MATTACHINE SEMINAR SERIES

SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS:

1. Legal Affairs Seminar—Sat., July 23
   Afternoon Panel program; Dinner with featured speaker. Theme: "Civil Liberties, Civil Rights—1960"

2. Education Dept. Seminar Lectures
   Aug. 12-Sept. 2, Inclusive
   Six lectures and a panel discussion by the faculty of One Institute of Homophile Studies.

See Calendar of Events on Page 2 for details.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 5, 12, 19, 26 (Tuesdays)—Group Ther.-Discussion Sessions: Dr. John G. Shroock, Moderator. Place: Area Council Lounge, 693 Mission Street, Time: 8:00 p.m. — This is a limited-attendance group and you must make reservations by calling EXbrook 7-0773.

July 8 (Friday) — National Public Discussion Forum: "An Evening of Confrontation with Mr. Harry Benjamin" on open conversation between the Doctor and group, touching on subjects brought up by the group. Dr. Benjamin is Sexological Consultant for SEXOLOGY Magazine. Place: Area Council Lounge, Time: 8:00 p.m.

July 15 (Friday) — Regular Business Meeting: Place: Area Council Lounge, Time: 8:00 p.m.

July 17 (Sunday) — Sunday Brunch: Ham 'n eggs etc. at 4721 California St., San Francisco between 12 noon and 4 in the afternoon. $1.50 donation is all — see you all there!

July 20 (Wednesday) — Diiter to benefit SFAC Building Fund. Call office for details. Time: 8:30 p.m.

July 22 (Friday) — Newcomer's Night Buffet Supper. Surprise Mealt Place: Area Council Lounge, Time: 7 to 8:30 for supper and "til 10:30 for social hour. Special Features: Movies taken on recent Orient Tour by Members.

July 23 (Saturday) — Lay Affairs Seminar. Theme: "Civil Liberties, Civil Rights—1960" Place: Bellevue Hotel. Time: 2:30-4:30 (afternoon panel session); 5:00-5:30 (cocktail hour); 6:00-8:30 (banquet with featured speaker). Cost: Entire Day $6.30; Afternoon only: $2.50; Banquet only: $4.50.

July 30 (Saturday) — SFAC Monthly Party. Location: Unknown at time of Newsletter publication (call office EXbrook 7-0773 — will be announced at other meetings) Time: 8:00 p.m. "til 2:00 a.m.

AGUST

August 5 — Public Discussion Forum
August 18 — Regular Business Meeting
August 12—September 2 One Institute of Homophile Studies

REV. WOOD'S TALK PLAYED AT DISCUSSION MEETING

A recording of "How Psalm 88 Speaks to the Homosexual," a talk presented to the New York group of Mattachine in May, was played at the June 3rd Public Discussion Forum here in San Francisco. About thirty persons heard the talk. Here, excerpted from the New York Newsletter, is a report on this talk.

The audience was treated to a lecture that effectively combined the qualities of literary critique and sermon. In verse-by-verse exegesis of Psalm 88 (numbered 87 in the Douay Bible), Reverend Robert W. Wood analyzed the desolation of spirit that wrung this cry for God's comfort from its ancient author. The psalmist, Heman ("Faithful"), was an "Ezrahite," i.e. a priest's assistant who played the cymbals in Hebrew ritual. The severe affliction that he bewails so eloquently can hardly have been homosexuality—he is known to have had 13 children—but the parallel between the symptoms and effects of his affliction and those often produced by homosexuality is provocative. Heman declares that he has been "afflicted and close to death from his youth up." He calls himself "one forsaken among the dead," one whom God has lost and who has cut off from His hand. At times he blames God for the opprobrium and ostracism inflicted upon him by society: "Thou hast caused my companions to shun me; Thou hast made me a thing of horror to them." Like the homosexual, Heman struggles with his feelings, and he is often free from hope: "I am shut in so that I cannot escape; my eyes grow dim through sorrow." In our society, homosexuality involves suffering. The afflicted Old Testament psalmist had no real assurance that God cared about his sufferings. For Mr. Wood, a Christian clergyman, the answer to the presence of affliction is Christ, and the solution to the riddle is to employ it for sanctification. Mr. Wood came close to making the controversial statement that a homosexual act may be legitimate for a believing Christian. He pleaded for the homosexual to remember that, like all sinners, he can con­tact God; and if all afflictions, his homosexuality can be a source of sanctity if it turns the sinner toward God, but sinful if it separates him from God. The Christian's victory is not over suffering, but through suffering. "With His stripes we are healed," St. Paul would write one day.

The lecture ends with the Wood's lecture varied, no doubt, according to the receptivity of the individual listener to a theological interpretation of man's fate. For those in the audience able to accept the Christian view of suffering, the lecture was both balm and encouragement. The homosexual skeptic could at least experience kinship with He-

JULY SOCIAL PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED

There will be three social programs in July. These will include a Sunday Morning Brunch, Friday Evening Buffet Supper and Saturday Evening Party.

The Sunday Morning Brunch on July 17th will be served from 12:00 noon 'til 4:00 at 4721 California Street here in San Francisco. Menu for the meal included: ham, scrambled eggs, toast and coffee and juice. The donation charge for this meal will be $1.50. To get there, take either a No. 36 Geary or No. 2 Clement Bus to 9th Avenue and walk on over to California Street. 4721 is between 9th and 10th Avenues.

The Buffet Supper on July 22nd will be the Area Council Lounge, 693 Mission St. The chefs for this event have promised food aplenty for a buck but were mum as to what would be served. So come around the office about 7:00 and be surprised. Steve K. has promised show movies taken on his trip to the Orient two years earlier this year for the entertainment feature. Oh yes, refreshments will also be available, so it looks to be a fine evening.

As the Newsletter goes to press the location for the July 30th Party is not known. So you'll have to call the office to find out. The party will be held from 8:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. and a donation charge of $1.00 made at the door to all non-members. That about covers it so it looks to be a good social night. Plan to attend them all and BRING GUESTS.

AN EVENING OF CONVERSATION WITH DR. HARRY BENJAMIN

Sexological Consultant, Sexology Magazine

MATTACHINE PUBLIC DISCUSSION
693 Mission Street, Room 309
8:00 p.m., Friday, July 8, 1960
SMALLER ATTENDANCE FIGURES AT JUNE ACTIVITIES NOTED

There were less people attending June parties than usual, which is attributed to summer vacation period. There were three social activities. A brunch, party and dinner all had smaller attendance than usual but they also brought several new people to Mattachine all of whom have shown interest in the group.

Twenty-five persons attended the brunch on June 4th and the dinner on June 24th. There were around thirty-five people at the party on June 13th.

EDUCATION DIRECTOR A NEW ARRIVAL FROM DENVER

Carl B. Harding, our National Director of Education, moved to San Francisco last month to take up an arts study course. He expects to be here for several years. This is not his first trip here, however, as he lived in the Berkeley area several years ago and was active during the early days of Mattachine's formation in the San Francisco area.

Harding is the author of the Education Handbook, an official publication of the Society. He has authored many articles for the REVIEW and was a consistent contributor to the Denver Newsletter. He was also active in the organization of the Denver group after his return there several years ago. His loss to Denver is San Francisco's gain and we here are very pleased that he has come here to stay with us.

Denver also lost two other members to San Francisco last month. Gail Dennis (whose review of the book The Plutier Fabric appears in the July REVIEW) and Ted B. made the move here. That now brings the total to five persons who have made the move here from Denver within the last several months.

NATIONAL LIBRARY RECEIVED 17 NEW BOOKS DONATED BY S.F.A.C.

During the past several weeks the San Francisco Area Council bought and donated 17 new book titles to the National Library. They were purchased from funds which came from profits of a recent benefit party. The new titles are:

- Koval
- Jewel in the Lotus
- Sex & Love in the Bible
- History of Sexual Customs
- Sex Variant Women in Literature
- Live & Let Live
- Room in Chelsea Square
- They Stand Apart
- Ritual in the Dark
- Torment
- Butterfly Tree
- Voyage From Lesbos
- Mademoiselle Pifi
- American Sexual Tragedy
- The Ball
- The Balcony

All these new titles are available for loan from the library to the membership.

SPECIAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION PROGRAM ON JULY 8TH

"An Evening of Conversation with Dr. Harry Benjamin" will be the July Public Discussion Forum Program. Dr. Benjamin is Sexological Consultant for SEXOLOGY Magazine and well known to Mattachine people. He appeared on the program of the Society's Fourth Annual Convention here in San Francisco in 1957. He has addressed the San Francisco and New York area councils on various occasions.

The Public Discussion Forum will be held in the area council lounge at 693 Mission Street at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, July 8th. Dr. Benjamin will not give a prepared talk but will throw the meeting open to the group and discuss topics brought up by the audience.

Dr. Benjamin has opened his San Francisco offices at 450 Sutter Street for the summer. On June 23rd he visited the Society's offices and joined a group of six local and national officers for dinner and an evening of "shop talk."

TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

A tentative schedule for the 7th Annual Convention to be held in San Francisco over the Labor Day Weekend has been announced. This schedule is subject to change: Thursday, Sep 1—9 a.m.—3 p.m.: 693 Mission Street Mattachine Review Workshop Day. Complete production demonstration; assemble September issue.

3 p.m.—5 p.m.: Meeting of Review Editorial Board.

Friday, Sep 2—9 a.m.—3 p.m.: 693 Mission Street: National Headquarters Workshop Day especially for Area Council officers and representatives.

3 p.m.—5 p.m.: Semi-Annual Meeting, Board of Directors (subject to arrival of those coming from a distance).

7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.: Panel Conference, One Institute of Homophile Studies (final event in Education Department Seminar).

8:30 p.m.—12 Midnight: Reception for Members and Guests; Refreshments.

Saturday, Sep 3—9 a.m.: Hotel Bellevue Registration.

10 a.m.—12 noon—Welcome; Featured address.

12:30 p.m.—1:15 p.m.: Luncheon with featured speaker.

2 p.m.—5 p.m.: Afternoon session with panel group.

6 p.m.—7:30 p.m.: Cocktail Hour

7:30 p.m.—10 p.m.: 7th Annual Awards Banquet; Guest speaker.

Sunday, Sep 4—9 a.m.—3 p.m.: Hotel Bellevue: Area Council & Departmental Reports; Annual Business Meeting. Informal Luncheon at noon; Semi-Annual meeting of Board of Directors (Adjournment of Convention).

3 p.m.: Entertainment Feature.

Monday, Sep 5—9 a.m.—3 p.m.: 693 Mission Street: Area Council Day for officers and interested members. Continuation of workshop procedures not completed on Sep. 2.

ACTIVITIES

LEISURE TIME - MAGAZINE

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- Films, Lectures, Discussion Forums
- Theatre, Art Exhibits, Study Groups
- Hobbies. Published by Associated Publishers, P.O. Box 696, San Bruno, Calif. (78-8439)

Some Openings in Group Therapy Meetings Available

For the past two months S.F.A.C. has been sponsoring a program of weekly group therapy discussion sessions which are held in the area council lounge. A small group has been meeting there with Dr. John G. Shrock every Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. for a two-hour session. The participants talk over problems involving their everyday situations. Dr. Shrock, who acts as moderator of the group, is a member of the American Psycho­ logical Association and holds his Doctorate in Education as a Counselling Psycholo­ gist.

At the present time there are four open­ings in the group. Any Newsletter readers who would like to attend a meeting are re­quested to make reservation by calling into the office (EXbook 7-0773) before the next scheduled meeting they wish to attend. There is a $2 charge per session but this charge is not made to those attending for the first time.

British Reject Homosexual Law

LONDON, June 29 (AP)—The British government tonight rejected a bid to make private homosexual acts by consenting adults legal.

Laborite Kenneth Robinson asked the government to carry out the recommendations of the 1957 Wolfenden Committee on vice, suggesting that homosexual acts in private between consenting males should no longer be a criminal offense. The law­makers voted 213-99 against changing the law.
Obscenity
Judicial Definition an
Infallibility Danger: ACLU

The American Civil Liberties Union are so vague as to "defy precise definites"—has warned that two constitutional amendments proposed to curb allegedly obscene material would lead to censorship abuses and other violations of all the safeguards to the Bill of Rights. The civil liberties organization also took sharp issue with a Senate bill that would broaden the Postmaster General's power to imprison mail for obscenity.

At a hearing in Washington, D.C., ACLU's executive director, Patrick Murphy Malin, said: "The emotions of pity and indignation lead to the plausible conclusion that, if we can stop the flow of 'smut' we shall give some public official broad power to condemn art, culture or even political association, if the individual freedom contained in the Bill of Rights . . ."

KRONHAUSEN'S URGE NATIONAL SEX EDUCATION PROGRAM

Former Mattachine Society psychologists recently called for a national program of sex education as the most effective tool to combat the illegal selling of pornography. Dr. Phyllis Kronhausen and her husband Dr. Eberhard Kronhausen told a congressional committee that children are interested in prenatal and birth control but that their parents fail to give them proper instruction about sex.

The Kronhausens spoke in favor of a presidential commission to study sex education. They cited a 1957 Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee report urging that more research be devoted to this question.

The ACLU testimony said that an obscenity statute must be definite enough to guide the average man, and also require that, before any material can be held to be obscene it must be found to present "beyond a reasonable doubt a clear and present danger of normally inducing behavior which has been made criminal by a valid statute." The ACLU noted there is a great deal of differing opinion on the causative relationship between alleged obscene material and juvenile delinquency, and cited a 1957 Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee report urging that more research be devoted to this question.

"Harry's Fare and Other Stories" came off last week. It is now being assembled for the national library from the special library fund during the last half of May and first half of June.

Next month's issue of the newsletter will mark the seventh anniversary for this publication. It is the oldest currently published Mattachine publication. It was preceded by the now-suspended Los Angeles Newsletter by one month back in 1953 and by ONE Magazine in January 1952. We hope to make the next issue a special one so watch for it.

The Acting Chairman called the Meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. June 17th.

Announcements included the June Party for that discussion meeting date had been moved absent because of the July holiday. It was decided that a special dinner to benefit the building fund had netted $200.

A motion to make three social activities (brunch, dinner and party) a monthly affair was made and passed. These activities not only bring in needed funds to SFAC but provide a necessary meeting place for new people to learn of Mattachine.

The editor of the Newsletter reported that 100 extra copies had been sent out in June to prospective new subscribers. This was in the form of complimentary three-month subscriptions. It was also said that an other 100 promotional subscriptions would be sent in July along with the total to extra copies of the July issue which would be sent out.

The Treasurer of the Building Fund Committee reported that $209.00 in cash was in the special bank account and that another $450.00 had been pledged to the fund.

$26.00 was spent on books for the national library from the special library fund during the last half of May and first half of June.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

We at the National Office have had the pleasant chance to visit with Carl D. Harding during the past two weeks. Carl flew from New York and turned to the Bay Area to take up painting. He is only one of the three who made the change, but it is also the only one who has not found an apartment yet. He would appreciate any leads on a furnished apartment and also some employment beginning in September, if anyone has information, please call the office.

Jack Parrish who has been hospitalized all these months because of some bad breaks (bone type—that is) gave out the good news that he'll be released in the latter part of the first week. Since he will still be wearing a large plaster walking cast, he won't be able to return to work just yet. But surely happy to be leaving the hospital to go to his apartment. He has promised an early visit to the office. Best wishes to you Jack.

Thanks are due David F. for the use of his home for the last two SFAC parties. All who attended got to know what a near two century old house is like. They did build them solid in those days. This one was built twice, though, originally in New Orleans and then dismantled and shipped here around the turn in the middle 1800's. It's truly a large conversation piece!

"Harry's Fare and Other Stories" came off the press last week. It is now being assembled and will be mailed, to all those who ordered a very shortly. This is Pan-Graphic's fourth publication and is the largest one so far. Eight entertaining short stories with four photographs and four drawings, make it a fine addition to their lists.

Don Lucas spent the week of June 20-24 in Los Angeles attending a church convention. He reports it was a very busy week but that he managed to visit the staff members of ONE. Don really had to dig in this past week to catch up with all the paper work which piled up during his absence almost negating the effects of the respir. Don is the quiet one who spends the day busily at work in his office and is little seen or heard from but he was missed nightly while he was gone.
Membership

You are urged to support the work of the Mattachine Society as a member, as a subscriber to its magazine and other publications, and through the purchase of its various miscellaneous publications to be mailed to your friends and associates who may be interested.

With every membership, a subscription to the REVIEW and INTERIM is included. With active membership paid through area councils, and with payment of local dues, a subscription to a local newsletter is included. Please write to the national office (or to the nearest local area council which has its name stamped on this catalog) for any further information.

( ) 1. Subscribe to MATTACHINE REVIEW if you do not already; Send gift subscriptions to friends, relatives and associates. Subscriptions are $5 per year, 12 issues, mailed sealed in plain envelope.

( ) 2. Become an active, subscribing, sustaining or life member. Fees are reasonable:
   - Active — $10 per year (plus local dues and acceptance by Area Council)
   - Subscribing — $15 per year
   - Sustaining — $100 per year
   - Life — $500

( ) 3. Contributions to the Society constitute about one-third of our total operating revenue, therefore it is important to build up this support. You can help increase this personally, and urge your friends to do the same.

FILL OUT THE COUPON BELOW with your vote of confidence in the work of the Mattachine Society, and indicate the subscription or membership desired above. Your help and remittance, however small or great, is needed and deeply appreciated. Your contributions are no longer an aid to "plans and hopes," but are a boost for action and accomplishment!

MATTACHINE SOCIETY, Inc., 693 Mission St., San Francisco 5, Calif.

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