

# San Francisco MATTACHINE NEWSLETTER

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## JUVENILE DELINQUENCY HEARINGS REVEAL LEGALITY OF M.S.; CITE LIQUOR, DOPE, NEWSPAPERS AS PRIME CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

Investigations into the juvenile delinquency problem in three West Coast cities --San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco--received prominent newspaper display during late September, and eager reporters attempted to infer a connection between delinquency and the attempts of "sex deviates to organize," but facts proved the opposite.

Senator Hendrickson (R.) of New Jersey headed a Senate committee from Washington which conducted the hearings. No call for testimony was made to the Mattachine Society, although public press notices clearly indicated that the committee knew of its existence.

A few days prior to the committee sessions at San Francisco, a police official appeared before a grand jury investigating the local juvenile problem. He stated that the department knew of the existence of the Mattachine Society, that its membership was about 30 members in the Bay Area, its activities had been investigated and found to be legal.

Narcotics and liquor, both not too difficult to obtain in various localities, were factors in the delinquency problem, the committee learned, but even these factors were not outstanding when the whole picture was viewed.

Customary front page play by newspapers of isolated outbreaks of violence and crime by juveniles was listed as another factor.

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Its Policy," page 4.

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## HOMOSEXUAL PERSONALITY TYPES, TRANSEXUALS, ARE NOV.-DEC. MATTACHINE DISCUSSION TOPICS

Program subjects for November and December have been set for the discussion group of the Mattachine Society, Inc., at San Francisco. Each of the programs will feature women in discussions of topics of keen interest to all members and friends of the organization.

The subject for November 4 will be a recorded lecture by Dr. Evelyn Hooker of the University of California at Los Angeles. This prominent psychiatrist is research advisor to the Society's Board of Directors. Her discussion is centered upon the findings of a battery of tests given to a volunteer group of some 75 male homosexuals in August 1953 at Los Angeles. This is the first time such a large group of men has ever submitted to such tests, and thus the results are particularly significant because those tested were not clinical cases. In particular, the recorded lecture reveals results of study into the question, "Is There a Personality Type Among Male Homosexuals?"

Thursday, December 2, is the date of a scheduled talk on the subject of "Aspects and Developments of the Transexual," by a Bay Area woman with firsthand knowledge of the problems faced by such persons as Miss Christine Jorgensen and Miss Roberta Colwell--both of whom are now in London. It is significant that this category of human sex phenomena is probably even less understood than other aberrations, variations and anomalies. The speaker addressed the Society here a year ago, but promises to be even more interesting this year, since she has since acquired more extensive knowledge of the subject.

Each program will be held on a first Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the center of the American Friends Service Committee, 1830 Sutter street, San Francisco. The public is invited to attend.

FOR THE CHAPTER LIBRARY:

California. State Mental Health Coordinating Committee.

ONE PROBLEM--A REPORT. (1954) 72 pp.

Individuals are described frequently as school problems, or police problems, or mental health problems -- depending on the government agency which must deal with them. But the isolation of these situations is an error, for they merely represent different points at which the maladjusted person comes in contact with the formal restrictions of society. The achievement of mental health, an interaction process from childhood to maturity, is a single problem, and one in which many agencies of the state are concerned. Cooperation between the departments of Correction, Education, Mental Hygiene, Public Health, Recreation, Social Welfare and the Youth Authority, and the convergence of their activities in encouraging the positive elements of mental health is the subject of this report.

Obtainable from California Department of Mental Hygiene, 1320 K Street, Sacramento, Calif., free of charge.

California. Board of Corrections.

CALIFORNIA MALE PRISONERS RELEASED ON PAROLE, 1946-1949. (1953) 48 pp.

The Bureau of Criminal Statistics has prepared this special report, the first extensive study of parole releases in California. The figures reveal that more than half the parolees for the 1946-49 period completed their paroles without violation and were discharged. There is substantiation for the conclusion that the most frequent parole violators are those who commit relatively non-dangerous offenses, such as forgery, rather than the more publicized offenders--the murderers, the sex criminals.

Obtainable free from California Department of Corrections, 502 State Office Building No. 1, Sacramento 14, Calif.

Lee, Margie Robinson

GLANDULAR TREATMENT OF MALE SEX OFFENDERS. Portland, Mental Health Association of Oregon, 1953. 5 pp. mimeographed.

Presents evidence that social-emotional factors rather than glandular factors go into the shaping of human personality at the root of sexual deviation.

NEW STATE HOSPITAL TREATMENT  
OFFERS HOPE TO SEX DEVIATES

Less than 10% of the patients released from Metropolitan State Hospital in three years have returned or gotten into trouble again.

A treatment program which was unknown, and in most cases believed impossible only three years ago, is proving so successful that while formerly nine out of ten sex patients released had to be returned because they had repeated the offense, less than one out of ten return now.

This hopeful fact was among those that were brought out by a former hospital patient who spent 20 months at Metropolitan Hospital (Norwalk), including 9 months as a member of the Executive Council of the patient-organized Emotional Security Program.

The occasion was the regular monthly Mattachine discussion meeting held on the 2nd of September. A 45-minute address was followed by an equal period of questions and general discussion in which there was lively participation.

The ex-E.S.P. councilman explained that group psychotherapy coupled with the Emotional Security Program as a 24-hour-a-day endeavor to undergird the therapy were at the heart of the treatment.

Implicit in the treatment is the belief that sex offenders are made and not born, and that the opportunities for emotional relearning and readjustment are enormous if the motivation for change can be nourished and encouraged.

The all-male sex deviate unit included exhibitionists, child molesters, homosexuals, peeping Toms, and certain types of rapists. Of the group only about 5% could be described as aggressive in their actual sex behavior, contrary to the popular conception of the "sex fiend."

The psychiatrists don't claim to "cure" their patients, but they point to the encouraging statistics of patients who have gained self-understanding and who are successfully finding places in society, in which they can be happy and useful.

Voluntary patient-led groups patterned after the doctor-led ones helped prepare new patients and supplemented the work the regular staff did. The permissive attitude of the hospital was a strong factor in encouraging patients to help themselves.

THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SOCIETY.....

# NOVEMBER IS "MATTACHINE MAGAZINE" MONTH



Subscriptions are now coming in for the proposed new bi-monthly magazine of the Mattachine Society, Inc. BUT before it can be issued, MANY more subscriptions will be necessary. Such a publication costs a lot of money. That's why we ask YOU.....

### Why not join this important project?

WHAT'S YOUR IDEA FOR A NAME?

The final name of the magazine has still to be selected. Send us your suggestions.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES are: \$2.50 per year, or 4 years for \$10. Every member and friend of the Society is urged to send the amount for a 4-year subscription right away.

The Mattachine Magazine (or digest, review or whatever it will be called) will be a publication issued 6 times each year, to accurately inform the general public about various aspects of sex variation, social integration, and the solution of the problem. It will be designed to appeal to persons in the professions as well as to all persons faced with the problem themselves.

ARTICLES are needed as much as funds to produce and distribute the publication. Any and all ideas which might be helpful in planning and producing the magazine are now being earnestly solicited by the Society's publications department.

BUT SUBSCRIPTIONS are the No. 1 on the magazine agenda. It will cost about \$800 to produce each of the first year's issues--and this amount will have to come from subscriptions. Don't put it off--fill in the enclosed coupon, send your check or money order TODAY.

## It's for YOU!

Yes, that's right. The proposed magazine is **one** of the non-profit projects proposed by the Mattachine Society to help advance the Mattachine program of understanding and solving the pressing social problem of the homosexual and the sex variant. The magazine won't be gay. Instead, it will attempt to perform a real service for the whole of American society.

MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.  
Post Office Box 1925, Los Angeles 53, Calif.  
Enclosed is a ( ) check ( ) Money order for which please enter my subscription for ( ) years to the Mattachine Magazine. I understand that publication is planned for early 1955, but that the amount of my subscription will be refunded upon demand, if such demand is made in advance of issuing the initial edition

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## ★ MEMBERSHIP BOX SCORE . . .

September membership totals for the San Francisco area were as follows:

Alpha----	(109)-----	7
Beta----	(111)-----	5
Gamma----	(115)-----	8
Oakland--	(110)-----	5
Berkeley-	(108)-----	7
Emeryville	(112)(Temp. Suspended)	
TOTAL FOR AREA-----		32

### MATTACHINE SOCIETY RESTATES ITS POLICY

The Mattachine Society recently restated its policy regarding participation in its program by persons under 21 years of age.

"Our policy has always been and still is in effect, that no one under 21 may attend our meetings or hold membership in the organization," said the chairman of the Board of Directors.

As regards minors, however, the Society believes that many persons under 21 are faced with sex orientation problems. Unfortunately, many such persons do not obtain professional counselling and guidance at this time when such aid could be most helpful to them.

Narcotics addiction, Society officials believe, is not related to the sex variation problem as some spokesmen have stated. In the Society, users of such drugs are unknown. In addition, there has been no information of any connection between sex variants and the use of drugs to lure

### COLLEGE PROFESSOR ASSAILS NEWSPAPERS FOR EMPHASIS ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Statistics on juvenile delinquency usually mount up whenever newspapers start prodding juvenile authorities to greater stringency and less informal disposition of complaints. That's the opinion of Austin McCormick, professor of criminology at the University of California, Berkeley.

"If given control of the headlines for one month in any large city, I could raise the 'juvenile delinquency rate' 40 to 80% by playing Pachucos all over the page, whether they were real or not, and making much of the sock-'em-and-rock-'em movies, and lambasting the courts for being too lenient."

When such newspaper campaigns achieve their goal of stringent treatment, McCormick said, "then boys, who usually go home, go through the courts instead, and become statistics."

### MATTACHINE SOCIETY BREAKFAST TO BE HELD OCTOBER 24TH

Sunday, October 24, is the date of the next Mattachine Breakfast event to be held in San Francisco. Persons planning to be present should contact a chapter chairman for the location, since it has been moved

anyone into varied sex practices. It is hardly necessary to state that the Society opposes such illegal activity.

For exact locations  
Contact a Chapter  
Chairman

# CALENDAR

O F E V E N T S



Evening  
Meetings  
Begin at  
8 p.m.

### OCTOBER

- 21--San Francisco Chapters, Business Meeting, 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco
- 24--Mattachine Breakfast, San Francisco 12 noon to 5 p.m.
- 27--Area Council Meeting, San Francisco

### NOVEMBER

- 4--Discussion Group Meeting, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter St. Topic, Report on Sex Research, by Dr. E. Hooker.

- 10--Oakland-Berkeley Chapter business Meeting, Grand & Telegraph, Oakland.
- 18--San Francisco Chapters, Business Meeting, place to be announced.
- 30--Area Council Meeting, Grand & Telegraph, Oakland.

### DECEMBER

- 2--Discussion Group Meeting, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter St.