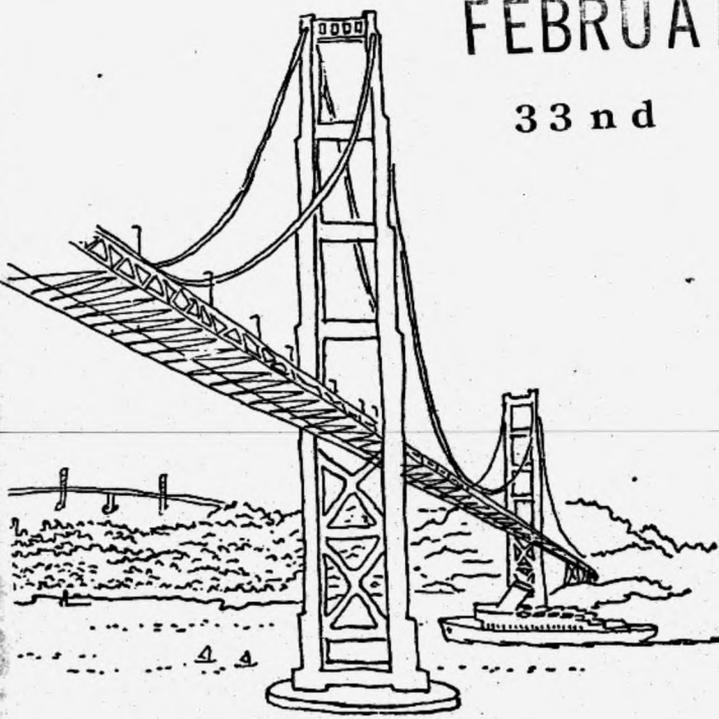


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BOARD MEETING

Los Angeles, February 25-26

Date of the 4th quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mattachine Society is February 25-26 at Los Angeles. Business session will be held on Saturday afternoon, with a dinner in the evening. All Society members are welcome to attend. Contact the Board of Directors, Mattachine Society, Post Office Box 1925, Los Angeles 53, Calif., for details.

NEW YORK - BOSTON

new chapters formed on east coast

Recently formed chapters at New York City and Boston have been welcomed into the Society. These two units mark the first actual organizational spread to the Atlantic Coast. In the meantime, a report from the Chicago Area Council chairman indicates that a reorganization has taken place there, and chapter activities have been combined under supervision of the Area Council there.

SAN FRANCISCO:

scene of annual meeting

May is convention month in the Mattachine Society. This year, the annual meeting will be held at San Francisco. Dates are May 12-13. A full day of addresses and lectures by experts in professional fields has been promised, plus an evening banquet at the Hotel Bellevue. Registration and the banquet ticket together will cost only \$5. Won't you send in your reservation early?

ONE INSTITUTE

An impressive day-long series of reports highlighting events of the past year, forecasts for the future, and an appraisal of the significant first half-decade since 1950 characterized the 4th annual board meeting and institute of One, Inc., held January 27-28 at Los Angeles. Invited guests included the Board of Directors of Mattachine Society, Inc., and the chairman of the National Association for Sex Research, Inc., Los Angeles.

In outlining plans and progress of the corporation, One's officers strikingly emphasized the varied activities of the organization other than the magazine itself. Described in detail were the publications division, research division, social services division, educational activities and the library.

At a closed dinner meeting on January 27, Editor Ann Carll Reid was elected chairman of One, Inc., for the year, succeeding Bill Lambert, business manager of the magazine. Her appearance on the program served to spotlight the important work of women on the magazine, other projects, and in the field of behavioral studies in which One, Mattachine and MASR are engaged. This interesting part of the program saw the appearance of three One staff members, plus the introduction of the chairman and secretary of Daughters of Bilitis, a San Francisco women's organization studying sex problems, and the leaders of a chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous at Los Angeles which specializes in aiding persons with a combined alcohol-sex problem.

Harry Hay, one of the founders of the Mattachine Foundation, traced in fullest detail

to date the history of the movement and the meaning of the name chosen for it. His paper embraced the period from the beginning to the date when the foundation dissolved in favor of the democratic Society of the present time.

Officers of Mattachine reported on activities of their departments and evaluated progress in terms of the problems faced and methods applied to overcome them.

Secretary Dale G. Olsen read the report of Chairman Ken Burns, since the latter was on a business trip in the East. Activation of chapters in Boston and New York was mentioned, and work of legal-legislative, public relations and research departments noted. A special 20-page issue of Mattachine Review contained the story of Society publications and production of the magazine. It was dedicated to One for the occasion.

President Steve Potter of National Association for Sex Research outlined the emphasis upon legal matters placed by his organization. Interesting comment was made that although the nation's three main laymen's organizations at work in the field were all headquartered in Los Angeles, this coincidence has an explanation: In reality all sprang from the same source, yet each chose different methods, specializations and projects.

Each member of the One corporation discussed a departmental topic such as the library, plans for independently sponsored research, social service in job finding and related activities, books and magazines published by America's recently developed "homosexual press," aid to speakers and lecturers and the educational program.

Two new publications by One were announced: first, a paper-bound volume reporting the Institute in full, and second, a special newsletter to be published by the magazine and issued to members of the organization on a basis in proportion to the extent of financial support. The book will in addition summarize the first five years of the last half of the 20th Century as a significant period in the emergence of a minority defined on terms of sex and personality orientation. A pre-publication price of \$1.50 per copy was given, with the volume to sell for more after it comes off the press.

Theme of the Institute was "The American Homosexual, 1950-1955." History of the organizations represented is confined principally to that period, but equally important were two "Signposts of Change," covered in an address by Blanche Baker, M.D., San Francisco psychiatrist, who spoke to the group. The signposts specifically mentioned were Donald Webster Cory's "Homosexual in America," and James Barr Fugate's "Quatrefoil," each a volume which contributed a great deal to a serious presentation of non-heterosexual outlook. Dr. Baker reviewed these two books.

SEND STAMPS FOR SPECIAL ISSUE

Mentioned in the report of the Institute held by One, Inc., recently at Los Angeles, the special issue of Mattachine Review issued for the occasion is available to newsletter readers. The 20-page edition contains principally a report of the publications department. For a copy, send 6 cents in stamps to the Review at 693 Mission St., San Francisco 5, California.

"BATTLE OF SEXES" DISCUSSION SCHEDULED

Recently formed at San Francisco, and with plans for extending membership to an additional group in Los Angeles, the Daughters of Bilitis women's organization has consented to appear in a round-table discussion April 5 at San Francisco with Mattachine Society experts. The topic, in general, will hold to aspects of the deviation and behavior problems of men and women as two distinct groups, and will no doubt include a verbal skirmish with the ever-present gap between the two sexes. Time and place of this meeting are the same as for regular monthly discussions mentioned in the Calendar of Events.

OFFICE SPACE EXPANDED ON MISSION STREET

Office space of the San Francisco Area Council and the Mattachine Review was more than doubled the first of this month when an additional, larger room was taken on the third floor at 693 Mission Street. The new space has been made into the center of administrative, business, art and editorial activities, leaving the original room for mechanical production. Telephone service has been provided in each room, since they are not connected. Number of the new room is 307. Members and friends are invited to inspect the new quarters, and make use of the limited library facilities offered. In addition, volunteers are called to this room for assistance at any of the nightly and weekend work sessions. Please call EXbrook 7-0773 first, however, unless a specific session has been previously announced.

MEMBERS WANT DINNERS TO CONTINUE

Because the January dinner meeting was almost a flop (only seven of a minimum of 20 persons

guaranteed were present), a discussion was held recently to determine if these events should be continued, and to urge better attendance in the future.

Continuation of the monthly dinner schedule was the decision, but a change to the third Thursday evening was in the new plan. The dining room of the Paper Doll restaurant was retained as the location.

Next dinner meeting will be at 8 p.m. February 16. The cost is only \$2 per plate for a four-course meal. While no planned programs are possible at the present time, all attending have an opportunity to become better acquainted with leaders and members, and to learn more about Mattachine aims and principles. Please make an advance reservation to EXbrook-7-0773, or call the social chairman..

WOMEN'S GROUP TO BE HOSTS AT BRUNCH

The chairman and secretary of Daughters of Bilitis have extended an invitation to members and friends of the Society at San Francisco to attend a Sunday Brunch (12 noon to 4p.m.) at 651 Duncan street on February 26. The customary dollar breakfast will be served. Since this group has expressed aims very similar to those of the Mattachine, it is urged that everyone in the latter group take advantage of this opportunity to learn methods whereby mutual aid may be applied to advance the social services of each organization.

LOS ANGELES BOARD MEETING FEB. 25-26

Fourth quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held February 25-26 at Los Angeles. At the meeting, the chairman has asked each departmental director to submit reports,

plus any business from the departments and areas which should be scheduled on the agenda of the forthcoming May convention. Since the chairman has been on a business trip in the mid-West and East, details of the Board meeting have not been completed, but it is expected that a business session will be held Saturday afternoon, February 25, followed by a dinner in the evening and an informal Sunday brunch service the next day. Members from all areas are invited.

Up-to-date and first hand reports on other areas visited by him will be made at the meeting by Ken Burns, chairman.

CONVENTION PLANS ARE GOING AHEAD

Research Director Basil Vaerlen, program chairman for the annual convention to be held at San Francisco May 11-13 at the Hotel Bellevue, announces that steps are being taken to obtain top-flight speakers from professional fields for the "main event," both sessions of Saturday, May 12.

A tentative schedule for the convention follows:

Saturday May 12

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 11:00 a.m. Registration
- 1:00 p.m. Call to order; Welcome
- 1:15 p.m. Chairman's Address
- 1:45 p.m. Lectures and Discussions
- 4:30 p.m. End of First Session
- 6:30 p.m. Cocktails
- 7:30 p.m. Banquet

Sunday May 13

- 10:00 a.m. Writers' Seminar
- 1:00 p.m. Second Session, Business Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Adjournment

James (Barr) Fugate has stated that he cannot attend as he had earlier indicated. In place of the writer's seminar previously scheduled for Sunday morning, an author's round table will be conducted among those who have submitted manuscripts in the Review in the past, and the editorial staff. Others interested in the work are invited to attend this session.

Annual business meeting of the Society will be held Sunday afternoon, and it will be followed by the first quarterly Board meeting of the new directors elected by the convention.

In order to speed reporting of the departments and officers, a plan this year will be to publish departmental and official reports except the remarks of the chairman. These reports must be submitted in manuscript form, limited to 1000 words or less, to the Publications Department on or before April 25. At the convention, this material will be furnished to all in attendance in permanent booklet form.

SEX CHARGES MADE AGAINST 23 MEN

Some 23 men were arrested, eight on felony, and 15 on misdemeanor charges in Palo Alto during the first week of February. It was the result of a police action which followed complaints from patrons of the Southern Pacific railroad. All charges against the men, according to newspaper reports, were for violation of sex laws, including perversion and lewd conduct. Activities, police said, all occurred in the men's room of the depot. Among those arrested were professional men, teachers and university graduate students. Another 35 men were questioned.

This item is reported in this newsletter because once again the Mattachine Society's San Francisco Area Council wishes to point out the organizations stand in such matters.

Since the Mattachine Society was formed, it

has strongly supported police action and law enforcement in any situation where sex activity has taken place in public, or where minors are involved, force or violence is used, or disease is spread through indiscriminate contacts.

No group of persons in our culture can ask for or expect unlimited license in sex matters.

Seeking understanding of and promoting education on the homosexual problem is one thing; affronting standards of public decency is another. The former is a legitimate and worthwhile aim. The latter is something no one in the Mattachine Society wishes to see happen.

The small number of homosexuals and other sex deviates who participate in any public sexual activity only worsen the situation for the vast majority of such persons who have high personal standards and exercise self control and respect. Unfortunately, however, the activities and violations of law reported above tend to make the Mattachine project, if anything, more difficult.

Work for a change of law, an avowed Mattachine aim, must never be interpreted as condoning violations of presently effective statutes. The Mattachine Society commends the action of law enforcement authorities in the Palo Alto affair.

DATES TO REMEMBER

In February, note the following dates and activities:

- 12 - Brunch, 6835 Calif.St. 1p.m.
- 16 - Monthly Dinner - Paper Doll Restaurant,
8 p.m. sharp
- 29 - Area Council Business Meeting, 8 p.m.

Plan now to attend the brunch and dinner meetings and friends of yours are always welcome.

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But getting out the Review, and earnestly endeavoring to make it better all the time, is no easy task. It takes the work of many, and a lot more work by the few in the publications department.

Every subscriber, every reader, however, has a hand in the project. Your subscription dollars, newsstand purchases, and your contributions have made the project possible. We are counting on these purchases and gifts to continue, because we shall falter without them.

Standard approaches and channels don't apply to a product such as the Review—that's obvious. It can't be sold like a fraternal, religious or purely professional journal. Many problems with which the latter have no concern beset the Review at every turn, because of the emotional, sensitive and explosive character of our subject.

That's why our appeal for funds never ends. Our need never diminishes. The magazine is a project of a non-profit educational and research organization. It pays no salaries. Most of its labor, some of its supplies, and all of its editorial material come without cost to the Society—they must, otherwise we couldn't put it out. But certain costs for materials and commercial services must be met. So keep the contributions coming—the need for funds will always be great!



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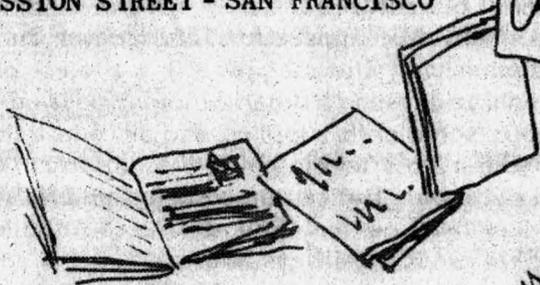
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