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SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING CALLED ON FEBRUARY 12TH

The Chairman of the SFAC called a Special Business Meeting on the evening of February 12th which was held just before the KPFA broadcast of the Publications Day Seminar panel discussion of “Should Americans Read About Sex?”.

The meeting involved hearing and voting on the acceptance of a report made by the Executive Committee of the SFAC on the business relationship between the Society and Pan-Graphic Press, a commercial firm which prints the Mattachine REVIEW and other Mattachine materials, which is owned by members of the Society. The matter was brought up by the Chairman of the New York Area Council in a letter to this area council, also addressed to other councils, questioning the advisability of continuing this relationship and calling for the formation of a code of ethics which would make it impossible for such a relationship to continue.

The report of the Executive Committee of the SFAC advised that the Constitution and By-laws were capable of governing the ethics of Society officials and was also a spirited defense and call for the continued support of Pan-Graphic Press as the printer for the Society.

The members of the SFAC voted to accept this report and also passed a resolution that called upon the Secretary-General to make copies of this report available to all members of the Society. The report was reproduced and mailed out by the SFAC on February 15th.

After the special meeting the members and other guests gathered to listen to the playing of the seminar panel discussion on “Should Americans Read About Sex?” broadcast by KPFA. As a result of this gathering we had two new members sign up that night.

MEN VS. WOMEN

Men walk from the knee, while women walk from the hip. Men strike matches towards themselves, while women strike away. Men dress to look like other men while women dress to look unique within the current fashion. Men look at their fingernails by cupping their palms and bending their fingers towards themselves while women look at their nails by straightening their fingers palms outward. Men spit flecks of tobacco off their tongues; women pick them off. Men nag their wives for what they do. Women nag their husbands for what they don’t do—from the book, A Skeptical Psychoanalyst, by Kenneth M. Colby, M.D., Ronald Press, New York, 1958.
BERKELEY MEETING ANNOUNCED FOR MARCH 24TH

There will be a meeting of Mattachine members and friends who live in the Oakland—Berkeley area on Thursday evening March 24th. They will meet at 1525 Arch Street, Apartment No. 1, in Berkeley.

The meeting will be run along the lines of the SFAC Music Appreciation Group—Pleasant Conversation accompanied by Pleasant Music.

All members of SFAC are invited to attend. For those who wish directions on how to get to the meeting place, please call the Society at EXbrook 7-0773 and this information will be given to you.

DOB ASKS EARLY RESERVATIONS TO CONVENTION

The Daughters of Bilitis' first national convention will be held over the Memorial Day weekend (May 27 — 30) at the Whitcomb Hotel here in San Francisco. They are asking that those planning to attend this convention make early reservations.

The theme of their first convention will be "A Look at the Lesbian." Saturday, May 28th, sessions will be held in the Vista Room of the Whitcomb and there will be a luncheon and banquet. The fee for this session will be $12.50 per person. This price does not include drinks during the cocktail hour but does include the luncheon and banquet.

The DOB is accepting reservations at their 165 O'Farrell Street address. You may take advantage of paying a $5.00 deposit now but must make full payment before the convention. Reservations by mail should be addressed to Daughters of Bilitis, 165 O'Farrell Street, Room 405, San Francisco 2, California.

May 28th's program will include talks, panel discussions, etc. on such subjects as "Why the Lesbian?," "The Gay Bar in the Courts," "Can the Practicing Homosexual be Accepted by the Church?," "Legal Problems of Lesbian Couples," and "Changing Sex Laws."

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ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH TO BE MARCH 20

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Brunch, sponsored by the Daughters of Bilitis, will be held on Sunday, March 20. The DOB has put out a cordial invitation to all members of Mattachine to attend. At the time of publication of the Newsletter the location was not set but will be given out to all those making reservation by telephone to YUKon 2-9290 (Tuesday and Wednesday evenings only, please). They would like to have all reservations in by March 16.

Those who have attended this annual event in past years will tell you that an enjoyable time is had by all. Plan to attend and remember to call your reservation in by March 16.

PSYCHOLOGIST TO SPEAK AT NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

Dr. Leo J. Zeff will speak at the March 4th Public Discussion Meeting to be held at the Area Council Lounge, Suite 309, 693 Mission Street at 8 p.m.

Dr. Zeff's talk will be on "Masculinity and Feminity." It will be a discussion of many popular misconceptions about the real meaning of these concepts; as well as a discussion of the real meaning as well. Be sure and attend this meeting and hear this outstanding speaker.

THE VALENTINE'S PARTY WAS A SUCCESS

The Valentine's party was a big success for the library. It yielded $81.06 for the Library Fund. This is being spent for binding the complete sets of the REVIEW, ONE, HOMOPHILE STUDIES, and THE LADDER, and for the following Books: "The Jewel in the Lotus, Sex and Love in the Bible, A History of Sexual Customs, Sex Variant Women in Literature, Live and Let Live, They Stand Apart, The Keval, A Room in Chelsea Square.

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CRIBBED FROM THE OTHER AREAS

DENVER: At their February 20th Discussion Forum the area heard Mr. Frank C. Dillon Chief Probation Officer, Denver District Courts, who spoke on his experiences in a talk entitled "The Homosexual Offender on Probation." Also there was an article on a proposed nation-wide radio program on Homosexuality, a project of the Education Director, Carl B. Harding of the Denver group. As proposed, the program would be made up using as a pattern "The Business of Sex" which program was narrated by Edward R. Murrow. If possible we would try to interest Mr. Murrow in narrating this program.

Two Newsletters from Detroit came in during the past month. They were the December and January issues. The Editors have apologized for getting behind and have promised to bring the paper out on time from now on. The December number contained a long article on censorship by Karel Frans Botermans, a Detroit minister. The January number had several short articles telling of the group's activities. We are glad to see these Newsletters again.

The I.C.S.E. Newsletter for December featured a lengthy article on I.C.S.E. President Floris van Mechelen's trip through the United States last fall. It gave a complete report on the trip and some insight into the three American groups as seen by our European visitor.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HOW TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE

1—Keep skid chains on your tongue; always say less than you think. Cultivate a low, persuasive voice. How you say it often counts more than what you say.

2—Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully, no matter what it costs you.

3—Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging word to or about somebody. Praise good work done, regardless of who did it. If criticism is needed, criticize helpfully, never spitefully.

4—Be interested in others; interested in their pursuits, their welfare, their homes and families. Make merry with those that rejoice; with those who weep, mourn. Let everyone you meet, however humble, feel that you regard him as one of importance.

5—Be cheerful. Keep your corners of your mouth turned up. Hide your pains, worries and disappointments under a smile. Laugh at good stories and learn to tell them.

6—Preserve an open mind on all debatable questions. Discuss, but not argue. It is a mark of superior minds to disagree and yet be friendly.

7—Let your virtues, if you have any, speak for themselves, and refuse to talk of another's vices. Discourage gossip. Make it a rule to say nothing of another unless it be something good.

8—Be careful of another's feelings. Wit and humor at the other fellow's expense are rarely worth the effort, and may hurt where least expected.

9—Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you. Simply live that nobody will believe them. Disordered nerves and a bad digestion are a common cause of back-bitings.

10—Do your work, be patient and keep your disposition sweet, forget self, and you will be rewarded.

At the regular business meeting of the SFAC held on February 19th the following items came up and the following decisions were made:

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The high cost of renting a public room in hotels for the Public Discussion Meetings came up because of this cost and our lower attendance figures it was decided to have these meetings in the Area Council Lounge for the time being. It was also decided that refreshments would be made available at these meetings.

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The method of using the $81.06 library fund if the proceeds from the Valentine's Party, came up for discussion. The members called upon the Librarian to implement plans for purchasing books and make up a list of proposed new titles to be added to the library and that this list be presented at the next business meeting.

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Tentative plans were made to have our next social on April 2nd and that it honor the 10th Anniversary of the Society. A suggestion was made that April 1st be designated as the anniversary date of the founding of the Society but nothing was done on this item for the present.

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A vote was taken and approval given to ask Alva Russell L. Wolden to be our speaker at our April Public Discussion Meeting.

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A letter from Jack Parrish and a post card from our sojourning Chairman were read.

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There being no further business the Acting Chairman called the meeting to an end.

Our sojourning Chairman sent a card from Japan to say hello and that he is enjoying his trip which will take him to Hong Kong and to Bangkok before his return home.

Congratulations to the new Editor of the DOB Newsletter on her first issue. We wish you all success in the future and not too many gray hairs over late copy!

We have it on good authority that those rumors about Mac S. are not true.

Jack Parrish one of our good Newsletter contributors, has been laid up in the hospital for several weeks now. We send our best wishes to him and wish him a speedy recovery. Jack has pointed out an error in the last column: "When commenting on the deficiencies of the new film 'Suddenly Last Summer' the reviewer states: 'The trouble this time probably was that the people who wrote the screenplay (Tennessee Williams and Gore Vidal) did not know enough about homosexuality to write convincingly about it.'"... Homosexuality is a constantly pervasive theme in Tennessee Williams' works, so much so that critics have occasionally commented upon it. His short story One Arm does not merely touch upon it. It deals directly with the subject, and the result is the finest one dealing with the subject yet written by an American writer. Gore Vidal wrote a full-length novel called The City and the Pillar some five or six years ago dealing directly with the subject... it was an honest attempt though the results were only fair. The point is simply that the two writers have amply demonstrated in the past that they can write extensively on the subject when they are not bound to struggle with such a constraining force as the screen's censorship code.

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THE FIGHT AGAINST CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Governor Brown has given us a chance to express our views on capital punishment, and SFAC members are urged to write to him and to the appropriate members of the Legislature to let them know how each of us feels about the question. Abolition faces a tough fight, but there is a chance of having it passed if public opinion is strong enough. Some of our legislators may be bloodthirsty, but they are even more vote-thirsty.

Governor Brown is opposed to capital punishment, but is worried about the next election. San Francisco's senator, J. Eugene McAteer, is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and promises not to let an abolition bill clear the committee. We should concentrate our efforts on him. Assemblymen Phillip Burton and John O'Connell favor outright repeal, while John Busterud favors gradual abolition, Edward Gaffney favors a moratorium, and Milton Marks favors putting a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November. This would require a two-thirds majority to pass, and hence a negative vote probably would not truly reflect public opinion.

The senators and assemblymen from this area are:

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 Sen. J. Eugene McAteer, 130 Santa Ana ave.
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 Charles W. Meyers, 579 Wildwood way; (20th) Phillip Burton, 845 Pine st; (21st) Milton Marks, 2111 Franklin st; (22d) John A. Busterud, 201 Edgewood ave; (23d) John A. O'Connell, 198 Naples st; (24th) Edward M. Gaffney, 295 Sanchez st.

MARIN
 Assemblyman (7th Dist.)
 Richard H. McCollister, Assembly Chamber, State Capitol, Sacramento.

SAN MATEO
 Assemblymen (25th Dist.)
 Louis Francis, 129 Castilian way, San Mateo; (26th) Carl Britschgi, 2715 Delaware ave., Redwood City.

ALAMEDA
 Sen. John W. Holmdahl, 2300 Dashwood ave., Oakland.
 Assemblymen (13th Dist.)

CONTRA COSTA
 Sen. George Miller Jr., P. O. Box, 909, Martinez.
 Assemblymen (10th Dist.)

In addition to writing letters, we should sign the petitions which will be circulating during the next couple of weeks. There will be a petition in the Mattachine Office, for the convenience of members.