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THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 7th Annual Convention is now a matter of history in the Mattachine movement. For San Francisco Mattachine, the past Labor Day Weekend centered around the Bellevue Hotel and the Mattachine offices. Convention activities started on Thursday, Sept. 1 with the REVIEW Workshop and lasted through early Tuesday morning, Sept. 6 with the first semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors. In between those two events many an important word was spoken about a subject important to all. "Let's Change Our Outmoded Sex Laws"—the theme of the Convention—is the why of it all—so let's review the events briefly:

THURSDAY, Sept. 1—REVIEW Workshop: The September REVIEW came off the presses and for those who wanted to watch, it was open house. They had to pay the fare though, by helping in the assembly job afterward.

FRIDAY, Sept. 2—REVIEW Editorial Board Meeting: Those who work directly with the REVIEW met with the out-of-town members to discuss this monthly journal. In the afternoon the full Board of Directors had their second semi-annual meeting. In the evening the Panel Conference Meeting of One Institute of Homophile Studies met. This was the final program in the San Francisco One Institute series. "Do Homophile Studies Have Any Practical Value?"—the subject of the panel meeting—proved that these studies are important. After the ONE panel meeting about 75 people crowded into the Mattachine offices to attend the reception for out-of-town people and friends of Mattachine.

The Big Day at The Bellevue

SATURDAY, Sept. 3—An Invocation Prayer lead by Rev. O. M. Bailey opened the first public meeting. SFAC Chairman Steve Kellogg gave the official welcome to friends and guests. The first of the day's fine speakers, Mr. Joseph Silver, Ex-

Beginning Our 8th Year

The San Francisco Area Council *Newsletter* began publishing in August 1953 a month after Los Angeles Area Council began their newsletter. At present the area council at Los Angeles is inactive and not putting out a newsletter—which makes the *SFAC Newsletter* the oldest of Mattachine's current publications. *ONE Magazine* is the only other current U. S. publication older than our newsletter.

From nearly 200 copies produced by mimeograph in 1953, the circulation has grown to 600 now produced by an off-set lithographic process in 1960. During these years the *Newsletter* was produced using most of the different reproduction processes at one time or another. An educated guess places the total number of copies at about 30,000 to date with this 87th issue. The first six issues were put out bi-weekly and has since been monthly. So far, no monthly issue has been missed. This has been no easy chore—you can ask any of the people who have worked on it—since it has been put out all these years by volunteer labor.

The first 22 issues were produced in a full 8½x11 page format and have since been

put out in digest size with two exceptions. The April 1958 and January 1960 issues were again in full page size. The number of pages per issue has varied from one to as high as 16. Some copies were pretty difficult to read back in the beginning, not by reason of poor writing, but because of a very cantankerous old mimeograph. Our present reproduction system plus the use of varityper composition allows for a more varied make up, always clear and legible copies, and more content per issue. There is room for more and better reproduced art work, although at this time we have no one who is artistically inclined to do illustrations or such work for us.

So we are now beginning our eighth year: The *Newsletter* will continue to report monthly events to take place in San Francisco and give a resume of the previous months activities. Within its limited space it will continue to print reviews of books, movies and plays of interest. Also, as there is at present no newsletter to report events in the Los Angeles area and as there are many readers of the *Newsletter* in our sister city of the south, we will try to keep posted on their activities too.

JULY SOCIALS—GOOD ATTENANCE

Those who attended the July Dinner on the 22nd had an opportunity to see the films our Chairman took on his orient tour earlier this year. They proved to be very colorful and the commentary provided by the chairman was indeed most interesting. The Brunch on the 17th was well attended and developed into a lively open discussion afterwards.

The Party held on the 30th was very well attended and about \$200 was turned over to the area council's depleted treasury from its profits.

The August calendar is taken up by the One Institute and so there have been no socials scheduled.

SFAC CHAIRMAN TO GIVE PARTY FOR VISITING CONVENTION DELEGATES

The SFAC Chairman will be host to visiting convention delegates and friends of SFAC on Sunday evening September 4th. The party will be held at 1700 Diamond Street from 7:30 p.m. until midnight and will be like previous area council parties held at this location. There will be a donation charged at the door of \$1.00 to all non-members.

Watch the September issue of the *Newsletter* which will be out late this month. It will contain a complete Convention program and will have any further details about this party which will have special entertainment.

