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Los Angeles Police Win First Round in Brutality Cases

By P. Lane

"GUILTY," was the verdict rendered against all defendants but one arrested in the Black Cat bar in Los Angeles on New Years Eve, 1967.

Most of the defendants were charged under Penal Code 647 (a) prohibiting lewd conduct. Some defendants were allegedly observed kissing one another at the stroke of midnight on New Years Eve. The Los Angeles jury found this unusual behavior to be lewd conduct under the meaning of the statute. The fact that it was New Years Eve and that millions of men around the world kissed and embraced on New Years did not move these solid citizens.

The defendants along with several supporting witnesses, had testified that police in plainclothes failed to identify themselves; tore two of the defendants (bartenders) across the bar onto the floor landing them on their faces; and beat and injured several defendants as well as other persons who were never arrested. The court sustained prosecution's objections as to the relevancy of this testimony.

Officer Richard Stanton testified under oath as to his activities on that night. He broke down, when on defense demand, he submitted what alleged to be his official written report of the evening. The report he submitted was signed by another officer. Stanton's own written report, was dated 12 days later. It bore no resemblance to his testimony.

The police claimed that they had been attacked and beaten. Officer Michael Butler appeared in court wearing a plaster cast on his arm during the trial. He removed the cast as soon as the jury was locked up and was seen by many witnesses opening doors and drinking coffee in the courthouse cafeteria five minutes later with his allegedly broken arm.

Butler represents the arrogant insolence characteristic of the Los Angeles police. His mockery of the court and his blatant trickery of the jurors insults our American traditions. The glaring contradictions and the gross inconsistencies of the various officers testimony stands as clear evidence of the willingness of these police to commit perjury. How could that jury feel safe with such men in positions of authority? When will one of them be the victim of perjured police testimony?

Many members of the homosexual community were present at this particular trial which began Jan. 26. Unfortunately many of them wore flamboyant clothing and exhibited mannerisms and speech offensive to some, during recesses in full view of the jury. Although the jury was carefully selected and given cautionary instructions, it was felt by members of the bar, that the behavior of some of the spectators may have adversely influenced the jury. The one defendant who was acquitted had a girl in the courtroom at all times and during recesses kissed and petted with her.

It is hoped that in the future, spectators will be aware of the seriousness of the proceedings, dress conservatively, and conduct themselves accordingly. This writer has been advised by two of the new attorneys that spectators will be barred from the courtroom in future proceedings. Hopefully such measures will not be necessary.

Your reporter interviewed Mr. Herbert Selwyn, Los Angeles attorney, who is appealing the convictions for most of the defendants involved in the Black Cat case. One of his arguments will be based on the equal protection of the U.S. Constitution. Apparently, there is a California case wherein two women,

charged with lewd conduct for kissing one another in a public place, were acquitted by the court. The equal protection clause should provide the same immunity for two men. Other arguments will be presented hopefully including theories suggested by this writer and other members of the bar.

Mr. Selwyn has indicated his determination and stated that if he fails in the superior court, he will certify the case to the district court of appeals or initiate a habeas corpus proceeding and at last resort present the case for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Robert Haas, the bartender from the New Faces bar, who was so severely beaten on New Years Eve that his spleen was ruptured and had to be removed, remained in critical condition for several days. He has since recovered and is being charged with felonious assault of an officer.

Your reporter attended an interview with Mr. Haas in the offices of Mr. Steven Solomon of Santa Monica, Mr. Haas's attorney. Also present at the interview was Mr. William Moran, Manager of the New Faces bar.

Mr. Moran was the gentleman your reporter flew up to San Francisco to address the SIP membership meeting on Feb. 15 1967. Those of you present that night were appalled at the shocking act of brutality described by Mr. Moran. He indicated to you that a policeman in plainclothes hit him without identifying himself as a policeman when he, Bill Moran asked, "What's going on?" Bill had just seen the bar owner, Mrs. Lee Roy struck twice and knocked to the ground by the plainclothesman. Bill Moran then stated that he asked the plainclothesman for identification and the officer pulled out a gun saying, "This

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**SMALL
ACTIVITIES**
BY PERRY GEORGE

I was very pleased by the response to my Interest Sheet which I had distributed at the Open Meeting. There will definitely be two new small activities groups. The Ballroom Dancing group will be meeting in the Community Center every Monday at 8 p.m. There will be instructors, headed by John De Leon, to teach. Even if you have not submitted an interest sheet and are interested in learning how to dance, get your feet (and body) to the group meeting.

Considerable interest has also been shown in forming a Bridge group that will meet under the Temporary Chairmanship of Charles Adams on Sunday evenings starting March 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the Center. Anyone interested may show up.

Word has reached me from our hiking group saying any interested in a well-rounded day on the trails should drag it out of the sack early. They will meet at 8 a.m. on March 5th at Oak and Van Ness (near Market). They'll trapse from Fairfaz; visiting babbling brooks and lovely lakes. Call SIR for more information.

For those who like their hiking a bit less strenuous, there will be a hike Sunday, March 19th. This group will meet at Market and Van Ness. For more information call Paul at 346-0167.

As a general reminder, Interest sheets are available in the office. Stop in and fill one out and I'll do what I can to guide you into your group choice.

CLOSED MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meetings for SIR business are on the first Wednesday of every month and are for members only. Next meetings are March 1 and April 5.

SIR SKIERS



The confetti in the lodge was almost as abundant as the snow on the slopes when the SIR Skiers celebrated Mardi Gras at Heavenly Valley!

Beautiful Christiani Lodge was the focal point for the festive three day weekend and it may never be the same. It was a tribute to the stamina of the skiers that they found time for skiing between brunches on the slopes, cocktail parties, gala dinners and costume balls.

The weather was ideal and everyone got sun tanned while enjoying the many delights of skiing.

Several new skiers joined the group for the festivities and three beginners learned the basic technique of ski control.

Many new friends were made during the weekend and all agreed that the event should be an annual affair.

Speaking of annual affairs, the Second Annual Spring Festival will be announced in the next issue of VECTOR.

The next SIR Skiers weekend will be on March 4th and 5th at Sugul Bowl and another is planned for March 18th and 19th. The location for the second weekend will be decided at a meeting on March 7th at 8 p.m. Interested parties phone 673-6390 or 863-8935.

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Blackstone Meets the Discussion Group

Bowling, an art group, skiing, a coin group, and similar functions come under the SIR Small Activities Committee banner.

This series of articles will explore one such activity each month. This month: the Friday Night Discussion group.

Officer Elliot Blackstone of the Police Community Relations Unit was a recent guest speaker. A packed house listened attentively and took part in a lively question period.

Blackstone has been on the force for 18 years; the last two on the Unit. He is one of the five officers working directly in community relations for the city wide poverty program. Married, he commutes from his Marin home to his duty working with minority groups and a course he is taking at UC Extension on "Legal Control of Sex Activity." His humane concern for the problems of the homophile and the "hippie" has got him into "how water" more than once but he continues in his determination to bring greater understanding between the policeman and the minorities.

The officer explained that 16 uniformed officers have been assigned to assist the 13 man full-time Community Relations Unit. They work on a part-time basis and are directly under station captains. It was felt that since the regular Unit men wear plain clothes the addition of uniformed men would help build more respect for the uniform itself. The success of this new plan is yet to be determined.

Some of the problems the officer faces is the fact that some homophiles commit sexual acts in public places and a few get into trouble because of an indiscriminate choice of sex partners. Blackstone stressed that he

wished that something could be done for the homophile masochist who feels guilt and places himself in dangerous situations because he unconsciously wants to be apprehended, thus "punished."

In answer to a variety of questions, the officer said that 95% of the police applicants are rejected and that of the remaining 5% it can not be assured that each man will act sympathetically all of the time in all situations involving the homophile.

SIR was called "the most recognized and responsible homophile organization" by Blackstone. He said it is unfortunate that the homophile community is not more aware that "more bad things happen to the homophile than to the "straight" guy because of the homophile's indiscretion. Self-policing was urged and a revival of the Red Alert Warning campaign by SIR would be welcome.

Elliot Blackstone concluded by commenting that homophiles should realize that many "straight" men think that homophiles are not "real men" and are both effeminate and irresponsible. This results in the "straight" male's immediate negative reaction to the homophile because he is a threat to such a man's sense of masculinity. SIR, the officer believes, should help convince the broader community that homophiles can be responsible and mature.

The Conversation Group brings up to fifty people together in a private home each Friday night to discuss such topics as: leading a double life, the politics and future of SIR, Lust and Love, legal problems of the homosexual, and sexual fantasy. The location of the sessions and the weeks' topic can be obtained from the SIR Center secretary.

Next month: The Art Group.



OFFICER ELLIOT BLACKSTONE

New Plays Are Set by the Production Group

On February 9th, the Production Committee, under its new chairman, Larry Salvini, selected Stephen M. Matthew to supervise the program of three one act plays to be produced in the early summer.

The plays are, Fumed Oak, by Noel Coward, The Final Dress Rehearsal by Jack Frakes, and a drama, The Last Mile by John Wexley.

Mr. Matthews, who was business manager for the Daniel de Cordoba Ballet Espagnole, has worked with the Washington, D.C. Theatre Club, and has done work off-Broadway in New York City.

The directors for the plays will be announced on March 15th, and auditions will be held on Sunday, March 26th for The Final Dress Rehearsal, the 27th for Fumed Oak and on the 28th for The Last Mile. On Friday, March 31, the casts will be announced.

DORR JONES is Our Man On The Go

By Larry Carlson

The newly elected president of SIR, Dorr Jones, is not a man who sits back watching the world go by. Having had the privilege of interviewing Mr. Jones, this writer knows that Dorr is a "man-on-the-go," for in addition to his presidency of SIR, he has for the past twelve years served and worked actively with many other homophile groups. He was formerly Chairman of the New York Area Council of the Mattachine Society, and in connection with the council on Religion and the Homosexual he has spoken at conferences of the United Church of Christ, Episcopal and Lutheran churches and Merritt College in Oakland. He was a founding member and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Citizens Alert, and is the treasurer of the Tenderloin Committee, Inc. Dorr has also supported the Sexual Freedom League and the Committee for Free Beaches, in addition to holding memberships in the Association for Responsible Citizenship (Sacramento), the Albany Trust (London, England), The American Civil Liberties Union and the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization.

Dorr Jones helped in establishing the SIR Community Services Committee. He played an active part in the protest against exclusion of homosexuals from the Armed Forces held last May at the University of California Campus at Berkeley and the Federal building in San Francisco. Dorr was an elected delegate to the National Homophile Planning Conference last August, and recently traveled to Los Angeles with officers of the San Francis-

co Tavern Guild to investigate police brutality in several bars on New Year's Eve. He attended the January seminar on Police Community Relations at the University of San Francisco and has high praise for the work this unit is doing.

This wide list of activ-



ities would be enough for three men, but by no means is a complete account of Dorr Jones' interests. In addition to his continuing work in behalf of these homophile groups, Dorr holds memberships and serves on boards of directors in several other clubs and committees of civic interest, associations for the arts and historical societies.

A Gerontologist by profession, Mr. Jones is executive director of a foundation for the elderly and is a member of nine other professional organizations in this field.

He maintains an office in fashionable Jackson Square and an historic Russian Hill estate consisting of a ten-room residence and gardens. Dorr is a descendant of a pioneer Michigan family. His early years were spent in that state, where he attended a private college, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. He continued a close relationship with the school and is past president of his alma mater's alumni association for Northern California. Leaving Michigan in 1956, Dorr resided in New York City before coming to San Francisco in 1959. He completed eight years in business in the home furnishings field prior to his work in social services.

Dorr is indeed a patron of the arts and attends exhibits, concerts and the theatre whenever time permits. He is particularly interested in history, photographing old buildings, gardening and traveling. During 1966, he made trips to Detroit, Chicago, New

detroit, Chicago, New York and Mexico City, with relaxation on weekends and holidays at Big Sur, where he is a member of the Esalen Institute.

Dorr is by heritage a member of "The Establishment," but is certainly not conservative in his thinking or in his constant defense of human rights. He is well known in the Negro Community and once worked for a Negro-Spanish newspaper. His views on politics and religion are liberal, and he is firm in his stand against war and capital punishment. He worked for

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NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

The following resolutions have been presented to the Secretary. In accordance with the Constitution, notice is hereby given that these resolutions shall be voted upon at the Closed Membership Meeting of April 5, 1967.

RESOLUTION # 1

Resolved that the Membership Chairman be authorized to approve persons handling the Membership Lists without the Board approval of each name.

RESOLUTION # 2

Section 1: Initiation of the recall of a member of the Board of Directors or of an Officer of the Corporation, shall be by a petition signed by 5% of the entire voting membership, such petition specifying reasons for recall. Recall shall require 2/3 of the Members present at the Closed Membership meeting during which the petition is

considered, providing a quorum has been established. Section 2: Notification of a petition for recall of a Member of the Board of Directors or of an Officer of the Corporation shall be sent to the entire voting Membership in a special mailing; such special mailing to be automatic within one week upon receipt of the Recall Petition and to be the responsibility of the Secretary of the Corporation. In the case of the recall of the Secretary, the responsibility will be that of the Chairman of the Membership Committee. Section 3: This shall supersede any portion or portions of the Constitution which are in conflict.

RESOLUTION # 3

Resolved that a Life Membership be granted to all retiring Presidents who have served at least one complete term of office. This is to start with our past president, William E. Beardemphl.

Open Meeting

Officer Richard Hongisto of the Community Relations Unit of the S.F. Police Department will speak and answer questions at the March 15 Open Meeting.

Hongisto has been attached to this unit for less than one month and he is directly assigned to work with the homophile community.

The Public Relations Committee is sponsoring this event and urges all members and friends to attend.

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presented an hour long program on another favorite subject - V.D. This locally produced program stressed the universality of venereal problems and the non-judgmental sincerity of the clinic at 33 Hunt Street. Briefly, it showed Jim Ash and John Harper going about their clinical business and SIR's first president, Bill Beardolph, in the outer hallway of the SIR Community Center. Bill stressed the fact that the homophile community was actively supporting the clinic's efforts. He illustrated this point with matches, buttons and posters pushing the "Check-33" program that has been frequently used in the gay community. The bulk of the program was aimed at the high school student. It was unfortunate that it had to come on the air as late as it did.

CBS SPECIAL - MARCH 7

The long awaited CBS Reports program on "Homosexuality" will finally be shown on March 7 at 10 P.M.

Featured on the program is a section about Boise, Idaho, a national survey on society's attitude, professional opinions and several interviews, including one with Hal Call of San Francisco Mattachine and another with author Gore Vidal.

Homosexuals Are Sick?

Bill Plath

David Susskind's recent TV program entitled "Homosexuality - A Sickness or Not" seems to have answered the question strongly in the affirmative.

Homosexuals are sick - sick of hearing uninformed, self-appointed authorities airing their personal prejudices and distortions as facts. A large and concerned group of SIR members took time from more important activities to watch a program that soon took on the appearance of an old fashioned melodrama. In no time at all our audience found itself cheering the hero (Dick Leitch, president of the New York Mattachine Society) and hissing the villains (two psychiatrists who claimed among other things to be able to recognize homosexuals "because their bodies are too tense, their bodies too rigid"). Among the many worthwhile questions and ob-

servations from the studio audience one question stood out. Were the doctors on the panel claiming that homosexuals were sick because they were selling treatments and 'cures' at \$25 per hour? The doctors chose to discuss the subject on a higher, more scientific plane however with one of them introducing into the discussion a recent magazine article called, "Fag Jag on the Boob Tube." The Mattachine president responded even to that with the poise and gentleness that had characterized his whole appearance on the program. Mr. Susskind is to be commended for having this long standing question answered for us. Possibly, on a future program he may consider asking the same question of psychiatry.

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Charlie Davis

REAGAN TALKS SEX

P. LANE

On January 17, 1967, the San Francisco Examiner reported that Gov. Reagan had declared a war on crime. Reagan urged the Legislature to:

"Allow cities and counties to enact local laws to meet local problems."

He said that his first proposal would permit thorough policing of local jurisdictions,

"especially in the area of vice, sex offenses, and offenses against public decency."

One might ask why Reagan needs new legislation.

He needs it in order to overturn the effect of a 1962 California Supreme Court case which held that only the State (and not local governments) had the right to pass laws regarding sexual conduct. In *Re Lane* 58 Cal 2d. 99 (1962)

In a 5 to 2 decision, the Supreme Court of California held that a Los Angeles ordinance making sexual conduct between persons not married to each other criminal, was in conflict with State law, in that the State had pre-empted (taken over) the field, and that Article XI sec. 11 of the California Constitution applied to make the ordinance invalid. That section of the constitution makes local laws invalid where they impose regulation in areas pre-empted by State laws. The court found that the State had taken over the area of sexual legislation pointing to the fact that there are 60 penal code sections dealing with the criminal aspects of sexual activity.

The defendant, Miss Lane, was convicted of "resorting" on 2 charges (1) of violating sec. 41.07 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (2) which prohibited just about everything even in private. Miss Lane had committed the crime in her own home; the ordinance spoke in vague terms of "intent to commit lewd acts." Thus, even kissing and petting might be construed as the major element of the crime.

Reagan is proposing to nullify the effect of the Lane case. He wants to allow any city, town, or county to pass laws regulating morality. The full meaning of the proposal is apparent only if one realizes that most of the local ordinances which would result will be like the one in the Lane case in that they ignore constitutionally protected rights and tend to encourage their violation.

The ordinance in the Lane case might have been attacked on the constitutional grounds of "vagueness," or on the basis of an invasion of the right to privacy, see *Griswold v Connecticut* 381 U. S. 479 (1965). It might also have been held invalid as violating other personal rights which certain jurists now feel are protected by the 9th. Amendment. *Griswold v. Conn.* *ibid* at 492. However, the fact that there may be constitutional arguments made against a law doesn't prevent its use. The fact that one has a right of appeal does not protect one from arrest or the onus of a record.

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President's Column

by Dorr Jones

The first day of February, 1967, brought with it the challenge of a new year for the Society for Individual Rights.....a year which could easily be one of the most important to the organization. Relative to the continuing expansion of membership and activities, it certainly promises to be a busy year for the society's second president. The founding executive, Bill Beardemphl, did an excellent job, and it will be a difficult task to succeed him. Active in the homophile movement since 1955, I consider my election as president a unique step forward at a time when I had given thought to the contentment of just being a member of the "old guard!"

In considering the problems and goals of this organization nine points come to mind which should have our immediate attention: 1) Community involvement is imperative!

Homophile activities should be only one part of any member's interests and responsibilities toward other human beings, and the center's program should reflect this broadness of scope by serving the needs of the whole Bay Area; 2) The importance of changing our archaic penal code should have a high priority rating in our efforts toward creating a better and healthier society. England has finally made progress, so has Illinois. Why not California and other States? 3) If we really have sixty to ninety thousand homosexuals in the Bay Area, one possible and powerful solution to some of the daily problems we face in trying to lead our private lives is the development of a strong political force. This is an important year for San Francisco with the election in November. If there was any one thing I remember as most significant about Jose Sarria and his shows at the old Black Cat, it was his constant plea which began "United we stand.....". The

foundations exist in a number of excellent organizations we didn't have even five years ago, so now we're ready to build a power block. Support the political committee in its efforts to register voters!

The other six points are self-explanatory projects: a legal defense fund; improved public relations; committee strengthening; a responsible fiscal policy; more social and business services for members; and much membership growth.

SIR has been criticized for many reasons, and this is to be expected in any growing organization. As a whole, I think it is a remarkably healthy structure, but any group needs to re-examine its methods and objectives at this stage in development. Procedures which worked successfully for the first three years may not continue to do so, and we need to take firm positive action on these complaints and suggestions.

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ELECTION

by J. Bradley

On Wednesday, February 1st the membership of SIR elected Dorr Jones to serve as their President for the coming year. Other executive officers for the year will be Kevin McAree, Vice-President; Pat Kelley, Secretary; and Roger Jenkins, Treasurer. Those elected to Chairmanships of their various committees were Fred Hardt, Community Center Committee; E-vander Smith, Legal Committee; Everett Hendrick, Political Committee; George Mendenhall, Public Relations Committee; Chuck Thayer, Publications Committee; Perry George, Small Activities Committee; Jack Miller, Social Committee; and Bill Beardemphl, VECTOR Committee. Each of the above will also sit as members of the SIR Board of Directors in addition to their regular duties as committee chairmen.

The election of February 1st climaxed a month of campaigning by 26 candidates and represented a distinct departure from former SIR elections. The procedures instituted this year were set up under a resolution recently passed by the membership. Provisions of the resolution included that nominations for Executive and Board positions first be made at the Closed Membership Meeting in January. Campaign speeches as well as a question and answer period were provided as part of the regular Open Meeting in January. Previously, campaign speeches had been made the evening of the elections and under this system it was felt the time limit had been too severe. This year the membership was able to conduct regular SIR business while the ballots were being counted. Balloting under the supervision of the Membership Committee began Wednesday morning and ended at 10:30 that evening. Absentee ballots were provided for those unable to reach the Community Center the day of the elections.

In addition to the regular business of the evening, SIR members heard a final address by outgoing President, Bill Beardemphl. Since Bill has served the past two years as SIR's first and only President, his address chronicled not only his own Presidency, but the history of SIR as well. Reiterating the incredible growth of the organization Bill stressed the importance of the acquisition last April of the Community's own Center, the improved relations between the Community and the public at large (including the police, city health department, and the various news media and the church) and the success of the National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations held in San Francisco last August, which SIR first proposed a year and a half ago. Perhaps no other single statement was as impressive as that of the current SIR membership of 550 members - a membership larger than any other homophile organization. Warning against the danger of complacency, however, Bill urged SIR to still greater membership involvement and to an end to factionalism within the organization.

The final order of business for the evening was the nomination and election of the Ways and Means Committee for the coming year. Nominations were made from the floor and balloting began immediately. Elected to the Ways and Means Committee were Don Bruno, Kevin Harper, Larry Littlejohn and Bill Plath. With major business of the evening completed, the meeting adjourned. Members filed to the rear of the Center for coffee, to socialize and congratulate the new officers. Everyone seemed in agreement that under the new election procedures enthusiasm this year remained at an all time high throughout the campaigning.

Now...on with the work!

EDITORIAL

With the first major election change in SIR, a new staff is taking over the production of Vector. It is the desire of this committee to build upon the fine work that has already been accomplished by Ken Arnold. We cannot praise too highly, persons of Mr. Arnold's caliber, who have taken the time from a tremendously busy schedule to devote their talents toward the furthering of the homophile movement. To all the persons that have put out Vector these last two years we express gratitude. We shall dedicate ourselves to the good traditions that have been established.

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LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I am proud of the name of this organization, THE SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS. But, does it mean exactly what it says? I understand it to mean the individual rights of all homosexuals. Could I have missed the point? If not, the organization is for male and female homosexuals; right? There should be no prejudice against one sex by the other, through SIR. If there are any meetings, dances or other functions which practice prejudicial actions because of persons sex, then such functions should not at all be announced through SIR, unless through a personal ad in VECTOR. So I feel that meetings such as the Conversation Group, which excludes certain persons, should have no place on SIR's calendar and no information should be given over SIR's telephone unless it is stated that these meetings are done by a private person. Otherwise we destroy the whole purpose of the supposedly SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS. Jerry Tucker

Dear Editor:

At this time, I would like to use VECTOR to thank all the people who voted for me, and I hope that the people who didn't vote for me will be a little more satisfied with me at the end of the year. I will try to please as many people as possible. With the interests of all the members in mind, I would like to propose myself as a liason between the members and the Board of Directors. Any member who has a complaint, concrete proposal or constructive criticism should send these into me personally (c/o SIR) and I will fully investigate these letters and refer them to the proper committee or if necessary, to the Board of Directors for action.

Please feel free to use me as a link to your Board of Directors.

Kevin Macre

Reagan Talks Sex (cont. from p.9)

Many persons cannot or do not appeal either for lack of funds or in order to avoid further notoriety. Thus the implications of Reagan's proposal are very serious. His proposal would create conditions under which harassment could become even more widespread and constitutional violations would be given the shelter of the law.

Footnotes:

(1) "The evidence in support of the convictions was that in each case, defendant went from her living room to her bedroom in her own home, for the purpose of having sexual intercourse with a male to whom she was not married."

In Re Lane, *ibid*, at 102.

(2) "No person shall resort to any...room, rooming house, lodging house, residence, apartment house, hotel....for the purpose of having sexual intercourse with a person to whom he or she is not married, or for the purpose of performing or participating in any lewd act with any such person."

Section 41.07 Los Angeles Municipal Code.

Another Los Angeles ordinance which may be used should Reagan's proposal become law, is now on the books. "Loitering by Persons of Lewd Or Immoral Character - It shall be unlawful for the owner, manager, or person having supervision or control of any place of business, to permit or allow persons of known lewd, immoral, or dissolute character, sex-perverts of any type, or convicted persons....to loiter, habitually frequent, or remain in such places of business." Los Angeles Municipal Code 41.11.2(a) emphasis supplied. This statute, if enforced, could close every gay bar or business in Los Angeles.

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by Pat Kelley

One of the major plans of my campaign for election was that I would keep the membership informed of Board and Membership Resolutions that had not been fulfilled by the persons responsible. In doing this, I will not play favorites or put special emphasis on any person or Committee.

In this, my first column, I have selected 3 resolutions because I feel them to be of great importance. By the next issue of VECTOR, I hope to have all problem areas listed by date and will proceed in that order unless there are any of outstanding importance. I will, in following reports indicate the action that has been taken since the last report.

The first resolution is placed first only because it was enacted by the Membership. In August 1966, the Membership directed by Resolution that the Community Center Committee install a buzzer-lock system on the two doors leading into the main hall. This buzzer system will be operated from the office. On February 11th, I placed a request in the Board box of the Community Center committee asking what had been done and what action was contemplated. This should have posed no problem since the new Chairman was Sub-Chairman of the Committee prior to his election to the Board. I have received no reply.

The second resolution was passed by the Board June 28, 1966. It directed the Public Relations Committee to prepare the yearly Directional Report for publication as soon as possible. The document was published for 1965-1966. It brought immediate response from both persons

within and without the Community. In reply to my request for information from the new Public Relations Chairman, he informed me that he would immediately find out what had been done by the outgoing Chairman and prepare it as soon as possible. Future progress will be reported.

The third and last resolution will, I am sure provoke controversy. On Nov. 8, 1966 by Resolution #195, the Board set up a "Watch Dog" Committee and outlined its responsibilities. It also passed another resolution, #196, which I will quote, "Moved than an interim Committee be established as outlined in Resolution #196 until such time as the Membership can elect such a Committee, the interim Committee to be Co-Chaired by Kevin McAree and Al Alvarez".

This interim committee is still in operation and the membership has never been asked to elect the permanent Committee. The original resolution names the Treasurer, Social Committee Chairman and two non-board members as members of this committee. I shall request that the two non-board members of this committee be elected at the next closed meeting. You should give serious thought to whom you want in this position. These two persons will be Co-Chairmen of the committee and by Board Resolution #233 they will have the right to select 6 additional persons to work on this committee.

At our open meeting on the 15th, all the Board Members were introduced and explained the function of their committees. Nearly all presented new projects that they are planning for the coming year.

If one half are carried to completion, this will be one of the most exciting periods in SIR's history. Goals have been set that will make SIR and San Francisco the acknowledged leaders in the Homophile Community. Everyone is encouraged to get on these committees and help push this work forward.

A report was given by a SIR member and a visitor from Los

Angeles on the "happening" the police had in LA on New Year's Eve. It is my personal opinion that this may well be the catalyst in the LA area that our own New Year's Eve Ball furnished San Francisco in 1965.

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It was announced that the garden area next door to the Contemporary Dancers on Washington Street and the garage on the corner of Polk and Pacific were extremely dangerous. The Police Department is aware of what is going on and has asked SIR and TGSF to help clear up this problem.

We strongly urge that this activity be brought to a halt immediately.

Our next Open Meeting will be March 15 at 8:00 P.M. The meeting will be called to order promptly. Be on time.

Open Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at the community center Members, and their guests, and anyone interested in the homophile movement and SIR are invited to attend.

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Dear Madam,

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My problem is, how can I break up the romance (?) without hurting him?

--Tired of Acting

Dear Tired,
Your quandary brings to my reminiscence a situation that arose when I was singing Isolde in Tristan und Isolde with the Okmulgee Oklahoma Civic Opera. My Tristan was unbelievably fat, cross-eyed, and had bad breath. Because he had some obvious faults I tended to look for more. Then I caught myself being less than the great lady I am. I realized my Tristan was basically a very nice person. He had an exquisite voice and our voices blended beautifully.

In closing, Tired, apply a positive-approach and decide if you can still "duet" it together. If you feel you truly cannot do this, then remember, "honor is the virtue of the truly great," and as tactfully as possible tell him the truth.

THE OPEN FORUM

by Kevin Macre

Subject for April VECTOR will be "The Wearing of Drag" (wearing of clothes of the opposite sex).

--Is it detrimental to the homophile community?

--Should it be confined only to theatrical productions?

--Would heterosexuals accept the homophile more readily if there was less drag?

--Any other comments regarding drag.

Listed above is the first topic in our new feature "Open Forum." Every month there will be a new topic to stimulate opinions and discussion. Please give your opinions, pro and con, in a letter addressed to "Open Forum," c/o SIR, 83 6th Street, San Francisco, 94103. We will publish the more controversial and interesting letters monthly, and welcome suggestions for future topics.



SEAN AUSTIN SURVEYS HOMOPHILES

by LARRY CARLSON

Sean Austin, a graduate student of psychology pursuing his Master's Degree at San Francisco State College, is presently engaged in a most interesting research project which he will submit for his degree.

Since September, 1966, Mr. Austin has been busy interviewing male homosexuals from the Bay Area between the ages 20-40. Many of these interviews have been conducted at the SIR Community Center; the subjects have mostly been volunteers from SIR. The interview sessions are confidential, last two hours, and are taped for later processing. This writer presented himself as a subject and found that the interview consists of an informal discussion with questions regarding the history of homosexual and heterosexual experiences and attitudes. This information will be used to determine a

wide variety of personal, emotional, social and sexual patterns of the homosexual. By March 1, 1967, Mr. Austin plans to have completed sixty individual interviews. As of this writing, he is still assembling and interpreting data for the written thesis.

Sean is utilizing the statistical technique of "multivariate analysis." This consists of transferring data from interview notes to IBM cards for computer analysis according to the coding used listing the personality variables being tested. These variables are fed into the computer against each other, and the results obtained will give a much fuller breakdown of homosexual behavior patterns and wider diversity of personality structure. The small sampling may play some role in the validity of the results; however, this study will show some very significant patterns, and it is hoped that it will incite other investigators in this field to promote additional research in an area crying for

truthful investigations. Unfortunately, to date, most of the psychological research dealing with homosexuality has been beset with misconceptions. "One of the primary drawbacks has been the conceptualization of the problem. When applied to a sample of case histories psychological theories concerned with male homosexuality show great deficiencies in coping with the broad range of this problem." Mr. Austin's research inevitably is being presented to conceptualize the term "homosexual" as being reducible to a wide variety of personal, social, and sexual patterns.

The original motivation for this research was initiated when Sean Austin was an undergraduate at Lawrence University, Wisconsin, where he

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THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT - WATCHDOG OF LIBERTY

by Evander Smith

The legally untrained are prone to think of contract law as a dry subject better relegated to the legal esotericist. Nothing could be less true. Contract law is the legal melting pot of human endeavor. As with all sleeping giants, rewards await the bold and imaginative who demand recognition. One such bold and imaginative man is a school teacher in *Odirizzi v. Bloomfield School Dist.* 246 A.C.A. 139, (Advance California Appeals 11-3-66).

Mr. Odirizzi was arrested June 10 on a felony criminal charge of homosexual activity, and on June 11 signed a teacher resignation. In July the criminal charges were dismissed by a Superior Court judge on the grounds that no crime had been committed. In September the teacher sought to resume his employment but was rejected by the School.

The teacher sued for declaratory relief based on his resignation having been obtained by undue influence and given at a time when he lacked capacity to make a valid contract. Specifically, the teacher declared he was under such severe mental and emotional strain at the time he signed his resignation; having just completed the process of arrest, questioning by the Police, booking and release on bail, also going 40 hours without sleep, that he was incapable of rational thought or action. While he was in this condition, unable to think clearly, the superintendent of his district and the principal of his school came to his apartment. They said they were trying to help him and had his best interests at heart, and that he should take their advice and immediately resign his teaching position. They also cajoled the teacher into believing that there was no time to consult an attorney, and that if he did not resign immediately, the district would suspend him and publicize the sex arrest causing him "to suffer extreme embarrassment and humiliation"; but that if he resigned at once the incident would be kept quiet and would not jeopardize his chances of getting another teaching job. The plaintiff stated that due to his faith and confidence in their representations, he allowed the school authorities to substitute their will and judgment for his own, thereby obtaining the contested resignation.

The appellate court agreed that there had been undue influence, and in effect, vitiated the resignation. Undue influence, as used here, is a shorthand legal phrase used to describe the persuasion which tends to coerce; persuasion which overcomes the will without convincing the judgment. The hallmark of such persuasion is high pressure, a pressure which works so strongly on mental, moral, or emotional weakness that it approaches coercion. In this sense, undue influence has been called overpersuasion. A party may be led but not driven, and his acts must be the offspring of his own volition - not the record of someone else's.

The difference between legitimate persuasion and excessive pressure, like the difference between seduction and rape, rests to a considerable extent in the manner in which the parties go about their business.

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO LITTLE ANNIE FANNIE?

by JOHN BRADLEY

If Gene Marine, writing in the February issue of Ramparts, did not so consistently confuse cause with effect, his article on the influence of homosexuality on American culture would be nearly perfect. Although smacking at times of those treatments of THE PROBLEM similar to the TIME/LIFE ilk nonetheless, "Who's Afraid of Little Annie Fanny?" is always enjoyable reading. Mr. Marine, by the way, just exhudes healthy heterosexuality and reminds his readers continually that although others may find Camp and Pop Art objectionable, he enjoys it. He's for Andy Warhol and Edward Albee; he just wishes they weren't all that is currently available in the contemporary American Cultural arena.

As I say, I enjoyed Mr. Marine's article immensely...right down to that part about Bette Davis and Joan Crawford having at least been Real Women! As does Mr. Marine, I, too, find approximately 90 % of American advertising either crudely suggestive or appallingly juvenile; I, too, find myself wishing that not all female characters in current Broadway fare were bitches and/or dolts; and I agree that Playboy --- rather than ennobling sex -- in reality degrades it by reducing women, themselves, to the role of mere sexual objects. Nonetheless, despite all this agreement, one aspect of the article did disturb me.

Mr. Marine is primarily concerned about the portrayal, the image, the treatment of women and the continuing and growing tendency to regard women as the toys of sneering men. He carefully distinguishes between the merely chauvinistic attitude most men traditionally show the weaker sex and the utter contempt for women he sees homosexuals displaying. Such displays are reflected, according to Mr. Marine, in our theatre, our advertising, the world of fashion and so forth. American "culture" is dominated if not totally controlled by homosexuals.

Up to a point I would agree with him, but I cannot agree that "The homosexual cultural takeover is turning a society that was sexually sick to begin with into a pathological horror." I am willing to concede that society may be sick and I am even willing to go so far as to admit that there are many sick homosexuals. To conclude from these generalizations that homosexuals are dictating the sick tastes of a nation, however, is to accuse the chill of being responsible for the cold; the chill may be another symptom of the illness, but it's certainly not the cause.

If homosexuals have an influence in fields of fashion, theatre, advertising, is it not as a result of some insidious Masterplan. As Mr. Marine himself admits, it is simply because there are precious few businesses that accept homosexuals for what they are. If they have an influence disproportionate to their numbers in these fields, all that society need do is begin accepting homosexuals in other areas of employment where they are equally qualified. We are all aware, however, that before society is to initiate such revolutionary change in its attitudes it will first have to cure itself of some of its own hangups, and until that time there undoubtedly will be homosexuals flocking to Broadway, Madison Avenue and New York Times Magazine.

Again, I must emphasize that Mr. Marine notes all of this for himself, but he continually places himself in a position similar to that of the little boy wanting to have his cake and eat it too. After having carefully established his credentials as a swinging liberal, in effect he invariably manages to qualify his hippiness with some additional whin-

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Bush Births Beautiful Bouncy "Boyfriend"

by RICHARD ROWLAND

Bush Hunter gave birth last night to a bouncing, loud, "Boy Friend." Seldom has a birth been so well directed. It was witnessed by an appreciative capacity audience in the S.I.R. Community Center. The baby is healthy and vigorous. I fell in love with it and I know you will. It was pure Camp of the highest order and if you are not entertained by this show, even the resurrection will be of no use to you. It's light, it bubbles, it glows!

Not all of the members of the cast will be recognized as there are several newcomers who came on like the Statue of Liberty on the Fourth of July. That wasn't Alice Ghostly playing Nancy. It was John Simo whose characterization was the most delightful and entertaining performance I have witnessed in years. You can't miss Bill Burns as Maisie, and Frank Martin as Bobby, either. They're fresh, exciting, and two of the most talented people you could ever hope to see.

Another pair who could never be left out are Charlie Davis as Lord Brockhurst, MAVIS as Dulcie. Charlie was priceless, and Mavis---well what can you say---together or apart they're magic. It would be impossible to mention everyone and not take the whole issue of VECTOR praising their performances. Martha-Martha?---as Hortense, Dick Eckert as Fay, Jay Jones as Mme. Dubonnet, John Smith as Percy, Gene Swartz as Lady Brockhurst, and on and on.

Only one word for now, SUPERB! The Boy Friends were charming and Pepe and Lolita played by Jack Miller and John De Leon did a tango to end all tan-

go's.

Last, but never least, is Polly, played by Amatus. Under the circumstances, which this particular production presented, this was perhaps the most difficult part to cast, much less perform. Polly was a dream! No amount of praise would suffice. As for Tony, played by Ken Fantastic, that's a boy friend no one could object to. He was charming too.

Special praise should go to the technical crew. The sets by James Richey and Joseph Simoneau were perfect. And every aspect of the technical work showed the many hours of thought and effort which must have gone into them. We won't forget the Musical Director either. Charles Adams may not have been elected President of S.I.R.; but last night he was without a doubt president of the piano. His drummer, Patty Kaye, who was also with S.I.R. for the Sirlebrity Capades, was a fine choice for Vice-President.

One last word. Don't miss it! You won't even have to buy a drink. The show will have the same effect. It's intoxicating!



Boy Friend Producer Reports Success

Because the three initially scheduled performances of "The Boy Friend" were sold out far in advance of opening night a fourth performance was scheduled for Sunday evening. That too quickly achieved the status of "Standing Room Only."

Due to the early copy date for VECTOR, by the time you read this, all four performances of this smash musical will be in the realm of history. If the pleasure of the many interested onlookers at rehearsals is any indication, this final weekend in February, 1967 will be a memorable one in the chronicles of SIR and its production committee. The entire production is reviewed separately in this issue.

The Society for Individual Rights is most fortunate to have so many people contribute so much of their time, talent and money to insure the success of this large production. To all involved in this effort, and to the audience, sincere and heartfelt thanks. Without all of you working so hard it would have been impossible.

Charles Adams - Producer

Father Cromey and The Living Church

by LARRY CARLSON

Controversy has been stirred by an article entitled, "The Living Church," a national magazine. The writer of the article is Father R.W. Cromey, Vicar of St. Aidan's Church, San Francisco.

Fr. Cromey is 35 years old and has been an Episcopal priest for 10 years. He is married and has 3 children. He has been active in the civil rights movement. Regarding the present subject, he is one of the founders of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, and he is a member of the commission on homosexuality of the Diocese of California.

Fr. Cromey relates that traditional theology sees homosexuality as unnatural, perverted, and destructive, and he points out there is presently great need for reform and modification of the Church's condemnation of homosexuals. Fr. Cromey writes of the homophile's rejection by his parents and society, difficulty in obtaining civil service employment, problems of blackmail and extortion, police arrest and brutality, plus the psychological maladjustment which results from continual maltreatment and nonacceptance. He states, "The homosexual who lives under the threat of police harassment, alienation, and fear of blackmail becomes a crippled person, not so much because of his homosexuality, as because of society's treatment of him." He feels that homosexuals are no more a threat or danger than anyone else attending the Church and probably no more a sinner, and that homophiles be accepted "as they are," without the Church trying to "cure" them. "We should lead the way in insisting that homosexuals be given their rights as citizens and be treated as human beings," he remarks.

Recently, a number of clergymen and homosexuals began a series of discussions for purposes of getting acquainted and relinquishing exist-

ing fallacies of thought for one another, and as a result of these consultations, the CRH was formed in San Francisco. The board of directors is made up of clergy from the Methodist, Lutheran, United Church of Christ, Presbyterian, and Episcopal Churches. Male and female homosexuals also serve on the board. The CRH organized primarily as an attempt to realize the identity of the homophile in today's society and to provide an ecumenical and inter-sexual ministry to people who are deviant from generally accepted norms. It is the CRH's belief that the Church and society must first carefully examine the larger question of "human sexuality" before it can effectively deal with homosexuality.

Following Fr. Cromey's article was an editorial by Fr. Simcox, editor of "The Living Church." He commended Fr. Cromey "for daring to tackle the problem head-on, and to do more than talk about it." However, Fr. Simcox expressed his opinion of homosexuality as "a mysterious sickness as well as tragic." He takes the stand that this "sickness" should be attacked and "to seek God's help, and to use all available means to overcome it." He does not agree with Fr. Cromey that homosexuals should be accepted "as they are."

Jim Frooms, Chairman of the Religious Activities Committee at SIR, and another SIR member, who wishes to remain anonymous, both wrote letters to Fr. Simcox severely criticizing some of the rash statements made in the editorial. Jim, to date, has not received any reply, but the other member received a personal letter from Fr. Simcox in which there seems to be a contradiction of statements, perhaps only a matter of semantics. Fr. Simcox spoke of his personal dealings with homosexuals and his observations in them of "sick traits" which this writer feels is

PICKETS PROTEST POLICE SADISTS

by P. LANE

A group of 200 persons gathered in front of the Black Cat bar in Los Angeles on Feb. 11, 1967. The group was protesting the brutal beating of homosexuals and heterosexuals at the Black Cat and New Faces bars on New Years Eve. Up to 40 persons marched in front of the Black Cat carrying signs of protest and outrage.

Squad cars passed by every few minutes and members of the vice squad sat in parked cars across the street.

Other young members of the vice squad, dressed in tight plainclothes, mingled with the crowd. Sgt. Gunn, who was the officer who led the brutal attacks on New Year's Eve, was there in plainclothes. The moderator, Mike Steele, of PRIDE, thanked Sgt. Gunn for being there and making the protest rally possible. Other squad cars were parked around the corner nearby awaiting a call to action.

Participants included ministers, two with their wives. The Rev. Alex Smith addressed the gathering and emphasized that more rallies would be needed if the outrages were ever to be brought to public attention.

Thomas Russell, Los Angeles attorney and James Kepner, a writer, gave their views. Jerry Schwartz, owner of the Stage Door bar and a police officer for 18 years, told the crowd that he was ashamed for ever having worn the blue.

All in all, the protest rally was a tremendous success. Its sponsors, PRIDE, and the members of CRH of SC are to be congratulated for showing Los Angeles and the nation that a public rally can be conducted anywhere. Participation by members of the clergy and the Bar probably prevented police suppression which otherwise could have occurred.

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the march of thyme

BY BILL BEARDEMPHL

In this column we will try to impart some of the humor inadvertently contained within the pages of old "cookery" or "recipe" books. These little bibles of the good homemaker were rare and highly prized. Many, like my mother, added between their pages little scraps of paper that had the precious secret directions for a concoction that promised "ambrosia" or "surprise". Failures somehow, had to be more rationalized than success realized.

In contrast to mans largely inept cookery history, the last 20 years has brought about a quiet but very exciting revolution. We can easily say that mankind has invented more new foods, started the use of a greater variety of food, and created more new ways to combine and prepare food for consumption, in these 20 years then he has done in his million year history on earth. Hopefully we will explore some food preparation techniques that will improve your dining pleasure. With practice you will not have to rely heavily on recipe if you learn techniques of cooking. We will, however, disapprove of such unorthodoxies as pounding butter with ball bats unless you have a most unusual use for buttered ball bats... (Sorry about that Julia Childs)

Our first recipe is as old as Rome.

HYDROMEL

When the dog days set in, take some spring water; to three parts of water add one part of clarified honey; put this mixture in earthenware vessels and have it stirred by your slaves for a long time. Leave it out in the open, covered with a cloth for forty days and forty nights.

I would judge that the success of this recipe depends on which of your slaves you have stir this elixir, and how often you have it mixed. I know of one person who lost his favorite slave after he was sent out on a cold night to stir his master's hydromel. My guess would be that the honey had sugared and the water had evaporated, making stirring impossible... Rather than face disgrace for not being able to carry out his master's command, he disappeared.

Our second recipe is a classic.

AN AFTER LOVE DRINK

Into a Madeira glass pour a quarter glass of maraschino, a yolk of egg, a quarter glass of cream, a quarter glass of old brandy. Serve without mixing seeing to it that the yolk of the egg is not broken. The whole should be swallowed in one gulp.

Highly recommended by my dear friend Baron De M.....

I would however suggest not contemplating the drink if you intend to swallow it. It somehow manages to acquire a hangover stare that can be quite upsetting.

PUREES AND BISQUES

French chefs learned that an elegant soup is a necessity to start any dinner worth remembering. In their search for great potages, they created purees and bisques. How I remember working in my first large kitchen where two of the thirty-five or so oriental "slaves" in the vegetable department would sweat and fume over the forcing of bean soup through a "China cap." I would never go through that much work at home. Yet I had wanted my home dinners to commence with a delectable bisque or puree.

Then I received a blender for a Christmas gift. It occurred to me one day when I was rushed, to put a can of red beans, some seasoned sauteed onions and celery, (never pur raw onions in a blender) a little beef base, and enough water to mix easily,

into my blender and see what would happen. I cooked the resulting puree, thinning with more water and finishing it with a large glass of sherry. The result was a red bean with sherry soup identical to the one I had spent hours working over in the hotel. "Voila!" I felt the editor of Gourmet magazine would be pleased with my home effort. He had eaten the same soup with his meal at the hotel and later praised it in one of his articles.

Let's review what this food preparation technique, making soup purees in a blender, accomplishes. First waste is completely eliminated. Work is reduced and cooking time is shortened. Strange to say a better flavor and texture is achieved. Also it opens up new ideas for your soups.

You can mix a can of "Bon Vivant" lobster bisque, which is a good base but lacking in flavor, a cut up raw lobster tail, and heavy cream in the blender. Cook the resulting Bisque slowly, add good sherry, and a drop of red coloring to make it a correct shade of pink and serve. This is quick, yet the result is as fine as the best chef can achieve after hours of cooking.

The combinations are endless. White bean puree, with fresh chopped tomatoes, (peeled and seeded of course) and green onions is a superb soup. You can now try your favorite flavor combinations yourself. I have tried Lima bean puree with sauterne, garnished with diced ham; cream of fresh carrot garnished with pimento; fresh green bean puree cooked in chicken broth, and many more with great success. Now, get your blender our and create a great soup. It is a necessity to elegant dining.



L. A. Report (cont. from p.3) is the only I.D. I need." He then dragged Bill outside and beat and kicked him, breaking his nose and cutting up his face. Another policeman in plainclothes joined in the kicking. Bill was left there lying on the pavement, unable to move. He was never arrested or charged with anything. The police have since denied ever seeing him.

After recovering, Bill called the police. Two uniformed police arrived, smiling broadly. Bill explained what had happened and the police said, "Are you sure those men were policemen?" They left wishing Mrs. Roy a Happy New Year reminding her to pay her taxes. They never turned in a report.

During the course of the interview at Mr. Solomon's office, Mr. Robert Haas indicated that one of the officers had him outside, pinned to the ground. The officer held Bob's head and beat it against the pavement. He was then kicked and beaten into a state of shock.

Another victim was struck to the ground and a plainclothesman was observed on top of the victim choking him to death. It is indeed remarkable that several persons were not murdered by the police on New Years Eve.

Interestingly enough, the County Courier, the arm of the John Birch Society, reported that a bartender had jumped over the bar and attacked an officer and that the officer was injured and had his spleen removed. The Courier showed a complete lack of responsibility in its failure to verify the facts. Their blatant distortion of fact indicates the gross unreliability of their news reporting.

In contrast, the North American Broadcasting Corporation representing 457 affiliated stations, was able to verify our press release within two hours. Their director, Mr. Michael K. Erickson, sent a letter to the police commissioners of Los Angeles deploring the brutality of their officers. Mr. Erickson urged the LAPD to bring its

men into line with current public thought on the issues involved and urged them to grasp the concept that they are servants and not masters of the public.

SATURDAY NIGHT RECORD HOPS...

MEMBERS WHO WISH TO REQUEST SPECIFIC RECORDS OR WANT THEIR OWN RECORD TO BE PLAYED ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT SUCH REQUESTS TO THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE DANCE

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S. Austin (cont. from p.15)

submitted a thesis in candidacy for Honors at Graduation from that institution. He became extremely interested in abnormal psychology, and most of the information gathered for that paper was extracted from published prison and hospital case histories. Mr. Austin believes that the employment of the multivariate statistical technique will provide a fuller picture of the homosexual personality and give a broader and more vivid, meaningful perspective into homosexual behavior patterns.

Sean has received much enthusiastic encouragement from his co-workers and faculty at State College for his design of this experiment. SIR will look forward to the publication of his findings, a copy of which he will submit to the SIR library. Mr. Austin has personally expressed deepest thanks for the cooperation he has received from SIR members and officers in the accumulation of this data, and SIR appreciates Mr. Austin's taking this step forward in an important area of our rapidly changing society.

Fr. Cromey (cont. from p.20)

contradictory in thought and implication to "sickness," the word used in his editorial. He closed his letter by stating, "You think my statement that homosexuality is mysterious, and after all, the words were mine. Who are you to tell me how things really look from my point of view?"

The complete copy of Fr. Cromey's article and the editorial by Fr. Simcox can be read at the SIR Center office. VECTOR invites any criticism or comments on this issue from its readers.

REGIONAL HOMOPHILE CONFERENCE

APRIL 21 - 23

Although some controversy has been stirred by a special voting procedure announced in advance, it appears that the Western Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations will be held April 21-23 as planned.

The meetings will be at a lodge in Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles County. The two major items of consideration will be a determination of the goals of the "homophile movement" and how these goals can be accomplished.

The voting procedure establishes a "Homophile Organizations" category for dues paying groups and a general category for all others. The first group has one vote while the second group has one-half vote. This is where the controversy arises.

Reverend Kenneth A. Wahrenbrock of the Los Angeles Council on Religion and the Homophile is chairman of the planning committee.

SIR's Board has approved participation in the conference and there will be a vote at a closed meeting soon to determine who shall attend as representatives.

Dorr Jones (cont. from p. 6)

he defeat of Proposition 16 last November.

Certainly, Dorr Jones is a man of many attributes and valuable experiences. SIR is very fortunate to have such an immensely qualified and fitting president for a Society for Individual Rights!

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member to visit the Center or to attend many of the functions. You needn't be a member to work on committees, and even contributions of time and money can be "unlisted" if you wish. Perhaps the "building spirit" of our group will finally make you want to join... If so, you will be welcome.

Watchdog of Liberty (cont. from p. 16)

be finished at once; (4) is there an extreme emphasis on untoward consequences of delay; (5) the use of multiple persuaders by the dominant side against a single servant party; (6) statements that there is no time or need to consult financial advisors or attorneys. If a number of these elements are simultaneously present, the persuasion may be characterized as excessive, undue influence.

Here an individual has had the temerity to stand up for his rights and refused to be intimidated. This takes character and integrity. It does not assure one of success or popularity, but to responsible men, like our example here, public approval is not the goal in life.

Annie Fannie (cont. from p. 17)

ing plea for homosexuals to please "give some of the rest of us a break, fellas." I feel certain that Mr. Marine is fully aware that homosexuals as a minority have been waiting for breaks one hell of a long time and rarely if ever see them extended gratis. What homosexuals have attained - in whatever areas of business or the arts - they have attained by themselves and by insisting on their right to do so. My one plea to Mr. Marine is, please, Sir, spare us the condescension traditionally extended the Southern negro by the Southern white (They're just taking over everything). Not yet, Mr. Marine - not by a long shot. Nonetheless - while we're all awaiting that particular Revolution - we all might take the time to read "Little Annie Fannie;" if occasionally missing the mark, it is still the most amusing article to come from Ramparts in some time.



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