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EMOTIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM TO BE EXPLAINED SEPTEMBER 2

The topic of discussion for the Sept.2 meeting at San Francisco will be the Emotional Security Program of adjustment in effect now at Metropolitan State Hospital at Norwalk, Calif., for sex offenders.

A former patient at the hospital, who aided the formation of the program and served for six months as its administrative secretary, will be the speaker and will moderate discussion on the topic.

The program essentially is the working answer to adjustment problems of variants committed to the hospital. It is a group therapy program, combined with professional assistance from psychiatrists and psychiatric social workers. Both the theoretical and practical aspects of the new approach to adjustment will be explained. This important topic will make the Sept.2 meeting one you shouldn't miss.

BREAKFAST FOR MEMBERS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 18

A breakfast for members and prospective members of the Mattachine Society in the Bay area will be held Sunday, July 18 at the home of the chairman of the Gamma Cjapter at San Francisco. A standard menu will be served beginning at noon. The remainder of the day will be spent with informal discussions, orientations, and social activities. A donation is habitually made by those attending to pay for the food and coffee served.

REASON IN A NUTSHELL

Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey justifies the important sex research he is doing with the following: "We have never contributed to the happiness of man by perpetuating ignorance."

AUGUST 5 DISCUSSION PROGRAM TO FEATURE FILM SUBJECTS

The public discussion program to be held at 8 p. m. Thursday, August 5, will include three movie films. Two of the subjects are about public opinion, while the third is an entertaining ballet sequence with music.

This program was originally scheduled for July 1, but was called off when leaders of the discussion meetings learned that Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey was presenting a lecture that same evening, and members were urged to attend it instead.

CARRYING IDENTIFICATION IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE

Carrying proper and adequate identification at all times is important for everyone, and especially for persons of the draft age category. Draft cards, social security cards, and military identification are all desirable.

Registration requirements for certain types of felonies, such as sex offenses, is a law in California which those affected should carefully observe.

It is also important that accurate age identification be carried by all persons, especially those just over 21 years old.

NEW LEAFLET ISSUED

A new leaflet, adapted from the June issue of the newsletter, has been issued. It is called "The Mattachine Program," and tells the reason for the existence of the Society, plus what it hopes to accomplish and how it intends to do it. Address your request for a copy to P. O. Box 259, San Francisco 1, Calif.

Please state the number of copies desired.

At the request of Lt. Eldon Beardon and Lloyd Kelly of the sex crimes detail, San Francisco Police Department, the Publications Director of the Mattachine Society, Inc., and the chairman of the San Francisco Area Council were interviewedon July 12 in the Hall of Justice, San Francisco, regarding the Society.

This marked the first direct public relations contact between the Society and law enforcement agencies in this city. It is believed that the result will be of untold benefit to the organization, and may achieve progress for the Society in the form of mutual aid and confidence.

Copies of newsletters and other information about the Society were presented to the police officials. An invitation for members of the detail to speak at a future meeting was extended. Constructive criticism of the Mattachine program and its methods was solicited. Society representatives promised to keep the department informed of the Society's progress through newsletters and future information materials as issued.

One question asked the Society concerned its possible connection with ONE magazine, and the reply given stated that no connection between the two corporate bodies existed.

Prior to a study of the information given to them, the two officers made no comment which would affect the operation of the Society along the lines of its published aims and principles and activity program. The hour-long interview ended with the prospect of additional meetings in the future at which a mutual aid program, consistent with the present capabilities of the Society and limitations attecting a police department, might be worked out.

The Society members interviewed have expressed an appreciation of the friendly attitude shown by Inspector Frank Murphy, Lt. Beardon and Officer Kelly in arranging and conducting the interview.

"We had heard rumblings of the existence of the Mattachine Society for some time, Inspector Murphy said. "We inquired about it from the Secretary of State at Sacramento and were furnished names of its directors." Although Murphy was not present at the meeting, he helped arrange it. He added that the Department simply wanted correct information telling what the Society was all about.

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JUDGES ASSAIL COMIC BOOKS; SOME CALIFORNIA CITIES CENSOR TITLES

In Colorado Springs recently,a demand was made at a national meeting of the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges to outlaw "comic books and horror magazines depicting crime, sadism, vulgar sex and horror scenes."

The resolution adopted by the group charged that those types of publications "contribute to the moral breakdown of our children today." The judges charged that these so-called comic books are causing an increase in delinquency, and are often responsible for the criminal in adult life.

Meanwhile, two California cities--Sacramento and Fresno--have seen a local effort at censorship of certain comic book titles applied by the magazine distributors, working in cooperation with P.-T.A. organizations and court authorities. They have adopted policies of refusing to receive shipments of specified titles submitted to publishers and wholesale magazine firms as undesirable for circulation on newsstands in those cities.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED BY SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL

At a June 30 meeting in Oakland, a new chairman and treasurer were elected by the Area Council of the San Francisco Bay area. Representatives of four of the six chapters in the area were present.

Election of a new chairman was required because the former chairman was named to the Board of Directors as Director of the Legislative Department in May.

The former area treasurer was named to the chairmanship, and a new treasurer was elected. Name of a nominee to become special agent for the Board was approved also.

DIRECTORY OF PUBLICATIONS

Publications of interest to the homophile and the sex variant are published in many European countries today.

Here is a directory of such publications and the subscription prices where known:

VENNEN (The Friend) -- Denmark. This a monthly magazine in Danish. Subscription rates, $3 for six months, $4.75 per year (U.S.A. and Canada). Address: Vennens Forlag, Postbox 809, København Ø, Denmark.

SESSO e LIBERTA (Sex and Liberty) Italy. Monthly magazine in Italian. Price, 120 lire per copy, subscription price in U.S. value not given. Address: Sesso e Liberta, Fratta - Viale Montesanto, 12, Milano Italia.

DER KREIS/LE CERCLE/THE CIRCLE -- Monthly magazine in German, French and English. Subscription price, sealed $9.00 per year; mailed as printed matter, $7.00 per year. Address: Postfach 547, Fraumunster, Zurich 22, Switzerland.

ARCADIE -- France. Monthly magazine. Address: 162 Rue Jeanne d'Arc, Paris XXIIe, France.

VRIENDSCHAP -- Holland. Monthly. Address: Vriendschap, Postbox 542, Amsterdam, Holland.

DER WEG--Germany. Address: Colonnaden 5, Hamburg 36, Germany.

HELLAS--Germany. Address: Neustadter - Strasse 48, Hamburg 36, Germany.

NEWSLETTER OF I. C. S. E. (International Congress for Sexual Equality) --Holland. Address: Adm. I.C.S.E., Postbox 542, Amsterdam, Holland (Attn: Joost Adriaansen, Editor). (Yearly subscription, Hfl.5 as printed matter, Hfl. 6.50 as private letter).

DIE GEFAHRTEN -- Germany. Address: Arndstrasse 3, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

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The publications listed here are all available by subscription to interested readers in the U. S. Where prices are not listed, write the publication for yearly rates in U. S. currency.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTERS HOLD DISCUSSION MEETINGS ONLY ONCE EACH MONTH AT PRESENT

Only one discussion meeting open to the general public is held each month at the present time. This meeting is at 8 p.m. on the first Thursday evening. Another meeting at the same location on the third Thursday is held, but this is for members and prospective members only. The three San Francisco chapters also transact business matters then. Orientation sessions for newcomers are held at these third Thursday sessions.

CAN YOU TRANSLATE ANY OF THESE LANGUAGES?

Because publications related to the sex variant problem are received by offices of the Mattachine Society, but leaders in many--if not all--instances are at a loss to translate them, because these publications are written in several different languages.

Translators, therefore, are welcomed and needed. Languages with which they will be concerned are Danish, French, German, Italian and Dutch.

If you have the free time, the ability and care to tackle such projects, please volunteer by mail to P.O. Box 259, San Francisco 1.

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE NOW ON SUBSCRIPTION BASIS--$1 PER YEAR

The San Francisco Mattachine Newsletter has been placed on a paid subscription basis, effective with this issue.

The rate is $1 per year, an amount sufficient only to pay for production and mailing costs. It is mailed sealed.

Persons desiring to receive the newsletter by first class mail should send a dollar to the Society at Post Office Box 259, San Francisco 1. If remittance is made by check, it should be made payable to the San Francisco Area Council of the Mattachine Society, Inc.

The newsletter will be issued in a minimum of 12 issues per year, the editors have promised, generally on or about the 15th of each calendar month.

WHY DEVIATION? The following letter was written by a homosexual to the San Francisco Examiner on June 29, 1954, after a series of newspaper articles began appearing in that newspaper on June 27, heralding the effort of city officials and law enforcement authorities to clean up an "unwholesome and intolerable situation" caused by sex deviates. Particularly the target of the campaign--according to police--was activity taking place in public.

The writer of the letter below has told the Society he has no quarrel with that aspect of the drive. He, like the Society excoriates such display. But the author of the letter below did take issue with the Examiner for its attitude about sex deviates. The letter here is reproduced in full. However, in the newspaper, the third and fourth paragraphs as they appear below were not printed.

"Editor, The Examiner: As a homosexual, I am concerned that your writeup on sex deviates is a mere harping on symptoms without mention of root causes. If we had had an adequate relationship with our parents in our formative years we would not be homosexual today. Case histories of most male inverts reveal they were either overmothered or under-fathered or both in early childhood. A boy needs companionship with a father-figure with whom to subconsciously identify through imitation. He needs adequate love, without "smothering", from his mother who is normally the pattern for his own eventual love object. Unfortunate factors which may upset the normal course of psychological development can cuase identification in different degrees with the parent of the opposite sex. The same corresponding priciple is found in the studies of most Lesbians.

The encouraging aspect of the problem is homosexuality can be prevented. When both parents, or adequate parent-substitutes, are present during the child's most impressionable years, and both provide a healthful relationship to the child and to one another, homosexuality could hardly have a beginning.

Homosexuality, especially in bisexual forms, is far more prevalent than generally believed. (Read the Kinsey Reports.) Most homosexual men and women live useful, creative lives and often occupy prominent positions in their communities. We cannot logically judge the whole by the few who would indiscreetly flaunt their homosexuality in public and bring upon us the stereotype label of "undesirable".

It is a kind of sadism on the part of society to instill in the hearts of a people who already know the meaning of suffering out of being the victims of a tragic mental deformity which is no fault of their own. It has been clinically established that those who vent the most vehement prejudice against us are more often than not just compensating for some degree of repressed homosexuality within themselves. We will never realize the full benefits of democracy until all people are accepted as individuals rather than made scapegoats because of differences which are unimportant in human values.

Probably most of us who are completely inverted would like more than anything else in the world to be able to have a normal life with marriage, a home and children. But change for the complete invert may be just as difficult as would be for the thoroughly conditioned heterosexual to become a homosexual. Many of us have tried. As long as we maintain high standards of character, are discreet, and harm no one, homosexuals should be accorded the same civil rights as heterosexuals or any other group drawn together by common bonds.

Sincerely,
C. B. H., Berkeley

P. S.--For obvious reasons, will you please just use my initials. Thank You.

FOR THE CHAPTER LIBRARY

Karpman, Benjamin, M.D.

The Sexual Offender and His Offenses: Etiology, Pathology, Psychodynamics and Treatment. New York, Julian Press, 1954. 744 p. $10. For professional sale only.

Of inestimable practical value to physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, lawyers, sociologists, researchers and all those professionals interested in acquiring a scientifif orientation to the problem. The author's findings, documented objectively in more than 300 meticulously reported case-studies provide the first methodical basis for a practical program towards broader and more effective medical and legal operation in the area. Includes review of the literature, 1902-1951, extensive and annotated bibliography, summaries for each chapter, glossary, appendices, author and subject indexes, and psychogenic inventory.

California State Department of Mental Hygiene, Langley Porter Clinic, San Francisco.

Final Report on California Sexual Deviation Research, March 1954. Printed by the Assembly of the State of California. 160 p. Distributed by the Judiciary Subcommittee on Sex Research of the Assembly of the California Legislature; single copies probably obtainable at the clinic in San Francisco.

The California Legislature early in 1950 appropriated $100,000 for the initiation of sex deviation research, and later authorized $87,000 additional in subsequent fiscal years. This is the final report of the research group, on legal, medical and sociological aspects of sex aberration. Project studies review sex legislation and special sex psychopath laws in the U.S., facts about child victims of adult sex offenders; and there is a summary by the research director, A. R. Mangus, of the program from a sociological point of view. Mainly factual in nature, this report is the forerunner of interpretive analyses yet to be made, and is a part of a larget study of sex deviation sponsored by the California State Legislature through the Dept. of Mental Hygiene and the Langley Porter Clinic.

Note: See the article, "Sex Deviation and the Statutory Law--A Summary," page 6.

STATE HOSPITAL STUDIES RELIGIOUS ATTITUDES OF SEX PSYCHOPATH PATIENTS

Psychologists at Metropolitan State Hospital, Norwalk, Calif., are currently conducting a study of religious feelings in sex psychopath patients. The answers are to be anonymous, so that the information given cannot possibly affect the outcome of the hospital stay for any patient. The Catholic, Jewish and Protestant chaplains have approved the series of questions which include:

1. What is your denomination?
2. How often do you attend church?
3. Are you a full-fledged member?
4. What church were you raised in?
5. If you changed denominations, what was your reason for changing?
6. To what different kinds of churches have you belonged?
7. Have you ever been expelled from a church?
8. Have you ever held any office in your church? If so, specify the kinds of office.
9. Were there religious denominational differences in your family? If so, what were they?
10. Does your church disapprove of: Drinking? Smoking? Gambling? Adultery? Divorce? Premarital intercourse? Sex with children? Mouth-genital contacts? Intercourse by rectum? Masturbation? Homosexual relations? Petting? Kissing? Recreation on Sunday? Child spacing by contraceptive methods? Child spacing by the rhythm or temperature systems?
11. Are you afraid you will receive punishment by God for your sexual offenses?
12. Do you think the Bible is a divinely-inspired work of God, and therefore infallible?
13. Does your church admit religious tradition as a source of authority for church laws, or is the Bible the sole source of authority?
14. Do you think psychiatry and psychology interfere with your religious feelings in any way?

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16. If your religion is Roman Catholic, how often do you attend confession?
17. If your religion is Jewish, do you abide by the rules concerning the preparation of food?

SEXUAL DEVIATION AND THE STATUTORY LAW--A Summary. (From the Final Report on California Sexual Deviation Research, State of California, Department of Mental Hygiene and the Langley Porter Clinic, Karl M. Bowman, M. D., Medical Superintendent.

In summary, our laws pertaining to the control of sexual-behabior, though very stringent, are relatively ineffective in channelling sexual contacts or outlets into marital intercourse. As a result, the great majority of citizens are technically sex offenders. The past few years have seen a large increase in the knowledge of human sexuality. Both theoretical and empirical research points to several major areas of sexual behavior where legal controls should be effective. These concern: (1) the prevention of the use of force and the taking of undue advantage in sexual relations; (2) the protection of children and youths against sexual exploitation by adults; (3) the control of gross violation of standards of public decency and good taste in the sexual sphere; and (4) the control of prostitution as it contributes to disease and to various kinds of crime and disorder in the community. Beyond this much research remains to be done to provide a sound basis for determining what is desirable and undesirable sexual behavior in modern society.

PICNIC COMING UP AS SOON AS SUITABLE PARK LOCATION OBTAINED

An all-day picnic is planned for one of the Sundays in the near future, to be held at one of several parks in the East-bay area. The exact date depends upon finding a suitable location in one of the parks, and obtaining a reservation for it on a specific date. It is hoped to hold the picnic on either July 25, August 1 or 8. A committee from the Oakland-Berkeley chapters is in charge of choosing the location and date, while the Gamma and Alpha chapters of San Francisco will be in charge of food. An advance reservation tally is planned.

SECURITY BILL IS TOO DRASTIC, SAYS AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

A proposal of the Republican administration to eliminate suspected security risks from defense plants has been scored by the American Civil Liberties Union at New York City as being "far too sweeping, and an infringement on the due process of law." The organization has filed its own statement to that effect with the House Judiciary Committee in Washington.

The bill, the ACLU charges, makes no attempt to confine loyalty investigations to the areas where they are actually necessary, and sets up only the barest outline of fair procedures.

Further, the bill fails to provide that the employee should have the right to confront and cross--examine witnesses against him.

"It may be argued that denial of cross examination to government employees may be theoretically possible on the ground that working for the government is a privilege," the ACLU statement said, "But the right to earn a living is hardly a privilege which may be denied at will, and the licensing of people in private industry cannot possibly be set up without giving these persons the essential right to cross examination and confrontation."

Among the classifications of security risks automatically affected by such legislation as this proposal are the sex variants and homosexuals, who have been arbitrarily lumped together with "perverts and other dissolute persons " in the eyes of the Federal government today.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTERS RECALL HOOKER TEST VOLUNTEERS

A call was sent out in Los Angeles recently for the persons in the Society who took a series of psychological tests for Dr. Evelyn Hooker to re-assemble for another test session. The last issue of the Southern Area Newsletter listed identification numbers for some 50 or more interviewees whom Dr. Hooker especially wished to see for further information in her research project.

AUGUST AREA COUNCIL MEETING

Date of the August meeting of the San Francisco Bay Area Council is Wednesday, August 4, Oakland. San Francisco discussion meeting is Aug. 5, and the combined San Francisco chapter business meeting is Aug. 17. Both of these meetings will be held at 1830 Sutter street, San Francisco.