VOL.III NO.3

FEBRUARY 1967

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, 83 SIXTH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA SU 1-1570

L.A. Gay Bar Harassment

by Herb Donaldson

What appears, at least on the surface, as a concerted plan by Los Angeles Rampart Pelice Station officers to harass los Angeles bars catering to homosexuals, has been in effect since the beginning of the New Year. This, combined with reports of an increase in entrapment-type arrests by the police of individuals believed to be homosexual, would seem to be the beginning of a campaignity what kind of campaignity what kind of campaignity what kind of campaignity are the section.

The new Rampart Station, located on Temple Street in Los Angeles, shortly after midnight on New Year's Eve, sent thirteen plainclothes officers into the BLACK CAI, a bar located at 307 Sunset Boulevard in the Silverlake area. On that foray twelve persons were arrested - ten for lead conduct and two for

drunkeness.

The second raid occurred a few minutes later when the same officers moved down to 4001 Sunset to the NEW FACES bar and staged a raid in which the manager of the bar was so severely beaten that his spleen was ruptured.

his spleen was ruptured.
On January 7th, vice officers from the same Rampart
Station struck at the RAMM's
HLAD, located at 3037 Sunset.
The raid occurred at 11:30
PM and sixteen persons were
arrested, all being charged
with lewd conduct.

The fourth raid occurred on the same night, though it was at 1:30 AM on January 8th

Continued on Page 6

THAT TIME/LIFE LOOK

by John Bradle

"Punishment of the homosexual is clearly no solution. Perhaps better understanding is". One would assume that an article closing with the above sentences would be one favorably disposed to the "plight" of the homosexual, and that such an article would make a reasonable attempt to foster such understanding; and, indeed, there is much that is favorable about the look Magazine article of January 10th. It is reassuring, for example, to find a magazine of mass popularity making remarks such as "harassment | by police| of gay bar, patrons is common, especially in los Angeles." Or, "all branches of the Federal Government refuse to employ anyone who admits to having engaged in a homosexual act". And I particularly liked the one that began "Not all homosexuals cruise compulsively".

If I sound somewhat caustic it is only because the article in Look is so completely an example of that good, well-intentioned, constructive brew that creeps increasingly into our mass media in an attempt to Iducate The Masses. For example, it is well and good to state that "in their bizare way, both men in dresses, a caricature of femininity, and the motorcyclist, a caricature in masculinity, represent opposite poles of a secret world". These two examples are extremes and represent a small minority of the total homosexual population.

The title of the article is the real key: THE SAD "GAY" LIFE. This is an article about people-homosexuals, yes-but still essentially people: sad ones, happy ones, people successful in their chosen careers, others failures, people married, divorced, single, some with problems, emotional disturbances of one kind or another, but also many with no more discernable emotional handicaps than the "average heterosexual". No, this is not an article about those kinds of individuals. This is a Message article. It seeks to enlighten, to reveal, to concentrate on those mistreated, maligned, misunderstood unfortunates who through no-fault-of-their-own-awoke-as-if-from-a-dream-to-discover-they were-homosexual.

We would prefer to believe that Look neglected all those others-those who have never found it necessary to consult a psychiatrist, who never have been arrested, who have spent years or perhaps a lifetime with the same mate, have steady jobs and reasonable incomes, many with loving families. We would prefer to believe that Look ignored those vast, uncounted numbers out of a genuine feeling of altruism. We prefer to believe that Look really knew they were there, but just preferred not to discuss them because they have no problems, so why discuss them? Of course, by ignoring all of those dull, uninteresting homosexuals who never make newspaper headlines we are also ignoring half (or maybe two-thirds--would you believe four-fifths?) of the story. And

Continued on Page 2

so, as is invariably the case, this article, which, past decade, extracted milstrives for understanding, fails. It does not appreciably provide understanding -it merely tends to reinforce the prejudices and the stereotypes.

In Look's approach to the subject of the homosexual and the law, we are told that "in nearly every West European country, homosexuality is not a crome". (I assume the authors mean homosexual practices are not a crime--even in America they permit you to be one -- just don't do one). And in England "The Wolfenden Report.....proposed in 1954, that 'homosexual behavior between consenting adults in private should no longer be a criminal offense". But in America, the editors of Look make every reasonable effort to point out the "legal penalties for homosexuality are harsh". We are given a brief description of some of the enlightened legislation of the Dark Ages, most of which for his church and very much state law virtually every- cut off from the law and he's where in the country. also informs us that because SIR, and organizations like of our laws homosexuals "are it, are making an attempt to a target for all sorts of vi- alter the pathetic, depresolence, including hoodlums sing image that magazines who lure them to an isolated like Look continue to hold up place and then beat and rob of the homosexual in America. them. In 1965, at least 13 But SIR is not saying (or so

Blackmailers are a constant threat. A nationwide extortion ring operating for the lions of dollars from more than a thousand victims". Look's list of injustices goes on and on. And what is Look's conclusion to all this injustice? "Homosexuals pose a police problem". Homosexuals pose a police problem!!! Not the laws, which Look Magazine has just compared rather unfavorably to those in existence in m o s t of the other civilized countries of the world: not the hoodlums and thieves and murderers who twist bad laws to their own ends; nor, presumably, is it ever the police themselves who post a problem by actively encouraging the mentality that preys on homosexuals. No in true Orwellian nonthink, it is not the predator that poses the police problem -- it is the victim.

of SIR as saying, "The homo-sexual has cut himself off from the world. He's afraid remains preserved intact in afraid for his family. He's Look cut off from social life".

Look quotes the President

active homosexuality" does Dr. Joel Fort in the Look article. I would hope that SIR is encouraging its members to enjoy as full and as rich a life as possible.

Many fine things were said in the article and many of them were said by Dr. Fort. It is always possible that his remarks as reported were taken out of context; if so, all the more reason for a critical attitude toward the article. I am suspicious of a philosophy that considers it necessary "to foster healthy heterosexuality". My reaction, again, is WHY? Why "foster" either heterosexuality or homosexuality? I suspect the reason Dr. Fort prefers to foster healthy heterosexuality is that despite his assurances that he seeks to help homosexuals to adjust he is basically in agreement with Doctor Heersema of the Stanford Medical School, who is also quoted in the Look article. Dr. Heersema feels that "to speak of a healthy, happy homosexual is a euphemism, similar to speaking of a cripple or partially blind person as being 'happy'". I find it difficult to imagine how a man of Dr. Heersema's attitude could ever help a homosexual even to a partial adjustment. What confidence would any person have in a man who looks upon you basically as some kind of cripple? And if the general readership of Look continues to think of

murders in Chicago had obvi- it seems to this writer) that homosexual undertones. "we should not be encouraging THE MOST COMPLETE RESTAURANT AND CATERING SERVICE

437 Hayes Street

MON. - FRI. 10AM-9PM SAT. 9AM-4PM

vector

"Look"-continued from Page 2 homosexuals as cripples, incapable of happiness, we can thank men of the medical profession of Dr. Heersema's calibre.

I, for one, will not acquiesce in that doctor's diagnosis It is altogether possible that in many ways I am "crippled" in one sense or another (in the sense, that is, of remaining incapable of certain attitudes or of carrying out certain actions). It is quite possible, for example, that in my frustration over my country's involvement in S.E. Asia, that I am indeed "crippled" in that I find I have no decision-making powers regarding a war carried out in my name. That is indeed an unfortunate lack of "control" and of "power" on my part. If I am "partially blinded", on the other hand, it is perhaps to the billions to be spent on that war that could otherwise be such as that of Dr. Fort. In this sense, however, many of my fellow countrymen would find me exceedingly "blind" and truly incapable of realistically evaluating "priorities". Such opinions on the part of others, however, does that the good doctors would though I do consider a war in Asia a very real threat to

his well-being and reacts to that threat. I consider the article in Look a threat, but I am already anticipating the the reaction that I must be paranoic in that I see every cirticism of "gay life" as a threat. I shall, however, hold my ground. Although the article is not a threat to me as an individual, it is a subtle threat to homosexuals as a group (and as long as heterosexuals regard us as one lumping-together we might as well react as a herd to issues such as these). The article breaks no new ground. manages to drag forth all the old wives' tales while carefully balancing them with all the latest in sophisticated, hip, safe suburb psychology, and fails to "inform" (in the truest sense of the word) simple because it takes no position itself. It fails because it is not enough to say "society m u s t ultimately spent in Centers and Clinics learn to live with homosexuals" and then to add "as long as they maintain common standards of public decency". Who sets the standards and who interprets them? At this point we find ourselves no better off than at the beginning of the article. Until not prevent me from voicing the mass media can forgo the my indignation and I suspect temptation to put forth "balanced", "objective" reports concur that my attitude is such as this one--until they then taking an editorial po-

ual recognizes a threat to

(and how laws and attitudes can be altered -- and that they should be altered) -- u n t i 1 that day, articles such as the one in Look will be primarily a waste of time. for one, find small comfort in the fact that "Time and Life's articles were so much worse' I am certain that the average Mary Doe still doesn't know whether she's for 'em or agin' 'em after reading t h i s article. If she's realTy confused, of course, she can always go back to that title - The Sad Gay Life - for probably the most helpful clue she'll get.





SIR SKIERS

Some impatient SIR skiers started the season early with a glorious weekend at Alpine Meadows on January 7th, but the first announced trip was on January 14th.

Strawberry I n n was the rally point and everything from the marvelous skiing to the festive apres-ski activities, was more than anyone expected!

During the weekend the SIR group met several others with mutual interests other than next trip.

February 11th is the next target date and the target will be Heavenly Valley, on the south shore of Lake Tahoe

travel and sleeping arrangecall 673-6390 or 863-8935 for more information. . Ski Heil!!

FOR GOOD SERVICE DRIVE IN TO

FRED'S



TIRES LUBRICATION

PHONE: 863-3807 MARKET & DOUGLAS

The Empress

by Michelle

On January 1st, several hundred people attended the first formal function of the new Empress Gene. At a gala costume ball, held at the Russian Center, the Empress nevskiing, the others plan to er looked lovelier!! As the join the SIR Skiers on their many guests arrived, it was obvious that huge curls, ribbons, and an occasional pony tail were setting the fashions for this year's coif-fures. Even though it was the A meeting will be held on any after New Year's, the February 7th to decide on well-dressed couples radiated freshness and charm. It was ments. Those interested may hard to believe that many of these guests had seen the New Year in at the SIR Ball the night before. The Empress Never Looked Lovelier!!!

Under the direction of the Privy Council, consisting of members of the Tavern Guild, DOB, SIR, and the Coits, one of the most well organized dances this community has ever known was achieved.

Special attention was paid to the members of the DOB by their display of beautiful gowns and well-teased hair. The Empress Never Looked Lov-

After about two hours of dancing, to the varied selections of a fine band, this writer was crowned a Princess and it was my honor to present the Dowager Empress Jose, who, in turn, presented the Empress Gene, who, in turn, acknowledged me, after acknowledged Jose, After five minutes of acknowledging each other, we decided The Empress Never Looked Lov-

The Empress was then seated on her throne to receive her Court of Honor. Among the first were the Princesses from the Cable Car, followed by the Miss Universe Pageant, the Polly Adler Group, and last, but not least, representatives from SIR.

After this Pageant, a group of 20 finalists were brought on stage and an array of clever, unusual and beautiful costumes were judged. The Grand Prize of a trip to Reno for two was won by Fern and Mitch for their spectacular Parisienne ShowGirl costumes.

After a short intermission there was still ample time for dancing and merryment, and at the close of the evening, as guests descended the marble staircase to Sutter Street, they were bid a fond farewell by the Empress and her court. Being, as usual, one of the last to leave, descended the stairway on the arms of my two escorts, and as I looked back, I thought to myself, The Empress Never Looked Lovelier!!!!



HIKING

Two trips have been planned by the Hiking Group for February 12th & 19th. The first is for hardy hikers. SIR members and their friends will be trying to keep up with "The Bearded One." The second will not be quite so tough, and has been planned for the Point Reyes National Shore Area.

For information on the February 12th hike, call Bill at 362-4350. If you are more interested in the February 19th hike, call Paul, at 346ector

... Again

by Kevin Harper

Sunday afternoon, January 8th, was a day of gaiety, laughter, nostalgia, and sadness for those who attended the Farewell Performance of The Nightingale of Montgomery Street in Grand (?) Opera.

In a center which had been transformed into a poor second for the old Black Cat Cafe, the days of Jose's Opera on Sunday afternoon were reincarnated. The only things missing were the sawdust on the floor and the beer cartons lining the walls. But. from Hazel at the piano, and Kish hustling the booze, to Jose on the stage, all else was there, and then some. From the first notes of "Hello, Hello, Everybody," to the last notes of "Auld Lang Syne", a standing-room-only crowd laughed, cheered, and applauded a cast of excellent performers. Perry George sang a heroic, if sometimes flat Rhadames, Charlie Kay portrayed a suitably voluptuous, vituperative Amneris. John deLeon and Greg Ackerman led, staggered, and pulled the Prima Ballerina of the Ethiopian Ballet through a rendition of Salome's "Dance Of The Seven Veils", complete with a 7-breasted bra; "The Nightingale,"(who else?) sang "Aida".

The sets were excellently created by Jack Miller, Jim Ritchie and Joe Simoneau of the Community Center Commit-Each set was received with warm applause from the spectators. Our special thanks to George Haas for the materials for the sets.

There was hardly a dry eye in the hall as the curtain slowly closed on the final notes of "Auld Lang Syne" and on Jose as he stood in his white costume, slowly removing his wig. An era ended at that moment; it was a moment of intense sadness and one which will be long remember-

That Jose chose to give his final performance as a benefit for SIR, should make

us all justly proud that he is a member of SIR, and proud too, that our organization has once more gained by the hand work of this great personality. To you, Jose, go our warmest best wishes. thank you.



RUTH L. BITTMAN

531-0202. Evenings Real Estate Salesman

Oakland (Montelain) Berkeley

Hill and View Properties

All Types - All Prices

"BOY FRIEND"

TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets are now available for "The Boy Friend." Performances will be held Friday and Saturday, February 24th & 25th, at 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center. There will also be a Sunday performance on February 26th at 2:30 p.m. Tickets may be obtained at the SIR office. Seating is limited, so those planning to attend are advised to obtain their tickets early. Seating will be cabaret style and the tables will be for groups of four and six.

SIR'S New Years Eve Ball

by Jack Miller

The Jessie Street entrance to SIR, serpentined and canopied, set the festive mood for SIR's New Year's Eve gala held at the Community Center on December 31st. A capacity crowd of costumed revelers (those in "regular" attire donned paper hats furnished at the door) danced A GO GO and Made Mary at the catered

Intermission was enlivened by an excerpt in 20's dress from the Production Committee's forthcoming "The Boy Friend", which inaugurated ticket sales for the show.

A contest was held, with the band as harassed and impartial judges, to select the best costume in various categories. Among those awarded prizes, Laura was a vision of loveliness and chastity -- if chastity is not too strong a word -- in an elaborate nineteenth century costume; Mavis with an inkling to his imminent performance in the forementioned musical, was delightfully madcap as a twenties' flapper; the best - as they refer to it in the outside world - "female impersonator" was a "show girl"; and a pussy cat, unidentified by your reporter, purred his way to the requisite applause.

The prizes, thoughtfully apropos the occasion, were baroque silver ice buckets. resplendent with a bottle of champagne.

Ed & Warren's Trucks

A Truck for ANY Need

•General Hauling • Basement Cleaning

24 HOUR SERVICE 285-305

"L.A. Harassment" continued when the STAGE DOOR, located at 1228 W. 6th Street (the Westlake Area) was raided and thirteen persons were arrested. The charge in this last raid ranged from charging the bartender with serving a drunk, charging two patrons as common drunks and charging ten patrons with lewd conduct.

Four raids within a relatively short period of one week lead one to question whether the campaign is beginning or whether the campaign has ended after achieving a flurry of excitement in in the homophile community of Los Angeles. That there has been a flurry in the homophile community is undeniable. For example of the attitude of the arresting officers, the arrested customers at the BLACK CAT, (the first of the bars to suffer the raids) were forced to lie face down on the sidewalk until squad cars arrived to

pick them up. The attorney for Robert Haas (the manager of the NEW FACES who was so severely beaten) and also for eleven of the individuals arrested at the BLACK CAT, expects to go to trial with the eleven defendants charged with lewd conduct on the 26th of January. When this writer talked to the attorney, whose name is Ray L. Smith, he indicated that the trial would be by jury. It should be remembered that an attorney facing trial with eleven defendants charged with violation of Section 647(a) of the Penal Code has a very heavy burden. With eleven defendants there are undoubtedly those who are reluctant to take the stand in their own defense for one reason or another; there are those who would rather plead guilty to avoid an embarassing trial and who must be persuaded to go through a trial. There is also the fact that there are unspoken prejudices against individuals of homosexual proclivities which remain unspoken until the jurors retire into the jury room and vote for what is supposed to be a "just verdict." By the time this issue of the paper comes out it may well be that the

trial is over and the verdicts are in, in which case all hark back to the time not the readers should remember that it is comparatively easy to "Monday-morning quar- dent here in the Bay Area. It terback".

One or two observations seem warranted in the present still-confused s t a t e of facts:

(1) Certainly the Southern Californian homophile community needs all the support, both moral and monetary that it can get. However well-meaning individuals may be though, it would seem best to have the expressions of support from Northern California be coordinated through an impartial group. One possible suggestion is that support might be channeled through one of the ministers in the Southern California Council on Religion and the Homosexual so that a relatively impartial person or organization might coordinate the efforts. The Northern California member of the homophile community might sometimes now find it hard to un- we'll help in any way we derstand the apparent rivalry among the various homophile groups, and the unwillingness to, if effect, put one's name and reputation on the line by openly identifying oneself as a member of the homophile

community, and yet we should too many years ago when a comparable attitude was eviis a time of crisis, when individuals and groups can forget their rivalries and become at one with a common goal and aim, and it may be that this time of crisis in Southern California can be the all-important one to unify the members of the homophile community down there.

(2) It may be that there are times when a lot of unsolicited advice from individuals not on the spot is not helpful. I am thinking, when I say this, that there might conceivably be a situation when the Southern Californians do not want a lot of advice, and that the most expeditious thing we could do is give our moral support and help in a monetary way, thus telling them, "We're with you 100% and if you want our advice we'll be glad to give it. But until you ask for it,

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

CLOSED: February 1 OPEN: February 15



President's Column

vector

by Bill Beardemphl

May I thank everyone for your cooperation during these past two and-a-half years. I think we've come through some exhilarating times and have brought about a new societal structure within which we have affirmed the dignity of the homosexual.

Most of the ideas we have offered have vet to be enacted --- there is much hard work ahead for all of us.

I have dedicated myself to SIR and hope to continue with this dedication in my most valuable capacity.

The loyalty and devotion shown by so many has been an inspiration. Thank you, and I hope you will pledge to support our next President as you have supported me.

WE RECOMMEND RADIO DISPATCHED DESOTO CAB CO. FOR SPEEDY SERVICE : 673-1414

New SIR Brochure

A new brochure, written by George Mendenhall and edited by the Board, is now available at the Center. It sets 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. forth the purposes and activities of SIR, and it contains a list of Committees, with a summary of their functions. The cover is a sketch of the front door of the Center, with the caption, "Come On In." Only 2,500 copies have been printed, but a mass distribution is being planned.

Candidates Speak

Twenty five candidates for SIR Offices spoke and then faced a barrage of questions from members at SIR's candidate Night on Wednesday, January 18th. More than 300 members crowded the SIR Center, and many stayed to the 1:15 a.m. adjournment.

It was a stimulating evening of democracy-in-action and members gained new knowledge about their candidates. Kevin McAree's proposal that each candidate be allow-

ed to have and answer five questions after his five-minute talk was approved by the membership.

During the evening Bob La-Dow withdrew for personal reasons as a candidate for Secretary. In an emotionally moving address, he gave high praise to SIR and its members.....One Legal Candidate also withdrew for personal reasons. Two additional candidates were nominated.

Four administrative offices and e i g h t committee chairman positions are to be filled. Officers serve one year and chairmen two. Chairmen positions rotate so that of the twelve, six are elected each year, but this year, there are eight, because two vacancies occurred when the chairmen resigned to run for other offices.

Members are urged to vote on the night of February 1st; however, provision has been made at the Center for those who must vote during the day. The Center is located at 83 Sixth Street. It is open from

IN LOVING MEMORY

Robin Minor

1928 - 1967

CHATTER MATTER

Our 1967 Calendar has been marked for June 17th and 18th Chatter has it that the city is in for a BIG SHOW on that Watch our adverweek end. tisers!!!!!

Sorry to hear Mr. (Elmer) Guy Strait - Editor of Cruise News is being harassed by that other publication. What was the name of that thing???

It was like old home week at the Town Squire on Polk. They are having a big sale and it looks like we will see a lot of new clothes around SIR Center.

Went to the opening of Black Point Inn in Novato. Can you believe swimming in an out-door pool in January? The place is so warm and friendly I am sure we will see many SIR members there in the future.

Talk about class, check the SIRporium ad in this is-

sue! Almost lost two active members of SIR in a bad auto accident - no, three active members. The two in the accident, and the one playing nursemaid to them after the accident.

There are as many people running for elective positions in SIR February 1st, as there were members when we applied for our Charter. Chatter about that for a while!!

The Vice President of SIR had jokingly dubbed a very vocally active member in SIR "The Louella of SIR". Chatter is that "Louella" is furious at being scooped by the "lover of the week" announcement at SIR Candidate Night!!

We were sorry to see Reverend Robert W. Cromey resign from the Board of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual but happy that he will remain an active supporter of CRH.

We pray Dr. Clay Colwell. President of the Council on Religion and The Homosexual will return to us as soon as possible from the hospital where he is recovering from a back ailment.

THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT WATCHDOG OF LIBERTY

by Evander Smith

An area of law which has always haunted jurisprudence is the unreliable prosecuting witness. History and graveyards are filled with victims of the witness who quickly pointed the accusatory finger and spoke with the forked tongue. "Positive" physical identification of the accused has resulted in many erroneous convictions.

Causes which compel one to initiate a vendetta against an accused are too numerous to enumerate; a few obvious ones are revenge, love, hate, fear, insecurity, mass hysteria, intimidation, wishful thinking, and obviously, an honest mistake.

Recently the judicial house of law has been groping in the dark to find a solution to this problem. Much irreconcilable confusion exists, but progress is being made. The case of Ballard v. Superior Court, San Diego, 410 P. 2d 838 focuses upon one facet of the problem. There, a physician was accused by a female patient of having administered an intoxicating narcotic or anesthetic substance in order to prevent resistence while the physician performed an act of sexual intercourse upon her without her consent.

The physician sought, among other things, to have the State Supreme Court compel by mandamus the lower court to order a psychiatric examination of the complaining witness. The physician defendant contended that the female was of an unstable mind and emotions, and that her problems, when properly probed, would explain her unhealthy desire to prosecute the physician defendant.

The opinion is a good one and establishes the fact that in California: Rather than formulate a fixed rule....we believe that discoration should repose in the trial judge to order a psychiatric examination of the complaining witness in a case involving a sex violation if the defendant presents a compel-

ling reason for such an examination.

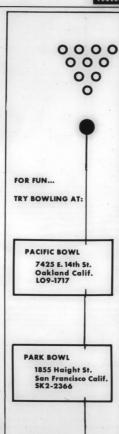
The application this case has for the homophile community is obvious. The most frequent charge made today by sophisticated males toward another is "He made an indecent proposal to me". This is, and evidence supports the validity of it, supposed to wipe out the original charge of battery, robbery, burglary, or car theft, etc., which the original victim was complaining to the police about. The application of this case will not over-night dramatically change anything. But, the opinion is solidly postured in reason and precedence and now awaits the imaginative application of it by defense lawyers who are not too insecure personally to full-heartedly represent a homosexual.



The Tavern Guild of San Francisco

has trained professional bartenders available for private parties

PHONE: SU 1-1571



LETTERS-

EDITOR:...On January 24th, a man died of a skull fracture received during a beating administered by a gang of 20 boys. The unconscious man was found by p o l i c e near Great Highway and was believed to have been dumped there after being attacked near the the tunnet area of Fort Fun

A second man was attacked at about the same time in the same group of boys. Perhaps SIR should revive

Perhaps SIR should revive it's old practice of publishing "Red Warning" brochures.

EDITOR:....while I am writing let me express my appraciation for the excellent work you are doing with VECTOR. This is a publication filling a significant need and I wish you very, very well with it.

> Val Clear, Chairman Department of Sociology Anderson College Anderson, Indiana

SIR'S ANNUAL ELECTION VOTE!! February 1st!! Group Forms

The universal language

New Small Activities

The universal language "ESPERANTO", spoken by millions around the world, will be the project of a new small activities group forming. If you are interested in learning to speak or correspond Esperanto, please call: 863-8847, or write SIR.

SIR has now expanded its Employment Placement Service!

We now have information concerning more than 200 current employment opportunities in the Bay Area. Among the jobs immediately available are those for Junior and Senior Accountants. Experienced and Trainee Sales Positions. Male & Female Clerical help, Engineers, Executives, and numerous Management Trainee positions.
If you are now unemployed, or if you are seeking a better position, SIR's expanded facilities can be of great help to you. This is a free service

of SIR, and no fees of any kind are charged to applicants.

Call SU 1-1570 for further information.

PRODUCTION

by Jerry Tucker Committee Member

At the January 6th meeting of the SIR Productions Committee, it's Chairman, Vince Algood, resigned from the Chairmanship of the committee and from the cast of "The Boy Friend" because of "Other" responsibilities. His part, Pierre, was immediately filled by one of the understudies. Mr. Larry A. Salvini, now choreographer for "The Boy Freind", succeeded Vince

as the committee chairman. Several one-act plays were chosen for the next project of this committee. likely to take place are "Fumed Oak", Noel Coward; "The Purification", Tennessee Williams; "The Last Mile", John Wexley; and "Bald Soprano" by Eugene Ionesco. All interested in the SIR Productions Committee are urged to sit in on the meetings and take part. No talent is required, but is gladly welcomed. Consult your VECTOR for meeting dates, or call the SIR Center for information. SU 1-1570.

Now, back to the committee's current production of Sandy Wilson's "The Boy Friend". This is a very humerous spoof of the 20's. The play takes place around a school for young ladies, run by Mme. Dubonnet, the head mistress. (Hello! Polly).

Performances of "The Boy Friend" will be held at the SIR Community Center on Friday and Saturday, February 24th and 25th, at 8:50 p.m., There will also be a Sunday performance at 2:30 p.m., February 26th. But, WHO IS THE BOY FRIEND?

Imperator
Properties,
Inc.

524 CASTRO STREET
SAN FRANCISCO
UN 3-1500

\$

ушинишинишинишишишинишинишини

RENTALS, SALES & HOMES

kevin frederick DISPLAVS 1235 GREEN STREET BAN FRANCISCO

SATURDAY	Dance at SIR Center	Ince at SIR Center SIR Skiers at Heavenly Valley	18 Lance at SIR Center	24 25 Boy Friend Performance 150 p.m. Performance 150 p.m.	
FRIDAY	Koalas Polar Bear Frolics Productions Committee Meeting 8:00 p.m.	10	Boo, Friend Rehearsal	24 Boy Friend Performance 8:30 p.m.	
THURSDAY	Dinner at S.C.C. 7 pm Boy Friend Rehearsal 8:00 p.m.	Public Relations Comm. Public Relations Comm. Public 8:00 7.m. Boy Friend Sch.C. 7 pm Boy Friend Rehearsal	Dinner at S.C.C. 7 PM Boy Friend Rehearsal 8:00 p.m.	Dinner at S.C.C. 7 PM Boy Friend Rehearsal 8:00 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY	Community Center Comm. Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Closed Meeting (Elec- tions) 8:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting. 7:00 p.m.	S Community CenterComm. Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Community Center Comm. It Meeting - 7:00 p.m. If Open Meeting 8:00 pm	Community Center Comm. Weeting - 7:00 p.m. Boy Friend Rehearsal 8:00 p.m. Washington's Birthday	
TUESDAY		Art Group Tavern Guild Meeting SIR Center, 2:00 p.m. Dinner at S.C.C. 7 pm Boy Friend Rehearal Si00 p.m. Ski Group Meeting	14 Art Group Dinner at S.C.C. 7 pm Boy Friend Rehearsal 8:00 pm	Art Group Dinner at S.C.C. 7 pm Boy Friend Rehearsal 8:00 pm	28 Art Group
Monday		SIRcotium Norkshop 325 Hmyes - 8 p.m. Bance Class 8 p.m. Bowling 8:30 p.m.	Signorium Workshop Sis Hayes St. 8:00 pm Dance Class 8:00 pm Bowling 8:30 pm	DOY Friend Rehearsal 8:00 pm Bowling 8:30 pm	SIROcrium Workshop S25 Hayes St. 8:00 pm Bowling 8:30 p.m.
SUNDAY		Membrrhip Committee Morkshop 5 - 6 p.m. Hiking Group - 8 a.m. Market 6 Van Ness	12 Lincoln's Birthday Square Dance 7:30 pm	Membership Committee Morkshop 3 - 6 pm Square Dancing 7:30 pm Hiking Group 7:30 pm Marken 6 Van Ness 346-0167	26 Boy Friend Performance 2:30 p.m.

MANY THANKS for the cards, letters, and flowers I received during my convales-

Bill May

FOR RENT. Partially furn. 2-bdrm. apt. \$95. 23rd St. Call 285-3097 - Warren.

FOR RENT. Partly furnished large 7-rm. flat & garage. Totally renovated Victorian, Sunny - Privacy - Garden, for two to five men. \$200 - \$250. Occupancy February 1st. Call 282-0185 evenings.

FOR RENT. Buena Vista, 3bdrm. flat, view, lots of light, corner building, rugs, drapes, garage. \$170-\$200. MA 1-3332.

PERSONALS

ANYONE knowing the present address of Allen (Johnny) Yarborough, or Chet Low, for-merly of 749 Octavia Street, call Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a. m. - 6:00 p. m. 644-7393. Lloyde.

Documentary on V.D.

On Friday, February 10th., at 10:00 p.m., KRON-TV will televise an hour-long color documentary entitled "VD: The Disease That Won't Go Away". Although the documentary addresses itself to the problem of the growing rate of venereal disease infection among all segments of the American population, the film also deals with the issue of infection within the homophile community. During the filming of this documentary, Channel 4 interviewed the President of SIR, who discussed what organizations' like SIR are doing to better inform their members as to the dangers of infection. Watch KRON-TV, Friday, February 10 for this filmed special affairs program.

Results of the SIR and CRH elections will appear in the March VECTOR.

vector report

In addition to monthly meetings when we do paste up, VECTOR called a special meeting on November 18th, which was announced in the November issue. I had hoped with this notice in VECTOR, and a notice on the Bulletin Board in the SIR Center, that people would be encouraged to get involved in the many jobs necessary to publish our publication. Seven people did attend, and I was somewhat disappointed that of those. none was interested in chairing the VECTOR Committee for the next two years.

However, I was encouraged that as a result of the November meeting, 12 people did attend our December Paste Up night. There have been times in the past two years when only John, Pete and myself or John H., and myself did paste up. It is encouraging that more people wish to help with the work and responsibility of publishing VECTOR. All members of SIR and their friends are urged to lend their talents to improve VEC-TOR. Watch the Calendar for notice of meetings, and we welcome your help.

> Bill May Business Manager VECTOR

DON'S SERVICE

Just to remind you that Don Miesen, his helpers, truck, tools, and equipment

are always available to help:

- *Moving & Hauling
- *Basement & Attic Cleaning *Yard Work *Painting
- *Home Repairs *Household Cleaning

Call for Guaranteed Estimates

New Number:

392-552





FRIEND

delicious

. spoo

THE

ROARING TWENTIES

SIR

Community

Cente

Sixth Street

Friday,

Saturday,

and

Sunday, February

24, 25, 26

Reservations

may

be

obtained

bу

calling SU 1-1570