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WELCOME TO SAN FRANCISCO!

Once again the San Francisco Area Council, members and friends are happy to extend a warm welcome to the 3rd annual convention of the Mattachine Society, Inc.

The program of this year's meeting is somewhat different from past conventions. From discussions with members of the Board of Directors, it was determined that Society business this year would require less time to conduct, thereby permitting development of a program on a central theme and calling upon recognized leaders in the socio-sexual field to conduct it for us.

The result is "A Survey of the Homophilic Situation, 1956," which will be presented in its various legal, educational, psychological, psychiatric and correctional aspects by an imposing group of experts. We believe it will be informative and enjoyable. And we express our sincere thanks to the professional people who so kindly accepted the invitation of our program chairman to appear, sharing with us invaluable viewpoints for the benefit of ourselves and the public.

All members of the San Francisco area—Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Oakland and Berkeley chapters—join in the wish that you will have a pleasant and memorable visit here, and that you will all come back—again and again!

Mel Fetti, Chairman,
San Francisco Area Council
Mattachine Society, Inc.

May 11, 1956

ON OUR COVER: One of San Francisco's picturesque cable cars on the California Street line begins its steep descent toward Market Street as it leaves the intersection of California and Powell streets, the crossroads of Nob Hill. The drawing was taken from a recent steel firm advertisement.

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Secretary's Report

The office of Secretary of the Mattachine Society, while constitutionally divided for two officers, has been combined during the past year, with one individual performing the jobs of both corresponding and recording secretary.

Secretaries habitually do the administrative work that must go forward daily, although generally "behind the scenes."

To our post office box regularly come inquiries from each of the 48 states, and from many foreign countries as well. All such inquiries require attention and reply, often enclosing information booklets and other informational folders. Mailing lists must be maintained and constantly corrected. These are but some of the duties a secretary must perform in addition to the more obvious chores, such as taking notes at meetings for use in preparing the minutes, then transcribing them into the official record, assisting the chairman in the conduct of all Board meetings, keeping files, mimeographing minutes, and so on.

Other duties performed by this office include assistance on writing and publishing the Los Angeles newsletter, making regular distribution mailings to areas and to the office of the Mattachine Review at San Francisco, and attendance at all meetings of the Board of Directors during the year.

Mattachine, although a small organization when its dues-paying members are counted, is much, much greater in its influence for hope to thousands of persons facing adjustment and behavior problems in the U. S. and abroad. The secretary's office is the connecting link between the Mattachine Idea and those who contact us directly for information and help.

--D. C. Olsen
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

The following is a summary report of the status of the treasury of the Mattachine Society, Inc. (Board of Directors) covering the period from December 1, 1955 to April 22, 1956:

BALANCE	Dec. 1, 1955	\$ 120.56
RECEIPTS	to Apr. 22, 1956	322.21
	TOTAL- - - -	\$ 442.77
DISBURSEMENTS	to Apr. 22, 1956	192.82
BALANCE IN TREASURY	Apr. 22, 1956	\$ 249.95

The account of Mattachine Review is not included in the above figures, since this is a separate account handled by the San Francisco Area Council. A summary of the Review account appears elsewhere in these reports. (See Publications Department Report.)

UNPAID DEBTS of Mattachine Review
(Owed to Pan-Graphic Press) \$ 777.46
(As of May 1, 1956)

--Virgil Brady
Treasurer

Report of the Vice Chairman For the Areas Los Angeles Area

In Los Angeles, the Area Council works on a regular monthly schedule. On the first Tuesday of each month, we hold a dinner at a local hotel, featuring a speaker from various fields that are related to our subject. Some fine addresses have been presented at these dinners, and attendance has been very good.

Each second Wednesday evening is work night for the Los Angeles Area Council. Production and mailing the newsletter is the principal project, and once again, the worker-turnout has

been regular and good. Two artists have alternated in producing cover designs for our monthly editions, and editorial content and mimeographing has been greatly improved during the past year.

Third Wednesdays are discussion meeting nights. A brunch is held on the last Sunday of each month, a purely social event. During summer months, beach parties are held instead of the brunch.

The area has contributed to the advancement of research projects during the year. Most important of these involved giving a number of blood samples to Dr. West of the University of California at Los Angeles, for use in cancer research. We hope to obtain a report on findings in the near future.

Recently four members of the Los Angeles area met with Dr. Alfred Kinsey at a luncheon. He gave us valuable comments on how to build a better organization.

Speaker at a recent dinner was the head of a therapy group working with homosexuals who also have an alcohol problem. Members of the area have attended the regular meetings of this group on several occasions.

The past year has been rewarding in Los Angeles, but much remains to be done. Membership at present stands at 12—when we wish it were 12 times 12. Non-members who read this should remember that Mattachine is for YOU—and YOU should be for Mattachine.

San Francisco Area

San Francisco area members have, as previously reported, continued to concentrate efforts upon production of the Mattachine Review, sufficient to make it possible for each issue of the magazine to be issued on schedule.

The Area Council shares in underwriting the cost of the office of the Review, and pays half the telephone bill. The number, EX-brook 7-0773, is being used more widely each month. Details of other magazine production work are reported elsewhere. However, the area's attractive monthly newsletter is worthy of mention: the May 1956 issue was the 36th edition, and mailing was made to almost 200 addressees, many of whom are paid subscribers at the rate of \$1.00 per year.

Membership in the area now stands at 22, and the area has 5 chartered chapters.

Monthly discussion meetings (held each first Thursday evening at the Center of the American Friends Service Committee, 1830 Sutter St.) have been marked by excellent professional programs with speakers arranged by the Research Director, Basil Vaerlen. Sessions conclude with an open forum and a short social hour. Attendance has averaged more than 40 persons at these meetings, and the average donation of funds has been about \$18 per meeting. These funds pay the \$5 hall rental and help defray other area office expenses.

Monthly dinners (third Thursdays) and brunches (second Sundays) have been the main social events. Area Council business meetings are held on the final Thursday of each month.

Many members and officers of the area have made important public relations contacts for the Society during the year, and have publicized the Society's stated goals so as to obtain the interest and participation of many newcomers.

But work sessions held to assemble, fold and mail newsletters and the magazines have been the one real gauge of interest in the San Francisco area. We have never been short of willing help, with many eager to acquire some of the skills which publishing requires.

Long Beach Area

Activity has continued in the Long Beach Area, although on a modest scale since membership is small. Newsletters have been published, meetings held for discussions in Long Beach and Westminster, and the Board of Directors was entertained at a banquet in this area when it met at the Hotel Riviera in that area. Public Relations Director Ron Brookhart has guided the activity of the Long Beach Area Council during the past year.

Chicago Area

Activity in the Chicago Area has declined in the past year, partly due to a distance separation between North and South side groups within the city, and job situations which did not permit full participation in the Mattachine program. However three chapters there have indicated that they are preparing a legal brochure adapted for Illinois laws which will undoubtedly be adapted for the entire society on a general basis once completed. A Chicago attorney has advised the group in prepara-

tion of the Brochure. The area's splendid newsletter has not been issued for several months.

New York Chapter

The New York Chapter (#123) was formed in December 1955, with five charter members. First general meeting was held January 10 in the Diplomat Hotel. Thereafter regular monthly meetings have followed each first Tuesday evening, at Avlon Studios, 220 West 43rd Street, and will continue at this time and place indefinitely. As of this time, membership stands at 14.

The chapter is presently in process of reorganization, which is expected to be complete by the date of the convention. Smaller discussion groups which have been meeting at other times during the past months have concerned themselves with legal-legislative problems, education-research and writing-editorial concerns. These groups are reforming as separate chapters, with an over-all area council to provide greater cohesion and autonomy.

Publication of a regular monthly newsletter began in April (following monthly bulletins produced and mailed to friends and members during preceding months). This is now available for national distribution for the usual subscription fee of \$1.00. The expected headaches, errors and amateur incompetence characterize the first issue. We have much to learn but are willing to do so.

The legal-legislative group is outlining a program of cooperative activity with judges and legislators in an effort to curb "entrapment" procedures which allow law enforcement officers to break the law in an effort to induce others to follow their example—a circumstance that many feel undermines the moral fibre of our duly constituted law enforcement authorities.

The writing-editorial group prepares the newsletters and is currently working on a project to translate and adapt articles appearing in foreign-language periodicals for possible publication in the Review. The first articles are now scheduled for October 1956 issue, the Publications Director tells us.

Some interest has been shown in forming chapters outside of New York City by individuals living in smaller cities.

Members of the New York Chapter will work with them on all special problems which are likely to arise for such chapters as are contemplated.

Our progress during the first months of existence has been slow but, we feel, steady. We do not expect phenomenal growth and believe that the foundations for our future will be more solid if they are based on the cooperative efforts of a fairly small number of people working with and for each other.

Boston Chapter

(A temporary charter was issued to Chapter #122 in Boston last Fall. However, reports from this chapter have been missing, although called for by the Board of Directors.)

The above reports constitute the Annual Report of the Vice Chairman, with individual areas reported by respective Area Council Chairmen.

--Max D. Demmin,
Vice Chairman

AREA COUNCIL CHAIRMEN:

Los Angeles - Ray Meyers
San Francisco - Mel Betti
Chicago - Robert Lee
New York - Sam Morford
Long Beach - Ron Brookhart

Departmental Reports

RESEARCH REPORT

The half-year since my report of September 1955 has produced no further evidence that my summary of the possibilities and activities of this department can in any way, be amplified.

I have, as indicated in that report, put my main efforts into programming the public meetings for the San Francisco

Area. In furtherance of that policy, you yourselves will see evidences at the present annual convention in the nature of the seminar program arranged for Saturday afternoon on the theme "A Survey of the Homophilic Problem, 1956."

In vacating the office of Research Director, may I extend my thanks for the confidence placed in me by the Board of Directors and make clear that I am only too sorry that the present possibilities of the organization do not make it possible for a valid research program. I look forward to the time when such is possible.

I will at all times in the future be available for such assistance as I can offer in such a program.

--Basil Vaerlen,
Research Director

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

The Public Relations Department, handicapped by distance from conducting any national public relations program for all units of the Society, has nevertheless been active in the past year.

In preparation is a revised public relations policy with suggestions for its implementation within each area. Emphasis has been placed upon the need for capable leaders in each area to contact agencies and officials nearby to explore possibilities whereby the Society may aid such groups and persons with information, possibly speakers, and so on.

Already available are a number of edited sound tapes which may be used by units within the Society, or furnished to other groups in any locality. Subject material includes general information about Mattachine and our field of endeavor; recorded talks to Mattachine discussion groups; selected radio and television programs related to our theme.

During the past year, the Society took out a membership in the American Friends' Committee on Legislation. It is contemplated that Mattachine will take out contributing memberships in other organizations whose work parallels our own, in order to lend some support to these parallel public service programs.

--Ron Brookhart,
Public Relations Director

LEGAL-LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Progress in the field of law and legislation has been practically nil in the past year. This is quite understandable. Until such time as the Mattachine Society is able to acquire the professional interest of genuinely sympathetic legal minds there will be little progress in this field. The interested persons do exist, however, and bridging the gap to them is our job.

Just as in other departments of the Society, professional aid and guidance is a must if we are to accomplish legal goals. Lay persons are extremely handicapped in compiling any accurate data which would be of use in a study of present laws and legislation and how they affect the homophile. It is hoped that in the near future reputable men in the field of law will see fit to work with the Mattachine Society on the problems that are so vital to all Americans today. The most vital of these is the cause of Civil Rights and the Homosexual.

But the situation is not all darkness, however. Many legal minds and affected individuals are sounding a call for the change of law which takes into consideration the fact that people and their behavior are what they are, nothing else. Morals are rapidly becoming something for institutions other than the law to regulate.

Here we cite the publicized recommendations of the American Law Institute (see Mattachine Review, July-August 1955); the findings of medical and religious groups in England, and the writings of authors such as Peter Wildeblood and Dr. Donald J. West of England. Don't forget that changes of British attitude (ever more straight-laced than America's) presage a similar change in America.

In Chicago work continues on a legal brochure which is being prepared by a prominent Chicago attorney. This brochure will be a study of the laws in Illinois which affect the homosexual in particular. Upon completion of this legal brochure project, that document will be adapted for the several states in which the Mattachine operates, and reproduced in quantity for distribution by the Area Councils in these states.

In New York, formation of a legal-legislative chapter is imminent, we are told. They will be concerned with projects such as reported above in Chicago.

As most readers of this report know, the Society's former legal chapter in Los Angeles resigned *en masse* more than a year ago, and ultimately became the now active National Association for Sex Research. Mutual assistance and cooperation between Mattachine and NASR exists today on a high level.

In San Francisco and Los Angeles, a great many persons have been referred to legal counsel in the past year. One particular case of note is that of a raid which was made in a bar in one of San Francisco's neighboring towns this spring. (For a report on this see the June 1956 issue of Mattachine Review.) Some 90 persons were arrested in this raid under the California Vag-Lewd law. The violation of civil rights was apparent. The American Civil Liberties Union took an active interest in the case and will act to obtain a clearer definition of vag-lewd as a crime in order that continued discrimination and violation of civil rights may be abolished. It has already instituted an appeal to prove the statute unconstitutional.

Every person who values his civil rights should support the American Civil Liberties Union by becoming a contributing member of that organization. Information may be obtained by writing to the Mattachine Society. Inquiries will be forwarded to the nearest chapter of ACLU. (It should be pointed out that no endorsement of Mattachine has been voiced by ACLU in any official manner.)

The Mattachine Society shall continue to keep close watch for any and all cases of discrimination and wilful misinterpretation and misapplication of law which affects the rights of any American citizen, particularly in the sex sphere.

Since the beginning of Mattachine Review, a number of articles on various aspects of law and its application to the homosexual have been published. In the near future, a series of studies of the law in various foreign countries, written by Mack Fingal, will be printed in the magazine.

A new legal-legislative policy has been submitted to the Convention for approval. It recognizes the fact that an organization such as the Mattachine Society cannot be a lobbying group intent upon guiding legislation and still be a non-profit educational and research organization as set forth in its corporate charter.

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Program

THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION
of the

Mattachine Society, Inc.

Theme: SURVEY OF THE HOMOPHILIC PROBLEM, 1956



May 11 - 13, 1956

HOTEL BELLEVUE

Geary & Taylor Streets

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Program

FRIDAY, MAY 11 — Hotel Bellevue, Green Room

8:00 p.m.—RECEPTION

SATURDAY, MAY 12 — Hotel Bellevue, Princess Room

9:00 a.m.—REGISTRATION

Registration fee, \$1.50;
Banquet tickets, \$3.50. TOTAL: \$5.00
(Luncheon optional, \$2.50 additional)

Mel Betti, Registration Chairman

9:30 a.m.—BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Pre-Convention Meeting
Ken Burns, presiding

10:30 a.m.—CALL TO ORDER

Ken Burns, Chairman, presiding
Basil Vaerlen, Research Director,
program chairman
INVOCATION

10:45 a.m.—CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

11:10 a.m.—THE HOMOPHILIC PRESS
Don Slater, One, Inc., Los Angeles

11:30 a.m.—REPORT, MATTACHINE
IN EASTERN STATES

11:50 a.m.—COMMENT ON THE LAW
Ken Zwerin, Attorney at Law,
San Francisco

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ALONE....

There are between 12,000,000 and 15,000,000 homosexuals, based on the findings of Kinsey and other leading research experts.

They are found among all races, nationalities and religious denominations—in every profession and in every occupation.

They are found in every city and town, regardless of size.

UNDOUBTEDLY YOU KNOW

SOME OF THEM....



They may be on the job with you; living in the apartment or house next to you; among your friends or acquaintances. Among those you love most deeply, there is likely to be at least one homosexual person—it might be your own son or daughter, your brother or sister.



THUS YOU SEE....

Most homosexuals are not insane, stupid, willfully perverted, "unnatural" or socially incompetent as is often believed.

The fact is that most homosexuals can and do lead useful and productive lives. MANY OF THEM ARE AMONG OUR MOST RESPECTED AND SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS.

Homosexuals are neither uncommon nor "queer."



BUT HOMOSEXUALS,

AS SUCH....

Have only limited social and civil rights. In fact, our whole society is organized to keep them, in many respects, more completely oppressed than are various racial and religious minorities.

THIS IS WHY a group of responsible, socially conscious citizens has formed....

Mattachine Society, Inc.

(a California corporation)

...To encourage medical and social research pertaining to socio-sexual behavior and to publish the results of such research.

...To sponsor educational programs to aid social and emotional variants and to promote among the general public an understanding of the problems of such persons.

...To help develop social and moral responsibility in those persons whose behavior may vary from accepted present-day standards.

THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY LOOKS TOWARD THE DAY WHEN THE HOMOSEXUAL WILL...

1. Live a well-oriented, socially productive life with pride and without fear;
2. Follow a high standard of ethics and conventions in conformity with the best interests of society;
3. Be accepted as a useful citizen by an enlightened public, and
4. Make a recognized addition to the productiveness and social consciousness of our cities, states and the nation.

THE MATTACHINE
SOCIETY, Inc.



...is a non-profit corporation, national in scope, educational and benevolent in character. Its members are all over 21 years of age.

YOU CAN LEARN the story of the Mattachine Society, its aims and principles, organizational structure and history. For this information and how you can help in this program, send 25c for your copy of

MATTACHINE SOCIETY today

Address your request for this 16-page general information booklet to the

Board of Directors or the nearest area council listed below:

MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.

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Main Post Office
Los Angeles 53, Calif.

AREA COUNCILS

San Francisco Area Council
693 Mission Street
San Francisco 5, Calif.

Los Angeles Area Council
357 Belmont Ave.
Los Angeles 26, Calif.

Chicago Area Council
Post Office Box 3514
Merchandise Mart Post Office
Chicago 54, Ill.

New York-Boston Chapters
Murray Hill Station
Post Office Box 194
New York 16, New York

Long Beach Area Council
Post Office Box 1232
Long Beach 2, Calif.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS....

The Society publishes a magazine, "MATTACHINE REVIEW," to keep you informed of significant trends in public opinion, fact and comment, and the thinking of prominent professional persons who are concerned with the problem of homosexuality. Subscription rate is \$2.50 per year in the U. S., Canada and Mexico; \$3.50 elsewhere. Send orders to

Mattachine REVIEW

693 Mission Street, Rm. 312,
San Francisco 5, Calif.

The REVIEW is bi-monthly on many U. S. newsstands, single copies 50c. However, it now publishes an additional six alternate-month editions which are mailed to subscribers... making it a monthly magazine for them. The extra issues are special editions and contain news items of the society nationally.

AREA NEWSLETTERS....

Area Councils publish monthly newsletters which tell of meetings, discussion groups and other activities of units of the Society in their areas, plus general news about the Society itself. Address all inquiries about newsletters to the areas in which you are interested.

The Society publishes the "MATTACHINE REVIEW," a bimonthly journal of significant trends in the gay community, fact and comment, and the views of prominent professional persons. It is concerned with the problem of homosexuality. Subscription rate is \$2.50 per year in the U.S., Canada and Mexico; \$3.50 elsewhere. Send orders to

MATTACHINE REVIEW

693 Mission Street, Room 312,
San Francisco, California

The REVIEW is bimonthly. U. S. news stands, single copies are available. However, it now publishes an additional bi-monthly edition which are available to subscribers... making it a month's worth of news. The extra issues are available and contain news items of international interest.

AREA NEWS

Area Councils publish newsletters which tell of meetings, group activities and other activities of the Society in their areas, plus information about the Society itself. Address your inquiries about newsletters to the nearest Area Council you are interested.

12:10 p.m.—LUNCHEON (optional)

Jade Room

SPECIAL LUNCHEON FEATURE: Introduction of representatives of Daughters of Bilitis, San Francisco, and Alcohol Rehabilitation Group, Los Angeles.

1:30 p.m.—INTRODUCTION TO A SURVEY OF THE HOMOPHILIC PROBLEM, 1956

Basil D. Vaerlen, Research Director,
San Francisco

2:00 p.m.—CONDITIONING OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Mrs. Rhoda Kellogg, Golden Gate Nursery School, San Francisco

2:30 p.m.—WHEN DOES THE HOMOPHILE NEED A PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT?

Dr. Daniel Lieberman, Superintendent and Medical Director,
Mendocino State Hospital,
Mendocino, California

3:00 p.m.—THE HOMOPHILE IN STATE PRISONS

Robert Flippen, Counselor,
San Quentin Prison,
San Quentin, California

3:30 p.m.—THE HOMOSEXUAL AND THE LAW

Herbert E. Selwyn, Attorney at Law,
Los Angeles, California

4:00 p.m.—Question period

4:30 p.m.—Adjournment of First Day's Session

6:30 p.m.—COCKTAIL HOUR
Hunt Room

SATURDAY, MAY 12 — Hotel Bellevue, Jade Room

7:30 p.m.—ANNUAL AWARDS
BANQUET

Introduction of guests: Basil Vaerlen

Presentation of Awards: Ken Burns

Address: Dr. R. S. Rood, Superintendent and Medical Director,
Atascadero State Hospital, Atascadero, California

"REHABILITATION OF THE SEXUAL OFFENDER
IN CALIFORNIA"

SUNDAY, MAY 13 9:00 a.m.—OPEN HOUSE (with
Continental Breakfast and Coffee)
Pan-Graphic Press, Suite 307,
Williams Buildings, 693 Mission St.
Host: San Francisco Area Council,
Mel Betti, Chairman
James Frooks, Social Chairman

10:30 a.m.—WRITERS SEMINAR,
MATTACHINE REVIEW
Hotel Bellevue, Jade Room
Hal Call, Publications Director

12:30—ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING;
Election of officers
(Mattachine Society Members and
Invited Guests only)
Ken Burns, Chairman, presiding

3:00 p.m.—ADJOURNMENT OF
THE CONVENTION

3:05 p.m.—BUSINESS MEETING,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3:55 p.m.—FINAL ADJOURNMENT

Finally, our organization's influence upon legislation, it must be repeated, can be expressed only in terms of independent individual action. There are two ways to make yourself heard, and thereby give meaning to our legal-legislative program:

(1) Register and vote at every election in your area, and (2) Write to your legislators, members of Congress and Senators your own individual reaction to any and all proposed bills which affect the rights of you and your neighbors.

--D. Stewart Lucas

Legal-Legislative Chairman

PUBLICATIONS REPORT

Monthly publication of Mattachine Review and development of the magazine's production project into what is virtually a full-time operation at no cost for labor have been the chief accomplishments of the Publications Department during the past year.

Magazine circulation has been up and down in the period. The May-June 1955 edition was issued in 1824 copies. In the month of July a year ago, an order to place 2000 copies on newsstands in New York City caused us to make an extra run of the July-August issue, bringing the total press run to a total of 4462 copies. Press run for September-October was 4634, but this number was found to be excessive, so it was cut back to 4000 effective with the November-December issue. First return from New York showed a sale of only 601 copies and poor sales volume was noted from a distributor in Baltimore. That issue was held to 4062 copies.

In December the "Bonus" issue was printed in 979 copies, with about half of them going to mail subscribers, the remainder held for promotional use.

Here is the total number of issues printed since the beginning of the Review:

ISSUE	DATE	NO. PAGES	NO. COPIES
First Issue	Jan.-Feb. 1955	32	3449
Second Issue	Mar.-Apr. 1955	40	1226

Third Issue	May - June 1955	48	1824
Fourth Issue	July-Aug. 1955	44	4462
Fifth Issue	Sep.-Oct. 1955	48	4634
Sixth Issue	Nov.-Dec. 1955	44	4062
Seventh Issue	Dec. (Bonus)	24	979
		TOTAL COPIES	20,636

Vol. II - No. 1A	January 1956	20	365
Vol. II - No. 1	February 1956	48	3648
Vol. II - No. 2A	March 1956	16	656
Vol. II - No. 2	April 1956	52	3017
Vol. II - No. 3A	May 1956	34	750
Vol. II - No. 3	June 1956	44	3035
(First half of 1956)		TOTAL COPIES	11,471

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following figures show the income and expenditures of the Review from its beginning up to May 1, 1956:

INCOME:		1954 - \$	233.50	
		1955 -	2629.21	
		1956 -	1224.29	
		TOTAL	\$ 4087.00	(to May 1, 1956)
EXPENDITURES:				
1954	Pan-Graphic -	\$ 175.00	Other \$ 83.46	\$ 258.46
1955		2287.00	330.67	2617.67
1956 (1st Quarter)		1160.00	0.00	1160.00
			TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4036.13

UNPAID BALANCE (Billed by Pan-Graphic Press) \$ 777.46

Past reports of the financial difficulty of operating the Review remain unchanged; The going is still rough. Paid subscribers now total as follows:

1956 (To Date)	448
1955 (As of May 15)	314

This is an increase of 42.7% over 1955.

Newsstand sales now average some 1700 copies per issue, but through additional outlets this figure is expected to be increased in the second quarter of 1956. The Review, Pan-Graphic Press and the San Francisco Area Council all share office and

production facilities at 693 Mission street, San Francisco, and this space has been doubled since March 1 to meet requirements for more room.

Some substantial donations from appreciative readers have been received in amounts ranging up to \$200, although only one such contribution of that total has been received. Sale of a drawing used in a previous issue of the Review netted \$95 for the magazine.

At the present time, all bills are paid (by Pan-Graphic) for the Review up to the present time. The magazine owes the printing firm as shown above.

In New York and Los Angeles, increased interest in supporting the Review through newsletters and editorial projects has been noted. New York chapter has indicated that it will endeavor to help raise some funds for the magazine on a regular basis. San Francisco Area Council has in the past contributed substantial amounts from its treasury to the magazine in times when money was badly needed.

Los Angeles and Long Beach areas in the fall of 1955 sent more than 2000 letters for the Review which resulted in a profitable return of paid subscriptions, orders for bound volumes and other publications. To date, 25 bound volumes of the 1955 issues have been sold.

Response to evening and weekend work parties at the Review has been good. The help donated has been instrumental in getting the Review out on time.

The future of the magazine looks brighter than ever.

Better editorial material is in the offing. In October the issue will be primarily devoted to translations from foreign magazines provided by the publications group in New York. This group will also handle book reviews in future issues.

Other publications deserve mention. They include the new 2-color folder, "In Case You Didn't Know," edited in Los Angeles with design and production completed at San Francisco. A copy of the folder is inserted in the center of this issue, with prices listed for quantity purchases on the back cover.

Within the past year San Francisco and Los Angeles newsletters have carried printed supplements to promote the

magazine. At present a newsletter cover for New York is in production. A reprint of the first issue was made a few weeks ago. Convention materials and the program were lithographed by Pan-Graphic this year.

In conclusion, the Publications Director wishes to personally thank the many, many persons whose help has made the continued and improved high-quality magazine possible. Specifically these thanks go to the authors: James Barr Fugate; Luther Allen; Mack Fingal; Ward Summers; Lyn Pedersen; Ross Puryear; Carl B. Harding; Dr. R. S. Rood; Dr. Albert Ellis; Dr. D. J. West; Dr. Evelyn Hooker; Fred Kidder, M.A.; Robert Kirk; Anatole James; Dr. Paul W. Tappan; Mrs. A. B. Sherman; Paul Uglem; R. H. Crowther; Donal Norton, Helene C.M. Carlyle and others.

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DR. ROBERT LINDNER

Robert Lindner Foundation Launched in Baltimore By Group of Writers and Psychoanalysts

"One of the most complex men I have ever known...a man and there aren't enough of them around any more...he was a fighter...a rebel with a cause..."

—NORMAN MAILER, author of "Naked and the Dead" and "The Deer Park."

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With the general aim of perpetuating the life work of the late Dr. Robert Lindner, the Robert Lindner Foundation has been created in Baltimore. Author Philip Wylie is chairman of the foundation, which within five weeks of its beginning had received \$25,000 in funds to be used for encouraging the expression of creative ideas in the fields of psychoanalysis and mental hygiene. The foundation will work to foster accomplishment through forums, publications and the presentation of awards, for the purpose of freeing men for the maximal use of their energies.

Dr. Lindner, who died in February at the age of 41, was a prominent psychologist, author and lecturer. In addition to practice in Baltimore, he also served as a member of the faculty of the University of Maryland and was affiliated with the Maryland prison system. Books by Lindner include "Must You Conform," "Rebel Without Cause," "Fifty Minute Hour" and others. He has appeared as author of many leading magazine articles and lectured extensively.

The Foundation lists as specific projects work in three fields: (1) Education—an annual series of lectures on the wider aspects of Depth Psychology and its application to human problems, for the purpose of extending man's educational limits in his quest for the better understanding of himself, his relationships with others and with society;

(2) Publications—particularly the publication and distribution of the "Robert Lindner Lectures," and (3) Awards—an annual award will be presented to the person who, in the opinion of the Foundation, has made the outstanding contribution to those fields of interest to the Foundation.

Serving on the Foundation's Professional Committee are: Dr. Theodor Reik, Dr. Ralph Banay, Dr. Martin Bergmann, Dr. Philip Harriman and Dr. William Zielonka.

Morton Abrahams is chairman of the Board of Trustees. It also includes: Dr. Irving Abramson, Herman Fish, Samuel Lazercow, Norman Mailer, Dr. Burton Pollack, Jack Rosen, Fred Weisgal and Drs. Reik and Zielonka.

The following leaders in fields related to Dr. Lindner's have been named sponsors of the Foundation:

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In April, almost 1000 persons attended a Lindner testimonial meeting in Baltimore at which the Foundation was officially launched.

Dr. Hacker, of Correctional Service Associates, Los Angeles, made a fine impression in an informal talk, relating his close professional association with the late psychologist.

Dr. Reik, speaking on "The Future of Psychoanalysis," quoted Freud as having once predicted that the day would come when words such as "homosexual" and "perversion" would disappear from the language. He spoke of the change in public attitude in the past half century, mentioning the nightmarish Wilde trial and compared it with the more enlightened attitudes which are growing in prevalence today. Dr. Reik also mentioned another Freud prediction that someday, in the far future, men would be little concerned with sex; their energies would be liberated from instinct and devoted to larger interests and achievements.

Norman Mailer appeared on the program and in a brief talk reversed the name of one of Dr. Lindner's books to apply in tribute to the author: "Dr. Lindner," he said, "was a rebel with a cause."

That cause should be allowed to grow in influence for the broadening of man's knowledge about himself, the Foundation's leaders and sponsors believe. That is why the project was developed.

Contributions to the Foundation are solicited. They may be mailed to The Robert Lindner Foundation, c/o Dr. William Zielonka, 1120 St. Paul street, Baltimore 2, Maryland.

Homosexuals and Society

Sir, — From the press reports of the B.M.A. memorandum on homosexuality one would suppose that it was only those men who are unlucky enough, or unwise enough, to fall into the hands of the police upon whom the present state of the law bears hardly. It is remarked that there are practising homosexuals in parliament and other high places as though this were surprising. There is a commonly accepted fallacy that all homosexuals are effeminate and obvious, and that they are especially attracted to certain professions. Both these opinions are contrary to what little evidence is available. It is probable, if not certain, that homosexuality is fairly evenly distributed throughout all levels of society, and has been so in all ages. Its greater or lesser apparent prevalence at different levels and at different times is due solely to the degree of tolerance obtaining, more or less, in those times and places. Thus in certain fields such as e. g., the theatre, where tolerance is greater, it is less necessary for a man to wear a mask. It is true, of course, that some whose effeminacy places them beyond concealment are attracted to work in spheres where concealment is less necessary. An actor, dress designer, writer, or musician is not likely to be ostracised by his colleagues because he is known to be «queer.» Could the same be said of bank managers, civil servants, clergymen or schoolmasters, for example? The fact is that there are thousands of men who look no different from anyone else, who dress quietly, live sober lives, perform their social duties and try to give offence to no one. It is upon these that the law presses so heavily. These are the potential victims of blackmail and assault. Dr. Claxton suggests that religious conversion is the answer to this problem. I maintain that this is a quite unrealistic view. There are few individuals of sufficient quality to be able to direct their total sexual energies into «good works». Most people need to live a life which includes the companionship and understanding of another person, and a fairly regular sexual life. The so-called normal man obtains these benefits through marriage. Does Dr. Claxton suppose that all homosexuals are so much better than the normal that they can pursue the way of sanctity, or so much worse that they must be treated as felons?

It has further been suggested that homosexuals tend to be loyal to one another first and to employer or country second. While this may be true of a few, it is certainly a gross exaggeration. It is said that homosexuals give their own kind preference in office where it is possible for them to do so. This may to some extent be true. Other minority groups such as Freemasons, Rotarians, Roman Catholics, Jews, etc., do the same thing. It is not always undesirable, but becomes so when the minority is a persecuted minority. In this case the group feels that it has a genuine grudge against the persecuting majority; and thus place filling may take an anti-social turn if a member of the minority prefers one of

his own group over a man who would be better at the job. In this connection consider the position of a homosexual in one of the «respectable» professions. Forced always to live a lie, is it any wonder that the judgment of such a man might be unduly biased if he were presented with the opportunity of working with someone with whom he could, at least to some extent, relax. The remedy is, surely, to cease the persecution.

The B.M.A. refers to homosexuals in the church, parliament and elsewhere. This has been taken up with the usual salacious gusto by the popular press. It might be added that the medical profession too has its quota of invert. I myself know a number of them, and thank God that there are such men to whom the harassed can turn for advice, in the knowledge that they will not have a spurious «cure» or the virtues of «sublimation» thrust down their throats but will, instead, be helped to accept themselves and the strictures at present placed upon them by society without resentment. Some people are by this means enabled to lead reasonably normal lives, who might otherwise have been driven to suicide or into the underworld of surreptitious vice. Most homosexuals do not belong to this underworld and loathe it as much as does the rest of society. Corruption and blackmail are, in fact, encouraged by the very measures which seek to root them out.

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Menninger Tells Psychiatrist Need

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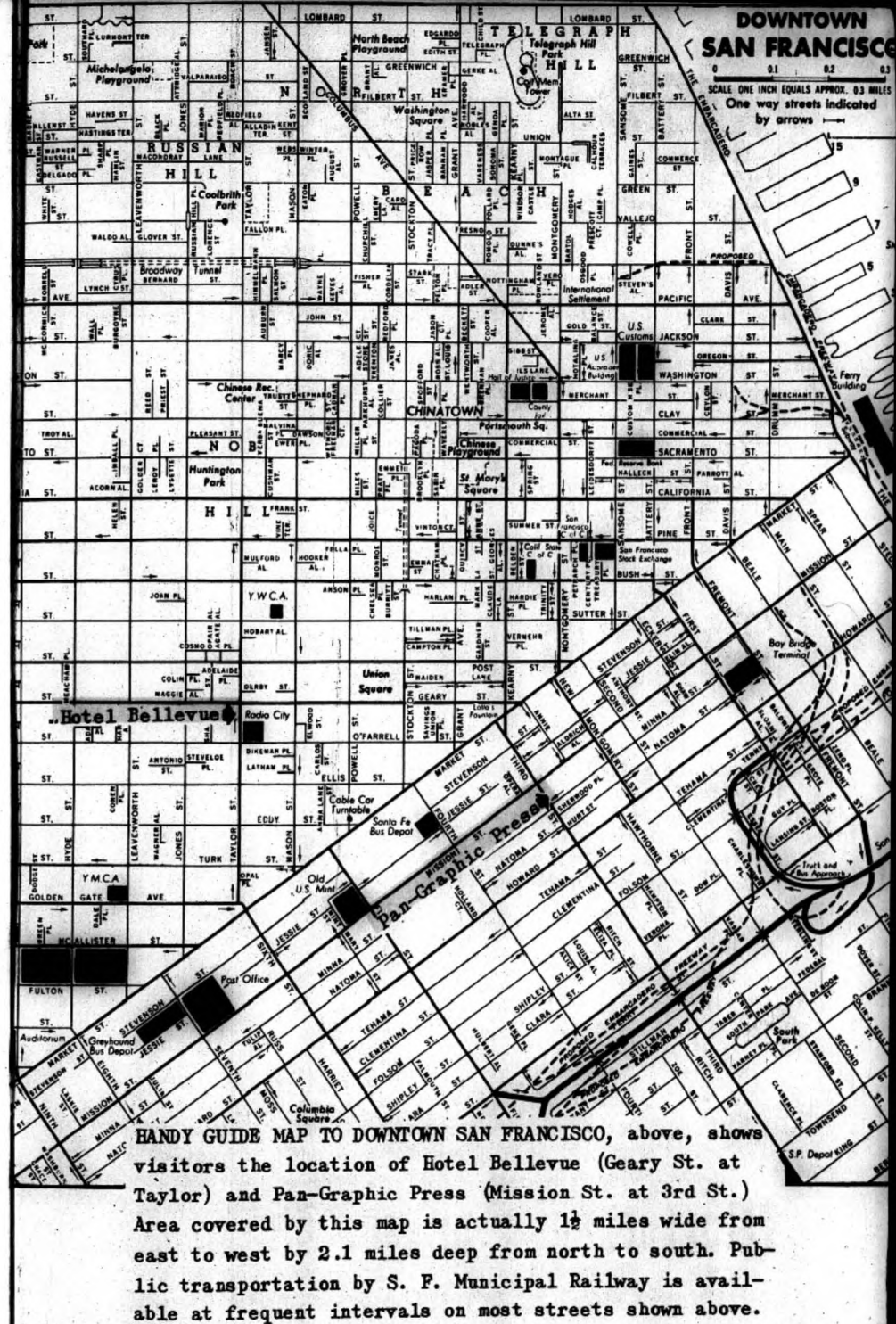
An increasing nationwide interest in mental health is hampered by "too little personnel, a woeful lack of research and a great need for public education," Dr. William C. Menninger believes.

The world-famous psychiatrist, co-founder of the Menninger Foundation at Topeka, Kan., said the entire problem is further complicated by a severe shortage of psychiatrists, a shortage he partially blamed on the Nation's medical schools.

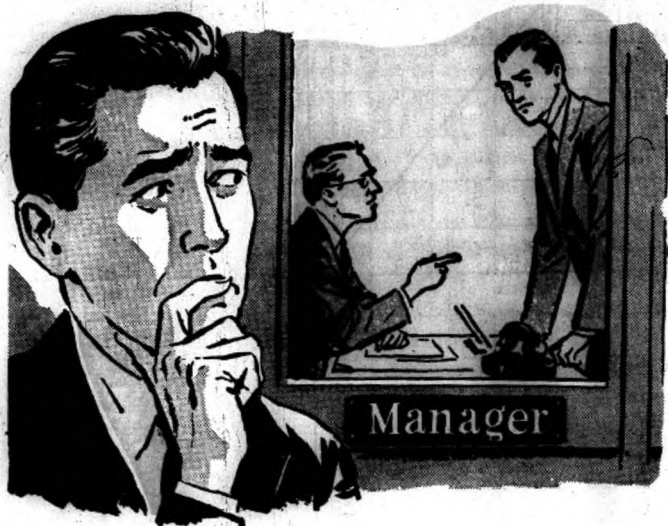
In a recent survey, he told a meeting of the San Francisco Mental Health Society, his organization found that at 15 medical schools a majority of new students were "very interested" in psychiatry.

"But they lose that interest as the emphasis by our medical school faculties is placed on other phases of medical treatment," he said.

Dr. Menninger was here yesterday to help the local organization make plans for observance of National Health Week starting Sunday.



HANDY GUIDE MAP TO DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO, above, shows visitors the location of Hotel Bellevue (Geary St. at Taylor) and Pan-Graphic Press (Mission St. at 3rd St.) Area covered by this map is actually 1½ miles wide from east to west by 2.1 miles deep from north to south. Public transportation by S. F. Municipal Railway is available at frequent intervals on most streets shown above.



how you can help.....

We are told that many persons are concerned about friends, relatives and associates on the job "finding out."

Admittedly this is a delicate subject and we don't propose that we are any authority for telling them if you are or are not a member of the homophile minority.

But you can act to advance the understanding of others by sending them a new folder which briefly tells what the Mattachine Society is.

The folder is called, "IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW." A copy is included as a center supplement in this issue. You may obtain extra copies for mailing by ordering from the Board of Directors. Prices: 100 folders for \$1.50; 50 for \$1.00; smaller quantities, 3 cents each. Address inquiries to:

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