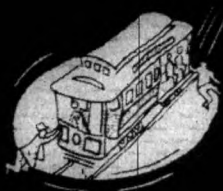




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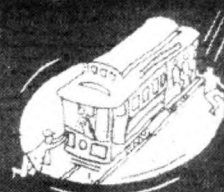
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Reception for Members and Friends

SATURDAY AUGUST 31 - 9 A.M.

HOTEL SHERATON-PALACE
ROOM 2127

Registration

11 A.M.

Opening Session

DONALD S. LUCAS, President, presiding

Call to Order

Address of Welcome

11:30 A.M.

Address: "After Arrest - What?"

KENNETH C. ZWERIN, Attorney at Law, San Francisco

11:55 A.M.

Announcements

12 Noon

FRENCH PARLOR

Luncheon

Address

THORMOD H. HANSON, U. S. Probation Officer, San Francisco

2 P.M.

ROOM 2127

Panel Discussion: "Must the Individual Homosexual
Be Rejected in Our Time?"

SAM MORFORD, Research Director, Moderator

PANELISTS:

ALFRED AUERBACK, M. D., San Francisco. Chairman of the
Committee on Mental Health, California Medical Association;
Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of
California.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, M. S. W., San Carlos, Calif. Social
Worker and Practicing Psychotherapist.

HARRY BENJAMIN, M. D., New York and San Francisco. Endo-
crinologist, Sexologist and Practicing Psychiatrist.

JULIA W. COLEMAN, M. S. W., San Carlos, Calif. Social
Worker and Practicing Psychotherapist.

LEO J. ZEFF, Berkeley. Clinical Psychologist and Practicing
Therapist.

4:30 P.M. Adjournment of First Day's Session

6:30 P.M. FRENCH PARLOR - UPPER LEVEL
Cocktail Hour

7:30 P.M. FRENCH PARLOR

Annual Awards Banquet

DONALD S. LUCAS, President, Presiding

KENNETH C. ZWERIN, Toastmaster

Introduction of Guests

Presentation of Awards

Featured Address:

DAVID SCHMIDT, M. D., Larkspur, Calif. Chief Psychiatrist,
San Quentin Prison, Practicing Psychiatrist

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - 9 A.M.

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Continental Breakfast

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from 9 a. m. until 12 noon, sound tapes on sev-
eral talks on homosexuality made in New York
will be played. Of particular interest is a se-
ries of three programs seen and heard on tele-
vision in the "Open Mind" broadcasts over the
New York station, WRCA-TV, last winter.*

1 P.M. ROOM 612, WILLIAMS BUILDING

Panel Discussion: *Homophile Organizations and Publications
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - 9 A.M.

ROOM 612, WILLIAMS BUILDING

Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers
and Directors

DONALD S. LUCAS, *President, presiding.*

12 Noon Adjournment of the Convention

12:05 P.M. First Semi-Annual Meeting, Board of Directors

1 P.M. Final Adjournment

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to chapter, awaits the appearance of some individual who possesses the required drive. When this happens, he will find already a group of good "followers" who are reasonably well acquainted with the Society. A "firm" contact also exists in Miami, Florida, but the situation there is not at all hopeful in the immediate future.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

The Public Relations Chapter (in New York) has charge of details at the general monthly and quarterly meetings: programming, reception of visitors, selling copies of the Mattachine Review, distribution of other literature, collecting funds, etc. The social committee organizes occasional events; these will probably become regular quarterly features. Chapter members also prepare the quarterly mimeographed leaflet, "Activities of The Mattachine Society in New York," which is passed around at monthly meetings and is sent to all making inquiries.

(Area Council officers and committees in other cities where the Society has chapters also perform public relations functions similar to those outlined by Gonzalo Segura, Jr., public relations director, New York.)

Publications

From the national headquarters at San Francisco, the publications department issues the monthly Mattachine Review, the quarterly Interim national newsletter, folders, information booklets and other publications. In the cities of San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles, Denver and Washington, monthly newsletters are issued. (Current issues of these newsletters, except Washington, are included as supplements in this number of the Review).

These publications circulate to many hundreds of persons regularly. Six newsletters go to a total of 1200 addressees monthly. Interim averages 200 copies mailed quarterly. The Review goes to almost 700 addressees, with an average of about 1000 newsstand sales on the six alternate-month big issues distributed in 12 large cities of the U. S.

From the national headquarters, Mattachine publications are mailed to persons inquiring about the organization. An average weekly total of such mailings is approximately 50. Included in these envelopes are items such as a sample copy of the Review; the Mattachine publications catalog; the yellow booklet of general information; two folders, "In Case You Didn't Know" and "What Does Mattachine Do;" a form letter and in most cases, an individual reply. Postage-paid return envelopes are included in all correspondence where a subscription to the Review is solicited.

Large printings during the past year of materials not directly a part of a regular periodical included 1500 reprints of the yellow booklet; 1000 copies of the 12-page booklet of the legal department of the Chicago Area Council, "Your Legal Rights," and 5000 reprints of "In Case You Didn't Know" folder. In June a new folder, "What Does Mattachine Do?" was prepared and 5000 copies were printed. At the beginning of 1957, a 12-page Publications catalog was issued in 2000 copies. It told about the contents of back issues of the Review, advertised bound volumes, sample copies and other publications for sale in quantity.

To a great extent the Publications Department report is something that is evident day by day, week by week and monthly throughout the year. Placing the Mattachine story before the public is the function of this department, in conjunction with all other departments, area councils and offices of the Society. No better medium is available than the printed word.

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The huge volume of Mattachine publications is possible only because of the Society's association with Pan-Graphic Press. A report of this working arrangement which makes possible the mass of publications at a fraction of average commercial costs will be given at the convention.

--Hal Call,
Publications Director

Research

Although rumors of various research suggestions, projects and inquiries have come to the director's ear during the past year, nothing has come to his desk in writing. Therefore nothing of their content can be contained in this report.

This does not mean, however, that the director has been completely unoccupied. An internal research matter has commanded his attention. Like those people who, when they are blocked from taking any outward action, turn in upon themselves introspectively, he has been concerned with the problem of there being specifically designated members of the Board of Directors.

Starting from the practical situation that the "rumored" contacts from various sources had been handled by other directors, it soon became clear that a specifically designated "Research Director" was superfluous; it had been demonstrated by experience that a person carrying such a label was not necessary to the effective functioning of the Board or the Society.

The next question was whether there was a need for any such specifically designated directorships in the make-up of the Board. Beyond the constitutionally mandatory officers--President, secretaries, treasurer and the chairman of the Board, would it not be more realistic and efficient to have a Board of Directors which would allocate specific duties and func-

tions among themselves, without having the membership vote specific individuals into a directorship for special purposes? The wording of the pledge, for instance, which each member must agree to, designates everyone, at least inferentially, as a public relations representative of the Society. While a specifically named Public Relations Director might be thought of as a co-ordinator of this function, it does not seem entirely reasonable that one person should be saddled for his term of office with a more or less limiting designation of this sort. If, for instance, a professionally qualified researcher should approach the Public Relations Director with a scientific project to be handled in the locality where both are resident, it is unrealistic to think that it ought to be shunted to a geographically distant Research Director with whom neither of those involved in the project are likely to have any immediate contact.

Furthermore, since the elected Research Director would, of necessity, be a member of the Society, it would require also that he be a professionally well-known person in scientific research circles, if his criticisms or suggestions about the project were to carry very much weight with the scientist who had originated a contact with the Society for its cooperation.

As an alternative to having a specifically designated research director on the Board, I would recommend to the membership that he be replaced with an advisory research board, composed of those non-members of the Society who were found to have sufficient interest in our field of endeavor as well as professional stature to donate their time, energies and thought to such a task. The New York Area Council has, in fact, such a professional advisory group working in their area now. Perhaps this group could be expanded to perform the same function for the national headquarters of the Society, with additional members recruited from San Francisco, Los Angeles and Denver, the three localities with sufficiently active chapters to warrant such a step.

The suggestions contained in this report will be brought to the membership formally as new business at the time of the annual business meeting on September 2nd.

--Sam Morford, Research Director, 1956-57

REVIVAL IN CHICAGO:

Small Membership Promises to Enlist Interest of Others, Based Upon Planned New Program

EVENTS IN THE CHICAGO AREA of the Mattachine Society have continued regularly during the past year, but at a pace lacking the vigor seen two years ago when three active chapters were busy in the area.

Since the previous national convention, Chicago's schedule of regular meetings has been intermittent. Monthly meetings of a core of members and interested friends have been held, and the long-heralded "legal brochure" has been completed.

In July 1956, Hal Call of San Francisco addressed a meeting of the members and friends in this area after his East Coast visit. His talk concerned ways to overcome the fear of association which were strongly felt in Chicago at the time, and still are a factor in the smallness of membership in the area.

But in August 1957, Jack French, the legal committee chairman of the Chicago area, visited Los Angeles and San Francisco. He was enthusiastic in his hopes for a revival of interest in the Chicago area, and outlined a series of fall meetings to be set up in terms of a concrete program based upon:

1. Public Discussion Forums
2. Research Projects on the Sex Subject: Cooperation by the Chicago Area in such projects as that proposed by British Social Biology Council of London
3. Discussion and Distribution of the booklet, "Your Legal Rights"

CHICAGO'S MEMBERSHIP stood at only four persons in August. It is not an imposing record, but it does indicate a continuation of interest and a promise of a definite revival which will be significant.

THE LEGAL BOOKLET was published in August at San Francisco. Copies of it are being mailed to all Mattachine addressees in Illinois, and additional copies will go into other states. It is possible to adapt the booklet so that it is useful in any state, although it was compiled in Illinois. The Chicago area is grateful indeed for the aid and cooperation of Pearl M. Hart, Chicago attorney, in preparing the booklet.

STATUS IN WASHINGTON:

Report Promises Renewed Effort to Establish Official Chapter Organization in September

Status of the Washington, D. C., chapter of the Mattachine Society was still unofficial as of August, 1957, although organizational efforts there have been under way for more than a year and a post office box has been maintained during the period. A year ago the publication of a newsletter was begun there. Its monthly issues are chiefly concerned with legal and legislative developments in the nation's capital.

During the past few weeks, two visits have been made by several New York Area Council officers to assist the Washington group in organizational matters. Principal concern has been to collect dues from acting members, so that the membership and chapter status will be firmly established in accordance with the Society's Constitution and By-Laws. At the present time, and until payment of dues is received at national headquarters, the Washington chapter can be considered only potential.

The interest shown by the several persons who are attempting to get the chapter established is encouraging. As indicated in the correspondence received from them, problems of creating an active unit of the Society in that city are great, because so many residents there work for the government. To have an interest in the homosexual problem, they report, is to be considered as grounds for dismissal if this interest is found out by officials.

Some of those active in Washington chapter expect to go to New York after mid-September where they will confer with the Area Council and upon return will attempt to complete an official chapter organization.

At the General Convention business session, however, the matter of the Washington chapter will come up, which means the future of the group will be determined from whatever action the convention takes. The Board of Directors is aware of the importance of a Mattachine chapter in Washington and believes that members everywhere will share in expressing the hope that a properly organized unit of the Society can be set up in that city very soon.

PART II

Bibliography

OF BOOKS ON THE HOMOSEXUAL (AND RELATED) SUBJECTS

This is the second installment of a new Review feature for which many readers have entered requests during the past several months. Part One of the bibliography appeared in the August issue, which may still be obtained if required to start this feature from the beginning.

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BOOKS

LIGHT FROM THE BENCH

CAST THE FIRST STONE, by Justice John M. Murtagh, Chief Magistrate of the City of New York, and Sara Harris. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, 1957.

"Any sincere judge who is administratively responsible for courts which deal with sex offenders must be struck by the fact that our laws are based on false assumptions and unimaginative cruelty."

This chord, with amplifications and illustrations taken from numerous cases tried in New York City, dominates this eye-opening exposition of the prostitution problem in America's largest city. The sordid story of prostitution, with its legal snares that enmesh individuals but leave the basic problem itself unsolved, with its accompaniment of corruption and entrapment, is true of any large American city. The authors, however, have chosen to tell the story as they know it in one particular locality - a locality in which one of them, Justice John M. Murtagh, is Chief Magistrate of the city courts, and the other, Sara Harris, a working sociologist and author.

As such, this work has an interest and validity not only to those concerned with the problem of prostitution, but with current American laws in toto. In dealing with one area in which inadequate and unenforceable laws have proven ineffective, the authors of this book have struck at the root of the problem in all areas covered by these laws. And they have done this with a human understanding and a clear head all too rare in popular thinking in this general field.

More important, the key author of this book, Justice Murtagh, between its covers and elsewhere, has ventured a conviction that deserves echo wherever sex code reforms are contemplated. A devout Catholic, a man who commands profound respect in his profession and community, Justice Murtagh has had the courage to demand consistently that the laws be confined to the public domain and for the protection of the individual, and not be used to legislate the private morality of consenting adults. He says, in effect, that a sin is a sin and a crime a crime, and that laws should recognize a limitation beyond which lies the domain of private conscience. It is no accident that both prostitution and homosexuality were the concern of seven Catholic clergymen in England, whose report he quotes with approval. This because the laws in Anglo-Saxondom concerning both these problems constitute together a glaring instance of legal attempts at interference with private morality. This report, which has been cited in a previous issue of the *Mattachine Review* and which is quoted on page 300 of **CAST THE FIRST STONE**, was prepared at the request of a committee of the Home Office in London and commissioned by the late Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster. It stated, in unequivocal terms, that "penal sanctions are not justified for the purpose of attempting to restrain sins against sexual morality committed in private by responsible adults."

The authors of **CAST THE FIRST STONE** propose at least one positive measure - the abolition of vice squads. "Take the vice squad," they say. "Its very being is an immorality and a shame. We are forcing the guardians of our society to play a filthy game of entrapment and are making spies, decoys, and stool pigeons out of them. Yet, hypocritically, we dare to affect surprise and indignation when some of the

dirt rubs off and one of the recurring investigations reveals the corruption that the informed know has always been characteristic of the vice squads. Do we really have a right to expect basic decency from men to whom we give such degrading jobs?" This plea, coming from informed and public-spirited private citizens, would be impressive enough. Coming from the man whose responsibility it is to administer New York City's courts, it is an indictment that deserves the concentrated attention of all who are concerned with the legislation and execution of justice. "Can we trust our police," he concludes, "always to protect the innocent if they do not respect the rights of the guilty? Are we not sacrificing our prerogative to that trust just so that we may catch large numbers of prostitutes whom we know we can never help? It would be laughable if it weren't so tragic."

To this there is little that this reviewer could add, save to acknowledge the debt of gratitude owed by their city and country to a courageous public servant and his co-author, who certainly belong in the front rank of all who look ahead to fundamental change in the evils they describe so graphically and honestly.

Philip Jason



READERS write

REVIEW EDITOR: Congratulations to the Mattachine Society on the occasion of its 4th Annual Convention—Jack Argo, International Committee for Sexual Equality, Amsterdam, Holland

REVIEW EDITOR: I was hoping that the report of our Government Committee would have come out before this, but it is not due for publication until the second week in September, so until then the whole situation is static. My very best wishes for the success of your convention and to all those taking part.—Peter Wildeblood, London

REVIEW EDITOR: I wish I could be in San Francisco for the convention; I'll miss it and the chance to renew my friendship with all of you. These are things about Mattachine that meant so much to me, and I miss them very, very much. Accept my hopes for a very suc-

cessful meeting, and please convey my best wishes to everyone. I'll be there in spirit at least.—Ken Burns, Los Angeles

REVIEW EDITOR: Your magazine provides many appreciable ideas. I thought Luther Allen's articles on "Values and Responsibilities" among the best—he did not sanction or try to protect the more sordid elements of the "gay" life. What I miss in a magazine of this kind, as among homosexuals in general, is an understanding and appreciation of the emotions of heterosexuals which influence their attitudes towards inverts. Most homosexuals find it extremely difficult to accept themselves; this, however, does not seem to make them more tolerant of the feelings of others who have no existential experience of inversion. As far as human relations are concerned, much improvement can be made on both sides of the fence. I wish you success in your efforts to this end.—Mr. J. V., California

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUG. 11, MOUNTAIN STEAK FRY
9:30 a.m. Food and transp. \$2.50. Meet on west side of Capitol Bldg. at 9:30. For details and reservations phone Florida 5-3438 by 6:00 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9.

FRIDAY, AUG. 23, DINNER MEETING
7:00 p.m. 585 South Corona St.
(house at rear of lot)
Speaker: GONZALO (TONY) SEGURA, JR. of New York City, National Public Relations Director for Mattachine Society, Inc.
Subject: "MATTACHINE'S PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM"
Cost: \$1.50. Reservations required. See newsletter for details.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, SWIMMING PARTY & DINNER
3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Winn's, 10100 West 58th Ave., Arvada. Come anytime. Bring own towel, bathing suit, and beer. Dinner will be provided by the host. Phone reservations by Thurs., Sept. 5, to Harrison 4-9013 or Florida 5-3438.

You and your friends are welcome to functions of the Mattachine Society. If you need transportation to any meeting, phone the Secretary and arrangements will be made. (Florida 5-3438)

NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR TO BE IN DENVER -- DINNER MEETING PLANNED --

On his way to the National Convention in San Francisco, Gonzalo (Tony) Segura, Jr. of New York City, National Public Relations Director for the Mattachine Society, will stop in the Mile High City.

Tony has asked if he could have the opportunity to demonstrate his proudest accomplishment--his culinary virtuosity. So members and friends of the Denver Chapter are asked to bring ravishing appetites and as many guests as they wish to a Dinner Party on Fri. eve., Aug. 23, at 585 South Corona St. (house at rear of lot). Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00 o'clock. The menu will be a delectable surprise with all you want--family style. Tony will be assisted in the preparation by Chapter volunteers. Price of the dinner will be \$1.50 per person. Reservations must be made not later than 6:00 p.m. Thurs., Aug. 22, by phoning Florida 5-3438.

Following the dinner, at 8:30 o'clock, Tony will speak on "MATTACHINE'S PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM". His talk will include a description of how the Chapter developed in New York. There will be a period for questions and discussion.

Those unable to attend the dinner are still urged to attend the meeting. But we hope you can make both.

HOWARD TO BE CONVENTION DELEGATE

Rolland Howard, charter member of the Denver Chapter, will be its delegate to the Convention of the Mattachine Society to be held over the Labor Day weekend in San Francisco. The San Francisco Area Council will be host to the national organ-

ization's fourth annual convention, Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 to be held in the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in the Golden Gate City. A slate of challenging speakers is being arranged who will discuss religious, legal, psychiatric, social, and medical aspects of the Convention theme: "Must the Homophile Be Rejected In Our Time?" Attorney Kenneth Zwerin will serve as moderator.

FIVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Rolland Howard

With 21 persons present and a topic like "The Need for a Permanent Relationship," the discussion was lively and most interesting.

The consensus seemed to be that there is a need for a permanent relationship, and that the problems in establishing one are many and great. Two parties to such a relationship, it was pointed out, must be mutually responsible, and there must be some degree of emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual compatibility.

As if these were not obstacles enough, there is the social stigma attached even to bachelorhood, not to mention such a thing as two men living together. And the effect this has on the stability of a homosexual union is tremendous. Indeed, no matter what our topic for discussion, we seem to wander always to this area of our relation to humanity which is clearly the most important question for us. The stumbling blocks there are the real thorns in our side, and our relationship with our own kind suffers because of them.

One of our visitors indicated that in Europe and some of our larger cities where homosexuality seems to be better "accepted," it is not a matter of their populations' having been "educated," but rather that such areas are older and usually more realistic--and there-

fore less demanding--about life, and particularly its sexual aspects. The homosexual element there is older, too, and better integrated. He emphasized that much can be done to improve our lot by simply being decent--not "normal," mind you, but decent--examples of civilized humanity in our behavior.

"Gay" bars, it was deplored, are poor media for social expression, and yet so long as facilities for meeting others of similar leanings are so limited, the gay bar is a necessity not to be scorned. That society thus helps to create a certain number of eventual alcoholics which it must care for is a point that merits some attention.

Someone mentioned what seemed an unusual degree of abhorrence by Negroes toward Negro homosexuals, and this was corroborated by our Negro friends. It seemed all too apparent that any minority group automatically has so many hurdles to leap to do that which the majority does by merely strolling, that to have any of their fellows place more on the path is unthinkable. We as homophiles--and a minority group--know too well how our precarious equilibrium is jarred by any sensational or anti-social activity involving "a homosexual."

In societies less intent on conformity and with a less puritanical wish to deny their own physicality, differences might not constitute a "minority" and inferior status; but this is the society we live in and we must be realistic about it.

It seemed to be that our eager standardizing for homosexual unions might be related to our need for justification, even "respectability" perhaps, and that we would pursue these qualities according to the standards of the larger society from which we feel alienated. Natural enough, because we grew

up as members of that society--acquired these standards ourselves.

But it may be that we are not equipped to live by all of these--our own--standards. And it is my thought that we need most of all to learn to understand and accept ourselves as individuals before we can expect to be even a sound rivet in the structure of any interpersonal relationship. This does not mean that we should not try to establish a permanent relationship, but only that we should not expect too much.

Our new visitors made many very pertinent and intelligent observations and added a great deal to a stimulating discussion.

"This above all: to thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

From the words of Polonius in giving
counsel to his son, Laertes, in
Shakespeare's Hamlet.

WANTED: WOMEN!

Another topic was originally announced by the Program Committee for the August meeting: "The Male Homophile and the Lesbian"--to have been a discussion comparing the personal and social problems faced by the male and female homosexual. We welcome the participation of women in Mattachine's program. Do you know any women whom you could interest in a discussion on this topic? If so, please talk with them and write the Program Committee, c/o the Denver Office.

A conservative is one who doesn't believe anything should be done for the first time.

INVITATION FROM THE NETHERLANDS

We have a letter from the Foundation International Committee for Sexual Equality in Amsterdam that their office will gladly exchange newsletters with the Denver Office. The Mattachine Society is a member organization of the Foundation which works on the international level toward solution of homophilic problems.

"Whenever any members (or friends) of your group visit Europe they may feel free to drop into our office and tell us more about the other side" wrote Jack Argo, Foundation Editor. Our invitation is likewise extended to our friends abroad. We have already had the pleasure of meeting a number of out-of-state visitors vacationing in wonderful Colorado this summer.

DECRY

Crucify and burn at stake
Refusals to conform
Ridicule and blast with hate
Persecute and scorn.

Tar and feather; Segregate
Those born black; suspected "pink"
Squelch their voices. Interrogate
The few who dare to think.

Set the dogs upon them,
Tear their houses down,
Legislate their every move
Lay them low, beneath the ground.

-- Harley L. Beckman

SECRETARY'S REPORT

(Note: In that the September issue of the Mattachine Review is to be a compilation of newsletters from each of the six chapters, and including a resume of activities for the past year, 1100 copies of this issue are being printed. Therefore, part of the Secretary's Report is of necessity repetitious from the first issue.)

Greetings, members and friends of Mattachine!

While it may have seemed to you in other areas that we in Denver have been dormant, we have by no means been inactive. With this, the second issue of our newsletter, we will try to bring you up-to-date on our program.

After a few preliminary meetings and the attainment of a membership of five, a membership meeting was held in January, 1957. Officers were decided upon as follows: Chairman, J. Randolph Grayson; Vice-Chairman, Alvin Gibson; and Secretary-Treasurer, Carl B. Harding. Application for chapter status was signed and sent to the Board of Directors. Beginning in March we have had regular monthly discussion meetings on the first Saturday evening, each preceded by a fellowship dinner at some public restaurant. Attendance at discussions gradually increased from five to twenty-one. Topics for discussion have been: "How Did We Feel When We First Realized We Were Homosexual?", "How Can We Reconcile Our Homosexuality With Our Respective Religions?", "How Can We Help Educate the Public?", "How Can We Interest New People In the Mattachine Movement and Increase Our Membership?", "Whom Should We Tell?", and "The Need For a Permanent Love Relationship". Beginning in May a Group Therapy Session was scheduled for the middle of each month for the free discussion

of personal problems. While we have acquired no new members to date, there is real interest as shown in the lively discussions at both types of meetings. In July we began publication of a monthly newsletter under the editorship of Harley L. Beckman and Rolland Howard. A Program and Social Committee has been organized. A Mountain Steak Fry is planned. From the reservations coming in, a good turnout is anticipated. We are encouraged and proud of the caliber of individuals who participate in Denver. 39 persons have attended meetings. Members and friends in other areas who have contacts in the Rocky Mountain and Great Plains Region are asked to put them in touch with us or have us contact them. We are especially eager to start chapters in Colorado Springs, Boulder, Fort Collins, Greeley, Grand Junction, Pueblo, and in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Do you have contacts in those or other nearby communities? May we hear from you?

Since January, 1957, and as of August 5, 1957, the Denver Chapter has had a total income from contributions, freewill offerings at discussion forums, and newsletter subscriptions of \$58.29. Expenditures have totaled \$57.65, leaving a balance on hand of 64¢. These figures do not include \$70 received from 7 memberships (including two from out-of-state) nor \$3.50 from the sale of literature, all proceeds of which are forwarded to the National Office.

Respectfully submitted, by
Carl B. Harding
Secretary-Treasurer

It is better to light a candle than
curse the darkness.

WE NOW HAVE A LIBRARIAN --

So books and other literature you wish to donate or lend to the Denver Chapter, please bring to the meetings. Your cooperation on this project will be of mutual benefit to many.

NEW LITERATURE PUBLISHED

Enclosed in the local mailing of this newsletter are two leaflets, a revised edition of "In Case You Didn't Know", and a new publication, "What Does Mattachine Do?" Both are excellent promotional material. Why not order a quantity now and enclose them in letters to friends in other areas and hand them to your local friends. If you have friends who feel isolated in rural or small communities, send them literature, including a sample copy of the Mattachine Review. If you have friends near one of the area councils listed in "In Case You Didn't Know", suggest they contact the nearest chapter. Ask the Secretary for sample copies of the Review which are available without charge. Price of the folders is as follows: 100 for \$1.50; 50 for \$1.00; or 3¢ each in small quantities. Send orders to Mattachine Society, Inc., 693 Mission St., San Francisco 5, California.

Mourn not the dead
But rather mourn the apathetic throng,
The cowed and meek,
Who see the world's great anguish and its wrong,
And dare not speak. -- C. N. Lund

What we do for ourselves alone dies with us;
what we do for others and the world
remains and is immortal.

OUR MAGAZINE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

All members of the Mattachine Society receive the Mattachine Review (monthly), Interim (national news quarterly), and the local area newsletter automatically from a part of the \$10 annual membership dues paid.

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