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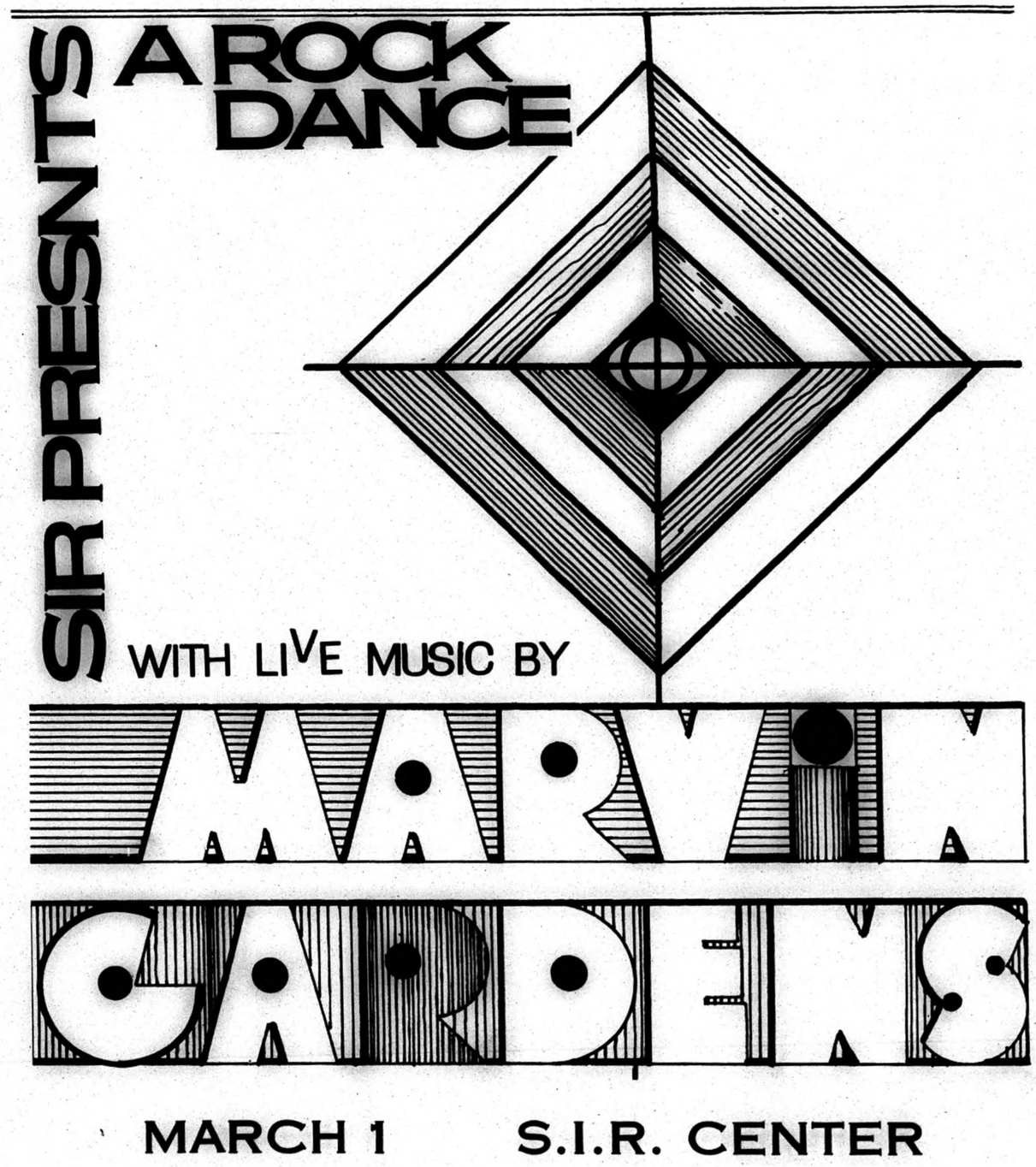
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Editorial

Nearly five years ago, visionaries of SIR listed the following among its "Project List:" "The development of a legitimate homosexual publication encompassing all aspects of gay life, the news, the arts, the social events, and the people doing things for us and against us." (SIR Directional Report, published late '64) That development I consider to be my job as Editor.

Vector will be legitimate, standing proudly beside other major magazines, and hopefully, will eventually increase to 10,000 circulation and sold in every major U.S. city.

Vector will be homosexual, with a positive Gay-is-Good philosophy. It will throw its support behind those who support the aims and activities of the Society For Individual Rights.

Vector will reach out into the community, gay, straight, or bi, to cover the action when it involves homosexuals or the homosexual community.

There will be times when our readers will not like this open approach to gay journalism. Some will get up-tight, especially those who still feel guilty inside about homosexuality, but this will not stop us.

The gay community includes masculine and feminine men and women. *Vector* intends to increase coverage to include a wide variety of male and female homosexual stories.

The strength of *Vector's* coverage will be with its regular staff reporters and contributors. We have six new volunteer reporters, but we need twice that many. *Vector* journalists will attend gay functions whether at the Fairmont or in the baths, not to write radical exposes, but to show the goodness of gayness.

Vector reporters will get into the courts, the legislature, and even the Mayor's office, wherever people are doing things for us or against us.

I am convinced that the strength of the homosexual movement lies in the hearts of individual homosexuals. As we develop individual self-respect as homosexuals our organizations will become more active and strong. That strength will win for us the respect of all peoples.

FORUM FORGES FORWARD

by Magdalena Montezuma

JUST LEAVE IT to that fun-group, The Production Committee, to enhance the merriment in our lovely land of rice-o-roni by adding a touch of show biz tinsel and glamour to the goings-on. This year the bawdy, musical burlesque romp, "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum", has been selected as the show of the year.

Bob Cramer was elected Producer and Joe Vigil Director. Also assisting on the Production staff are Chuck Gammon as Musical Director; Doug Kitchel, choreography; Set design and art direction by Gene Pelligrini; Costumes by Bob Dattola; Wigs and Hair styles by Tommy Kohl, and Set construction by Jim Richey and anyone who will help.

After a rather lively audition session or two, the cast will include such S.I.R. favorites as Nancy, Gene Pelligrini, Chuck Zinn, and Bob Paulsen as well as the proverbial cast-of-thousands usually required to put on a basic Roman epic of this nature. Our own Charley Davis will appear in a "Cameo" role.

Performances of this mad musical excursion down the Appian Way will be May 10 (mucho Gala Opening Night), May 11 and May 16, 17 & 18th. Tickets will go on sale the first week in March. Also planned is a Special Preview performance for S.I.R. members and guests at a special deduction.

Director Vigil (while seated in his red and gold personalized chair says: "The show is about courtesans and enunchs, funerals and chases, baritones and basses, mistaken identities galore and scenes that will bring back the memories of burlesque at it's peak."

Besides getting "Forum" into shape, the Productions Committee under Joe's chairmanship is planning the entertainment portion of the Annual Open House in April.

first board meeting an excedrin experience

"All were raving and ranting about how all were raving and ranting about ....." Would you care to read that sentence again? It's not a misprint; it's part of an article by G. Waltham, a non-SIR member who sat in on the first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors, held February 11.

The article, as originally written, will appear in the March *Gold Sheet*, the house organ for members of SIR.

Apparently, the new Board left Waltham somewhat confused. For instance: "...the Community Center Committee plans to finish the painting and remodeling of the SIR Center, and the, for some reason, they will try to find a new location for the center."

The Board did have an extended agenda to wade through, the article points out. Included in the objectives was the setting of "...adjournment for 11 p.m.," says Waltham, but later, "after two Excedrin...," a presentation by each committee chairman and some long-winded discussion on common bonds, the "meeting was adjourned at..." Well, they tried, anyhow.

This is only a preview to an article which is highly amusing and perhaps valuable for its mirror-like quality. There's still time to zip up the fly.

Suggestion: To find out more about this meeting, borrow any SIR member's *Gold Sheet*. Or better, yet, investigate membership in SIR and learn how to get *Gold Sheet* for yourself.

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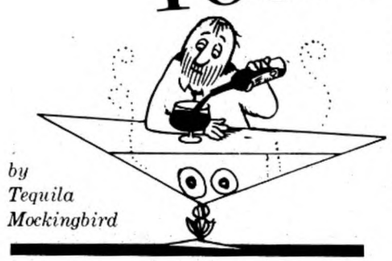

by Tequila Mockingbird

HOORAY, HOORAY! Here it is the first of March and *Vector* is out on time! Now that *Vector's* growing pains and we are all getting back to abnormal, the "Bar Tour" will be more up to date and read less like a chapter in history. So many things happened in January and February that this issue will, of necessity, be limited to one or two sentences on each bar.

FIRST OFF, Let's mourn the closed bars, nice places all, but no longer with us. The TORTUGA on Jones Street closed right after the first of the year. The I-DO-NO on 18th Street near Castro is now closed as is the VOLUMN ONE in Berkeley.

IT SEEMS that one bar closing warrants two bars opening. The PARADOX on Geary, about four blocks west of Sears is an attractive, intimate bar in front with dining and dancing in the back room. VI'S CLUB DRAKE on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Fairfax is a large, pleasantly decorated bar with piano and organ. It will probably get a lot of the after brunch business from the HOUNDSTOOTH INN in San Rafael and the CHAMPAGNE HUT in Mill Valley. The GUILDED CAGE, after an extensive redecorating job had reopened with Charles Pierce and Rio Dante up to their old tricks, and some new ones. The famous singer and pianist, Hadda Brooks, is appearing at the Cage in addition to Charles and Rio.

FUND RAISING events at the SPEAKEASY at 17th St. and Florida and the FROLIC on Mason Street raised money for members of our community that were in need of medical care. Empresses, past, present and future were prominent at these events. Empresses of the past and present also launched the cashews on another successful run at the FANTASY on Mason St. and attended the opening of JACKSON'S new penthouse that Eddie West so brilliantly hosts on Sundays. Caterer Peter Kings birthday party at the MISTAKE attests to the fact that the only mistake at the Mistake is the name. It should be called the Sardine Can with such crowds. The western parties at the OPERA CLUB on Gough Street prove that the best parties are stomping parties. The ever popular Voo Doo is alive and well and back at THE WEB. The crowd at the SCOREBOARD celebrating Uncle Billys birthday has a ball with the wall behind the bar. A listing of now defunct bars in San Francisco History. Brings back many memories. Jose and Shirley presiding over the anniversary waltz at the LIBRA. Food at the Libra now is prepared and served by the Humpers.

"A BIT OF SAN FRANCISCO" at California Hall on March 1st is a one man show with a cast of 55 counting band and stage hands and supporting cast. It stars JOSE and will benefit the Drug Treatment Center in the Tenderloin. TAVERN GUILD bartenders are donating their time and talent for this fund raising event.

DICTIONARY definition of *Vector:* A quantity having direction as well as magnitude. Amen!

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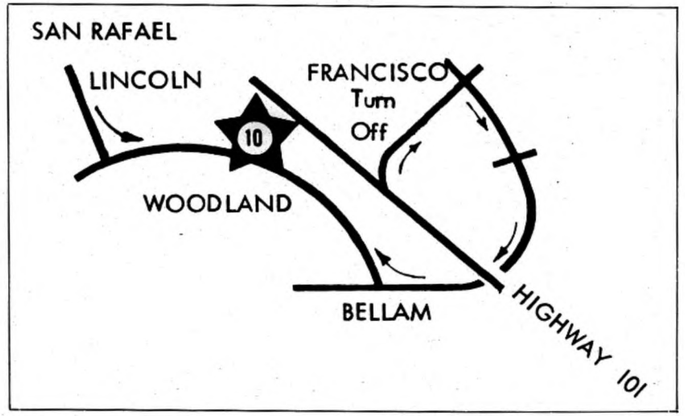

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SIR is filing suit against Pacific Telephone Company stating that the company has illegally discriminated against SIR by refusing a listing in the Yellow Pages. The telephone company maintains that it can discriminate against "obscenity" and "bad taste" as well as "controversial" subjects. Their double standard is disturbing. SIR is listed in the White Pages and has full use of telephone privileges.

The State Public Utilities Commission has set a hearing to determine the status of SIR and whether or not it can advertise in the Yellow Pages. It was scheduled for February 20, but has been postponed to April 14 and 15 according to David Clayton, an attorney for the legal aid center who is working on the case unofficially. The official attorney for SIR at the hearing will be Bill Beckwith.

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by Larry Littlejohn

The first order of business at the March Membership Meeting (Wed., March 5th) will be to establish goals and projects for 1969 and to find the means to reach these goals and accomplish these projects.

We have had many solid achievements to be proud of since SIR was incorporated in July of 1964. But we must not be satisfied that we have done the best job possible. There is much room for improvement. Successful realization of our basic SIR goal — securing for the homosexual first class citizenship, self esteem and social acceptance — will require considerably more membership involvement and financial resources than we have mustered to date.

We have too often in the past found ourselves preoccupied with and sometimes overwhelmed by trivial matters, housekeeping detail, and petty personality clashes. We have our prophets of gloom and doom and those who would seem to delight in negative thinking. However, persons who have had experience in other organizations will realize that these problems are not unique to SIR.

I feel that one of our real shortcomings has been our failure to set some definite, attainable short term goals for ourselves, to work toward these goals according to some agreed upon plan, and then to critically evaluate our success or lack of success in attaining these goals.

The first step toward making 1969 our most successful year in SIR will be the establishing of goals and projects for this year. Every member is encouraged to join in this effort. What are your thoughts on what SIR should be doing in 1969? Communicate your ideas to me or any other Board member. Attend the March 5th Membership meeting and express your ideas.

I think that from where we are today we are ready to experience dynamic growth both in membership strength and financial strength. In 1969 SIR will be on the move. 1969 holds the promise of being a year of dramatic accomplishment for SIR.

N.Y. MATTACHINE HITS TV

"I was a little sorry for what I did to him all day," write Dick Leitsch of Mattachine Society of New York in a letter to *Vector*. In it, Mr. Leitsch gives an account of his participation on a local television program. The visiting panel consisted of a sociologist, Peter Wyden (author of *Growing Up Straight*), a lawyer, a lesbian, Mr. Leitsch, and a Dr. Socarides, who apparently boasts some sort of "cure" for the homosexual through treatment centers.

"I asked if the 'treatment' would be free," Leitsch writes. "Socarides said he hoped the government would subsidize it. I asked where the centers would be located. He hadn't given it any thought. I suggested that he make them in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and other vacation areas, and told him I thought sending all homosexuals to one place like that was the best idea since Fire Island, only better, because we'd be subsidized!"

"That's not what I have in mind..." he started, but I cut him off," the N.Y. Mattachine official explains.

"You get us there, baby, and within a week, we'll have a meat rack; within a month, a gay bar; and within six months, a swinging community."

"Mrs. Saarinen (the moderator) and the sociologist broke into gales of laughter, agreeing with me that that's what would certainly happen. The lawyer and Mr. Wyden also agreed, but sadly because they don't approve of homosexuality. The lesbian smiled."

"All in all it just wasn't Dr. Socarides day. After the taping we all went down together in the elevator, and ended up in the lobby of the RCA building just as a group of tourists entered. Since we were coming out of the celebrity elevator, everyone stared at us. Socarides asked why they were staring."

"Because you're still wearing your make-up," I replied. "And I imagine that they think you're a drag queen."

"The poor man blushed purple under the make-up they had put on us for the cameras and raced out the door, almost knocking down a woman to steal her cab."

"Afterwards, I was a little sorry for what I did to him all day. I sometimes wonder if we're not all a little sadistic with those poor bastards. I suspect their rantings are just manifestations of their own problems, disturbances and insecurities, and it does seem cruel to abuse them for their behavior. After all would one torture a cancer patient, or more aptly, do we still go to Bedlam to harass inmates? To a very large extent I feel very, very sorry for him. When off the 'bete noir' of homosexuality, he is really a pleasant, charming and genuinely warm man. I suspect that if he ever let go, he might make some man a very good husband!"

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The Armed Services & HOMOSEXUALITY

Suggestions & Recommendations

Every person in the service who becomes officially involved in the homosexual issue should carefully consider these recommendations.

1 Get yourself a lawyer at the start of the investigation; do not wait until you have been investigated, interrogated or brought to trial. Ours is an adversary system of justice involving a contest between two parties, the accuser and the accused, as represented by prosecution and defense attorneys, with the judge watching both parties to see that the contest is played according to the rules. This system has become so specialized and technical that only professionals can effectively participate in it--and even they may err. An outsider who seeks to participate in the system does so at his peril. Hence, an individual who finds himself in legal difficulties--e.g., a known or suspected homosexual in the service--is in dire need of a lawyer; and the sooner he seeks legal counsel, the more likely he is to obtain a favorable disposition of his case. Moreover, you have a *right* to be represented by legal counsel. If military counsel is used, it will be provided at government expense; if civilian counsel is employed, it will be at your own expense. If you prefer civilian counsel, just any lawyer will not do. Make sure that the lawyer is familiar with military proceedings and is willing and able to handle your case effectively. You may obtain the names of qualified and interested lawyers from local legal referral agencies or from the homophile organizations whose names and addresses are appended hereto. Whether military or civilian counsel is used, demand that your lawyer put in the time and effort needed to give you the best possible defense and insist that he work for a general or honorable discharge rather than coast along on the assumption that all you can get is an undesirable discharge.

2 Exercise your constitutional rights: or at least consult with legal counsel before waiving them. Every American--even a homosexual in the armed forces--has certain rights which cannot legally be denied to him. These rights include the right:

1. to be informed of the specific charges brought against him,
2. to be told that anything he says will be used against him,
3. to remain completely silent both during an investigation and at a trial,
4. to obtain legal counsel (either retained or appointed, civilian or military),
5. to refuse to answer any question (whether during the investigation or at a trial) without the advice of legal counsel,
6. to refute the evidence used against him,
7. to cross-examine witnesses testifying against him and
8. to testify and present evidence on his own behalf.

These rights belong to the individual throughout the process of investigation, interrogation, and trial. However, the individual may waive these rights by signing a statement that he does so voluntarily and knowingly. This is what most known or suspected homosexuals in the service do. Only after they have done so do they usually have an opportunity to see a lawyer. In short, they are often "persuaded, cajoled, or tricked" out of exercising their rights. It is inconceivable, despite statements by investigators and prosecutors to the contrary, that being represented by legal counsel and choosing to exercise one's constitutional rights can harm anyone involved in any investigation or prosecution in which homosexuality is an issue. If you insist on waiving your rights, at least do so *after* consultation with your lawyer.

3 Do not believe any suggestion that you will be more leniently dealt with if you "cooperate" by waiving your rights and by confessing alleged offenses. It is the task of investigators to obtain evidence against you and of the prosecutor to convict you. Beware of their friendly advice and offers of help. They are not your friends; nor do they have your best interests at heart. If the prosecutor has the evidence to prosecute you before a court-martial, and should he decide to do so, you will be tried regardless of whether or not you exercised your rights. If you do not waive your rights, the burden of proof will rest with him and you will be defended by legal counsel at your trial. You do not have to do the investigator's or the prosecutor's job for them. Nor do you have to make their job easier by confessing. As a matter of fact, it is often difficult to obtain a conviction for homosexual acts because the specific evidence to prove guilt "beyond a reasonable doubt" is hard to obtain, because corroboration (even in the case of confession) must be presented, because witnesses are often reluctant to testify, and because laws prohibiting homosexual acts between consenting adults in private have in most jurisdictions become dead letters. Furthermore, the announced policy of the services is to separate homosexuals by administrative action wherever possible rather than by trial by court-martial. Indeed, the services have repeatedly refused to grant trial by court-martial when specifically demanded by the accused; and their refusal has been upheld by federal courts (e.g., Unglesby and Dresselhaus, 250 F. Supp. 714 and 721). In other words, if you were not involved in acts with a minor or acts committed in public or acts where force, fraud, or intimidation occurred, the prosecutor may well be reluctant to bring you to trial. Hence, if you do not waive your rights and if you do not confess, you have a good chance of obtaining a general (or even an honorable) discharge and of having the charges brought against you dropped for lack of evidence.

4 Ignore any suggestion that once you are a civilian again, you stand a good chance of having your undesirable discharge upgraded. You do not! To have an undesirable discharge for reasons of homosexuality changed is a rarity, if not an impossibility. There is no one who should know this better than the investigator or prosecutor who told you the contrary.

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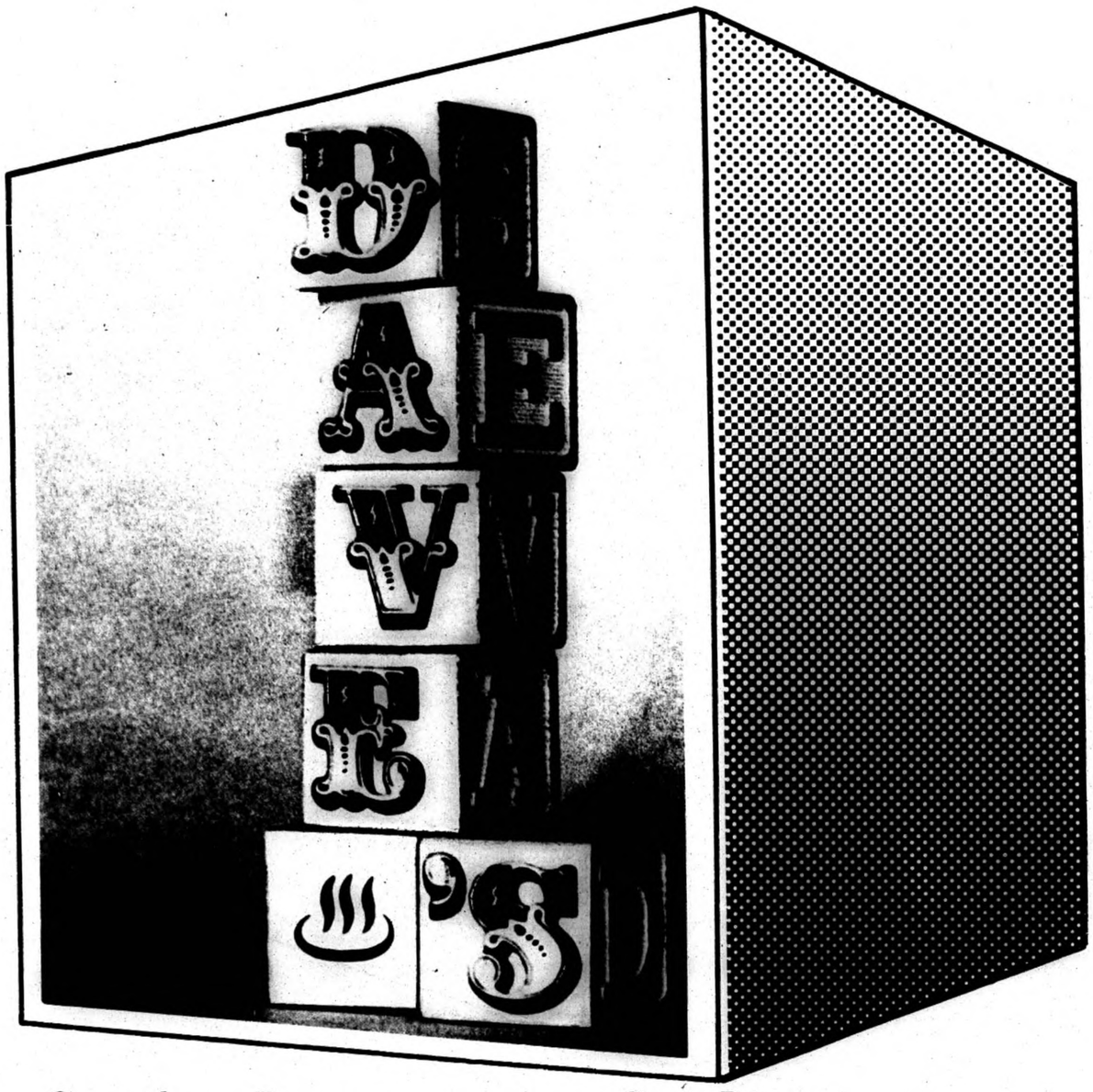

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5 *Demand the type of discharge warranted by the character and quality of your service.* This is simply what you are entitled to under existing regulations. You will be told over and over again that the only type of discharge available to you is an undesirable one. *This is not true.* For you to accept an undesirable discharge is an easy way out for the investigators, the prosecutors, the defense counsel, and (where such is employed) the civilian adviser. It is true that regulations dealing specifically with the subject of homosexuality say that homosexuals will "normally" be given undesirable discharges, but they also provide for the possibility of issuing general or honorable discharges. More important, other regulations, with which both prosecution and defense attorneys are familiar, specifically state that the type of discharge given will be determined "solely" on the basis of the individual's record of service. A letter from your commanding officer testifying to the quality of your service, statements on your behalf from defense counsel and/or your chaplain, copies of your ratings and performance in service schools, citation of any commendations received or meritorious service performed, and the length of your service are all pertinent factors in determining the type of discharge you should receive. If you do not press the matter, you will most assuredly be given an undesirable discharge.

6 *Request a copy of the record of all proceedings against you.* To do so is your right. You need to obtain and study the documents if you are to understand your case as it proceeds, and you will need the complete record if you should decide to appeal later.

In addition to the above recommendations, individuals falling in the appropriate class should carefully consider the following suggestions:

A Class I homosexual should obtain legal counsel at the earliest possible moment in order to decide the proper plea and in order to prepare the best defense available to him. Timely and effective action might even result in the case being processed under Class II provisions.

Class II individuals constitute the vast majority of all persons discharged by administrative decision. The serviceman who is called in for investigation because he has been reported

From the Walls of Montezuma

BY MAGDELENA MONTEZUMA

BACK IN PRINT AGAIN: Well, back to the old typewriter after a month's unscheduled vacation (tres Charles Pierce), hope you all missed me out there in Readerland...to give a brief summary of things that happened in January that you might have missed, here tis—(that's it, baby, not much of much happened—at least not that I can print in this "family type magazine) . . . This is my first column under the rule of Leo the Laurence and I hope that he will allow me to continue my little bits of nonsensical tongue-lashings which help one past the time while waiting for the milkman... I must admit that Leo's plans for *Vector* are both exciting and grand, and I know that things will just be marvy-poo in the future...Mucho Luck, Leo!!!.....A special "merci" to former editor Bill Beard-Dimple. It was he who persuaded me to come out of recluse and write me little column. So, a small printed "thank you for everything" to you Bill, and I hope you can relax now and find more time to indulge in your favorite hobby, cooking. They don't call him the Galloping Gourmet for nada.....

TELL US NOW WITHOUT DELAY, DEPT.: Many fun things went into mak-February one of "those" months. February included the Big Three (Valentine's Day, Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday — Martha is getting a little on in years now but ain't she pretty!!) Of course the big, burning question in Feb. was "Are you going to the Mardi Gras?" Naturally those of the "Chic" set know that this was being held this year at Russian Hall not in New Orleans. The Coit's affair was handled, as always, with great flair and pizzzaz.

A NOT SO FUNNY THING HAPPENED DEPT.: If things don't happen at all, they happen all at once, unfortunately, this month (March 1st—which is probably past by the time you read this) two big social affairs were scheduled for the same evening. The one and only Jose presented his one-man camp show, "A Bit of Old San Francisco" for the benefit of the underprivilged in the Tenderloin. I would like to give this special "printed Orchid" to this multi-talented, fabulous Empress (retired) with a heart of gold. Also on tap that night was S.I.R.'s first big "Rock Dance". Under the lead of Nancy the place really rocked and with the wild decorations resembled your basic hippie dance hall (GaymoreWest)?

When I inquired as to why these two occassions ended up being presented the same night, I was told that contracts had been signed and advertising distributed for both events before either party involved knew of the other's event. It's your basic lack of communication. I want to go on record right now and propose that a gay social calendar be drawn up every six months and that the organizations which dominate the gay season (Coits, D.O.B., S.I.R., Tavern Guild, etc.) get together and work out a system where these affairs will not conflict—god knows I have enough trouble getting everywhere now, if two things are happening I go to pieces trying to decide what to do.....

THE LEGEND REVISTED, DEPT: After a month and a half vacation and rejuvenation period, Charles Pierce and Rio Dante are once again cavorting at the Gilded Cage. With a new format and shows Wednesday thru Sunday in the Main Showroom, the Duo Legend will probably hold forth for another five years. Welcome back, luvs! Also appearing in the "lounge" will be the ever-lovin Hadda Brooks. I wish I could go into detail a little more but at this writing I haven't been down to investigate and view the new show. Am planning to pull myself into my yellow gingham and (with Gene Pelligrini), plan to revive our "Judy/Mickey" number from Capades. Will probably at the Cage on

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CHARLES PIERCE RETURNS

by Cliff Reynolds

Charles Pierce is back. Didn't know he was gone? I did; but then, I was told.

I walked into chaos the other afternoon to talk to the folks at the Gilded Cage which was shuttered for a month for an overhaul. It was overpowering to see so many loving-hands-at-home painting, nailing, sewing, snipping—and sipping—to give the Cage a face-lifted look.

Cornering *the man* in his dressing room, we persuaded him to talk about himself and his new show. It may (or again, it may not) surprise many to know that he is a product of the Pasadena Playhouse, and in spite of certain remarks, he has played in cities other than San Francisco. In fact, he began his night club career in Miami Beach, Florida. Rio Dante selected that very place to become part of Charles' entourage, and with the exception of a few month's interlude, they have continued together since.

Pierce has enjoyed being the number one spot in some of the cushiest bistros in this country. Longer-time (I refrain from "older") circuit *habitues* will remember Charles' brief association with Anne's 440 Club. You may also remember that Anne Jefferies was there, too, in a little thing called "Around the World in Eighty Minutes."

I asked him about retirement, and he began to look hurt. In fact, he was crushed that I had even entertained the idea that he was going to bow out of the lime light, so I soothed him by asking if he had any other plans. He bubbled about his more recent accomplishments, brushing aside all attempt to return to the question. He and his crew recently did a sequence in a film on the gay life in San Francisco. It hasn't been released as yet.

In the meantime, Pearle, with her handsome pewter colored hair, had managed to extricate herself from the wild party in the lounge and had joined us. I began to ignore the star and talk to her because of her irresistable charm.

Question: When did you become inn keeper here?

Pearle: In 1962.

Question: How long has Charles been with you?

Pearle: Since 1963. April, I think. He arrived on a Sunday, auditioned and started the next day. (Charles beamed.)

Question: Have you been happy with his act?

Charles held his cigarette in midair and looked furtively at me, and then at Pearle. True to her colors, Pearle affirmed she was happy with his act, and that he could continue indefinitely. Charles' color returned to his white cheeks.

Don de Tuncque, Pearle and Ray Beaudoin's right-hand-man, stuck his head in the door and announced that they had run out of paint. Should he send someone out for more? The momentous decision was made. We settled back for more interview in depth. Charles looked nervous. Pearle shifted her feet and I plunged on. "I notice," I said, as off handedly as possible, "you've taken over the front stage in the lounge." By now, the room had become very crowded because Ray (sigh), Pearle's husband, had joined us.

Pearle: We've turned that into a piano bar. Hadda Brook, a recording star from Hollywood, will be entertaining from five-ish until show time, and then entre-act until two a.m. But she may not make it for the opening because she is cutting an album with Benny Carter down in funnyland (Hollywood).

Question: Did Charles open the club?

Pearle: No—not really. We had two or three acts before him—all straight. The Cage really set the pace for all the other special night clubs in this city. Incidentally, I wouldn't change my clientele for the world—I love them.

We then asked her why she chose to do the place over in blue, and she replied, "Why not?" Charles left to go somewhere else. Pearle's (sigh) husband left. I wondered if I should leave. I did.

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Lesbian Action

by Jeanette O'Connell

Lesbians are homosexuals, something which is often forgotten when people talk about homosexuals. But, this is something which *Vector* realizes and is going to do something about it. I have joined the *Vector* staff and will be collecting news and articles from gay girls—all of them, butches, dikes, femmes, etc., from all around the city, in bars, even at parties. To help more, a questionnaire is going to be available at both Maud's and the Highlander for the girls to give their ideas about what-they-want in *Vector*.

Some recent news — Sharon Tracy of the Highlander has been busy. Their big New Year's Party after hours was a great success with a few hundred people really enjoying themselves and the early breakfast that was served by Tracy and Scotty. On Feb. 23 there was a Gala Girls' Pool Tournament with a first prize of $20, second prize of a "pot of gold", and third prize a bucket of suds. And, over at Maud's, on Cole Street, otherwise known as the Study, there was a Valentine's party with the No Name Corporation rock group entertaining. Everybody grooved.

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations will happen at Maud's where Ricki will serve interdenominational stew (?)! At the Highlander there will be many little green Lepracauns running around plus corned beef and cabbage, goofy beer and some surprises. ●

WALLS OF MONTEZUMA

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the weekend of March 14th. Just tell 'em Magda Sent Us" — but don't be surprised if you end up behind a pillar..... POTPOURRI, MONTEZUMA STYLE, DEPT: Is it true that when the Valet moves up to it's new location on Castro Gulch, it may change names to "Nelly Weaves" to compete with the way-out "Butch Threads" across the street?..... What Pour Le Bain owner is affectionately known as "Our Lady of the Bubblebath"? ..... J.V. tells me there are more virgins in "Forum" that in "Little Mary Sunshine" ... Speaking of whom, where is she now when the call is out for virgins? ..... I've head of a Director's Casting Couch but never a Producer's Couch .... I want to stop the rumor that all the "Forum" costumes will be done in gingham — I haven't been able to convince Dattola yet ..... Until the next on-time issue.....Luv, Magda

AQUILAS GREAT CAMP-OUT

by John Nichols

Cold and damp weather were ignored by the Aquila Motorcycle Club and their many guests at the Aquila's "Great Camp-Out" held February 8-9. This run launched the first of the many '69 motorcycle runs sponsored by Bay Area clubs.

The place, previously announced as being "within one hours' drive of San Francisco on property never before used by the motorcycle set," turned out to be a beautiful cove on an abandoned section of Fort Cronkite almost at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge's north tower. Ruins of World War II gun emplacements and related fortifications provided excellent shelter.

Few took time to notice the panoramic view of San Francisco and the outer Bay as the Aquila's staged one contest after another, many completely original and highly imaginative. The party started Saturday afternoon in a relaxed fashion until about 6 p.m. when it accelerated into high gear. The crowd then packed into an abandoned ammunition storeroom for a toast with champagne. Supper was later served around huge outside bonfires. Sleeping, for those few that got tired was mainly in sleeping bags lined up solid along the walls of an old bunker.

President Ray Floyd and his Aquila members had rigged a great operations tent used mainly for cooking. Ray's personal tent proved the fanciest of the lot, complete with sofa bed, TV and a working telephone.

A few homeless and rather forlorn hippies stumbled on the scene about midnight hoping to sleep in the bunkers. They seemed rather surprised to find the area packed with motorcyclists and quickly disappeared.

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Magda at THE MOVIES

by Magdalena Montezuma

"SISTER GEORGE"
VIEWED BY MOTHER MAGDA:

I approached the screening of "THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE" with great anticipation and high hopes. I left the screening room a little sadder, a little wiser. In between I had seen a dramatic presentation of the lives of three women who happened to be lesbians. Since I had seen the play by Frank Marcus, I knew what the storyline was about, but if I hadn't the first fifteen minutes would have left me in a complete daze. Miss Beryl Reid, who portrays June Buckridge (who plays "Sister George" on the BBC television series, "Applehurst") dominates the entire film. She can be funny, corny, dreadful and fantastic all within the scene she is playing, but then basically she is a schizo character. She is both the sweet, loving nurse, Sister George of Applehurst and the boozy butch "George", a cigar smoking, whiskey guzzling dike. The story concerns the fact that, due to her offstage antics, the BBC is contemplating "killing off" Sister George's character in "Applehurst". "George" finds out about it and nearly falls apart. Her roommate/lover, Alice "Childie" McNought (played marvelously by Susannah York) tries her best to comfort "George", but theirs is basically an S & M relationship and it just doesn't work out. Enter Mrs. Mercy Croft, program head at BBC, (played by Coral Browne in her best role since "Vera Charles" in "Auntie Mame"). She is ever so comforting and nice, like a cobra before striking. And strike she does, in one of the most explicit homosexual love scenes ever filmed for the mass media. Mercy gets "Childie". "Childie" gets new lover and protector (but who knows for how long). "George" gets killed only to be reincarnated as "Clarebelle Cow" on a new children's series.

What makes the film good is that unlike "The Fox" or "The Sargeant", it is more realistic in presenting a homosexual relationship. Although the ending is sad for "George", she is much more realistic in accepting the inevitable, not because she is a lesbian but rather because she is a failure as a person. But there are no falling trees ("The Fox") or suicides ("The Sargeant") to moralize the fact that the only good homosexual is a dead one. Because of this fact, "Sister George" is to be regarded as a major film in the history of homosexual behavior on the screen. At least it answers the "straights" as to what is done in bed (at least the girl-girl relation, am still waiting for the frankness of a boy-boy relation). I don't think that any homosexual will be shocked by any of the scenes (or the language) in the film. The "straight" audience will be quite fascinated by the scene that takes place in London's famed lesbian club, The Gateways, as well as the digital intercourse and nipple sucking. Although I feel this film is a major breakthrough, I cannot honestly say it is a great film. But it is certainly another great stride forward in presenting the homosexual in a truer light than ever before.

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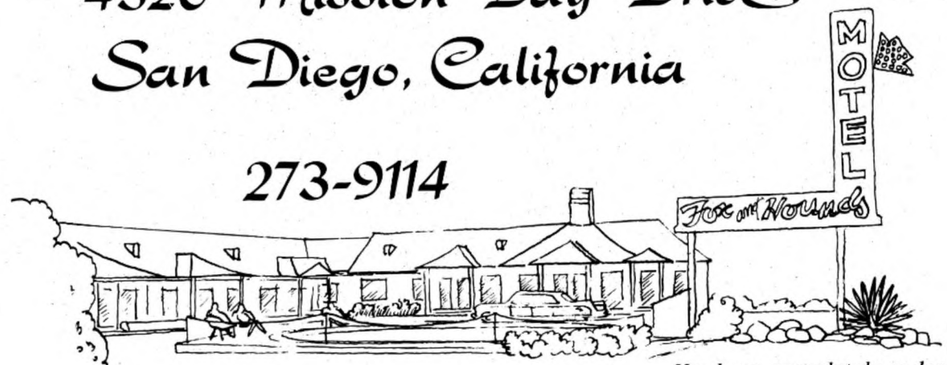

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Homosexuals Should they have equal rights?

by Helen M. Hacker, Ph.D.

At no time since the Civil War has America been so conscious of the problem of civil rights and of the need to do away with discrimination against all minority groups.

One group that has become increasingly militant in demanding their rights and freedom has been the organized homosexuals. They say that they too are entitled to the constitutional rights of privacy, to a job, and to the equal protection of the laws.

What homosexuals basically mean by freedom is the recognition of their equal humanity. They want ardently to be free to drop the mask and be acknowledged as full-stature human beings without fear of intimidation, exploitation, blackmail, and ridicule.

In a very general sense, the psychological impact on the homosexual of a self-righteously heterosexual society is like that experienced by the oppressed Negro. His self-esteem suffers because he is constantly receiving an unpleasant image of himself from the behavior of others towards him.

As Donald Webster Cory says, "A person cannot live in an atomosphere of universal rejection, of widespread pretense, of a society that outlaws and banishes his activities and desires, of a social world that jokes and sneers at every turn, without a fundamental influence on his personality."

The claims of homosexuals are just. There is no justifiable basis for depriving any group of persons of full participation in those opportunities which, according to our democratic values, should be extended to all members of our society.

A person should be able to say yes to being a homosexual without being labeled as either criminal or neurotic. Just as skin color or religion are irrelevant to performance on the job and friendly relations, so also is sexual inclination.

There is no evidence to suggest that homosexuality in itself prevents anyone from functioning adequately in social and non-sexual roles. To date psychological tests have not revealed any conclusive differences in the over-all patterns of adjustment of comparable groups of homosexual and heterosexual males and females.

Thus, unprejudiced persons will support the demands of homophile groups for an end to the pattern of discrimination which has turned them into second-class citizens solely on the basis of their private sexual persuasion.

Many representatives of homosexual organizations, however, go much further. They take the position that homosexual behavior should be evaluated no differently than heterosexual behavior—that it be considered no better and no worse. They argue that it should be a matter of indifference to society whether a child makes his primary emotional and/or sexual commitment to a member of his own or the opposite sex.

What would the probable outcome for society be if homosexuality were accorded equal rank with heterosexuality—if one were just as good as the other? We do not know to what extent biological factors impel towards heterosexuality. What little we do know seems to indicate that psychological, social, and cultural factors outweigh constitutional and glandular factors in producing sexual orientations. Even if one assumes biological drives toward heterosexuality, they can be circumvented by culture.

In the absence of exact knowledge, however, a plausible assumption is that with no cultural pressure in either direction, fifty percent of children would grow up to be mainly heterosexual and fifty percent homosexual. Or ther is the possibility that adult sexual preferences might conform to the normal curve of distribution, with a minority at each end of the curve being exclusively heterosexual or homosexual and the majority in between the extremes showing varying degrees of preferences for their own or the neighboring sex.

Would such a sexual situation serve to reproduce the society? The answer depends in part on the birth rate among those who are heterosexual. But even those who had homosexual proclivities might become parents.

Paradoxically, the very cultural freedom granted to homosexuality might serve to reduce its way.

First, amny men—and perhaps women, too—would feel free to marry members of the opposite sex and have children if they could be open about their need for occasional homosexual "lapses," much as the lack of divorce can be accepted in a country like Italy if husbands are free to have affairs with other women.

Without such permissiveness, many homosexual men who are also capable of heterosexual relationship may steer clear of marriage and fatherhood.

Second, if homosexuality were institutionalized and given the same value status as heterosexuality, it would then involve the fulfillment of obligations and conformity to sexual relations would be subject to the same regulations as heterosexual ones, involving such matters as marriage and divorce, age of consent, the rights, duties, and role differentiation of homosexual partners.

If a system governing homosexual relationships, parallel to that governing heterosexual relations, were evolved, then homosexuality would no longer serve as a way to evade responsibility, nor would it be an expression of social hostility or of rebellion against parents.

In short, putting homosexuality on the same plane as heterosexuality would undercut whatever neurotic appeal the homosexual way of life has in contemporary society. Under these circumstances, it is possible that fewer persons would choose a homosexual commitment.

One may also note that making children available to homosexual couples either through adoption in the case of males or through artificial insemination in the case of females would add to the supply of potential parents.

However, it is important to consider that sexual behavior is an activity which no society has been able to leave completely unregulated and purely a matter of individual choice. Usually, sexual gratification is used as the bait through which various ends, vital to the survival of the society, are obtained. These include physical reproduction, cooperative relations with others, group loyalty.

It is obvious that producing enough children to insure survival is dependent upon fostering heterosexuality as a value, though not necessarily an exclusive one. Indeed, in the era of the "population explosion," homosexuality may be viewed as serving a vital social function. Besides, homosexuals represent no more of a threat in this regard than do bachelors or priests dedicated to celibacy.

For those, however, who fear that giving completely equal status to homosexuality would result in an excessive submergence of heteosexuality, an alternative solution may be offered. This is to view homosexuality as a career of social worth and dignity, but of a lesser prestige that heterosexuality.

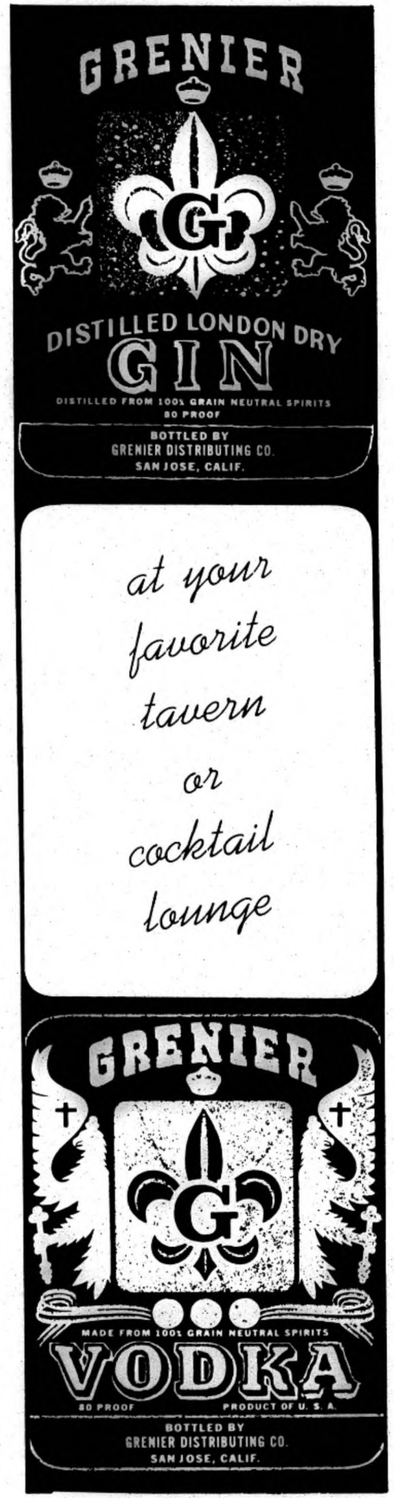
A precednet for this approach is found in many non-literate socities. Among the Plains Indians, for example, a man who did not wish to be a warrior could become a *berdache* without loss of social or self-respect. The berdache dressed like a woman and followed feminine occupations. Although they were not always homosexual, some did "mary" other men. A "man-woman" among the Zuni also could receive considerable deference.

Although it would not seem that they were homosexual, the "manly-hearted" women of the Blackfoot Indians excelled in many activities usually reserved for men. Their sexual deviance was expressed in passionate and unconventional sexual behavior with their husbands.

Some groups have institutionalized homosexuality during certain stages in the life cycle, as in adolescence among the Keroki of New Guinea.

Since we can't foresee all the outcomes, and heterosexuality is vital to the preservation of society, we may wish to play it safe by placing homosexuality on a slightly lower footing. Just as the occupation of Justice of the United States Supreme Court carries more prestige than that of electrician or policeman, so a heterosexual career may be more honorific than a homosexual one. Everyone, however will not be expected to make the grade, and parents will be mildly disappointed rather than distressed if one of their children does not qualify completely as a heterosexual.

But whether equal to, or a little less equal than heterosexuality, homosexuality need not be without honor in a democracy. ■



THE ARMED SERVICES AND HOMOSEXUALITY

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to have engaged in one or more homosexual acts should request legal counsel *before* consenting to be interrogated and *before* deciding whether to admit or deny the accusation. Legal counsel at this stage may do him much good and can do him no harm. Though it may be threatened, trial by court-martial is rarely recommended for a Class II homosexual. Instead, such a person is usually informed that he may have his case heard by a board of officers before whom he may personally appear and to whom he may submit statements on his own behalf and that he may be represented before the board by legal counsel. If he denies the charge, going before the board is necessary. If he admits the charge, going before the board may well be to his advantage since he thus has the chance of personally presenting his case and may convince it to recommend a general (or even an honorable) instead of an undesirable discharge. A Class II individual may also waive his right to go before a board, as most servicemen do, being convinced by the argument that going before a board will still mean getting an undesirable discharge and will only delay matters. Yet the fact seems to be that if the board is waived, one is guaranteed an undesirable discharge; whereas, if it is not waived, there is at least the possibility of being recommended for a general or honorable discharge. There is also the possibility that the accused may be separated as a Class III homosexual if certain allegations against him cannot be substantiated.

The Class II homosexual who himself initiates an investigation by his own admission of having committed homosexual acts during the period of his current enlistment or term of service usually does so either because he wants to get out of the service or because he fears he may not be able to control himself and as a consequence may get into serious difficulties. An individual falling in this category might well discuss his problem *in confidentiality* with a legal officer, who will explain to him the possible routes open to him and the consequences of each, before setting in motion the formal process of investigation. It might turn out that he could be processed as a Class III homosexual.

A Class III individual, since it has not been proved that he engaged in any homosexual act or acts during his cur-

north beach revisited

by Sesto Chiarello

Back before the Topless, before the Tourists, the Hippies, way back before even the Beatnicks (who brought the Tourists who brought the Topless, and then turned into Hippies) there used to be a wonderful area full of free spirits and un-uptight (the word hadn't even been invented) people, and many little bistros and cafes in which they could gather and communicate.

It was North Beach, San Francisco, and for all practical purposes as far as the gay person was concerned, extended from the Paper Doll on Union Street, down upper Grant Avenue to Columbus, thence on down to the foot of Columbus at the Black Cat of renown, with occasional flurries of activity over Montgomery Street (at the "Monkey Block") and into the interstices of what was then the Produce Market.

Waystops in-between included the old Hungry I, Vesuvio Cafe, Mike's Pool Hall, 12 Adler Place, The Tea Room and later (offshoots from the Paper Doll; Gordon's and The Copper Lantern.

Not to wax nostalgic about an era which those who knew remember all too well, and those who didn't could never quite appreciate: but that North Beach of old seems to be coming alive again. To wit: the Paper Doll, in the interim known under different names, has reopened *as* the Paper Doll. Gordon's is once again full of life and with a new downstairs "playroom" for the young-at-heart.

If you don't know what "swingin" means, you haven't been to the old Copper Lanter House, Greco's. The Capri is across the street and on Grant Ave. is the Savoy-Tivoli. Not all these places are officially "gay", but it is very doubtful that homosexuals would ever be refused service in any of them.

The NEW North Beach is strongly recommended not only for students of history, but for those who believe in living the full life today.

S.F. PUBLIC LIBRARY

The San Francisco Public Library has had a small display of books about homosexuality including a copy of *Vector*. The display has been out since the beginning of February and will continue until March. This was inspired by a suggestion from S.I.R., and is maintained by the library's history department.

The display lists some famous people who were supposedly homosexual, Plato, Ceasar, Alexander the Great, Tchaikovsky, Leonardo da Vinca, with some phrases such as, "sick, degenerate, unable to maintain responsibility, unproductive" next to their names. This is a provocative approach which immediately suggests that these terms, often used in reference to homosexuals are false and totally unfounded. Women's names are unfortunately absent.

The display includes these books about homosexuality:

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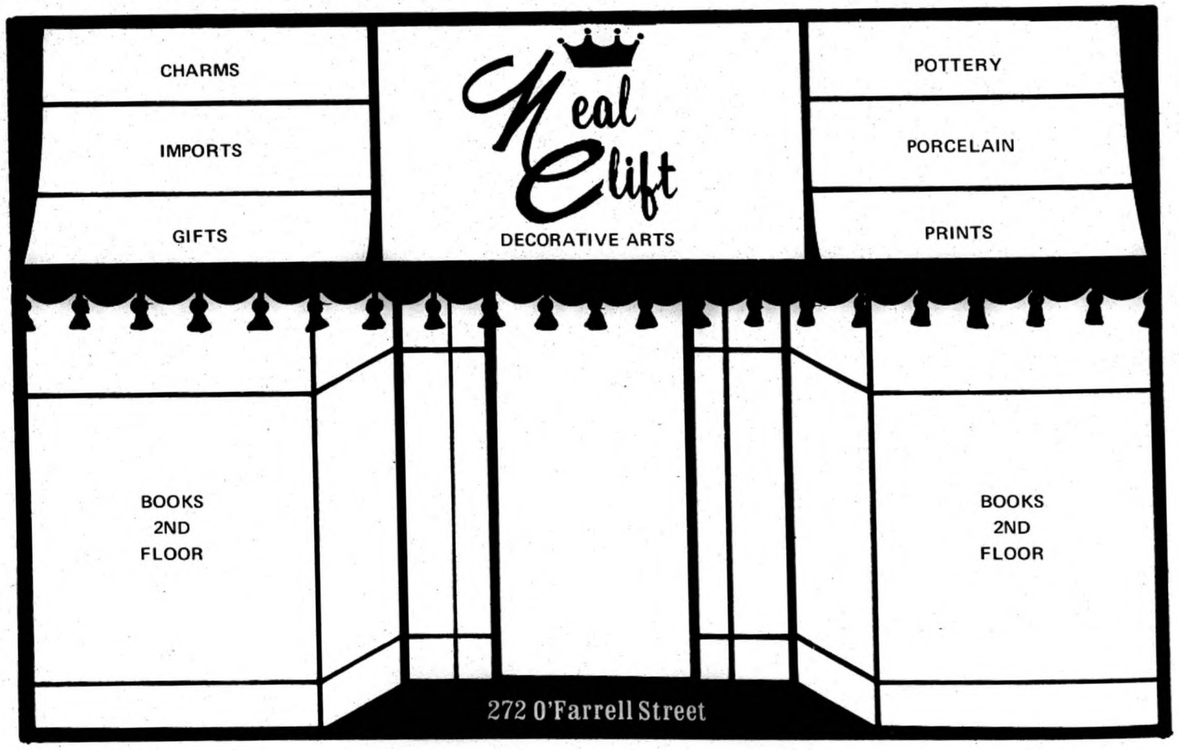

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"The horrible affliction of homosexuality and Lesbianism, surfacing from the primordial depths like some vast Loch Ness monster, is engulfing our nation at about the same speed as Communism."

So Reads a recent article in *American Opinion*, a publication sponsored by the John Birch Society, entitled "The Fall From Decency to Degradation". It attempts to prove that the fiber of American morality is disintegrating at an alarming pace. The perceptive reader, however, would find it difficult to take the article seriously. Unfortunately there are many who might accept it as an appropriate commentary on this country's moral character.

Written by George S. Schuyler, a member of the Black minority, it seems incredulous that he would not be more in sympathy with those minority groups he so viciously attacks. Conscious of America's alleged general social degeneration, the author attacks every conceivable institution of contemporary man, generously supporting his arguments with random Biblical texts, allusions to communist's manifestos, and definitive reports from such sources as the *Fort Worth Star Telegram*.

Nothing escapes his wrath as Mr. Schuyler strikes out at the US Supreme Court, Oscar Wilde, marijuana, the National Council of Churches, Carrie Nation, *Life* magazine, Red China, the late senator Robert Kennedy, and Harvard University to mention but a few. But most particularly he directs his consummate fury at the homosexual minority, and credits the homosexual with this country's ultimate moral destruction. "The horrific affliction of homosexuality and Lesbianism, surfacing from the primordial depths like some vast Loch Ness monster, is engulfing our nation at about the same speed as Communism," Schuyler writes. "That homosexuality is being promoted and used by the Communists is beyond doubt" and notes "the existence of a large Soviet college entirely devoted to the preparation of agent-perverts to create, attract, and use homosexuals and Lesbians as political pawns for espionage within the United States."

The naive reader might find this all quite credible when the author indicates that in 1963 "there were not only a quarter of a million practicing perverts in Washington, but at least 200,000 were employed in the federal government." Even more awesome is the fact that there are "certain bars in nearly every community where 'gay' customers dance and drink together, interrupted by 'squares' or police, while transvestites slink around in the latest Paris fashions."

Mr. Schuyler misses the good old days, those "sterner days when homosexuality was denounced as loathsome." He laments the "old courtliness, the elegance, and restraint" which have disappeared "in the wake of expanding Liberalism." The shocking evidence of this country's demoralization is finally measured in the concept that "romantic love has been reduced to the gymnastics of mere biology." "The author concludes his article with an ominous oracle: "The Communists are moving fast, perversion is abound, and America is in serious trouble. She is rotting at the soul."

After reading this article, it is indeed difficult to allow Mr. Schuyler anything but perhaps the perogative of good intentions. He reveals little more than an ardent enthusiasm in his approach to the subject. As for his enthusiasm, Mr. Schuyler enjoys that fervor which so characteristically marks the misguided and the misinformed. In the end, he comes across to this writer as simply a man who potentially recognizes all aberrations but his own! ●

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REFLECTION: I

I was behind the mirror
watching you. And when you
kissed the mirror,
without your knowing it:
I put my mouth on yours

paul mariah

Upcoming Symposium on Homosexuality

by Jose Miguel Soriano

The Council on Religion and the Homosexual will again sponsor a Symposium on Homosexuality during April 24-27. Reverend Charles Lewis, President of the Council says the April meetings will be essentially "similar to those held in October of last year."

David Clayton, a local attorney, who has been asked to be chairman, says a theme and title have not yet been chosen, but adds that "once again there will be small group meetings, presentations by homophiles, and multi-media productions."

Reverend Lewis believes that the October Symposium was unquestionably successful and that the new one has every hope of being equally so. As an indication of the success of the previous symposium, there is still a small group meeting every two weeks to continue their study of the homosexual in the community.

Dorr Jones, a member of the Board of Directors of CRH, believes that the October Symposium accomplished four very important tasks:

1. "A lot of stereotypes about homosexuals and their life styles were destroyed. People from the 'straight' world confronted homosexuals as people who have jobs and responsibilities. Images were changed."
2. The Symposium provided a wonderful example of the possible unity of homosexuals. "It was good to see the various organizations working together."
3. "It was good for the homosexual in the problem of self-acceptance; he could look at himself in a different light."
4. "Some fantastic personal relations grew out of the meetings. There has been some sincere communication."

CRH officials are hopeful that the April Symposium will receive full support and enthusiasm from the gay community of the Bay Area. "We can gain greater tolerance on the part of the straights by holding such meetings and by making sincere attempts at direct communication and confrontation," they reported.

S.I.R. Membership 10^{00}

Attempts to increase SIR membership fees by 50% were narrowly defeated at the Annual meeting in February. Actually, there was a simple majority voting for the increase of the fee from $10.00 to $15.00, but since this proposal was a constitutional amendment, it failed for lack of a required two-thirds majority.

The basic argument for an increase in fee was that SIR needed more money and this would be an expedient way to get it. Some arguments against the increase were that it would discourage potential new members; and, as one member said: "It was just an easy way for SIR to get more money, rather than making the organization more exciting and attractive to a greater number of people to increase membership and bring in more money."

Larry Littlejohn, president of SIR, inaugurated a program last year called "SIR Angles." Those members who can afford it give more money to SIR and become a member of this exclusive "club" within SIR. To be an Angel you can give either $3.00 a month in addition to the regular membership fee, or $30.00 a year. Last year this program raised an additional $699.00.

Corinthian Board Elected

The Corinthian Foundation, a non-profit organization, has been started by the Society for Individual Rights. The SIR Board of Directors on February 11 elected six of its members to serve as directors of the foundation.

"The first thing for us is to survey the educational program of SIR," says Herb Webb, SIR's Funding Chairman and a member of the Corinthian Foundation Board. "A study of past and on-going research activity is to be made very soon to determine what studies on homosexuality are now adequate (i.e. Kinsey people), and what is not being done that should be."

"Hopefully," Webb says, "the Corinthian Foundation will then get the funds to launch that research on gay life that is now lacking."

Dale Switzer, Treasurer, announced that the Foundation has received over $500 in tax-deductible gifts. Chairman Littlejohn added, "Donations of any size are most welcome and they are all deductible!"

The newly elected officers of the Corinthina Foundation held their first board meeting last month. Presiding was Larry Littlejohn, Chairman; with Perry George, Vice-chairman; Dale Switzer, Treasurer, Herb Webb, Secretary. Also serving on the board is Bill Plath and Bill Beckwith.

CHURCH POLICY

by the Vector Staff

"If a homosexual honestly finds he can attain inner completeness through adult homosexual relations, then his homosexuality is morally justified," says a University of Hawaii professor, Dr. Cromwell Crawford. His statements that church policy on sex is out of date were published in mid-February in the Honolulu "Advertiser."

Crawford quoted theologian Dr. Joseph Fletcher who says that Jesus said nothing "about birth control, large or small families, childlessness, homosexuality, masturbation, fornication, abortion, sex play, petting, and courtship."

"The traditional ethics makes a man prisoner...," Dr. Crawford said. But "man is not meant to be a slave of moral codes, but vice versa. We need a personalistic code in which personal wholeness is the goal."

"According to this code, a sexual act is good if it contributes to the wholeness of those involved, both indirectly and directly, both today and tomorrow."

"Crawford said, in comparison to the Gospel of Jesus, the sex mores of society are both arbitrary and abstract. They are sweeping in their inclusiveness and blind in their capacity to discriminate among concrete cases," Dr. Crawford explained.

His comments were made at a forum sponsored by the United Campus Ministry of the University of Hawaii where he's a member of the Department of Religion. A friend of SIR sent the article to *Vector* from Honolulu.

GALLERY SCENE

by Cliff Reynolds

A new venture has flung its doors wide open. ART ASSOCIATES WEST is its ambitious name and its *raison d'etre* "...is to put before the public quality work by quality people for the betterment of art," according to Raymond Howell, the founding father of the gallery near Carl and Cole Streets.

A.A.W. is a pleasant, clean, well lighted and properly detached gallery. The paintings and sculpture are well arranged, neatly titled and artist-identified. There are about forty works shown in the main gallery and extended into the work and production area. The dark room boasted a photographic display all of its own.

The artists currently involved have good pedigrees and sales records. They are competent craftsmen and definitely beyond the novitiate ranks. Aside from Mr. Howell, the stable includes Mel Brenner, Rolando Castellon, Carolyn Jablonsky, Jeanne Babette, Louise Hoeing, C.B. Johnson and others.

RAYMOND HOWELL paints in rather pastelish hues and then overwashes colors out even more with a thin white coat. His subject matter seems to be exaggeratedly female sex symbols, and after a bit, this becomes tiresome. One or two cityscapes and a traffic jammed bridge are more apt subjects for his particular approach.

ROLANDO CASTELLON seems to be very much at home with his mystically oriented canvases and works faciley to reach out to us. He does, often. He is well known for his children's book illustrations. I can only imagine what these may have done to influence his current work.

CAROLYN JABLONSKY is in the world of Paul Klee and Kokaska. She plays with her idea until the entire picture becomes a happy thing. The United Nations Childrens' Fund selected one of her designs for a Christmas card in 1968.

MEL BRENNER stands head and shoulders above his fellows. His paintings are sure and masterful. They engender quiet excitement because his surface treatment gives them added dimension together with controlled freedom. They are mystical, too, but unlike Castellon, he deals with things we can touch and comprehend, like romanticized and misty landscapes. His work, understandably, has found its way into important collections in all parts of the country.

LOUISE HOEING is a sculpturess who can and does continue in the time honored tradition of representational modeling. She is one of the occasional few who is sensitive enough to avoid the cliches and wyrupy pitfalls, and her work is a delight to behold and renews one's faith in the past.

C.B. JOHNSON has some interesting, though not altogether new, ideas about space, and he sculpts around it using metal and marble. Some of his ideas work better than others.

If your Sundays seem a little listless, you may find this gallery an interesting way to perk them up. It's all at 85 Carl Street, just next door to Tom Stuart's Bradley's Corner. The *N* Judah car and the #33 bus go right by both places.

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by Gary Moore

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HOROSCOPE'S

Billy, a local bartender (an Aquarius) was recently feted on his birthday by an inebriate customer at his apartment... would you believe the bill of fare was soup and popcorn! (Gunner's note: Although I heard of no flowers, jewels or gifts, there must have been *something* else as Billy didn't seem to be disappointed!)

THEATRE

Great expectations ... wouldn't you love to see them jazz up "Hello Dolly!" with Mae West starring...think about it!

POLITICS

Bill Plath, well known at the Opera Club and President of TG of SF was recently unanimously voted Public Relations Chairman of SIR—but then no one else ran. (Gunner's note: I have a feeling he may run for Empress this year.)

At the same meeting, a motion was made to limit discussion time to ten minutes ... whereupon a "sozzled" member jumped up and shouted the "coup d'etat" ... "I second that emotion"...

SCIENCE:

We have all heard of the S&M group (stompers) ... but have you heard that an older crowd of the "Ladies of Lesbos" (stompers) are referred to as the M&M group (between menopause and medicare). Which brings to mind, Scotty and Tracy of the Highlander have on display an anser to Fe-Be's.

SQUELCHES AND SQUALLS:

Overheard at the Missouri Mule...
"My dear, do I smell offensive?"
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Gunner

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FROM THE S.I.R. POETRY WORKSHOP

IF I HAD KIN

then you were one.
I banisht you to the dark.
You shone out like a sun.
And in the hardness of my heart
set against where otherwise
the thought of you had grown
I meet
the hurt and softening of your eyes.
Old fantasys?
I think I know
--I think I knew then--
it was from love I withheld my hand,
not you but I
retreated. Old
realities.
And wounded brotherhood
survived, some good
I could not bear or would not
haunts my care.

Robert Duncan

THE FEEL OF HANDS

The hands explore tentatively,
two small live entities whose shapes
I have to guess at. They touch me
all, with the light of fingertips
testing each surface of each thing
found, timid as kittens with it.
I connect them with amusing
hands I have shaken by daylight.
There is a sudden transition:
they plunge together in a full
formed single fury; they are grown
to cats, hunting without scruple;
they are expert but desperate.
I am in the dark. I wonder
when they grew up. It strikes me that
I do not know whose hands they are.

Thom Gunn

PRICK LORE

You can tell a big one
by the size of the thumb
or the length of the nose
or by the spread of thumb and forefinger
by race --- Spanish, Negro, Italian --- take your pick.
Everyone agrees that black is best
(I could fuck a snake, he said).
Once a white woman tastes a black man's cock
she'll never be satisfied by anything else.
The little Puerto Rican boy in the locker room
had a prick
any man would be proud to own.
Jews make good husbands
and Italians get you hottest in advance
with their cocky-operatic ways.
Western air gives the man on horseback
--- or perhaps it is contact with horseflesh
from an early age ---
a big cock and balls, a horsecock.
The Oriental is small but potent
where east meets west
(Meet Tiny Tim, he said proudly).
A stiff prick is always larger than itself ---
It glows in the dark.
The man coming toward you
always has the biggest one of all
but when he arrives it vanishes.
Under the clerical gown, the rabbinical caftan
the loose-hanging organs grow
like gigantic flowers in a hothouse.
Tight pants, on the other hand, show more
but inhibit growth.
If your mother pulls your prick when you are a baby
it will grow big, bigger, biggest
Mothers of the World
you have work to do.

Edward Field

MAGDA AT THE MOVIES

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A JOURNEY TO THE 50'S
WITH "THE SARGEANT"

If this film would have come out in the fifties when written it would have made a great impact on the homosexual in film. As it is now, it's kinda sick. I really thought this film was bad, and quite boring at times. Rod Steiger is very good being very tormented just because he is attracted to John Philip Law (as who wouldn't?). But after seeing a film like "Sister George", this whole thing about a man's obsession with another and his eventual suicide because he couldn't cope with his feelings is almost a male version of "The Fox." I guess the whole thing is worth seeing if you dig Mr. Law and want to see Steiger plant a long awaited kiss on him. I wish they would have used his kiss scene as a campaign instead of "The Brotherhood" using it as that is the most misleading ad of all time.

"The Sargeant" opened last month at the Warfield and "Killing of Sister George" opens at the Regency following "Candy" in March.

By the way, you won't have to wait for the film version of "Boy In The Band" as A&M Records is planning on recording the N.Y. cast and releasing the full dialogue which will become a must in collections.

Sexual Deviance, Edited by John Gagnon and William Simon, Harper & Row, 1967.

Since the advent of Freud, scientific considerations of the homosexual have proceeded along lines dominated by psychiatric examination of individual cases. The consequences of living in the larger society have caused little concern. Mother, father and child constitute the living whole.

Sociologists, particularly of the post World War II breed, are challenging the traditional approaches to man's sexual nature. They feel that one's peer group and his entire civilization bring to bear a significant force on each personal life. The non-sexual patterns of social interaction cannot be ignored.

John Gagnon and William Simon, two research sociologists associated with the Kinsey Institute For Sex Research, are representative of the new approach. They state their case through their own writings which form a part of the present collections of essays. The chief focus of the anthology is on homosexualty and female prostitution in America. An overview of sexuality as a whole provides the introduction.

The segment dealing with the male homophile offers Evelyn Hookers view of "The Homosexual Community," along with theories of "The Social Integration of Queers and Peers" by Albert Reiss, Jr. and "The Development of the Homosexual Bar as an Institution" by Nancy Achilles.

The single treatise on the lesbian evolved out of the discovery by Gagnon and Simon that significant research in this area was lacking.

The three essays on prostitution concerned the self image of the streetwalker and ways in which women enter the trade.

Future studies utilizing the social and cultural framework may well overthrow the shadow cast by the psychiatrists in their sheltered office hours. The idea of seeking the homophile on his own ground is refreshing and causes genuine hope.

If you are not yet a SIR member, think about joining with us. SIR Membership is $10.00. A membership application form is on the title page of this VECTOR.

Note on the Poetry Page—

Edward Field's *Sex Stories*, his third book from Grove Press will be published spring 1969. His other two books are also Grove books: *Variety Photoplays* and *Stand up, Friend, with Me.*

Thom Gunn's newest book is *TOUCH*, published in 1968 by University of Chicago Press. *My Sad Captains and other poems* by the same press in 1961 has gone through three printings. His previous books are: *Fighting Terms* and *Sense of Movement*

Robert Duncan has had twenty-four volumes of poetry published. His most recent available ones are: *The Opening of the Field*, 1960 by Grove Press; *Roots and Branches*, 1964 by Scribners; *The Years As Catches*, 1966 by OYEZ; *Bending the Bow* 1968 by New Directions.

Grateful Acknowledgment to Mr. Field and Grove Press, to Mr. Gunn and U. of Chicago Press/Faber and Faber, and to Mr. Duncan for permission to use thier poems.

The SIR Poetry Workshop began in August 1967 and is still meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Mr. Duncan had been serving as Advisor to the workshop since its inception. The February 1968 *Vector* was the first to use poetry from the workshop.

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There may be a number of servicemen who become involved in homosexual investigations despite the fact that they are heterosexually oriented or possess only the weakest of homosexual tendencies. Such men may wish to remain in the armed forces until their term of service or enlistment expires or until they qualify for retirement. If they are to avoid unfavorable discharge and if they are to protect their separation and retirement benefits, they will need the capacity to withstand the pressure and tactics of investigators, effective legal counsel who will work actively for their retention, strong recommendations from their commanding officer and other officers familiar with them and their work, and a favorable psychiatric evaluation. If a strong and convincing case is presented, the board of officers may see fit to recommend retention and the reviewing authority may direct that they be retained in the service.

In all instances, the earlier and the more vigilantly one exercises his rights and the more effectively one is

MAGDA AT THE MOVIES

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The gay bar, the baths, and the everyday friendship circles deserve respectful attention. Gagnon and Simon avoid the habit of overemphasizing the internal life of their subjects. The past is laid to rest and practical, hard-core questions are put forth. What is the homosexual in the here and now doing with his life? How is he able to handle relations with family and friends? How does he find and retain a lover?

When science can formulate the nature of the above matrix, something substantial will be added to our appreciation of man and his world.

Boys in the Band, by Mart Crowley, Farrar, Strauss, and Giroux, New York, 1968.

There appears to be an innovative style in certain recent plays. The label "Virginia Woolf" syndrome will serve the purpose. A less choice might be the "Games People Play" approach. *The Boys in the Band,* a smash hit and first effort by young Mart Crowley is a case in point. The scene is a birthday party given by Donald, a young guy in his twenties, for several of his gay freinds. A straight friend, Alan, happens to show up at the party unexpectedly and a portion of the major interest revolves around his reactions to the homophile setting. A "get the guest" type game which utilizes telephone conversation draws out the underlying conflicts. The action maintains a surging individual vitality. *Virginia Woolf* has certainly opened up new psychological vistas.

Band will continue to stir public interest because, for the first time, the homosexual world (segment thereof) is allowed to stand for its own slef without churchly overtones from conventional society. The American theatregoer can see that the proverbial boy next door can be gay and not an isolated bohemian statistic. The portraits etched by Crowley in each of these characters is memorable and painstakingly accurate. The campy humor, which is rather overdone in spots, rings true in a way that only the gay reader can fully appreciate. A sample: "No man's still got a *roommate* when he's over thirty years old. If they're not lovers, they're sisters." How true!

The one unfortunate aspect to public exposure of *Boys* is the tired old notion the audience will carry away, namely: This is probably the s,total *gay brnad of loving and dying.*

But towards the climax, two of the young guys, Hank and Larry, succeed in renewing their affection for each other. Could this possibly mean . . . ?

The Boys in the Band has been released in both hard and soft covers. The play itself, will soon be perfomed in Los Angeles and a film version will follow later.

Dramas placed between the covers of a book frequently don't read well, but this one fortunately breaks the rule. The dialogue moves at a brisk clip and rarely let's up.

If Cowley's study of homophile living gives off a certain sterotyped aura, this is probably the vision that too many of us hold about ourselves.

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HETERO BRUNCH AT S.I.R. CENTER

Well, not exactly. But i may surprise many people to find that the Lesbian organization known as the Dughters of Bolitis likes men. The only real generalization that could be made about any DOB member is that she ordinarily doesn't want a nuptial relationship with a man; whhich however, doesn't eliminate all other social situations.

In fact, the concensus of the DOB's is that their annual Saint Patrick's Day Brunch, an occasion especially for the men to meet the women, is one of their most important events.

On that day, March 16, the DOB's expect between two and three hundred people for scrambled eggs and ham—and those familiar before-during-after breakfast drinks, to be catered by Bill Plath.

Gwén McGregor, Social Chairwoman for the DOB's, says that the profits will pay for the rental of the SIR Center, the site of the brunch, and what's left will go into the DOB general fund.

All of the officers of the DOB's visited the SIR Center February 7 to make arrangements for the use of the hall and to discuss plans. They expressed a definite desire at that time for more mixed activities between homosexual men and women, and they hoped that this year's brunch would help to start a trend toward joint dances and parties.

When asked about the negative attitude which many feel the DOB's bear toward men, Miss McGregor denied the existence of such an attitude and pointed out the fact that DOB is, after all, a Lesbian organization, but that it encourages social exchanges with men. "It's just at our meetings when men are banned," she explained.

S.I.R. PSYCHEDELIA

If anticipation could be gauged somehow, or measured on a meter, the indicator would blow its own fuse because of SIR's up-coming rock dance, set for Saturday, March first at the SIR Center.

There will be live music by Marvin Gardens who played for the turned-on California Motorcycle Club Carnival a short time ago. Nancy, the SIR member who is unofficially responsible for the production says, "I'm getting turned on just thinking about it." As *Vector* goes to press, there are still limited tickets available for a donation of $2.50 per person.

Nancy is working on the physical preparations right now. Lighting effects and set props are finding their way into the SIR Center. There's a definite air of conspiracy about the whole affair, too; you are just not allowed to go snooping around the corners of the Center, lately, because of some of the top-secret GT (for Groovey Trip) accessories stashed there. But *Vector's* own "shadow" knows. There's a big sign covered with affirmatives written as if by the Hand of God — ask Nancy if you have any doubt — and there are banks of black lights.

Unfortunately, *Vector* readers who are not active in SIR may very well miss this event because the dates of the dance and magazine publication coincide and Nancy does make the affair sound like a must: "The center will really be turned on . . . . .

There'll be body painting in the corner. You can paint your friends and etc. Naturally, somebody has to remove a few of their clothes to be painted (sic).

"Turn on and do your thing," Nancy continues. "Wear your black light clothes, psychedelic shirts, bells, beads. For that night, the SIR Center will be another 'Avalon.'"

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CALIFORNIA SEX LAWS TO BE CHANGED

by Leo E. Laurence

"Criminal law should not regulate the people," according to Professor Murray L. Schwartz of the UCLA Law School. He was testifying before the California Legislative Committee studying changes in the state Penal Code.

Major changes in the sex laws of the state are being considered by both houses of the state legislature and S.I.R. is launching a major campaign to make adult homosexual activity legal.

Actually, the entire state penal code is being revied by a "Project Staff" of nine consultants hired by the Join Legislative Committee of the Assembly and Senate. Most are high ranking professors. Dr. Schwartz was their spokesman at a Committee meeting headed by Senator Donald Grunsky, an astute politician considered a conservative, but favoring changes (but limited by "political realism").

"Revisions to the penal code include most of the ideas supported by S.I.R. and the Sexual Freedom League," Dr. Schwartz said in an interview. "We feel, and are recommending to the legislature, that a major change in the basic philosophy of our state's sex laws be approved. We feel the lawmakers should make consensual sexual conduct legal not be used to harass homosexuals," said Assemblyman Alan Sieroty, (D-L.A.) during debate.

The fight to change the law to permit homosexual acts will be much tougher than for heterosexual sex. "We might succeed in making it legal for consenting heterosexual adults, but I'm not sure it's politically possible to squeeze a homosexual law through our present legislature," said Chairman Senator Grunsky. He didn't even seem impressed by a sizable delegation from S.I.R. at the hearing, although he certainly was hospitable. He was more interested in noisy comments made by a lobbyist from the Prosecuting Attorney's office, Cecil Hex of the L.A.D.A.'s office.

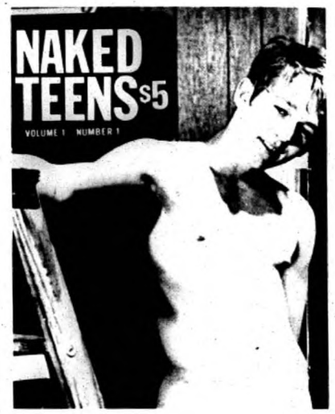
It's already standard practice by Prosecutors throughout the state not to distrub sex between consenting adults anywhere in California," Attorney Hex said, as reason to leave the laws as-is.

Hex made a loud emotional pitch about bizarre sex practices. "You've made an overly dramatic, highly charged presentation," Senator Anthony Beilenson (D-Beverly Hills) said criticizing Hex later.

It seemed apparent to most of the S.I.R. delegation that our state sex laws are about to be changed, although maybe not for at least another two years, maybe four. It's standard practice for lawmakers to hold public hearings on major controversial changes. Such hearings were considered premature this year by the legislators on the committee.

"Most of the general public (according to recent statistical surveys) is apathetic towards law changes on subjects like abortion, homosexuality, and similar social issues," says S.I.R. President Larry Littlejohn. "We don't necessarily need to educate the public, but rather the intelligencia to which the legislators listen," the Prexy said.

"We're fortunate that there is so far very little public opposition to these sex law changes," Littlejohn added. "In fact, significant support for the change even came from the Citizens Advisory Group in its recommendations to the legislature."



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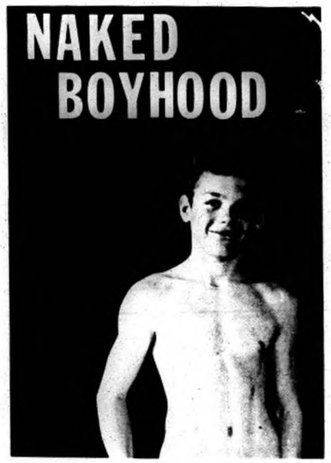

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represented by legal counsel, the more likely he is to receive the most favorable disposition of his case.

In Conclusion

The armed services have never officially tolerated homosexuals or homosexuality. But during World War II, under the influence of modern psychiatry, they permitted many men who might have been discharged without honor as homosexuals to be separated as persons possessing undesirable habits or traits of character or as persons unadaptable to military service. However, about twenty years ago, in the days of the Communist scare and the McCarthy hysteria, the services reverted to the more primitive and punitive policy of separating known or suspected homosexuals, or persons having homosexual tendencies, with undesirable discharges. This policy has tortured the consciences of homosexuals and thoughtful persons alike. There are few people familiar with the subject who do not concede that present policy, besides being too obviously tinged with a punitive moralism, has failed to achieve its purpose, has caused great loss both economic and personal, and has in numerous instances resulted in "cruelly unfair or inhumane decisions."

After years of challenge and criticism, the armed services have slowly made changes. No longer are Class III individuals given undesirable discharges for pre-service acts or for merely possessing homosexual tendencies. No longer are Class II persons so flagrantly threatened with choosing between a court-martial or an undesirable discharge. No longer is so much of the evidence against the accused inaccessible to him or his lawyer. No longer is it impossible to retain an individual in the service when a single homosexual act occurred under mitigating circumstances. And no longer is it wholly out of the question for a homosexual to receive a general or honorable discharge. Perhaps today's fuller understanding of homosexuality and their own experience in handling homosexuals will now permit the services to decide, as a matter of policy, to grant general or honorable discharges to Class II homosexuals, if warranted by their record of service, just as is presently done in the case of Class III individuals. Such a policy would mean that the services would cease looking at homosexuality, when minors are not involved and when the use of force, fraud, or intimidation is absent, as a criminal and moral matter. Such a policy would be in accord with current enlightened legal and medical thought and practice, would bring to an end the present atmosphere of bitterness and vindictiveness, would encourage homosexuals to accept separation without resistance, would safeguard the services' interest in removing homosexuals and in curbing homosexual activity within the military establishment, and would benefit homosexuals by removing the stigma and handicaps which an undesirable discharge bring.

But any policy which potentially excludes a possible 40%, or even an actual 10%, of its eligible citizens from military service on sexual grounds alone is unrealistic and needs reexamination. Any policy which denies a whole group (in this case, all predominantly homosexual individuals) the opportunity of serving their country when the record shows that 98% of that group serves with success, and very frequently with distinction, is open to serious challenge. Any policy which, when applied with such zeal, can discover and weed out only 2% of the persons in that class approaches the point of zero effectiveness. And any policy which over a twenty year period results in the expenditure and inefficient use of well over one billion dollars in terms of training and lost services is a luxury this nation can ill afford. ■

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