in the State of California by six months and a \$300. fine. Yet try to circulate a petition calling for the repeal of this law. Signers are not to be found.

Kinsey has estimated that 50% of the adults in the United States have committed sex acts that are punishable by from one year to life in the prisons. Yet not even one, strong or adamant voice is raised to change a single law.

And we still insist that our kids obey and respect the law.

Another aspect of the laws that punish sin is the compounding of felonies by Police Departments. We are all slaves to the dollar, whether we like it or not. And the man in uniform is no different than the rest of us. Graft, bribery, and corruption are all associated with laws that restrict personal lives. We say that it is illegal to have whorehouses, but if a cop gets a few bucks out of the

traffic he can always look the other way. Gambling is sinful in the eyes of many. Therefore the floating crap game that flourishes in every city in this country must pay off to exist. In San Francisco we have an unusual situation in this respect. Gambling is so sinful that it is only tolerated, (without a payoff) in the churches of our fair city. Thou shalt not gamble, except in church.

And we expect our successors to respect the law? How foolish have we become?

The third function of the Police Departments would appear to be the only real reason for their existence. The protection of life, liberty and property can be the only justification for any police force in a republic.

Yet in this field we have fallen miserably short of the desired goals. We have allowed our police departments to become so involved in sin and income that they have no real incentive to seek out criminals. Possibly that was stated wrongly - We have allowed the Police Departments to take on so many lucrative fields that they have no time left for real crime.

Rarely a day goes by that we do not read of an officer who is charged with rape, murder or other crimes of violence.

Between the hanky-panky of the cops themselves and their inability to cope with their primary function, they have become objects of ridicule and rocks.

The dedicated officer is frustrated by his desire to do a good job and the stumbling blocks of frivolous and unnecessary duties that he must make a part of his day.

Yet we expect him to protect our life, liberty, property and still produce a certain income for the city and see to it that everyone conforms to our particular version of non-sinful activity.

And we expect our children to respect the officer who arrests everyone but ourselves for their commission of acts that we enjoy so much.

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the League. Our relationship is one of the matters. I have only a few days left before I must say to these people, "We have been taken."

If this is the report that I must make then I will not hesitate to do so. This entire matter has been a disappointment to a great number of people. Mr. Gladstein has a reputation for being a fighting liberal and it is on that reputation that we placed our confidence.

We no longer have time for conferences that lead nowhere. So after these many words it is merely a ques-

tion: Is our money to be returned or have we truly been victimized? Very truly yours, Guy Strait

The President reported that the attorneys insist that they are working on the case involved. However he stated that he felt it was a case of wasted money or worse.

COST OF THE LEAGUE
 Altho the operating statement of the League was presented with its loss, the President pointed out that the operation of the League itself is not expensive but that the total cost of the operation of the NEWS was in the vicinity of \$1,000 a month.

Since the inception of the War Chest and until a few months ago, the advertising revenue of the NEWS fell to an all time low while the circulation increased to 10,000. However when the paper became less militant the advertising revenue did not increase immediately but the circulation revenue decreased.

Causes of the decrease in circulation were given as the appeals that had been made to an ever-narrowing field of readers.

To correct this the President proposed that the paper make a concerted attempt to appeal to all classes in the Community. Pointing out that the paper is, in essence, serving a small city of 70,000 persons there are those interested in cafe society, those interested in motor bikes, those interested in fashion, and those interested in political action. And to attract the readership of these people we must carry news of interest to all of them.

He further proposed that the restrictions of editorial policy be changed to be more realistic. THE NEWS has consistently refused to use several words in common usage while, at the same time, using other words not in common usage.

Discussion followed regarding the proposals of the President.

A motion was made and passed that the Editor be allowed to publish the paper in any way that he saw fit.

Mr. Hal Call, a visitor to the meeting, pointed out that the NEWS had made history when it carried paid political advertisements for all the

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major candidates for office in its election issue. He asked that the members of the League not allow THE NEWS nor the League to die.

Mr. Call, Editor of the Matinee Review, a publication interested in homosexual problems was highly complimentary of the President.

CASBAH HALLOWEEN

Exclusive to THE NEWS by Gene SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

October 31st gave the lie to the sometimes held opinion that every night is Halloween at Dorothy's Casbah.

Tricks there may be but never the treats that were in store at the long anticipated party which formally opened the year's gayest social season. It was the best-attended affair of its kind Spokane has seen for many years. Old timers believe Dorothy to be responsible for the great attendance.

Extra help was needed for the bar and Dorothy saw to it that no one went unserved for the reason "Not enough help was laid out." Dorothy was present with five others behind the bar.

Next to Dorothy, the broadest smile was worn by Jan, of the team of Jan and Robbin who have created the effective new interior. While not complete, the place still elicits admiration from those who haven't been in for a couple of weeks. Robbin, who denied that he was costumed as the Countess of Monte Cristo was too busy looking after his customers to share the praise.

Because this was a costume party, Dorothy hired a city policeman to watch the door. He was off duty but in complete uniform. His reason for being at the door was to redirect any wife and to keep the dirt from the door. (A tribute to the salubrious social climate of Spokane). No drunks made it thru the door and only two curiosity-seekers.

If they were incredulous, it was not without reason. Perhaps a third of the patrons were in some costume. Nikki-Norman was a French Coquette, Ella, a vamp right out of the Gay 90s, and Jardson insisted he came as Judy Garland, but he wasn't quite thin enough. Bob, breathless as a bride though it was actually a cotillion as far as he was concerned, was truly the envy of everyone. Then, there was a beautiful assortment of Roman togas—Sonny from Idaho, was just too much—a monk. A couple of unlikely looking lumberjacks with a pet chimpanzee as their child, Ed as a Left Bank Artist, (He should wear a beard forever), and an interesting, not unanticipated formal and informal gowns. Jay twirled the pearls like an old pro, even the pet chimpanzee was in costume - he slept thru the entire proceedings.

Only Mr. X declined to reveal his identity, which was known to only a few of the celebrants. Mr. X, fabulous in his makeup, which must have been influenced by Chico Marx, planned to reappear for Saturday's session at the Casbah.

For when Dorothy throws a party, it isn't just a one-night stand. Spokane has staying power.

Mr. Gee's magic show provided the formal entertainment and it was truly a professional presentation. It may have been unintended, but Mr. Gee (he was assisted by a transformed Nikki-Norman in svelte net, hose practically to the armpits) made an almost symbolic use of his trick ball, his trick candle, (greatly appreciated by the ladies at the corner table) and his trick box, from which a rabbit appeared. But best of all was the magic light bulb, which lighted and free, he made float through the air.

Truly the Casbah can put on a show that television could never match.

Saturday night following Halloween was a repeat with others in their costumes. Annie and Durid provided the entertainment that night.

CAFE SOCIETY

The big, big party that the boys from Coit Tower gave after Halloween has a lot of people talking. Some of the people who went there have not yet recovered. Kitch of the Edgewater tells us that it was beyond the moon. Michelle says that he has not yet recovered. We did not get to make the affair. Between the election, the Halloween, and getting an issue of this paper out on the stands it was impossible.

The Grand, Grand Opening of The Stud, San Francisco's newest bar was celebrated by a heck of a lot of people. Tom O'Halley, genial host of the corral tells me that after Sunday night there was nothing left to drink in the house. Champagne corks popped just like popcorn on a country Saturday night at the movies. The buffet featured barbecued spare ribs and a duo of tongues in aspic surrounded by all sorts of goodies (On the table). On Monday, The Stud hosted a group of bartenders who also approved of this place.

The D'Oak Room, a close-by neighbor of THE STUD was represented by Bill Plath and Bob Walker and some friends of Bill's who are enjoying our fair city and telling of the heat wave in Miami.

Down at D'Oak, Bill has taken down a great deal of his old decor and now has a poster from a beer that went out of business several years ago, sort of on the western side, in honor of the Stud I suppose. Bill is planning a big deal between Christmas and Thanksgiving and when Bill throws a party you know that you have been to a bash. Jack Garner from that place has shaved off his beard and looks 10 years younger. And when you check the photos on the way to the "Excuse Me"

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Yosemite Banned To Sex Deviates

A Federal judge said yesterday he will not tolerate homosexuals turning Yosemite National Park into a "perverts" paradise.

A spokesman for the Park, Granite Liles noted that 1,500,000 persons annually visit the park and that they have worked hard to keep out all undesirables.

District Judge Thomas J. MacBride of Sacramento indicated that the two men appearing before him for sentencing were drawn to the park because the word was out that this was a good place for perverts.

He said that last year three persons were arrested on perversion charges (The News has recorded 18 arrests in Yosemite last year).

Two men were tried by Judge MacBride and were sentenced to three years in federal prison for homosexual acts, but Judge MacBride suspended all but six months of their terms and ordered them to undergo psychiatric treatment. The judge admitted that this was a stiff penalty in cases of this kind, and indicated he would be equally severe in similar cases.

"I hope others of this kind will take note and keep away from Yosemite before it is ruined by their conduct."

The Editor of THE NEWS will visit Yosemite this year as usual but will notify the Park Department so they can deny him admission if they so desire.

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We have a note from the Deep South and for the sake of the Dixiecrats, this means anything south of Los Angeles. The note tells us that at Oceanside, California, near Camp Pendleton, there is an excellent motel. The Pier Motel by name, it makes an excellent place to stay if you are visiting friends at the Camp.

Then coming from Dallas was a call telling us of a new place opening in that fair city. Hold on for the name - are you really ready for this? When in Dallas - are you really ready - You are invited to visit Cal Keach at "Mercy Mary", located on the south side of town - 214 S. Murray. Were you ready?

MORE HALLOWEEN

On October 31st after the bars had closed the mob descended on two of the biggest affairs yet. The most unusual one, The Beaux Arts Ball was sponsored by the Jumpin' Frog at The Druids Hall.

This place has a capacity of about 2000 people with a dance floor that accommodates 500. The attendance before bar closing time was light but the bar kept busy. However when this reporter arrived on the scene at One AM there was a goodly number and then the deluge came after the other spots had closed.

After this there was such dancing as has not been seen in San Francisco in many moons (full ones).

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ornia the laws are so written that a private place, and a place not open to the public view are not so much involved with the law.

The second big affair that followed the bar hours on Halloween was held at Original Don's Restaurant. Haku, depicting the Queen of Thailand walked away with first prize, followed by Carlos with second prize.

The place was packed for several hours and only began to thin out when the bars opened at 6 AM. Al St. Claire, Star of Finnochios and "The Great White Father", Leon Clark were judges of the contest.

There was a five-piece band and a buffet was served in the lower floor rooms. It had been such a big night that several of the celebrants were out on their feet.

It would appear that the coming and popular spot in town for Sunday Brunch is The German House on Bay Street (You can look for a surprise announcement, any day)

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'Black Cat' Hangs on to Its Last Life

The Black Cat is really going to die, this time. But it has nine lives—and a plea pending with the U.S. Supreme Court.

The famous restaurant-bar at 710 Montgomery street has been full of literary atmosphere for decades. More recently it has also been a favorite of the "gay set."

It has been the bane of the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Department's existence, during a 15-year fight to shut it down.

Yesterday in Sacramento department aides said they are marching onto the premises at midnight on October 31. They told reporters they will bolt the Cat doors shut, "come hell or high water."

That's a cruel time to do it. That is Halloween, the night when the boys dress up and have their traditional costume party.

A party which, despite its fame, proprietor Sol Stoumen insists is "strictly a spontaneous affair."

"Sure," Stoumen conceded, "alleged homosexuals — we have quite a few, but I don't know if they're really homosexuals, and it's none of my business as long as they behave."

"It's a witch hunt," he said.

It will be a great deal more than another gay saloon that closes, for once the Cat gave refreshment and courage to many a struggling artist — and to many a socialite down from Nob Hill to study bohemianism in its native habitat.

In the 1930s, you used to run into Bill Saroyan there, and John Steinbeck, and such artists as Ralph Stackpole and Dong Kingman.

One attorney, Morris Lowenthal, has single-handedly been keeping this place open for 15 years, despite intermittent charges brought against Stoumen, by State and local enforcement agents.

"And Stoumen said he has spent \$5200 in just the past 15 months for printing more fat legal briefs concerning homosexuals and public places.

CAUSE

"I know it's an unpopular cause," said Stoumen, an "old married man" with five children.

"The Black Cat has been a symbol of a fight that has benefited the gay people to a degree. That's why they (the ABC) want to knock us out..."

CHARGES

In August of 1956, the State agents made a batch of charges against the bistro, including a claim that "lewd and indecent acts" took place there. The State Supreme Court recently refused to take jurisdiction on this case — and that was the basis for the decision yesterday for the October 31 shutdown.

Lowenthal was out of the country yesterday when this news came to town. But his law partner, Matthew B. Weinberg, was moved near to tears.

"That place is like an institution," he said. "This is like losing the cable cars or the Golden Gate Bridge."

Meanwhile, Stoumen fired off an appeal for a writ of stay from United States Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

State authorities said Justice Douglas first must decide



SOL STOUMEN
"It's a witch hunt"

if the high court can take jurisdiction, and by the time it decides, the Cat will be dark.

But, if that's the case, he'll reopen as just a restaurant and coffee house until Douglas decides, the thick-shouldered Stoumen asserted stubbornly.

Just in case he's miscalculated and it's the "Cat's" tenth life they're working on, he's taking courses in IBM machines at Marin Junior College.

By Bill Yaryan

The full moon rose on Halloween like a great silver pumpkin over the intersection of Montgomery street and Columbus avenue.

It shone down on a large milling crowd of more than 2000, ostensibly sober celebrants outside The Black Cat at 710 Montgomery.

If numbers are any indication, The Black Cat gave the most successful Halloween party in its history—even though its history as a bar had ended.

License

Early yesterday, State liquor agents trooped into the place and lifted owner Sol Stoumen's license to dispense spirits.

So deprived, Stoumen was forced to serve apple cider, orange, grape and pineapple juice, bitter lemon tonic, Calso, Coca-Cola and fruit punch.

But the lack of spirits—those in costume excepted—did not dampen the gaiety of the close-quartered patrons inside the famed bohemian night spot.

Homosexuals

For a number of years, The Black Cat has been the gathering place of homosexuals and Halloween has traditionally been the time when men



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The party's crew, sipping their soft drinks and weaving to the mu-

sic of a ragtime piano, were a democratic lot: college students, business men, matrons with mink coats and jewelry, tee-shirted men in boots, and couples who looked as if they had just come to town for a big night out.

Black Cat

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Merla Zellerbach

CHRIS IS A talented homosexual. He paints, plays the flute, writes plays and interior decorates—which is why he came to my house a few mornings ago.

"The ABC says they're bolting the Cat," he announced, dropping the drapery samples on the couch.

I knew he was referring to the Alcoholic Beverage Control plan to "bolt shut" Montgomery street's famous Black Cat.

"What's worse," he said, "they're closing it on Halloween, the night of our big costume party!"

"Why that night?"

"Just to be mean. They've been after the Cat 15 years—it's become a symbol of this whole fight against gay bars and our right to assemble..."

WHILE CHRIS FRETTERED in the living room, I phoned my friend, the Senator — alias Guy Strait, editor of "The News," the local newspaper for "social variants."

"How can they close the Black Cat?" I asked.

"They claim 'lewd acts' have been taking place there," he answered. "You

know what that means: An ABC agent in plain clothes starts conversation with a guy at the bar, plays kneesles with him and implies he wants to go to his house. As soon as they leave—boom! The agent arrests him for a lewd act!

"But don't worry, they can't possibly shut the Cat's doors. All they can do is march in like panzers and rip the license off the wall. That means Sol (the proprietor) won't be able to sell any more liquor. But there's no law says he can't have a party in there, or give drinks away."

I THANKED the Senator and related this to Chris. "Good news, isn't it? You can still have your party without drinking."

"Not really," said Chris. "After midnight they can arrest us for impersonating women. It's illegal—except on Halloween."

"Would they go that far?"

"They might. You may not believe this, but I couldn't care less about the \$200 I spent on my costume—that's just money. I DO care about losing my civil rights and liberties!"

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