**JANUARY, 1967**

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**FRIDAY** 8 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** 8 p.m.

**THURSDAY** 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY** 9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.

**NOTE 1** — Joan has really got a surprise in store for everyone for this Gab 'N Java -- a subject near and dear to all: "LOVE". Come and get in on this one!

**NOTE 2** — Well, it's that time — "VALENTINE" -- HEART DAY, or whatever. I'm sure our new social directors will have Cupid playing to everyone, so get your girlfriend and come to the annual Valentine Party -- girls only.

**NOTE 3** — Just a reminder that the office is open every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 10 p.m. (except Feb. 22), and we DO need workers -- so come on down and let's get the office really fixed up.

Also, we will still have the office open on the first and third Sundays in February (Feb. 5 and Feb. 19) from 2 to 6 p.m. Only $.50 will be charged for office expenses, and members and non-members are welcome. VI will be your Hostess, so do drop by.
The Tavern Guild of Southern California has advised D.O.B. that on Jan. 5, 1967, sixteen Los Angeles citizens appeared in court (Div. 59) to enter pleas to charges resulting from a police mass arrest at a bar located at 3909 Sunset Blvd. in Los Angeles. The bar has been open approximately two months. The arrests took place on Jan. 1 and were made by a large group of police officers. About twelve vice-squad officers (plainclothesmen) started beating patrons to the floor about five minutes after midnight. They did not identify themselves except by their weapons. After beating the patrons, the sixteen to be arrested were laid face down on the sidewalk outside the bar. Five patrol cars, containing two uniformed officers each, were brought from a nearby side street where they had been parked for sometime, and the individuals arrested were taken to the newly opened Rampart St. Police Station. Three bartenders were among those arrested.

Officers then went to a second bar, at 4001 Sunset Blvd., attacked the lady bar owner and the bar's manager and bartender, who came to her aid. The owner and manager were not arrested, although the manager was left on the sidewalk bleeding. The bartender was so badly beaten that he is still in County General Hospital, where he has undergone an operation to remove his ruptured spleen. He had had to wait 22 hours before being sent to the hospital. He was finally booked on a felony charge of assaulting an officer.

The following telegram was sent recently by the Netherlands Homosexual Society C.O.C., Amsterdam, to the Permanent Committee for Human Rights, United Nations, Geneva:

"Is the homosexual a dangerous person? The homosexual as such. Perhaps he really is.

"But why?

"We call on you to give dispassionate consideration to this question. We ask you to think of the homosexual for a moment as an ordinary human being who expresses his urge to love in his own distinctive way. A way that many people look upon as repulsive.

"And what do these people do?

"They try to keep the homosexual from leading his own life. They hold him in contempt. They hamper him in his social and professional pursuits. They prevent him from developing his capacities. They forbid him to give expression to his love. They impose heavier sentences on him than on non-homosexuals for the same offenses. They suspect him of anything and everything more easily than they would every other.

"And what is the result?

"The homosexual is driven with his back to the wall, existentially cornered. And in such a position he may very well be dangerous. Dangerous for others, dangerous for himself.

"We, gathered openly on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Netherlands Homosexual Society C.O.C., call for your dispassionate consideration. We ask you to speak out instead of keeping silence. We ask you to state your views in forthright terms. And if it should be your conviction, we ask you to have the courage to support a minority with the authority of your voice."

The telegram was sent in October. We have had no word as yet of a reply from the Human Rights Committee.

An organization which is apparently somewhat similar to Citizens Alert has been formed in the Los Angeles area. The cards read "Protect Your American Rights", with a phone number, 464-1737, giving 24-hour service. The other side indicates that by calling the number the service will contact your attorney or bondsman for you, or at your request, send an attorney or bondsman to assist you in your immediate release. The cards were mailed in an envelope bearing Don Slater's name and the address of Tangents magazine. We have no other information on the group.

In an unprecedented move, the City of New York has quietly changed its policy of denying employment opportunities to homosexuals and others formerly considered "undesirable". On Jan. 6, 1967, Solomon Hoberman, Acting Personnel Director for the City, confirmed this radical change in policy for the New York Post.

This announcement appears to be the one promised the "Muttachne Society of New York by William H. Booth, Chairman of the City Commission on Human Rights at the Muttachne Forum in October of 1966. At that time, Mr. Booth said that his commission would certainly consider employment discrimination against homosexuals illegal, and would take steps to end such practices. When reminded that the
City itself discriminated, Mr. Booth stated that we could expect a statement from the City announcing an end to such discrimination.

This change in policy toward employment of homosexuals is the third major advance for New York's estimated half-million homosexuals in the past calendar year. In April, 1966, Mayor Lindsay issued an order (at the urging of the Mattachine Society of New York) ending police entrapment of homosexuals. In that same month, three members of MSNY challenged the State Liquor Authority and won new freedom for properly operated gay bars. Since that time, there have been no entrapments, and only minor harassment of the City's gay bars (which have now increased in number from two to more than fifty).

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As you know, or if you didn't know before you do now, we have made the big jump to National Distribution for the LADDER with the January issue.

Because of the changeover, your LADDER may be tardy in getting to you this month -- but have patience and bear with us for this one time.

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We're still going to have LADDER work parties -- but no putting the magazine together, just stamping envelopes. Information concerning the next LADDER work party will be forthcoming.

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With this issue of the Newsletter, we have a new Newsletter Editor, who asks that you please bear with this issue's delay in getting out.

In order to facilitate future issues going out in a more timely manner, remember the DEADLINE of the 15th of every month. If you have something to be put into the Newsletter, be sure you have it in to the office no later than that date.

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FEBRUARY, 1967

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB. 3 -- BUSINESS MEETING
FEB. 11 -- VALENTINE PARTY (GIRLS ONLY)
FEB. 17 -- GAB 'N JAVA (GIRLS ONLY)
FEB. 8 -- OFFICE OPEN
FEB. 15 -- OFFICE OPEN
FEB. 19 -- OFFICE OPEN
MAR. 3 -- BUSINESS MEETING
MAR. 9 -- ORIENTATION MEETING (GIRLS ONLY) - SEE NOTE 1
MAR. 19 -- ST. PATTY'S DAY BRUNCH - SEE NOTE 2
MAR. 24 -- GAB 'N JAVA - SEE NOTE 3
MAR. 1 -- OFFICE OPEN
MAR. 5 -- OFFICE OPEN
MAR. 15 -- OFFICE OPEN
MAR. 22 -- OFFICE OPEN
MAR. 29 -- OFFICE OPEN

NOTE 1 -- MARCH 9 - THURSDAY - 8:00 p.m. - This ORIENTATION MEETING is the first in the beginning of a series. New members are strongly urged to attend and it is also recommended for all members.

AFTER THE MARCH 3RD BUSINESS MEETING, ALL BUSINESS MEETINGS WILL BE CLOSED: MEMBERS ONLY.

NOTE 2 -- One of the biggest social events of the year is coming up Sunday, March 19 -- the ST. PATTY'S BRUNCH. There will be lots of food and lots of fun. The charge is only $1.50 for food, drinks are extra. We'd like to see as big a crowd this year as there has been in the past and you should join in the frolic and bring your friends -- the more the merrier. Wear something green.

NOTE 3 -- The subject for the March Gab 'N Java is "Parents." This should be a very interesting discussion and we'd like to know how you handled the problem or think it should be handled. The Gab 'N Javas are open to non-members, too, so bring a guest.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR ZIP CODE
Barbara Deming, of the Daughters of Bilitis, was elected to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of Citizens Alert of January 26.

Miss Deming, member of the S.F. Chapter, has taken an active part in this San Francisco organization since its inception in August of 1965. Citizens Alert was formed at the instigation of the homophile community which called for a coalition of minority groups to deal with problems of police harassment, brutality, intimidation and unequal enforcement of the law. Miss Deming, along with other CA volunteers on the Orientations committee, has met with Police Chief Thomas Cahill to establish a dialogue between the San Francisco Police Department and concerned citizens.

"We have documented evidence that all is not right with the S.F. Police Department" stated Rev. A. Cecil Williams, chairman, in the annual report of Citizens Alert.

During 1966 Citizens Alert received 1704 telephone calls from citizens who have registered some kind of complaint. Of these, CA volunteers were able to fully substantiate and document 66 cases, and 22 were filed with the police department. However, only two were sustained by the police department.

Of the 66 fully documented cases only four were homosexual cases. The Negroes and the "hippies" seem to be the primary targets of S.F. police, at least in 1966 while a million dollar civil rights suit brought by the Council on Religion and the Homosexual against the City and County of San Francisco and its police department is still pending.

Members of the homophile community, well aware of shifts in popularity of minorities as police and political scapegoats, contributed $500 of the $1,077.92 income of Citizens Alert and have urged their members to support the endeavors of this civic organization.

Other minorities represented in Citizens Alert are Negroes, Chinese, Japanese, Mexican-Americans, the "Love Generation" (more commonly known as "hippies") and Jews. By banding together in a common effort to solve at least one minority problem faced in every city, these groups are beginning to find other areas, both socially and politically, in which they can work together effectively in the community.

Others elected to the Board of Directors were Robert Gonzales, attorney; George Ishida, CA volunteer and member of Glide Church's Outreach Committee; Dorr Jones, president of SIR; Mrs. Agnes McPaddin.

Senator Mervyn Dymally (Democrat, Los Angeles), the only Negro senator in the California state legislature, has introduced to the Senate some bills which should call for support from the homophile community:

SB 110 - Prohibits an employer from requiring a job applicant to say whether he has ever been arrested.

SB 111 - Requires a teacher's personnel records to be open for inspection by him.

SB 112 - Gives State Fair Employment Practices Commission power to combat job discrimination against women because of their sex.

Edward M. Keating, Catholic layman and publisher of Ramparts Magazine, was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual at its January annual meeting.

Mr. Keating deplored the absence of Catholic clergy and laity in CRH and has pledged his cooperation in bringing the message of CRH to members of his church.

Re-elected to the Board were Rev. Clay Colwell, who has served as president of CRH last year, Herb Donaldson, attorney and Chairman of the Outreach Committee of Glide Methodist Church; and Mrs. Gloria Cooke, chairman of the Calif. Episcopal Diocesan Council's Joint Committee on Homosexuality and instructor at S.F. Theological Seminary.

Another addition to the CRH Board is Chuck Street, chairman of the CRH Orientations Committee.

After the business meeting Rabbi Elliot Graftman spoke on "Judaism and Homosexuality." A report of his talk will be published in a future issue of THE LADDER.

It is expected that Anson Mount, one of the editors of Playboy magazine, will be the speaker at the March meeting of CRH.

For those who have been wondering whatever happened to the CBS News documentary on homosexuality which Bill Peters began working on in 1964. Al Salerno, TV columnist, reports that attempts are now being made to salvage the show and a new producer has been assigned to bring some "fresh ideas" to it. Once announced with much fanfare, the project has been surrounded by silence for months. The story is that executives were not satisfied with the program they got, which they described as a "cold look" at the problem "lacking compassion, warmth and understanding."
Three scholarships of $150 each will be available this year from the Blanche M. Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund, according to Del Martin, national treasurer of the Daughters of Bilitis.

One of these scholarships will be awarded by each of the three chapters of DOB. Applicants (any woman over 21 years of age) in need of supplemental funds for college or vocational training may request necessary forms from the Daughters of Bilitis at 3470 Mission Street, San Francisco, California, 94110.

The new enlarged LADDER is in need of many more short stories than it has used in the past. The number of pages will be increased as fast as we have material to print. YOU who have the perfect story of interest to the lesbian -- now is your chance to see YOUR WORK IN -- the LADDER! Poetry, tragedy, romance, comedy, even cartoons -- all are welcome. Send all copy to: The LADDER Editor, Helen Sanders, Box 727, Manhattan Beach, California.

The LADDER is interested in new art ideas. Particularly desired are cover layouts with poster appeal, designed to catch the eye of the passerby. Our advertising advisors warn us that the LADDER must compete with many other magazines on the stands. The LADDER needs new, STRIKING, different, distinctive art work. Send plans and sketches to the LADDER Editor, Helen Sanders, Box 727, Manhattan Beach, California. THE LADDER NEEDS YOU.

JUST A REMINDER:

Deadline for articles for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month. We're trying to get the paper out with a degree of regularity and need your cooperation. Any items you have can be sent to the Newsletter Editor in care of the office.

The Newsletter would like to extend its coverage to review books, movies and T.V. programs which have interest for the homophile community. If you have a review, either pro or con, please send it to the Newsletter Editor. Also, if you have any advance information of something which should interest our readers, tell it to the Editor.
MARCH AND APRIL 1967

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 20 -- Tavern Guild Auction - Ebb Tide
March 22 -- Office Open
March 24 -- Gab 'N Java - "PARENTS"
March 27 -- Tavern Guild Auction - Rendezvous
March 29 -- Office Open
March 29 -- CRH Meeting
  Glide Foundation - 330 Ellis
  Special Speaker - See Article in Newsletter

April 1 -- April Pool Day Party - See Note 1
April 4 -- Tavern Guild Auction - Bradleys Corners
April 5 -- Office Open
April 7 -- Business Meeting - MEMBERS ONLY
April 11 -- Tavern Guild Auction - The Fantasy
April 12 -- Office Open
April 18 -- Tavern Guild Auction - Golden Cask
April 19 -- Office Open
April 20 -- C.A. Meeting
April 21 -- Gab 'N Java - See Article in Newsletter
April 25 -- Tavern Guild Auction - Cloud Seven
April 26 -- Office Open
May 2 -- Tavern Guild Auction - Lucky Club
May 3 -- Office Open
May 5 -- Business Meeting - MEMBERS ONLY
May 9 -- Tavern Guild Auction - The Trapp

Monday 9 p.m.
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NOTE 1 - APRIL POOL PARTY -- Would you like to re-celebrate New Year's Eve? Or pre-celebrate the 4th of July? Be our guest for the holiday of your choice at the DOB April Pool Day party April 1st (when else?), 9:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the office. Something will happen every hour on the hour, but we won't guarantee what will happen on the 1/2 hour. We'll have a chili feed, beer and soft drinks. The donation is only $2.00 for all the fun, food, games and prizes. Girls Only.
DOB GIVES NATIONAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND BIG SEND-OFF!

A donation of $1500.00 in the name of the Daughters of Bilitis was used to open the account of the newly incorporated National Legal Defense Fund in San Francisco during March.

The Fund, endorsed in principle by the National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations last year, will concentrate its efforts in defense of homosexual cases involving protection of civil liberties and constitutional law. The attorneys and members of the NLDF believe that some, if not all, penal code reform cannot easily be achieved through the judicial process (development of case law, particularly in the area of constitutional law). This feeling has been borne out by various state legislators who have encountered opposition to the adoption of the Model Penal Code, which was drawn up by the American Law Institute--Illinois being the only state which has adopted the new code to date.

The incorporators for the National Legal Defense Fund are: the Rev. Dr. Clarence Mitchell, president of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual; Herbet Donaldson and David Clayton, attorneys; Bill Plath, president of the Tavern Guild of San Francisco, and Bill Beardemphl, former president of the Society for Individual Rights.

Various homophile organizations are now being asked to join the Fund as sponsoring members at an annual fee of $25.00. Individual memberships and donations are also being solicited by Paul Langley, attorney and fund raising chairman. Donations should be directed to NLDF, 330 Ellis St., San Francisco, CA 94102.

ORIENTATION MEETING - MARCH 9 - 1967

That in a series of orientation meetings was held Thursday night, March 9, at the DOB office with Del Martin as principal speaker.

There was no set pattern for discussion because all subjects were talked about--CBS show Tuesday night on "Homosexuals": why, where and how DOB was organized; DOB's future, DOB's participation with CRH, CA, SIB, Tavern Guild and the homophile community in general.

Discussion was about men, women, heterosexual, homosexual and lesbians. The topics were enlightening, interesting and humorous--at times such as the case of a girl accused of being a lesbian. Her reply, "No, I'm not--I'm Catholic!"

There was a pretty good turnout--could have been larger--but the ones who were there were very friendly and responsive. We drank lots of coffee and a good time was had by all.

By the way this is one of the functions of DOB that we can allow girls 18 years old to attend. But--18 or over girls only. For other functions open to girls 18 to 21 see other article in this newsletter.

"THE SECRET OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS"

There once was a man. This man had a friend. One bright, sunlit day as the two men walked side by side down a city street, his friend pointed out to the man a gigantic structure looming up before them. "Isn't that a beautiful cathedral?" he asked.

They stopped and the man looked. "Oh, it's alright, I guess," he said, and shrugged his shoulders, "but they all look the same from the outside--just a pile of grey stone and blackened windows." His friend raised an eyebrow. "Ah, BUT!" he exclaimed, taking the man by the arm. "Don't you know the secret of stained glass windows?"

And to saying, his friend led the man into the cathedral. . . . where, lo and behold, an entire new world opened up before the man's gaze. For through the thousands of tiny stained glass panes which made up the towering windows there streamed the sunlight--glorious, varicolored, with rainbow hues bathing all things within the interior of the great building, revealing all its beauty to the man's enraptured gaze. . . so that with a deep sigh he said, "My God, it IS a beautiful cathedral!"

And after a long silence added, "But I never would have known it from the outside." Then finally as an afterthought, "Now I know what you meant by the secret of stained glass windows--it is that they must be viewed from the INSIDE to be truly appreciated."
You may wonder what the above little story has to do with our upcoming Gab 'n Java. Well, simply this: you Gab 'n Java chairman (Joan) is well aware of just how "fed up" all of us get at times with the deluge of nonsense about homosexuality that is spewed forth from the so-called "Knowledgeable Elements" within our society--elements which, needless to say, are looking on from the outside. Joan feels that "the secret of stained glass windows"--be they literal or figurative--is definitely that they must be viewed from the INSIDE to be truly appreciated. You are invited to join her in an evening devoted to "going into the interior of the cathedral" to discover its hidden beauties through its vari-colored personalities.

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CBS REPORT, "THE HOMOSEXUAL"

CBS finally released the long-promised documentary on homosexuality, which dealt exclusively with male homosexuality. The documentary was announced as being in the works several years ago, and in the long span of time there should have been considerable opportunity to research and produce a meaningful program on the subject of homosexuality. The end result, however, was of "proven"opinion without new ideas.

Opinions stated on the program, with few exceptions, were "old hat" and only repeated what everyone "knows" already--that "homosexuality is an illness," homosexuals are "sick" people, and that "homosexuals are not and cannot be happy." If a happy, well-adjusted homosexual was interviewed, the program gave no indication of it.

Although a great deal of attention was paid to the dissatisfaction, distaste, guilt, etc., felt by many homosexuals, the fact that social pressures might have a bearing on these feelings was only summarily dealt with. The viewer was left with the feeling that the homosexual IS unhappy and maladjusted, and is so because he is "abnormal." Under these conditions, an enlightened heterosexual might tolerate a homosexual, but he wouldn't accept him because the heterosexual would feel that the homosexual only needs to seek medical help for his illness to be "normal." Consequently, the heterosexual shifts the responsibilities for the homosexual's anxiety--from himself onto the homosexual. The only reference made to social pressures being the cause for "underground activities" and the unhappiness in the homosexual community was by Gore Vidal, who said? "We have a sexual ethic which is the joke of the world. We are laughed at in every country for our attitudes toward sex. The United States is living out some mad, Protestant, 19th Century dream of human behavior. Instead of saying, 'Aren't we wicked because we have a high divorce rate or because men like to go to bed with men, or women like to go to bed with women,' why not begin by saying our basic values are all wrong? ...Why not begin by accepting the fact of what human beings really are--both men and women...let us begin with the reality of human relations and not start talking about weakening moral fiber because we're not living out this 19th Century dream where we all enter a kind of Noah's ark in twos, one male and one female, to spend 60 years in each other's company..."

I look forward to the program that shows other alternatives open to the homosexual besides having to "go straight" to become happy and well-adjusted, and that the day will come when it isn't driven into his head that he is sick until he, himself, begins to think it might be so. Programs such as the "CBS Report" are the only source of information known to many heterosexuals, who watch it for what insight it might give. The wonder is not that there is unhappiness in the homosexual community, but that there are any happy, well-adjusted members at all.

One homosexual's reaction to the program was quoted as follows in Terrence O'Flaherty's column in the San Francisco Chronicle:

"...The CBS reporting was shallow, ill-informed, and misleading to an alarming degree. Mike Wallace, the emcee, said that homosexuals are sick medically, harassed legally and rejected socially. He is referring to the kind of homosexual who would be a misfit even if he were a heterosexual.

"No homosexual asks that the majority try to 'understand' his most intimate physical life. Nor do I, in turn, care to know the details of my married neighbors' personal sex life. This is not the solution nor should it be discussed in public as a matter of good taste.

"Rejected socially? Who is CBS kidding? The creeps, maybe, are rejected but the average homosexual is usually the 'life' of most heterosexual gatherings. Ridiculous, also, is the CBS assumption that homosexuals are fear-ridden and melancholy. When I compare my rich and contented life to the lives of my heterosexual friends and relatives who are unfaithful unhappy and trapped forever, I have to laugh! No, heterosexuals don't have a monopoly on happiness by any means.
"One of the great homosexual characteristics was totally overlooked by Mr. Harry Morgan of CBS and that is their sense of humor. Why be so dull about their reporting? We invented the word 'camp' you know and a whole lot more. And we manage to laugh at ourselves and enjoy life more than most people in this worst of all possible worlds.

"Unassimilated? Not true! If San Francisco's estimates 00,000 homosexuals were to leave at once I believe the heterosexuals would indeed realize how well the minority has been accepted and be pleased at the thought. Pass the word along to CBS."

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NOTES and "QUOTES"

GIRLS 18 to 21 and DOB:

It has been voted that from now on DOB office and special functions will be open to girls 18 to 21 years of age. Minimum, 18 years old. The exceptions will be business meetings and DOB parties. They may come to the office on Wednesday nights when it is open, to the orientation meetings and Gab 'N Javas unless specified as a meeting for 21 or over.

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TAVERN GUILD AUCTIONS:

Are in full swing now and we need the support of everyone- if you have anything that you can donate, give it to this worthy "cause"-cause they need everything and believe me they will auction it off- jewelry, men or-- hats, dresses, shoes, anything from falsies to ex-lovers. Check the calendar for dates and addresses, and drop by and join in the biggest fund raising capers with Bill Plath and Bob R:ss. Donations may be left at the SIR center, DOB office or drop them off at the bar where the action-auction will be held. See YOU there.

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BOWLING:

The winter league of the "Gay" community bowling league held every Monday at Park Bowl is drawing to a close-but we will have a summer league. All those interested, contact Dottie or Vi. DOB would like to have at least 3 teams in this league- so no matter what your bowling average, join us in bowling- we can use some morale boosters from the sidelines- come on and cheer your favorite team!

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"PLAYBOY" AND THE HOMOSEXUAL

Anson Mount, head of the Religion Department of "Playboy" magazine, will be the speaker at the March 29 meeting of The Council on Religion and the Homosexual. Mr. Mount will discuss "The Playboy Philosophy as it Relates to the Homosexual." Considering the fact that "Playboy" is often controversial, Mr. Mount's discussion should be most stimulating. There will be a question period. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, in the Fellowship Hall of Glide Memorial Methodist Church, Taylor and Ellis Streets, San Francisco.

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ARE YOU AN ALERT CITIZEN?

Citizens Alert, a volunteer corporation dealing with police brutality, harassment or intimidation, offers an excellent way for you to get involved with San Francisco. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month (the next one will be April 20) and are open to all. For information as to time or place call Phyllis Lyon at 771-6300 on weekdays. If you have time during the day, come down to the office and be a volunteer. If you have some free evenings, sign up to be a telephone volunteer. Your help is needed.

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LADDER AVAILABLE NOW

On the national scene, we've good news to report. The Ladder is being distributed by a circulation company all over the nation. If you don't receive the Ladder, pick one up at a newsstand. Of course, you can always save money by subscribing.

HOMOSEXUAL TEACHER

Does a homosexual have the right to be a public school teacher? Yes, says Don Odorizzi, a Los Angeles City school teacher who was fired after an arrest without conviction on a homosexual charge. The Southern California American Civil Liberties Union agrees with him. Odorizzi is suing to get his job back and to keep the California State Board of Education from revoking his teaching credential. From Sexology, Feb. 1967

LADDER NEEDS SUPPORT

The LADDER needs your support and help--support in the way of poems, articles, and any writing that you may want to submit. We are now on a nation-wide distribution and material is desperately needed for 32 pages--all material may be sent to the Editor, Helen Sanders, in care of the LADDER.

WORK PARTY

Assistance is needed in helping to put the LADDER in envelopes, stamping, etc., at the San Francisco Chapter office. "A LADDER Work Party." Lots of fun--chit chat--all help will really be appreciated. Contact Dottie for dates.

ADVERTISING

Let DOB Newsletter do your PR (Public Relations) work for you. We are now taking advertising for our newsletter. Semi-pro Layouts--for your approval. The vacation and visiting seasons are almost here. Rates are as low as $3.00 a month.

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MAY 21
JUNE 11
JUNE 25
JULY 16
JULY 30
AUG. 13
AUG. 27

Hope to see you out
Honor and goodwill abounded as delegates from 18 homophile groups gathered at historic Methodist Lodge in the Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles, Calif, on April 21 to hold the 3 day meeting of the Western Regional Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations. Some house rules such as "NO SMOKING OR DRINKING" much to the chagrin of some of the delegates limited the activities usually associated with the gatherings of the clan.

Rev. Alex Smith of the Methodist Church chaired the meetings. His ready wit, warm friendship and leadership ability contributed greatly to the success of this conference.

George Mendenhall, Public Relations Chairman from S.I.R. was selected as the conference secretary.

Attending from D.O.B. S.F. Chapter were Dottie King, President; Losia Williams National Vice-President, Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin Represented San Francisco Council on Religion and The Homosexual. Also from San Francisco were Representatives of S.I.R.; Tavern Cu'd of S.F.; Vanguard; Mattachine S.F.; Letterman Club and Strait and Assoc. (Which withdrew from Participation after an opening statement.)

Other organizations represented were Southern Calif. Council on Religion and the Homophile; Association for Responsible Citizenship of Sacramento; D.O.B. of Los Angeles; Pride; Tangents; Prosperos; Pursuit; Circle of Loving Companions; and the National Legal Defense Fund.

It was obvious from the start that a willingness to get down to brass tacks was the spirit of the delegates at the conference.

"Sociometrics," the science of using the established power structure through interpersonal relations to further causes electrified delegates. Rev. Ted McIlvenna of Glide Methodist, San Francisco, illustrated how groups can work into the network of power in society and influence change. Later the conference urged the National Conference, meeting in August, to make Sociometrics a major agenda item.

The conference decided to apply for an educational booth again at the California State Fair in Sacramento, and also at the Los Angeles County Fair; endorse C.R.H./L.A. in setting up a counselling center in that area; ask groups of the conference to evaluate the value of their professional referral services; promote seminars on homosexuality for persons in professional public agencies.

Attempts to aid the creativity of the national conference in August were made with resolutions that asked that body's credentials committee to accept anyone who is properly sponsored, regardless of dress or sexual practice and recommend that the national conference, in part, be set up on a "work shop" basis that was successfully used at this regional conference.

Delegates set up a committee to finalize another Western Conference sponsored by A.R.C. in Sacramento, that would follow the national conference.

Police harassment and raids on bars and private homes continue in Los Angeles. The L.A. Conference unanimously voted for a press release "deploring the recent actions of some units of the Los Angeles Police Department, in flagrant violation of the rights of the homosexual citizens" and pleaded again for a face-to-face dialogue with the police to discuss the matter. Parts of the above is from G. Mendenhall-Article in Vector.

HOMOPHILE MOVEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Written and adopted by the Western Regional Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations held April 21, 23, 1967 at Los Angeles, California

Since the homosexual Community is composed of all types of persons, we feel that the movement ought not be constricted by any limiting concept of public image. The homosexual has no reputation to protect.

It is true that the image that an organization projects inside the homosexual community may affect the support it gets from that community. But we would support the right of individuals to do what they want and should educate the homosexual to accept himself as a homosexual and to accept all other persons.

We assert the right of individuals to be what they are and do what they wish so long as it does not infringe on the rights of others.
The purpose of homophile groups is to explain the various alternatives open to the individual and the possible consequences of such alternatives, and to help individuals achieve full personhood.

We do not feel that drag, sado-masochism, and other aspects of sexual behavior can be summarily dismissed as necessarily invalid expressions of human love. As human beings and as homosexuals, we have a special interest in understanding all sexuality.

ACROSS SAN FRANCISCO and the rest of the world......

Dotties Thanks to a Lovely Lady.......

I would like to say "Thank you" to the Lovely Lady for her helpful consideration in initiating my education for making my trip to the Regional Planning Conference, April 21, 22, 23. It was her patience and understanding that made attending the Conference worthwhile and educational.

No name necessary at this time. For she knows. She didn't think I would write this. But like I said. Lady, watch out for the Power of the Press and again "thank you so very much."

WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

POSTED HOUSE RULES for the We BOYS-J.O.C. Lodge where the Western Regional Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations met:

No smoking, dancing, card playing or alcoholic beverages allowed in the house or on the grounds.

No rough games in the House.

No food, candy, fruits or nuts; in fact, nothing edible is permitted on the second floor.

Practical joking, pillow fights or anything rough absolutely forbidden.

Lights out and all quiet after midnight. House will be locked at midnight and no admittance after that hour except by special arrangement.

QUEEN OF A BALL-------

That's the latest. Anyway now to finally let you know. (It took me till now to find out). The big Ball COIT-TILLION BALL is set --June 17, 8:30 till 2:00AM Russian Hall Divisidero and Sutter. Donations $5.00 per person. It is really going to be big. There will be a Miss Coit-Tillion of 1967 crowned. (Are you ready for that!). Plus 2 runner ups. I guess so they can console on another. But the "Queen" will have to be like "Princess" "Grace". The rules are on the line and the Judges will this will be a surprise. Debutants are asked to register as soon as they can. Male and Female. YEP-ITS open competition. DOB members and friends get your tickets and information from Dottie.

T.G.S.F. AUCTION SERIES IS A SUCCESS

Some of San Francisco's outstanding stage personalities donated not only their time and talent, but literally the clothes off their backs. Gay San Francisco loves them all the more for it.

The money raised by this auction series has been responsible for the creation of a Gay Community Chest Fund which is under the administration of the Tavern Guild's Board of Directors. Many of the positive action projects that you will be reading about in the daily papers, will have been funded in part or entirely from this auction money.

The ever busy Tavern Guild Brownies are already getting their summer picnic plans in order. Dates and locations will soon be selected. Watch for posters in your bars.
Now I can tell you. Last month I told you there would be a surprise in San Francisco that weekend.

Michelle will be in an original night Club Revue. "Ready or Not, It's Me!"

This should be just the thing after July 4, falling in a Tuesday this year. And of course she's all in a tizzy. Rehearsing-Practicing-Getting Gowns Ready-Styling Hair- and all those little things "Show Girls" have to do.

David at the Giant Allen Theater Organ with chorus and orchestra will make for a very enjoyable evening.

Lots of LUCK Michelle. See you at THE VILLAGE.

For further information Call 771-1018.

DOB AT COIT-TILLIAN BALL

This will be your chance to see Vi in all her Glory in a TUX. Can't say how Dottie will dress. For after the upset caused by the beautiful evening dress and well teased hair at the New Years Ball. Another upset might happen. She is talking to a fashion designer now.

Would you believe Dottie is going to escort a Beautiful (I'll never tell). Anything can happen. So come to a happening.

"SOCIOMETRICS"

The science of using established power structure through interpersonal relations to further causes. Is the subject for the June 23 Gab 'N Java.

Amaze your friends. Find out about sociometrics and how it can work. Not only in the Homophile Community but in your own Personal Life. Come on down and find out how to "Relate" learn who to Relate to. Otherwise Known as a "Switch"-not Swish.

Better still. Bring your friends and neighbors. Educate them too for Mrs. Emogene Kuhn will be our special Guest Speaker.

Don't forget Friday June 23, 8:00PM at DOB office.

WE'RE HAVING AN ANNIVERSARY PARTY----

THAT'S THE THEME FOR THE JUNE 24 PARTY----GIRLS ONLY-----OVER 21-----LOOKING FOR "SOMETHING DIFFERENT"?----- THEN PLAN TO COME TO A "HAPPENING"----- CELEBRATE WITH A "CELEBRITY"-----(IF I CAN GET HER TO COME TO SAN FRANCISCO)----- NEW MUSIC-----

ENTERTAINMENT----- FOOD----- DRINKS ----- DANCING----- SATURDAY JUNE 24, 9:00PM--

--DOB OFFICE-----SEE YOU THERE-----SEE YOU there----- SEE you there----- see you there-----

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

I am happy to announce that at long last DOB can offer employment service. (We can put you in contact with an employment agency). Both male and female. No fee.

Employer pays. So if you/ are in the administrative or technical field and looking for a job. We will give you the information.
ADRIANNE, chapter treasurer, reports that many DOB members are behind in their payments of dues. The annual membership fee has been reduced to $10.00 per year (this includes subscription to THE LADDER). Members are asked to check their dues status immediately. Those who are not paid up will be dropped from the LADDER list as of the July issue. So PLEASE do!

ACQUAINTED

Why not? The "Work Parties" are the latest in getting acquainted. Find out the latest in "Girl Talk". Who, when, what and where. Also we do need everyone that can spare a couple of hours to help with getting the work out. The best part, there is no charge for admission and we have free coffee and cookies. So check the Calendar for the next "Work Party" and join in the "FUN".

BOWLING

Summer League Bowling. Starts May 29. For 16 weeks. At the Park Bowl. Each Monday night at 8:30PM. In the "Gay" Community League. DOB will have 3 teams. There might be room for 2 or 3 more girls. So if you are interested in Bowling come out and see how the rest of us have a "Ball" every Monday night. contact Dottie

UNUSUAL JOB TRAINING OFFER


IF YOU CAN TYPE++++GOOD OR BAD++++FAST OR SLOW++++IF YOU CAN SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS TO A VERY WORTHY CAUSE (I NEED TYPIST)++++THEN PLEASE CONTACT DOTTIE++++AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

THANK YOU

DID YOU KNOW THAT

There has never been a charge for the Newsletter, it is sent free to any interested adult who request it. The Newsletter and all other Chapter activities depend on volunteers and donations. Our volunteers and finances are limited.

You just don't know how limited.

We thank you for your past interest and hope you will continue to support the organization and the chapter and its objectives with good will—good—and good old fashioned money. We need all three.

You just don't know how needy.

(Of course - our creditors do have a preference!

Your typist
An old Friend
### JULY - 1967

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The office will not be open on Wednesday afternoons any more - due to other commitments - Joan W. (who is one of the greatest workers) has the office looking good. Sorry to see this happen, but the best of luck, Joan and a very big THANK YOU.

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The office will not be open on Sunday afternoons any longer. We heartily recommend - GO TO THE BALL GAMES - SUPPORT THE TEAM+

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**JULY 21 - FRIDAY - Gab 'n Java SPECIAL**

Dr. Marcel T. Saghir, who will address the July 21st Gab 'n Java, is with the Department of Psychiatry, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. He and a colleague, Dr. Eli Robins, are engaged in a study of homosexual men and women in Chicago and California, and will want to set up appointments for interviews. Their study is very untraditional, and they seem to come to it without any of the usual prejudices. They want to include recommendations for alleviating social and legal injustices faced by homosexuals, for one thing.
AROUND SAN FRANCISCO AND THE REST OF THE WORLD:

DEAR FRIENDS,

"When you part from your friend, you grieve not; For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence, as the mountain to the climber is clearer from the plain. And let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit."

From THE PROPHET by Kahlil Gibran

With these words we in DOB try to convey our feelings to Clay and Ruth Colwell who have been true friends to the homophile community here. With genuine fondness and thanksgiving, we wish them well in their new post in Southern California.

JULY 18 ELECTION CRUCIAL

San Francisco's election for the State Senate seat held by the late J. Eugene McAteer will decide the balance of power in the California State Senate. If a Republican is elected the two political parties will each have 20 with a deciding vote going to Republican Lt. Gov. Robert Finch. If a Democrat is elected, that party would still have a 2-vote edge.

As we go to the press, the line-up of candidates as announced are Judge Milton Marks and Tom Spinoza for the Republican side and Supervisor William Blake and Assemblyman John Burton for the Democrats. Mr. Burton will be remembered as a speaker during the "Ten Days in August" seminars and for his attendance at the DOB convention.

This is a crucial election and we urge all of our readers to help. GET OUT AND VOTE!

1984 IS HERE!

That Big Brother is already watching you, the concept projected by George Orwell in his book 1984, was clearly brought out in an all day symposium presented on the S.F. State College campus May 20th. The program on "Privacy In A Crowding World", sponsored by the Faculty Program Center and the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California was revealing to leaders of homophile organizations who attended. While not trying to sound the panic button, the San Francisco Chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis feels that information gleaned on "surveillance technology" is of such importance to members of the homophile community that a more detailed report is being prepared for future publication in the LADDER. Those of you who are not subscribers are reminded that DOB's monthly magazine is just $5.00 per year. Send your subscription in now.

S.F. EPISCOPAL COUNCIL ASKS END TO CRIMINAL SANCTIONS, ENTRAPMENT

The joint committee on Human Sexuality was formed by the Episcopal Church in the Fall of 1966 to coordinate efforts by various departments in the church community for the good of the homosexual and to try to define church policy with regard to the homosexual and of the social and legal problems which most of us face at one time. Some statements in the resolutions approved this last September by the Council for the California Diocese of the Episcopal Church and given a final approval by the Rt. Reverend C. Kilmer Myers, Bishop of the Diocese, follows:

1. That the present laws of our several states be changed so that any sex behaviour between consenting adults in private be free of state control and criminal sanction.
2. That the police departments and public officials do all in their power to bring to an end the procedures leading to entrapment (such as) suggestive dress and/or misleading remarks on the part of police officers .
3. That a broad sex-education program be initiated - including the area of homosexuality - in this Diocese of California (and hopefully in others as well) for both the Clergy and Laity.

A concrete sign of the Council's concern for the plight of the gay population is the last point of the resolution - that the Church support S.F.'s Council on Religion and the Homosexual to the tune of $1,500 "as soon as it is financially feasible for the Diocese."

The Church does not condone immorality, either heterosexual or homosexual. What it does seek is the "redemption of sexual behaviour" and the distinction under the law between legal and moral offenses where sex is concerned.
DOB AT COIT-TILLION BALL

This is just a follow up on the surprise that took place. For all of you that missed the biggest "Ball" of all - it was just great. Even the Colts had a good time! VI was at her best in full dress tux and she escorted the very lovely Dot W. (She was outstanding with new dress and hair style.) Dottie was in white tux (first time in full dress) and escorted "Barbra Streisand" from the Judy and the Playmates Show. After a wild dash to get "Barbra" back for the second show, Dottie was the escort for Mr. Lois the debutant from the Daughters of Bilitis - who, I might add, looked very lovely and gave all the other debutants a run for their money - considering there was only one "Mr. Lois" - it was a "close" race.

Say, this is the first Coit-tillion Ball - I'm sure everyone is looking forward to next year, because we all just had a "BALL"!

JUDY AND THE PLAYMATES

I am sorry to report that this show has closed - - - The Sound of Music Club is making alterations. But for you who missed seeing the show it was the best that has ever been to San Francisco. When Judy did the Garland song, "Over The Rainbow" and others, it was like seeing and hearing Judy Garland herself when she first stole everyone's heart. The "Hello, Dolly" production was F-A-B-U-L-O-U-S'!

Will try to keep you posted on the whereabouts of this show so that the next time you won't miss it.

ORIGINAL FAVULOUS FAKES ARE BACK

Mr. Rusty Stevens, Mr. Jamie and Mr. Cricket, the Original Fabulous Fakes, are now at the Frolic Room on Mason St. with a great pantomime show from Rusty Warren, Barbra Streisand to Mr. Cricket in a Fabulous "I'm A Woman" S-T-R-I-P number! All I can say is "WHEW! WHAT A SHOW"!!!!

EXTORTION RING EXPOSED

New York, N.Y. Times News Service

A member of Congress from an Eastern State was shaken down for $40,000 by members of a nationwide extortion ring that has preyed on homosexuals over the last decade, revealed federal and local authorities yesterday, May 16, 1967.

The existence of the ring was first disclosed Feb. 17, 1966, when 17 persons were indicted and none arrested. The ring has extorted hundreds of thousands of dollars from several thousand victims.

The investigation continues and at least 30 have been convicted and imprisoned on extortion charges and impersonating a police officer. Officials say the ring has now been broken.

Eight Investigators had gone across country and overseas, and revealed additional victims, which included a general, an admiral, a British producer and two well known American singers. Other victims disclosed earlier included: two Dean of Eastern Universities, several professors, business men, a movie star, a TV personality, a musician and a high ranking military officer who committed suicide the night before he was to testify before a NY County grand jury.

All victims were in the high ranking bracket. They were shaken down on the threat that their homosexuality would be exposed unless they paid for silence. Victims names were withheld because many were married and have families, because they might be professionally and personally destroyed.

Arrests have been made for over a year, but five persons are still being sought by New York authorities.

WASHINGTON, May 8, 1967

The President's Crime Commission has recommended removal from the criminal-law area of many sexual practices, now listed as crimes. This is part of the group's suggested wholesale revision of laws on drunkenness, prostitution, abortion, gambling, narcotic and sex acts. The sex acts consisted of fornication, adultery, sodomy and homosexuality.

Available information indicates that some of these laws against fornication, adultery and heterosexual deviancy, are equally unenforced, enforcement is costly and ineffective.

The commission expresses belief that many of these matters are social ills and should be treated outside criminal law systems.
ENGLISH OK HOMOSEXUAL LEGISLATION

London (UPI)

The House of Commons approved today a bill legalizing homosexual acts in private between consenting adult males.

Home Secretary Roy Jenkins described it as an "important piece of social legislation which we have put well on the way to the statute book." The bill is expected to come up in the House of Lords later this week.

Jenkins said in the past seven years, when the bill was first introduced by Labor party M.P. Leo Abse, there had been a "big movement of opinion in the House ... and also a substantial movement of opinion in the country."

Jenkins said, "This is not a vote of confidence in, or congratulations for, homosexuality. "Those who suffer from the disability carry a great weight of loneliness, guilt, shame and other difficulties."


On May 5, another Daughters of Bilitis chapter organized in Philadelphia.

Five women were determined to start a Philadelphia chapter now. Sometimes there are only a few to make the start, as was the case of DOB's San Francisco Chapter, but organizations grow steadily.

These founding members face ridicule and weary hours of inglorious toil. They will listen helplessly to appeals from desperate women and troubled parents - they try and try some more and will succeed.

The D.O.B. have provided a means of assisting some lesbians to achieve a better understanding of themselves and their civic and social rights and responsibilities. The Daughters have assisted and stimulated serious research study of the lesbian. They have focused attention on the laws and law enforcement practices as they are applied to homosexuals.

But a display of enthusiasm alone does not build a chapter. It needs workers.

So, if you live in the Philadelphia area, the Philadelphia Chapter needs YOU! Tell your friends about it, too.

The Philadelphia D.O.B. chapter is a very fortunate chapter: a prospective member has offered an office as temporary meeting place and has volunteered certain printing services. The new chapter's mailing address is: P.O. Box 14383, Bustleton Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

LAWYER TALKS ON LESBIANISM AT D O B

On Friday, April 28th, Robert Veit Sherwin, a New York attorney who has had many homosexual clients, spoke at DOB on: "Aspects of The Law Affecting The Lesbian." He stressed the fact that to be homosexual is not illegal per se. However, in New York state any sexual act between two human beings except coitus is illegal per se. This means that even between husband and wife any other sexual act is theoretically subject to legal punishment. In practice, most such acts go undetected and unpenalized, otherwise, Mr. Sherwin said, almost the entire population would be in jail at one time or another. It is not only within the past decade that two women living together have been considered other than asexual and thus within the province of the law.

Increasingly, however, those concerned with public morality have become aware of the lesbian as a potential threat to home and society. In the very near future, Mr. Sherwin predicted, lesbians will become vulnerable to the harassment and legal problems that have so long confronted the male homosexual.

He suggested that lesbians: 1) Never make a public or private sexual overtue to a stranger - - whether on the street, in a bar or anywhere else. Since police entrapment continues, promiscuous and indiscriminate behaviour with strangers is absolutely to be avoided. 2) Never get sexually involved with a minor. The laws against sexual relations with a minor are far more stringent than those related to behaviour between adults. 3) Keep your personal life private. Do not discuss your sexual life with fellow workers, casual acquaintances, relatives, or anyone else whom you cannot trust completely. Although such lack of discretion may not ordinarily lead to arrest, it can entail loss of a job or personal embarrassment and humiliation. 4) Do not patronize "gay" bars - - or if you do, recognize fully the risk you are running. Any bar can be raided at any time at the discretion of the police and all patrons arrested on charges of "disorderly conduct" or "disturbing the peace".

Mr. Sherwin expressed admiration for the pioneering efforts being made by DOB to help integrate the lesbian into society and to lessen social and legal pressures against her.

THE ABOVE IS A REPRINT FROM THE NEW YORK CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
MORE WORDS ABOUT THE BIBLIOGRAPHY... 

This is a listing (alphabetical by the author) of all known books in the English language, in the general field of literature, concerned with lesbianism, or having lesbian characters.

Nearly 100 pages - - Compiled by Gene Damon and Lee Stuart (and you all know Gene from her monthly Lesbian column in THE LADDER).

Nowhere but NOWHERE can you get anything like this to guide you through the pitfalls of the newsstand and the book store. In our day and time, titles and cover pictures have come to mean nothing. This booklet will let you know the value of the book behind the title. If you collect Lesbians, it is an absolute MUST!

Gene and Lee put many years of study, unrewarded (and sometimes rewarded) reading correspondence, etc., into this and your Ladder Editor and mate have put grueling hours into typing it up to be ready for publication.

The book is complete enough and accurate to a degree to be acceptable to libraries, book sellers and various organizations that may have some interest in this subject.

"Don't let the public imagine that there is an IBM Computer in the back-yard spewing out this material," It is hard found by careful research and it is reported by even more careful evaluation." Quote from Gene Damon.

You will want this book. It will cost you no more than the price of a few drinks, but it may save you a lot of money, as well as lead you to some good reading for this vacation time coming up -- and even to proper gift giving during the holidays so very near at hand.

This has been a very ambitious project by DOB but we took it on because we felt that it is of great value to us today and also in the future as a part of the recorded history of ourselves. Help us to make it pay and help yourself to this wonderful guide to reading.

THE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF LESBIAN LITERATURE -- compiled by Gene Damon and Lee Stuart will be available for $2.00 plus tax within a few weeks. Reserve your copy NOW.

Cordially,

An Admirer of beauty and wealth, May!!!
3470 Mission Street

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR - AUGUST

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21 Thursday CRH and CA Candidates Night

NOTES

Note 1 August 18 - Friday - Gab 'n Java
DOB should be a more meaningful social experience for all of it's members. We
Think it can be. One possible approach is to set up a Sensitivity Training Group.
For those who are unfamiliar with sensitivity training groups (T-Groups), the
basic idea is to get a group of people together in order to sharpen their perception
of any sensitivity toward each other and their own self awareness, including the
impact they have on each other.
Some of you may have participated in T-Groups before. These groups may have
been labeled T-Groups, Basic Encounter Groups, or Synanon Square Games.
If you are interested in participating in a sensitivity training group, if you
would like to know more about it, or if you have participated in such groups before (even
if you are not interested in participating at this time), we would like to hear your
ideas and opinions at the Gab 'n Java on Friday, August 18th.

Note 2 August 25th - Friday - Special Party - This is the "Farewell" party - KAPUT
FINIS - TOT ZIENS - AUF WEIDERSEHН - AUVERVOIR - ARRIVEDERCI and VAYAS CON DICHI all of
these rolled into one big party - from 9:00PM to 1:30AM ++ ++ Beer and ?? - Girls
only (over 21) Donation $2.00 and EVERYBODY'S WELCOME!!

Note 3 Sept. 8 - Friday - Business Meeting - 8:00PM SHARP
I very humbly apologize for being late with this reminder. This is THE business
meeting for "ELECTIONS"!!! This is IT!!! Be sure to be there - members only -
nomination night was August 4th Business Meeting. Every vote counts - so be there and vote.
A list of those nominated to the various offices follows:

Chapter Representative - Hazel Clark - Barbara Deming
Secretary - Ann Guenther - Adele Bennett
Treasurer - Barbara Deming - Liz Waters - Jan Forest
Vice President - Adele Bennett - Vi Eddington - Adrienne Mericone - Barbara
Deming
President - Vi Eddington - Adele Bennett - Joan Rivard - Barbara Deming

PLEASE NOTE - Any one of the above nominated who were not present at the business meeting
have the option of declining the nomination by either mail or being
present at the September 8th business meeting and declining then.
Further nominations will also be accepted Sept 8th.
A Report To EVERYONE
July 8   1967

During the past few months, we have had good participation in our "Gab 'n Java"s as part of our regular monthly meetings. This is not the way our meetings should be, but with the kind of participation we got, we have to do the best we can.

Ideally, the DOB format is to have regular monthly business meetings, for members only, a monthly open meeting, a Gab 'n Java and a social.

We have members! We have a number of very fine prospective members - - - they actually contribute more to the meetings than many of our paid members, several of whom do not attend. Only temporary financial matters prevent their being paid-up members and we are sure that this will soon be ironed out.

However, if the Chapter is to continue - - - and we certainly hope it will - - - there must be a better understanding among the members of our goals, and our reasons for operating.

Fund raising alone is one our biggest problems.

We were given a start-off fund from National last fall, we spend this on parties, new chairs, office supplies, and cleaning supplies and rent - which, incidentally, is $110.00 a month, also Chapter was indebted to National for back dues and miscellaneous loans made prior to their donation - - - which meant nothing to the members - - - so we went bankrupt. Probably the gift of the money was a mistake. Few members seem to have any interest in fund-raising now. Perhaps this is why that after nearly a year has passed, few members seem to really know or care about its purposes.

YET ALL IS NOT LOST!!!

Most of our National Officers have had no rest period. The work of DOB is "spare time" work. It means a lot of night work, week-end work - - - even one's lunch hour at times. We have lots of room for the non-dedicated membership. But for our leadership, we need people who accept their responsibility in the name of those who can not or will not take responsibility.

We need young leadership and we need to find this while a few others besides your president are around to teach. (I am still learning myself.) We need this new leadership to be available to prepare to be National officers in a changing and challenging time. We need concern and dedication. We need this - - - not so much to a social organization, but to an organization with avowed purposes for improvement of our social climate, the law and the in-group personal service that such a National Membership organization as DOB affords.

Look - - into your hearts and your calendars. We need leadership! Who can respond to this need now and take on some of the burdens that many have accepted through too many years.

Know this! To be a DOB leader, you need to believe that our job is no greater threat than your participation in the Gay Society. You need to be able to get along with less sleep than you may like. You need to take on the task with an attitude that DOB is truly important to you, your friends, and to a lot of people you will never know. You need to be willing to accept a great many people you do not like and you must be able to stay un-involved and without prejudice toward many people you do like. You may have to force a smile at a dozen insults in order to achieve one step up the ladder toward a better and fairer understanding with the greater society.

Is there such leadership among you? The national officers of DOB are not granted anonymity. They are prepared to accept their responsibility to the organization and to its membership.

Among DOB members are many business and professional women, minister's wives who are not homosexual. People who are interested because of friends or relatives interest. They are interested in the problems.

Concerned people - - - people who are truly concerned with the nature of the society in today's complicated give-and-take, find many areas in which to study. As DOB looks out to the other fields of importance to women, other women (and some men) look to DOB for a broader-view of womankind.
Your President wishes to express her thanks for whatever some of you have done — YOU can be the best judge of that. From here on, we can only say that if this Chapter is to continue past this year, it will take a lot more understanding of our purposes than has been expressed at this point.

Get Involved!!! Sleep and rest and the Bar Society will represent only our limitations.

WHAT IS OUR POTENTIAL??????

Lottie King
President, San Francisco Chapter
Lawyers of Billitis

BRITISH LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON HOMOSEXUAL LAWS ARE IN LINE WITH MOST OF EUROPE

London (U.K.)

When the British Parliament completes legislation to legalize private homosexual acts by consenting males it will align with most of Western Europe where such acts, if not legal are not prohibited.

France has taken a permissive attitude for more than a century. Portugal, the Netherlands, Denmark, Italy, Sweden, Belgium and Spain make homosexuality no crime unless minors or public nodules are involved.

By contrast, some European countries send homosexuals to jail. West Germany has a maximum punishment of 10 years and the Soviet Union a maximum of eight years. Norway, Finland and Austria have lesser prison sentences.

But every one of these countries, with the exception of Austria, tolerates lesbianism. Reformers in Britain fought for 10 years to get parliament acceptance of their view that homosexuality cannot be cured by prison.

They called the old law "a blackmailer's charter" — blackmail not only for money but for espionage secrets. They said it caused suicides.

The new bill was still to be heard by the House of Lords in the next few weeks before it becomes effective. The Lords passed a similar bill in 1965 which never reached the Commons for procedural reasons. The Lords have no veto power.

Lord Arran, one of the reformers, estimates Britain has between 500,000 and a million homosexuals.

They congregate in certain pubs and clubs though there are not, as in the Netherlands and Denmark, any organizations which openly describe themselves as homosexual.

Britain used to make homosexuality a hanging matter. Henry VIII’s act of 1533 made death the penalty "for the detestable and abominable vice."

The maximum penalty was reduced to life imprisonment in 1861 and so it still is in theory today.

In practice, prosecutions have been made under a law dating from 1885 which made a maximum of 2 years in jail for "gross indecency" between men. One of the famous early victims of this law was the author and wit, Oscar Wilde.

The great public debate started in Britain in 1957 with publication of the Wolfenden Committee report recommending that homosexuality no longer be a criminal offense.

The Government declined to act on the recommendation and private parliamentary attempts at reform in 1960 and 1962 were defeated.

In 1958 the Lord Chamberlain then the Earl of Scarborough, lifted the censorship on plays about homosexuality.

In 1964, with homosexual prosecutions in Britain running about 2,000 a year, the Homosexual Law Reform Society got wide publicity with a report saying "intolerance, indignation and disgust" were affecting some judges.

It pointed out "haphazard discrepancies" between the weight of the sentences handed in different courts for the same charge.

By the time Lord Arran’s bill was passed in the Lords in 1965, he had the support of the Anglican Church, some Catholics, Methodists and an influential group of Quakers.

However, the Catholic Church in Austria is said to have put pressure on the government there not to change its 100 year old law making homosexuality a crime for both men and women. The Austrian League of Human Rights demanded this week that Austria follow Britain’s example.
AROUND SAN FRANCISCO AND THE REST OF THE WORLD

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