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## S.F. TO HOST NATIONAL CONFERENCE

## HOMOSEXUAL BOOTH AT STATE FAIR

All homophile organizations in the United States that have dedicated themselves to respond to the needs and desires of homosexuals everywhere will meet in San Francisco in August. The second National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations was agreed on at Kansas City last February where the ground work was begun to establish unified national goals. The present meeting will give to all who participate the opportunity to strengthen their programs with authoritative depth and to investigate constructive approaches to problem areas.

All parts of the country will be represented. Organizations which have confirmed participation are: Florida Mattachine, Miami; Washington Mattachine, Washington, D.C.; Janus Society, Philadelphia; New York Mattachine, New York City; Phoenix Society, Kansas City; Mattachine, Midwest, Chicago; Association for Social Knowledge, Vancouver, B.C.; Association for Responsible Citizenship, Sacramento; Daughters of Bilitis, San Francisco, New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles; Tangents, Southern California Council on Religion and the Homophile, Pride, One, Inc., all from Los Angeles; and The Council on Religion and the Homosexual, the Tavern Guild, Citizens News, Mattachine, San Francisco, and the Society for Individual Rights, all from San Francisco. Other groups have expressed interest and will try to send delegations.

The conference has been expanded to include workshops, seminars, and social activities, as well as business sessions. Preceding the National Meeting will be a conference of the Daughters of Bilitis. All scheduled programs cover ten days, August 19th through the 28th. The DOB, on August 20th, will turn its attention to the relation of the homosexual to civic government.

The Theology Committee of The Council on Religion and the Homosexual, in cooperation with the Glide Foundation, will present a consultation on "Theology and the Homosexual," the purposes of which will be: (1) To lift up and discuss, in the light of our experiences and commitments, the critical theological issues which both the church and the homophile community must face; (2) to encourage creative dialogue in the church at large on these issues through the publication of papers and of a resource book on the topic; (3) to lay the theoretical and practical groundwork for the future production of a theological statement which could be adopted as a definite statement.

The seminar on August 22nd will delineate contemporary views held by psychologists, psychiatrists, sociologists, and

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The operation of a booth at the State Fair by the homophile community to acquaint the general public of our nature and aims is an event which should be of considerable interest to all homosexuals and particularly to those of us who live in California and will have an opportunity to help with the project.

The Fair, as in the past, will be held in Sacramento from August 31st to September 11th.

The booth will be in the Educational Building and will be 12 feet wide and ten feet in depth. A counter will be built across the front. On the back wall there will be a large photograph depicting an ordinary crowd of people which will illustrate our theme: "That one out of every ten people in the Nation is homosexual." Decorations in and around the booth will repeat this theme and indicate the names of the participating organizations.

Staffing and operation of the booth will be directed & coordinated by ARC of Sacramento. It is planned that one girl, one boy, and one minister will, if possible, man the booth at all times.

The booth is a bold step forward and the first attempted anywhere in the country. But help is needed - from SIR members and their friends. Help is needed to build the booth, to decorate it. SIR will forward names to ARC in Sacramento.

## President's Column

by Bill Beardemphl

There is not now, and never has been, a "Homophile Movement" or a "Homosexual Revolution" in the United States. What exists is a dream to have such a movement become a reality.

Our work is to create a Community feeling that will bring a "Homophile Movement" into being. Every homosexual must commit himself to the overriding necessity that we all be UNITED. When this feeling comes into being within the "Gay World," then we will see the implementation of programs that will provide the way for substantial sexual maturing of our country.

Personality conflicts, ideological differences, or "bitch fights" must not deter or impede us from our goal of mutual cooperation.

In San Francisco we are now realizing concrete achievements which, if attempted on a national basis, could put a full scale "Homophile Revolution" into operation. In our city there is active involvement of homosexuals on their own terms in many and various organizations. We have open, constructive social confrontations, as our May 21st Protest Rally and our contemplated State Fair Booth for public education. There has been assignment of top professionals to report and aid the homosexual community, as in the recent Look Magazine assignment, or as at the San Francisco Center for Special Problems. We have our own self operated Community Center. There is an expanding successful gay business community. There are constant, acceptable social activities of great variety. We have developed an excellent police relationship. Our groups have growing financial soundness. The community sees changing religious attitudes, and we have realized effective political activity and reactions.

What has caused this dramatic change in the last two years? It cannot be just organization; for groups exist in cities all over the United States without ever being noticed. For fifteen years San

Francisco had an organization that no-one, including our homosexual population, seriously considered. Nor can the change be accredited to a change in society; the apparent bigotries are still very much with us and the bigots are outrageously active in this State. The answer must be found within a large segment of the homosexual community which has dramatically changed its own attitude and approach to our society. There has been a new self acceptance by homosexuals and an acceptance of other homosexuals. There has been an openness and an end to the alienating facade that used to keep heterosexuals from knowing homosexuals as persons. There has come into being a positive belief that we are worthwhile and that we can do something in those areas that need changes. This dramatic new trend started with the challenge that SIR gave to San Francisco. We are not fighting society, but we are steadfast in our attempt to change society by openly joining in activities as homosexuals, working within established structures to qualify all injustices in a responsible manner.

This month the National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations will take place in San Francisco and it will be up to the "City that knows how" to show visitors from all over the United States what good we have accomplished. But we must also be aware that we still can learn.

Let us be gracious hosts, but let us remember that all of the distinguished persons attending this conference have learned many a lesson that they can teach us.

These coming ten days in August, the 19th to the 28th, are shaping up as a time that will be remembered for the rest of our lives and maybe beyond.

## SIR'S SECOND ANNIVERSARY

The second anniversary of the founding of SIR was celebrated Saturday evening, July 24, 1966, with an exclusive birthday party for the organization's rapidly growing membership. The party featured colorful decorations, steaming vodka punch, birthday cakes, and the most undanceable music this side of Schoenberg.

Members of the Social Committee arrived at the Community Center early Saturday morning, and after working feverishly all day, transformed the Center into a festive cabaret setting, imaginatively decorated with paper-chain streamers and balloon clusters floating from the ceiling. The only flaw in the evening's activities was an initial selection of languid music, circa 1940, which cast a pall over the dance floor. Calamity was averted, however, by the arrival of KSIR disc jockey Jerry Brown at the control booth, laden with current favorites, which quickly brought the party to life.

All arrangements for the party, including the mailing of formal invitations, were handled by the Social Committee. Admittance was limited to members.

## SIR SKIERS



The SIR Waterski Club will hold its second all-day outing on Saturday, August 6th. All persons interested should call 673-6390 for information and transportation arrangements.



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# UCLA HOMOSEXUAL STUDY

An exhaustive, empirical study of homosexuality and law enforcement in Los Angeles County--which is certain to have significant influence in California jurisprudence--has been published in the current edition of the University of California at Los Angeles Law Review. The authors, who have produced a sympathetic and accurate treatment of the problems of adult consensual homosexuality, state that the deviant nature of homosexual conduct does not warrant the imposition of criminal sanctions and conclude that only "public displays" of homosexual acts should be illegal, as are the public acts of heterosexuals.

The study makes numerous recommendations which include the following:

1. Statutes dealing with lewd conduct and lewd solicitation (Penal Code section 647(a)); indecent exposure (section 314); and felony copulation (sections 286 and 288a) should be repealed and replaced by a single misdemeanor statute prohibiting only specific sexual acts or related solicitations "which create a reasonable risk of offending public decency." Private acts would thus no longer be illegal. [By retaining the restriction against so-called "solicitation," however, the recommendation falls short of achieving "equal protection" for the homosexual in the area of law enforcement. The vice squad in certain communities will continue to have a heyday soliciting victims in bars and streets. The article does recognize that unprovoked, egregious solicitations by homosexuals are not commonplace, and further quotes an official of One, Inc., who stated that it is usually the policeman who asks the fatal question, "What do you do?" Nevertheless - the youthful authors fail to realize the extent to which the plainclothesman in a gay bar initiates the conversation, knocks his knee against the victim's under the table, asks the crucial question, and then makes the arrest on

the ground that the officer has been solicited! No amount of refinement of the laws of entrapment (discussed below) will change this fact, since at trial it will always be the testimony of the officer, a pillar of society, against that of the defendant, a queer. Thus "equal protection" of the laws cannot be achieved until the solicitation statutes are also repealed.]

2. Registration of "sex offenders" should be limited to only those who are pedophiles [those who prey on children] or who use force.

3. Jail or prison sentence of a convicted homosexual is inappropriate. The article states that fines are the best means of curbing conduct that has occurred in a public place.

4. The police should discontinue to use decoys. Offensive conduct in public toilets, bars, and parks can easily be controlled by routine patrol by plainclothed and uniformed officers. Furthermore, the authors suggest that the threat of sanctions by the A.B.C. is a sufficient means of encouraging bar owners to prohibit offensive acts on the premises. When decoys are used, however, the article states that the legal defense of entrapment (as it has been developed by the courts in narcotics cases) is unsatisfactory, since the defendant, as the law now stands, has the difficult burden of showing that he had no pre-existing intent to commit a "crime" at the time of his arrest. The authors suggest that the proper test of entrapment is whether the conduct of the decoy deviated from that of an average man under the circumstances. [An "average man" entering a gay bar would probably do an about face!] The recommendation concludes that any "deliberate use of language or gestures [of an officer] that may be construed as a willingness to engage in a prohibited act should not be allowed."

5. Another salutary recommendation is that the per-

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# LETTERS

## Lt. Blackstone and the Vice-Squad

Editor: I was really shocked at Lt. Blackstone's denial that officers entrap here. Almost all such "gay" arrests involve entrapment, as any attorney who handles these cases regularly can verify. His denial is so illogical it is unbelievable that he made the statement.

I was arrested in a gay bar recently. I had been sitting completely alone in an almost deserted bar on a week night. A young man entered in college-type clothes. He sat next to me (although most of the seats were empty). He offered to buy me a drink, used "gay" conversational lingo when talking, referred to his sweater "as real SMART, don't you think?", mentioned other gay bars by name, etc. Then he talked about being lonely and "looking for something tonight". I fell for it and an arrest followed as this man was one of Lt. Blackstone's innocent officers who just "happened" in. HA!

This officer later told me "We're out to close that bar", "The girls in the Tenderloin fall for me too", "It's all part of the job." I told him he was mentally ill....

I am telling the truth in this letter and Lt. Blackstone can lecture on community relations all he wants. They are only lectures....Ask the many other gay boys who are arrested every week in this city through entrapment!

### Just Another Guy

Editor: I was pleased to read your lead story in the July Vector. Chief of Police Cahill, Lt. Blackstone, and SIR deserve an unqualified thank you from the homosexual community for opening wider the avenue of better communication which is so necessary to an effective police department.

That SIR could persuade Mr. Cahill to send his representative to a SIR meeting and that the SFPD could grasp the value of such a meeting

points to the change of methods taken by the police. Some time back they might have sent paddywagons and squads of policemen to such a meeting.

Congratulations to SIR for another step forward in communication.

Steve Craig

### SIR Serves

Editor: Many times I've heard people say "Just what is SIR doing - nothing. Laws haven't been changed, things will always be the same." Of course, there are many arguments against such a statement but I shall just point out one. The person who makes such a statement should visit the Community Center to see what SIR is doing. I've seen many people come up there for the first time and have a feeling of belonging - to a physical thing they can see. Too often the only physical place a person could belong to was a bar. I've seen people with many problems come in and talk to a counsellor and at least they found someone to listen to them. I've seen how people call SIR when they were in trouble - and I saw SIR help. For all our shortcomings, at least one thing can be said - SIR is here - waiting to serve us.

A Member

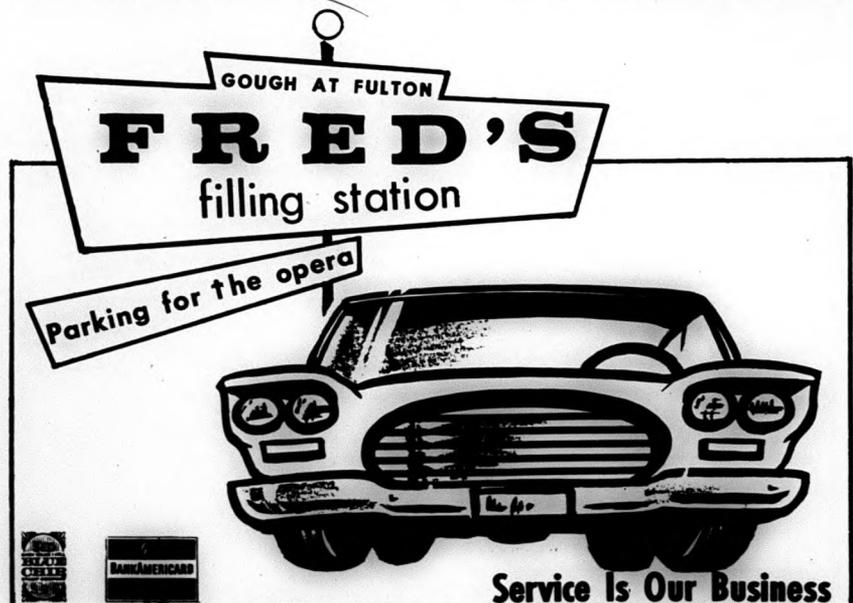
## POST OFFICE TO STOP SPYING

In view of the fact that we are living in the middle of an era which might be characterized as the "Big Brother Is Watching You" period, we were not surprised to learn that the post office has been engaged in a special postal surveillance of magazines aimed at homosexuals and had put "mail covers" on such publications and, on request, was passing subscribers' names to employers in government and private industry. The fact was recently uncovered in the Congressional probe into the government's invasion of the privacy of its citizens. Postmaster General Larry O'Brien has agreed to terminate the practice.

## SIR GIVES GREEN STAMPS?

No! But it can sure use any green - or blue, orange, purple, or any other color stamps to help furnish the kitchen and the Community Center.

Bingo Bonus, Gift Stars, cigarette coupons, and so on, would also be appreciated and can be placed in the special receptacle for that purpose at the office window.



## AN EDITORIAL

## ENTRAPMENT AND THE VICE SQUAD

Obviously, we don't condone sexual conduct between men in a bar or in any other public place any more than we condone similar heterosexual conduct in the same setting. We believe that sex is private and should be done in private, and we will champion everyone's right to such conduct in private, be he homosexual, heterosexual, ambisexual, or whatever.

But that's not our beef!

What we're discharged about - and we are angry - is the conduct of the vice squad and the ABC and any other organization that purports to guard "public morals" [see letters to editor]. First, what are the public morals that are being protected? Whose morals make public morals? Does the term mean only the prevention of a public display of morals that should be expressed in private? Certainly, it would seem so. But who determines what conduct should be committed only in private? Sexual conduct, obviously - but how much less than that? We suggest that if homosexual morality is involved (after all, we're part of the public whose morals are to be protected), the homosexual should be consulted to ascertain what his morals are.

But apart from this, what is the "standard of conduct" that is to be employed-whose standard? Our State Supreme Court has held that a double standard - one applicable to heterosexual bars and one applicable to homosexual bars - may not be used. Fine. The same standard must be used. But, let's see if it is. Clearly there is no violation of public morals when a man in a heterosexual bar touches a woman, coos at her like a dove, kisses her, calls her endearing names, or asks her to his apartment for whatever purpose, and there is no violation of public morals when the woman does this to the man (provided no money changes hands), or when the bartender does it to a female

customer or a female customer to the bartender, and so on, provided no overt sex play is involved. Such conduct may not be in good taste, but it is not unlawful, poses no threat to the public morals (morals of the public?), and would not warrant the arrest of the person or the suspension or revocation of the liquor license.

By the same token, or standard, such conduct should not be considered criminal or obscene when it occurs between men or between women in a homosexual bar. The same standard, considering the basic difference of the persons involved, must be applied. In other words, it is conduct and not people that must be held illegal. What is illegal for a homosexual must also be illegal for a heterosexual, and vice versa. It is absurd to think that murder, or robbery, or arson, etc. should be unlawful if performed by a homosexual but lawful if done by a heterosexual! It is the act that is unlawful, regardless who performs it.

But in spite of the holding of the Supreme Court in *Vallerga v. Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control*, the lower courts have not applied the same standard, and it is not uncommon to read in their opinions of such conduct, stated to be reprehensible,

as holding hands, using endearing names to each other, standing close or with bodies touching, etc. These acts do nothing more than prove that the people involved are homosexuals - if they do that.

But failure to apply the same standard is not the only evil in this whole rotten mess. Use of vice squad and ABC agents who take an active part in setting up victims is every bit as reprehensible. For example, the sending of a member of the vice squad into a homosexual bar as bait to trap patrons, by whatever

lures, into doing what comes naturally to them in order to make an arrest and lay a foundation for disciplinary proceedings against the bar owner should not be tolerated by the courts or by the public any more than they would tolerate the employment of a voluptuous and sexy woman as a vice squad agent and the sending of her into a heterosexual bar to lure propositions from unescorted males and then arresting the men for making "indecent propositions" and closing the bar for failing to prevent such conduct on the premises. The bar, of course, could not constitutionally keep the woman out if she is over 21. The whole situation is simply preposterous.

But we could cite examples or make illustrations or shout logic forever and never be heard by the powers that be. But that does not render the problem hopeless.

Let's consider one course open as an example. The State Constitution could be amended to prevent some of the evils discussed here. But to get the Constitution amended as an initiative measure would require about 500,000 signatures on a petition to qualify the measure to be placed on the ballot. Once on the ballot, it would require a majority vote of the persons voting to get it enacted into law. The problem is to get the 500,000 signatures on a petition and it is usually this step that costs so much money. But if there're 500 bars in the State which would be willing to solicit signatures, and if each bar were to get 1000 signatures of qualified electors (and they must sign only one petition), the quota would be met and, we would assume, at not too great a cost. Should the measure meet opposition once it is placed on the ballot, money might be required to combat it if the community itself is unable to do so.

We commend such a course for your consideration.

## SAFETY HINTS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

In San Francisco there are 12 public and 80 semi-public swimming pools, the latter belonging to clubs, hotels, motels, and apartment houses for use by guests and members. Add to this total those of various sizes and kinds located in the yards of private homes, the magnitude of the potential safety hazards involved is apparent to all. These backyard pools in particular present a special problem because they place on the uninformed home pool owner the safety responsibilities previously relegated to trained lifeguards.

Before installing a pool, local health and safety regulations should be checked. These include provision for proper fencing, sanitation, drainage, structural stability, proper distance from property and power lines and other precautions. Fences and gates should be adequate to prevent youngsters from entering unknown to the owner when the pool is unattended. Equipment for assistance to swimmers in distress should

be kept handy at the pool-side. Extreme caution should be exercised with lighting equipment and electric appliances used in and about the pool.

Anyone may at some time be called on to help revive a person who has been pulled unconscious from a swimming pool. Being able to apply the few simple steps involved in mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration may mean the difference between life and death in such a case. The primary purpose of this method is to get air to the victim as quickly and effectively as possible by blowing air into his lungs. This technique provides two or three times the amount of air provided by older manula methods and is so simple that almost anyone, including a child, can learn it. An illustrated leaflet outlining the steps involved in this method may be obtained from the Bureau of Health Education, San Francisco Department of Public Health, 101 Gorge Street, San Francisco.

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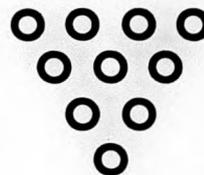
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**COMMUNITY CENTER****A-GO-GO FEATURES****KSIR DISC JOCKEY**

Radio Station KSIR now broadcasts weekly from the stage of the SIR Community Center at the Saturday-nite record hop, according to pre-siding disc jockey Jerry Brown. The Saturday dance, which was inaugurated several months ago, has recently been reorganized to provide patrons with an intimate nightclub atmosphere, featuring candlelight, recorded music, and toplest dancers. Popular records are played from the "control booth" on the stage by Mr. Brown who, in disc jockey tradition intermixes the music with announcements and conducts drawings at which LP records are given as prizes. Patrons are provided with slips of paper on which favorite songs or special announcements may be requested. From time to time SIR president, Bill Beardemphl, takes over the turntable as guest jockey.

The record-hop begins at 9:30 Saturday evening and lasts until 2:00 a.m. Special dance instruction for beginners is given at 9:30. Although no liquor is sold - mix, glasses, and ice are provided for patrons who desire to bring their own bottles or six-packs. Admission is \$1.00 and is limited to SIR members and their guests.

## PREPARATION OF OBSCENE MATERIAL NOT ILLEGAL - CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT RULES.

In a recent decision, the  
California Supreme Court held

### VD CONTROL

Without a vaccine the only method available to control syphilis or gonorrhea is "Epidemiology." This procedure is defined as the interviewing of people infected with certain stages of these diseases to discover from whom they acquired the disease and to whom they could have spread it. It is then evident that the fullest cooperation must exist between the infected person and the trained interviewer. The San Francisco Health Department, as well as almost all other health departments in the United States, has a fully operating, effective Control Program that has the ability to accomplish the task if cooperation is received. If no cooperation exists, the best program in the country would fail. No amount of money or manpower can accomplish the job unless the interested person can be convinced that his help is needed. What can you do to help? Support and cooperate with the Health Department!

that "preparation" of obscene or lewd material by a "girlie" movie producer is not in violation of the California obscenity statute (Penal Code section 311.2). Los Angeles police had received complaints from a professional model that during a filming in defendant's apartment "it appeared to her, as an experienced model, that he was photographing her private parts." However, defendant, who did a \$50,000 a year mail order business selling films of nude women, claimed that the reels seized by police were not yet ready for distribution and needed to be edited.

The court stated that the statute, properly interpreted, did not prohibit preparation or possession of obscene material unless there was also an intent to distribute or exhibit it. Moreover, the court held that any other interpretation of the statute would render it unconstitutional. According to the court, "No constitutionally punishable conduct appears in the case of an individual who prepares material for his own use or for such personal satisfaction as its creation affords him."

In essence, the court's decision was based on the belief that eccentric or abnormal attitudes which are harmless to others or to the State can be prohibited only at the risk of stifling "intellectual individualism" and "cultural diversities." Although the court was directing itself to the broad area of artistic creativity (not of course to the particular films in question), the language and rationale of the opinion may also have significance in the area of private consensual acts which also are "harmless to others" and to the State. The decision, in any event, is an excellent illustration of why the California courts are considered the best in the country - and the most progressive and humanitarian in the world.

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by Evander Smith

If you're really interested in understanding your rights should you be arrested, you'll hie yourself to a law library and read Ernesto A. Miranda v. State of Arizona, 16 L. Ed. 2d 694. This is the lead case of four decided by the United States Supreme Court June 13, 1966. In a 5 to 4 split, the Supreme Court has again shown that the Constitution is indeed a meaningful and dynamic document.

All four cases are concerned with the admissibility into evidence of statements obtained from individuals in police custody; and the necessity for procedures which assure that the individual is secured his constitutional right against self incrimination.

In Miranda, a 23 year old emotionally disturbed schizophrenic semi-literate man was arrested for suspicion of kidnaping and rape. He was interrogated by police and signed a confession which contained a typed paragraph stating that the confession was made voluntarily with full knowledge of his legal rights and with the understanding that any statement he made might be used against him! Miranda was convicted as a result of the "confession," and the Arizona Supreme Court saw nothing improper in the procedure! The majority of the United States Supreme Court was appalled, and in a decision which will be cited for perhaps generations to come, breathed into the Fifth Amendment life, made up of blood, guts, and backbone, to protect citizens from their employees, the police.

The court established the need for the decision by reviewing current police tactics. The court cited the case of a defendant suffering from broken bones, multiple bruises and injuries sufficiently serious to require medical treatment for eight months after being manhandled by five policemen!

Another: Defendant held in custody over two months, deprived of food for fifteen hours, forced to submit to a lie detector test when he wanted to go to the toilet!

Another: Defendant after long hours of incessant questioning made to lie on a cold board and to answer questions whenever it appeared he was getting sleepy!!

Another: The use of physical brutality and violence is not, unfortunately, relegated to the past. Only recently in King's County, New York, the police brutally beat, kicked, and placed lighted cigarettes on the back of a potential witness under interrogation for the purpose of securing a statement incriminating a third party!!!

Another: California police held four persons who were in the defendant's house at the time of the arrest, in jail for five days until defendant confessed. At that time they were finally released. Police stated that there was "no evidence" to connect them with any crime!!!!

The Court reviewed the infamous Star Chamber proceedings of England and found that our third degree methods in America have been no credit to us as a nation either. The Court found the manuals for training police in the brutal science of breaking down a defendant most revealing and stressed that the modern practice of in-custody interrogation is psychologically rather than physically oriented. Coercion can be mental as well as physical, and the blood of the accused is not the only hallmark of an unconstitutional inquisition.

After developing a history of police brutality that would embarrass the Marquis of Sade, the Court stated that the examples given above are sufficiently widespread to be the object of concern. Unless a proper limitation on custodial interrogation is achieved - such as these decisions will advance - there can be no assurance that practices of this nature will be eradicated in the foreseeable future.

Today, then, there can be no doubt but that the Fifth A-

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ment privilege is available outside of court proceedings and serves to protect persons in all settings in which their freedom of action is curtailed from being compelled to incriminate themselves. The court said the following safeguards must be observed:

- (1) YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT;
- (2) ANYTHING YOU DO SAY MAY BE USED AGAINST YOU;
- (3) YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY PRESENT DURING THE QUESTIONING; AND
- (4) IF YOU ARE INDIGENT, (WITHOUT MONEY), YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO A LAWYER WITHOUT CHARGE.

One of the dissenting opinions, quoting from former Mr. Justice Jackson, said: "Any lawyer worth his salt will tell the suspect in no uncertain terms to make no statement to police under any circumstances."

Former Mr. Justice Brandeis in 1928 said: "The quality of a nation's civilization can be largely measured by methods it uses in the enforcement of its criminal law."

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

### WHAT IS GOING ON?

**ACTIVITIES?** Great things are happening at DOB headquarters as they plan for the biggest convention ever held by that organization. Sign up for attendance at some, if not all, the meetings open to the public.

ARC (who started it all), CRH, Citizens News, DOB, TGSF, and SIR will cooperate in coordinating and staffing a booth at the California State Fair, the theme being "One in Ten." Brochures are being prepared for distribution, contents to cover law and enforcement, religion, social integration, ABC bar situation, government policies (Civil Service and Armed Forces) and the homosexual as a person. Plan to attend and volunteer to help if you can. ...CONFERENCE ON THEOLOGY AND THE HOMOSEXUAL, August 22-24, at and with the help of Glide Church and Foundation, to precede the NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE OF HOMOPHILE ORGANIZATIONS, starting with a DOB Cocktail Party on August 19th and ending with a Tavern Guild picnic on August 28th, with much business to be attended to in between - location. Bellevue Hotel. (See schedules for all these events elsewhere in this edition.)

**AT THE SIR COMMUNITY CENTER?** Weekly dances and movies, almost nightly meetings, rehearsals, body building, gourmet dining, building face lifting, etc., etc. The

new Center Chairman has taken the reins and things are humming; and he needs every member's cooperation and help. A new theatrical group is working on an old fashioned mellerdrama, complete with hero and heroine (?) and villain! And by the time you read this, the Birthday Party on July 23rd will be a thing of the past.

**IN THE BOARDROOM?** Among other things, brainbusting budgeting by Board members. Every penny is talked about and squeezed out. The Community Center drive netted a little over \$3650, according to figures supplied by the outgoing Community Center Chairman; and the Treasurer advises that a total of about \$4200 was spent to open the doors of the Center, \$1400 of which was refunded by the owner of the building. Amount spent: About \$2800, \$800 of which is on deposit at the real estate agent's office. The Building Fund has been replaced and is again collecting interest at nearly 6% for all \$3000 of it. Still with me? OK. In between the \$2800 spent and the \$3600 collected is \$800 of the donors' money still to be spent on improvements to the Center. And in the meantime (although I do not have exact figures), the various committees as well as donors have brought the general fund balance up to something over \$5000. In June we added about \$800; in May about \$300; and so on back through the past two (and only) years of the history of the Society. For the first time we have a budget that will go into the

red about \$1200, this being based on the previous month's and not the actual money in the bank. So what's to get all excited about?

**IN THE RUMOR MILL?** I don't know how, but little things seem to get turned into big things; and total figures get magnified by shrill voices. Really!

**IN THE MINDS OF MEMBERS?** I wish I knew. On second thought I'm glad I don't. It has been said that the Board has created a monster from broken or lack of communication. Possibly, but believe me when I say that every attempt is made to correct any errors by the Board or misconceptions by the members. Communication's a two way street, and I'm ready to listen to anyone, as are most Board members. Can the members say the same?

**AT MEETINGS?** Many positive things have been said & much has been accomplished. Much more will be although several Board members have been and will probably be replaced in the process. Shooting ducks belongs in shooting galleries, you know. Also, as for meetings, attendance was good the night we were addressed by Officer Blackstone. Could we have even said one word to an officer of the law ten years ago? Or even one year ago? I am glad members ask questions; they should. But there is a time and place for needles-at a knitting and bitching group.

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT?** Do you know that Pres. Beardemphl has spent about \$4000 of his own money to promote and keep SIR an active, vital organization? You do now! And there're the many other Center donors and members and friends who slip an anonymous \$100 or so into the till because they believe in what we are trying to do.

**AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT?** Laughter, I'm sure. For no one can harass, cajole, probe, fight and bitch like the Community members.

**IN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE?** Confusion and consternation, and comments that we'll never make it and can never stay organized.

**THAT'S What's Been Happening.** Is there positive, responsible action by the Community? YOU DAMN WELL BETTER BELIEVE IT. J.H.

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son arrested should be released on his own recognizance [that is, without having to post bail] pending trial or other disposition of the charge.

The authors also comment that the standard attorney's fee in Los Angeles of \$1,000 to \$1,500 is too high, in view of the almost routine procedure of permitting first misdemeanor offenders to "cop out" to a lesser, non-registration offense, receiving a fine and probation. [Of course, such fees may be justified if the case goes to trial.]

Surprisingly, the authors fall into some familiar stereotypes. For instance, they state that one of the arguments against jail sentences and "O.R. release pending trial" is that homosexuals in jail enjoy a "Roman Holiday," a fantastic and thoroughly untenable statement which is attributed to a Los Angeles psychiatrist.

Moreover, in discussing entrapment, the authors state that most homosexuals "are subject to abnormal sexual urges which may preclude a controlled response to suggestive decoy conduct." The authors apparently confuse the libidinous urge that exists in all males (including U.C.L.A. law students) with the means of expression or satisfaction of such urge. Heterosexual male "urges" are of course no less frequent or intense than those of the homosexual male; as a survey of U.C.L.A. coeds would undoubtedly show.

The article nevertheless presents the Herculean accomplishment of a dozen law students who spent a year and a half in intensive research and interviews. Among those interviewed were judges, attorneys, police officers, prosecutors, and bar owners. A "field trip" was also taken to some of the gay bars in Hollywood. Law review writers represent usually the top 10% of the student body in grades and their scholarly writings are frequently studied by judges and attorneys.

A forward to the present article was written by Asso-

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other behavioral scientists, regarding homosexuality.

The seminar on August 23rd will cover the current status of the law, the need for law reform, and the prospects for law reform.

The seminar on August 24th will deal with "Communication, Homosexuality, and Inter-Personal Relations."

These preliminary seminars will provide a sound basis for the issuance of statements on the homosexuals' position and will outline problems we face and solutions we might seek to achieve.

The business meeting has a large and exciting agenda and will include such things as: Involving persons in the movement, inter-organizational ethics, fostering new organizations, political and social action, things detrimental to the movement, agreement on news releases, and so forth.

Justice Stanley Mosk of the California Supreme Court. Justice Mosk is the former Attorney General of the State and was appointed to the high court last year by Governor Brown. Justice Mosk, in his forward, states that "all reflective members of society in this final third of the twentieth century" will be grateful to U.C.L.A. for this undertaking, and he indicates that there may be a modification of the penal statutes "in the foreseeable future in California."

Copies of the article (in Volume 13, No. 3, March, 1966 issue) may be obtained by sending \$2.50 to the U.C.L.A. Law Review, School of Law, University of California, Los Angeles, California 90024.

The agenda provides the greatest in-depth investigation of homophile organizational work ever attempted. However, all will not be hard work; social activities will be included.

Out of this conference it is hoped that we shall see arise closer relationships between existing organizations, a unified authoritative rationale on the homosexual's position in society, and the formation of new homophile organizations. For a full schedule of events and the names of some of the participants, see elsewhere this edition.

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## RETURN TO THE PAST



FOR ONE NIGHT, AUGUST 26, THE SANDS OF TIME WILL RUN UP HILL, AND THE COMMUNITY CENTER WILL BECOME A GASLIGHT SALOON FROM OUT OF SAN FRANCISCO'S ROLICKING, WILD, VIBRANT, SPARKLING GAY 90's.

THE PAST WILL LIVE IN THE PATIOS OF BESSIE BUNTING'S TRAGIC LIFE AS A LADY'S MAID. AUDIENCES WILL ONCE AGAIN BOO AND HISS THE EVIL VILLAIN, AND CHEER AND APPLAUD THE DASHING HERO. CAN-CAN DANCERS WILL KICK THEIR HEELS AND SHAKE THEIR RUFFLES IN THE MOST PROVOCATIVE DANCE OF THAT EYEGONE DAY.

BARTENDERS AND WAITERS IN VESTS AND MUSTACHES WILL DISPENSE THE LIBATIONS (SASPARRILLA-?) AND ADD TO THE FEELING OF WELL-BEING.

IF YOU DIDN'T LIVE DURING THAT GRACEFUL GASLIGHT ERA, GO DOWN TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND RESERVE YOUR SEAT TO SEE THIS HILARIOUS RE-CREATION OF THE LIFE OF A GOOD GIRL TO WHOM FATE DEALT A DIRTY, LOW BLOW.

## LETTERHEAD CONTEST

The Board of Directors has approved a contest among members of SIR to design an official letterhead for SIR's stationery.

The contest will close on September 10, 1966, and all entries must be turned in at the SIR office prior to 5:00 p.m. on that date.

Entries must be submitted on standard letter size paper and bear the complete name and address of the Society.

Entries will be posted in the Community Center and the winner will be selected by the members at the open meeting on September 21st.

The winner will receive a \$25.00 savings bond.

## SIRLEBRITY CAPADES

The SIRLEBRITY CAPADES OF 1966 is coming and promises to be the finest show ever put on by anyone - bar none.

But the show needs your help - on stage and off. It needs people to help advertise, build sets, write, sew, paint, and so forth. The SIRLEBRITY CAPADES Committee will meet at the Center on Thursday, August 4th, at 7:00 p.m. Come down and be a part of SIR's biggest financial endeavor. For further information, call SU 1-1570.

## SIR scores again at TAVERN GUILD PICNIC

A large representation of SIR picnic fans turned out for the Tavern Guild picnic held Sunday, July 10, in the East Bay hills near Hayward. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and salad were served, and cold beer flowed throughout the day. Tavern Guild president Bill Plath organized sporting events at which SIR members won honors in high jumping, baseball, jump-rope and (alas) the high-heels race.

Tickets were sold at Tavern Guild bars and were available to all members of the community. Approximately 200 persons attended.

## PHYSICAL FITNESS

### GROUP

The physical fitness group will resume meetings shortly with an expanded program for everyone. The course closely follows the Canadian Airforce program. The instructor gives personal instruction to improve each participant's problem area. The work-out is not strenuous, but it definitely shows results. The group will meet every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Following the work-out, a delicious dinner is served at the low price of \$1.50. All interested persons are urged to call SU 1-1570 and sign up now.

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