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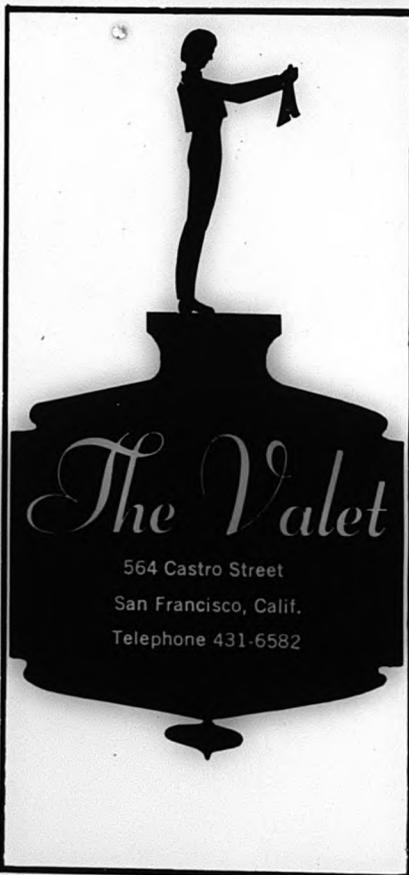
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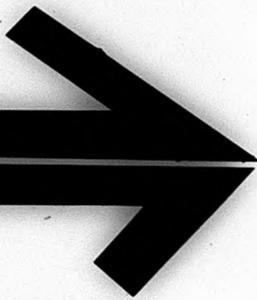


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# S.I.R. ELECTIONS ARE HELD

BY W. E. BEARDEMPHL

On February 7, 1968, the annual meeting of the Society for Individual Rights was held at the Community Center. This is the most important meeting of the year for our organization because of the election of officers and directors. And, like all election meetings in S.I.R., this proved to be an exciting one.

Our new President is Jim Skaggs. The other officers elected to form the Executive Committee are Larry Littlejohn, Vice President; Pete Brandt, Secretary and Ron Clark, Treasurer. Our new officers have taken the reins of leadership with great zeal and many new ideas. A new spirit of community is already apparent in our headquarters. We all have great hopes for their coming year of service.

Directors elected to serve two year terms were: Community Center Chairman, Jim Richey; Community Services Chairman, Jim Robinson; Membership Chairman, Ferris Lehman; Publications Chairman, Chuck Thayer; Religious Chairman, Pat Kelley; Sirporium Chairman, Kevin Macre.

Members elected to the Ways and Means Committee were: Gene Green, Jimmy Graham, Herb Webb and Perry Wood.

In a special election this same evening, Dave Clayton was elected as Legal Chairman and Dale Wilson as Social Chairman to fill the unexpired year of these directorships.

With the remaining members of the Board who still have a year to serve, Small Activities Chairman, Perry George; Political Chairman, Jim Burge; Public Relations Chairman, George Mendenhall; and Vector Chairman, Bill Beardemphl, it looks like a year of exciting happenings.

A most heartening part of the annual meeting were the reports covering finances and activities of S.I.R. During the fiscal year, February 1967 to February 1968, our

income was nearly \$60,000.00. This money was used for publications such as VECTOR, the Pocket Lawyer and the "What Should I Do About the Draft?" pamphlet; keeping the Center and Offices open every week day; productions and social activities; help for those who needed it and many other activities. Funds in the bank were reported to be over \$6,000.00.

The year ahead promises greater involvement in more community service projects such as the now active Fair Employment Practice for Homosexuals Committee, the Treasure Island Project, a series of educational booklets - "The Homosexual and the Armed Forces" now ready for the printer and "Homosexual Law Reform" to be published in cooperation with C.R.H., T.G.S.F. and D.O.B. and others now being researched and written.

Activity goes ahead in conjunction with law reform in California. A suit is now pending before the Public Utilities Commission against the telephone company to bring them to accept advertising from Homophile Organizations and to have a separate yellow page heading. The newly forming Open Weekend at S.I.R. program which will include a wide variety of activities is under way as are many more projects.

These are some of the additions to S.I.R.'s continuing program of extensive community involvement on all levels. The steady growth and soundness of our organization has been an inspiration to groups all over the United States. Each year adds to the service that brings human dignity and fulfillment to individual homosexuals and the homophile community.

Members of S.I.R. have much to be proud of in the job that is being done. Thanks go to the many who have dedicated their time to improving the lot of all homosexuals in our area.



Pictured left to right: L. Littlejohn, Vice President; J. Skaggs, President; R. Clark, Treasurer; P. Brandt, Secretary (seated).

Pictured left to right: J. Robinson, Community Services; P. Kelley, Religious; C. Thayer, Publications; (seated) F. Lehman, Membership; J. Richey, Community Center.



# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Jim Skaggs



Nineteen sixty-eight is a most critical year in the progressive development of the Society for Individual Rights. With the increases in membership and the necessity for expansion of activity on all levels, we are faced with a great challenge. To provide direction and leadership while simultaneously striving to inspire confidence and build enthusiasm is not an easy task. Ideological differences, personality clashes and circumstantial difficulties often create an atmosphere of NEGATIVISM. Unfortunately this word describes a very popular, if not prevalent, attitude in S.I.R. during 1967. However, changes are being effected, and a new spirit of dedication and commitment can be both seen and felt in the attitudes and actions of many S.I.R. members. Therefore, to foster and promote a more POSITIVE view toward our present functioning and also toward a greater awareness of our potential I appeal to each member of the homophile community to consider carefully the following directional statement.

S.I.R. is NOT primarily a social organization. However, the social fabric which we are endeavoring to create for the benefit of the homosexual must always be one of S.I.R.'s major functions. With productions, expanded activity on the part of the Social, Community Center and Small Activities Committees S.I.R. is aiding the interested homosexual by helping him to create for himself a unique, worthwhile social environment. However, even with the full realization of all our social potential, we are still failing to account for our *raison d'être*. Active, and at appropriate times militant, involvement in the political, legal, religious, and philosophical revolutions that are shaping the destiny of our community, nation and world must be uppermost as we try to discover our directional emphasis. Immediate, pertinent questions reveal the complexity of the situation. How can this involvement be accomplished? When can we aggressively pressure appropriate embodiments of authority for an expansion of our individual rights? To create a totally unreal or farcical situation simply for the sake of publicity would accomplish little more than the shallow temporary sen-

sationalism that would accompany it. Perhaps the following specific suggestions will provide fertile ground for thought along these lines.

First, leadership development and training is an immediate necessity. The lack of cultivation of responsible, dedicated leadership has been true of S.I.R. and of every other major homophile organization. I would like for S.I.R. to institute a series of seminars on leadership that would benefit both our organization and others who are dedicated to similar aims and purposes.

Second, it is essential that a much greater attitude of cooperation be developed among homophile organizations. The constant bickering and petty "in fighting" that has led to much of the controversy in the past from which an East-West ideological dichotomy has developed must be terminated. I hope that through unified efforts such as the North American Planning Conferences and through the effective, active support of committees that have been established to effect unity on a nationwide basis progress can be made to provide a cooperative, harmonious working relationship among all homophile and related organizations.

Third, increased emphasis on publications that will adequately inform both the homosexual and heterosexual public concerning the homosexual dilemma and the many steps toward the resolution of this situation. The Community Services Committee in conjunction with the Publications Committee has projected a series of sixteen pamphlets to provide an immediate answer to the present lack of informative material about the homosexual.

Fourth, increased emphasis on public relations must be primary in our confrontation of the heterosexual public. The reactivation of the Speaker's Bureau and extended activity by the president, vice-president and Public Relations Committee will attempt to provide leadership in this critical area.

Finally, because of the tremendous influence and power of economics in determining social and cultural attitudes, we must develop GAY POWER in every conceivable way. We as a minority community have untapped wealth and resources that can provide the economic power that can be influential both politically and socially.

When I consider the potential that is within our grasp I realize our many inadequacies and failings. We have just the faint beginnings of a homophile movement that can be distinguished as a positive force in our society. With determination, courage and vision we can establish the fundamental base on which a creative, useful, responsible homophile society can be built.



## SMALL ACTIVITIES

BY PERRY GEORGE

In case you turned to the calendar first and were shocked to see the absence of the Bridge Group listing, I would like to calm your fears by saying the Bridge Group has now been turned over to Lynn Johnson to chair, as Jim Skaggs, the former chairman, is now our president and unable to chair the group. Lynn has the listing of all those who checked "Bridge Group" on their Small Activities interest sheets and submitted them to me. He will phone those listed and reach a playing date best suited to everybody. If you don't think you are on this list and are nevertheless interested in joining the Bridge Group, phone Lynn Johnson at 824 - 2386.

The Art Group has decided weekly meetings are a bit ambitious at this time and are now meeting on the first Tuesday only of each month. They do some very interesting figure studies and their only requirements are that you furnish your own art supplies and if you come to the meeting you must participate in drawing.

Paul of the Hiking Group announces a hike for Sunday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day). This is a good way to walk on something green (woods) and save something green (money). Hiking is a vigorous and inexpensive way to spend a Sunday I know. Bring your lunch and meet at the corner of Market and Van Ness at 9:00 A.M..

John DeLeon has again resumed the Ballroom Dancing Group on Monday evenings at 8:00 P.M. at the SIR Center. The current dance in demand by his students is the Bolero. The group does, however, also work on the more standard repertoire.

The Discussion Groups are both well attended and are, as they had been intended to, a useful sounding board for the membership and friends to discuss in smaller groups those issues and problems involving them as homosexuals in daily life. On the last Friday of March Father Brophy S.S.J. (Jesuit priest will speak on "Catholicism and the Homosexual").

I remember the last time we had a Catholic priest speak at a discussion group. The questions and answers period went on until 2:00 A.M. and nobody was aware of the passage of time because they were so fascinated.

The Dinner Group is creeping back into existence and will, as of now, be on the Wednesday of open meetings and are, as

they had been, \$1.50 per person. We were honored to have Mme. Aida Soto-Voce prepare her exquisite spaghetti sauce, garlic bread and fancy salad for the February meeting and we will undoubtedly be able to prevail on her again for another surprise for March.

#### SIR SKIERS

February brought snow conditions that ranged from fresh powder to warm slush and weather that went from balmy to blizzardous. Only devoted skiers would brave such conditions...but S.I.R. Skiers are devotees!

They bar-skied during the blizzards but they were prepared to stagger to the slopes when they were ski-able. In view of the bar-skiing and the frantic Apres-Ski festivities at the V.I.P., it's amazing that the only casualties reported were several severe hangovers!



The only tragedy of the month was the theft of Auntie Mame's confetti from her suite at Dave's. It is suspected that the staff grew tired of sweeping it up every morning. Mame and Vera Charles plan to retaliate by pumping brownie crumbs into the water supply of the V.I.P.!

S.I.R. Skiers' Jet Set will turn on Snowmass-At-Aspen during March but there are also local weekend trips planned.

Until March 21st S.I.R. Skiers information may be obtained from Jim at 431-8792 or from Chris at 826-4072.

#### Social Committee

The Social Committee hosted a successful St. Valentine's Day Ball at the S.I.R. Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 10. 150 members and guests in a delightful array of appropriate costuming danced to the music of Nick Jordan's orchestra. The Host Corps, now under the auspices of the Social Committee, aided greatly in the success of the evening.

Remember the regularly scheduled Saturday night record dances. These are becoming and ever increasingly popular func-

tion of this committee.

WE NEED volunteers. If you are interested in serving in the Social Committee or the Host Corps, please contact Dale Wilson, Chairman of the Social Committee, and plan to attend the next committee meeting on Thursday evening, March 7th, at the S.I.R. Center.



#### THE CAGE

"THE CAGE is a true story, told by the men who lived it."...Rick Cluckey.

The human condition facing its moment of truth in the critical, dramatic setting behind prison bars - this was the "Cage", a production sponsored by the Society for Individual Rights and presented by the Seven Step Foundation in cooperation with the Economic Opportunity Council (EOC).

The searching for justice by those to whom justice has been questionably meted, the longing for love by those to whom compassion has been denied, the raging against oppression by men who are experiencing its ultimate exhibition - these are woven into an intensely dramatic pattern based on the religious metaphor, are the themes that challenge the audience.

Al's sadism, Jive's innocence, Doc's sensitivity, and Hatchet's terrifying magnificence which ultimately serves as the climactic catalyst gave us a great deal more than just an evening's entertainment.

The following commentary of reviewer John Buckley in the BURLINGAME ADVANCE quite adequately depicts the depth reaction of many who were moved by the truth of "The Cage."

"Surely . . . with the dawning of a conviction that we are escaping into effects instead of facing causes four-square; that my brother is degraded by my greed, and because he hits back at me in anger, I shut him off from Gods beautiful light; that mercy is demanded of us, and understanding and compassion and love that life imprisonment is not a generous substitute for the horror of capital punishment, but an added inhumanity crying to heaven for redress.

"For the men's sweat and tears and our own two hours were wasted, by and large,

if we did not advert honestly and painfully to our encouragement in our own hypocrisy, and if our love was not big enough to look at Rick Cluckey's slice of prison horror and say, each to himself: 'This did I.' "



## The Religious Committee

By Pat Kelley

The Religious Committee is in the progress of re-organization. We hope to find that in the near future, this committee will be one of the most active in S.I.R.

Since a formal schedule of meetings has not been agreed upon, please call the S.I.R. office for information as to when the committee will meet in March.

Many projects are under discussion. One of these is the sub-committees for the agnostics and athiests. As these sub-committees begin to function they will develop new ideas and projects to once again measure of S.I.R.'s reputation as the most active organization in the U.S.

Through our church confrontation program, we have perhaps the best opportunity of any one in the community to really produce a change of public opinion on the subject of homosexuality. It is through the churches that most of the prejudices have been brought about and it is only through the churches that this restrictive and prejudicial attitude can be changed.

We strongly urge that if you have even the slightest interest in this work, that you come out to a couple of meetings. Remember, change can be brought about, but it takes a little work. From my own experience I can assure you that, in this case, work can also be fun.

# Secretary's corner

By Pete Brandt

Since being elected to this office, (unopposed, as you may recall) I have been running around like the chicken who lost its head. It has been a question of where is this, where is that and do I do this, do I do that? Now that the confusion has subsided and I am aware of my duties I can settle down and relay, pleasantly, to our readers the mad goings on at the office and our meetings.

I have survived my first Board meeting. The evening that the sixteen Board members assembled was spent in dealing with the technical orders of transferring certain offices and the new delegation of authority. It was also the night that our new Secretary To The Board was selected and I am sure all of us are happy that the office will once again be manned on a regular schedule. It has also been agreed that he will work on a schedule involving later hours thereby affording a closer association with all the Board and the Membership as well. If you are in the neighborhood drop by and meet him and get acquainted for he will be able to help you with any details or committee news that you may want to know.

The first Open Meeting under new direction was held on Wednesday, February 21st. Jim Skaggs called this meeting to order with an introduction to a panel of six board members: Larry Littlejohn, Vice President; David Clayton, Legal Committee; Bill Beardemphl, Vector; Perry George, Small Activities; Ron Clark, Treasurer; and Jim Robinson, Community Services. Each, in turn, spoke not only pledging their time and energies, but of the numerous activities that each group is now engaged in, and, also, of their future aims.

Bill Beardemphl had taken pains to install a VECTOR display behind the panel. With the aid of Larry Carlson, Bill explained how our magazine is assembled, and the purpose behind the many monthly regular features. On a special panel Bill had copies of several past covers of VECTOR. Here he went into a most interesting account on how these difficult pictures are compounded, colored, and processed. To anyone who had no knowledge of the intricate procedures and the time consuming efforts that this involves, it was a rare and educational treat. At this point I, along with several others could not help but be proud of VECTOR and its staff and

feel a sense of pride for being a part of it.

The meeting was then progressed to a question and answer period between the panel and the membership and their guests.

Bill May was on hand to show the color movies of the "Sirlebrity Capades". Though the film, itself, was silent, many of the chorus were on hand and it was a delight to hear them sing their numbers as they appeared on the screen. It was a jolly session to say nothing of the many witty "haymakers" and retorts from the audience. Being a part of the whistles and screams caused by the "Peek-a-boo" scenes that Bill had inserted made me feel real young and gay. There was in addition, much footage of the past "Empresses" romping through their kingdom with pages and escorts. Those movies were great and our thanks to Bill for bringing them so we may all enjoy them.

After the meeting was adjourned a tantalizing "Cherry Tree Social" was held in the hall. A pleasant evening had passed. New friends had met new friends. We are now looking forward to our next open meeting, March 20th, and we hope to see you all there. I can assure you it will be programmed to your liking.

By the time our next copy is out I hope to have more "office" news and chit-chat about our mail and endeavors. See you then.

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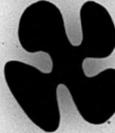
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By the Legal Committee

An important decision affecting late-evening perambulators was handed down last year by the Court of Appeal in Los Angeles upholding the constitutionality of the California "temporary detention" statute, Penal Code Section 647(e).

This statute requires a person who "loiters or wanders upon the streets from place to place without apparent reason or business" to identify himself to the police and "account for his presence" whenever suspicious or unusual circumstances warrant such investigation. Failure to comply with the statute is a misdemeanor.

"Suspicious" circumstances may include walking late at night in an alley or residential area, or strolling in the vicinity of a reported robbery, or shuffling past store windows in the evening. However, walking down the street during daylight normally would not authorize a temporary detention.

A person detained under the statute, even though he properly identifies himself, may still be arrested and convicted if he fails to give a reasonable explanation of what he is doing at that location.

In its decision (*People v. Weger*) the Court of Appeal stated that Section 647(e) does not violate the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination despite the fact that it requires the individual to identify himself and explain his presence. The Court stressed that the purpose of the "temporary detention" is not to obtain incriminating evidence, but merely to investigate suspicious circumstances in aid of

crime prevention.

As a result of the statute, and the *Weger* decision upholding it, the citizen does not have an absolute right to remain silent in all circumstances when questioned by police. The Fifth Amendment right applies only to a person under ARREST for a crime, or who is otherwise detained and questioned as a suspect in a crime which has been committed. Consequently, a person who is merely temporarily detained for identification under Section 647(e) but who is not in custody for a specified crime, cannot lawfully refuse to give the information required by the statute.

The rationale of the *Weger* decision is that all citizens are under a civic and legal duty to assist the police in preserving the peace. Compliance with the statute, the Court noted, aids the police in this work. The converse of this lofty principle, however, is that many policemen regard the statute as a license to detain minority groups for "temporary" harassment, in violation of the statutory provisions that there must be suspicious circumstances before the individual is required to answer for his alleged "wandering" or "loitering".

Thus in Los Angeles, especially, police haul individuals out of public bars at random, and detain citizens under "non-suspicious" circumstances in well-lighted and populated areas of town, in clear disregard, and disrespect, of the law.

Last month, the United States Supreme Court, with only Justice Douglas dissenting, denied a hearing in the *Weger* case, which leaves it the controlling law in California.

## DOB Brunch

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D.O.B. has few fund-raising events and these brunches are a meeting place for a broad section of the homophile community and those who support it. All are invited and tickets ARE on sale at S.I.R., 83 6th Street. Get your tickets early!

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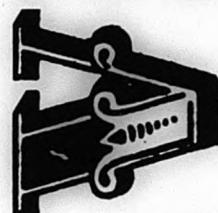
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# POETRY FROM THE S.I.R. POETRY WORKSHOP

## NOBODY UNDERSTOOD THE SHAMELESS MAN THAT SLEPT IN MY BED LAST NITE

Nobody understood the shameless man that slept in my bed last night.  
He wept, and told me of people dying.  
In the morning I suddenly realized he had disappeared  
While I was shaving.

RICHARD TAGETT

### THE HERETIC

Once I was sane and sober  
only to become made  
foaming scarlet  
the heretic -  
(my soul is a dream  
dancing in fire)  
a pariah with a lost, lost voice.  
an outcast, even with out  
patients, yet one sane kind  
touch drives me  
insane/madconscious.  
(do not touch my hair  
i shall destroy you)  
O voice coated with desire.

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Once while love-making you  
I dawdled in your scalp  
feeling you,  
love love love  
(spewing droplets  
into me) (prophecies)  
Now you rarely speak my name.  
Dance, Soul, dance in fire  
O that I have to  
plead for love  
and for the seed  
(my soul looks ashamedly  
on my dementia)  
Sane-me, insane-I  
have to plead for love  
and for the seed of love  
and the seed  
of sanity from you  
(love love love)

PAUL MARIAH

### LITTLE THING

Alone  
on the highway  
how could I not  
think of you. You  
always smokt  
the car up so,  
you never  
inhaled  
right.

RICHARD TAGETT

### FOLDING

As you told me  
why, I didn't  
listen because  
I know why,  
and as you  
efforted  
the last bit of drama,  
I kept the light  
on because I  
knew it would be  
the last bit of drama.  
The cast have been thru  
their parts so  
many times, the  
spirit  
has escaped.  
We know the  
role it seems  
too well. They've  
stopt talking about  
it. It's closing  
soon.

RICHARD TAGETT

### HALF-MOON

You half-mooned  
under me  
I drive the stars out  
of you to shape:  
the night

PAUL MARIAH

### DEPTH

is found  
in the puddle at the door  
but you can't make it  
rain.

RICHARD TAGETT

# Parries & Thrusts

BY W. E. BEARDEMPHL

**MY NEIGHBORHOOD:** On Sunday, February 17, Johnny and I were down at the Center setting up VECTOR and we went home on the bus about 7:30 p.m. When our bus reached Masonic Street, the entrance to the "Hashbury" scene, the driver was told to take a different route because the neighborhood was "sealed off". We got off the bus to walk the rest of the way home and were surrounded by a scene that looked as if it were out of a bad movie depicting Nazi troops burning the Warsaw Jewish ghetto. The air was filled with gas that stung the senses and brought tears to our eyes. The area was lighted more by flashing red lights of patrol cars and of motorcycles than by the street lamps. Police were everywhere, dressed in their riot helmets, carrying long clubs, some wearing gas masks. We saw persons being twisted to the ground and then thrown in police wagons. We saw police shooting tear gas grenades into windows. We saw a policeman on a motorcycle riding at full speed chasing people on the sidewalk up into doorways. We were shouted at at least five times in the three blocks that we walked home to get into our house or we would be arrested. The sidewalks and streets were littered with broken glass. Some persons were getting back at the police by shouting insults, curses and names. Others thought they were reacting correctly by throwing bottles when no cops were looking; how pathetically sad it seemed to me, to smash a bottle on the street in protest.

The next day I went over to Larry's and Al's store on Haight Street, around the corner from where we live, and talked to Jerry who was running the show when the incident started, to see if he knew what happened. All three are long time S.I.R. members with Larry now serving as our Vice President. Jerry could not quite understand just what did happen.

"The streets were real crowded with cars and there were lots of people on the sidewalks, both hip and tourist types", he said. "They were singing, playing guitars, dancing, like always. Someone started a joking game of sitting in the street to stop traffic and charging 25 cent toll to let the tourist's cars go through. A couple of cops came by and cleared the street. About ten minutes after the street had been cleared, more cops came up the street; then some motorcycle cops showed up; and then cops came from the side streets carrying guns that shoot tear gas and they filled the streets with gas. The crowds ran everywhere and jammed into the store. There was a little girl who was crying from the gas. It was awful. Then cops came in the store and ordered everyone into the streets and told us to close the store or else."

"What about pictures?" I asked.

He had taken some on his 35mm and most of them were unclear, but some demonstrated what he said.

Our new Mayor, strangely rationalized at first, that an attack on the public peace and serenity by the "neo-fascist" hippies had been justifiably controlled by the police.

Just who is kidding who? What does it mean to the homophile community.

The mayor sent an administrative assistant into the district during the week following this incident. This man talked to persons in the neighborhood and he reported back to the Mayor. The next Sunday, February 24, Haight Street was again "sealed off" but this time by a few motorcycle patrol officers. The "hippies" and tourists were allowed to "dance, sing, and play in the streets". Traffic was rerouted the same as the Sunday before. But not one incidence was reported. --Peace and Love--

--Yet--some police at Park Station reacted. They flew a white

flag from a second story window. Some officers wrote and signed a complaint that the police had been made to capitulate to the Hippies and that this neighborhood had been turned over to the Hippies. Some officers claimed that the second Sunday was a riot situation that they should have been allowed to handle.

It has always seemed strange to the homosexual community the rationales of some police. Factually there was no riot situation, but it could easily have become one if the police had been allowed to go in the neighborhood and create one. Furthermore, I thought every neighborhood was supposed to belong to the citizens and residents of that neighborhood. But the strangest, wierdest thing our society does to the low man on the totem pole is to blame him for existing at all. I cannot understand how the person who is attacked has no right to defend himself, because if he does defend himself then he is responsible for the attack. And if the person or group that is attacked does not offer resistance or a defense, then they are "cowards" and are subject to attack again and again.

To the homophile community these actions and procedures are typical of the San Francisco police. Three to four years ago similar tactics and rationales were used against homosexuals. Most importantly, it was in this same area and centered around this same Park Station that these incidents occurred.

Remember that S.I.R. was founded and nurtured in this neighborhood. We remember Officer Christopher Sullivan who used to drag homosexuals from bars and even take persons on the street who he judged to be "queer" and beat them in doorways, some persons receiving permanent injuries.

The Park Station captain had a policy to control and get out of his area, all homosexuals. He had his men raid gay bars and harass suspected homosexuals who lived in the Haight Ashbury district until they were driven out.

Every gay person in San Francisco who has been around over three years remembers the Haight Street circuit and the police department's illegal raids, threats, beatings of gay persons. We wonder if the good captain would like to see a return to his district of the old gay scene in exchange for the present Hip scene? Wasn't that easier and more fun for his men, or have they got the message that his new generation, the Hip Generation, is fifty percent gay?

So, Mr. Alioto, send your administrative assistant back to dig a little deeper. Find out about the rumors whispered in the homosexual community about policemen such as Christopher Sullivan, James Ribero, Harold Suslow, Anthony Delzompo, Thomas Bums, Roger Foge, Jerry Zachoratos, and even Gus Bruneman. This is a partial list, and I'll bet we could offhand draw up a list for you of most officers who signed the petition that charged they had to "surrender". Good luck Mr. Alioto, you seem to be on the right track this time.

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**BERKELEY:** A word to the wise; arrests have been stepped up against homosexuals by the Berkeley police under section 647(a) of the penal code. Devotees of public parks in this area, particularly Aquatic Park, should take heed. In fact they should take precautions by not cruising such places. Also know who you are talking to when in a gay bar, and don't be led to the "bench" instead of the "altar".

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**OAKLAND:** KTVU, Channel 2 in the San Francisco area, has a new talk show narrated by Pat Micheals, On February 16, at 10:30 p.m. S.I.R.'s Vice President Larry Littlejohn and Religious Chairman

# Parries & Thrusts

Pat Kelley were guests on this show, along with hypnotist Mr. Meyers.

Mr. Meyers' most brilliant contribution to the education of the viewers was his stated desire to go vomit. We do hope his wish was fulfilled.

Mr. Meyers' less spectacular part in the show consisted of hypnotizing Pat Kelley and having four girls kiss Pat and turn him into a "manly heterosexual." Pat kissed Mr. Meyers as a thank you for the unsuccessful conversion attempt when he "came to". After watching Mr. Meyers' superb insecurities, we could only wish that Pat Kelley had been a little more aggressive and then we wonder just what Mr. Meyers' secure heterosexual reaction would have been.

The shortness of the show and Mr. Micheals' insistent jumping from one question to another and skirting the issues, did not allow for a development of controversy or intelligent rationales. Yet, in spite of these limitations, Larry Littlejohn handled his part of the discussion with skill and came out on top of every situation. A job well done.

The bigotry towards and lack of knowledge about homosexuality that the "square" studio audience demonstrated, should give pause to every homosexual who watched the show. There is a long difficult job of re-educating of the public needed, before homosexuals can seriously consider fair or just treatment in our society.

We were told that the reason for not showing this particular taped spectacular earlier was that the controversial nature of the subject matter discouraged advertisers. SO, when a commercial for the Slumberland Co. was started halfway through the show, I don't think anyone was quite prepared for the announcer's copy... "We feature large comfortable queen size mattresses..." Well shades of GAY POWER.

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NEW YORK: A new play opened that might be of interest to those who like "gay rock".

YOUR OWN THING (Orpheum Theatre) is "a new rock musical suggested by TWELFTH NIGHT" with book by Donald Driver, music and lyrics by Hal Hester and Danny Apolarin. It is clever kid stuff. Like all programmatic nonconformity, one specimen of "rock", unless it be first rate, is usually indistinguishable from another.

The text picks up the bisexual implications of Shakespeare's play: the hero thinks he has turned queer because he has fallen in love with the transvestite girl twin and tries to justify it to himself: and this KILLS the audience.

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DENMARK: TIME MAGAZINE form January 26th reported that:

"Eight months ago, that country became the first in the West to pass a law abolishing all censorship of anything written without exception.

... and publishers settled back to await the hordes of buyers.

Middle-Aged Onanists: They never materialized. Unsold dirty books were sent back by newsstands and kiosks in staggering numbers. According to one publisher, about 75% of the first great overprinting of titles were returned. 'Four to six months before the law was changed,' says Publishing Adviser Jorgen Rothenborg, 'you would distribute 20,000 to 25,000 copies of a pornographic title. Now, only about half of that number are printed, and a third of them come back. I suppose we only print for the onanists, and that's not youth, but mostly people from 45 to 65.' Agrees Publisher Hans Reitzel, who helped pave the way to reform: 'There

really is a very poor market in Denmark for erotic literature, now that it is no longer forbidden fruit.'

It is still too soon for conclusions about the law's long-range impact on Danish mores, which are already among Europe's most liberal. But since the law was passed, there has been no marked increase in sex-related crimes, illegitimate pregnancies, homosexuality, venereal disease or even marriage. That being so, the government is next planning to abolish all censorship of movies and pictures.

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PUBLICATIONS: March PLAYBOY Forum carries on with more and more letters on homosexuality. This seems to be getting to be a favorite topic of that readers' feature.

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SEXOLOGY Magazine for March has an article on V.D. which states: "Perhaps if we can look forward to an enlightened attitude about homosexuality, the specter of syphilis that strikes this group can be beaten before it reaches drastic proportions.

It is obvious that there are no pat answers and that moralistic approaches to the problem do not work. We are going to require an extensive and enlightened cooperative effort - and a bold new approach - before the next V.D. report can become brighter.

This magazine also has an editorial titled "The Church and Homosexuals" by Rev. George H. Allen, that concludes with: "What the homosexual needs is not punishment for crime, but understanding and help. In the long run, this will be more therapeutic for both the individual, the church, and society as a whole.

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THE REALIST Magazine, No. 76, the latest out, has an article titled "How Faked Faggotry Can Lead to Your Honorable Discharge" by name withheld. After a well documented outline of

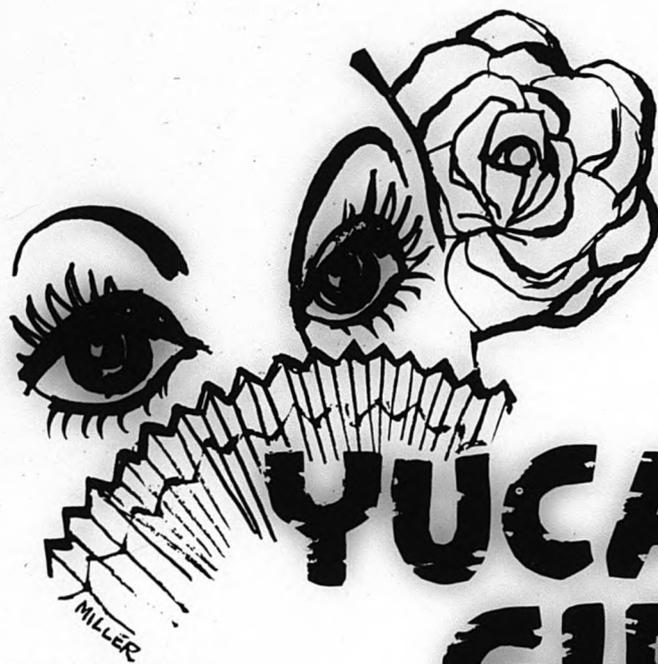
Amy policy the article states: "Clinical statistics have long proved that the overwhelming majority of active homosexuals are physically and characteristically indistinguishable from their normal, heterosexual brothers, so there is no reasonable need for the dignified "hoaxosexual" to attempt to act out any preconceived notions as to how an arch-homosexual walks, talks, limps his wrist, or adopt any other affected trait.

Acting naturally and normally is quite splendid.

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We will conclude with an excerpt from a book that is new on our shelves. PARENTS ON TRIAL by Rev. David Wilkerson with Clair Cox, Hawthorn Books, N.Y., 1967. Chapter eight, "Homosexuality Starts at Home" crowds every cliché mistatement of fact possible in seventeen pages. Look at this five sentence excerpt. "... said that probably 50 percent of all suicides and homicides in a big city can be attributed to homosexuality. Other authorities agree, adding that the homosexual's life is characterized by deep loneliness, desperation, guilt, and frustration. Also because they are never really fulfilled they are constantly seeking new thrills, which can lead to their becoming masochists or sadists. Crimes of arson and theft often have been linked directly to homosexuality. There is also the danger of alcoholism. One psychologist has gone so far as to say, "Not every alcoholic is homosexual, but every homosexual is alcoholic."

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# LAFAYETTE SQUARE

BY PIAFF

Stephen Donaldson's attack upon my initial column about the Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations held in Washington, D.C. in August 1967 merits a thoughtful response.

I offer here no apology for the contents in that column (though I will confess to the rhetorical sin of exaggeration for effect). I do, however, wish to make it clear to Mr. Donaldson, and all other readers of my column, that I do not pretend to be "objective" therein. On the contrary, I offer in it my opinions, observations, and commentary on homosexuality, homosexuals, homosexual organizations, community attitudes, etc. I hope, of course, that this conjecture is both informed and stimulating. I seem to have succeeded in the latter intention at any rate.

As to the matter of subjectivism and "hair-pulling", I leave to the individual reader of VECTOR to determine for himself who has been more guilty of this, myself, or Mr. Donaldson. (For Stephen's benefit I would note that, aside from pretensions as a would-be writer, I earn my livelihood at the typewriter).

My purpose in responding to Stephen's letter is to discuss this important issue that he raises about publicity.

Being myself much under the influence of John Stuart Mill (ON LIBERTY), I am of the opinion that maximum exposure must be given to the phenomenon of homosexuality. Included in this belief is the supposition that the mistakes and adverse behavior of homosexuals and homosexual organizations should receive public airing (hence, the use of the column for my expressions on the Conference rather than a letter to the "leaders" of the Conference).

This stand in favor of maximum publicity is the product of several years of thought and many conversations both with homosexuals and heterosexuals. When I was younger, more idealistic, and MORE DEFENSIVE about my own homosexuality, I would have no doubt concurred in Stephen's admission to preclude from the public negative opinion about homosexuality, homosexuals, their organizations, etc. My feelings then were that we had quite enough of this from all sides, let alone from homosexuals themselves. But, I hope I am a bit wiser now and not so fearful of exercising

the critical faculty with respect to my brethren.

Moreover, the situation is rapidly changing. Homosexuality is no longer the child alone of psychoanalysis, with all the distortion that has resulted therefrom. We witness now sensible and compassionate commentary from some clergy and even popular magazines (e.g., NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, November 1967).

This being so, homosexuals must leave off spinning myths about our unblemished virtue. They must leave off complaining only of injustices. They must take a hard look at themselves. More importantly, they must enter the dialogue exercising with utmost clarity their critical faculties.

I am convinced that a homosexual alone is capable of relating what it IS to be a homosexual. No psychoanalyst can relate it, nor any priest, nor any sociologist, nor any heterosexual.

Somewhere, sometime, there will be a homosexual capable of this appointed task, perhaps in our lifetime. It is my feeling, therefore, that we who choose to articulate our thoughts on homosexuality are duty bound to present our opinion and observations as to its goodness and badness, if you will. This is the philosophical underpinning of my writing on the subject.

Let us not, therefore, follow the advice of those who suggest that we hide away from public view our faults and shortcomings. On the contrary, let us be the ones to expose them. Let us assume command of the dialogue (as the Negro is doing for himself today), for it is our dignity, our lives, our future at stake here.

Hence, I submit most strongly that publications like VECTOR should be presenting the widest possible gamut of observation and opinion on the phenomenon of homosexuality (and homosexual organizations). It is for us, the condemned, to pursue the truth about ourselves.

And, finally, I must rebuke this tendency toward cabalistic convocation; this silly game of secret meetings by homosexuals for the mundane purpose of parliamentary maneuvering. That, of course, was the impetus for my column on the Washington Conference.

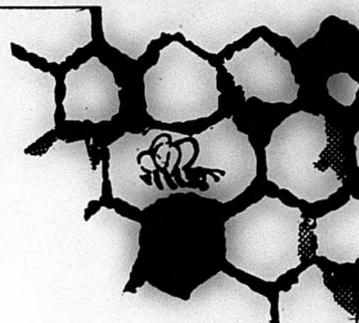
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# OPEN FORUM

## can homosexual love be REAL ??

There appeared in the November, 1967, issue of THE PHOENIX, (a homophile publication in Kansas City, Mo.), an interesting letter by Estel Graham entitled, "Homosexuals and Love." It is reprinted here verbatim.

"The question has often been asked, 'What do homosexuals know about love?' The consensus of public opinion seems to be that the homosexual is somehow different from other people and therefore incapable of love.

"God, who controls all, has made a place in his scheme of things on this earth for the homosexual. He loves homosexuals as well as anyone else, so why shouldn't other people at least accept them as fellow human beings and admit that they too are capable of love.

"Too many people have the idea that all homosexuals think of nothing but sex, preying on young boys, and frequenting the bars every night. Granted, some do, but the

majority have other interests as varied as those of their heterosexual neighbors.

"Sex is a healthy outlet in anyone's life, but sex alone does not constitute love or take the place of love. Although some homosexuals want nothing more than a 'trick' for the night, others want someone to love and grow old with. Many gay people have a morbid fear of growing old alone, and no wonder! Too often their families have rejected them, and the general public is forever condemning them."

"When a homosexual finds his real love, he can feel just as much in love and married as the heterosexual. The invert has to work harder to hold them together, but their love--no marriage license or children--and either one can walk out at any time.

"I have personally known homosexual couples who are deeply in love and have been married for fifteen or twenty years. They have that compatibility in working together and playing together which is so important to any marriage.

"There seems to be an increasing number of 'modern marriages' among gay people. If a couple is mature enough and truly in love, each can have an occasional evening out with someone else just for sex without harming their marriage. Sex alone fades away, but love endures forever. This 'modern marriage' arrangement certainly isn't easy to accept. Sometimes it takes quite a while, but it can be overcome if they want to keep their love.

"Once in a while one reads of gay couples celebrating their fiftieth year together. To me, this is a beautiful thing, as it is hard to come by.

"The public has come a long way in the last few years in accepting the homosexual, and this is as it should be. Homosexuality is being brought out in the open more and more, and even being talked about in our schools.

"Yes indeed, homosexuals are capable of and do find real love, and how wonderful it would be if homosexuals could adopt children, who are homeless and unloved. It would give children love, and solve the lonely problems for many gay people. It might just happen in the future; anyway, let's hope."

The question of whether or not two homosexuals could find real love was put before the VECTOR readers, and I'm proud to say that on this subject we received an overwhelming number of letters; too many to print this month. Below are some of the answers sent in.

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### REAL MARRIED!

Yes, homosexual love can be real! I was married to a fine girl at age 23. We had three children and a very happy ten years together, but I never knew what real love was until I met my present partner.

After an acquaintance of only one month, I left my wife and family and moved in with him. I have no regrets. Of course, we've had our ups and downs; I've left him three times, but I can honestly say the past eight years have been the happiest I've ever known.

Each day seems to bring more appreciation of his attributes, more awareness of our mutual love, and more quiet satisfaction than I ever thought possible.

We are not poor by any means and far from rich. We're not so young as to have lovely romantic ideas; yet not so old as to hang on for companionship. We're both in our early forties.

We've adjusted to each other in a mature, reasonable way. There is no feeling of one being superior or inferior—just equals. We are not tied down to each other, nor do we have completely free reins to indulge excessively.

In other words, we feel we are truly married and very much in love, a feeling (even after 8½ years together) which seems to constantly grow stronger.

Real Married

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#### BUT NOT FOR ME

Love. What is it? The dictionary says it is a noun. It is also an emotion. Besides that it is a much overworked word. I think love is ability to give and keep on giving, long after you have stopped taking. It is not to be confused with giving of things, but of ones self.

The question is "Can homosexual love be real?" Yes, it can be, but not very often. It seems to me that most of us love ourselves too much to have any left for someone else, either homosexual or heterosexual.

Yes, I've seen a few cases, where it actually exists. Usually a little more from one than the other. I have two friends who have been living together for over thirty years. Each of them, from time to time, talks about the other one to me, and I find that after thirty years there exists between them a very beautiful state of love. So now it is also a state of being. In any case I simply cannot imagine one without the other—for me to even think of them, is to think in the plural rather than to think of just one of them.

Me? Perhaps I'm lucky or is it unlucky? In any case I've been in that state twice, both times of considerable duration. The first time, a war separated us and changed us. Or perhaps I was still young enough to be a little bit naive. Whatever else, it was also the most painful thing up to that point in my life. In the second case a move in job separated us. That was also painful.

Now? Yes, love can be real, but for someone else. I'll live alone!

Anonymous

#### THE QUEST FOR LOVE

Is love between two men possible? The obvious answer is yes. This answer I believe would go unchallenged by society in general. Love is the strong personal attachment based on ties of kinship (father/son or brother/brother) or ardent and impassioned affection (sex) or sympathetic understanding (aged couple or priest/parishioner).

The problem the homosexual faces in his relationships with other men is the absence of any lasting and meaningful love. There are several significant reasons for this.

The first perhaps is, that you cannot love another without having love for yourself. And here I am not speaking of the narcissism that is found in many, but rather a true love and respect for yourself. Too many of us have not risen above society's contempt and resulting guilt to find genuine love of one's self. Without this you cannot love another.

Another factor that negates against a lasting relationship between two men is the absence of the laws that bind a heterosexual couple. I am sure that my mother and father had loved each other up to their time of death. Yet I am also sure that without the bands of law, they would have separated at one of the many crisis that tested their marriage. A homosexual couple would have simply gone their separate ways under similar tests.

The complications of children, common property, and joint ownership all tend to bind the lasting relationship for heterosexual pairs. All of these are typically missing with us.

The homosexual to be a happy whole person must love. He must develop self esteem and love. He must seek and give love even though it is often fleeting. The goal however should be that of permanence.

The permanent relationship is found by few of us, but it is still no less worthy of the quest.

Dan H.

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#### A QUICKIE FOR QUEENIE!

Masturbation is a pleasant experience but not as psychologically or physically exciting or as rewarding as sex with another person. I am not a "married" man so my sex is with momentary partners... frequently with people that I never see again.

Is there "love" in such sudden sex experiences? I believe there is to some extent. So-called lust does involve love because a great deal of effort is put forth in pleasing your partner and yourself in a mutual experience. While long-range mutual respect and deep affection are missing, there is something of each partner that transfers psychologically as well as physically.

Frequently my "married" gay friends criticize me because my partners are many and varied. My motives are constantly being analyzed. Many people like me do not sustain lengthy love affairs for many reasons and we are on the "chopping block" daily for it.

I believe I am better off having "quickie" sex with a lot of guys than "sitting" at home masturbating. But it seems that my married friends would prefer me to masturbate... until I find my "true love."

Tony Rossi

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#### THE GIRL THAT I MARRY

Being a woman, I will have to limit my opinion to homosexual relationships between women.

I have never been able to understand why being a homosexual automatically excludes the possibility of a relationship being lasting. It is almost as though promiscuity and homosexuality have become synonyms in the minds of the uninformed.

The only obstacles to a homosexual love existing and flourishing are those placed there by the individuals themselves. I have often heard the somewhat whimsical, convenient remark: "It is simply not in the nature of man." But many of those who have resorted to such an explanation for their failures in finding a life partner are irresponsible, selfish beings—who would most probably be selfish, irresponsible heterosexual beings if not homosexual.

From my own personal relationship and from knowing other couples of years standing, I find it is not in sex per se that a lasting relationship finds its roots. Sex still remains an important means of expressing love, but it does not overshadow the more important ingredients: understanding, compassion and dignity... all of which are love.

I believe that when emotional, spiritual, and physical needs are met between two individuals, there results truly a "marriage." There exists a relationship wherein two people become a part of one another and yet retain their own being.

There will always be "bed-hoppers", who view life as one big orgasmic experience, and for whom settling down will not be included in their present or future plans..

There are also those who have found someone with whom they can share all things—which are not restricted to their bed-rooms, and who may be more in number than others believe.

Rene Autil

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#### I GIVE TO YOU AND YOU GIVE TO ME

It is true that there are a large number of gay people who seem only concerned with sex. But I believe there are many more who are truly seeking love. I don't feel that the percentage of those who actually find it is any less than that of straight couples.

Were it not for the legal and social pressures, straight marriages would probably break up just as readily as gay relationships. Of course there is the factor of the children that keep straight couples together.

Speaking personally, I can say that my lover and I have a more meaningful relationship than one based merely on sex and sex alone. We share what I feel is a very genuine love. It is a love that transcends the purely physical attraction, the only binding force between so many couples, both gay and straight. Love is very rare... in both worlds.

Steve Edwards

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#### A TASTE OF HONEY

I am certainly no expert on the subject of love, but having been bitten by the sword twice in my life, I feel a bit wiser now than before, but equally as puzzled in the ways of homosexual life.

My first lover was a seventeen year old. Although I was six years his senior, we harbored a wonderful relationship for a year, and then I lost him to the navy.

My second lover was a Texan whom I met in a San Francisco waterfront gay bar. He was awkward, terribly shy, and not particularly good looking, but he had warm, friendly eyes. It was love at first sight--his innocence was overwhelming. Our mutual philosophies of life and happiness were such that the prospects seemed promising for success together, and so we took up housekeeping. Because of his inexperience with the gay world, he could not accept my occasional "tricking out". This did not mean that I loved him any less, but his pride would not accept it. In time this conflict forced him to seek out sexual experiences with others, and what should have strengthened the relationship in mutually understanding one another, it resulted in loss of communication and the end of a 5½ year happy marriage..

I cannot accept the fact that two people who had so much to share and live for would throw a chance like that away after 5½ years, unless they decided that superfluous purposeless sex affairs were more important than a life together.

The important test for sustaining a happy love relationship depends upon the ability of the individuals to have the patience and fortitude to love each other for what they are and not for what they would like them to be. Love between homosexuals CAN and DOES exist but will survive through the years only if both individuals can swallow their pride and love their mate for all his faults as well as attributes.

If you really love each other that much, you'll make it work. Otherwise, forget it!

One Who Loved Not Wisely, But Too Well

#### WILL SOCIETY APPROVE GAY MARRIAGE?

There exist many kinds of love. So when the question about love between two men is asked, we must inquire--what sort of love? Casual affection between buddies or a relationship resembling marriage and all its responsibilities?

I think a deep and meaningful bond can be established, but a number of homosexuals don't wish to approach the situation in a mature frame of mind. They are seeking fun, and the fewer the burdens the better. They cannot conceive of such an affair being possible. Society has managed to inflict such an overwhelming burden of guilt on the homosexual that frequently he cannot conceive of human dignity attaching itself to a "marriage" between two males. This form of alienation and self doubt plants the seeds of the "one-night stand" and "playing it just for kicks." It is one of the primary functions of groups like S.I.R. to lift this psychic yoke from members of the homophile community so that they might seek permanent unions with confidence and basic self-respect.

Some people appear to be satisfied with the loner's life, but a way should be carved out for some form of socially approved homosexual "marriage". Mention should be made of the "service of friendship," recently performed by two ministers in a San Francisco church. This ceremony, which celebrated the bond between two lesbians, constitutes an important step forward in supplying the social support, which the homosexual values and needs as he attempts to function in the American society.

F.H.

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#### SEX IS MOMENTARY

I feel that homosexual love is real, or as real as heterosexual love. People are beginning to realize that love is not limited by social, economic, nor racial backgrounds, so as long as two people are in love, it does not matter either as to their sexes.

Often heterosexual marriages continue not because of love, but because of children or financial reasons. Because gay people do not have families and both have a source of income, it is more difficult for such partnerships to last.

I feel that love is more than sex or physical attraction. And this applies to heterosexual cases too. Sex is only something that lasts a short time each day. What are they doing the remainder of their time? They must have a love--a motivation to please their partner and to be compatible. As in any partnership both people must work at it.

W.H.

#### FICKLE?

Of course, love between men is possible. I have been in love with every man I have lived with (going on number seventeen now), and each time I broke up with one, it was just a terrible heartbreak.

Gorgeous

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#### FAITHFULNESS OR PROMISCUITY?

I have had two (and am presently working on my third) long term relationships. This does not make me an authority, but I have spent a great deal of time thinking on the subject. My first liaison was for eight years. During this time both of us were nearly faithful to each other. I felt guilty when I was not. There was a great deal of love, but it was built upon a great deal of mutual respect for the abilities of each other. The second was for two years. Unfortunately, this was a situation where there was almost nothing in common between us. My partner was in many ways immature, and I developed almost into a parent rather than a lover. He was not faithful, and this caused me a great deal of hurt and resentment. It was during this time that I spent a great deal of time trying to decide what the basis of a gay liaison had to be in order to be both happy and lasting. I came to the following conclusions.

1. Neither partner should be asked or be expected to be faithful only to his lover. Man is sexual by nature and to most enforced faithfulness will only destroy the love. I believe that as time develops, it is possible that a large degree of faithfulness will develop. But it is not necessary. All that is needed is the assurance that he loves you and is just seeking sexual release with the other.

2. A lasting liaison must be based on mutual respect for the other individual. This is not done overnight but is a long process of working with and learning to know the other person.

3. Contrary to popular opinion, sex is a minor part of a really happy and successful liaison. It is delightful to have but is not an essential. Happiness can be just as great even if there is little or no compatibility sexually. Where incompatibility does exist, it can be a great help if both partners realize it and work to introduce each other to persons whom they feel will be compatible and thus furnish the necessary sexual release for their lover.

P.K.

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#### MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY

How can anyone say that a homosexual's love is any different from a heterosexual's love? It is still love between two human beings whether they are of same or opposite sex.

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I have personally known of gay couples that have been together for as long as fifteen years, and they're very happy together still. How many straight marriages end up in divorce courts before five or six years?

I realize that there are many gay people who go through lovers like most people go through socks. This does not mean that they cannot love. The homosexual love affair is much more difficult to keep aflame because of society's condemnation of it.

When a gay couple can find true love and survive the many obstacles that confront them through the years, why shouldn't they be given the chance for happiness that a heterosexual couple would have in today's society?

I personally believe that homosexual love can exist and can be long lasting through the years when patience, fortitude, and understanding by both partners exist. I have found love with a homosexual and am far more happy now than if I were bar-hopping every night, cruising every chance I got, and anxiously awaited the perpetual array of one-night stands that befront the larger number of homosexuals in the city. I find much more joy in expressing my love to one individual and making him as happy as I can. Life's too short!

Mike Smith

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### QUEENS ARE SELFISH!

I am going to be interested in all of the comments on love and whether a good, healthy relationship can exist between two men. I personally don't think so, and the main reason is the selfishness that exists in most gay people.

I don't think that the emotions and physical responses of gay people are on as high a plane as straight people. I have tried to ask various gay friends for their ideas and definitions of love, and I usually get childish, immature responses which all dwell on the bedroom technique of the partner, or else gay people point out the lasting relationships of their friends as proof that love can exist in the gay world.

My answer to them is that living together does not constitute love. I don't know of one gay relationship that does not involve cheating, whether it be overt or not. We all know cheating goes on in the straight world but not to the same extent. When we follow some of the good standards that the heterosexual world has set up on love and start dating before we "fall in love," when we stop meeting on a Monday and tricking that night and then falling in love on Tuesday and moving in together on Wednesday, then we might have healthy love. Treat it for what it is, an emotion that is the strongest thing in our being.

It is on the same par as self preservation. When gay people treat love for the beautiful thing it is, then gay love will survive and not before.

Kevin Macre

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In conclusion, it would appear that to many of our respondents the phrase "true love" is defined in the affectation loaded terms of the three volume Victorian novel. Terms that would sicken most heterosexuals, if we are to believe their publicity.

The word "love" is applied in such diverse contexts that it is necessary to be painfully clinical about defining the term. How is such a feeling generated and what makes it last? Psychologists simply define love as being mutual need fulfillment. In their view an organism which significantly meets or which holds the promise of meeting any strong need or series of needs in another person will tend to become the object of love--the more intense the needs, the greater the love.

Since there is no question about the desirability of long term effective relationships, it's important that potential parties to such a union be prepared to compromise the rough edges of their personalities. All of us should become practiced at considering the nature of the long term needs of people we like. We can then sometimes do a better job of meeting them. Although this advice will frequently prove difficult to apply, it's application can markedly increase the chance of long term fulfillment of that mighty need called "love."



The topic for next month's OPEN FORUM (see Gold Sheet) is: "Rental Discrimination Against Homosexuals." Is there rental discrimination against homosexuals? Is it more difficult for homosexuals to find housing than for heterosexuals? What discrimination have you run in to over housing? Do some landlords prefer homosexuals because they know they will fix up run-down places and then the landlords will be able to up the rent with no investment and little work? Comments on this subject are deadlined for March 20, 1968. Mail all letters to Larry Carlson: VECTOR, 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, California 94103

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The Topic for the May VECTOR is: "The Homosexual In The Tenderloin." What are some of the problems that confront the homophile community with the Tenderloin situation? What is life like in the Tenderloin for a homosexual? What types of homosexuals dwell in the Tenderloin? What can the homophile community and organizations like S.I.R. do to better the situation in the Tenderloin? The deadline for May copy is April 15, 1968.

# The Psychopathology of Antihomosexuality

BY DAVID PASCAL WRAY

*The following article was sent to VECTOR a few weeks ago from Florida, and there are some rather remarkable statements made in it. I thought the title intriguing, and the contents interesting and valid, so I am reprinting it here intact as the monthly health feature.*

Larry Carlson

There are no statistics to indicate an increase in human homosexuality. It may be that the homosexual population no longer lives so deeply underground. For whatever reasons, in literature, entertainment, politics, law – and on the sidewalks of virtually every metropolis – le piche qui n'ose pas dire son nom is without a doubt rearing its tabooed head more conspicuously than ever before. In the less commonly understood causes of homosexuality there is interesting evidence to suggest that homosexuality is on the increase, that such functioning is less neurosis than mutation, and that a subtle evolutionary tack may be helping to steer us clear of the population explosion that appears full speed ahead. In these same causes is a clear explanation of the inordinately stringent taboo against homosexuality.

According to the studies of Alfred Kinsey, among others, sexual contacts between individuals of the same sex occur in virtually every species of mammal, though never so frequently as contacts between individuals of opposite sex. Heterosexual contacts occur more frequently, apparently, only because males are more aggressive than females; because a similar level of aggressiveness exists between individuals of the same sex; because intromission into the female vagina is achieved with more facility than intromission into the male anus; because no intromission can be affected between females; because certain anatomic and physiologic characteristics – including olfaction – serve to assure heterosexual mating; and because the conditioning brought about by more frequently successful heterosexual copulations reinforces the disability of that method of genital gratification.

The sex drive per se – as formulated by Wilhelm Reich – seeks only to effect superimposition, or copulation, as the ultimate means of orgasmic release. In all subhuman species that reproduce sexually, sexual behavior and reproduction are crucially linked. Heterosexual copulation indeed doubtless evolved – from asexual budding and homosexual-hermaphroditic copulation, as among earthworms – as the most expedient means of reproduction and perpetuation of the species, as well as the best means of gleaning for preservation those characteristics most valuable in survival. Natural selection ensures a preference always for heterosexuality since this is the only sexuality that preserves the species. This fact, however, does not abrogate the reality that homosexual activity does exist, at least latently, as a natural subordinate outlet in every mammal. Indeed, as Kinsey has pointed out, given the mammalian background of the human, it is less difficult to understand why he occasionally indulges in homosexuality than to understand why he is not throughout his life engaged in every conceivable type of sexual activity.

There is a difference of course between casual, occasional indulgence in homosexual behavior – as among preadolescents and prisoners – and chronic, or inveterate, homosexuality practiced in preference to, and perhaps to the exclusion of, heterosexuality.

Civilized man long ago evolved to a point high above the filtering struggle for existence. No other species threatens his survival – only his own, by way of overpopulation and internecine. Heterosexual preference can no longer be regarded as a sine qua non or even a necessary part of natural selection among humans. What then is the psychoneurological mechanism that within a species no longer required to pass through the survival filter, now works freely to establish homosexuality in some individuals of that species as the primary drive? (In the heterosexual, of course, homosexuality is always at least latent as the secondary drive.)

To begin with, it must be realized that a determining hereditary factor operates in the development of homosexuality. Havelock Ellis preferred to say that there is a “predisposition”, and used the parallel between homosexuality and color-blindness; a congenital homosexual, in other words, sees as green what most people call red. A more useful parallel is probably the following: We are all born ambidextrous in the sense that we can use either the right or left hand for writing. The majority of humans are right-handed (heterosexual) but are still able to use their left hand. Left-handed (homosexual) humans are able to use their right hand if necessary. Perfectly ambidextrous (“bisexual”) persons do not exist: one or the other “hand” is used naturally more often and thus with more dexterity.

Homosexuality can no more be “cured” than color-blindness. Although a color-blind person may learn to call blood “red”, he actually still sees it as the same color that he sees grass: green. Although a left-handed person may learn to write with his right hand, he really feels it more natural to use his left hand, with which he could, if allowed, develop a higher and more comfortable skill.

The hereditary cause of homosexuality is not easy to define or describe, as a predisposition rather than a physical phenomenon or characteristic, it is less actually a reaction than a capacity that triggers a whole chain of reactions: It is basically a more acute sensitivity to conditioning. In spite of – or because of – parental prohibition, virtually all humans learn very early the intrinsically homosexual practice of masturbation; but only cer-

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tain ones — those with, let us use the term, “rarefactive nervous systems” — become narcissistically conditioned to their own genitalia, later sexoaesthetically conditioned to their own anatomy. This is not so much arrested behavior as it is the first and most important step in a lifelong series of abnormal reinforcements. Those persons with acute capacities for conditioning encounter the same situations and environments that persons with normal capacities encounter. But whereas a boy, for example, with normal capacity, continues psychological development unaffected by such conditions as strong mother love, or simply normal mother love, a boy with acute capacity may “come down” with an Oedipus complex. The case for the existence of such psychic conflicts as the Oedipus complex cannot be denied. Such a complex, nevertheless, is not the CAUSE of homosexuality, as is popularly supposed, but rather one possible result of the homosexual predisposition.

The variation or mutation of acute capacity for conditioning may be likened to a psychoneurologic allergy. The human, with his uniquely high brain-spinal cord ratio, may indeed be evolving toward an even more complex nervous system, and thus an increased sensitivity to conditioning. If natural sexoreproductive selection in man is no longer necessary to ensure

perpetuation of the species; and if man is indeed evolving toward ever more refined mentality — thus proliferating the predisposition to narcissistic sexual conditioning — it is not at all improbable that, were reliable statistics obtainable, a definite increase in homosexuality could be charted even at the present time — particularly in the United States, where the highest standard of living in the world provides more leisure and promotes more sexual freedom. If homosexuality is indeed on the rise, evolution may have provided hyperpullulating HOMO SAPIENS with natural population control, once again indicating that the highest wisdom of all may be the wisdom of the genes.

The chief obstruction to homosexuality as any sort of counterpopulational force is morality, which frowns upon this variation in behavior with a vengeance (homosexuality is punishable in some parts of the world by death or life imprisonment) that begs for examination.

As soon as rational man began, he began to realize, dimly, vaguely, subconsciously, that his drive to copulate, to indulge in seemingly irrational sex acts, was so urgent, so compelling, so overpowering, that the only alternative to sexual anarchy was self-imposed controls — in other words, abstinence, chastity, legalized marriage, the family unit made sacred. Otherwise, man reasoned, people would go around “like animals,” indulging in sex all the time, wherever and however convenient.

Due to the works of Sigmund Freud, chiefly, the world now understands a little better the significance of sexuality. Soon, perhaps, the discovery, by Wilhelm Reich, of orgone energy — and the significance of mass orgasmic gratification — will be acknowledged as the most important scientific discovery in human history. Meanwhile, it is of the utmost significance that the facts of evolution, as discovered by yet another genius — Charles Darwin — are still commonly referred to as mere theory. The mass disavowal of linkage with lower species is at the heart of the whole desperately unhealthy human condition — the emotional plague, as it was termed by Reich.

Lower animals remind man that he too is an animal, governed by lust. Thus instead of rationally accepting the seemingly irrational and overwhelming sex drive, man decided to repress. Mass sexual suppression, of course, lies behind the compulsion to internection that now threatens man with self-obliteration. Even without racism and fascism, germinating from the reactionary need to deprecate any alien group as more “animal” and therefore inferior, the tremendous amount of mass repressed sexual energy would surely find other outlets for violent eruption even if it became necessary to turn the planet into one giant football field.

From the basic myth upon which man thrives in self-fear — namely that he is not, after all, an animal — spring the secondary myths, equally well grounded in resistance to reality: the myth that man is monogamous, and the myth that man is totally heterosexual. Nonbelief in either of these myths is an attack upon the family unit, disintegration of which would mean, theoretically, reversion to the natural freedom — the free sex and free love — that society long ago relinquished in the name of civilization and in the overwhelming dread of excess.

Both these myths are firmly anchored in religion, which operates in civilization as the greatest of all sublimations of sexual energy. Indeed, the fervor and magnitude of religious expression provide us with the best insight into the universal omnipotence of the sex drive. Even in uncivilized societies, religious ceremonials and rituals provide a release of excess sexual energy. This is also doubtless the function of religion in the civilized, sexually unsuppressed society of the American Negro, who is forever persecuted by more sexually frustrated white society, not because of his dark color but because of his “immorality.”

Neither primitive tribes nor American Negroes nor international hippies, however, represent animalism quite so importantly as homosexuals, who despite all social, moral, and legal opposition, function with probably more freedom and promiscuity than any other human group. Since masturbation is for the human the healthiest, most natural, and most prevalent beginning of sexuality; and since premarital heterosexual intercourse is often proscribed by civil and moral law, insidious homosexuality becomes enemy number one from the cradle to the chapel — where mating is legalized with great happiness and subconscious relief, thus protecting the heterosexual myth, the monogamy myth, and above all, the “nonanimal” myth.

Ironically, man, evolutionarily speaking, is not just another animal: Since he is the only species exempt from the struggle for survival, he may claim the distinction of being the only animal threatened with overpopulation. On the other hand, man, sexually speaking, is just another animal. Alas, however, his denial of that reality may have provided him indirectly, with ultimate unicity: He is the only animal threatened with extinction by means of infraspecies overkill.



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Dear Frequently,

Your problem is quite clear to me and can be quickly made clear to you. Now, think back on your past romantic episodes and see which ones come to mind first. chances are, the ones you first recall are not necessarily those who made love best but those with whom you had the most interesting and unusual times. This was the lesson taught me by, of all things, a country-western singer named Dick Underhoff. He taught me that if something people do together is unique enough, you cannot avoid inscribing it in your memory.

Ah, yes I remember our date so vividly, as I'm sure he knew I would.

I was singing Elizabeth in a gala performance commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the production of the opera "Taubhauser" in America. I was doing this for the Flat Women's Opera Guild in Flat, Texas. I had just finished a triumphant opening night performance when I was startled at my dressing room door by a rather bizarrely dressed man in what I assumed to be a cowboy outfit. He stopped me at the door and said, "Howdy Ma'am, mah nayme's "Texas" Dick Underhoff an' I'm a singer for Longhorn Records. I must 'fess up that I came to see you by mistake. I saw thet thaar poster down by "Slim" Frooks bar and pool hall 'n I thought it said Grand Ole Opry not Grand Opra--well ma'am I don't regret mah mistake one little bit. I was jes glued to mah saddle as soon as y'all came out 'n that stage. Now I'd be right pleased if you'd join me in a little chow and maybe a little heel kicken or somethin' afterward.

Well, needless to say I was stunned by his direct approach, I was hungry, and I had to admit he cut quite a striking figure in his baby blue rhinestone shirt with the black bead fringe and very tight silver lame levi type trousers and his matching candy-apple red belt and Western boots, so before I knew it, I had accepted. I could tell by the look of things this was going to be better than an average evening. I asked him if I should call him "Texas Dick" or just "Dick" (he said Dick was just fine). Then I asked him, "Whatever shall I wear?" He told me he'd be pleased if I wore what I had on. Realizing it is "poor theatre" to leave the building in costume, I must confess that in the twenty-two trunks of clothing I usually travel with, there was nothing to equal his outfit and my Elizabeth costume, with

its jeweled corona and chiffon veil with the billious dress of blue satin and pearl roping was a glorious expression Medieval excess. We left the theatre in his bright gold Cadillac convertible that had steer horns mounted on the hood and all Guernsey hide upholstery and streaked off the edge of town to a pink log cabin called Rhoda Lee's Oriental Pizzeria, which was decorated like a German Rathskeller and had a Hungarian Gypsy orchestra. When I saw the menu was Creole I figured Miss Lee must be a woman racked with indecision. Anyway, in the course of dinner he told me he wanted this night to be something I'd never forget by really making it unusual. At this point I couldn't imagine what to expect next.

The next thing I know I'm slipping into a pair of ice skates in the local inside ice skating rink. He was apparently a regular customer there as they had his special candy-apple red boot ice skates on file for him. The next thing I know he is mobbed by his fans and autograph seekers who insist he sing a song for them on the rink. He went to the middle of the rink and announced he was going to dedicate his latest hit for Longhorn Records of, "You're Cuter Than A Prarie Dog", to me, Mme. Aida Soto-Voce.

The audience sat spellbound as, with two follow spots, he skated around the rink singing "my" song. He was accompanied by Mr. David Calso at the Roccoco console of the old Fox Flat pipe organ which the rink had recently acquired.

At the end of his number he removed a rope from his belt and lassoed me by the edge of the rink and pulled me to the center announcing I was going to sing for them too. I blushed demurely and said I was not prepared but I would free myself and go to the organist and see what we could work up.

Mr. Calso, wearing a strange hat peered at me through an ornate candelabrum and assured me he was most versatile and could play all kinds of music. So, with the great theatric abandon of the moment I skated fancily about the rink singing the arria "Dich, Teme Halle!" (or Hale, True Hall) from "Taubhauser."

The next day the Flat Clarion and Post newspapers gave a more superlative review to my performance on ice than the one I had given on stage.

And so Mr. Forgetfull, remember to do something really unusual and unique and you'll never forget or be forgotten. It may take less of a gesture to be unique but always remember--people may forget a lover but they never forget someone with real flair.

Mme. Aida Soto-Voce

# Let's Eat

By Julius

Perhaps no chef has enjoyed as much popularity and acceptance in our community as has Floyd Jackson, after whom its original owners named their new dinner house, six years ago.

"Jackson" as he is affectionately known to most everyone in the community, was brought to San Francisco after serving the owners of the RED RAVEN for nine years, as chef of their very popular kitchen in Los Angeles. This long service must set some sort of record for a chef, where tastes change as rapidly as the faces on the scene.

There are those who attribute the immediate success of Original Jackson's, to the fact that Floyd Jackson himself presided over the ranges and personally prepared the menus and inspected every plate before it left his kitchen. There are those too who have alleged that there is no more a demanding chef for whom to work; Jackson never allows a plate to leave his kitchen unless it comes up to his exacting standard of perfection. Kitchen help and waiters label him "persnickety". (Whatever that means).

When the present owners took over what was formerly known as Rosie's on Jones Street, they lost no time in signing up Floyd Jackson as chef for their attractive dining room; in fact they too, renamed their room - THE TORTUGA - because with Jackson at the ranges, it was made a completely authentic New Orleans Creole Dinner House. They knew that Jackson was one of the outstanding chefs of creole dishes. They knew too, that Jackson has gone to New Orleans where under the auspices of a New Orleans Creole Cooking School, he was taught the subtle but intricate use of pungent herbs and condiments, so necessary a part of a really fine Creole Gumbo or Gumbo File l'Acadien.

If anyone doubts that it is possible to enjoy a soul-satisfying authentic, creole dinner in San Francisco, he need only to visit TORTUGA, at 335 Jones Street. Without the established prestige of New Orleans, of the press-agent wizardry of Herb Caen, the TORTUGA has emerged as one of San Francisco's fine dinner houses, at-

tracting guests of various persuasions, whose single interest is fine and authentic creole dishes, served in an atmosphere of Ramos Gin Fizzes and wrought iron grill work.

We watched Jackson preparing his Baked Jumbo Prawns, his fat little fingers scooping up copious amounts of freshly seasoned crab meat, which he fashioned in a generous mound on a butterflyed jumbo prawn. He wouldn't tell us how he had seasoned the bread crumbs which he sprinkled lightly over the luscious mound of seasoned crab meat, as he winked in the direction of open containers of file, rosemary, thyme, bay leaf, cumnos and marjoram spread out immediately in front of him on his preparation table.

Inasmuch as we were born in New Orleans on Tulane Avenue, and were raised on creole cooking, we feel somewhat qualified to pass judgement on Floyd Jackson's Creole Cookery. He uses arrowroot instead of flour or corn starch just as our wonderful negro creole cook did when I was a youngster. Butter and fresh cream are a staple with Jackson when the recipe calls for these ingredients. His extravagant use of fresh shrimp and crab meat must have the owners tearing out their hair, trying to fit the cost to the reasonable prices shown on the menu.

We asked the manager about the economics of this, and he replied that his primary concern was to serve exquisite food at reasonable prices, which will bring appreciative crowds to his bar where he serves all of the drinks made famous in New Orleans, and other regions of the deep south. He concluded that a popular bar has never gone broke.

Like century-old moss covered oaks, Bayou La Fouché and levees along the Mississippi River, creole recipes never change, but do yourself a favor and plan on dining at TORTUGA; and when you do, be sure to order the speciality of the house - JACKSON'S BAKED JUMBO PRAWNS - stuffed with deliciously seasoned fresh crab meat, only \$2.95.

Before dinner take our suggestion and order what you might think is a strange cocktail. It's a Scarlett O'Hara which is the famous toast of Antoine's in New Orleans. It is made of equal parts (1½ ounces) each of Southern Comfort and cranberry juice cocktail and the juice of ¼ fresh lime. This is shaken with cracked ice and strained into a cocktail glass. Two of these and you'll think it's Mardi Gras and time to get in your costume for the ball.

If you're still following our suggestion, ask your waiter for a bottle of robust Rhine wine. You'll find it a perfect compliment to authentic Creole dining.

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# THE Bar Tour

By Tequila Mockingbird

Periodically Herb Caen, passport and papers all in order, takes a trip to the mysterious East Bay to observe the customs and strange ways of the natives. He carries on a great deal about the problems he has in getting around in a strange and foreign land and is much bewildered by the sights he encounters there. The most bewildering fact that we discovered was that so few San Franciscans had any knowledge of the bars in the "mysterious exotic Eastern sector."

An earlier BAR TOUR column mentioned that East Bay people are most aware of what's going on in San Francisco. Bars such as the Carnation send whole pageants to the Tavern Guild's Halloween Ball. Others, such as the Volume One are active in establishing an East Bay Branch of S.I.R.'s immensely successful Discussion Group. Vectors are available in nearly all of the gay bars on the other side of the bay. Even

posters for the forthcoming C.A.M.P. production of "Yucatan Girl" are to be found over there and yet many people in the "West Bay" (that sounds funny, doesn't it?) don't know where any of these places are. Hopefully, this column may stimulate a bit of interest in a batch of new bars that are only a bridge toll away. Disregard Gertrude Stein's famous quote about her home town and visit the East Bay.

The old/new bar is LOU AND RAE'S Old, because it used to be on East 8th Street. New because it has moved to 23rd and Telegraph. Clyde, the manager, is full of ideas and plans for redecorating the big new location. Though the bar is already in operation, plans for a big Grand Opening Party on March 14th are underway.

CLUB 7, one of the Tavern Guild's East Bay members, will be opening its dining room sometime next month. Watch for the

opening date in VECTOR. One of CLUB 7's biggest attractions is its olympic size game room which is almost as large and popular as the bar itself.

Speaking of dinners, THE CARNATION on 12th Street at 13th Avenue features a 99 cent dinner including wine on wednesdays. THE CARNATION is a campy victorian type bar with a beautiful old tiled floor and a disconcerting non-mirror in the elaborate back bar. It's upsetting to look into a mirror frame and have other faces look back at you. The only other place that does that to its customers is BRADLEY'S CORNER on this side of the bay.

KELLEY'S on East 12th Street is closed. Too many chiefs and not enough Indians is the reason we were given.

VOLUME ONE, at 2329 San Pablo, Berkeley, is already famous for its low priced, high quality Prime Rib Dinners on Sunday. In the near future it will display an art exhibit by a prominent Midwestern artist. This will be the second one man show this artist has had in the Bay Area in the past few months. The bar itself is now oval shaped and can accomodate twice as many customers as before.

Reno is about as far East as an East Bay tour should go, and so we'll end this report with this great news--Shirley, San Francisco's Empress, will officiate at the

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Discussion Groups  
8:00 p.m.  
1256 Page St. #1  
856 Page St.

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Dance 9 till 2

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Public Relations  
Opera Club  
7:00 P.M.  
Dinner \$1.50  
Art Group 8:00PM  
856 Page Street  
Ways and Means  
8:00 P.M.

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Meeting 8:00 P.M.

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Political Meeting  
8:00 P.M.  
Social Committee  
8:00 P.M.

**8**

Discussion Groups  
8:00 P.M.  
856 Page St.  
1256 Page St. #1

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SIR Skiers at  
Snowmass Mt. Aspen  
  
Saturady Social  
Dance 9 till 2

**12**

Dinner Board  
Meeting at 6:00  
Perry George's  
house

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Citizens Alert  
8:00 P.M.  
Glide Methodist  
Community Center  
meeting 8:00 P.M.  
Poetry Workshop  
4066-17th Street  
8:00 P.M.

**14**

Productions Comm.  
8:00 P.M.  
Religious Committee  
8:00 P.M.

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Discussion Groups  
8:00 P.M.  
1256 Page St. #1  
856 Page St.

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SIR Skiers at Vail  
Saturday Social  
Dance 9 till 2

**19**

Ways and Means  
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Membership Comm.  
meeting  
Little Mary  
Rehearsal 7:30

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SIR's Public Open  
meeting 8:00 P.M.  
Project: Unity  
Panel Discussion  
of leaders of Bay  
Area Homophile  
organizations  
7:00 P.M.  
Dinner Group

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8:00 P.M.  
Little Mary  
rehearsal 7:30 P.M.

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Discussion Groups  
8:00 P.M.  
1256 Page St. #1  
856 Page St.

**23**

SIR Skiers meeting  
7:00 P.M.  
Saturday Social  
Dance 9 till 2

**26**

Membership Comm.  
Workshop  
Little Mary  
rehearsal 7:30 PM

**27**

Manpower Team  
Captain meeting  
8:00 P.M.

**28**

Religious Committee  
8:00 P.M.  
Productions Comm.  
8:00 P.M.  
Little Mary  
rehearsal 7:30 P.M.

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"Catholicism and  
Homosexuality"  
(father Brophy)  
Discussion Groups  
8:00 P.M.  
1256 Page St. #1  
856 Page St.

**30**

SIR Skiers at  
Alpine  
Saturday Social  
Dance 9 till 2

# Committee On Unity Reports

BY JIM SKAGGS

The Kentucky state motto — "United we stand; divided we fall"—is especially applicable to the success of any homophile organization and the whole homophile movement. We all recognize that there are many conflicting and divergent views concerning what each organization considers to be its actual purpose to benefit the homosexuals they serve while constantly striving for greater cooperation and understanding among all groups interested in the eradication of discrimination against individuals because of their sexual orientation.

The North American Planning Conference, which met in the nation's capital last August, established a Committee on Unity to study the question of stronger national cooperation and influence through a possible federation of all interested homophile organizations.

Committee members were chosen from each section of the U.S.A. and Canada. They were asked to prepare statements concerning the initial steps to be taken by a committee endeavoring to achieve a unified voice for the homophile movement.

The following excerpts from representative individuals and organizations throughout the country represent a cross-section of thought and opinion on the subject of unity.

Sandy Penn, C.E.H., New York... aims "...above all — to constantly project an attitude of open-mindedness and flexibility and service; in other words, to convince everyone, and really believe in ourselves. that our aim is to formulate a plan that will represent and incorporate the beliefs and desires of the Movement as a whole, and not of ourselves as individual committee members or representatives of individual organizations.

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Drew Shafer, PHOENIX, Kansas City, Missouri... Purpose. "...If we could erect as interesting and progressive a national program as possible, and could gain national press coverage, which seems to be getting easier to get all the time. I think that we would have new groups eager to join with us in our efforts which would more than compensate for the failure of a few week-kneed organizations to help our cause..."

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Pat Kelley, S.F.H.L. & S.I.R., San Francisco, California... Direction and Structure.  
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"... A committee should be set up for each geographical area with each organization participating having one seat thereon. This committee to find areas of common concern on which all the organizations will agree to act together.

A Committee then should be set up on a national level with two representatives from each geographical committee to coordinate the activities agreed upon, the release of national publicity, national campaigns, etc.

Neither of the above committees would be empowered at first to act in any area where accord with all concerned organizations had not been achieved

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Foster Gunnison Jr., Hartford, Connecticut... Ideology. "...The public is at a disadvantage because of the diversity of views held by experts on the subject, and uncertainty growing in certain quarters as to the wisdom of traditional social attitudes. Let us in the movement counter this fragmentation and uncertainty with hard-hitting unified views from the homophile organizations as to who we are, what we are trying to do and, how we view our situation.

Action Programs. "...Specifically, for example, projects directed toward (1) recruiting new organizations in new cities, (2) monitoring and injecting our views into the planning of sex education programs for both students and teachers of students. (3) recruiting additional organized assistance from outside groups — religious, legal, sociological, educational professional, and so on (4) public relations and publicity searching out and soliciting, opportunities for public appearances, articles, broadcasts, and similar direct contacts with the general public. (5) fund raising on a large scale to finance the administration of the national—its committees, projects, and operating expenses, and to finance or aid in financing the National legal defense fund and its programs. I believe these will aid in promoting unity within the movement because I think in concrete action programs.

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Conclusion: We invite readers to offer opinions and suggestions on the subject to unity. Address all correspondence to:

Committee on Unity  
Society for Individual Rights  
83 Sixth Street  
San Francisco, California 94103

# Vigil's Views

BY JOE VIGIL

BETTE'S BACK!! Wearing an eyepatch like a giant pink comma, Bette Davis sweeps down the staircase to the strains of "The Anniversary Song". Thus we are introduced to the most ultra-possessive mother since Madame Rosepettle of "Oh Dad, Poor Dad" fame. The occasion is the "ANNIVERSARY" which opens in mid-March at the Fox Warfield.

Adapted from the play by Bill McIlwraith, "ANNIVERSARY" has been turned into a mad technicolor black-comedy showcase for the indomitable Miss Davis. She gets her teeth into the role and spits it out with magnificent panache and flamboyance — though some may find her portrayal too exaggerated to be convincing.

The action is set in England and the anniversary of the death of her husband, brings together this family for an evening of fun and games which seem to be the English cousin of those played in "VIRGINIA WOOLF". One of her sons, Jack Hedley, is attempting to take his wife, Sheila Hancock and kiddies and emigrate to Canada where he hopes to finally escape the tentacle of Momma Bette. The youngest son, Christian Roberts, chooses this occasion to introduce his newest fiance, Elaine Taylor, to the family. And finally there is the eldest son, James Cossens, who has a strange habit of dressing up in ladies' clothes, notably their undies, and adds to his wardrobe by stealing undergarments from the local wash lines. Of him, Momma Bette remarks: "Too bad we aren't Catholic, Henry would have made a marvelous Pope." This is just a sample of the more than juicy dialogue that carries the 95 minutes of commemoration.

Taking second place to Miss Davis's hysterics, the rest of the players handle themselves well, if a bit too theatrical at times. James Cossens offers a very sympathetic portrayal as the kinky son and Miss Taylor manages to show that once she marries into the family, she shows tendencies of following in Momma's footsteps.

For those who like Bette at her bitchiest, this "ANNIVERSARY" is one to celebrate.

# Letters to the Editor.



Dear Editor:

I think I should set the record straight and explain why I announced that PRIDE was defunct at the last membership meeting.

To the best of my knowledge and conclusion, PRIDE has no organization, no money, no prospect of getting any money, and virtually no members. If Jerry Joachim wishes to keep the name PRIDE to cover his "public relations program," which so far has not been very public, there may be some reason, and some good may come out of it. In the meantime it is not the membership organization PRIDE which I helped found almost two years ago and for the cause of which I and another member were arrested on false charges, taken to jail, bailed out, tried, and found innocent.

I did not take on this latter risk for my own sake, and neither did the other member. Both of us could live forever without all-male dances in public halls in the City of Los Angeles. For myself at least, this even set in motion great personal problems, for which I cannot blame PRIDE, but which are still far from ended. PRIDE has not helped by its failure to pay our attorney more than about half the money properly due him, and what he was paid was the entire amount of the Legal Defense Fund, which was established by voluntary contributions (notably his own) for quite different purposes. When it came down to the line, that was all the assets PRIDE had. And that came out only with great difficulty and rancor.

If PRIDE still exists it should show some realistic effort to come up with the rest of the money to cover this debt and others.

The events of the past two years seem to have demonstrated that Los Angeles is not yet ready for a membership organization anything like S.I.R. This approach may be successful in the distant future, but every such attempt up to now, including PRIDE, has ended in irrelevance, impotence, dissolution, name-calling, self-serving, or some combination of those.

It may be worthy of note that the "heat" in Los Angeles has considerably "cooled" since the "PRIDE bust." A reasonable interpretation of this state would be that the police have concluded that their efforts, even though unsuccessful in court, eliminated any present threat of "gay power" or of any effective gay voice. Certainly the often-alleged vice conditions in the bars

have not changed, nor have the police abandoned their tenet that all contact between homosexuals leads to illegal sex acts and must therefore be prevented or at least discouraged.

I do not have evil or ulterior motives against the "staff" of PRIDE, whoever they (or he) may be. But I want to emphasize that the membership organization PRIDE is out of visible existence and has failed to discharge its outstanding obligations. Maybe "in limbo" would be a better description than "dead." But I don't call it "alive." And for all that many people have put into it I think this is a sorry state of affairs.

Yours sincerely,  
T.P.

Dear Mr. Beardemphl:

Mme. Soto-Voce has an amusing repartee. But it doesn't come off as well in print as it certainly must in personal conversation. Accompanied by gestures and inflections, her remarks would be delightful.

Somehow, it would seem more consistent with the tone of VECTOR if you could offer a column that included genuine, practical advice. It would have to be amusing in part to get readership. It has to be realistic. And not at all "preachy." Make it conversational in tone, and helpful. In other words, make it like the REST of VECTOR.

Even Tequila Mockingbird gets down to the nitty-gritty of Where to go/What to do. So, "The Bar Tour" gets read.

Only an insincere critic is satisfied to criticize and withdraw smugly. So here is a prospective alternative... simply as a work sheet for the type of article in mind.

If you find any part of it worthwhile, you are welcome to use it. Attach any byline you care to construct.

The piece is offered by a member who is impressed with the work you're doing and only wishes he had the courage to help you more.

M. Sincero-Voce

#### REPLY FROM THE EDITOR:

Monsieur Sincero-Voce follows his letter with a sample advice column much like those that Dorothy Dix used to write before Dear Abby and her sister put a stop to that sort of thing--750 words on how to pick up a one night stand when you are a stranger in the city.

My dear Sincero, this is one of those things you learn by doing. You can't possibly learn it from 750 words of newsprint. If someone is

"cute," they do not need such advice: if they are ugly, you might as well forget cruising strange bars. No editor with any consideration for his magazine's reputation would dare print such a column.

Thanks for your concern and keep trying. VECTOR is always looking for new writers.

Now that the question has been publicly raised, we feel that the truth must be told: Madame Soto-Voce is not a real person! The column is created by Perry George, our Small Activities Chairman.

Mr. George assures me that the madame is an over stylized parody of the vain type of person who always springs to give advice. Perry feels that the reminiscences of an aging diva is the ideal way for the advice giver to display, through her eyes of unbounded vanity, a humorous approach to those problems which are a daily burden to the life of the Homophile Community. Brevity is never the style of a great diva and so to preserve a style, her answers are not the quick, curt, cute comments of a modern day Dear Abby type column. Perry is also aware that the essay must be funny on several levels. Most of the persons mentioned are thinly disguised burlesques of prominent members of S.I.R. and the San Francisco Community in general but the humor is not so "in" that it isn't funny in Des Moines.

To confess all, even the letters are invented.

THE FOLLOWING TWO LETTERS are typical of the many that have been received on the recent Pat Micheals T.V. show on S.I.R. in which Mr. Littlejohn and Mr. Kelley from S.I.R. appeared.

Dear Mr. Littlejohn:

I was shocked at the indignities you suffered on a telecast just ended. If I can apologize as one human being for the ignorance and obvious sadistic pleasure displayed by those two horrible so-called men, I hope it will be one amongst many.

I turned on the set for the ten o'clock news and the show followed. That KTVU who waves some kind of merit badge awarded them for fine viewing -- how could this have been allowed. I hope I will never have the misfortune again to view or hear Pat Micheals nor his supposed doctor of hypnosis. You were obviously so far superior to both of them. I congratulate you for not giving them the satisfaction of walking off which I felt they were trying to goad you into.

Sincerely yours,  
N. Loretta Jones

Dear Mr. Littlejohn,

I had the extreme misfortune to view the "Pat Michael's Show" of February 16th. On the other hand, it may have been a good experience since we all need to be awakened to what passes for television programming these days. At first I was very embarrassed for you as I would be for anyone who is forced to converse with half-wits. Yet as the "show" progressed I gained a sense of respect for you since you refused to descend to Michael's level of insult, and since you were so obviously his and Meyer's mental superior. You have an unbelievable power of restraint. The hypnosis fiasco was an unpardonable display of bad taste.

I must admit that I am writing this letter not so much to reassure you, since I'm sure you are aware that there are many "straights" such as I who support your group's aims, but rather to satisfy my own need to express my outrage at the injustices to which you were subjected. The only thing "perverted" on that show was Michael's attitude, and what he ultimately demonstrated were his own insecurities and inadequacies which he tried unsuccessfully to foist upon you.

I congratulate you on your conduct in that difficult situation, and I wish you and S.I.R. much success in the future. I look forward to the time when people like Michaels are recognized for what they are and when people like yourself are accepted for who they are. If it is at all possible I would be interested in hearing your reaction to the whole experience and in particular what type of person Michaels is when off the air and how you decided to appear on the show in the first place. Do you now think it was a waste of time or do you feel something worthwhile came out of it?

Sincerely,  
Mary Bly

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coronation of the Queen of Reno, and two Princesses. This event, an annual one, will be held at the famous V.I.P. ROOM on Saturday, the 16th of March at 10 p.m. This will be the first time that Shirley and members of the Imperial Court have paid a State Visit to any other city. We know that our Empress is ready for Reno, but wonder if Reno is ready for our Empress.

# Reviews

BY FRANK J. HOWELL

**THE TRANSEXUAL PHENOMENON** by Dr. Harry Benjamin, Julian Press, New York 1966.

In this age of advancing sexual freedom Dr. Harry Benjamin has struck another blow for enlightenment. "The Transsexual Phenomenon" (Dr. Benjamin coined the term) refers to those individuals who strongly desire to physically change their sex. Christine Jorgensen is the world famous example of this approach to solving problems of sexual identity.

Immediately we observe that such roles as male and female are not so clear cut as common sense would have us believe. Benjamin lists such traits as genital sex (the biological organs as proof of sexual role) legal sex, hormonal sex, psychological sex and numerous other ways of slicing up the human animal.

A host of misconceptions are cleared away concerning the basic differences between transvestism, transsexualism, and homosexuality. Those experts who closely study this subject frequently find that individuals who dress in clothing of the opposite gender (transvestites) possess a secure masculine outlook and shun the gay life. The transsexual also demonstrates little interest in homosexual ways.

This comprehensive, introductory view of the transsexual provides the reader with a selection of photographs which may shock the less hardy. The appendix features short articles which give a cross cultural and historical approach to the subject. The final seventy pages consist of generous excerpts from deeply personal autobiographies of men and women struggling to adjust to their identity crisis.

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