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JANUARY 1959
"THEY WALK IN SHADOW" AUTHOR TO SPEAK

J. D. Mercer is a determined author. He has spent 14 years preparing the manuscript for a 585-page book, "They Walk in Shadow," to be published in February by Comet Press in New York. During this period, Mercer has been in and out of several publisher's offices, under contract at one time or another with two of them, and finally has arrived at that point every author dreams of: He is going to see his volume in print.

But Mercer's dream, if we can call it that, is far more than a boost for his ego. Rather, it is an event of extreme importance for human sexualists—and that includes just about everybody.

Mercer, a self-confessed and self-accepting, practicing ambisexual, presents a unique, interesting and inclusive work which searches EVERY phase of these formerly submerged topics of varied sex behavior. He particularly stresses the new "truths" and their scientific facts regarding various sexual behavior patterns and their relationship to the irregular, outmoded and unrealistic sex laws which still prohibit and can punish most sexual expressions BOTH heterosexual and homosexual.

He concludes that over 90 per cent of the population walk in the shadow and thread of these outmoded sex laws which he propounds should be removed from the statute books of every state.

This ground-breaking book, corroborated by fact, scientific inquiry and analysis, long years of painstaking research and observation, makes an important and unparalleled contribution to the literature of its kind.

Mr. Mercer will be interviewed by two Board members of the Mattachine Society. Questions relating to the publication of the book, its original conception and various other facets will be asked. Then the audience will participate in a question and answer period.

Some have referred to this book as "the gay person's Bible," others have attacked and condemned it. Be present at the Mattachine Society's monthly Public Discussion Forum, 1830 Sutter St., 8:00 PM Thursday January 8th, and see what your reaction will be.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS SEMINAR

Censorship of books, plays, movies, radio & TV has today assumed gigantic proportions. Legislative groups, church and civic committees are busily engaged in clawing away the private rights of citizens to choose his own reading material and entertainment media.

In the name of such ostensibly laudable aims as protecting children, suppressing pornography, preventing crime, these massive assaults on our basic American freedoms are gaining headway every day.

These were some of the ideas expressed during the Publication Dept. Workshop and Seminar, held in SP on December 6th. Participating were representatives from ONE, Inc., Los Angeles; Daughters of Bilitis, Inc.; and Mattachine Society, Inc., San Francisco, and the new publication, Sex & Censorship.

The morning session was devoted to hearing a tape recording of the recent KPFA broadcast on "The Homosexual In Our Society." The afternoon program consisted chiefly of a discussion of ways and means of increasing the appeal and circulation of publications dealing with the subject.

The banquet featured Morris Lowenthal, San Francisco attorney, who described in detail the complex legal involvements, leading to a California Supreme Court Decision in 1951, that homosexuals, like all other citizens, had the right to assemble and be served in bars, restaurants, theatres and elsewhere, and that no discrimination could be enforced against them or on the proprietors of such "gathering places" because of homosexuality.

Mr. Lowenthal enumerated the continuing and calculated attempts of various law-enforcement agencies to circumvent civil liberties in these cases. This campaign has led to new legislation in 1956 whereby the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission was ordered to suspend the liquor licenses of bars serving homosexuals, "sex perverts" etc.

As a result, Mr. Lowenthal is again representing the "Black Cat" and another Bay Area bar whose licenses have been revoked. His two massive briefs presented in these cases are brilliantly conceived attacks on the so-called "legal" persecution of homosexuals. In his briefs, the attorney made extensive use of materials printed by the "homophile movement" as he termed it, in publications of the LADDER, ONE Magazine and the Mattachine Review. He also uses Kinsey and other professional authorities.

Mr. Lowenthal stated that through these cases, he had been brought into contact with one more area of the civil liberties question of which he had not been before aware.

The Seminar is planned as an Annual event in San Francisco.

ANOTHER GIFT FROM BAY AREA MEMBER

In addition to over 250 volumes donated to the Society library, the same friend has bought material and built shelves for the office to house these volumes. Members are invited to use the regular check-out service available. Our sincere thanks to such loyal members. This gift of books now brings our library to almost onethousand copies.
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party was regarded by Area members and all others present, as perhaps the most successful and agreeable one the Area has hitherto given. There was a highly diversified group of persons attending; there were artists, students, professional people all of both sexes, present. However, they all fraternized with a good deal of friendliness and the usual feeling that everyone there learned more about how other people live.

The usual auction of presents was handled by a volunteer auctioneer. There was dancing, singing and several entertainers performed impromptu, and free of charge. Among them, nightclub entertainers including a folk-singer.

OPERATING BUDGET FOR 1959 set.

The following proposed Monthly Operating Budget for 1959 is to give you an idea of the expenses that must be met during the coming year.

Rent $25.00
Telephone 4.00
Postage 10.00
Newsletter 18.00
Stationery 3.00
Hall Rental 5.00
Also (*) 20.00

Membership Dues @ $6  $600.00 (*)  
Newsletter Subscriptions 50.00  
Fund-raising events 300.00  
Donations at Activities 200.00

Total $1,150.00 Annual

Miscellaneous expenses include amount due on 1959 Assessment. Estimated income represents membership dues from 100 members. This means the need to increase the membership locally by 35%. Your local officers trust you will help meet this need by presentingmatchine to your friends and inviting them to join our worthy cause.

YOU ARE INVITED

The subjects to be discussed at the first Friends Committee on Nat'l Legislation Forum, are of vital interest to you as a Citizen in a free country. The opportunity of hearing these issues discussed in the open is invaluable. The moderators, speakers and interviewers have been selected carefully in the knowledge that what is said and heard will help to clarify, modify and alter positions already held by many of us, and to enable us to act. Therefore, we urge you to participate in this important program.

Funds are needed to assure support for these issues in Sacramento this spring. Therefore SERIES TICKETS are being sold in advance, and may be ordered directly from the matchine office. Call EX 7-0773.

$3.00 for one person and $5 for two persons for all FOUR lectures.

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION - FIRST ANNUAL PROGRAM

JANUARY 15 (Thursday) 8:00 PM MUST WE HAVE THE DEATH PENALTY?

Moderator: Rabbi Sidney Akersm, Temple Beth El, Berkeley
Speakers:  Austin MacCormick, Ph.D., Professor of Criminology, UC
Mary Ellen Harvey, Associate Editor, San Francisco NEWS
Queriers: Byron Bryant, K-P-F-A
Margaret Miller, Olympic Press
William O. Weissh, District Attorney, Marin County

FEBRUARY 19 (Thursday) 8:00 PM TOWARD A CREATIVE FOREIGN POLICY

Moderator: Trevor Thomas, Exec. Secretary, Northern California
Friends Committee on Legislation
Speakers:  Eugene Burdick, Ph.D., Asst. Prof. of Political Science, UC; Author: "The Ninth Wave," "The Ugly American"  
William Mandel, Lecturer, K-P-F-A, expert on USSR
Queriers:  Robert Schultz, K-P-F-A, Economist  
Marshall Windmiller, Research Fellow, Center for South Asian Studies, U.C.
To be announced

MARCH 20 (Friday) 8:00 PM CIVIL LIBERTIES - THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

Moderator: Albert Bendich, Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union
Speakers:  Alan Barth, Ph.D., Visiting Prof., Political Science, UC  
Author: "The Loyalty of Free Men"  
John O'Connell, Assemblyman, 23rd District, Chair: Committee of Judiciary Com on Constitutional Rights
Queriers:  David Selwin, Editor, SF Labor  
Dr. Carlton Goodlet, Publisher, SUN REPORTER  
Tom Winnett, First Vice President, Calif. Democratic Council

APRIL 16 (Thursday) 8:00 PM NARCOTICS ADDICTION - WHAT LIES AHEAD?

Moderator: Dr. Paul Sarzaro, Prof. UC Medical Center, SF; member Berkeley School Board
Speakers:  Edward T. Manuso, Public Defender, City of San Francisco  
Judge Stanley Mosek, Attorney-General Elect
Queriers:  Dr. Arnold Schwartz, State Department of Public Health  
Fred Cooper, Attorney, Steering Committee, PCL  
Mary Eubanks, Public Relations

ALL MEETINGS AT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, Piedmont Ave., Berkeley, 8:00 PM

All 4 Discussions $3 each -- $5 for two.
Matchine Society, Inc., has tickets for sale.


KPFA BROADCAST REPEATED; LETTERS READ

Radio station K-P-F-A, FM, Berkeley, re-broadcast the 2-hour panel discussions on "The Homosexual in Our Society" on Monday evening, December 25, and once again favorable comment on the subject material followed. One call to the Mattachine Society office, from a listener, resulted in a $100 donation. A number of other inquiries, including some subscriptions and visits to the office, have resulted from the initial November 24 broadcast.

On Saturday evening, December 27, Elma Knight Thompson, of KPFA's Public Affairs Department, who moderated the two panels, read excerpts from many letters which the station had received. Of these, only two were outright critical, she said. It has been learned that at least a half-dozen groups of Mattachine friends have listened to the programs.

BROADCAST TRANSCRIPT AVAILABLE

A transcript in booklet form, has been prepared and issued by the station in cooperation with Pan-Graphic Press, Mrs. Leah Gallely, one of the panelists, typed the transcript directly from the tape. Mrs. Thompson edited, then Mrs. Gallely cut mechanical stencils for the press. Copies may be obtained from either Pan-Graphic Press, 693 Mission St., San Francisco 5, or from K-P-F-A, 2207 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 4. Cost is $1 each.

PORNOGRAPHY REPORT AVAILABLE

The Los Angeles Daily Journal (official paper for city and county of Los Angeles) has printed a "REPORT ON PORNOGRAPHY", which is a comprehensive survey of obscene literature, cartoons, photographs, and films in Southern California.

The Report is an interesting summary of certain public attitudes concerning the question of censorship, that we thought it should be distributed in the Bay Area.

Copies are available at Mattachine office, 693 Mission St., SF 5, for 25¢ each.

RESERVATIONS NECESSARY FOR LOS ANGELES INSTITUTE PROGRAM

The program for ONE'S MIDWINTER INSTITUTE appears on the following page. About half a dozen Mattachine members plan to attend the entire session. If your plans should carry you to Los Angeles during this three-day period, why not make reservations for the program?

SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS IMMEDIATELY FOR THESE EVENTS SO ONE, Inc., MAY NOTIFY YOU OF THE LOCATIONS ................................ REGISTER IN ADVANCE

Admission Prices: Saturday Morning & Afternoon — $1.50  
Luncheon — $2.50  
Banquet — $5.00  
Sunday Afternoon Dramatic program — $1.50

ONE'S 1959 MIDWINTER INSTITUTE: MENTAL HEALTH & HOMOSEXUALITY
Sponsored by: ONE, Inc., Los Angeles

JANUARY 30 Friday

8:00 PM - 7th Annual Business Meeting and Informal Reception

JANUARY 31 Saturday - Fred Frisbie, Chairman

9:00 AM - Registration and Display of Books

9:30 AM - Progress Reports from Homophile Movement in the U.S.: Daughters of Bilitis, Mattachine Society, ONE, Inc.

10:30 AM - ONE INSTITUTE LOOKS AT MENTAL HEALTH: Roundtable groups.

11:15 AM - A. Adjustment Through Partnership  
B. Creative Expression as Therapy  
C. Must Christians Learn to Live With Guilt?

12:00 — Luncheon: Speaker, Dr. T.M. Merritt, Dean Emeritus, ONE INSTITUTE, "Accepting Middle Age"

2:00 PM - PANEL DISCUSSION: MENTAL HEALTH AND HOMOSEXUALITY

Bianca M. Baker, M.D., Ph.D., San Francisco Psychiatrist  
Trent E. Bessent, Ph.D., Chief Clinical Psychologist, Metropolitan State Hospital, Norwalk  
Eric Julber, Los Angeles Attorney  
Vita S. Sommers, Ph.D., Los Angeles psychologist.

3:30 PM - Intermission

3:45 PM - Psychedrama, A Problem in Mental Health Illustrated. Conducted by Wm. Baker, San Francisco Psychological counsellor.

5:00 PM - Recess

6:00 PM - Cocktail Hour

7:00 PM - ANNUAL BANQUET - Toastmaster, Don Slater.  
Speaker: Dr. Mario Palmieri, Engineer and Writer "Classical Boy-Love & Modern Civilization"

FEBRUARY 1 Sunday

2:00 PM - "TEA & POETRY"  
I - From the Greek Anthology & Sappho; II - Sonnets of Michaelangelo and Shakespeare; III - Traditional Spanish Dances, by Tony Reyes; IV - Homophile Love Poems of today.

4:00 PM - Social Hour

5:30 PM - Final adjournment of 1959 Sessions.
Many people have asked this question, especially after they have become aware of the serious and vital public-service program which is maintained day-by-day in the Mattachine Society.

Aimed at providing information, aiding research, and calling for social action to accept and understand the homosexual in our midst, the social service program of the Society helps dozens of people each month to become better adjusted to their problems.

Many of your friends, would, no doubt, be happy to learn more about the work of this organization. Once they recognize its value, they may want to help by becoming active members, or by supporting our program with contributions to insure its continued growth.

Why not tell your friends about Mattachine? Assure them that they can obtain complete, first-hand information simply by calling at our office or stopping in to get acquainted with our work.

National and local dues are $10 and $6 a year, respectively.

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