1960 CONVENTION

Our convention scheduled for Memorial Day week-end, will be one of the most important steps the Daughters of Bilitis has made because it will be the first such convention ever to be held in the United States, and probably in the world.

It will bring people together from all over the country for, we hope, a closer understanding — not only among the homosexuals themselves but also from heterosexuals (as friends and professionals). The program being planned, which will be discussed at a later date should be one of interest to all.

In order to make this undertaking a success, and therefore a thing of pride to each of us, this Goliath chore needs the cooperation of each member. And an important part of this will be the making welcome of our out of town guest. Many of those planning to come, from far and near, will need places to stay in order to ease the financial burden.

By extending our Bay Area hospitality, more people who live across the country will be able to attend, thus the aims of the convention will be even further accomplished. If you can offer your hospitality, please write the office and tell us how many guest you can accommodate from the evening of Friday, May 27th to Monday, May 30th.

This may seem quite sometime in advance, but we need the time for the necessary correspondence so people can complete their plans.

Let us hear from you soon.... those of you who need accommodations and those of you who can offer your homes.

WHY ARE YOU A LESBIAN?

The convention committee is seeking individual evaluations as to the factors or components leading to lesbianisms. We ask the cooperation of the members in making these statements as to why they feel they are lesbians. Statements should be concise and to the point. Limit to a paragraph or two. These evaluations are to be anonymous. Please mail yours to the office by Jan, 31st.

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The national board and your local board of directors met this month to accomplish the final splitting of the treasury and also to make plans for the forthcoming convention.

It is important that all of you attend this month’s business meeting for there will be many problems to discuss and much work to be done.

1/165 O'Farrell St., Apt. 405
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SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER

CALENDER OF EVENTS

JANUARY 8TH, FRIDAY EVENING AT 8:00
PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORM, GRANADA HOTEL
1000 SUTTER ST.
GUEST SPEAKER: JAMES GARNER, VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
OF ACCREDITED COUNSELING SERVICE, SPONSORED BY THE
MATTACHINE SOCIETY.

JANUARY 9TH, SATURDAY FROM NOON ON.
165 O’FARRELL ST., #405
LADDER WORK PARTY

HELP! HELP! HELP! NEEDED

JANUARY 13TH, WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 8:00
655 JOOST AVE.
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND AS THEY ARE AS
MUCH A PART OF THE ORGANIZATION AS MEMBERS.

JANUARY 29TH, FRIDAY EVENING AT 8:00
1215 LAGUNA ST., APT. 405
GAB N’ JAVA
SUBJECT: DECISION AND REVISION
DON’T FORGET NEXT MONTH IS THE VALENTINE PARTY, AND
ALSO BEGINNING NEXT MONTH YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR GUEST CARDS
BACK ARMS, YET FORWARD

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT NUMBERS NEVER LIE! YET EVERY DAY
MATHEMATICIANS COME UP WITH ODDITIES WHERE NUMBERS ARE
CONCERNED. AND WHEN NUMBERS MEAN PEOPLE, AGAIN ODDI-
TIES ARE OFTEN ENCOUNTERED. LET ME OFFER THE FOLLOWING
AS AN EXAMPLE,

ONE, NOT EVERYONE

SOME PEOPLE WOULD HAVE IT READ THIS WAY, YET A CLUB IS
SUCCESSFUL ONLY WHEN THE ONE IS A UNIT OR EVERYONE.
SINCE IT IS ACTIVITIES BECAUSE OF SO MUCH WORK SHOULDURED
BY SO FEW, IT OFTEN SEEMS THE CLUB IS RUN NOT BY THE
MANY BUT BY THE FEW AND SOMETIMES THIS IS THE CASE.

HOWEVER, ONLY FROM THE WORKING OF MANY COME THE ANSWERS
FOR ALL. LETS MAKE THE WORDS READ:

EVERYONE, NOT ONE.......
MORE CONVENTION NEWS!!!

Plans are going ahead for the first DOB National Convention to be held in S.F. May 17-30, 1960. The site selected for the main day's activities on Sat. May 28, is the Vista Room of the Whitcomb Hotel 1231 Market St. A tentative schedule of events includes:

FRIDAY EVE, May 27 - Informal reception at the home of Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, 651 Duncan St. 8 pm.

SATURDAY, May 28 - Full day's activities including luncheon, cocktail hour, and banquet as well as morning and afternoon lecture and discussion sessions. Vista Room, Whitcomb Hotel.

THEME: "A LOOK AT THE LESBIAN"

TENTATIVE PROGRAM:

REPORT FROM RESEARCH COMMITTEE
Comparison between male and female homosexuals based on questionnaire distributed by the DOB.

AUTHOR'S ROUNDTABLE
Authors of "gay" books will discuss their works, methods of writing, etc.

PANEL DISCUSSION
"Why the Lesbian ?" A theoretical discussion by a panel of well known psychiatrists and psychologists.

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"Can the Practicing Homosexual be Accepted by the Church ?" Protestant Clergyman.

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"Legal Problems of Lesbian Couples" Kenneth Twerin, DOB Attorney.

ADDRESS
"Changing Sex Laws" Address by an assemblyman of the Calif. State Legislature.

The price for the day's activities will be $2.50 per person which includes the luncheon and banquet. It does not include drinks at the cocktail hour. Advance registrations now being taken. A deposit of at least $5.00 must be made before March 15.

SUNDAY May 29 - DOB Business Meeting at 9 am. To be followed by a visit to DOB National Headquarters to enable out-of-town members to see how the DOB and THE LADDER operate. An informal Dutch-treat dinner is planned at the Paper Doll, gay bar on Union St.

MONDAY May 30 - Continental Breakfast for members given by the S.F. Chapter. Lisa Ben has promised to bring her guitar and sing some of her inimitable gay folk songs. Afternoon sightseeing tour for out-of-town guests. S.F. Chapter to furnish car pool.

ATTENTION!!!

To obtain the Vista Room (The Hotel Whitcomb's Penthouse, which has a beautiful view of downtown S.F. and the Civic Center), we have had to guarantee an attendance of at least 100 guests at the luncheon and the banquet. We urge all of you to attend what we consider to be an outstanding program. This will be the DOB's first venture into the limelight and we will need the support of ALL of our members to make this event a success.

We also must know how many will attend the Paper Doll dinner on Sunday so we may reserve the back room for the DOB.
FOR THE EAST several months there has progressed the most heated debate of our time. It has stimulated the interest of all citizens and has caused many to rise up in protest to a threat to take away our constitutional rights. This fight between the "We KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR OTHERS" Committees and the "WE CAN DECIDE FOR OURSELVES" Committees is rapidly progressing to a point which will leave the decision in the hands of the legislators of Calif., unless we stand up and voice our own decisions.

"DIRTY BOOKS" and "CLEAN MINTS" has gone beyond the level of leisurely discussion to a peak of positive action. Too many publications are being assailed because they qualify as news stand material. Unfortunately our own publication THE LADDER falls under this category and could be placed in serious jeopardy.

The San Francisco League for Decent Literature, headed by Mrs. Molly Minudri, is taking steps to obtain legislative censorship of the "...flood of literature on the market which we feel may subvert the morals of our youth."

Mrs. Minudri has participated in discussions, seminars, debates, etc., to put over her committee's aims. She has raised the "Irish" of thousands of citizens who have voiced protest publically or privately, but not enough have acted positively.

We feel that all those who would have their freedom be prepared to defend it by fighting this threat.

A review of this controversy may serve to inspire a few more citizens of the "LAND OF THE FREE" to remain free.

REVIEW SOURCES:

January edition of THE LADDER..... The editorial of the "Sex and Censorship" seminar in this issue reviews the program presented over station KPFA-FM in which Elsa Knight Thompson moderated a discussion of "Should Americans Read About Sex?"

This program was one in which Mrs. Minudri squared off against Dr. Phyllis Krookhausen, co-author of the book "Pornography and the Law", and Attorneys Charles R. Garry, and Walter Winter, and Dr. Wallace De Ortega Maxey, former editor of "Sex and Censorship".

This discussion was taped by Mrs. Thompson and will be broadcast over station KPFA-FM on Feb. 12 at 10:30 pm. Another good source of censorship review.

THF LADDER is working hard to keep its readers up to date on the progress of this controversy. But the work of its readers may well help to solve this serious problem and save THE LADDER.

"SUPPORT THE DOB IN SUPPORTING ALL OF US!!!

TABOO OR NOT TABOO....... CENSORSHIP........ENDED ? ...... JUST BEGUN!!!!
We urge all members and friends of DOB to support this new group in its efforts to protect our civic rights. You may join this committee by writing to Morris Lowenthal, 244 California St. Room 711, San Francisco, or by phoning YUKON 6-3388.

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8:00 pm. 655 Jost Ave., S.F.

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10:30 pm.

True recording of discussion reviewed in THE LADDER on censorship controversy.

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Another roundtable will feature authors who have written on the Lesbian theme. These include Artemis Smith, author of "Odd Girl", Billie Bruce, who with Miss Smith co-authored "The Third Sex", and Lisa Ben, editor and publisher of the first Lesbian publication in the United States.

Of special interest to the men attending will be the presentation of a study made by DOB comparing male and female homosexuals.

"Legal Problems of Lesbian Couples" will be covered by Kenneth Zwerin, DOB attorney, while Morris Lowenthal, San Francisco attorney will speak on "The Gay Bar in the Courts".

Other events are still being planned for the program on Sat., May 28. The convention is open to both men and women and reservations should be made in advance if possible. Total cost for the Sat., sessions will be $12.50 which include the luncheon and banquet. Reservations with $5.00 deposit are now being taken at the DOB office, 165 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, and housing information also.

A reception for out of town guests will be held Fri. evening May 27, while Sunday will be devoted to the DOB business meeting (for members only). Mon., May 30 will feature a continental breakfast and sightseeing tour.

Much enthusiasm for this first Lesbian convention has been expressed across the country. We hope you will join the others who are planning a trip to magic San Francisco over the Memorial Day weekend.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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"Take care to get what you like or you may be forced to like what you get!"
-Shaw

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"An ounce of help is worth a pound of preaching". -Anon.

SATURDAY April 23 DOB PARTY
9:00 pm $2.50 per person
Call the DOB office for reservations and location. Guests admitted by guest card only.

FRIDAY April 29 GAB 'N JAVA
6:00 pm 2217 Fillmore S.F.
"Good conversation is like good lettuce...fresh and crisp" Anon.

PRIVILEGE OF FREEDOM

HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE ????
Registration deadline is April 14, 1960
CONVENTION NEWS FINAL!!!

At last plans have settled into the pattern of completion for the first National Convention of the Daughters of Bilitis Inc. As recently commented in a publication by ONE Inc., this convention has the most star-studded program of any homophile convention ever presented. This brings quite an honor to the Daughters and it is our most sincere hope that its members will support the organization by attending this convention in full force.

Possibly the only list that out-does the luncheon and banquet menus is the list of subjects and speakers on the program. Coupled with the activities planned this convention promises to provide a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend for everyone attending this great event.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

FRIDAY MAY 27
8:00 pm. Reception for out-of-town guests to meet local members and friends of DOB. It will also be the convention headquarters and transportation center for the evening. It will be held at 651 Duncan St. Telephone VA 4-2790

SATURDAY MAY 28
9:00 am. Convention Registration, Vista Room, Hotel Whitcomb
1231 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif.
9:30 am. Address of welcome, Jaye Bell President, S.F. Chapter
"About DOB" Del Martin, National President
10:00 am. DOB research committee presents "Some Comparisons between the Lesbian and the Male Homosexual" Based on questionnaires distributed by the DOB.

10:30 am. Panel Discussion on "Why the Lesbian ?" Moderator: Mrs. Bernice Engle, Langley Porter Clinic.

Panelists will include: Dr. Frank A. Beach, Univ. of Calif, Psychology Dept., Patricia Lyon, ethnologist and archaeologist, Univ. of Calif, at Santa Barbara, Dr. Norman Reider, Mt. Zion Hospital Psychiatric Clinic, and Dr. Leo J. Zeff, Berkeley Clinical Psychologist.

12:00 Noon Luncheon in the Vista Room.
The luncheon speaker will be the Rev. Fordyce Eastburn, Episcopal Chaplain at St. Lukes Hospital, S.F. Topic: "Can the Practicing Homosexual be Accepted by the Church ?"

2:00 pm. "Civil Liberties .. The Homosexuals Responsibilities."
Mr. Albert M. Bendich, staff council of the Northern Calif, Division of the American Civil Liberties Union.

3:00 pm. A short dissertation on the problems of writing and publishing Lesbian Novels. Artemis Smith.

3:30 pm. "The Gay Bar Problem," Mr. Sidney Feinberg, area administrator, Calif, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and Mr. Morris Lowenthal, S.F. attorney who acted as amicus curiae in the "First and Last Chance" bar case.

5:00 pm. Gay Folk Songs by Lisa Ben.

5:30 pm. Cocktail Hour, Vista Room.

7:00 pm. Banquet, Vista Room. Speaker: Kenneth Zwerin, S.F. attorney "Legal Problems of Lesbian Couples." Toastmistress for the evening will be Dr. Vera Plunkett, San Francisco.

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MAY 30
11:00 am. Continental Brunch
2217 Fillmore St., S.F. This
one through the courtesy of the S.F.
Chapter of the DOB. Again for this event
we must know how many to plan for so
make your reservations in advance. This
event will be followed by a sightseeing

This completes the scheduled events
of the Convention weekend but by no means
does it complete the wonderful experience
to be had by all those who attend this
convention. Be sure you do not miss a
moment of this milestone in homophile
history. Make your reservations at once
by enclosing your check for $12.50 in an
envelope addressed to the Daughters of
Blitis Inc. 165 O'Farrell St., RM. 405
San Francisco 2, Calif., or by phoning
Yukon 2-9290 any Tuesday or Wednesday
between now and May 25th. Reser-
vations may also be made for separate
sessions of any of the convention high-
lights by writing or phoning the DOB
office. Prices for each of the separate
sessions, luncheon, banquet, etc., will
be enclosed in the May issue of THE LADDER.

NOTICE !!! Contrary to the rumor which
seems to be circulating, there
will be NO (repeat NO!) photographs
taken at the convention.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY MAY 4
8:00 pm. DOB BUSINESS MEETING
655 Joost Ave., S.F.

Attention! At this month's meeting
several proposals will be presented for
approval by the present San Francisco-
National Chapter for presentation at the
convention. It is absolutely necessary
to vote on these proposals.
Please, EVERYONE attend this meeting!

SUNDAY MAY 23
9:00 am. CONVENTION RECEPTION
1231 Market St., S.F.

Registration and opening sessions. Vista
Room, Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market St., S.F.

SATURDAY MAY 28
9:00 am. CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETING
California Room, Hotel Whitcomb. Members
Only. Followed by a visit to DOB offices.

6:00 pm. DUTCH TREAT DINNER
600 Front Street S.F.

Members and guests, (women only) Please
reserve space for yourself and your guest.

MONDAY MAY 30
11:00 am. CONTINENTAL BRUNCH
2217 Fillmore St., S.F.
Again-
Reserve space for yourself and your guest.
This event will be followed by:

A SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF SAN FRANCISCO.
This event is for members and their
guests. Transportation will be furnished
through the courtesy of the S.F. Chapter.
SUCCESS
"It's all over but the shouting and you've done yourselves proud." The first National Convention of the Daughters of Bilitis Inc. came to a close on Sunday May 30, 1960 at 6:30 pm. The business meeting adjourned and the DOB delegates and friends headed for a fine dinner and a wonderful evening of fun and entertainment at the Front. Behind them stands a milestone they can well be proud of. The convention was a roaring success and all of the accompanying events were well attended. The morning and afternoon sessions and the meals were filled by well over the estimated one hundred persons, the Book Service was introduced with a good response from all present, and all the speakers were well received by the audience.

The business meeting on Sunday got off to a flying start and although it took awhile to land again, it was interesting, entertaining, and most successful. The results of the meeting were several referrals to the new governing board, several amendments to the constitution, and last but not least, the new National governing board itself. The election results are as follows:

JAYE BELL - San Francisco Chapter, National President
HELEN SANDERS - Los Angeles Chapter, National Vice President
DOTTIE DEE - Los Angeles Chapter, National Recording Secretary
CHRIS HAYDEN - Los Angeles Chapter, National Corresponding Secretary
LIL HOM - San Francisco Chapter, National Treasurer
JO CARSON - Los Angeles Chapter, National Public Relations Director

"New York Chapter" will elect a representative to the National Board.

The DOB wishes to extend its most sincere thanks and appreciation to all of those who have given so much to make this event a great success. All the help was vital and most welcome. Thanks again.

DOB BOOK SERVICE

The DOB Book Service is now in full operation and any or all of the following may be purchased from the DOB library at 165 O'Farrell Room 405 S.F. 2

"SEX VARIANT WOMEN IN LITERATURE"
Jeannette H. Foster Price $5.00

"CHRIST AND THE HOMOSEXUAL"
Rev. Robert W. Wood Price $3.95

"CHECKLIST OF LESBIAN LITERATURE"
Marian Zimmer Bradley Price $1.50

"GAY BAR"
Helen P. Branson Price $3.00

"THE KEVAL AND OTHER GAY ADVENTURES"
Harry Otis Price $1.95

"ODD GIRL" and "THE THIRD SEX"
Artemis Smith Price $.35 each

Please enclose 10¢ to cover the cost of handling on the 35¢ books, and 20¢ handling for all other books. All California residents must include 4% sales tax on all orders.

Also available from the Book Service is a 45 rpm recording of two Gay folk songs sung by pert perky Lisa Ben from Los Angeles. This record sells for $1.98 plus 4% sales tax for California residents, and a 15¢ handling charge.

NOTICE
The San Francisco Chapter offices are now open to all chapter members and guests, and the library is in full operation. The address: 165 O'Farrell, room 409, Phone YU 2-9290. All members and guests are welcome at the new offices.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DOB BUSINESS MEETING
655 Joost Ave. S.F.  
Wednesday June 8  
8:00 pm.

LADDER WORK PARTY
165 O'Farrell S.F.  
Rooms 405 & 409  
Saturday June 11  
12:00 noon on.

DOB MONTHLY PARTY
Call the office for reservation & location.  
Saturday June 18  
9:00 pm.

GAB 'N JAVA
655 Joost Ave. S.F.  
Friday June 24  
8:00 pm.
A SPECIAL THANKS!

To a longtime member of the DOB here in San Francisco for her gracious donation of a very fine mimeograph machine, we wish to extend our most sincere thanks. This one gesture has saved many hours of sweat, tears, cursing, ulcers, and probably my own happy home.

.... The Editor

MATTACHINE CONVENTION

The Mattachine Society Inc., San Francisco area council, has announced preparations for their 1960 National Convention Sept. 1-5 at the Bellevue Hotel in San Francisco. More information will be available in the next Newsletter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY July 9
12:00 noon on... 165 O'Farrell Rm LO

WEDNESDAY July 13
DOB BUSINESS MEETING
8:00 p.m. 2217 Fillmore St. S.F.

SATURDAY July 23
DOB MONTHLY PARTY
9:00 p.m. Call the office for reservation and location.

FRIDAY July 29
GAB 'N JAVA
8:00 p.m. 655 Joost Ave. S.F.

DOB BOOK SERVICE

The new DOB Book Service is expanding by leaps and bounds and in addition to the previous selections which are still available, there are four new selections for your reading enjoyment.

ODD GIRL OUT ............... Ann Bannon
I AM A WOMAN ............... Ann Bannon
WOMEN IN THE SHADOWS ....... Ann Bannon
JOURNEY TO A WOMAN ........ Ann Bannon

These new selections are all 35¢ apiece. Please enclose 10¢ to cover postage and handling costs. Calif. residents add 4% sales tax on all orders.

DOB SWEATSHIRTS

The DOB has managed to obtain white sweatshirts with blue letters "D.O.B." on the front. They are available for $4.00, in sizes medium, large, and extra large.

ONE INSTITUTE LECTURE SERIES

The Mattachine Society Inc., Dept. of Education is presenting a lecture series and a panel program by the ONE Institute of Homophile Studies, Education Division of ONE Inc. This program is scheduled for the Mattachine Seminar Series in San Francisco August 12 to September 2 inclusive. The six lectures and panel are to include:

SESSION I: Friday August 12, 8-10 p.m.
THE CAUSE OF SEX DEVIATION: A FRANK LOOK AT FREUD.
James Kepner

SESSION II: Saturday August 13, 2-4 p.m.
THE HOMOSEXUAL INFLUENCE IN CONTEMPORARY HISTORY
James Kepner

SESSION III: Friday August 19, 8-10 p.m.
THE SATYRICON OF PETRONIUS: Masterpiece of Debauchery
D. Slater

SESSION IV: Saturday August 20, 2-4 p.m.
JAMES BARR: AMATEUR PROPAGANDIST
D. Slater

SESSION V: Friday August 26, 8-10 p.m.
HOMOSEXUALITY, CRIME AND SOCIAL DISORGANIZATION.
W. Dorr Legg

SESSION VI: Saturday August 27, 2-4 p.m.
REPRESSION, BISEXUALITY & MARRIAGE: WAYS OF ESCAPE.
W. Dorr Legg

SESSION VII: Friday September 2, 7-8:30 p.m.
DO HOMOPHILE STUDIES HAVE ANY PRACTICAL VALUE?
ONE Faculty Members

Fees for the complete series of six lectures and the panel program are $10.00. For any three events, lectures and/or panel program are $5.00. And the door admission, to any single lecture or panel program will be $2.00. The Mattachine Society asks that anyone wishing to attend this fine series please write: The Mattachine Society Inc., Dept. of Education, 693 Mission St. S.F. 5, for advance registration.
ONE INSTITUTE LECTURE SERIES
This series described in the July Newsletter starts August 12, 1960, and ends Sept. 2, 1960. The fees for the complete lecture series are $10.00. For any three events, $5.00. For any single event, $2.00. Anyone wishing to attend this fine series, contact the Mattachine office 693 Mission Street for information & reservations.

MATTACHINE CONVENTION
The Mattachine Society Inc. San Francisco Area Council, has announced preparations for their 7th Annual Convention to be held at the Bellevue Hotel Sept. 1 - 5, 1960. A Tentative Schedule is as follows:

THURSDAY Sept. 1
9 am to 3 pm, 693 Mission Street Mattachine Review Workshop Day. Complete production demonstration: assemble the September issue.

FRIDAY Sept. 2
9 am to 3 pm, 693 Mission Street National Headquarters Workshop Day. Especially for Area Council officers and representatives.

7 pm to 8 pm, Semi-annual meeting, Board of Directors

7 pm to 8:30 pm, Panel Conference, ONE Institute of Homophile Studies (Final event in Education Day Seminar)

8:30 pm to 12 pm, Midnight Reception for members and guests. Refreshments.

SATURDAY Sept. 3
9 am, Hotel Bellevue - Registration
10 am to 12 noon Welcome/Featured Address
12:30 to 1:45 pm Luncheon with Featured Speaker.
2 pm to 5 pm, Afternoon Session with panel program.
6 pm to 7:30 pm, Cocktail Hour
7:30 to 10 pm, 7th Annual Awards Banquet Guest Speaker.

SUNDAY Sept. 4
9 am to 3 pm, Hotel Bellevue, Area Council and departmental reports; Annual Business Meeting. Informal luncheon at noon; Semi-Annual meeting of Board of Directors.

MONDAY Sept. 5
9 am to 3 pm, 693 Mission Street Area Council Day for officers and interested members. Continuation of workshop procedures not completed on Sept. 2.

Please contact The Mattachine Office for convention reservation and information.

DOB BOOK SERVICE
Newest and hottest on the shelves of the DOB Book Service is the latest book by Ann Aldrich. This volume is stirring up quite a reaction among its readers, as THE LADDER is climbed "rung by rung" by Miss Aldrich. Don't miss the details of this current topic of discussion, order your copy of "CAROL IN A THOUSAND CITIES" Now offered by the DOB Book Service at 50¢ plus tax and 10¢ postage and handling.

ANNUAL DOB PICNIC
Here it is again! The brightest event of the year. The picnic...where anything and everything can happen and usually does. This year we take Bayshore Blvd. South to San Jose. Take Alum Rock Road turn-off and follow the signs to Alum Rock Park. Then ask at the entrance for the area, "West of the Log Cabin." Then follow the DOB signs to the log cabin area near the swimming pool. Bring $2.50 for the picnic and swim suit for the plunge. Fun begins at 10 am. Please call the DOB if you will need transportation. YUKON 2-9290 Tues. & Thurs. eves.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
SATURDAY AUGUST 6
LADDER WORK PARTY
12:00 noon on... 165 O'Farrell Rm. 405

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10
DOB BUSINESS MEETING
8:45 pm
655 Joost Ave. S.F.

SUNDAY AUGUST 21
ANNUAL LOB PICNIC
10:00 am
ALUM ROCK PARK, San Jose

FRIDAY AUGUST 26
GAB 'N JAVA
8:00 pm
643 Justin S.F.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3
12:00 noon on..... 165 O'Farrell Rm. 405

SUNDAY, OCT. 1
LADDER WORK PARTY
Price: 1.50 each, postpaid anywhere.

The handy bag for your wallet, keys, comb and lipstick when you're wearing slacks or shorts!

Keeps your pockets free of bulges.

Hangs securely on your belt.

From zipper to bottom of bag is 6 inches; and width is over 5 inches.

Made of lightweight, durable canvas.

Comes in Royal Blue, Jade Green, or Flame Red. Jet Black will also be available if there is enough demand for it.

Draw checks or money orders to: "Daughters of Billiards" or to: "Meredith Grey" and mail orders to:

New York Chapter D.O.B.
1133 Broadway, Room 3Ch
New York 10, New York

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Please send me ___ Wallet Bags

Royal Blue [ ] Jade Green [ ]

Payment enclosed $___

($1.50 each) Flame Red [ ] Jet Black [ ]

(contingent on demand.)

Name

Address

City ___________________________ Zone ___ State ___________________________
MATTACHINE CONVENTION
A reminder that the Mattachine Society Inc. San Francisco Area Council is holding their 7th annual convention at the Bellevue Hotel Sept. 1-5, 1960. The tentative schedule was printed in the last issue of the Newsletter. We urge all who are interested and able, to attend this fine event. The convention will also feature the last session of the ONE Institute lecture series on Sept. 2. Along with this will be the Sept. 3rd features of the luncheon, afternoon session, cocktail hour and the Annual Awards Banquet with a guest speaker. Please contact the Mattachines Office for reservations and information.

DOB BOOK SERVICE
Newest in the book service is the Duke University Law Symposium on Sex Offenses. The volume sells for $2.50 plus tax and 20¢ handling charges....or a total of $2.80 by mail in California.

DOB BUSINESS MEETING
At the August business meeting, nominations were held for officers of the S.F. Chapter for the coming year. The voting will be held at the Sept. business meeting on the 11th. Voting members will find a proxy ballot included in this issue of the Newsletter to be used in the event you cannot attend the meeting. Please fill out the attached form and send it by mail or courier-friend to the meeting. We must have a quorum represented.

Also discussed at the August meeting were means of getting more people to take an active part on the production of THE LADDER. It was decided that the membership be divided into three groups, each to be assigned to a work party on a rotating basis so that each group would work every three months. The schedule will be made up by the production manager and posted in the Newsletter each month.

A plea has also been issued for more help at the office. On the production end of THE LADDER, help is needed in typing layout, circulation, (addressing, stamping corrections etc.) and filing. The Book Service needs help as does the Newsletter. The DOB Scrapbook should be brought up to date and this is a job someone could do at home in her own spare time.

LADDER WORK PARTY
This month's work party, due to the Labor Day weekend, will not be held on Saturday as previously announced, but rather Tues. and Wed. evenings Sept. 6th and 7th, at the DOB office. Anyone who cannot be there Tues. is requested to try to make the Wed. party. (Needless to say, attendance at both work party sessions will be greatly appreciated.) It is very important that we have a better turn-out for these parties. THE LADDER is just barely meeting the deadline for mailing and it is becoming a real hardship on the few who do all the work. If you can possibly help, please be at one of these two evening work parties.

COCKTAIL PARTY
This is the annual event where all the daughters don their finery and invite the fellows for cocktails. The price will be the regular $2.50 charged for all daughters parties. Everyone is invited and the office will supply you with the time and location when you call to make your reservations.

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ELECTION RESULTS

Another year has passed and another foursome has turned in a fine record of service to the San Francisco Chapter. About to embark on a new year of Chapter activities are the four elected at the Sept. Business Meeting. Election results are as follows:

S.F. Chapter President .......Brock
Vice President .....Ginny
Secretary...............Kathy
Treasurer..............Billye

These people have quite a job cut out for them and they will need the support of all the Chapter members both voting and associate. Let's get behind these fine people and make their jobs easier by contributing all we can to make the S.F. Chapter just what it started out to be, the leader.

LADDER WORK PARTY

"Cantilenam eadem canis" (You are singing the same song; you are giving us the same old stuff.) - Terence.

Perhaps the repetition of pleas for assistance has reached the point of boredom for most of the Newsletter readers, but it has not been effective in recruiting the men to put out THE LADDER. After much deliberation at the Business Meeting, it was decided that many members and friends of DOB who have been giving a few hours each month to help with this big job were not in favor of giving those hours on a Sat. It was decided to poll Newsletter readers in this area to see if more support can be obtained by offering a choice of days for the Ladder Work Party. Fill in the form below and return to DOB office, 165 O'Farrell St. to indicate your choice.

I can best be available to help out at the Ladder Work Party on the following days:

Saturdays ☐
Tuesday evenings ☐
Wednesday evenings ☐

NAME

COCKTAIL PARTY

Again this year the cocktail party was a big success and the turnout by the men from Mattachine equalled the turnout from the DOB. As a result of this fine get-together the Mattachine men have invited all the DOB members and their friends to a party this, month. The price with the enclosed admission ticket will be $1.50. To all those without a ticket the price of admission will be $2.50. If you are an associate or voting member of DOB you will find your ticket enclosed in this Newsletter. If you have a friend to bring along, the charge will simply be one dollar more. This informal party will be Oct. 15, 1960 from 8 pm. to 2 am.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

October again and here comes the fun of the Halloween party. This one is strictly a costume affair and prizes will be awarded for various costumes. The date is October 29, and you may come as you wish—the wilder the better.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUES. & WED. OCT. 14 & 15 LADDER WORK PARTY 6 pm. on,..... 165 O'Farrell St.-405

WEDNESDAY OCT. 12 DOB BUSINESS MEETING 8 pm. 655 Joost Ave. S.F.

SATURDAY OCT. 15 MATTACHINE-DOB PARTY 8 pm. - 2 am. address on tickets.

FRIDAY OCT. 21 GAB 'N JAVA 8 pm. 1940 Anza S.F.

SATURDAY OCT. 29 DOB HALLOWEEN PARTY 9 pm. call DOB office for location
The DOB is now six years old, with its origin in San Francisco. Both of these facts are sources of great pride to San Francisco members, although I am sure that most of the members now have little knowledge of the tremendous amount of dedication and work on the part of a couple of people to accomplish this. Too, I'm sure that few realize the amount of work required of half a dozen people today (although the membership has many times doubled) to keep the National DOB functioning, and trying to accomplish the purposes it has set for itself.

Del Martin has often said with great pride, and rightly so, there has never been a crisis that the members did not come forth - a little frightened perhaps - but nevertheless coming to assist in any way possible. Now, I feel, we have the biggest crisis ever to confront the organization - the fact that the DOB may end where it started, here in San Francisco. The time and work demanded of the handful of people now holding together the National DOB here in San Francisco is too much to be endured over a great length of time.

To show you that this is not exaggeration, below are the main items that consume, at times, as much as four and five nights a week of these peoples' time:

reading manuscripts; writing articles; making up headlines; ads, and covers; working out the contents of THE LADDER; typing up the rough draft; properly aligned; dummying up the magazine; going finished stencils; stripping in the stencils, etc., to prepare it for the printer; picking up the finished pages from the printer; setting up for the work party; helping with the work party; typing, correcting (additions, deletions, changes) the mailing lists on the addresser tape; setting up the master-list of professional people for the addresser; running names from addresser tape to envelopes monthly; stamping envelopes; stamping return address on envelopes; sending sample LADDERS to interested people; renewal slips; (All of this just for THE LADDER.)

There is more; income tax reports and sales tax reports; keeping books on all money coming into the office - book serve, records, LADDER subscriptions, requests for additional LADDERS; quarterly income and membership reports from each chapter, plus payments to National from chapter members; bank deposits; paying bills. All these tasks belong properly to the National treasurer.

Mailing books from book service; ordering records from Los Angeles chapter.

These items are recorded merely from observation. If I were to check with those involved, I'm sure they could add many more small but time-consuming jobs. This list includes only those tasks involved in keeping abreast of the immediate work. It DOES NOT include the backlog of work, such as filing (which is quite a hindrance because of inaccessibility of important information), several years of unfinished LADDERS, etc. Nor does it include the work needing to be done to keep our organization moving ahead.
All this could be solved by as little effort as the following:

1. Two people coming in for three hours, one night a week.
2. The rest of the membership donating three hours ONE night a month.
3. Giving four hours on one Saturday ONCE every other month.
4. One work party night every three months.

Because the amount of time requested from each member is so very small, many will feel that someone else is bound to help. Unfortunately, this is why we now have such a crisis on our hands.

What happens when the few people NOW carrying the entire load of keeping DOB going, not only for you but also as an influence on society, feel they have dedicated enough of their lives? How long will they continue to devote such a great amount of time and energy to DOB?

Only you can decide these things. I am sure that there is not one of you, no matter what your time schedule, who could not meet at least one of the four requests I have made.

I am writing this NOT to criticize the membership, but rather because I honestly believe that you have not been aware of the things that need to be done, or the work that anyone can do, even if she has too little time to learn any particular job. Now you DO know. The rest is up to you. The office is always open at least on Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 10 P.M.

Jaye Bell
National President
FREEDOM TO SPEAK

As American citizens we enjoy one of the most coveted privileges in the world. We have the freedom to voice our opinion on how we shall be governed and who shall have the responsibility of governing us. We have the right to approve or disapprove of the manner in which we are governed, and to express our thoughts without any fear of imprisonment or execution. We have these opportunities because we are citizens of a free nation.

It is unfortunate that all the people of the world cannot enjoy this privilege afforded us by our electoral system. It is also unfortunate that those of this free nation who do not exercise this right relinquish a basic freedom. There are people in this world today who dream of the opportunity to register and vote in a democracy as we in America do.

Why then would any American pass up this basic right? We urge ALL citizens to exercise their freedom to speak by exercising their right to vote on Tues. Nov. 8th at your polling place between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. VOTE EARLY!

"He has a right to criticize who has a heart to help." -Abraham Lincoln.

FREEDOM TO READ

In February 1960 we announced the formation of the "Freedom-To-Read" Committee to fight censorship efforts of the "Citizens for Decent Literature Committee". At that time, attorney Morris Lowenthal was quoted as saying, "We feel that the threat of censorship is so grave that we may not safely wait until a pressure group has forced city officials into action which they may privately regret, but feel they must publically sponsor!" Also expressed were the aims of the "Freedom-To-Read Citizens' Committee" in emphasizing the adequacy of the present anti-obscenity laws, and to establish that no vigilante or other private group has the right to foist its point of view on the rest of the populace at the expense of our own basic freedoms of speech, press, and freedom to read.

At the present time there is a Board of Supervisors Committee in San Francisco bent on stamping out "dirty books". They are being guided by "anti-smut" groups and the District Attorney was first to comment on three proposed ordinances to tighten up the city's anti-obscenity laws. He also noted that at least three statewide bills for the same purpose are under consideration.

We do not propose any group action in response to this situation, but we urge citizens of San Francisco as individuals TO ACT IMMEDIATELY TO HALT THIS INFRINGEMENT ON OUR FREEDOM TO READ. This action can take the form of letters of protest to the city newspapers and to city and state officials. Support of the "Freedom-To-Read Citizens' Committee" can be in the form of contributions to the group or by joining in its efforts to protect our civil rights. Write: "Freedom-To-Read Citizens' Committee" 214 Calif. St. Room 711 San Francisco, or phone YUkon 6-5388.

The next meeting of this committee will be held Tues. Nov. 1 at 7:15 pm, at the office of Melvin M. Belli, 722 Montgomery St., San Francisco, California.

WANT ADS

HELP WANTED - WOMEN
NO FEE POSITIONS
(No salary either)

Creative opportunities with growing magazine/Art Dept., Advtg., Gen'l. ofc. must type, gd. spelling, gd. skills, nice small office. will train, no experience necessary., no salary, no paid vacations, no emoloyee benefits, beginners welcome.

ART EDITOR - AD MANAGER - TYPISTS - and CORRESPONDENTS - NEEDED IMMEDIATELY 1111 165 O'Farrell, Rm. 405, Call YUKon 2-9290.
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"O HOLY KNIGHTS"

The Police Committee of the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco on Oct. 25, 1960, took under submission three proposed ordinances aimed at obscene books, pamphlets, etc.

The first proposal relying on the recent U.S. Supreme Court definition of obscenity, would make it unlawful for any person knowingly to have in his possession any (obscene) matter "in any school, public park or playground," or in any public place "within 300 yards" of any such school, public park, or playground. The prohibition also extends to any place of business "where ice cream, soft drinks, candy, food, school supplies, magazines, books, pamphlets, papers, pictures or postcards are sold or kept for sale;" in "any toilet or restroom open to the public;" in any poolroom or billiard parlor, or in any place where alcoholic liquor is sold or offered for sale to the public;" and in "any place where phonograph records, photographs, motion pictures, etc., are made, used, maintained, sold or exhibited."

The second proposal would make possession of obscene writing and other articles a public nuisance and allow an abatement proceeding to be brought.

The third proposal would forbid distributors from engaging in so-called "tie-in" sales under which a dealer is compelled to take material he doesn't want. -ACLU News, Nov. 1960.

On Tuesday Nov. 29, 1960 at 2:00 pm, the Police Commission will meet in room 228, at City Hall to consider the above proposed censorship ordinances. This is an open meeting and all citizens are invited to attend. Opposition to these proposals from the FREEDOM-TO-READ CITIZENS COMMITTEE will be presented by Attorney Morris Lowenthal at that time.

"VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS"

To give the Treasury a small boost each year, all the members of the S.F. chapter have been expert salesmen with the Christmas candy. With this particular candy however it is not hard to be an expert salesman. Yes, again this year the candy will be these delicious "Katydids" from the Kathryn Beich Kitchens. If you do not already have your supply of these chocolate-coated pecan caramel goodies, be sure to attend the December business meeting where the cans of this rare candy will be distributed. Be sure to get some for your own Christmas giving and eating as well as selling your share for the boost to the Treasury.

"HARK THE HERALD"

To give the National Treasury a much-needed helping hand, an idea has been hatched to add a few pennies of assistance. Old paperback books can be sold to various sources for a few cents a copy. Many copies would mount up to a little support for the National Treasury which supports THE LADDER. Please bring all your old paperbacks to all the meetings, parties, Cab "N Java's, etc. and put them in the box as you have your small change for the Freedom-To-Read. If you cannot attend the chapter functions, please mail your Paperbacks to the DOB office, 165 O'Farrell Rm. 105, S.F. 2. All contributions will be greatly appreciated by the National Treasury. (..not the U.S., but the D.O.B.)

"DECK THE HALLS WITH MATZOTH BALLS"

Now that we have a nice new place to have our monthly parties and socials, complete with all the trimings for our use, we don't have very many people who turn out for the parties!! How come ??
"OH COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

In spite of the Want Ads in last month's Newsletter describing excellent creative opportunities for unskilled, non-paid workers in a growing organization, there were very few takers. The editorial dept. of THE LADDER still needs help with the typing and the jobs of ad management and art editing. Please lend a hand with any of these tasks you could or would like to learn, and take some of the burden off the few people who are doing all the work to put out our magazine. Please contact the Editor at the DOB office on any Tues. or Wed. evening. Call YUKON 2-9290.

"HERE WE COME A'WASSAILING"

The Mattachine Society is having a Christmas party to which all the DOB members have been invited. Admission will be free to the girls and the refreshments will be served in exchange for 'tickets purchased at the party. The location will be 1700 Diamond St. on Saturday Dec. 17, from 8 to 12 p.m. In honor of the occasion bring a gag gift which does not exceed one dollar in price.

The annual DOB New Years Eve party will be at 9 p.m., Saturday Dec. 31. This event will be a private affair open to DOB members only. Price $2.50. Call the office for reservations and location.

"THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS"

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