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U.C. TO SURVEY BAY AREA HOMOSEXUALITY

The University of California School of Criminology will, as a summer project, undertake a survey of homosexual life in the bay area. It is felt that the result of this research would add to the bulk of recent and new research into the socioecological factors of homosexuality.

The project staff postulates that the "fact-myths" held by homosexuals and the police about each other are a function of the existing relationship between the two groups.

Attention will be focussed on two such "fact-myths" held by the police and society about homosexuality. They are: (1) the supposed "dangerous seducing and converting" aspect of the homosexual, and (2) that he is clandestine and sociopathic.

The project staff feels (1) that the homosexual, both individually and collectively, does not as a rule seduce reluctant or innocent persons into his way of life, and (2) that the "clandestine and sociopathic" characteristics of the homosexual vis-a-vis the police are merely the overt manifestations of a "life style" necessary for survival qua survival from the police.

The purpose of the project is to collect detailed descriptions of the life styles of members of the various homosexual communities in light of the two "fact-myths", to determine the recruitment or conversion process into the homosexual community, and to ascertain the characteristics of the homosexual life style having pertinent survival value against the police (as formal agents of the social system.)

SIR'S Anniversary Party

SIR's first year was officially ended Saturday evening July 24th when members and guests celebrated its first anniversary at a party in Latvian Hall.

The hall was decorated for the event in bright streamers and balloon clusters; a rosy glow from red and amber lights and candles added to the gala atmosphere.

Ample music was supplied by the four piece combo on stage, and during intermission taped music was furnished by the Dance Group.

In the downstairs bar, a tantalizing buffet was spread by the Dinner Group. Fried chicken, baked beans, potato and jello salads, French bread, pickles, olives, and celery were so abundantly

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SIR POLICY MEETING

August 1st marks the halfway point in SIR's fiscal year. In response to a petition by some of the members, the Board of Directors asked the membership to authorize a

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DR. KETTERER SPEAKS ON V. D.

Dr. Warren A. Ketterer, Chief of Venereal Disease Section of the California State Department of Health, was guest speaker at the July membership meeting of SIR. Exploding the common myth that homosexuals are responsible for the current V.D. epidemic, he emphasized the fact that although there has been a 500% increase over the past five years, making V.D. the leading communicable disease in the United States today, the male/female ratio of 70/30% has remained the same. Dr. Ketterer pointed out that no health department in California keeps statistics on the sex orientation of patients and hence he could not, nor could anyone else in his department, state statistically the homosexual connection with venereal disease. The highest incidence of the disease is among young people, Dr. Ketterer said, which results from their activities and their lack of accurate sex education and knowledge on the subject. It is his belief that the disease can be sharply limited, if not eradicated, by proper education.

Dr. Alberta Parker of the Berkeley Health Department also addressed the members and assured them that the records in the Public Health Department are kept strictly confidential.

The speakers praised SIR on its V.D. campaigns in the past, as well as on those

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Bill Beardemphl

We find in the civil rights movement great stress placed on voter qualification tests in the Southern States. Protests are justly voiced because of the outrageous discrimination of those laws' unequal enforcement. Equal law enforcement is one of the hallowed principles of our country. Yet across the nation we find similar discrimination practiced in the enforcement techniques of business licensing. I have not heard one voice raised in protest. Is this because homosexuals are being kept in their place by such injustices?

This country's economy is based upon free enterprise. We realize that business licenses are needed to insure fair business practices, just as voter registration is needed to insure that everyone has one vote equal to every other person's one vote. But in the practices associated with licensing, enforcement procedures subvert the intent of these laws. As in the misuse of voter registration in the deep South, business licensing in the State of California is not granted as a right equal to all, but is used as a regulatory measure to control those groups and individuals whom the establishment finds unfavorable.

We find extensive and harsh discriminatory licensing enforcement techniques used against homosexuals. Superintendent of Schools, Max Rafferty, has declared war on justice for all and misuses his power as a vicious weapon to ruin dedicated instructors. The Alcoholic Beverage Control perpetuates, with vicious ignorance, crimes violating business rights and constitutional liberties in its abuse of liquor license laws. Our local police assininely discriminate against homosexuals' rights to sell "junk" by the contesting and denial of antique licenses. In governmental agencies throughout California we find abuse after abuse of the rights of law-abiding citizens through a pattern of unjust licensing discrimination. In beauty work, real estate, barbering, nursing, insurance, and on and on and on; the homosexual lives in fear of being deprived of job and business. This is something that should concern all civil rights groups. Here is a real problem for the attention of our lawmakers.

We cannot help but decry unequal law enforcement practices which are contrary to the basic premises of our country. Homosexuals are citizens and must be guaranteed by our courts, the same constitutional rights that every other citizen in our country is guaranteed. I wonder who else is outraged by this blatant example of popular injustice?

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS PRESENTED

At the July membership meeting, Mr. Hal Call, President of Mattachine, and Mr. Guy Straight, Editor of Citizen's News, were made Honorary Members in SIR. Both are men of rare courage and foresight and have devoted much of their lives to the homophile movement which they have been instrumental in organizing in the bay area. Both will undoubtedly prove valuable additions to the membership.

FOR MEDITATION

The acquisition of knowledge is always of use to the intellect, because it may drive out useless things and preserve the good.-Leonardo da Vinci.

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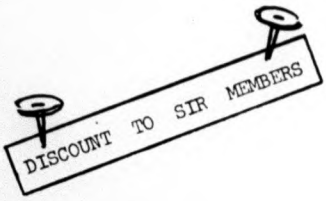

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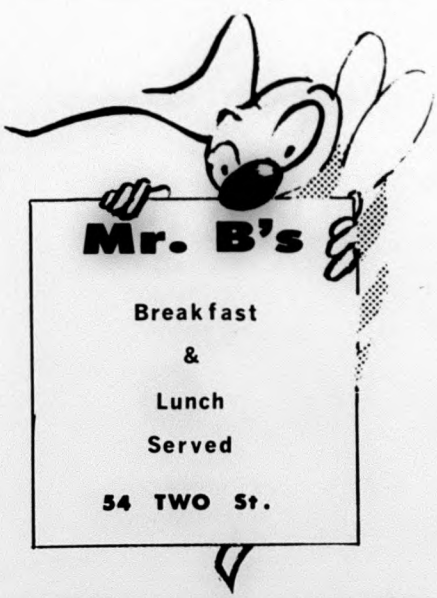

SOCIAL POLICY ON HOMOSEXUALITY DEVELOPING

by Don Lucas

More and more in our midst we are finding a growing awareness of the need for open and frank discussion of the problems which face that loosely knit minority group referred to as the homophile community.

Two study committees and a conference are examples at hand relative to this new open interest. The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California in its Sex and Gender Sub-committee is conducting an intensive investigation into the matter of civil rights in relation to sex orientation. It is hoped that the results of this study will confirm the need for a broader policy by the A.C.L.U. in matters involving the homosexual where it will be recognized that, in many instances, the homosexual is being denied his civil rights and due process. Representatives of the homophile community are working closely with other interested persons on this committee.

On September 18 and 19 of this year the East Coast Homophile Organizations have scheduled their annual conference using the theme The Homosexual Citizen in the Great Society. It is our understanding that at this conference an attempt will be made to formulate policy whereby various homophile groups throughout the country can more effectively help the homosexual citizen to be a part of what the President of the United States has termed The Great Society.

The third item of interest is the fact that Bishop James A. Pike, along with the Diocesan Council for the Diocese of California, has established a commission to "make a study in depth of the moral, theological, social and other aspects of homosexuality and the appropriate attitude and action of the Church, and particularly in this Diocese, in connection with the problems arising in this field." It is interesting again to note here that this commission was directed to be composed of not only persons with psychological, sociological and theological expertise in the field but also representatives of the homosexual "community."

It is believed that these three examples point out the fact that there is indeed a program of social action be-

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SIRPORIUM COMING

SIR is about to open a co-op store to serve our Community and the public. The store will be called The SIRPORIUM; although legally doing business under SIR's charter, it belongs to the entire community and deserves everyone's support.

The SIRPORIUM needs all manner of store equipment; tools, supplies; volunteer workers for beer and painting parties; arts and crafts to be sold on consignment; and volunteer clerks to hold the store open.

This is YOUR opportunity to support a wonderful project which is supporting YOU and which belongs to you. The SIRPORIUM also would like everyone with any commercial background or ability to serve on its committee of store trustees. If you are interested in SIRPORTING the SIRPORIUM in any way, fill out a checklist and send it to SIR, or call MANJADE.

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Memberships Discussed At Conversation

The subject of a Wednesday afternoon Conversation group several weeks ago was membership in SIR and the topic was "How Can a Member of SIR Be An Effective Campaigner for SIR?" The concensus, passed on here for the edification of the membership in general, was as follows:

1. Go where homosexuals congregate;
2. Introduce yourself to someone there;
3. Give him a brochure;
4. Tell him about SIR's past accomplishments, what it is doing now, and what it hopes to accomplish in the future.
5. Invite him to an open membership meeting;
6. Invite him to join one of t h e special interest groups;
7. Emphasize SIR's motto, "Responsible Action by Responsible People in Responsible Ways."

Bowling Group Openings

The SIR sponsored Bowling League will have openings for interested members for the Winter League starting after Labor Day. The new league will bowl every Monday starting at 8:30 p.m.

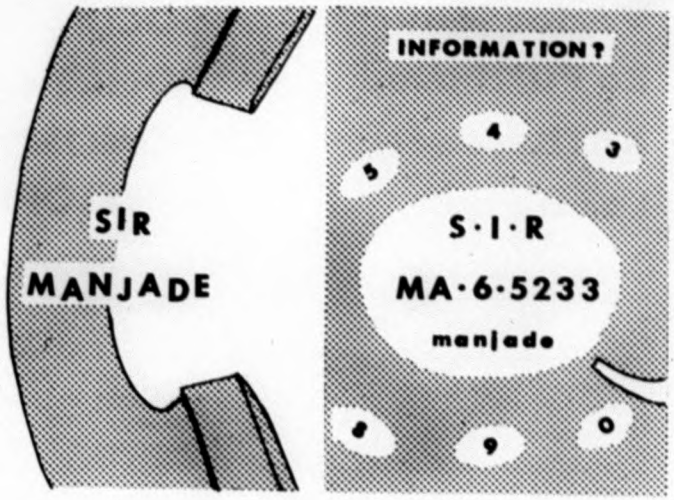
Originally the group had three lanes but has now expanded to ten lanes and will expand to the bowling alley's capacity of twenty two lanes.

Interested members need not be either an experienced or good bowler to join the league. For additional information, call MANJADE now.

AT LAST!

The Political Activities Committee is pleased to announce that we are finally forging ahead with our Voters Registration Campaign.

All those wishing to attend a night class at City Hall to learn to be a registrar please present yourselves at 807 Grove at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday the 5th of August.



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A committee is being formed that will search the learned journals of psychology, sociology, and philosophy for useful ideas in the area of human behavior primarily concerned with inter-relationships.

This committee's work is just beginning into a field of vast potential. New members are urgently needed and since this committee's work will entail a great deal of writing, a secretary is very much in demand. If you can type (machine furnished), have some free time, and like to work, please let us know. Call MANJADE.

A Nation of Sleepwalkers

by Mark Forrester

Part III

Such hysterical reactions are fully exploited in time of war, or, as in our time, in preparation for war. Once it was easy for men to fight wars; at least, they went off and got killed in them. Usually, the civil population survived and carried on whether conquered or not. Now the battlefield warrior is probably s a f e r than the loved ones he leaves at home for these poor souls must feel the real consequence of man's stupidity. Their lives will end dramatically in an atmospheric incineration and its lethal afterglow. Those who survive, the powerful, the decision makers, the warriors, will be hidden away in catacombed mountainsides the minute the first missile heads for its unsuspecting target.

Or consider the long held right of in-groups to spy. We have become a nation of snoopers, w h e r e special g r o u p s, governmental and private, under gospel dispensations get paid to root out variations from the mean - teachers, doctors, and policemen are trained to detect deviant behavior patterns, or contemporary heresies, and those manifesting them are sent for rehabilitation t o hospitals, the psychiatrist's office, o r jail.

Other spies are retained by private enterprise to inquire into the most intimate and private aspects of a job applicant's personal life. Lie detector tests are given to the entire working force of many companies, and while the result is based on the polygraph operator's analysis of the results, a subjective opinion at best, these findings are passed off as infallible scientific determinations. Miniature TV cameras, hidden microphones, and other astounding electronic devices are employed to gather information for all sorts of investigations, and much use is made of the wealth of material kept on file by credit unions, the F.B.I., police departments, and other repositories of the inquisition. Present spying techniques are only a suggestion of what will be available to snoopers 25 years from now, when, indeed, there may be nothing left of so called individual privacy. By that time, nonconformity, variation, the "other" in our society may be exterminated. "Join or be destroyed" may be the slogan of the turn of the century.

Consider what Hitler managed to perpetuate. This monster was, after all, merely carrying the usual masculine virtues to their logical extremes. He had the most common psychosis of all, the power psychosis. He placed power above human beings and he was cruel because cruelty has always been one of the most respected and effective of man's activities. So long as it is disguised as duty, justice, masculinity, dedication, truth, the extirpation of heresy, as manifested in the inquisition which, in one form or another, has been one of man's chief businesses since his society began.

As we know, for every action there is a reaction, and for the outers, the thirst for power expresses itself in programs designed to get it, quickly and absolutely. In the earlier stages, secrecy, the hard core, the cabal, the hidden twelve, Committees of Action, manifestos, directives, confidential lists, and social cadres,all play a significant part. Later, as organization develops, there come night rides, clandestine meetings, demonstrations, propaganda, manipulations, bigger and better lies, pickets, sabotage, riots until at last with death at hand, a wedge into the establishment is breached. With the public face of power established, deals with the establishment are made backside, until at last the scepter passes from the old to the new. Soon a new oppressed minority develops, so do secret societies and all the other paraphernalia this ritual requires. Once started cycle begets cycle, carnage begets carnage, and man i s saddled with struggle, despotism, a n d death. Yet, at no time do people see power for what it is, a disasterous substitute for living, for human values; love, tenderness, concern and affection. Perhaps they are blind or perhaps they just don t care. Whatever the reason, until man begins to reevaluate the proper uses of power, relegating it to its proper and productive place in his social order, his culture will suffer from violence, dislocation, and perhaps even annihilation. It would be a fitting and tragic historical irony if homo sapiens gets done in by homo sap.

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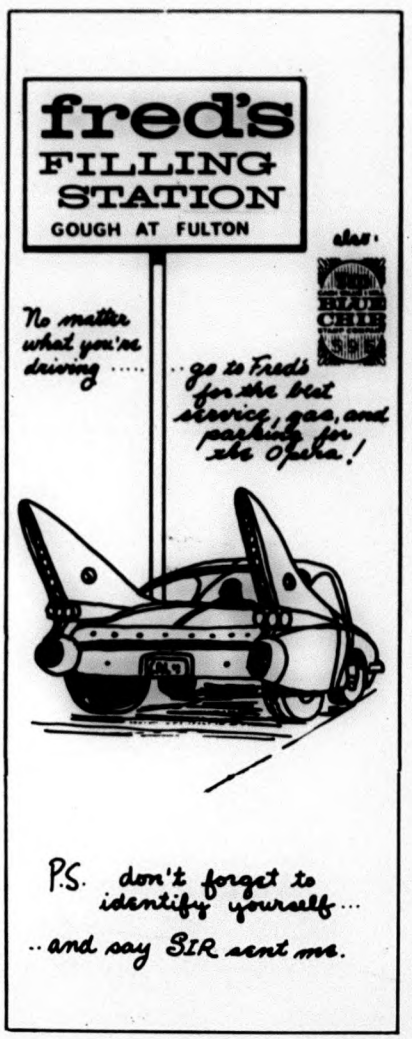

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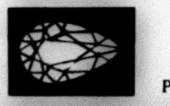

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supplied that there were many pounds of chicken left which were donated to St. Anthony's dining hall the next morning.

The bar was busy keeping the mixed drinks flowing, and the free beer ran out twice in the course of the festivities.

The high point of the evening came with the presentation of SIR's birthday cake. This visual a n d culinary masterpiece was created by President Bill Beardemphl and was tastefully decorated with golden pansies, daisy chain garlands, baskets of fruit, SIR's seal, and was topped by a single candle. The frosting,as described by President Beardemphl, was "a rich, warm brown".

Over two hundred members and guests drank, ate, and danced heartily. The party, like other aspects of SIR's first year, should be long remembered.

Dr. Ketterer speaks on V.D.
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currently underway.

Other health department guests attending the meeting included: Luther De Weese and Ron Denend of the State Department of Health; Andy Andyweil of the Berkeley City Health Department; Ernest Montez o f t h e San Mateo Health Department; John Harper, Marie Angell, Ann Horton, and Jim Ash of the San Francisco Health Department.

SIR Policy Meeting
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special meeting to discuss SIR's policies and public ethical statements in relation to the organization.

T h e membership selected Wednesday, August 4th.

The meeting will be closed and admittance will be by membership card only. It will be held at the Church of the Advent Parish Hall at 261 Fell Street, and will begin at 8:00 p.m. and last until 10:00 p.m.

It is vitally important that all members who have ideas or projects they wish SIR to take up in the future attend. Additionally, i t will provide members t h e chance to meet with their Officers and Directors and will provide a forum for an open exchange of ideas.

The regular business meeting will be held the following week on Wednesday, August 11th.

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ing instituted which will be of great benefit to the homophile community. Furthermore, it is social action which is being carried out by responsible persons in a responsible way.

It is urged that SIR and all other organizations in the homophile community lend their aid and support to these programs as they come into being. At the present time the A.C.L.U. committee and the Episcopal Diocese committee have representation on their committees from the organizations.

Civil disobedience is a valid form of social action, <u>but</u> only after all other avenues of communication have failed. It is hoped that all of the homophile organizations will get behind such programs as outlined here in order that communication with the greater community can be the answer rather than immediate civil disobedience.

We are responsible citizens, and we must perform in a responsible manner.

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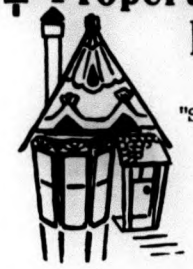

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