JULY CALENDAR

July 5 - PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING
Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m.
SPEAKER: Ernest Besig
SUBJECT: Civil Liberties and the Homosexual.

July 22 - MATTACHINE PICNIC in Tiburon. See page eight for details.

July 30 - FELLOWSHIP DINNER, 1637 Haight St., 8 P.M. For reservations please call EX 7-0773.

July 26 - MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING: Mattachine Members.

AUGUST CALENDAR

August 2 - PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING
Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m.
SPEAKER: Richard Lawrence
SUBJECT: The Need for a Permanent Relationship.

August 12 - MATTACHINE BRUNCH - Location will be announced later.

August 23 - FELLOWSHIP DINNER - Location will be announced later.

August 30 - MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING: Mattachine Members.

JULY WORK PARTIES AT REVIEW OFFICE

Work parties scheduled for production work on the Review will be held on the following days in July: 4, 7, 8, 14, 15. Call in advance; EX 7-0773.
LIBRARY NOTES

The library continues to grow with the recent additions of "Strange Friends" by Agenete Høk, the Danish writer, and "The Lonely Crowd" by David Riesman. The first, due to be reviewed in the next issue of the Review, raises the question why no more novels are being written about male homosexuality. Admittedly, modern man is a puny, drably colored thing when compared to the members of the stronger sex. However, such creatures as male homosexuals do exist, shocking as the news may be to some, and in some ways their problems are even greater than those of the female homophile, because of the present legal situation.

At first glance, "The Lonely Crowd", a sociological study, seems a strange addition to a library of books concerning sex deviation. Actually, however, the two are interrelated, since sexual attitudes are essentially one aspect of any culture's social attitudes. Mr. Riesman and his fellow-workers have attempted to discover what America's social attitudes are evolving into. Among other things, they suggest that many persons nowadays are uncertain as to just what the rules of the game of sex are. Also, as life becomes more and more monotonous for so many people, they have a greater and greater need to glamorize sexual relationships.

Two other contributed works are Cory's "Homosexuality" and "Against the Law" by Peter Wildeblood. The first will be reviewed in the next issue of the Review by an American writer, the latter by several English writers. Any book by Cory is worthy of attention and this one contains material of value to the homophile world for some time.

Wildeblood's book is equally noteworthy for its objectivity and its attempt to describe only those things concerning the circumstances prior to and during his imprisonment. The personal, autobiographical section covers only 1/8 of it, and is

TRANSVESTISM FEATURED AT
JUNE PUBLIC MEETING

With a receptive audience of some fifty people, Mr. Brian Hansen, local resident, discussed many featured of a little known subject, transvestism.

His definition of the subject was the "compulsive need for a person to wear the clothing and/or attire of the opposite sex."

Distinguishing the transvestite from the transsexual, it was stated that the former needs only appear as the opposite sex, while the latter has the desire to be the opposite sex, and attempts this occasionally by means of a medical operation. Lack of definitive knowledge on the transvestite appears to stem from the secrecy preserved with great care by the actual subject involved. This often goes to such extremes, especially when the subject has not a great deal of self insight from knowledge of others like him, to a thinking that he or she is the only person in the world with this desire, which in turn gives rise to great feelings of loneliness and rejection...consequently, when transvestites are introduced to others of a similar inclination, strong friendships are often formed, and if geographical location is a deterrent to frequent meetings, correspondence is initiated, which has come to form a worldwide network of communication among transvestites in general.

As to the number of transvestites, this matter is exceedingly difficult to estimate or determine. The secrecy of the person, and the extent of the attire make them difficult to distinguish; such as the otherwise ordinary-appearing man in male attire, who wears female undergarments; the person who "dresses" only in secrecy, or on rare occasions, such as the costume ball, etc.
Though little known, there is a definite transvestite literature. These are works privately printed and distributed to friends and correspondents. In much of the literature lavish description is given to the articles of attire, the placement of these upon the body, etc... There exists a feeling of undercurrent sadism and masochism in several of the works. "Miss High Heels" is an example of one of the books, privately printed and distributed, and the author unknown.

There have been notable transvestites in every age; among the best known are Sporus, the Emperor Nero's emasculated "wife"; the Roman Emperor Heliodorus, and the much discussed Chevalier D'Enon of the 18th century, who made a diplomatic trip to Moscow in female dress and was presented as his companion's niece. Still another more nearly contemporaneous transvestite was Dr. Mary Walker, the Civil War doctor, who, in recognition of her services on the battlefield, received permission from the United States Government to wear male attire. Transvestism is mentioned in the Bible, the Old Testament, where it is stated that men shall not wear women's clothing and vice-versa.

The main objection by the Hebrew religious leaders was that a prominent feature of the pagan religions which they were combating consisted of the wearing of female attire by men and vice-versa.

The speaker pointed out that the subject of transvestism is not of the past but one that continues to exist with us in the present. Cases are constantly occurring of men who after a long period of years are discovered to be women, and women discovered to be men. They are treated of by the newspapers as if they were something totally unprecedented and astounding, but in reality, there is nothing new or astonishing in them to persons acquainted with the various forms of sexual deviations.

only given as a necessary explanation to the portion of his experiences that are universally applicable to every homophile. It is a deeply moving human document and one every person, homophile or otherwise, should read. The most tragic aspect of the matter is that his case is not unique or especial. Every homophile knows of more or less similar ones. The only difference is that he publicly affirmed in court that he is an invert, to serve by the resulting discussion all persons in similar circumstances, and has written a book about his experiences, for the same reason. He deserves the gratitude of the entire homophile world for his efforts.

It is apparent from all that has been said concerning the library in this and recent newsletters that the aim for which it was created, the assemblage of source material concerning sex deviants and related problems to serve as research material for writers in the field, is being accomplished. However, there is still a long way to go, and much material is still lacking. Any contribution, either financial or in the way of literature, will be of assistance in aiding this project. It does not matter if the amount be large or small, or the book a clothbound or paperbound volume, or even a magazine. We shall remain appreciative in any case. Won't you help?

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ATTITUDES ARE CHANGING!

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NEWS AND ITEMS... In Edinburgh, Scotland, the National Bible Society, citing an error in translation of the Lord's Prayer in the Negro Republic of Liberia, said that the phrase, "Lead us not into temptation," was interpreted as "Do not catch us when we sin." Were the Liberians being merely honest instead of inaccurate? Or were they perhaps acquainted with Saint Augustine's prayer, "Oh, Lord, make me perfect, but not yet."....Commenting on a recent appearance of Elvis Presley in the Bay Area, a local critic stated that he had "a good voice...from the waist down." During a recent skirmish in the Palestine area, the son of a local chief was killed. An elegy written by his best friend has now appeared, in the same mode as that of Achilles concerning Patroclus, in which it is stated by the writer, David, that his love for Jonathan was dearer to him than that of woman. No comment was available from local religious leaders....

...Readers of the Mattachine Review will remember that it was said of Fletcher Flora's "Desperate Asylum" that the heterosexual characters experienced "safe and sane sexual relations." The writer's new novel, "The Brass Bed" contains only heterosexual characters. They too experience safe and sane sexual relations....but two murders result.

...The Biter Bit...In a recent lecture given in Berkeley, Dr. Hugh Mallan, president of the American Group Psychotherapy Association, said that a therapist's reactions to a group of patients often gives him an insight into his own individual neuroses. This occurs when the patient, backed up by the authority of the group, compels him to recognize their existence within himself....

As in all deviations, there are many views of contributing causes; such as lack of identification with the proper parent-figure; hormonal imbalance; certain cases of parental domination which attempt to make the child appear of the opposite sex; and the general concept of masculinity and femininity existing in the society that the individual is born into. These and others are all considerations dealing with the problem. In the understanding of other human beings, each person must be approached on the individual level. Whether there is a universal similarity of contributing causes that give impetus to this form of behaviour is not yet clearly ascertained, for there has been a deplorable paucity of attention directed to an objective study of this field.

There is a common notion that all transvestites are homosexuals; a charge, flatly denied by most transvestites. It appears that forms of sublimation occur, in the act of dressing, etc. In many cases there is an attitude of asexuality, though some marry and rear children.

After the discussion, the speaker exhibited an extensive collection of newspaper photographs and clippings concerning the subject, collected over a number of years.

As is obvious from the facts present, there is an acute need of a re-evaluation of the views of the average person, and even the average homophile, concerning this subject. The transvestite is neither a freak nor a person who consciously and voluntarily decides upon his especial tendency. He is simply and wholly a human being motivated by unconscious factors. It remains to accept the transvestite purely on his or her merits as an individual, rather than a person deviating from commonly accepted standards of normality.

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED BY
SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER

June 28 marked the election of officers for the coming year of the San Francisco Area Council. The election was held among the Bay Area Membership of the Mattachine Society to fill the positions of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Chairman, and Program Chairman.

The former council consisted of:
CHAIRMAN: MEL BETTI, Secretary, Bois Burk, Treasurer, Jack Parrish, Social Chairman, J. Frooks, and Program Chairman, E. Vaerlen and C.B. Harding.

The new council is made up of the following:

CHAIRMAN: Mel Betti
Secretary: G. Pond
Treasurer: J. Parrish
Social Chairman: J. Frooks
Program Chairman: to be appointed

PICNIC IN TIBURON

Instead of a brunch during the month of July, we're going to take advantage of the weather and plan a picnic in Tiburon. Transportation will be provided for those going and food will be served by the Social Chairman. Since the picnic will be out of town, reservations are definitely needed—so, ring us at the Review office, EX 7-0773.

Best Cartoon of the Month....The aristocratically regal mother in the Spring issue of "Mad" comics who tells her little boy "Eat you olives dear, they make you passionate"