This is the first issue of this publication and is by direction of the Board of Directors of THE LEAGUE FOR CIVIL EDUCATION. We are definitely not trying to capture a Pulitzer Prize for reporting earth-shattering events. This publication will report the day-to-day happenings in the "community." We will try to keep you informed on the coming events of interest and to try to make you aware of your part in the preservation of your personal liberties will be the prime objects of THE LCE NEWS. There will not be an attempt to make this a professional news letter; therefore we ask your indulgence as we start on this venture.

The LEAGUE FOR CIVIL EDUCATION is a non-profit organization, chartered by the State of California, by and for citizens of San Francisco who believe: "all men are created equal and are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, and that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." To put this quotation from the Declaration of Independence into proper perspective: Our local governments also were formed to insure these liberties, not to take them away. However the only way these rights can be assured is to keep alert as the the never ending encroachment of the bigot and the uninformed. It is the first duty of every citizen to register to vote, then to vote. It is the duty of each citizen to protest when their rights and liberties are threatened. Only by being vocal can a group, however loosely confederated, make their weight felt.

It is noted with interest that the number of frivolous arrests are on the decrease. The Chief of Police is to be congratulated. But regardless how well ordered a police department is there seems always to be some bad apples. San Francisco has far less than their share of these.

The Election of November 7 is a few weeks away and the increase in registration, we believe is a direct result of the drive sustained by this organization since last election. Immediately after this election another drive will get underway. It is our estimate that we have in the "community" 10,000 new voters. Next year we hope to have another 10,000.

The policy of the League precludes the endorsement of any candidate. However in looking over the candidates and their platforms, most of them seem to have little to offer other than (1) Cheap Transportation for the old folks; (2) Tearing down the freeways; (3) Building new freeways. In fact most of them seem to be running for Senior Class President, not public office. If more politicians would use their platform as a basic statement of policy, instead of trying to get something for everyone, citizens would be more inclined to go to the Polls on Election Day.

Elsewhere in this publication is a paid ad for one of the Candidates for the office of Supervisor for the City and County of San Francisco. The acceptance of this ad does not constitute endorsement. Some of the members of the League have been quite active promoting the Candidacy of Jose Sarria, but again this does not mean the League's endorsement. We do note that his platform strikes at the heart of the problems in San Francisco today.

Voters should know that there will be five offices open on the Board of Supervisors in this election. That is you may vote for any five. However, your vote will be more powerful if you vote only for those candidates in which you are sincerely interested. The vote that you cast for the person you do not know may be the one that elects him and finally defeats the candidate in which you are interested.

A decision of the Board of Directors of the League that would be of interest to non-members provides that dues be prorated for the year. That is, persons joining before Dec 31 need pay only $5. for the remainder of the fiscal year ending 30 June 1962.

A new brochure regarding the League will be available for distribution to all interested by the end of the month. Almost daily we have inquiries from varying parts of the country. Organizations similar to the League have been started in many cities of the United States. The League seems to be well along in comparison with most of them and wishes all of them the best of luck. Any assistance we can give to any organization of similar aims and purposes will be given.

Troy has left the Fez to go back to that lively Town in Los Angeles County. The special show "New Faces of 1952" on October 10 was such a success that Maurice and Lamont plan to do it again. It was a gas. The new decor at Jacks Waterfront was a large improvement. The old paint job must have been
left over from some other joint. The Movies at the Jumping Frog packs them in. Ernie is missing from Don's Restaurant. He will be back before too long. The Bar at 365 Broadway has new landscaping. The "Greek Luau" there a couple of weeks ago was good. Sunday at the Black Cat starring Jose' Sarria never ceases to amaze the tourists. Information as to planned events in San Francisco are always welcome. As far as private parties are concerned we had far rather report what happened than to tell what is going to happen. Sometimes you have party crashers, dressed formally in Blue. Mel and Bob are back in active management of the Crossroads. That old time favorite of San Francisco, Maurice's, still pours one of the best drinks in town. Bond Street, that unique bar on Vallejo has more "trash" on the walls than most places have on the floor. The champagne party of Dick, on Columbus, for Columbus day was a smashing success with George Christofer blowing kisses to the assemblage.

Many times in the past, law enforcement officers have stopped pedestrians on the streets and filled out a "make card". The question has been asked of the League as to the legality of this. Our Legal Counsel has advised us that you must give them your name and address but beyond that nothing is necessary. If you are asked where you work, this information is an invasion of your personal privacy and is not a question that you have to answer. However, all politeness must be used or you might have trouble. The question has also been asked: "What information should be given if arrested?" Again, our Legal Counsel advises us that you must give your name and address only. The attorney you hire to defend you will have a better chance of protecting your rights if you make no other statement what you need at this time however is not an attorney but someone to go your bail.

Many persons get understandably excited when they are arrested and will admit to anything but you can not be forced to testify against yourself. In today's complicated laws, rules and regulations, when involved with the law you need a lawyer. Oftimes the money an attorney can save you is far less than the fine and the future grief far exceeds the fee. The classic statement "Why do I need an attorney when I am innocent?" should be reserved for children.

In line with the above, many people have lost good jobs because they gave their occupation and place of employment to the police and then the newspapers published it. It is not necessary to give your place of employment to anyone except a Judge under direct question.

There is an interesting case of entrapment involving the use of a listening device that the League is watching quite closely. Holloween is just around the corner. We have contacted one of our attorneys and he tells us "it is a misdemeanor to wear the clothing of the opposite sex with the intent to deceive," therefore the League will make available to all interested a card reading "I am a boy" for those who might wear customarily on that night that might leave their sex in question. It is also assured by way of the grapevine that some of the costumes of recent year will not be tolerated because they were lewd and will end up in the Kearney Street Hotel. It has been noted over the past years that many of the people in all walks of life use this holiday for lewdness, hoodlumism, vandalism, etc. Let us hope that this year the police department exerts themselves to put a stop to the innumerable beatings, thievery, and vandalism. Last year one of the "young ladies" leaving a Montgomery Street establishment was brutally beaten and kicked with about 12 of San Francisco's finest within 100 feet. For Shame.

The Free Forums of the League will be resumed after the election. There have been two in the past; the first was devoted to "The Rights of Arrest" and the second with "The New Vag Law". Topics for the new series have not been selected and suggestions will be welcome.

ADVERTISEMENTS
I, JOSE' JULIO SARRIA running for the office of Supervisor in the City and County of San Francisco want and need your support so I can win and initiate action on the principles of my platform of Equality and Justice before the law for one and all. This can only be done with your whole hearted support.

THE BLACK CAT OPERA ASSOCIATION proudly presents the spectacle of Romeo and Juliet, Sunday, October 15 at 4:30 with Jim McGinn in the orchestra pit, Jose' Sarria as Romeo and Guest Star Michele as Juliet.

Advertisements to appear in the LCE NEWS must be submitted by the 13th and 28th of each month and are payable in advance at the rate of 50c per column inch. Distribution of the paper will be made to members of the League at no charge and to others at 10c the copy.

We hope that this publication will serve a useful purpose in the "community" and with your support and assistance it can become unique in the country. UNITED WE STAND DIVIDED WE WILL SURELY FALL.