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## SUPERVISORIAL ELECTION ANALYSIS

by Jim Hardcastle

The election results in San Francisco as regard the candidates for the Board of Supervisors and the specific recommendations made by SIR would tend to indicate that there is a voting strength within the homophile community but that it is going to require a lot of hard work and affirmative campaigning by friends and members of SIR to elect a member of the Board of Supervisors.

As readers will recall, after the Candidates Night at Glide Memorial Church just prior to the election, a poll was taken of the individuals who were present and it was decided to recommend three of the candidates: Jack Morrison, Robert Gonzales, and Chris Boreta. Of the three so recommended, two of these were very serious about the candidacy, and it was generally conceded by all, including Mr. Boreta, that Mr. Boreta did not have a chance of winning a seat on the Board of Supervisors.

Flyers were prepared and distributed indicating the recommended choice and about ten thousand were channelled into the community at large. These flyers recommended the above mentioned candidates. Interestingly enough another minority, as represented by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, also endorsed Mr. Gonzales and Mr. Morrison and distributed flyers into the

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

SIR's annual membership drive has started off with a bang. Grand prizes for members bringing in the most new members were announced at the open membership meeting on November 17th.

The member who brings in the largest number of new members wins an expense paid flight to New Orleans at Mardi Gras time, then off to Jamaica, and finally to Miami Beach. The trip is a fun, sun filled two week vacation never to be forgotten. It is made possible by Courier Travel Agency.

Second prize is "King for a Day" for the winner and his friend. On Sunday morning, February 6, 1966, a car will pick up the King and his friend. They will be taken to brunch, given a general tour of our community's most popular bars, "crowned" at Jose's opera, and enjoy a lavish dinner. They will be taken to a show in the evening. This prize is provided by all the fine participating bars. The particulars will be announced soon. Be prepared for some surprises.

Third prize is a \$25.00 gift certificate at one of San Francisco's leading clothing stores.

The purpose of the prizes, of course, is to stimulate members into bringing new people into the organiza-

### WASHINGTON PROTEST

On Saturday afternoon, October 23, some 45 members of East Coast Homophile Organizations "broke in the new pavement in front of the White House". The occasion was a picket protesting government policy on military, civil service, security clearance and general federal employment practices with regard to homosexuals. On behalf of the sponsoring organizations, a letter of protest was presented at the gate for the President referring not only to government policy, but also to the refusal of the government to meet with homophile leaders. President Johnson had returned to the White House in time to see the demonstration, but he "did not wave to the demonstrators". In keeping with the anti-Vietnam Demonstrations, one of the picket signs read, "We don't dodge the draft, the draft dodges us".

tion. We feel most people are aware of the many fine things done by SIR; with many more members, we could do much more. So, for the next two months, let's all pitch in and make this membership drive the greatest success ever!

### President's Corner

by Bill Beardemphl

I am often questioned, "Who needs a homosexual organization?", and many times I must reassure myself that there is a need fulfilled by the Society for Individual Rights. Without doubt, every person who is a member has a personal reason for belonging. I, also, have a definitive concept of myself in relation to SIR.

The homophile revolution is a hidden revolt because it is an extensive re-orientation of society without bloody overt actions. The change we seek is a change of mental attitudes and our fight is fought in the arena of daily living. The weapons we use are personal value judgments. I sincerely believe, we are the harbingers of social mores of western civilization for centuries to come. Only when we realize this conception as a group shall we find our complete fulfillment.

Let us remember the SIR concept of value judgments that has taken hold and has proven workable. We do not rationalize actions; we attempt to change situations through living of controlled specifics, judging simultaneously the living process. This is basic to our inclusive democratic approach. To be a member of SIR means an acceptance of the axiom that no homosexual is excluded from help and expression.

Because of recent lack of clear communication on certain issues, I want to make perfectly clear what was intended when SIR was organized. SIR is not a civil rights organization, though we have aspects that correspond to civil rights groups. We are not an educational organization, though we certainly educate others and ourselves. We are not a political organization, though we get persons to vote and to evaluate their political position. We are not a social organization, though we engage in many forms of social activities. We are not a social service organization,

though we have a wealth of social service activities.

We contain many of these aspects, yet we are none of these.

We are a societal gadfly that shall change social status in all these areas through a personal expression of the individual which evaluates self and his relation to his environment. We change, through living, that which we can in the way we consider responsible.

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# LETTERS

## Recognition

Editor: May I begin by complimenting you on VECTOR? It is one of the most vibrant publications in the homophile field, and certainly the most valuable addition to this specialized area in many a moon. From all reports [SIR] is doing a fine job in every area it enters, and I congratulate you on that, as well. I hope we can meet the challenge and grow stronger from your example....

Managing Editor  
Eastern MATTACHINE  
Magazine

"I notice in the August issue of VECTOR that S.I.R. has recently celebrated its first year's anniversary. Congratulations! Many of us here at MSNY have followed with interest your phenomenal growth. Personally, I think you are the most praiseworthy organization in the movement. You have combined a social fabric with a firm and positive program of political and social action...."

Chairman, Mattachine  
Young Adults  
Mattachine Society, Inc.  
of New York

"... You're doing a fabulous job with VECTOR, as is SIR with apparently everything they undertake. Certainly, SIR has become the 'model' which all homophile organizations should attempt to emulate."

The Mattachine Society  
of Florida, Inc.

## ECHO Conference

"...[T]here are certain things that stood out about the [ECHO] conference. SIR made a tremendous impression on all the participants.... The conference proved to us all that there was indeed something new in homophile organizations after all!

"Two things impressed me. ...Unlike many organizations on the east coast, SIR's

Treasurer showed that your organization has a budget ...

"But the second is even more important. I observed something in [SIR's] representatives I have failed to see in those from other organizations. It is a concern for democracy...."

"... If representatives such as you had at the conference are any indication, then [SIR] must be open to all points of view, and be ready to try what has to be done. Here on the east coast, we are waiting for the chance to try what you people have made the fact in San Francisco...."

Walter Burns  
Lawrence Harbor, N.J.

## Candidates' Night

Editor: During our candidates night meeting it became clear to me that we in SIR and also the entire homophile community are not relating to the establishment in a way which has meaning. All of the candidates but one expressed opposition to a civilian police review board. Many of these were persons who genuinely could be considered sympathetic to the harassment and brutality perpetrated against the homosexual.

Our problem is that we do not couch our complaint in terms which can be understood by the authorities. A considerably greater effort is going to be necessary to gather and assemble in one place, facts about the misuse of police authority. We have done a great deal of talking. Much of this talking has been among ourselves where it does little or no good. We know what the problem is. The supervisors and candidates for supervisor don't know the facts.

When we can go to the authorities with specific information on 10 cases we might get a hearing. If we are still brushed off then we will need 100 cases. We must work to build a file of every instance of harassment and brutality which is known. We can cooperate with Citizens Alert in this and together with other minority organiza-

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## FLORIDA CEASES ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN HOMOPHILE MAILING LISTS

In July of this year, the Florida State Attorney caused a subpoena duces tecum to be served on the Atheneum Society of America, Inc., of Florida, demanding that its membership and mailing lists be produced. The president of the society refused to comply with the demand on the ground that it violated the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and would subject members to harassment and improper publicity. The claim was upheld on the basis of the United States Supreme Court case of NAACP v. Alabama, 357 U.S. 449, and the State Attorney withdrew his demand.

SIR's own membership and mailing lists come under the aegis of the Supreme Court case which states: "Effective advocacy of both public and private points of view, particularly controversial ones, is undeniably enhanced by group association, as this Court has more than once recognized by remarking upon the close nexus between the freedoms of speech and assembly.... It is beyond debate that freedom to engage in association for the advancement of beliefs and ideas is an inseparable aspect of the 'liberty' assured by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, which embraces freedom of speech.... Of course, it is immaterial whether the beliefs sought to be advanced by association pertain to political, economic, religious or cultural matters ...." In holding that production of the lists could not be compelled by the state or its officers, the Court said: "Inviolability of privacy in group association may in many circumstances be indispensable to preservation of freedom of association, particularly where a group espouses dissident beliefs."

### THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT WATCHDOG OF LIBERTY

by Evander Smith

The Carol Lane case:

Carol Lane was convicted in the Los Angeles municipal court of violating a local ordinance prohibiting persons not married to each other from "resorting" to certain places for the purpose of having sexual intercourse. Miss Lane and an unidentified male went from her living room to her bedroom to experience the prohibited pleasure.

On conviction, and while the young lady was languishing in durance vile, she petitioned the Supreme Court of California for a writ of habeas corpus. (58 Cal. 2d 99)

The Supreme Court ordered her discharged from custody, holding that the Legislature had adopted a general scheme for the regulation of the criminal aspects of sexual activity in California; the city ordinance was in conflict with state law and hence void.

The Court pointed out that although living in a state of cohabitation and adultery is prohibited (Penal Code, §§ 269a, 269b), neither simple fornication or adultery alone, nor living in a state of cohabitation and fornication has been made a crime in California. It is therefore clear that the Legislature has determined, by implication, that such conduct shall not be criminal in California.

Accordingly, a city ordinance attempting to make sexual intercourse between heterosexual persons not married to each other criminal is in conflict with the law of California and invalid.

It would, however, be an oversimplification to say that the case sanctions sex.

The legal principle involved in the Lane case is an important and comprehensive one: Municipal ordinances legislating in areas preempted by the state government are void.

The case provides only a limited protection for members of the homophile community. It prohibits the cities from enacting ordinances which contravene existing state laws on the same subject, or extend or expand state laws in an area preempted by the state, such as the area of sex.

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Ed.-The Dorn Decency Amendment seeks to overturn the Carol Lane holding and restore to the cities the right to legislate morality.

### Closed Membership Meeting

The closed meeting will feature an old-fashioned debate on the pro's and con's of SIR's tabled issue regarding Jose's proposed program.

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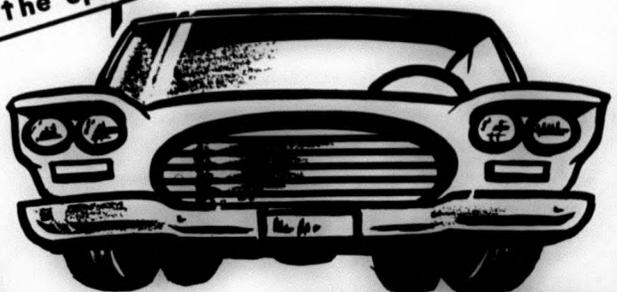


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# THE GAY BAR AND THE LAW

by J.R.

In 1959 the California Supreme Court, in *Vallerga v. Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control*, declared unconstitutional a statute which permitted revocation of the liquor license of any bar which was a "resort for homosexuals." Another statute however permits revocation if continued operation of the bar is "contrary to good morals." It is therefore important to know the standard of conduct applied to gay bars.

A guideline to immoral conduct is found in the *Vallerga* decision, which states that homosexuals may not "properly be held to a higher degree of moral conduct than are heterosexuals. But any public display which manifests sexual desires, whether they may be heterosexual or homosexual in nature may, and historically have been, suppressed ...." In practice, a finding of immoral conduct is usually based on the following: dancing, caressing, lewd conversation (including terms of endearment!), obscene gestures, and solicitation to commit a lewd act. (Of interest regarding solicitation is the unblushing observation of the U.S. Court of Appeals in *Gurarro v. U.S.A.*, 1956, reversing a conviction of lewd assault: "Courts are not so uninformed as not to be aware that there are such things as flirtations between man and man. And when flirtation is encouraged and mutual, and leads to a not unexpected intimacy not discouraged or repelled, such cannot be classified as an assault.")

An examination of appellate court decisions shows that no "heterosexual" bar has been closed for any of the foregoing conduct - with the single exception of solicitation, and then only where "B" girls have made the scene. Apparently, kissing, dancing, and fanny tweaking do not "manifest" heterosexual desires. It is thus clear that while the courts in theory do not distinguish between the straight and the gay, the ABC in practice does. Although California courts have been vigorous in many areas in protecting individual rights, the ABC has been permitted to maintain a double standard in applying its concept of immoral conduct. One of the problems confronting a reviewing court, however, is that the testimony of ABC agents, which luridly details their observations in a gay bar, gives the impression of total and continuing depravity. The following excerpts from court opinions are therefore presented as examples of proscribed conduct which constitutes grounds for revocation:

In the *First and Last Chance Bar* in Oakland, officers observed "women dancing with other women, and women kissing other women." As a policewoman sat at a table, a female patron dressed in "mannish attire" said: "You're a cute little butch," and later kissed the policewoman. A police officer saw a male patron and a grey-haired man approach, embrace each other at the bar, put their foreheads together while they carried on a whispered conversation. The grey-haired man then kissed the other and stated to the bartender, "Arley and I are going steady." (*Vallerga v. ABC*)

In the "585 Club" in San Francisco, two adult males kissed and embraced each other for 5 minutes. The bartender called customers by terms of endearment and addressed a customer by a woman's name; two male customers were seen embracing and

caressing, and rubbing various parts of each other's bodies for 10-15 minutes; a customer while engaged in conversation with an agent began stroking the agent's leg, then solicited him to commit a lewd act. A male waiter told a patron that he, the waiter, went into the back room with a female waitress and tried on her dress, commenting that "he thought he looked swell in the dress." (*Morell v. ABC*)

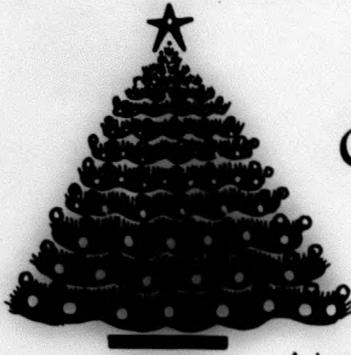
In a San Mateo tavern, "Some of the male dancers, while dancing, wrapped their arms around the buttocks of their companions and vigorously rotated their pelvic areas, to the evident enjoyment of other patrons. Men were seen powdering their faces, talking in effeminate voices, and generally acting like over-affectionate females.... One agent saw a young man place his hand in the crotch area of three men as the young man passed them." (*Nickola v. Munro*)

The revocation of the *Black Cat's* license was affirmed in 1963 for the following: Four male patrons, who were seated at the bar were playing with other patrons' buttocks and putting their hands inside the trousers of other patrons. A male patron named Suzie "was displaying a ring on the second finger of his left hand, saying, 'I'm getting married next month, I'm going to be a June bride.' However, 'Suzie' explained that he could go out 'with whomever I choose until that time.' Then followed [an] indecent proposal ...." "The bartender greeted two male patrons who entered with the salutation, 'Hello girls, how's your [word indicating anus]?' Then followed more lewd language by the bartender and a pantomime by him of the act of fellatio. Other allusions to unnatural sexual practices were made by other male patrons." Later, a male patron winked and beckoned to an agent and offered to commit a lewd act.

The above incidents were vigorously denied by the owners and employees, but accepted as factual by the ad-

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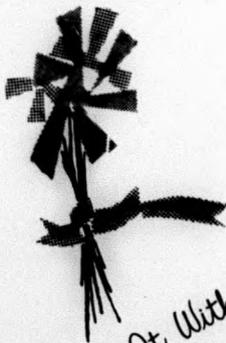
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# CHATTER MATTER

by "Anonymous"

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Miami Beach, but some have been seen shopping at the Polk St. stores for bathing suits, etc.... Looks like competition is getting real keen for customers at the bars, but the topless shows turn this columnist off - but cold....but then again, some people seem to enjoy them, oh well.... Now that Jose has been named "Empress Norton" he has really taken it to heart. He will place a wreath at the grave of the real Emperor Norton, wear a cape and medallion to signify his "authority" and in general play the role.

Many people think SIR is on the right track now with our idea of collecting canned food, clothing, etc., to be given to those less fortunate for this Christmas season.... Bring your goods to the SIR office or to the SIRPORIUM... See you next month with more goodies - if you have any big scoops or news call or write this column. Thanks.

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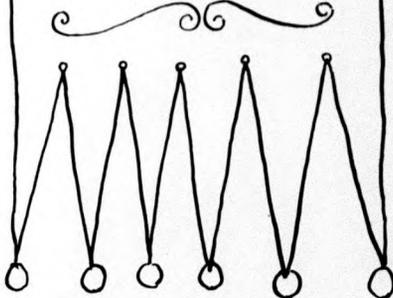
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## POLITICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Nancy May

As gratified as we are about our very good showing at this last election, we hope to do much better at the next one. We have been credited by one of the candidates with at least 20,000 votes out of 30,000 which he received. The only way we can keep improving our strength at each election is to keep improving our organization. The Political Committee hopes, in the near future, to have precinct workers which will give us access to those people who are not being reached through the organizations, the bars, or the publications.

Anyone interested in working on the Political Committee can leave his or her name with the SIR office by dialing MANJADE, or by calling the chairman at UN 3-1272.

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ELECTIONS (con't from pg 1)  
Negro community.

Publicity was hard to get, and although Mr. Morrison, an incumbent, did receive some, Mr. Gonzales experienced almost a news blackout. The results of the election are now known: Mr. Morrison retained his seat, and Mr. Gonzales received about 31,000 votes. The question that naturally follows is what effect did the homophile backing of the two candidates have on their votes.

Mr. Morrison has not been contacted for his views on this question, but Mr. Gonzales very willingly has estimated that of the approximately 31,000 votes, about 20,000 were due to homophile and NAACP backing. Separating the backing of the two minorities is a difficult task. Your reporter therefore canvassed two election districts which had in all probability a high homophile population. The election results as indicated on the official tally outside the election polling place indicates that the incumbent candidates received most of the votes. In one district which has 123 voters listed as voting, Mr. Gonzales received 47 votes, a fair percentage, but behind Supervisors Tinney, Morrison, and Tamaras, but ahead of Supervisors Boas and Blake. Chris Boreta received 8 votes in that district and Jack Morrison came in third of the top three candidates. In the other district, Jack Morrison came in second, behind Supervisor Blake, with the other incumbents receiving the other places in the high-five. Candidate Gonzales in this district (140 voters) chalked up 43 votes, and Boreta 11.

A quick check was made of two highly Negro populated districts and the results seemed pretty much in the same order; that is, the incumbents, including the SIR backed Morrison, running first, and candidate Gonzales coming in higher than most of the other candidates. No check was made of Pacific Heights or Sunset districts.

It would seem that in the next supervisory election a candidate should be picked out probably about six months

## Books

by James H. Ramp

### THEY CAME TO CORDURA

Glendon Swarthout. Random House, 1958.

It is difficult to determine whether the theme of this powerful novel is intended to be sympathetic, or whether the author is unconsciously latent. It is reminiscent of MEN WITHOUT WOMEN.

Major Thorn, a career man in the Cavalry, is appointed Awards Officer of the Pershing punitive expedition into Mexico in 1916. He is an educated, over-sensitive man, fearful of his own cowardice. His closest friend and drinking companion is the Regimental Surgeon.

Thorn dreams of his mother - how she comforted him when he had been punished - how he wakened mornings, with his hands locked in her hair. He has a deep desire to protect and reward heroes, and requests that those chosen to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor be detached from the column and sent, under his protection, to headquarters.

in advance and some concerted word - of - mouth advertising carried on. There is no gain-saying the fact that billboards with the pretty pictures and empty slogans do make an impression on the voters - and if this is the case the next election should see some real financial contributions by SIR members toward buying advertising for their approved candidates. Consideration should be given to buying space in neighborhood publications such as the Progress, and toward substantial contributions in terms of efforts put out at election headquarters of our favored candidates.

To sum up, the answer is, I think, that homophile endorsement of candidates can carry weight in the elections but that it is going to take good hard campaigning for our candidates and in a way which surpasses mere endorsement and passing out leaflets, although these surely do have their effect, too.

ers in Cordura. A renegade American woman, charged with treason, is his prisoner during the agonizing journey, and she offers herself to buy her freedom. Thorn prefers to believe his revulsion is due to her masculinity and her record as an adultress.

They Came to Cordura is recommended for those who enjoy subtle psychological studies and the recorded agonies of survival in the desert.

### GAY BARS (cont from pg 5)

ministrative hearing officer. Although the testimony of the agents may be attributed in part to their acuity in perceiving incidents unobserved by others, yet, undeniably, incidents do occur, if only in isolation, which must be classified as vulgar or in questionable taste. It goes without saying that many of the above acts cannot be condoned; nonetheless, most bars are quick to squelch untoward conduct, and a decorum and reticence is generally found which is unparalleled in the typical heterosexual Friday-afternoon "action" bar. But to the extent that incidents do occur, patrons and bartenders should be aware that they share a substantial responsibility for the closing of a gay bar.

#### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

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OPEN : DEC. 22nd.

## MODEL RR CLUB

The latest special interest group to form in SIR is the SIR Railroad. The turnpike is now under construction. Persons interested in joining are urged to call MANJADE. It is not necessary to have any equipment but you are welcome to bring any you have. A great deal of help will be needed in track laying, wiring, scenery, etc. Join the SIR train for the fun of your life.

## LETTERS (cont from pg 3)

tions such as CORE, NAACP, Freedom House, Bayview Center, etc., we can get a true record of the illegal activities of the police department.

Robert Walker  
Woodside, California

Delete Name from Mailing

"Please remove my name from your mailing list. I do not want any of your publications. The basic principle of your organization is most reprehensible."

Dr. R. E. Crow  
Southern California  
Baptist Convention  
Los Angeles, California

Complaint on VECTOR story

Editor: Your article entitled "Grace Cathedral Picketed" in the October issue of Vector belies the claim which appears on your masthead: "Responsible Action by Responsible People in Responsible Ways."

I am a member of the Diocesan Council and was present throughout the meeting reported in your columns. It was one of the longest meetings on record and Bishop Pike was present from beginning to end, not absent as you reported.

Canon Cromey was well aware, well in advance of the Council meeting, that his position as part-time Director of Urban Affairs was to be eliminated; he and Bishop Pike had discussed the matter and had themselves reached that decision. The action of the Council, therefore, was routine, and anything but punitive as you imply.

The Council did withhold its consent to the re-employment of Canon Cromey in an entirely different position, that of part-time Assistant Director to the Diocesan Division on Program. As the body responsible for the efficient operation of the diocese the Council was perfectly within its rights in considering and rendering a decision as to the qualifications of candidates for the post.

The answer to why anyone would seize upon this matter to picket Grace Cathedral eludes me. This was irresponsible action in an irresponsible way and which brought discredit upon Canon Cromey and members of the homophile community. The clergy and people of Grace Cathedral had nothing whatever to do with the action of the Council. Had the pickets taken the trouble to check the facts this unfortunate incident might never have taken place.

James T. Golder, Rector  
Church of the Advent of  
Christ the King  
San Francisco, Calif.

Proposition B

Editor: Your November edition carried two signed articles which do not comport with the theme of "responsibility" proclaimed in your masthead. First, is it not possible to have favored Proposition B without being a "sucker," or without giving "license for outright stealing by our officials"? Valid arguments can be advanced for and against the bonds. But to rely on such defamatory statements is not a "responsible way" to debate an issue.

The same author states that the only "overt backing" for our "leaders" comes from "such neo-Fascistic groups" as Hell's Angels, and links President Johnson with Tiny, their chief malcontent. Does the author not realize that one can argue against Vietnam policy (as does Walter Lippman) without impugning our national motives or the integrity of elected officials? In other words, there are alternatives to extremism. One can support President Johnson without embracing Hell's Angels; one can uphold the right of protest without subscribing to the views of those who would yield to Communist aggression. But "responsible people" do not justify their actions by invective.

I frankly think the homophile has enough going against him without becoming identified, through such reprehensible statements, with extremist positions.

Responsible chauvinist

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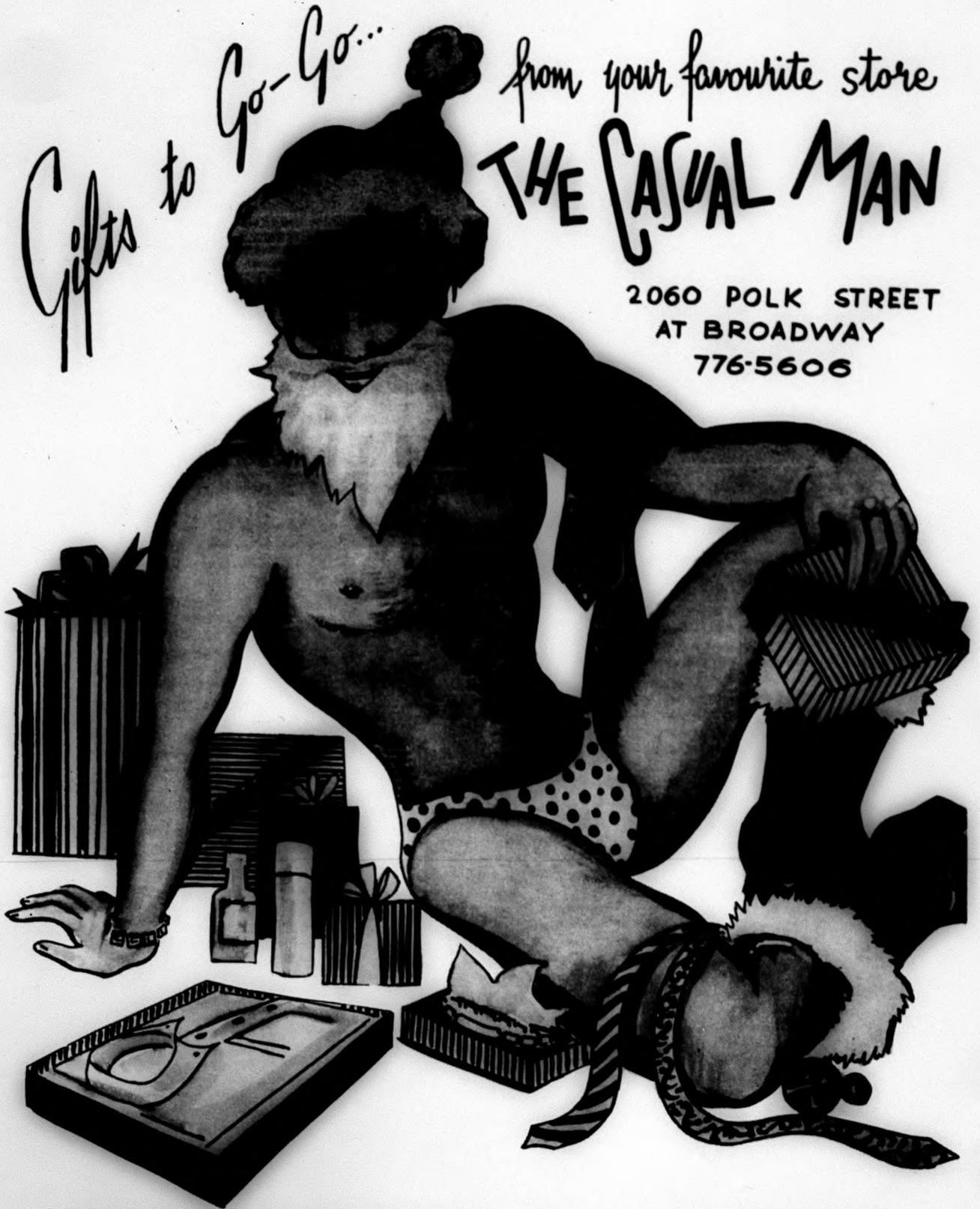
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