

Daughters of Bilitis  
Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

- Feb. 21 - 7:30PM - DOB discussion group at Pat and Ches's, 126-C Moss Ave., Oakland. Directions: go over Bay Bridge. Take Interstate 580 toward Hayward. Take the Oakland Ave-Harrison St. exit, about 4 miles down 580. Follow the Oakland Ave. signs, swinging left under the freeway. Two blocks down, turn left on Moss. If lost, call 652-1485.
- Feb. 22 - 2:30PM - DOB softball practice, at Margaret Hayward field, Turk and Gough Sts., SF.
- Feb. 22 - Jackson's Bay Bummers sidewalk roller skate race. For more information, call Jackson's at DO 22696.
- Feb. 25 - 7:30PM - DOB work party at the office. We will be making 3 posters, so bring your ideas.
- Feb. 28 - 7:30PM - DOB discussion group at Charlotte's, 1521 3rd Ave., Oakland. If lost, call 444-4407.
- March 1 - 1-6PM - NOVA bowling. 50¢ a line incl. shoes at Land L Castle Lanes, 1750 Geneva (SF or Brisbane). For information, call Sandy at 524-5603.
- March 7 - 7:30PM - DOB discussion group at Barbara's, 545 Kearney, El Cerrito. To get there, go over Bay Bridge and take Interstate 80. Take the Central Ave. exit and stay on Central until you reach Kearney, one block above San Pablo Ave. Turn left on Kearney. If lost, call 527-3653.
- March 7 - 8PM - NOVA business meeting. At 1362 Hopkins St., Berkeley, Calif. BYOB social following meeting, 50¢.
- March 7,8 - Discussion groups and workshops on female sexuality at Glide Memorial Church, Taylor and Ellis Sts., SF. (One of these days has been designated International Women's Day).
- March 15 - 11AM-2PM - DOB St. Patrick's Day Brunch and Punch. At SIR, 83 6th St., SF. Virginia ham, scrambled eggs, orange juice, English muffins, coffee, and tea for \$3.50, including punch.
- March 21 - 8PM - DOB business meeting at the office, 1005 Market St., SF.
- March 22 - 2PM - DOB discussion group at Jeri's, 518A 3rd Ave., SF. (Between Anza and Balboa).

Dates to Rember (cont.)

April 4 - Symposium on Lesbianism - a coalition of all gay women's organizations in Northern California. See Sheila's Action Core report for more details.

Note: There are charges of 75¢ for members and \$1.00 for non-members at dis cussion groups.

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Report on February Business Meeting of DOB

Action Core News from Sheila -

PLEASE mark April 4th on your datebooks. We've reserved Glide as the site of the lesbian coalition meeting slated for that day. Sparked by a DOB member's suggestion, the meeting will (hopefully) bring all female members of the homophile community to a closer understanding of one anothers' interests and aims. Anyone willing to work on organizing this meeting or with ideas on possible workshops or discussion group topics, call or drop a note (marked Action Core) to the office.

SPEAKERS...where are you??? You are needed to spread the word and dispell the myths. Those participating in this community service have found sympathetic, responsive audiences. It's even been said that speaking on the subject is as beneficial to the "self-integration" of the speaker as it is to the education of the public...a way of helping oneself by helping the cause through educating others...a battle where everyone wins!

A NEW FRIEND has been found in the person of Roland Young. In addition to having Sheila as a guest (along with Don Burton and Leo Lawrence) on his KPFA radio program, he expressed an interest in having further visits from us and offered to publicize our events, etc. on his show.

Business cards and membership cards - both will be ordered within the week.

Pins - we are still requesting designs, which can be brought to the March business meeting. Buttons were also considered, and the final decision will be made at the March meeting.

Sociology 191-- we have donated \$100 to the support of this course to be offered at U.C. Berkeley in the Spring quarter, 1970. The course is concerned with the sociology of homosexuality. (Roxanna Sweet will be at one of our discussion groups next month to talk about this course). Bowling - will be scheduled in the latter part of March..

Karate - some members expressed a desire to form a karate class. This will be discussed further at the March business meeting.

Snow trip - cancelled until next year, as it is late, season for group rates almost over, and the snow presumably melting.

Referral service - is being set up by Ruth. If you know of sympathetic professional people, let us know so that they can be on the list.

Mr. Herb Caen  
San Francisco Chronicle  
San Francisco, Calif.

January 26, 1970

Dear Mr. Caen,

We are deeply concerned over the "news" item which appeared on November 17th in the Chronicle, an item apparently released by Attorney Melvin Belli's office, which involved the firing of the 5 stewardesses from Western Airlines. The item read as follows:-

"Notes of a Newsnik: Five stewardesses on the S.F.-L.A. run, fired for alleged lesbianism, have retained Attorney Melvin Belli to fight their fickle fate..."

As a Newsnik, your abilities as a news gatherer need some developing. there were only 3 girls involved, not 5. They were not stewardesses, but held high positions in the management of Western Airlines. The charge of "lesbianism" was never mentioned. Only one of the girls had specific charges brought against her, charges which implied lesbian activity, but which were so absurd in nature that they were subsequently dropped, and the Airlines rehired the girl. Only one of the women is being represented by the Belli office. Another girl has been dismissed from the airlines, but no charges have been made public; the woman herself is not even aware of them. She was subsequently replaced by a man, who has been a Western only a year -- as opposed to her 18 years of service. She is fighting her dismissal on the grounds of female sexual discrimination, and is taking her case thru the EOC.

Whether or not the women are gay is beside the point. What we question is why the Chronicle would treat the subject of anti-lesbian job discrimination so lightly. We in the gay community experience enough pressure and fear in our lives simply in our efforts to get by. The threat of expulsion from jobs is a real and frightening prospect to everyone who is homosexual. We at least, Mr. Caen, are fully aware of our tenuous position in society, as you do not seem to be aware -- at least aware in the sense of what it means for a gay person to lose his job. It is not pleasant to hear one's life described as a "fickle fate" in your glorified gossip column.

Your cute and clever attitude treats the homosexual as an object, not so much of disdain or disgust, but of sly ridicule. We are those laughable fairies with the limp wrists, or the bull dykes in their tailored suits and cropped hairdos. Humor is fine -- in fact, many gay people will be the first to laugh at the stereotypes above, but this kind of humor is not so funny when it fails to elucidate the problems in back of it -- problems which deserve far more serious concern than this item indicated they do.

If you're setting out to titillate the general public, then why don't you carry the joke a bit further -- titillate the good straight world with this -- tell them that a person's sexuality is hardly a matter of public concern. Tell them that a homosexual can function just as well in a job situation as anyone else. Tell them that one's sexual proclivities are not sufficient grounds for the dismissal of anyone, unless they interfere with one's job.

That will undoubtedly titillate them no end. And perhaps one day the point will even sink home.

The Action Core of the Daughters of Bilitis  
The Social Action Committee of NOVA  
Gay Womens' Liberation



## Report on February Women's Coalition Meeting

-- from Pat

As part of the all-day Women's Coalition Meeting on February 7th at Grace Cathedral, a 40-minute panel was held on "The Lesbian and the Liberation of Women." Pat, the speaker from DOB, was joined by a member from NOVA, and a woman from Gay Women's Liberation. The response from the women there, numbering almost 200, was lively and quite favorable. One of the women (straight) even remarked later to Pat that she thought the gay panel was the most interesting part of the day!

Pat's remarks to the group appear below:-

"One of the reasons for holding this panel here today is to discuss a charge that is rather frightening for all of us -- namely, that the lesbian movement is being infiltrated by feminists. (laughter, applause)

Actually, we are here to discuss a particular accusation that is so often thrown at women's rights groups. I was talking with a friend the other day at work. She seemed quite interested in the feminist movement, but when I asked her why she didn't involve herself with an organization like NOW, she said that the feminists were all man-haters, and that they were probably gay. For this reason, she did not care to associate herself with them.

I replied to her accusation with an argument that might be a good one for us to use when this charge arises -- if the feminist movement is nothing but a bunch of lesbians, then why on earth are we working so hard for child care centers and abortion laws? Somehow one doesn't quite anticipate lesbians working in these areas.

It's amazing how often this charge is used against the women's movement -- even from those people who may be quite sympathetic to our aims. It's such a ridiculous charge, and so untrue -- it has about as much validity as saying that all radical reform movements in the U.S. are Communist-inspired, or Communist-dominated. Now of course there may be gay women in the feminist movement, but the fact they are gay is beside the point. We are women first, and it is because we are women that we are participating in the movement.

The fact that I may be gay does not exclude me from those problems that all women share in common. I personally feel more discriminated against as a woman, rather than because I am gay. My chances of losing my job because of my sexual preferences is rather remote, I feel; yet I might encounter a lot of discrimination if I were seeking a higher position or a higher salary -- discrimination arising from my being a woman.

I suppose this charge is always going to keep coming back to us -- until such a time when people realize and accept the fact that the aims and grievances of women do have a legitimate basis. But for now, many people can't accept this, and that is why they try to discredit us with the charge of lesbianism. There is little we can do to dissuade them from their prejudice, and for us to spend time answering this charge seems to me a waste of our efforts. There is so much that can unite us as women, and so many areas that we can work in together. So let's get on with it!"



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Dates to Remember

- April 4 - 8PM - NOVA business meeting at 824 Grove St., SF. BYOB social following the meeting - donation 50¢.
- April 4 - PLEASE NOTE - Symposium on Lesbianism has been indefinitely cancelled.
- April 5 - 2PM - DOB discussion group at Diane's - 395 Arguello, SF.
- April 11 - 8PM - DOB discussion group at Barbara's, 545 Kearney, El Cerrito. Over the Bay Bridge and down Interstate 80. Take the Central Ave. exit and stay on Central until you reach Kearney, one block above San Pablo Ave. Turn left on Kearney. If lost, call 527-3653.
- April 18 - 8PM - DOB business meeting at the office, 1005 Market St., SF.
- April 26 - 1PM - DOB outing at Tilden Park. Bring your own sack lunch, frisbees, baseballs, .... The exact location of this function will appear in the next newsletter. Rides from SF will be provided and if you need one, call Jeri at 752-5762.
- EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT - 9PM-2AM - Dances at SIR, 83 6th St., SF. \$1.50 for non-members. We encourage all to attend.
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Action Core news from Sheila -

IF YOU WANT/NEED IT

"Homosexuals have the same problems as other human beings," we told them. "But frequently they can't or don't get help for those problems because of their homosexuality."

The small audience, which included several psychiatric social workers, didn't understand at first. They didn't, after all, refuse their services to anyone because of sexual orientation.

So we hurled the challenge; individual counseling wherein one's homosexuality would not be considered a sign of arrested emotional development or neurotic adjustment, family counseling for those with children wherein the parent's homosexuality would not be treated as the catch-all cause of their family's problems... Still, they simply furrowed their brows. What about marriage counseling for homosexual couples... THAT got the point across.

The workers present were honest and we thank them for that. Even if they as individuals could treat homosexuals so normally (and some weren't sure they could), the agencies for which they worked would certainly object.

BUT, THERE WAS ONE EXCEPTION.

Working through an agency that charges in accordance to income, the psw said he could and would accept referrals from DOB. And, yes, he would accept homosexual couples for marriage counseling.

Persons interested in these services should contact Sheila. All inquiries will, of course, be kept confidential.

MCC IS HERE

Metropolitan Community Church - San Francisco currently holds services each Sunday at 12:00 noon at Jackson's Restaurant, 2732 Powell Street.

For hundreds of believing male and female homosexuals who have had to be as secretive in their church life as on their jobs, MCC provides an opportunity to worship and serve as whole persons. A long needed addition to the Bay Area homophile community, MCC-SF deserves (and welcomes) the support of us all.

DOB business cards are now available at the office for anyone who can make use of them.

Jeri as attempting to arrange bowling dates for Sunday afternoons, so call her at 752-5762 if interested.

Baseball practices have been cancelled for this month. Hopefully enough people will show interest so that these practices may be resumed.

(We will have an informal softball game at the April 26 outing).

The possibility of forming a judo class was discussed. Further discussion will take place at the April meeting. In the meantime, if you are interested in lessons, call 647-3027 after 6PM.

The idea of having pins and/or buttons made was discarded.



## GAY GOURMET

April's featured place to go is GRANDMA'S HOUSE, 135 12th St., Oakland, located only two blocks from beautiful Lake Merritt. This combination restaurant and bar has the prices and atmosphere to suit any taste. The menu ranges from beef stroganoff saute to New York cut steak, prices from \$2.75. The salad bar offers such tempting morsels as swiss cheese cubes, mustard pickles, and bananas rolled in cinnamon crust, and of course lots of salads.

While GRANDMA'S HOUSE is closed on Mondays, a Swedish Smorgasbord is featured on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, \$1.95-\$4.50. Choice prime rib is the special attraction on Saturdays at \$3.25. The dining room is open 6:30-10:00 weekdays, 6:30-11:00 weekends. Phone 444-9966.

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## WE MISSED YOU

The St. Patrick's Day Brunch can only be called a bust. Failing in our hopes of providing a healthy boost to the treasury, we spent much of Sunday afternoon anxiously waiting to see if we would at least break even.

Would you believe that (with the welcome exception of Del and Phil) no one from DOB showed up other than those who cooked and served the food and drinks?

Not that we didn't enjoy stuffing ourselves with second and third helpings of ham or find solace in the bottomless "punch" bowl...we did. The guys were nice too, and the women who came just because they had heard about it or seen one of the posters. They kept us from losing our monetary investment.

BUT, WHERE WERE YOU?

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

\$5 reward for information leading to the rental of a large, unfurnished 2 or 3 bedroom house, duplex or flat...anywhere within 5 bay area counties...to be occupied by 2 women, 1 infant and 2 cats...can pay to \$160 per month...call Sheila or Charlotte at 527-4092 (Berkeley).

For those of you who are seeking employment, we recommend David's Employment Service specializing in

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Hotel  
Restaurant  
Nursing  
Resort

821 Market St.,  
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362-3120

POEM

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height  
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.  
I love thee to the level of everyday's  
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.  
I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;  
I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.  
I love thee with the passion put to use  
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.  
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
With my lost saints, -I love thee with the breath,  
Smiles, tears, of all my life! -and, if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better after death.

From Sonnets from the Portuguese - Elizabeth Barrett  
Browning

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Misc.

Miss Muffet's at 853 Valencia St., SF (between 19th and 20th Sts.)  
opened the middle of March. Ronnie and Tracy, who formerly owned the  
Highlander extend a warm invitation to all.  
Donations to the newsletter are appreciated. If you still wish to  
contribute, please send to the Newsletter, SF Chapter DOB, 1005 Market  
st., #208, SF California 94105. If sending a check, make out to DOB,  
San Francisco Chapter.

A special thanks to SIR, who invited all persons attending the March  
business meeting to their Saturday night dance.  
The dates for the DOB National Convention in New York have been set -  
July 10, 11, 12.

The Melbourne Chapter of DOB has been formed - the first Australian  
Chapter. Fifteen people attended the first meeting. Future activities  
will include social get-togethers, charity work, and an attempt to  
create a better image with the community.

The Cleveland Chapter's projects include softball, help for the old and  
needy at Easter time, and an art show. They plan to send a chartered  
bus to the convention in July.

The Boston Chapter will invite a Boston Globe reporter to a meeting.  
The reporter will be asked to write a press release covering the meeting.  
Because several bills dealing with state laws on sexuality have been  
submitted to the Massachusetts legislature, Boston DOB sent a letter to  
the committee heading the February hearings of these bills.  
The Sun has entered the first sign of the Zodiac, Aries.

Thought - "It's my life, I live it.  
Criticism be damned."

- Author Unknown



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At Jackson's, 2237 Powell, S.F. For information,  
call 285-0186.
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frisbees, baseballs. Rides from San Francisco will be  
provided and if you need one, call Jeri at 752-5762.  
See map on last page for directions.
- May 2 - 8PM - DOB discussion group at Barbara's, 545 Kearney, El Cerrito.  
Over the Bay Bridge and down Interstate 80. Take the  
Central Ave. exit and stay on Central until you reach  
Kearney, one block above San Pablo Ave. Turn left on  
Kearney. If lost, call 527-3653.
- May 2 - 9PM - Gay 30's dance at SIR, 83 6th St., S.F. Wear costumes.  
\$1.50 admission.
- May 10 - 3PM - DOB discussion group at Judy's, 864 26th Ave., S.F.  
(Between Fulton and Cabrillo).
- May 16 - 8PM - DOB business meeting at the office, 1005 Market St., S.F.
- May 24 - 2PM - DOB discussion group at Ruth's, 1331 46th Ave., #D, S.F.  
(Between Irving and Judah). Discussion regarding life  
style of gay people. Open to both men and women. If  
lost, call 731-2647.
- Every Saturday - 9PM-2AM - Dances at SIR, 83 6th St., S.F. \$1.50 for  
non-members. We encourage all to attend.
- SIR presents Cole Porter's Anything Goes with an all-male cast. The  
Gala opening is Saturday May 9 at 8:30PM, admission \$8.00. Other  
performances are May 15, 16, and 23 at 8:30PM and also May 17 at 3PM.  
Tickets, available at the door, range from \$3-\$6 for these performances.  
At SIR, 83 6th St., S.F. Call 781-1570 for information.

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## Report on April Business Meeting of DOB

Election of secretary - Nominations will be open for secretary at the May 16 business meeting. We are sorry to announce that our former secretary Pat has resigned, due to lack of time.

National Convention - As was announced in our last newsletter, the General Assembly of DOB will be held in New York on July 10, 11, and 12. The San Francisco Chapter will have representatives at this meeting, and part of our May (and possibly June) business meetings will be devoted to a discussion of the convention and what we hope will be accomplished there. We would like to see a large turnout on May 16, so bring along any friends who might be interested in the organization.

Flea market - Last summer DOB netted over \$100 at the flea market at the Cow Palace. Jeri suggested another one for this July or August and urges people to start gathering items to donate. Some suggested items are books, clothing, records, typewriters, cosmetic bags, shoes, old statues....

SIR's Golden Awards - Eleven members of DOB counted the ballots April 4 for the Annual LuLu Awards Presentations. This is the gay worlds answer to the academy awards, nominations being given in 12 different categories, similar in order and description to the academy awards. We earned \$100 for this venture.

Dance - We are planning a dance in June. Further details at the May business meeting.

Judo - If you are interested in forming a Judo class, call 647-3027 after 6PM.

Sociology 191 - We received a letter from Chancellor Heyns regarding our donation to this course.

"On behalf of the University, may I extend my appreciation to you for your generous contribution toward the new course in Sociology to be offered this spring. Your gift will be instrumental in extending the educational opportunities available to our students. Thank you for your help."

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## Taurus

Taurus, the second sign of the zodiac, begins on April 21 and continues through the twentieth of May. Its ruler is Venus, the planet of love, beauty and material gains. It is not surprising to find that those born under this sign are not only very attractive but equally charming in all matters of the heart. Because the Taurian is not generally too intelligent, she rather prefers to depend on someone else to do her thinking for her. She likes luxury and fine living and often spends beyond her means. It is nearly impossible to change her thinking, once she has made up her mind about something. In fact, her stubbornness is probably the most distinguishing thing about Taurus.

At all times, love plays a very important part in her life. Because of her affectionate nature, finding a suitable mate is usually not difficult. As a lover, she is sincere, honest, and trustworthy. Once she finds someone, she doesn't give her up too willingly, again partially due to her resistance to change.

The most compatible signs for the Taurian are Capricorn and Virgo. It's opposite, Scorpio, makes a good mate, but due to the jealous possessive nature of Scorpio, considerable disagreement is to be expected.



## News

from Gay News, March 29, 1970. "Homosexual Postman Fights Back"

San Francisco, Calif. - David Carpenter, a postal worker, has revealed that he was subjected to lengthy government investigations of his private life to determine his 'moral competency.'

Carpenter received a letter on Dec. 5th, 1969 from the San Francisco Civil Service Commission stating: '...The investigation developed information which raised a question as to whether you meet the suitability standards of Federal employment. After carefully considering the facts, we have decided that you do not meet the suitability requirements for employment in the competitive Federal Service under the provisions of section 731.201 of the Civil Service regulations because of the unfitness evidenced by your conduct in living with a person of your sex, who is a homosexual and impersonates a female and representing yourself as living in a matrimonial relationship with this person.'

Carpenter has sent an appeal to the Federal Civil Service Commission in Washington, D.C., and is now waiting for an answer. Says Carpenter,

A lot of guys would just quit first because it would be too embarrassing for them. And that's the reason we've always been pushed around - UNTIL NOW.'"

From the Los Angeles DOB Newsletter - April 1970.

The president of L.A. DOB, Carole, reports that she was fired from her job. Reason - she invited one of the girls in her office to a DOB meeting. The girl became hysterical, said that Carole had accused her of being a homosexual, and completely went to pieces. Carole was consequently fired for "an act of indiscretion".

Immediately, Carole and the Rev. Troy Perry went to her Union Headquarters and the Union decided to back her in trying to get her job back. At her grievance meeting, the management and union were able to agree very rapidly that she had been unfairly treated. She was fully reinstated.

From the New York Mattachine Society Newsletter - March 1970.

"New York. The Daughters of Bilitis are getting a new image - one many observers feel is long overdue. Eleanor, Jean, Becky, Ros and others now holding office in DOB have managed to bring it closer to the needs of lesbians in the metropolitan area.

The old Gab 'n Javas have given way to discussion groups led by people with expertise in a particular area. During February, guests included MSNY's Bob Milne, playwright Mart Crowley, and representatives of the Fortune Society.

The group's pretty VP, Ros, has begun to represent the group as a speaker, and her personal charm and good looks are the best arguments against the stereotype of the lesbian as the truck driver type, or the girl too homely to get a man. Such speakers will do wonders for the public image of the lesbian.

DOB, which has long vacillated between being a large closet for frightened lesbians, and a gay sub-group of Women's Lib, is evidently coming to grips at last with lesbianism itself, and with the lesbian community as lesbians. Good luck, girls."

## News (cont.)

The Cleveland DOB is planning a variety show featuring singers, skits, impersonators, and a girls rock band. They are definitely sending a bus that seats 38 people to the New York convention in July. Their food/clothing drive for needy families at Easter was a huge success. They plan an art show for July.

Future discussion groups will include 1- an attorney speaking on the law as it pertains to lesbians and what can be done to change it and 2- a psychologist speaking on group dynamics/sensory awareness with reference to lesbians.

The Boston DOB is undertaking a new approach to public education. Members are planning to address a gathering of 30 clergy of all denominations. Also they will face religious leaders at Brown University in Rhode Island and will participate in a closed circuit radio talk show on the Graham Jr. College radio station.

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From Maiden Voyage - Newsletter of the Boston DOB - March 1970.

### CENSORSHIP IN ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES

In the late 1920's, a storm of controversy swept England and the United States following the publication of Radclyffe Hall's dignified and sympathetic novel on lesbianism, "The Well of Loneliness".

The furor arose following an hysterical attack on the book by a writer in an English Sunday newspaper. The attack sparked authorities to take action against the publishers of the book to cease publication, and also sent prurient-minded readers racing to bookstores to buy the book before the ban went into effect.

Although critics praised the book, and the defense council Norman Birkett assembled a "distinguished" body of forty men and women who were ready to testify that the book was not obscene, court magistrate Sir Charles Biron judged the book an obscene libel, and ordered all copies of it to be destroyed.

In his final statement, Sir Biron said, "I agree that the book has some literary merits - It must appear to anyone of intelligence that the better an obscene book is written, the greater the public to whom it is likely to appeal."

The English publishers withdrew the book and made arrangements to have the original text republished in Paris expressly for the English market. This plan was carried out, but any copies discovered being imported into England were seized by customs officials.

An appeal against the magistrate's order was upheld, and the book was labeled as "most dangerous and corrupting." It took more than twenty years before the publishers felt it was safe to reprint in England.

Meanwhile, in this country, the Secretary of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, John S. Sumner, instigated prosecution proceedings against a bookseller who had sold copies of the book in Macy's store. The ban on the book went into effect in this country, but the ruling was reversed when a court handed down a decision disagreeing with the English ruling that the theme of homosexuality is,



## CENSORSHIP IN ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES (CONT.)

per se, indiscussable and indecent. Publishers celebrated the new ruling by printing a victory edition of "The Well of Loneliness."

Miss Hall, who had been advised by friends not to publish the book in the first place, was pleased with her victory. However, she did not "press her advantage by writing more controversial thesis-novels."

Her other works include "The Forge", "The Unlit Lamp", and the prize winning "Adam's Breed."

Miss Hall died at the age of 57. An untitled novel she had been working on was destroyed at her request after her death.

### WHO WILL SET THE FEMALE HOMOSEXUAL FREE?

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon  
(From Kaleidoscope and Maiden Voyage)

The Lesbian minority in America, which may run as high as ten million women, is probably the least understood of all minorities and the most down-trodden. She has two strikes on her from the start: she is a woman, and she is a homosexual, a minority scorned by the vast majority of people in this country. If, in addition, she is a member of a racial minority, it is hard sometimes to understand how she survives.

A Lesbian is a woman who prefers another woman as a sexual partner; a woman who is drawn erotically to women rather than to men. This definition includes women who have never experienced overt sexual relations with a woman - the key word is "prefers". There is really no other valid way to define the Lesbian, for outside of the sexual area she is as different in her actions, dress, status and behavior as anyone else. Just as there is no typical heterosexual woman, there is no typical Lesbian.

However, there is a popular misconception, or stereotype, of the Lesbian. She is believed to embody all the worst masculine attributes of toughness aggressiveness, lack of emotion or of sentiment, overemphasis on sex, lack of stability - the need and desire to dress as a man or, at least, as much like a man as possible.

At some time in her life the Lesbian may fit this stereotype - usually when she is very young and just finding out about herself. After all, the Lesbian is a product of her heterosexual environment and all she has to go on, at her first awareness of Lesbian feelings in herself, is society's image. Part of the reason for her over-masculinization is the sexual identity of being attracted to women. At this point the Lesbian feels that in order to be attractive to another woman she must appear masculine. Another reason is for identification purposes. How will she meet other Lesbians? How will they know her to be one of them unless she indicates herself in her outward appearance? A third reason is one of releasing her hostility against society, of defying the mores which she finds stifling to what she considers her very being. A fourth reason is comfort. Any woman who says that girdles and high heels are comfortable is simply lying.

## WHO WILL SET THE FEMALE HOMOSEXUAL FREE? (CONT.)

While it is true that occasionally a Lesbian gets trapped in this way of life (emulation of the male) and never finds her way to being a person rather than a symbol, the vast majority pass through this phase and learn to accept their femininity. As a Lesbian she comes to realize she is a human being first, a woman second, and a Lesbian only third. Unfortunately, however, society places the emphasis on the third - sexual identification - and does not acknowledge the Lesbian as a woman or a person.

But the average Lesbian (if there can be anything approaching "average" in our very complex world) is indistinguishable from other women in dress, in manner, in goals and desires, in actions and in interests. The difference lies only in that she looks to women for her emotional and sexual fulfillment. She is a member of the family - a distant cousin, or perhaps, a maiden aunt. But more than likely she's closer to home - maybe a daughter, a wife and mother, a grandmother or a sister. She may work in an office, in a factory production line, in the public school system, at the corner grocery. She is not bound by lines of class distinction or educational level, race or religion.

Why then, if the Lesbian is by and large indistinguishable from other women and if her sexuality is not abnormal, does she face such genuine problems in her search for self-fulfillment? For struggle she does against myriad obstacles presented to her by a hostile society. Through our work with the Daughters of Bilitis, Inc., a Lesbian organization started in San Francisco in 1955, we have talked to literally thousands of Lesbians (and almost as many male homosexuals). And, although each case is different, each person individual, through all is a searching for self-identity and self-fulfillment to the utmost of the person's ability.

Consider the stereotyped "box" most women in this country are placed in from birth: that of becoming wife and mother, nothing else. Consider then, the girl brought up in this box who finds her sexual identification to be Lesbian. How then express the "wife - and - mother" role? This conflict often starts the process of self-searching which goes on for years and which, for some, is never resolved.

"Toward a Quaker View of Sex", which came out of England and is more enlightened than most religious treatises on male homosexuality, fails utterly in its chapter on the female homosexual. The only statement with which we can agree is the first sentence: "Homosexuality is probably as common in women as it is in men." The Quaker view of the Lesbian is apparently that of the wishy-washy, namby-pamby old maid who holds hands with another old maid (or preferably an adoring younger girl, if available) because she never was able to catch a man and fulfill her deep yearning for the rewards of the pangs of childbirth. At least the American stereotype of the predatory, aggressive, masculine woman has a little more color!

The art of motherhood in the human species is not instinctual. It is learned. We have courses in the care of the baby, and there are countless books on the market to help the young mother with the problems she may encounter during the course of her child's growth and development. In some cultures, babies are taken from the mothers and raised by the community without any apparent psychically traumatic results for the biological mothers or their offspring. In other cultures it is the male who tends the young.



## WHO WILL SET THE FEMALE HOMOSEXUAL FREE? (CONT.)

It simply does not follow, then, that every Lesbian is suffering untold qualms because she is frustrating her "natural" birthright for giving birth. There are many other ways for women to contribute creatively to society, and at this particular point in the history of the population of our globe, they may also be highly desirable. The Lesbian who does feel frustrated because she doesn't have any children of her own may work in the teaching profession, she may be a playground director or a social worker who comes in contact with families and children. But the majority of Lesbians we have known have not expressed in any way the "void" they feel because they have no children. To the contrary, the expression, "I would prefer to lead a heterosexual life if I could," is much more apt to come from the male homosexual than from the female.

The teenage Lesbian has a particular problem which has not been met. Homophile organizations, like the Daughters of Bilitis, have had to refuse membership to those under 21 for fear that they will be charged with "contributing to the delinquency of a minor." The teenager has no one to turn to. Society thinks only in terms of counseling of the variety that would tend toward reestablishing the sexual identity in heterosexual vein, and the teenage Lesbian is whisked off to the family doctor or clergyman to put a stop to this nonsense. However, in the cases that have come to our attention, the teenager has no doubt about her sexual orientation. What she wants to know is what to do about it. She wants to meet others like herself; she wants to socialize and to discuss the problems she faces. She is looking for Lesbian models, those who have worked out their problems and have established long-term relationships.

When she is denied this social outlet, she very often winds up in unsavory areas of a city like the Tenderloin in San Francisco. There she may find other youth, but she also finds herself in the company of prostitutes, pimps, drug addicts and dope peddlers. There have been several attempts in various cities to set up coffee houses where there is dancing for the teenage homosexual. But they have lacked the influential backing of say, the church, to provide protection against police harassment while creating a wholesome social fabric for the teenage homosexual.

Because of the absence of role models in working out her way of life, and because the only marriage she has known is that of Mom and Dad, the young Lesbian usually gets hung up in the "butch-femme" syndrome in her early relationships. It is only with painful experience that she learns the Lesbian is attracted to a woman - not a cheap imitation of a man. The lasting Lesbian liaison (and there are many) is one based on mutuality of concern, love, companionship, responsibility, household chores, outside interests and sex.

The successful Lesbian relationship cannot be based on society's exaggerated male-female, dominant-passive roles, as depicted in the flood of Lesbian novels on the newsstands which are, for the most part, written by men for heterosexual male consumption. It is the realization that, contrary to cultural myths, all human beings have both feminine and masculine traits and that a person has to find her own identity as a woman and as a partner in this love relationship that makes for success. The fact that Lesbian relationships are generally longer-lasting without benefit of religious ceremony or legal sanction is indicative of a strong bond of love and respect which sees the couple through all the obstacles society places in their way.



## WHO WILL SET THE FEMALE HOMOSEXUAL FREE? (CONT.)

Fortunately for all women, there is a growing awareness in this country that woman needs and is more openly demanding an identity for herself as a human being, an identity over and beyond the societal role of housewife and mother. This awareness, coupled with more openness about sexuality and homosexuality, is making it easier now for the young girl, newly aware of her Lesbianism, to cope with the negative sanctions of society. But it is still true that in most areas of our country she has no place to turn for counsel, no one with whom she can talk about her feelings without running the very real risk that the counselor will turn away from her with horror and revulsion.

The Quakers state: "Female homosexuality is free from the legal and, to a large extent, the social sanctions which are so important in the problems of male homosexuals." This is a myth that even the male homosexual has come to believe. It is true that in England there were never any laws pertaining to female homosexuality. But this is not true in the U.S.A. The Lesbian is just as subject to arrest when she sets foot in a "gay bar;" she is just as subject to blackmail and police harassment. The stigma attached to homosexuality has just as much effect on the Lesbian as she tries to deal with fear and society-imposed guilt in the problem areas of employment, family relationships and religion. Just because the record of arrests is so much smaller is no indication that the Lesbian is relatively free from legal or social sanction. It only means that she is less obvious and less promiscuous. She has done a better job of covering up.

The most serious problem a Lesbian faces in life is that of self-acceptance. Like everyone else, she has been taught the cultural folklore that a Lesbian is something less than human - a sick, perverted, illegal immoral animal to be shunned and despised. Needless to say, with the first glimmering of self-knowledge, of tendencies, she becomes bogged down in doubt, fear, guilt, and hostility.

Some Lesbians claim they have been aware of their Lesbianism since early childhood. Others first become aware during adolescence. Yet there are some women who make this discovery about themselves much later in life - after they have been married and have had children. Still others, either by choice or lack of opportunity, never admit or act out their Lesbianism.

It isn't easy for a woman to say to herself, let alone anyone else, "I am a Lesbian." But once the words are said, has she really changed? Isn't she still the same person she was - the dear friend, the competent employee, the loving sister? And yet the words become a barrier in her personal and working relationships. To protect her family and her job, she is forced to live a lie, to take on a dual life. No wonder many Lesbians seek out some type of psychiatric or therapeutic help. The miracle is that so many are able to function so well and to contribute so much to society.

The Lesbian is thus a secretive, chameleon creature. She is not easily recognized. The old adage, "It takes one to know one," is not true. Not being distinguishable from other women, she has difficulty meeting others like herself. The "gay bar" is still a meeting place, but there are few such bars which cater to women exclusively because they do not constitute a steady clientele. Besides, a Lesbian, as a woman, has no doubt heard many times the old saying "nice girls don't go into bars,"

## WHO WILL SET THE FEMALE HOMOSEXUAL FREE? (CONT.)

or "no lady would ever go into a bar alone." The Lesbian goes out on the town only occasionally, and is more apt to settle down with a partner, to build a home and a lasting relationship, and to develop a small circle of friends - usually both homosexual and heterosexual. Another social outlet for the Lesbian can be homophile organizations throughout the country (if she knows about them), such as Daughters of Bilitis, which has chapters in New York and San Francisco.

If she divulges her identity, she automatically becomes vulnerable. She faces loss of job, family and friends. Yet, until she opens herself to such possibilities, no one will have the opportunity to come to know and to understand her as the whole person she is.

Note: Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon are two of the founders of D.O.B.

CLASSIFIED AD - 4/21/70 - Modern unfurnished flat. Three bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, sundeck, all electric kitchen, yard, garage. Small pets O.K. \$290 per month. Lower Twin Peaks, San Francisco. Call 285-0133 evenings.

## GAY GOURMET

For those of you who enjoy not only an excellent meal but an intimate atmosphere, May's featured spot is THE LIBRA at 1884 Market at Laguna, San Francisco. The small dining room is tastefully decorated and one tends to linger over that last cup of coffee to savor the relaxed and cozy surroundings. The menu offers a wide choice of entrees, each served with soup du jour, tossed salad, potatoes, vegetable, dessert and coffee. Whatever your favorite dish, you're sure to find it here, whether it's filet mignon, rack of lamb, frogs legs, etc. Baked potato fans will be delighted at the choice of condiments offered: onions, cheddar cheese, bacon bits, sour cream, and of course, butter. Prices start at \$2.95. Dinner served 6-11PM. If you're not really that hungry, the bar serves a number of sandwiches at 95¢. Busch draft beer is 30¢. The added feature is a player piano with literally dozens of your favorite tunes. THE LIBRA is a must! Closed Tuesdays.

# Directions to DOB outing at Tilden Park

Go up freeway 80 north. Take the University Ave. exit (Berkeley). 60  
1.8 miles to Grove and turn left. Down Grove 0.7 miles to Rose, turn  
right. Go 0.4 miles to Spruce and turn left. Spruce winds uphill for  
1.8 miles. At top, continue across Grizzly Bear Road, park entrance is  
immediately on your left. Go down the road 0.4 miles and take right.  
turn onto Main Drive. THE MEADOWS is 0.1 mile on your left.

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Dates to Remember

- May 21 - 8-10PM - PACE Meeting. Rap session attempting to promote understanding between the police department and the gay community. Several of our members have attended in the past and consider it very worthwhile. At 750 Eddy St., SF.
- May 22 - 9PM - Cal Campus Students for Gay Power DANCE. At the Pauley Ballroom, near the corner of Bancroft and Telegraph, in the Student Union Building. PLEASE read letter further on in the newsletter for more details.
- May 24 - 3PM - DOB discussion group at Judy's, 864 26th Ave., SF. (Between Fulton and Cabrillo). PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE IN ADDRESS. Topic will be the same - discussion regarding the life style of gay people. Open to both men and women.
- June 6 - 9PM - DOB Dance at Barbara's, with taped music. \$1.00 for members, \$1.50 for non-members. BYOB. If you need transportation, call Jeri at 752-5762. At 545 Kearney, El Cerrito. Over the Bay Bridge and down Interstate 80. Take the Central Ave. exit and stay on Central until you reach Kearney, one block above San Pablo Ave. Turn left on Kearney. If lost, call 527-3653.
- June 13 - 8PM - DOB business meeting at the office, 1005 Market St, SF.
- June 13 - 8PM - NOVA business meeting at 1362 Hopkins, Berkeley. BYOB social following meeting. 50¢ donation.
- Starting again in June, every Saturday night - 9PM-2AM - Dances at SIR, 83 6th St., SF. \$1.50 for non-members. We encourage all to attend.
- Last Chance - to see Cole Porter's Anything Goes is May 23 at 8PM. All-male cast. Admission is \$3-\$6. At SIR, 83 6th St., SF. For information, call 781-1570.

NOTE: There are charges of 75¢ for members and \$1.00 for non-members at discussion groups.

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## Report on the May business meeting of DOB

Report from Sheila, our VP

On April 28th I flew to Eugene as a guest of the University of Oregon to address a class similar to the one we helped finance at U.C. (Soc. 191). Like most campuses, Eugene's educational processes are currently upset by a student strike. The class instructor, also "striking" evaded the immediate problem by holding the scheduled meeting at the Wesley Center rather than on University grounds. Still, he wasn't sure how many out of the normal 120 would show up.

His advance apology did nothing to ease my usual pre-speaking tension; a condition aggravated by the increasing obviousness of my other "condition". My fears were needless; not only did the majority of students come, they proved to be one of the warmest, most responsive groups I've had the pleasure of talking with. Another project, presently in the planning stages, is a series of radio spots in co-operation with some other homophile organizations. There will be more information on this next time.

About the speakers bureau...we need an up to date, revised list. Speakers perform an extremely valuable service to both the homosexual and heterosexual communities. By appearing and talking about ourselves we erase many misconceptions and ease the unrealistic fears of those whose knowledge of homosexuality comes from locker room gossip and pornographic literature. Even popular educational literature seems to be based on this type of information. For example, Dr. David Rubin's current book, Questions You Always Wanted To Ask Your Doctor, But Were Afraid to Ask, includes lesbianism as a sub-section in the chapter on prostitution. Among other things he mentions as fact is the existence of women with inch or longer clitorises who are in great demand as lovers. The only way to dispell this kind of generalization is for those who know differently to stand up and say so. At speaking engagements we do not make speeches...we answer questions. The important thing is to make people realize we're ordinary human beings who lead ordinary lives; that we love one another rather than simply have sex together. If you are willing to participate please sign...give your name, phone number and city of residence. Please indicate your availability, days, evenings, weekends, etc. If you wish to use a pseudonym and already have one in mind put it in parenthesis by or under your real name.

(This list is available at the office. One could also write to the SF Chapter Attn. Vice-president if interested in signing up).

Election of Secretary - Ruth, our horoscope expert and librarian is now secretary.

File - We have available enough material to start a file regarding lesbianism and homosexuality. (One of our members has been collecting such items for years). We would like contributions such as newspaper clippings, photos, pamphlets, and magazine articles, either past or current.

Business meeting (cont.)

Information Committee - A public information committee was formed. Members of the committee will attend meetings of other organizations in the Bay Area, such as PACE, CRH, Women's Lib. Reports of these meetings will appear in the newsletter.

Future activities - Plans for the future include a possible ferry boat trip to Angel Island in July, a tentative joint dance with SIR in August, and the flea market at the Cow Palace in August (details to be announced later).

Proxies for the Convention - If you are a member and for some reason did not receive a proxy for the National Elections in New York in July, copies will be available at the June business meeting. We have a delegate, Karen Miller, who will be attending the convention and it was suggested that she take the proxies to New York. Bring your proxies to the June business meeting, or send to the SF Chapter of DOB, 1005 Market St., #208, SF, 94103, ATTN: CHAPTER PRESIDENT. Be certain to write in Karen Miller's name as bearer of the proxy.

The following letter was read at the meeting:

AN OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS AND FUTURE MEMBERS  
OF THE DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS

This letter is to announce my candidacy for National Secretary of The Daughters of Bilitis. The coming election for National Officers will be held in July at the General Assembly meeting to be held in New York City.

My back-ground of years in the large corporation business world and in the helping to guide newcomers in certain phases of business would be of considerable help in the Daughters Organization.

I will work for the betterment of the Daughters of Bilitis and ask that you consider me as your candidate when voting either in person or by proxy at the General Assembly meeting in July.

Fortunately, I have the time to devote specialized ethical interest in the welfare of our organization, and to attend meetings in any area of the country where the presence of National Officers is indicated.

My personal funds are commensurate with any traveling which may be required pursuant to the duties of National Secretary.

Remember - it is the dedicated few who will win the battle.

VOTE CAREFULLY!!!!

Signed: Gwendolyn Langley



Business meeting (cont.)

The following letter was read having to do with the Cal Dance -

Dear Ladies:

On 22 May 1970, the Cal Campus Students for Gay Power will be putting on their first full scale public dance in the Pauley Ballroom at the University of California. The Pauley Ballroom is located near the corner of Bancroft and Telegraph and is on campus in the Student Union Building.

It is of prime importance that this, our first endeavor, be well attended. The Pauley Ballroom is a large, modern dance area and will easily handle a thousand people. For this reason, it is especially important that we have a large turnout to show the cal students what a large, swinging group we are.

We are asking all of our friends, student or non student alike, to come and invite as many others as possible. Of course there will be live bands. Admission is \$1.50 per single and \$2.50 per couple, and tickets will be available at the door. Since Berkeley dress styles are virtually unlimited, the sky is the limit on attire, from dirty Levis to full suits or drag. Aho dance will start around 9 PM.

Also, this dance will give a lot of people a chance to meet others from different areas, since we are inviting persons all the way from Sacto to Los Angeles, many of whom are from other student Gay groups.

We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Robert H (Crusader Rabbit) Koch

NEWS

Three members of the Reno DOB met with approximately 30 members of the Crisis Call staff there to discuss lesbianism, DOB, and a method through which interested members of the Reno Chapter could assist counseling troubled gay people in the community. They report the tangible results of this encounter -

Crisis Call wants gay people to work with them as one means of introducing the community to the FACT of gay people working constructively in a vital area; question and answer sessions between CC and DOB to further CC's understanding of lesbianism and homosexuality; attendance of CC members at DOB discussion groups.

Reno DOB's library is also taking shape.

Approximately 30 people attended the first Cleveland DOB group dynamics/sensory awareness meeting and it was quite successful. They are now considering weekly encounter groups. Besides still working hard on the art show, talent show, and bussing to the New York convention, they are forming a softball team. The chapter library now has more than 100 books.

## NEWS

New York DOB is in the final planning stages for the DOB Convention July 10,11,12 in New York City. Registration and all meetings, other than the banquet and dance will be held at the Overseas Press Club. Registration fees have been set at \$25 per person, \$45 per couple and \$15 for students with ID. Fees will cover attendance at registration, brunch at the Sunday morning session as well as admission to the dinner and dance on Saturday. NY DOB is also planning to hold an auction and a June cruise up Hudson River.

San Francisco DOB - 17 people had a good time in the sun and clouds at Tilden Park. Activities included baseball, frisbees, and a kite flying contest. Although a baseball score of approximately 25-5 doesn't sound exciting, it sure was. Barbara (Chief) won the kite flying contest.

New Chapters - New Orleans is just now forming a chapter and we will soon have ones in both Detroit and Miami.

Six members of Boston DOB participated as a panel in a course, at Brandeis University, entitled "Homosexuality and Society". Described as "perhaps one of the first of its kind devoted as it is solely to the topic of homosexuality and not hidden or couched within some social problems or deviance class," the course is student organized and run. DOB was asked to participate in the course by the instructor who cited the "awareness that there is very little material available on Lesbianism." Members of the Homophile Union of Boston and Student Homophile groups have discussed their organizations and personal experiences in meetings with the Brandeis students.

Boston DOB also has a Public Education Committee which works to promote public acceptance of homosexuality. The committee has plans to compile a marketable book on the homosexual experience. Anyone interested in contributing should submit typed double-spaced copy of any length relating personal experiences. Editing will be done by members of the committee. Boston DOB's address is PO Box 221, Prudential Center Station, Boston, Mass., 02199.

In the area of activities, they plan a spring walk and picnic lunch in May, attending the Ringling Bros. Circus as a group, and are having a "June is Busting Out All Over" party with bras optional.

Maiden Voyage, the newsletter of Boston DOB is #1 and outstanding as far as the SF newsletter editor is concerned. Articles from it will appear later in this newsletter.

## OTHER NEWS

From the San Francisco Chronicle - May 16, 1970 - ANGRY WOMEN AND GAY MEN ATTACK PSYCHIATRISTS

"A crowded psychiatric meeting on problems of human sexuality ended in tumult Thursday as Women's Liberation activists and militant homosexuals shouted it out with an audience of choleric psychiatrists. It was supposed to be a scholarly session of the American Psychiatric Association at Veterans Auditorium. But it turned out to be an astonishing exercise in forensic violence.

It wasn't so surprising that the 25 young women and the Gay Liberation Front members shouted selected epithets at the doctors; what was more unbelievable was the response of the 600 psychiatrists:



## OTHER NEWS (CONT.)

"You're a maniac!" shouted one doctor to a vehement homosexual. "You're a paranoid fool, you stupid bitch!" a distinguished Viennese, born Boston psychiatrist named Dr. Leo Alexander stormed at a Women's Liberation speaker who calls herself simply Judy X. Cries of "I want my plane fare back!" and "Why don't you idiot girls shut up!" sounded in the auditorium. And when a reporter asked Dr. Alexander why he felt it appropriate to rush to the stage in such a state, the 65-year-old physician replied: "These women shouldn't be so rude!"

From the Homophile Action League Newsletter, March-April 1970 - CALIFORNIA TEACHERS UNION ADOPTS HOMOSEXUAL RESOLUTION

"The California Federation of Teachers (state organization of the American Federation of Teachers) at their annual convention in Los Angeles, December 27-29, adopted an unprecedented resolution demanding the establishment of a 'vigorous life and sex education program at all school levels which explains various American life-styles,' and 'the abolition of all laws or other governmental policy which involves non-victim sexual practice.' The resolution recognized the fact that 'millions of American homosexuals are oppressed by the American system,' that 'the government's anti-homosexual policies set the tone of homosexual oppression as national policy,' and that 'the self-hate caused by the system's oppression is the most hideous result thereof' for a homosexual."

From Gay #11 - April 20, 1970 - BOSTON GAYS PRESENT DEMANDS

"Homosexuals dominated a recent hearing held in Boston by a Mass. legislative committee. The subject under discussion was proposed reforms in a series of laws affecting the lives of the state's homosexuals. Representatives of HUB (the Homophile Union of Boston), the Daughters of Bilitis, the Boston University Homophile Club and the Harvard University Homophile Club presented testimony. The legislators were somewhat taken aback, observers report, at the steady stream of homosexual spokesmen taking the rostrum to speak out for themselves and their fellow gays. No action has yet been taken on the legislation."

From the Los Angeles Advocate - April 29 - TWO GAY WACS GET DISCHARGES; OTHERS MAY FOLLOW.

"Women's Army Corps privates Sandra Hagen and Antoinetta Garland, who went AWOL when their newfound homosexuality got them in dach returned voluntarily to Ft. McClellan, Ala., after a press conference in Los Angeles got them national publicity. The office of the Secretary of the Army quickly informed Gay Lib. spokesman Morris Kight that the two were being processed for Honorable Discharges. Now discharged, they are resting at Ann's home in Knoxville while deciding whether to return to the West Coast. (Kight had arranged lodging for them here, advised them to turn themselves in, and set up the press conference at First Unitarian Church. It was the most successful gay-issue press conference in L.A. to date.)

Their story may have many sequels. Misses Hagen and Garland were repeatedly asked whether there were many female homosexuals in the Service. They said they didn't know-that they spoke for themselves alone.



## OTHER NEWS (CONT.)

The question is now being answered. Twenty-seven other corpswomen, mostly at Ft. McClelland, have requested assistance in getting out, or getting the Service policy toward homosexuality changed. It is possible that this will not settle down until the Army does change its policy. The brass may well wish the Daughters of Bilitis to give one of their biennial S.O.B. awards to Morris Kight."

From the Los Angeles Advocate - April 29 - NO QUEERS WANTED  
"Dr. Otto Butz, acting president of California State College, Sacramento, has refused official college recognition to the Society for Homosexual Freedom.  
In a letter notifying the college of his decision, Butz said that recognition could seem to endorse the society or promote homosexual behavior and attract homosexuals to the campus."

## POETRY

### MOTHER'S COMING

Raise your voice an octave,  
Wear a skirt around,  
Mother doesn't get the bit,  
And she'll be in town.  
Call some faggots darling,  
Ask them by for drinks,  
Mother's on her way, my love,  
And I'm straight, she thinks....  
Push our beds apart, pet,  
Put our rings away,  
Mother doesn't understand,  
She arrives today.

(Anon) -- From Maiden Voyage

### MIDCENTURY LOVE LETTER

Stay near me. Speak my name. Oh, do not wander  
By a thought's span, heart's impulse, from the light  
We kindle here. You are my sole defender  
(As I am yours) in this precipitous night,  
Which over earth, till common landmarks alter,  
Is falling, without stars, and bitter cold.  
We two have but our burning selves for shelter.  
Huddle against me. Give me your hand to hold:  
So might two climbers lost in mountain weather  
On a high slope and taken by the storm,  
Desperate in the darkness, cling together  
Under one cloak and breathe each other warm.  
Stay near me. Spirit, perishable as bone,  
In no such winter can survive alone.

Phyllis McGinley

(From the Viking Book of Poetry of the English-Speaking  
World, Vol.2)

## OPEN FORUM QUESTION NUMBER 4 - FROM MAIDEN VOYAGE

Question: What should you do if you are living in a gay marriage, and are quite content with your partner, but find yourself strongly attracted to someone else?

Answer: "Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking outward together in the same direction." -- Antoine de Saint-Exup'ery. This quote could almost be used as a good answer to your O.F.Q.#4 without any further elaboration.

Love consists of much more than mere physical attraction. When we choose a partner, we (hopefully) choose one who fits into our long-range life plan -- our ambitions, our needs, our dreams. Anyone choosing her partner otherwise, merely on a physical appeal basis, will find herself sorely short-changed.

Contentment and desire can easily be found in two separate people. Only an adult realization of all the factors can enable a person to make proper decisions.

Before falling prey to one's physical attractions by acting on these desires, there is a lot more to be considered than just a revitalized sexual drive, which often is fairly short lived.

More often than not, a new partner involves complete changes in most of our ordinary functions, even in eating and sleeping. Very often it interrupts our work pattern. In general it causes an upheaval in our whole way of life. And for what? Can we continue to go through a life of major upheavals by changing partners with every new strong desire we feel?

Real love is sometimes impatient...but if it is real, it will last long enough to survive a period of consideration. If what seems to be an attraction should really be more than that, there's always time to make the proper evaluation, whether you happen to be single or unhappily married.

But married and "quite content with your partner"? Go take a cold shower and think it out!

-- Andy Cox, Treasurer Boston DOB

Answer: I don't see how you could be strongly attracted to someone else beyond the temporary infatuation level if you're truly content with your partner. If you were to become deeply emotionally involved with a third party, it would show serious discontent with your partner. Otherwise, there would be no need or desire for the third party.

If I found myself strongly attracted to someone other than my partner, I would weigh what I know I have now against the risk of settling for something not quite as good with the third party.

This has only happened to me once in the three years of my gay marriage; and I resisted the impulse by facing the fact that my marriage, although gay, is as binding and sacred to me as any between men and women. I don't approve of cheating in marriage -- gay or straight. I think you should either make a clean break or be faithful; no middle ground.

I also feel that as long as I love my partner as much as I do, no one could ever attract me enough to threaten what we have spent so long in building together. Marriage is built on selflessness -- not on selfishness; not in the sense of being a martyr to marriage, but in the sense of being a sharing partner in it.

-- Candi McGonagle, Newsletter Prod. Staff, Boston DOB

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Female couple desires 4-5 room unfurnished house near public transportation. Must be allowed to have pets. Will pay up to \$165 per month. Call 751-7470 after 6PM.

Room for rent near Lake Merritt, Oakland: Kitchen facilities, share bath. \$60 per month included utilities. Call 444-1460.

If you are interested in information regarding candidates for the June primary elections, contact SIR, 83 6th St., SF. Phone - 781-1570.

The loose confederation of small groups and individuals known as Gay Women's Liberation announces the following services to the community of women:

1. All-women's karate classes, with woman teacher. Dues: \$10 the first month, \$5 per month thereafter. Times: 7:30PM Tues., 2PM Thursdays, 10:00AM Saturdays, at 330 Grove St., SF. Classes also starting in Berkeley. Call Red at 763-6791.
2. Woman mechanic, working at Shire Garage, 69 Harriet St., SF. Particularly interested in teaching, car not necessary. Call Carol, 848-3502.
3. Class in mechanical drawing, especially handling of basic tools, reading architectural blueprints, useful for carpentry. Call Chris, 387-6685.
4. Distribution of womens liberation material, through Free Women's Press, need distributors and also places to put it. Call 848-3502 or 285-2314.
5. Mimeographing done at cost, if material relates to women. 285-2314.
6. Poetry anthology, for and by women. Still taking poems, need drawings, also non-poet readers to select the most lucid poems. Call Judy or Wendy, 285-2314.
7. Sending "speakers" to high schools, colleges, other groups. We like to appear 5 or 6 at a time, as informally as possible.
8. Saturday night meetings open to all women, call 848-3502 or 285-2314 for location. Alternately in SF and Berkeley.
9. Women's Liberation Newsletter, needs material about what everyone is doing, and places to send it. Call Chris, 387-6685, or Pat, 408-379-3905, or Alice, 848-3502, or Judy, 285-2314.

Heliotrope University offers courses on awareness specifically for gay people (sensitivity groups). Call information (411) for phone#.

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Dates to Remember

- June 21 - 2PM - DOB Discussion Group at Jackie's, 1390 12th Ave., #3, S.F. (Between Irving and Judah). The topic is "The Effects of Societal Prejudice on Homosexuals". The discussion will be led by Sheila. 75¢ for members and \$1.00 for non-members.
- June 28 - 2PM - DOB Potluck Dinner at Judy's, 864 26th Ave., S.F. (Between Fulton and Cabrillo). Bring your favorite dish, soft drinks, and \$1.00 for admission. If the first letter of your last name is A-G, bring a salad; H-R, bring an entree or dinner rolls; S-Z, bring a dessert.
- July 11 - 9PM - DOB Dance at Sheila's, 1846 B Page St., S.F. (Between Cole and Stanyan). BYOB and records. \$1.00 for members and \$1.50 for non-members.  
Note: DOB does not allow women under 21 to attend events where alcoholic beverages are consumed.
- July 18 - 8PM - DOB Business Meeting, at the office, 1005 Market St., S.F.
- June 20,27 - 9PM - Dances at SIR, 83 6th St., S.F. \$1.50 for non-members. Good music, good people, drawings.
- Every Sunday - 1 PM - Metropolitan Community Church holds services at Jackson's Restaurant, 2732 Powell St., S.F.

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## Report on the June Business Meeting of DOB

### Action Core report from Sheila, our V.P.

1. An under-21 group of gay and bisexual women met at Glide Memorial Church this month. They hope to have social activities in the near future. If you know of women interested in such a group, have them call Phyllis Lyon at 771-6300.
2. For those of you unfamiliar with the program, the Action Core has a speakers bureau. The need arose for such a bureau because we have many requests for speakers from such groups as high school classes, colleges, and churches. All groups requesting speakers have been found to be sympathetic, as they are looking for information and understanding about homosexuality. The speaker needs absolutely no preparation. A speech is not made. One merely answers questions. Samples are "Do you believe in marriage?", "Why do you think people are homosexuals?", "How do you live and why?". All you need to do is be yourself at these engagements. Sheila is in real need of volunteers, so call her at 386-7614.

### New Office Location

The members present voted to move from the Market St. office to another location when the lease expires, somewhere between the last of July and September. Among the many suggestions for the location of another office, the idea of a storefront was the most popular. This would provide space for both social activities and all our office equipment. In any event, rental at another location will be higher than we are now paying. Donations to the chapter for this additional cost will be greatly appreciated.

### The Convention

If you are a member and did not receive a proxy for the National Elections in New York in July, call Jeri at 752-5762 and one will be sent. If you have not yet sent in your proxy, send it to the S.F. Chapter of DOB, 1005 Market St., #208, S.F., 94103, ATTN: CHAPTER PRESIDENT. Write in Karen Miller's name as bearer of the proxy, as she is our delegate to the convention. If you have ideas on directions and emphasis in DOB for the convention, call vice-president Sheila.

### Election of Officers

Election of officers will be in September. Nominations for all officers will be made at the August business meeting. Start thinking now about nominees.

### Other Business

It was reported that over 30 people attended the May dance at Barbara's, some from as far away as Sacramento. It was quite a smash with wild dancing, group discussions, good music and snacks.

The trip to Angel Island will be in late July. Also being planned are the joint dance with SIR and the flea market. More details will be given next month.

## NEWS

From Vector, June 1970 - "S.F. State Group Gets Official Approval".  
"Continuum, a student group at San Francisco State, was recently given official approval.

Aim of the group is to 'bring together people of all sexual persuasions and stimulate critical analysis of existing sexual mores and public laws relating to sexual behavior.'

Group philosophy places emphasis on the fundamental common characteristics of all sexual expression. While the main impetus of the group is gay and concerned with the problems of gay people, the group hopes to break down barriers between people of different sexual orientations and bring new respect between gays, bi's and straights. As a student group, they feel they can be most effective working within the structure of the academic institution. To this end they will concentrate on reaching fellow students who will be the future teachers, administrators, lawyers, policemen, doctors, politicians, etc., of our society. By broadening the outlook and understanding of such persons, they hope to free the climate of public attitude towards sexual minorities, break down the myths and prejudices and replace the puritanical mores that govern our society with a more just code.

They also plan to reach out to the gay and bi students and try to build self-respect and pride. They will be alert for any instances of 'sexual discrimination' directed either against other students or faculty. They also plan to work closely with interested faculty and senior and graduate students on any research projects that come within the scope of the Continuum's concerns.

In order to flourish and grow strong, Continuum needs the help of students, faculty and alumni of San Francisco State to swell their membership. Interested persons should contact either Barbara Curran, 661-1025, or Mike Merrimer, 387-6294.

Continuum is the first gay-oriented student group to receive official recognition on the California State College campuses. Achieving that recognition took a long six months of very hard work - they deserve your support."

From The Advocate, June 10-23, 1970 - "Two Men Ask Minnesota License For First Legal U.S. Gay Marriage."

"Two young men in Minneapolis have applied for a license to marry each other. If the application is granted, their marriage next Dec. 31 will be the first legally recognized gay marriage in the United States.

The marriage law in Minnesota - and possibly in California - is vague as to whether partners must be of the opposite sex, and all that remained was a test by some bold gay couple.

Jim McConnell, a librarian, and Jack Baker, a first-year law student at the University of Minnesota Law School - both 28, are making that test. They frankly expect to have to go to court before it's over.

'The normal course here is that if there are no contingencies, the license will be issued within six days, which would be May 22. Of course, the clerk informed us that since there is no female involved, he would have to turn the application over to the county attorney.

Though we have not heard directly from the county attorney, it has been implied in the paper and on various news programs that he is going to reject it - not because it's a violation of the law, but because he doesn't feel that it's right. If this is the case, we will take it to court', Jim told The Advocate."



NEWS (CONT.)

From The San Francisco Chronicle, Friday May 29, 1970 - "Upsurge in Men Who Want To Marry Men".

"Los Angeles County Clerk William G. Sharp said yesterday his office is receiving an increase in inquiries from homosexuals who want to marry another member of the same sex.

Sharp, whose office duties include the issuance of marriage licenses, attributed the inquiries to a recent suggestion by an Eastern clergyman that 'marriages' between members of the same sex be given legal recognition.

He said only custom and propriety prevents his office from issuing licenses to 'couples' of the same sex, but he would like to see such licenses prohibited by law.

He suggested that laws should require applicants to swear to their sex and furnish a medical declaration of sex in addition to the blood-test certificates.

Court records reveal that there have been surprises in the past. In two or three recent cases, the courts have granted annulments to men who discovered after the wedding that their mate was the same sex."

From The Advocate, May 27-June 9, 1970 - "Brown's Sex Bill Stalled Again In California Assembly Committee".

"California Assemblyman Willie Brown's latest attempt to legalize all sex acts between consenting adults in private is once again stalled in the Assembly's Criminal Procedures Committee.

The Committee was first scheduled to take up the bill, AB 701, on April 8. At that time approval by the group appeared almost certain, as reports from Sacramento indicated that the measure had the necessary four votes.

Approval probably would have come on April 8, except that Assemblyman Craig Biddle, R-Riverside, requested a one-week delay so that law enforcement officials could testify on the bill. When Committee Chairman Frank Murphy, Jr., R-Santa Cruz, asked them how they felt about it, they all reported that their groups had taken no position on the bill.

The delays on the bill continued for three more weeks. It turned out this time that chairman Murphy, Brown's fourth vote, was withholding his approval until Brown could show that he already had a majority for AB 701 on the floor of the Assembly.

Finally, on May 6, after four weeks of cliff-hanging, the Committee took the bill 'under submission,' which means that it won't come up again unless Brown, D-San Francisco, requests it. In other words, it is almost dead for this season, but not quite dead.

When reached at his office, Assemblyman Brown said that the bill's chances 'are getting dimmer every day'. Although there was no opposition to the bill before, or indifference, he says, opposition is 'coming out of the woodwork' the closer the election gets.

Brown says that he has been able to corner 32 votes in the Assembly, just nine short of the number necessary for passage.

The Legislature is expected to adjourn in August. If the bill dies in committee, Brown will introduce it again next year."

## CHAPTER NEWS

The New York Chapter's discussion group topics have included "The New Woman" - how the feminist movement is going and "New Directions for DOB" - both for their chapter and the convention. They also had two transsexuals speak "about genetic women who have freely chosen the long and difficult road to another form of self-liberation". They are having a newsletter-naming contest. The winner will be able to attend all DOB functions free for one month.

Their membership system is being revised, and they have instituted a "working member" status. One evening of work (help with circulation production of the newsletter, repairs, house cleaning at the office) equals one free evening at a DOB event.

The Boston Chapter's activities include a party, a barbeque, a night at the Pops, camping trip, and beach party. Other events to come will be deep-sea fishing, overnight backpack mountain trip, horseback riding, card party, and a canoe trip with lessons for beginners.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: English Ford (Cortina GT) 1967. \$1000 or best offer. Call 386-7614.

Room For Rent: For mature, quiet woman in 40's, who dresses fem. Will share facilities of home. \$63/month. Call 584-7987.

Self-Defense: SIR is offering a course in self-defense for both men and women. It includes karate and jujitsu. The two instructors for the course have black belts. Emphasis will be on how to get out of situations like being choked and bearhugs as opposed to strictly good form. Ten are already signed up for the course and if the number reaches 20, the rate for the whole 6 week course will only be \$12.50 per person. This course starts June 25, from 6-8PM. For information, call Ron at 323-5915.

## From Maiden Voyage - DOB -- Education or Protest?

After a thorough perusal of the Sunday editions of both the Boston Globe and Traveler, I find myself reviewing mentally the problems I have been confronted with in various articles. They're the same old problems written up with new angles -- poverty and welfare, black power, drugs, the war in Vietnam. Not a word on the problems faced by homosexuals. Some of us are poor and on welfare, some of us are black, some of us smoke grass or pop pills, some of us are members of the womens' branches of the Armed Forces. We are beset with problems also experienced by heterosexuals, so these articles can also pertain to some of us. But we have other, more individual problems, too. What of these?

What about the problems of having our insurance cancelled because a nosey neighbor puts the hex on us? What about the lesbians who get hooked on drugs to escape the harsher realities of gay life? What about the dishonorable discharges on the grounds of lesbianism? And what about



the black lesbian -- who is crushed under the heel of three-fold discrimination -- because she is gay, because she is a woman, because she is black?

Okay, I won't bore you with all the problems involved in having a varied sexual orientation. If you've been a lesbian for any length of time, you know the problems from first-hand experience. Enough said. But what can be done??

The Black Power Revolution is successful in that it has put the problem of discrimination smack-dab in the public eye. It has done little, however, to accomplish much more than token reforms. The more militant black groups are hated and feared by whites for their sometimes violent approach. Albert Camus said: 'Every revolutionary ends by becoming either an oppressor or a heretic.'

Revolution is one answer to the problem of gaining rights for homosexuals; but it is not DOB's way.

Public education in a dignified manner seems to be the best answer. 'Write to your congressman' has become a cliché; but it isn't a bad idea. Write to newspapers and magazines and demand (nicely) coverage of problems faced by homosexuals -- who are as much an oppressed minority as racial groups. Write to people like 'Dear Abby' who give a bad review or incorrect view of homosexuality. Protest in letters. And -- by all means -- do write to your congressman. If you're old enough to vote, you're old enough to demand civil rights for homosexuals.

Another common alternative is informal alignment with other homophile groups. Those in favor of this must realize that not everyone favors this approach. Inviting men to DOB meetings may be a cooperative gesture, but it will alienate many women who just do not want men around all the time -- especially at a meeting of a group organized specifically for lesbians.

The answer, it seems to me, is dignified education of the public. Riots and picketing get results -- but not always those we want. Educating the public (for those of us who can do it) is living a circumspect, ordinary way of life without denying your homosexuality. It's a way of saying: 'See -- we're just like you in every way except our sexual orientation.'

Public education is open approval of all books dealing with homosexuality rationally and truthfully -- and openly condemning the trash written specifically for the male heterosexual consumer -- books which deliberately distort homosexuality.

Public education is going to a straight bar and being open about your homosexuality. Not being offensive about it, but not being ashamed of it, either.

Public education is accepting all the speaking engagements you can handle -- then accepting one more. 'We try harder.'

Public education is ceasing to live a lie, refusing to be anything but what you are, refusing to be thought of as less than a whole person.

Public education is quiet, dignified revolution. Slower and less exciting than burning stores and smashing windows. Not as obvious as picketing a restaurant which discourages gay clientele. Not as flamboyant as creating a gay ghetto. But, in the long run, it is much more effective.





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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 25 July - 7PM-8:30PM - DOB SPAGHETTI FEED at Karen's, 1222 Kains, Berkeley. Kains intersects with Gilmore, one block off the intersection of Gilmore and San Pablo Ave. Coffee and Koolade will be provided, along with the spaghetti. Cost is \$1.25. If you get lost, call 524-5839.
- 25 July - 9PM - Dance at SIR, 83 6th St., SF. Black light; some new records; drawings, fun - \$1.50 for non-members. For dates of future dances, call SIR at 781-1570.
- 29 July - 7PM - DOB WORK PARTY at the office, 1005 Market St., SF. Bring your marking pens, as we will be making posters to advertise some of our future functions.
- 2 August - 11:30 AM - DOB FERRY BOAT RIDE AND PICNIC AT ANGEL ISLAND. Meet at Pier 43½ at Fisherman's Wharf, SF. The ferry leaves at 11:45 AM and if you miss this one, the next one doesn't leave until 2 PM. We will be returning by ferry at 5PM. Bring your own sack lunch, softballs, and frisbees. (There are no concessions or stores on Angel Island). Cost is \$1.75 per person.
- 9 August - 7PM-10PM - DOB DISCUSSION GROUP at Ruth's, 1261 Broderick #205, SF (between O'Farrell and Ellis). The topic is "I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE SEEN WITH SOMEONE LIKE THAT", OR "SHOULD HOMOSEXUALS BE PREJUDICED AGAINST ONE ANOTHER?". The discussion will be lead by V.P. Sheila. 75¢ for members, \$1.00 for non-members.
- 15 August - 8PM - DOB BUSINESS MEETING at the office, 1005 Market St., SF. (Nominations for officers at this meeting).
- 26 September - FLEA MARKET AND DANCE. See business meeting report for more details.
- Every Sunday - 1PM - Metropolitan Community Church holds services at Jackson's Restaurant, 2732 Powell St., SF.

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## Report on the July Business Meeting of DOB

### Action Core News from VP Sheila

1. Gay Liberation extended an invitation to their weekly gatherings. Meeting every Sunday night at 7:30, this mixed group hopes for more communication within the homophile community. 330 Grove St., SF is the place to go. Further information can be obtained from Dave at 673-1029.
2. Requests for speakers have eased the past couple of months, possibly due to the summer season. So; if you volunteered and haven't been called, relax but don't go away. These things seem to come in batches. Anyone interested in being a part of the speakers bureau can do so by contacting me.
3. Coming in August: a dinner honoring Willie Brown, our state legislator who continues to challenge the statutes making homosexual activity illegal. We will be working on this with SIR and other interested organizations. There's lots of work to be done. Anyone interested in serving on this committee contact me immediately. The proceeds from the dinner will be devoted to educational, legal, and political activities.
4. An under-21 group of gay and bisexual women met at Glide Memorial Church last month. They now hold weekly meetings. If you know of women interested in this group, have them call Phyllis Lyon at 771-6300.

### New Office Location

A committee has been formed to find a new office location. Ruth, our secretary and horoscope expert is the chairman and desperately needs people who will investigate possible sites. We are interested in a place large enough to provide space for both social activities and all our office equipment. If you are interested in joining this committee, call Ruth at 931-3388.

### Election of Officers

Election of officers will be in September. Nominations for all our offices will be made at the next business meeting, August 15. Think right now about nominees.

### Flea Market and Dance

Eight gay groups in the city will get together September 26 at SIR to hold a joint flea market. Each organization will have its own booth. Groups participating will be DOB, SIR, CRH, NOVA, GAY LIB, GAY WOMEN'S LIB, MCC, and the Tavern Guild. We suggest you start gathering items to donate as soon as possible. Suggested items are books, clothing, records, typewriters, cosmetic bags, shoes, old statues.... When you are ready to have your donations picked up, call the office, leave your name and phone number, and someone will contact you. Following the flea market (which lasts from 1-7:30PM), there will be a dance at SIR. The theme is 1940's - 50's, (Jitterbug dancing and all). The dance will be co-sponsored by DOB and SIR. SIR was extremely enthusiastic over the idea of the joint flea market, which was originally proposed by DOB.



## NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

The following three letters appeared in the July New York Chapter newsletter. They will help to clarify what occurred at the National Convention. Delegate Karen Miller's report follows the three letters.

Letter #1 To: New York Chapter, D.O.B.  
From: Rita Laporte

None of the candidates listed on the enclosed proxy is running for reelection or election.

I will not be attending the General Assembly on July 10-12.

June 16, 1970

Letter #2 To: The General Membership  
From: Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon

With the formation of so many new chapters in so short a time, the Daughters of Bilitis is indeed suffering from "growing pains." As two of the founders and as "life members" of D.O.B., we feel we have a stake in the future of the organization. We will be attending the convention. We will not be carrying proxies. (We understand the nominees listed on these forms have withdrawn).

We'd like to meet as many of you as possible and hope we can be of help in providing background information as the General Assembly considers what could be exciting prospects for D.O.B. in the 70's. Times have changed so radically in the past few years that opportunity for growth is unlimited.

We hope, and sincerely urge, that all chapters of D.O.B., provisional or chartered, make every effort to get representatives to New York. We would like to see this an "open convention" which will unify D.O.B. into the national force it should be in the homophile movement.

June 19, 1970

Letter #3 To: Gene Damon (Ladder Editor)  
From: Ros (New York Chapter President)

I agree with you: the present structure of D.O.B. is totally useless. The many advocates of a strictly structured national governing board have strong arguments but no basis in reality. Ideally, the concept of "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" is an effective weapon against common enemies. There is no evidence that we as a national group can use this philosophy to our advantage.

Each chapter has its own regional problems and group goals. Therefore, we must be free to deal with our own problems....

There are many valid arguments pro and con. However, the fact remains: we are unable to make the national office functional. People complain that a dictatorship always results and they are right. But they don't bother to mention that this situation evolves from the lack of dedicated, responsible individuals willing to do a through job.... One must then question two separate premises: 1. Are the offices of D.O.B. too difficult to fulfill? 2. Are the concepts and ideals of D.O.B. suited to the goals and desires of our membership?....

Any organization...has a cadre of dedicated individuals and a

Letter #3 (cont.)

majority of nonworking members. However, our officers are notorious for their lack of responsibility, or being deserted and then called dictators. The membership then asks for activities but offers no help in the preparation.... Too many separate and distinct individuals have tried to make this a viable structure and failed. It can no longer be called coincidence. The structure, in my opinion must be changed. A detailed platform of changes has been compiled. The need for D.O.B. is obvious. We could achieve so much but we must stop this waste of time and energy. The injustice to working individuals and the general membership must end.

General Assembly report of New York Convention from Karen Miller.

The following was decided:

1. The Daughters of Bilitis has been disassociated from The Ladder.
2. There will be no national officers of Daughters of Bilitis. Instead, there will be a governing board of directors, composed of chapter presidents.
3. Charters were granted to the Boston and Melbourne Chapters. The Los Angeles Chapter's charter was reactivated. (San Francisco and New York Chapters already have charters).
4. The 1972 National Convention will be held in Los Angeles.

Many interested, active, working people attended the convention. Everyone in attendance was impressed with the gracious hospitality of the New York Chapter, and a good time was had by all.

NOTE: There will be a San Francisco Chapter board meeting. We will be discussing the events that took place at the National Convention. A special report will be sent to the membership after this board meeting.

GAY BARS AND RESTAURANTS

Miss Muffett's, 853 Valencia, SF. : (Between 19th and 20th Sts.)

Maud's Study, on Cole between Carl and Parnassus, SF.

The Saturnalia, 199 Valencia St., SF.

The Ebb Tide, 853 Valencia St., SF.

Leonarda's, 16 Leland Ave., Brisbane.

Jubilee - Oakland

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Scott's Pit, 10 Sanchez at Duboce, SF

Wild Side West, Broadway, SF

Fickle Fox, 842 Valencia, SF

Jackson's, 2732 Powell, SF

The Paper Doll, 524 Union, SF

The Libra, 1884 Market at Laguna, SF

Grandma's House, 135 12th St., Oakland

Lancer's, on Lakeshore Drive, near Grand, East Bay

The White Horse Inn, East Bay



## NEWS ON GAY MARRIAGE

San Francisco Chronicle - July 14 - "The Inside Story" - "Gay Marriage Boom"

Note: The two star final carried this story on page 1 in banner headlines. The following is excerpts from the article.

"At least two ministers - the Rev. A. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Church and the Rev. Thomas B. Maurer of the United Church of Christ - told the Chronicle they have 'married' a number of men and men, women and women.

'I'm very much in favor of it', said the Rev. Mr. Maurer, who doubles as president of the Society for Individual Rights, San Francisco's militant homophile organization.

'There's no reason why homosexuals should be discriminated against. Aside from the sacramental significance, marriage offers certain tax and inheritance benefits they should enjoy like everyone else'.

'It may not be strictly legal - that awaits a court test,' he said.

'But I feel they're married. So do they. And that's what counts.'

The Rev. Mr. Williams, who said he's conducted a number of such marriages that 'didn't bother me at all,' feels that California law is 'shaky' on the point.

Passage of a proposed law by Assemblyman Willie Brown Jr. legalizing any and all sexual acts between consenting adults will pave the way for wedded bliss between persons of the same gender, the clergyman said. More such marriages can be expected, he said, 'as the climate improves'."

San Francisco Chronicle - July 15 - "Gay Married Life"

The article described the life-style of two lesbians. The article then delved into marriage law. Chapter President Jeri was quoted as saying lesbians should be able to get married and enjoy "all the tax breaks and benefits in the way of health and car insurance".

The article stated that the strongest defense for the right of a marriage license for homosexuals is made by the Rev. Troy D. Perry, pastor of the M.C.C. in Los Angeles. He has married 36 homosexual couples in the past year and a half. See next article for a description of one of his marriages.

The Advocate - July 8-21 - "Two L.A. Girls Attempt First Legal Gay Marriage".

"The first marriage in the nation designed to legally bind two persons of the same sex was performed in Los Angeles June 12.

Two young women, Nova Joy Heckman and Judith Ann Belew, pledged their troth 'until death do us part' in a ceremony conducted by the Rev. Troy D. Perry, pastor of the M.C.C. A legal test of the marriage is expected.

The rites were conducted under a provision of California law that allows a common-law marriage to be formalized by a church ceremony and issuance of a church certificate when the couple have been together two years or more. Issuance of the certificate by M.C.C. completed the law's requirements.

No marriage license is required under this provision, bypassing L.A. County Clerk William G. Sharp, who said recently that he would not issue such a license to persons of the same sex 'under any circumstances'.



## NEWS ON GAY MARRIAGE (CONT.)

The law does not specify that marriage partners must be of the opposite sex. Sharp based his stand on common-law presumptions of the nature of the marriage bond and on what he considered to be the expressed intent of the 'whole law'.

The law does require that the couple be asked if they accept each other as husband and wife. Rev. Perry, therefore, had Neva make this altered version of the vow:

'I, Neva, take thee, Judith, to be my wedded spouse, .... to serve in the office of husband until death do us part, and thereunto I give thee my troth.' Judith made the same vow except to say 'wife' instead of 'husband'. Instead of declaring them husband and wife, Rev. Perry pronounced 'our sisters, Neva and Judith', to be 'living in the offices of husband and wife'."

The ADVOCATE - June 24-July 7 - "Minnesota Gays to Challenge Refusal of Marriage License".

"The two young men who applied for a marriage license in Minneapolis May 19 have been turned down. Their next step will be to take the application directly to the State District Court.

The application by Jim McConnell and Jack Baker was denied May 22 by Hennepin County Dist. Court Clerk Gerald R. Nelson on the advice of County Atty. George Scott.

Scott skirted the problem of the state law, which fails to specify that parties to a marriage contract must be of the opposite sex. His seven-page opinion was based mainly on two grounds: That the common-law definition of marriage implies it must be between a man and a woman, and that granting the license would produce legal chaos because all of the law is written in terms of husband and wife, for whom different duties and rights are specified.

To bolster his arguments, he also cited opinions handed down by the Minnesota Supreme Court in several divorce cases in which the court refers to the marriage contract as involving husband and wife.

Scott's arguments 'are really poor, in our opinion', Jack Baker told the ADVOCATE. 'They're easily refutable on a logical basis. But it's not going to be so easy for us, we think.'

'We're in the process of preparing a Brandeis Brief, an extensive brief which will have as much sociological data and what-have-you as we can get into it. And we don't expect to have that ready until the middle of July.'

Jack, a first-year law student at the University of Minnesota Law School, is getting solid support from his fellow students. He said he thought the real reason Scott turned down their application was that 'he's running for governor'.

If the district court rules against them, 'We go directly to the State Supreme Court,' Jack said."

## OTHER NEWS

San Francisco Chronicle - May 21, 1970 - "Gay Lovers Now Personae Gratae On UC Campus"

"The University of California at Berkeley lifted a campus ban yesterday on two members of the Gay Liberation Front. Dunbar Aitkens and Dannel Worrell were booted off campus for two weeks for necking in Sproul Plaza. Vice chancellor Robert Johnson rescinded the ban, saying that

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the law under which the two were booted was 'not applicable to necking on campus'. UC police, he said, concurred in the decision. Aitkens and Worrell were seen in Sproul Plaza yesterday at noon, with their arms around each other."

San Francisco Chronicle - June 29, 1970 - "Big Gay Parade In New York City"

"A crowd of 15-20,000 men and women marched from Sixth avenue to Central Park yesterday demonstrating for homosexual rights. They carried signs reading 'Free Oscar Wilde,' 'Gay Pride,' and 'Smash Sexism'. They were followed by three busloads of tactical patrolmen. They got a mixed reaction when they left the Greenwich village area. Many of the older strollers in the park appeared to be shocked. Some shouted obscene comments, which the protesters returned in kind. Two or three of the male demonstrators disrobed. The march, which was generally orderly, was organized by the Christopher Street Gay Liberation Day Committee to climax a week of protests. The Christopher Street committee was organized to celebrate the first anniversary of the day last year when homosexuals fought back against police raiding a Greenwich Village gay bar. 'We'll never have the freedom and civil rights we deserve as human beings unless we stop hiding in closets and in the shelter of anonymity,' said 29-year-old Michael Brown, a founder of the Gay Liberation Front in New York. 'We have to come out into the open and stop being ashamed or else people will go on treating us as freaks. 'This march,' he went on, 'is an affirmation and declaration of our new pride.'"

GAY - July 6, 1970 - "Mattachine Seeks Support For Federal Rights Bill"

"S. 782, known as the 'government employee's Bill of Rights', passed the Senate on May 19th, and is now before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. The next step will be a House vote on the bill.

Among other things, the bill would make it illegal for 'any officer of any executive department or executive agency' of the Federal government, or 'any commissioned officer...or member of the Armed Forces' acting in an official capacity, to question any government employee or prospective employee 'concerning his attitude or conduct with respect to sexual matters.' It would also forbid the use of psychological test or lie-detector tests designed to elicit such information. Other provisions of the bill make it unlawful for any government agency to elicit information about the 'race, religion or national origin' of an employee or job seeker, to force attendance at meetings or lectures, to force employees to make political contributions, or otherwise attempt to interfere with their rights as private citizens.

Under the proposed law, a specific charge of sexual misconduct can still be made against an employee or prospective employee, but he must be afforded an opportunity to refute the charge.

The Mattachine Society has urged its members and all concerned homosexuals to write, wire, or call his Congressman and ask him to vote in favor of S.782. While the bill did pass the Senate, House passage is expected to be more difficult. The Nixon Administration opposes the bill and is expected to use pressure to block its passage."



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Metropolitan Community Church - June 7, 1970

"In the case of Buchanan vs. Wade, decided on Jan. 21, 1970, by a Federal District Court in Dallas, the sodomy law of Texas was declared unconstitutional. Alvin L. Buchanan had been arrested and charged under that law. His attorney, Henry L. McCluskey, Jr. of Dallas, at once challenged the constitutionality of the statute. Learning of this, a married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gibson, then entered the case on behalf of married persons 'who feared prosecution for possible future acts.' Following this, Travis Strickland, a homosexual not charged with any offense, joined the case in order to assert the rights of unmarried persons.

This remarkable series of actions marks the first time in American legal history that the constitutionality of a sodomy law, one similar to those in effect in 48 of the States, has ever actually reached the courts. By filing an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court, Dallas County District Attorney Hentry Wade set in motion legal steps which guarantee that the Supreme Court must hear the case.

MCC feels deeply privileged to be able to take part in this historic legal action on behalf of homophile rights. Please send your own contributions promptly to MCC committee on Religion and Law, PO Box 1154, Huntington Park, California 90255. This is your opportunity to help in a move which has an excellent chance of knocking out all the sodomy statutes in the U.S. at one time, without the tedious process of pushing through 48 separate and reluctant legislatures."

San Francisco Chronicle - June 28, 1970 - "Homosexuals - The New Findings"

"The rise of homosexuality to almost epidemic proportions makes it imperative for parents of the young, and for the public to understand its nature. Currently the affliction is surpassing four major illnesses in the country.

This is one of the significant findings in a new study, reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association by Dr. Charles W. Socarides of the Department of Psychiatry, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, NY. He charges that the emotional attitude toward what is a medical disorder is making it difficult to deal with it as a major health problem.

'The homosexual himself feels there is no hope for him and his fate is sealed'. This defeatist attitude infiltrates the public and unfortunately influences our laws and our scientific objectivity, according to Dr. Socarides.

'We know from clinical studies that at least one-third of lifelong homosexual patients can now be helped to become heterosexual.'

A conservative estimate is that between 2 and 4 million adult American males suffer from this condition. This estimate exceeds the five major illnesses in this country: heart disease, arthritis, rheumatism, impairment of the back and spine, mental and nervous disease.

Dr. Socarides defines a homosexual as one who consistently and from inner necessity engages in homosexual acts. 'This pattern comes from faulty sexual identity, a result of his earliest years of life.

Typically we find a pathological family in which there is a domineering, crushing mother who won't allow her child to achieve independence, and an absent, weak or rejecting father.'

(Note: The article continues on - and on. For another opinion, continue on to Dear Abby on the next page)



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GAY - July 13, 1970 - "DEAR ABBY Says 'Gays Not Sick'"

"Nationally syndicated advice-to-the-lovelorn newspaper columnist Abigail van Buren recently printed in her 'Dear Abby' column an answer to the question, 'In your opinion, is homosexuality a disease?' She replied, 'No! It is the inability to love at all which I consider an emotional illness. Meaning that I do not regard the homosexual as 'sick'. Rather the person who is incapable of loving at all is, in my opinion, the 'sick' one.'

Abby has also given space in her column to answer absurd causation theories advanced by amateur psychologists. One such theory postulated that lesbianism is caused by breast feeding female infants by their mothers. The gentleman advancing the theory described himself as a 39-year-old bachelor. 'I am not crazy', he wrote.

Abby said, 'You may not be crazy, but your theory sounds crazy to me. For thousands of years before the invention of bottles and nipples all babies were breast-fed. If this caused lesbianism in women, how could the human race have survived? Also, how do you account for breast-fed boy babies who turn out to be rip-roaring homosexuals? Sorry, your theory doesn't hold water or milk.'

San Francisco Chronicle - July 5, 1970 - "Lesbians Speak Out -- They Feel Neither Sinful or Sick"

"....in the spirit of the so-called 'sexual revolution' and in line with other minority groups who would make peace with the world on their own terms, the 'gay women' are speaking out.

One recent evening the Boston chapter of Daughters of Bilitis held a symposium in a church to educate the 'straight' community about the problems of being a homosexual.

In response to the clergy's questions about how the church could help lesbians, they asked to be accepted as homosexuals and not viewed as sinners.

Although society in general has moved homosexuality from the category of 'sin' to that of 'sickness', the panelists refused to accept even the latter designation.

'Sick?' said a 23-year-old brunette who called herself Diana, 'I feel great. I don't feel sick at all. I don't see any difference between myself and my straight friends.' .....

## CHAPTER NEWS

The only newsletter received for the month of July came from New York. In addition to hosting the National Convention, they held several discussion groups. Their topic for the month was "Lesbian life-styles - How open is your mind?". They are also holding mind-unburdening, small-in-depth discussion groups.

The June newsletter of the Melbourne chapter mentions that membership is increasing at each meeting. They held a film discussion, the main theme being censorship against gay films. A charity work project, adoption of an overseas war orphan is in the planning stages. Their open forum question of the month was "Would 'gay' marriages be more lasting if couples experienced a 'courtship' period, rather than living together straight away?"

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The June newsletter of the Los Angeles chapter - Chapter members planned to attend the Christopher St. West Parade, held on June 28, 1970. (See 'OTHER NEWS' section for description and purpose of the Christopher Street Parade). The Rev. Troy Perry announced that he would remain on Hollywood Blvd. after the parade and fast until such time as the city, county, and state authorities agreed to equality under the law for all, including homosexuals. He was joined in this venture by Carole Sheperd, LA Chapter president. The LA chapter has been plugging hard for contributions to the Buchanan vs. Wade case. (See 'OTHER NEWS' section for details.)

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## HOROSCOPE BY RUTH

SUN IN LEO - JULY 22 - AUGUST 21

Leo women have a flair for the dramatic: they abhor the humdrum, the ordinary, the routine. These women believe in living life as if a spotlight were turned on; they are not always exhibitionists, but they certainly want you to be aware of them.

If you want a really good hint concerning the female Leo, just realize she wants and needs recognition. Be aware of her presence. Smile in a special way; let her know that what you do is done especially for her. You can win her and hold her if your manner is regal. Carried to extremes, of course, this could be ridiculous. You must use your judgment. The Leo woman helps you to become familiar with the finer things of life. She is in rhythm with the nuances of life. Life, to her, is living. It is motion, animation.

A Leo woman is in love with love. Romance is as essential as food and drink. Affection is a necessity. Her personal magnetism is strong: she attracts members of both sexes. It is all right to be jealous, as long as you don't let her know it. Be calm and cool. Admire her. Once you lose your temper or show weakness by being obviously jealous, you begin to lose out with this lady. Let her win you! Make yourself a fascinating challenge. One learns a lot by being involved with a Leo woman. The involvement may tire you, but you learn, live, and love.

If you are Cancer, this lady can be fortunate for you in money matters. If your birth sign is Aires, you will most certainly find this woman physically attractive. Gemini women are stimulated mentally by her; almost all women, including Aquarians, are intrigued. Her nature is fiery; she is passionate, giving, and usually generous. If you maintain an air of mystery, she is practically yours for the asking. If you are a Gemini, Libra, Sagittarius, or Aires, you should find this a good relationship. It might be best, if you are Scorpio or Taurus, to be wary in your dealings with Leo women. There are many obstacles to overcome and the trouble may not be worth it. No one will blame you for trying, though!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 21 Aug - Friday - 8PM - DOB FUN AND GAMES NIGHT. \$1.00 per person. BYOB and ID. At Sue's, 446 20th Ave. #3, SF (between Anza and Geary).
- 28 Aug - Friday - 9PM - THE CABIN OPENS. DOB members will meet at 9PM to celebrate the opening. For directions, see attached flyer. Free parking right across the street at Safeway.
- 28 Aug - Friday - First Annual Political Action Dinner. Sponsored by SIR. This dinner will honor Assemblyman Willie Brown. \$5.00 per plate. At California Hall (Polk and Turk Sts., SF). Call 781-1570 for reservations.
- 29 Aug - Sat. - 8PM - DOB BOOK PARTY. This is a fund-raising party for the DOB library. Admission is \$1.00 or one book on homosexuality. BYOB. To be held at Ruth's, 1261 Broderick #205, SF (between O'Farrell and Ellis). MUSIC EXCELLENT!
- 5 Sept - Sat. - NOVA Party - Big Bash. If interested, write PO Box 6184 Albany Calif., 94718. (No address was given in their newsletter for the party).
- 8 Sept - Tues. - 7PM - Smoke Watchers. Free lecture entitled "How to Stop Smoking Easily and Permanently" At SIR, 83 6th St., SF. No reservations necessary.
- 11 Sept - Friday - 8PM - DOB BUSINESS MEETING - ELECTION NIGHT. At the office, 1005 Market St., SF.
- 12 Sept - Sat - CRH meeting dealing with communications problems between homophile organizations. See business meeting report for further details.
- 26 Sept - DOB FLEA MARKET AND DANCE. See business meeting report for more details.
- Every Sunday - 1PM - Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) holds services at Polk and Turk Sts., SF. (PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A NEW ADDRESS). Sept. 19, Rev. Troy Perry will speak. (See article about Rev. Perry in news section).
- Usually on Saturdays - Dances at SIR, 83 6th St., SF. We encourage all to attend. Call 781-1570 for information.



## OFFICERS

President - Jeri - 752-5762 - San Francisco  
Vice-president - Sheila - 386-7614 - San Francisco  
Secretary - Ruth - 931-3388 - San Francisco  
Treasurer - Diane - 771-9170 - San Francisco

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## Report on August Business Meeting of DOB

### Action Core Report from VP Sheila

A communications gap exists between homophile organizations. This will be discussed at an all-day conference sponsordd by CRH. DOB members will be attending this conference. If you are interested in attending, call Sheila at 386-7614.

Karen (who hosted last month's spag. feed) is the new head of the speakers bureau. She has several names on the speakers list, but of course would appreciate more volunteers. There are several engagements coming up. For example, a Catholic group would like to have a panel discussion with several gay women on Lesbianism next month at Newman Hall in Berkeley. There are also rap sessions at Bishop's Coffee House. We have been invited, as the men there would like to involve more women in discussions. If you are interested, call Karen at 524-5539.

### Nominations

The following nominees were suggested at the business meeting. Nominations are not closed and will be open on election night on Sept 11. As some of the nominees were not present at the meeting, they may withdraw their names in Sept.

President - Ruth, Sue  
Vice-president - Sharon, Barbara  
Secretary - June, Noreen  
Treasurer - Diane

Our president, Jeri, who has done such a terrific job with the chapter, will not be running for office, as she is moving up further into Northern California. Sheila, our VP and Action Core leader (you can't say enough good things about this woman) will also not seek re-election for health reasons. She may participate again in the chapter in the near future.

### Flea Market

The Flea Market is to be held at SIR on Sept 26 from 1-7:30PM with a dance following. Suggested items to donate are books, clothing, records, cosmetic bags.... This is a chance for DOB to make a lot of money, depending on member participation. When you have gathered all your items, do the following: Call Sue at 386-0164 and she will pick them up. If you cannot reach Sue, call the office or answering service and leave your name and address and you will be contacted in a day or two. If this fails, call Kathy at 342-9623 and she will call on you.

### Membership Fees

The members present voted to change the yearly membership dues from the present \$15 per year to the following: Members now fall into two classifications

1. Regular membership - \$10 per year.
2. Non-regular membership - \$4 per year. This applies to students, unemployed, and those unable to pay \$10.

## Business Meeting (cont.)

### Circus

The Police Athletic League is sponsoring a circus at the Cow Palace to be held in November. DOB voted to donate \$10 for tickets. If you have children, or know of children you could take to the circus, call Diane at 771-9170 and she will send you a free ticket. This is on a first-come first-serve basis, and the offer expires Sept. 30. If we do not distribute the tickets by that date, we will donate them to needy children.

### Macy's Arrests

The following was read at the meeting -

#### WHY MACY'S?

Recently Macy's sent a letter to the San Francisco police asking for help. After receiving advice from the Dept's Vice Detail, Macy's young, attractive security guards trapped some 40 young men (your sons, brothers, and husbands) by using techniques which violated their rights to privacy.

Many of those arrested and charged with felonies may get 15 years in prison. Customarily these felony charges are reduced to misdemeanors if guilty pleas are agreed to. This has not been done in these cases.

Many have lost their jobs. Some are married and their home lives will be wrecked. These arrests could have been avoided if Macy's had first asked the city's gay community for help. Macy's did not ask. Instead, Macy's launched a campaign to arrest homosexuals using their toilets.

A large number of felony arrests were made by Macy's security guards, acting under the supervision of Michael Austin (an ex-LA Cop, and now a 'special officer' of the SF Police Dept.)

We ask you to help in our struggle. Shop elsewhere. Mail back your Macy's credit card. Picket with us. Pickets will remain here until the lives of those arrested by this store are saved.

HOMOSEXUAL MOLLIZED AGAINST MACY'S (an Ad-Hoc Committee)  
781-1570, 626-9557

Whether or not the young men were "trapped" was debated at the business meeting. Therefore, the S.F. Chapter Board voted to send a letter to Macy's opposing their "methods" in the bathroom arrests.

A motion was made and passed, urging all members to write individual letters to Macy's, to boycott their store, and to send in their charge cards.

The membership was also encouraged to support Gay Liberation in their picket of Macy's. However, photographs are being taken of the pickets and if you can't afford this kind of publicity, then don't do it.

If you write a protest letter to Macy's, address it to Mr. Applby, General Manager of Macy's.

### Report on New Office from Ruth

Unfortunately DOB has not yet located an office although many possibilities are being checked out. Among them are a warehouse on Kansas St. which is being transformed into office space. The Haight and Mission districts are also being checked. If you see or hear of an apartment or store front renting for about \$100, call Ruth at 931-3388.



## Business Meeting (cont.)

### Report on the Library by Ruth

For several months the DOB library has been undergoing a complete reorganization. The work is now nearing completion. The books are presently organized into the following categories which I felt would be of interest to the lesbian.

1. Non-fiction homosexuality - i.e., The Grapevine by Jess Heron
2. Sexuality (mostly dealing with women) - i.e., The Second Sex
3. Women - i.e., The Feminine Mystique
4. Love and Happiness - i.e., The Prophet
5. Fiction Homosexuality

There will be a card catalog listing the books and my opinion of how they would appeal to the lesbian - i.e., excellent, trash, puts down gay life, etc.

I also have several suggestions for library privileges which will be voted on at the September business meeting.

### New Course

University of California Extension is offering the following course:

Sociology of Deviant Worlds: Homosexuality X 121 (3)

At San Francisco Mondays 7-9:30 PM Sept 21-Dec 7.

Richardson Hall, \$50.

Roxanna B. Sweet, D. Crim., Extension Instructor in Criminology and Sociology.

Studies on homosexuality in this and other cultures, homosexuality as a mental illness, the worlds of the homosexual, and laws on sexual behavior and their enforcement.

For enrollment, write to SPECIAL PROGRAMS, Dept. B, University Extension, University of California, Berkeley, California, 94720.

### VIRGO HOROSCOPE

by Ruth

The lesbian with her sun in Virgo is not a particularly happy and care-free individual. Her personality is too serious for her to enjoy the promiscuity of the bar scene, and she's too independent to become a "clinging vine" to some butch, so she usually is a sort of loner. Though Virgo is a warm and sincere lover, she is usually sexually inhibited in some way, due to her unconscious prudishness. She tends to think of most sex as dirty, and thus is not apt to be a very passionate lover either. She prefers a person who is not overly demanding or experimental, but would rather remain in "sexual security". She is apt to freak if someone were to try to introduce her to a different way of doing things. This sign does not incline towards a lasting relationship, but when Virgo does settle down it is apt to be with a quiet intellectual, whose thinking is much like hers. In many cases Virgos are much happier living alone. They are emotionally very self-sufficient and quite content living alone. If you should meet or become interested in a female Virgo, you'd better take charge of things and make the first move or you'll have a hell of a long wait. These girls are just not that aggressive in matters of the heart. Because she is a follower of sorts, she prefers the company of someone wiser and stronger than herself, and yet cannot stand one whose personality is dominating



## VIRGO HOROSCOPE (CONT.)

or too pushy. Because she appreciates and admires one who has more experience and knowledge than herself, if she does settle down, it is apt to be with someone several years older than herself. A Virgo girl is not likely to be particularly jealous or possessive because her idea of love is too practical to include such pettiness. She's thrifty, neat, creative, very organized, and ultra-conservative. Appeal to the Virgo's intellect rather than her sexuality, and you'll go far.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

The Los Angeles Chapter is urging its members to take a self-defense class at the YWCA. The chapter is actively supporting the Rev. Troy Perry as a write-in candidate for Lt. Governor (see news section for more details). At their July business meeting, two speakers appeared. Mrs. Donine, Professor of Law at Calif. College of Law, spoke on "homosexual laws in California. The other speaker was Tim O'Hara, of the Rene Guyon Society. This society has made many advances toward legislative reform.

The New York Chapter had two speakers in the month of August. Florynce Kennedy, attorney, and author of Abortion Rap, spoke on Lesbians and the law. The other was Kate Millett, author of the newly published book Sexual Politics, who spoke on her philosophy.

A planning session was held to consider a new dues schedule and special activities for members. In addition, the chapter held a dance and a 20th anniversary party for a couple.

The New York Chapter Librarian suggests reading The Love That Dared Not Speak Its Name by H. Montgomery Hyde. The book tells of the struggle of the homosexuals, male and female, to achieve their civil liberties from 1555-1967.

The Boston Chapter had an orientation supper in July for those interested in learning more about DOB. A boat was chartered for a half-day fishing trip in August.

Election of officers is scheduled for September. Points are being strongly debated as to the position of the chapter in several situations. For example, should the chapter be a halfway point between the militant demands of Women's Lib and the sexual-freedom oriented demands of the homophile movement, or swing more to one side or the other? Should men be present at more functions? Several points of view appeared and are worth reading. (THE MAIDEN VOYAGE is posted on the bulletin board in the office, as are all other newsletters).

The Melbourne Chapter newsletter was not received for the month of August.

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I DO MY THING, AND YOU DO YOUR THING  
I'M NOT IN THIS WORLD TO LIVE UP TO YOUR EXPECTATIONS  
AND YOU ARE NOT IN THIS WORLD TO LIVE UP TO MINE  
YOU ARE YOU AND I AM I,  
AND IF BY CHANCE WE FIND EACH OTHER, IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

FREDERICK S. PERLS

## NEWS

San Francisco Chronicle - Aug. 11 - "Same-Sex Marriages Defended"

"The American Bar Association was told yesterday that laws requiring marriage partners to be of different sexes are unconstitutional. The statement was made during a panel discussion on 'women's liberation and the constitution' by Rita E. Hauser, United States representative to the United Nations Human Rights Commission. 'Legal distinction on the basis of sex is no longer reasonable, and I am willing to apply that view to any and all sets of circumstances the mind may conceive,' said Mrs. Hauser, a New York lawyer. She said state laws that require marriage partners to be of opposite sexes 'predicates reproduction as the legal consideration of marriage, and that view, I submit, is no longer consistent with fact.' If limiting reproduction has become the social goal 'I know of no better way of accomplishing that than marriage between the same sexes,' she said. 'I am not urging this as a social policy,' she added, 'rather I am arguing that the right to marry, a right guaranteed by law, cannot be premised on sex distinctions which serve to deny equal protection of the law to all persons.'"

San Francisco Chronicle - Aug. 11 - "Senate OKs Rights Bills For Women"

"The Senate (state) passed three bills yesterday designed to assure equality for women in California public education. The measures require State College trustees and university regents to correct inequities in hiring practices on the basis of sex and also provides that grade school and high school textbooks include accurate portrayals of women. The three measures were introduced by Senator Mervyn Dymally, Dem.-LA. All were sent to the Assembly."

San Francisco Chronicle-Examiner - July 26 - "Women Job Bias Termed 'Subtle'"

"Labor Secretary James D. Hodgson said yesterday that job discrimination against women is 'subtle and more pervasive than against any other minority group,' but that the Labor Department will not take any immediate action.

He told 10 representatives of women's rights organizations in a meeting at the Labor Department that 'I have no intention of applying the same approach for women' as carried out under an executive order issued by former President Johnson outlawing discrimination in job hiring and promotions by federal contractors.

In a news conference following the session, Dr. Ann Scott of Williams-ville NY said Hodgson's refusal to make a commitment means 'Women have been left out again' by the Nixon Administration.

'This is not limited to the Secretary of Labor,' Dr. Scott said. 'It is part and parcel of the attitude of the administration.'

A Department spokesman said Hodgson was 'sympathetic' to the women's complaints, but needs more time to 'study the situation'."

San Francisco Examiner - Aug. 10 - "Rights Bill Wins 346-15"

"The House gave overwhelming approval today to a proposed constitutional amendment, first introduced 47 years ago, to guarantee equal rights to women. The roll call vote was a historic victory for feminists, who said the proposed amendment would give women access to better, higher-paying jobs and end a host of discriminatory practices sanctioned by



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state and federal laws.

Opponents complained the proposal was adopted without sufficient consideration and warned it could lead to years of costly litigation testing the constitutionality of laws on alimony, child custody and support as well as laws aimed at protecting women workers.

They also said, and supporters of the proposal agreed, that it could subject women to the draft.

The proposed amendment states:

'Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex'.

Rep. Martha W. Griffiths (D-Mich.), led a bipartisan drive to bring the proposal out of the House Judiciary Committee where it has been dormant for 47 years.

It will now go to the Senate where 79 of the 100 members already are pledged to vote for it.

Ratification by three-fourths of the states will be necessary to make it law."

San Francisco Chronicle - Aug. 11 - "Ladie's Day In New York"

"It was a time of protest, power, pressure and promise for the women's liberation movement in New York yesterday. About 100 women ferried out to the Statue of Liberty and hung a banner on that colossal lady's pedestal demanding: 'Women of the World Unite.'

At City Hall, Mayor John V. Lindsay signed a law forcing 'Men-only' bars and restaurants to admit women, and the mayor listened as a woman demanded he stop working out at the Athletic Club, now exclusively for men.

Representative Bertram Podell, a Brooklyn Democrat, announced he will introduce a pension plan for housewives which would allow them to set aside up to \$25 a week of their husband's income, tax-free. Podell said that his housewives' pension plan would apply to working wives as well as the 26.8 million women classified by the United States Labor Department as housewives outside the labor force.

Betty Friedan, author and feminist, attended the news conference. She claimed the \$25 a week toward a pension was insufficient, but added: 'This is a revolutionary bill. We can increase the amount later.'

Some of the women who invaded the Statue of Liberty said they might stay there until Congress approves a constitutional amendment banning discrimination against women.

A spokesman said they chose to demonstrate at the Statue of Liberty because of 'the hypocrisy that women represent liberty.'

About 50 of the group marched up and down singing a women's liberation anthem to the tune of 'Battle Hymn of the Republic.' One verse said:

'There'll be men upon their knees to us and begging for their lives.

And some we'll spare and some we'll not, for justice is our knife.

There'll be judo, there'll be self-defense and rifles for each wife,

For it's liberation time."



NEWS (CONT.)

The Maiden Voyage (Boston DOB Newsletter) - June, July - "Lutherans Call For Fair Treatment", by Pam Boyd

"The Lutheran Church in America has publically called for fair treatment of homosexuals. In a statement issued July 2 in Minneapolis by delegates to an eight day biennial Lutheran convention, members declared that it is 'essential' that homosexuals receive 'understanding' and 'justice' in the church and in the community as well. The 600 delegates representing 3.2 million Lutherans in this country also emphasized a belief that individuals engaged in homosexual behavior were no more or less sinners than were heterosexuals.

The text of the church's stand, entitled 'Sex, Marriage and Family,' is as follows:

'Scientific research has not been able to provide conclusive evidence regarding the causes of homosexuality. Nevertheless, homosexuality is viewed biblically as a departure from the heterosexual structure of God's creation.'

'Persons who engage in homosexual behavior are sinners only as are all other persons -- alienated from God and neighbor. However, they are often the special and undeserving victims of prejudice and discrimination in law, law enforcement, cultural mores and congregational life.'

'In relation to this area of concern, the sexual behavior of freely consenting adults in private is not an appropriate subject for legislation or police action.'

'It is essential to see such persons as entitled to understanding and justice in church and community.'

Gay News - August 3 - "Troy Perry Breaks 10 Day Fast"

"Carole Shepherd, Los Angeles Chapter President of the Daughters of Bilitis, and a co-faster with the Rev. Troy Perry in Los Angeles, gave an account of her recent fast.

'The fast ended on July 7th' she said. 'It lasted for ten days. Eight persons fasted. The Reverend Perry's doctor finally recommended that we stop for health reasons. We had a great deal of fun during the fast. Hundreds of people came to give us constant care.'

'The L.A. Times, the Hollywood Citizen News, the Free Press, and other papers all took note of the fast. Television coverage was thorough too. NBC, ABC, CBS, and a local station (KHJ) all showed up to turn their cameras on us. We passed out over 5,000 leaflets explaining the purposes of the fast. The demonstration served to unite the homosexual community in Los Angeles in startling new ways. The response we received was very heartwarming.'

'Councilman Stephenson from Hollywood came by to express his concern and Councilman Blanchard from the San Fernando Valley showed up, too. A meeting is now being arranged with city officials to discuss laws and public policies concerning homosexuals'."

Note: The Advocate (Aug 5-18) stated that "Sources close to Rev. Perry said he had apparently accomplished his primary objective of getting 'meaningful response from someone in authority interested in changing the laws that discriminate against homosexuals.'"

## NEWS (CONT.)

LA DOB - July Newsletter - "California's Governor Homosexual"

"Unbelievable? Yes, it is quite a pipe dream, but not completely without a dim chance of reality. A group of Rev. Troy Perry's friends have banded together and secured his permission to organize a write-in campaign for the office of Lt. Governor of the State of California. Some 5 million Californians will go to the polls this November to elect a complete slate of state officials. If 5% of these voters wrote-in the name of Troy Perry -- some 250,000 votes would be too powerful a bloc to be ignored in any state legislature. The laws could be changed.

The disadvantages of such a campaign far outweigh the chance of success: 1) Due to his commitments to MCC, the Rev. Perry could take no active part in his own behalf. 2) There is no financial support available on a large scale. 3) We have no existing organization to match those of the political parties. 4) Write-in campaigns are extremely difficult -- it takes a real effort on the part of the voter.

Just what do we have in our favor? 1) In Rev. Troy Perry we have a natural candidate. 2) The current popularity of the homosexual as topical discussion issue creates publicity that can not be bought. 3) No one has to venture out of their closet to support the cause-- the polling booth is still private. 4) We can attract volunteer workers to help. 5) No matter how many votes are cast for an announced homosexual, the effect will be felt -- the greater the number, the greater the effect.

What we need right now in order to get off the ground are dollars and volunteers. If you can help in any way, please contact 'The Committee to Elect Troy Perry', P.O. Box 38098, Los Angeles, Calif., 90038. Let us come together now for freedom."

New York Mattachine Times - August - News from Dallas Texas

"Alvin Buchanan is out of jail after his attorney posted a bond of \$5,000, much of it contributed by the homophile community. (This case is an appeal by the State of Texas to the high court, following a U.S. District Court decision that the Texas sodomy law is unconstitutional. If the Supreme Court upholds the lower court, all sodomy laws in the nation will fall). The publicity given Buchanan's case has made him unemployable and if you want to help, send a check to the NACHO Legal Defense Fund, c/o MSNY. (Harrassment from other prisoners, threats from jailers, and even the Chief Jailer, necessitated the quick raising of bail money)."

From Mr. George Hathaway, SRRT Clearinghouse Secretary, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, New York 11210.

"The Task Force on Gay Liberation was formed within the Social Responsibilities Round Table at the American Library Association annual meeting. Over 100 librarians met and goals and purposes of the Task Force were discussed. Among the Announced goals of the Task Force on Gay Liberation are the revision of library classification schemes to remove homosexuality from the realm of sexual aberrations, to encourage all libraries to build objective collections on homosexuality, and to make these collections easily available to all. Your reactions, comments, suggestions to these goals, as well as new ideas will be most welcome, as will any offers of assistance."



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Production of the newsletter is relatively easy. Gathering material for it is very difficult. The major contributors to the newsletter this year are leaving or have left (with the exception of horoscope expert Ruth). One is left with the situation of having all the material you read selected by one person - the editor. You have read in the past months articles from other newsletters. These are member-contributed, and this is the way a newsletter should be. The trend for this newsletter over the past year has been toward the development of a newspaper rather than a newsletter, and this should not be. The problem is lack of contribution. State your opinion about anything you consider relevant. Try writing up a story on a dance, movie, restaurant, or your experiences. Take advantage of the classified ad section. Send in your ads, poems, clippings, and comments. Send your contributions to the office, and I will gladly read them. - Editor

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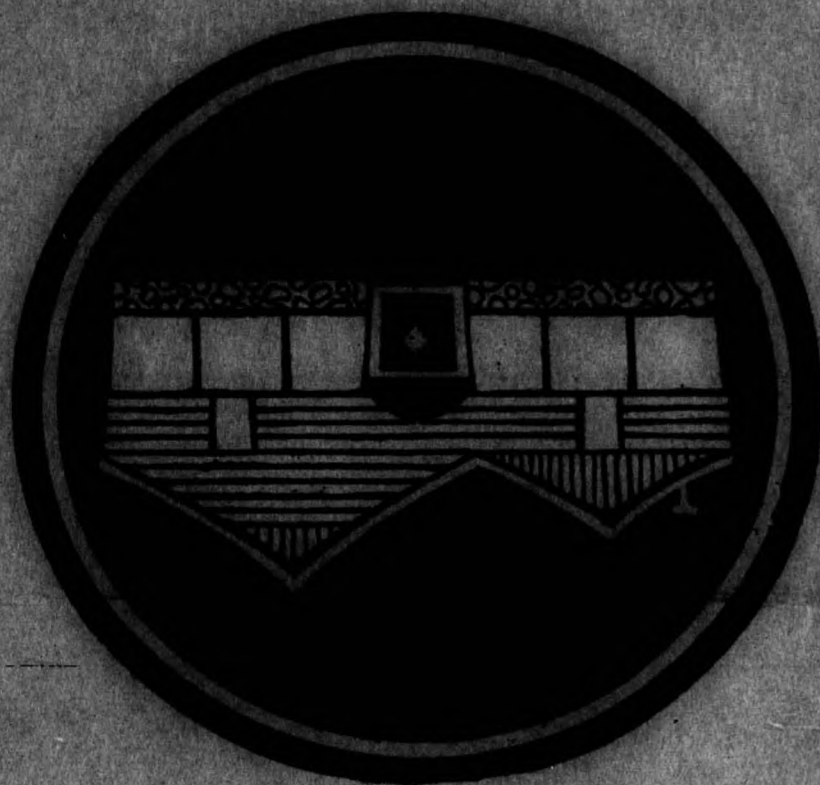
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 26 Sept - Sat - DOB FLEA MARKET AND DANCE. The flea market is from 1-7 PM and the dance from 9PM-2AM. To be held at SIR, 83 6th St., SF. See business meeting report for more details.
- 4 Oct - Sun - FREE DOB DISCUSSION GROUP. The subject will concern directions and goals. Many vital topics for our future will be discussed. All DOB members, particularly, are urged to attend. To be held at Karen's, 2423 10th St., Berkeley. If lost, call 843-5861. Discussion lasts from 7PM-10PM.
- 17 Oct - Sat - 8PM - DOB BUSINESS MEETING. At the office, 1005 Market St, SF.
- 31 Oct - Sat - DOB HALLOWEEN DANCE. BYOB, records. Costumes optional, but a prize will be given for the best costume. Cost is \$1.00 per person. At Barbara's, 545 Kearney, El Cerrito. Over the Bay Bridge and down Interstate 80. Take the Central Ave. exit and stay on Central until you reach Kearney, one block above San Pablo Ave. Turn left on Kearney. If lost, call 527-3653.. Time of the dance is 9PM-1AM.
- 30 Oct-1 Nov - CRH Symposium on the "Life Style of the Homosexual". At Glide Memorial Church, Taylor and Ellis Sts., SF. There is further information about this symposium later in the business meeting section. For more immediate details, call Phyllis Lyon at 771-6300.
- Every Sunday - 1PM - Metropolitan Community Church holds services at Polk and Turk Sts., SF (California Hall).
- Every Saturday night - Dances at SIR, 83 6th St., SF. \$1.50 for non-members. All are encouraged to attend. Call 781-1570, for further information. (9PM-2AM).
- Note: NOVA events and business meetings are sometimes not included in this newsletter, as their monthly newsletter occasionally comes out after ours. If you are interested in their October events, write to NOVA, P.O. Box 6184, Albany, Calif., 94718.

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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

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Secretary - Karen - 843-5861 - Berkeley  
Treasurer - Diane - 771-9170 - San Francisco



## Report on September Business Meeting of DOB

### Election of Officers

Former secretary and horoscope expert Ruth was elected president by a unanimous vote, with the exception of one abstention. Barbara was elected vice-president (many swinging dances have been held in her home). Karen, head of our speakers bureau, was elected secretary. Diane, our efficient and reliable treasurer, was re-elected. All officers urge you to attend our planning session-discussion group on Oct. 4. Members, let's give these women support.

### Action Core Report from Secretary Karen

Several names are on the speakers list, but more volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please contact Karen at 843-5861. (Please note that this is a new telephone number). Karen reminds us of the rap sessions at Bishop's Coffee House to which we have been invited. Both men and women attend these sessions. Contact her for further information. Several DOB members planned to participate in the CRH discussion for all the various homosexual organizations and groups in the Bay Area Sept. 12. A report on this will be forthcoming in the October newsletter.

### Flea Market and Dance

Volunteers are desperately needed to help out on the sale of items. We have several donations, but more would be appreciated. If you cannot either help out or donate, then do come and buy something, as a record player, radio, camera and new clothes (all in excellent condition) have already been donated. A good number of books will also be sold. If you wish to volunteer your labor or donate, call Karen at 843-5861 or Kathy at 342-9623.

We again emphasize - this is a good chance for DOB to make money. Success or failure relies heavily on member participation. And do not forget the dance following at 9PM - the cost is \$1.00 for members and \$1.50 for non-members.

### Macy's Arrests

A letter was sent to Macy's, opposing their 'methods' in the bathroom arrests of several young men. Macy's has not yet responded to our letter.

We have also written a letter to Gay Lib, supporting them in their picket of Macy's. The membership is still strongly encouraged to protest in one form or another. Join Gay Lib in their picket if you can afford the publicity (photographs are being taken of the pickets). If you cannot picket, then write a letter of protest to Mr. Applby, General Manager of Macy's, S.F.

### Other Business

San Francisco Suicide Prevention Inc. is holding workshops in order to help participants to gain more awareness of problems related to suicide. The workshops are held at 307 12th Ave., SF, and cost \$10.00 per session. There will be three sessions - Sept 29, Oct 14 and 30. Phone 752-4866 for more information.

Marriage on the rocks? We have located three psychologists who will counsel homosexual couples or individuals. Call any officer if you are interested in such counseling.

## Business Meeting (cont.)

### Other Business (cont.)

Discussion groups - We are considering lawyers, ministers, and psychologists as speakers at our discussion groups. This will be discussed further at the Oct 4 planning session and at the Oct business meeting.

Newsletter - The format of the SF newsletter will probably be changed. The idea is to produce a magazine saleable to the public. This has already been tried with success by the New York Chapter. The magazine will of course be free to members and those who have sent in donations. A planning session is in the works, and it is hoped the magazine will appear in the near future.

Circus - We still have 10 tickets for the circus to be held in November at the Cow Palace. If you have children, or know of children you could take to the circus, call Diane at 771-9170 and she will send you a free ticket (on first-come first-serve basis). This offer expires Sept 30, and after that date, we will donate left-over tickets to needy children.

CRH Symposium on the "Life Style of the Homosexual" - This symposium is designed to provide a forum in which professional as well as non-professional persons may talk to as well as about homosexuals. Speakers from the homophile community will present the following problems and concerns confronting the homosexual in today's world.

Isolation	The law - civil as well as penal
Creation of sub-cultures	law reform and enforcement
Homophile movement	Selective service
Drag	Employment Discrimination
Gay "marriage"	Counselling
Gay bars	Multi-media presentation on sexuality
Literature and research	The homosexual in the family
Lesbianism	Youth and Militants

Applications must be received by Oct. 26. The cost for the three-day day conference is \$25, which includes one dinner and theatre performances.

New office location was not discussed at the Sept business meeting.

Membership fees - we remind you that a regular membership is \$10 per year and that students, unemployed, and those unable to pay \$10 can become members for \$4 per year.

Gay Switchboard - A switchboard to serve the needs of the homosexual community has been created and is open daily for at least six hours, 3-9PM. The number is 843-6982. The Switchboard is listed in the directory as the Gay Switchboard, and its mailing address is P.O. Box 4089, Berkeley, Calif., 94704.

The Switchboard needs funds desperately. Contributions may be made out to Committee of Concern for Homosexuals, Inc., a religious and charitable non-profit organization.

The Switchboard exists to respond to questions from the community at large about homosexuality or the homosexual experience, to make contact with parents concerned about their children, to get people who are just defining themselves to talk with others who have gone through the same experiences, and so on.



## Chapter News

The New York Chapter president discussed lesbianism during a phone-in question and answer session (talk show) on ABC TV in New York.

Speaker of the month was Father Robert Clement, founder of God's Gay Church (similar to MCC). The topic was "The Roles for Women in the Church -- a New Church for Women".

The New York Chapter is now selling its newsletter for 25¢ through the Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, an idea that will be helpful to other chapters in fund-raising.

Other chapter newsletters for September have not yet been received.

Our sister chapters now include New York, Los Angeles, Boston, and Australia. All others have been discontinued (New Orleans, Chicago, Cleveland, Portland, and San Diego), with the exception of the Reno Chapter. We have not heard from this chapter for several months.

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## LIBRA HOROSCOPE

by Ruth

Although the Libran woman is not a regular bar-goer, if you were to walk into the Study on a particular night and she was there, she would attract your immediate, undivided attention. Her ruling planet Venus often gives the Libran the features of a Grecian goddess. She is not only attractive, but elegant and graceful as well. Amazingly, she appears to be oblivious to this aura of personal magnetism. But don't be fooled; underneath, she is constantly working on ways to make herself more interesting and likeable.

Love is an essential part of the Libran's life, and without romantic involvement she is moody and depressed. Fortunately, she always seems to be in love, though usually not with the same person. She is able to move from affair to affair with considerable ease, and prefers this to committing herself to a long-term relationship. Because of her popularity, it is easy to begin a new romance, but difficult to end one. She hates hurting feelings, even when she feels she must move on to greener pastures, and for this reason her ex-lovers usually remain close friends.

Venus has endowed the Libran lesbian with a strong, highly refined sexual nature, which makes this woman a delightfully charming partner. Although many of her sexual views are a bit conservative, she keeps an open mind and is always willing to experiment and give the "other side" a try. Often the Libran is bi-sexual, as she enjoys equally the company of men and women. Even if she is exclusively gay, she will have many male friends.

Don't play hard-to-get if you are interested in this woman, because she's much too popular to be kept on the string. She likes to know where she stands with people, and by being honest and sincere, she'll dig you a lot more. Possessiveness and jealousy will scare her away faster than anything else, so before you get involved, be sure you are willing to share her with others. She needs the companionship of many friends, and in many cases, several other lovers, but it is possible to be number one in her heart if you're willing to put forth the effort. If you love and lose in an affair with a Libran, you will have learned so much about life, that you will feel blessed.

(Note: Do you have any questions on astrology that you would like answered? If so, address them to Ruth, c/o the newsletter. As many replies as possible will be given each month.)

## NEWS

From The Advocate - "Gays Lose Court Battle on 'Homophile' Phone List"  
Sept 12-29

"A long legal battle between four San Francisco homophile organizations and the Pacific Telephone Company and Public Utilities Commission ended July 29 when the California Supreme Court refused to hear the case. The two-year battle began in September, 1968, when the four organizations sought hearings before the PUC which would compel the phone company to insert a listing in the Yellow Pages for 'Homophile Organizations'.

PTandT had claimed that such a listing would be offensive to many users, and numerous customers would not allow the phone book in their homes if the listing were carried. The PUC concurred, and after several hearings, denied the group's request.

During the hearings, PTandT summoned numerous witnesses. One was a spokesman for the National Conference of Catholic Women in San Francisco. She objected to the listing on the grounds that 'the telephone company is the last bastion of common decency'.

Under Calif. law, anyone appealing the decision of a public regulatory agency must do so directly to the state Supreme Court. The ad hoc group, under attorney David Clayton, filed a petition with the Supreme Court. However, there is no provision that says the court must hear the case argued. If it so chooses, it may simply refuse to hear the petition.

In this instance, the court so chose.

Clayton said he had advised SIR and the other three groups participating in the petition - CRH, DOB, and the Tavern Guild - that an appeal still could be made to the U.S. Supreme Court. However, he advised against such a time and money consuming effort."

From the S.F. Chronicle - "Pornography Advisers Still Urges Law Repeals"  
August 28

"Repeal of all U.S. laws against pornography for adults but the enactment of laws against exposure of children to obscene pictures were among recommendations reportedly given final approval yesterday by the President's Commission on Pornography. Also given final approval, a commission source said, were recommendations for laws against public display of pornography or its use in unsolicited mail advertisements. The most controversial recommendation - repeal of censorship for adults - and its supporting arguments have been extensively rewritten since a draft report was disclosed by the AP three weeks ago. But this recommendation was reported approved intact: 'The commission recommends federal, state, and local legislation prohibiting the sale, exhibition, or distribution of sexual materials to consenting adults should be repealed'."

From the Mattachine Times - August 1970

"WASHINGTON, D.C.: H.R. 16311, known as the Ribicoff Amendment, has become part of Nixon's Welfare Reform Bill. It is important in that it establishes that two single individuals can constitute a family; that single persons are included on the basis of need; and finally, it is the first time the Federal Government has assumed responsibility for what happens to the single person since the 1930's."

"UNITED NATIONS: The New York Gay Liberation Front held a workshop on gay liberation as part of the UN's World Youth Assembly. Despite this and other bright spots, the Assembly was denounced by participants as something of a flop. Most delegates from Iron Curtain countries were



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hardly young, and had obviously been selected for their adherence to the 'party line'. Fighting, bickering and closed minds seemed to be the order to the meeting. Secretary-General U Thant told the kids they were behaving like the adults who met there".

From The Advocate - "Nixon Nixes Same-Sex Marriages" - Sept 2-15

"President Nixon 'doesn't think that people of the same sex should marry,' the White House told the ADVOCATE Aug. 12. Presidential Press Secretary Ronald Zeigler said the President 'hasn't been for it, he's not for it, and he won't be for it'.

The ADVOCATE asked for the President's comment in the wake of a pocket tempest stirred up by a United States delegate to the U.N. Human Rights Commission at the American Bar Association's convention in St. Louis. Mrs. Rita E. Hauser, speaking during a panel discussion Aug. 10 on 'women's liberation and the Constitution,' made statements which were widely interpreted as favoring gay marriage (See last month's newsletter for that particular article - it is the first article in the news section).

Mrs. Hauser, a New York lawyer, later said some of her comments were facetious, and others were intended only to point up the sort of problems that might arise as the result of the drive for equality of the sexes. In denying that she meant to champion gay marriage, Mrs. Hauser stressed that her main point was that the law should not recognize sex distinctions. This could lead to same-sex marriages as a humorous by-product, she said. 'But that does not mean I endorse marriage between persons of the same sex'. She said her remarks on same-sex marriage were quoted more or less accurately, but without the tone of voice in which she delivered them, and were misinterpreted. She said they were meant to lighten the discussion, and people at the meeting were laughing. Press Secretary Zeigler began by stressing that Mrs. Hauser had been speaking strictly as an individual and not for the White House or the administration. He indicated that she had been in contact with the White House only after the story broke."

From The Advocate - "U.N. Commission to Study Request to Aid Homosexuals" Sept 2-15

"U.N. Secretary-General U Thant has accepted and transmitted to a sub-commission of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights a communication from the Homophile Youth Movement, U.S.A.

The communication, which will be considered by the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, was summarized as suggesting 'that the civil and legal rights of homosexuals should be insured under the legislation of every country, and that the world homophile movement should be assisted in its fight for pride, dignity, identity and social and legal justice.'"

From MCC News - "Looking for the Way?" - Aug. 30

"Metropolitan Community Church began in late 1968 when a small group of Christian homophiles met in Los Angeles at the home of the Rev. Troy Perry. Today that church has over 500 persons in attendance every Sunday, plus a full range of activities and social services for its members. MCC now has churches in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Phoenix, Dallas, Miami, and Chicago. MCC, which is made up of persons of every type of religious background, opens its doors to and serves all people. But, its special outreach is to the men and women of the homophile community."

## NEWS (CONT.)

From the S.F. Chronicle - "Gays Get It All Together -- A Vote for Women's Lib" - Aug. 27

"Seven homosexual women invaded a national convention of gay leaders yesterday and accused their captive audience - all but one of them males - of being unfair to women. The homosexual men heard some earthy barracks language from Cherie Matisse of the Gay Liberation Front of Los Angeles. She contemptuously described them as 'polite liberals'.

The confrontation took place at 83 6th St. (SIR), on the opening day of a convention of the North American Conference of Homophile Organizations (NACHO), which represents the homosexual establishment more than it does the Gay Lib organizations.

The seven gay women marched upstairs to the meeting room at 3:30 PM and took over the rostrum. The listening males were told to dispel any ideas they had that women are 'femmes and witches'. This message came from Fen Gregory, a member of the Daughters of Bilitis, an organization of Lesbians. She called on gay men to work militantly with gay women who belonged to the homosexual organizations, or would like to join. Miss Gregory told the men none of them would come out in drag and play the role of 'queens' if you were really aware of what it is like to be really treated as a woman.

One of the listening men objected to Miss Matisse's description of policemen as 'pigs'. She retorted: 'You've been called 'faggots' for so many years, so why shouldn't you call policemen 'pigs'?' After 30 minutes' debate, the delegates voted, by a 2-1 margin, for a resolution affirming its support and solidarity with the Women's Liberation Movement.

Del Martin, leader of the seven-woman group, thanked the delegates for their vote and said: 'We are both fighting a male chauvinist, sexist society.'

Earlier the delegates heard a plea from Don Jackson of Bakersfield for help in a movement he has begun to try to establish - a gay political jurisdiction - even to try to take over the state of Nevada eventually. He is the founder of the Gay Nationalist Society. 'All of the other groups seeks to alter heterosexual society,' he declared. 'We seek to escape from them'.

Jackson said the first step would be to have gays migrate into a sparsely-populated California county where there are only a few hundred registered voters - and take over the county by ballot. Then, on to Nevada."

From the S.F. Chronicle - "Homophiles Debate 'Closet Queen' Issue" - 8/28

"The issue of whether 'closet queens' should come out of the closet and into the street was debated here yesterday during the second day of a national convention of homophile organizations. A 'closet queen' is a homosexual man who passes as heterosexual in his public life and declines to march with Gay Lib persons - of both sexes - in avowal of their sexual preference. Presiding at the meet at 83 6th St. was William E. Wynne, chairman of NACHO. There were 30 of them, with 30 points of view.

Yesterday, Wynne dramatized the issue of closet queens by describing what happened to him five years ago when he announced to his employer in Kansas City, Mo., that he was gay and intended to take a public position through organizations devoted to getting better public acceptance of gays. 'I am a chemist', he said. 'I had a job with a big corporation in Kansas City. I joined an organization of homosexual persons - not many



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people in it - the Middle West, you know. Joining this movement gave me something to do. It liberated me. My boss called me in,' he said. 'He told me: We've found out something about you that shocks us. We'll give you the opportunity to resign'. Then, said Wynne, 'I tried to purge his mind of stereotypes about sexual identity. Two weeks later he told me he'd talked to his minister and others. And, he said: Maybe this is what it's all about to be a Christian.'

Wynne stayed on the job, and, he said, 'in the next three or four months I became closer to the people in that plant than ever before.'

From the S.F. Chronicle - "Sex Bias in Jobs Called Widespread" - Aug 25

"Sex discrimination is more widespread than racial discrimination in employment, a Senate committee reported yesterday in urging stronger Federal enforcement powers to assure equal job opportunities. The Senate Labor and Public Welfare committee, in a report on a bill it recently approved, cited statistics showing lower pay for women than men for the same work and said this violates the 1964 Civil Rights Act. 'This kind of blatantly disparate treatment is particularly obnoxious in view of the fact that this law has been in existence for more than five years,' Sen. Williams (D-N.J.) said in releasing the report. The 1964 law banned discrimination on account of sex as well as race, color, religion or national origin. But Williams said 'the ban against sex discrimination continues to be widely regarded as a kind of legislative accident.'

Statistics in the report for 1968 showed that for professional and technical workers, men averaged \$10,152 a year while women in the same work averaged \$6691. Figures for other occupations included: clerical workers, men, \$7351, women, \$4789; factory workers, men, \$6738, women \$3991; service workers, men \$6058, women, \$3332; sales workers, men, \$8549, women, \$3461.

This is the type of evidence cited by supporters of a proposed constitutional amendment providing that equality of rights under state and Federal laws shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex. The so-called women's rights amendment has been approved by the House, but Senator Sam Ervin (D-N.C.) is leading a fight to modify it so that it would not nullify laws he contends are needed for the protection of women."

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