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The Mattachine Society was the earliest organized homophile group in America. The San Francisco chapter was always one of the most active local chapters and the site of Pan Graphic Press, publishers of most of the Society's works. The local chapter newsletter contains details of the growth development, trials and perspective of this chapter.
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Dr. Kinsey Begins Interviews for "Sex and the Law" Material Through S. F. Mattachine Society

Announcement has been made that a new chapter of the Mattachine Society is now being formed at Seattle, according to the acting chairman of the East Bay Area Council.

Formation meetings have been held during the past several weeks, after learning of the Society and its program from members of Oakland and Berkeley chapters.

To the group in Washington goes the distinction of becoming the first actual chapter to be formed outside of the state of California. Fourteen chapter charters have previously been issued in Los Angeles, San Francisco Bar Area and San Diego metropolitan areas.

In addition, efforts at chapter organization have been made in widely separated areas of the nation, notably New York City.

As of "press time" for the Newsletter, details of the new Seattle chapter are incomplete. However, the group has indicated that nine members have been initiated and five additional interested persons are expected to join very soon, making a total membership of 14.

Application for the charter of the new Seattle chapter is in process. To the entire new group, the Society extends best wishes and a sincere welcome into the organization.

Full Delegation From Northern Area Attends Society Convention

Delegates from each of the six chapters in the Northern Area attended the first general convention of the Society at Los Angeles November 11-15.

Details of the convention will appear on additional pages of this Newsletter.
NEW POLICY FOR MATTACHINE SOCIETY
MAKES DID FOR SUPPORT OF PUBLIC AGENCIES
IN ACCOMPLISHING INTEGRATION OF VARIANTS

Most significant development of the first semi-annual convention of the Mattachine Society, held Nov. 14-15 at the First Universalist Church at Los Angeles, was the development, definition and acceptance of a positive policy for the immediate future on an organization-wide basis.

This new policy is outstanding in its simplicity, as well as in its manner of direct cooperation. It is a policy designed to gain the understanding and cooperation of those public agencies and institutions the Society most wants to influence. For it is only by working thru public agencies and institutions that our goals can be realized. An attitude of hostility between our organization and a public agency whose assistance we require precludes not only our working with that agency, but also prevents officials in other agencies from feeling free to work with us.

In 1-2-3 order, here is the new policy in a nutshell. In a real sense, it represents the evolution to date of the idea of the Mattachine Movement:

1. EDUCATION. This two-way aspect of the movement implies an intensive and continuing effort to spread accurate information among members of the social variant group itself, and to the public in general. It hopes to dispel the idea that the variant is unique or queer, but a human being capable of the same feeling and accomplishment as any other, and who desires to be regarded as such.

2. RESEARCH. Through the established facilities of recognized research organizations, the Mattachine Society wishes to intensify and accelerate a program of compiling usefully accurate information from individuals such as homosexuals, sex deviants and heterosexuals whose inclinations may vary from generally accepted (Continued on Page 3)

KINSEY INTERVIEWS CONTINUE
AS SOCIETY HELPS GET MATERIAL
FOR SCIENTIST'S NEXT WORK

Interviews continued in December at San Francisco for material for Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey's next volume, "Sex and the Law." But no one expected to see "immediate" results of the findings, since the book will not be completed for at least two years, the scientist says.

Dr. Kinsey and his three associates—who have spent several weeks in the Bay Area—have conducted extensive interviews at San Quentin, and in addition have come to the Society for help in obtaining interviews from private citizens who have had a "brush" with the law.

Within the past six weeks, some 25 individuals have supplied case histories.

The present program will continue into 1951, the Kinsey staff has indicated. Up to six civilian interviews will be taken each week.

PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTION CHANGED
OVER OBJECTION OF SOME MEMBERS

The preamble to the Constitution of the Mattachine Society was changed by a vote of the convention on November 15 at Los Angeles.

Gone from it are the words, "A highly ethical homosexual culture." Such reference, members and delegates believed, was incorrect, because the Society's aims were primarily directed toward full integration of the sex variant, and not the establishment of any special "culture."

Further, members believed that reference to "homosexual" in the preamble was ill-advised and incorrect, because the Society is not an organization of homosexuals, but rather a group interested in the problems of the homosexual and the sex variant. Statements were also made in which delegates told of difficulties they had experienced because of the implication of the words questioned when present-

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PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTION CHANGED

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tested to persons whose aid was sought in connection with the Society's program.

The particular wording of the preamble was felt to be a handicap to the Society and prevented certain institutions and agencies from supporting the organization freely.

As adopted, here is the new preamble to the Constitution of the Mattachine Society:

"We, the members of the Mattachine Society, believing in sexual equality, in full awareness of our social obligations as members of the human community, hold it necessary that the priceless integrity and freedom of the individual be forever maintained in our society; and, whereas the present laws of many lands are discriminatory; and, whereas we are resolved that all people shall find this equality; and, whereas we desire to spread knowledge of the aims and aspirations of this Society through mutual education of its membership and of society, We, therefore hereby resolve..."

Other significant accomplishments at the convention included adoption of several important resolutions, a set of by-laws for out of state chapters and for the Society itself, and changes in allocation of funds from chapters.

Previously, 10% of chapter funds went to coordinating council and 40% to area councils. The new formula calls for 40% to remain in chapter treasury, and 30% to go to each coordinating council and area council.

A specific resolution passed gave the coordinating council clear authority to operate the Society between conventions, but gave the convention itself the power to review and pass upon all actions of the council.

"PARISIAN NIGHTS" WAS THE THEME OF EAST BAY SOCIAL EVENING

"Parisian Nights" was the theme of a social evening held in Oakland on December 2 for Oakland, Emeryville and Berkeley chapter members and friends. Other similar events have been held each month by these three chapters.

IS THAT ALL YOU GAVE?

WELL, I GIVE THE SOCIETY AT LEAST FIVE DOLLARS EVERY MONTH "*

*SERIOUSLY, few people do.

But persons willing to give that much—or any amount, for that matter—are needed!

ATTEND the public discussion groups held on first and third Thursday evenings at 1530 Sutter Street, San Francisco. You'll learn about the Mattachine Society, its aims and purposes, and how YOU CAN HELP.

YOU'LL LEARN how you can become a member of this organization dedicated to help solve an important social problem. You'll learn how you can contribute your time and effort as well as funds. And most of all, you'll learn how intensely interesting this research and study activity can be.

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religious sex standards, in the hope that this information, when analyzed, annotated, published and studied by scientific, social, legal, religious, academic, political and legislative leaders will form a basis for a humanistic code of law, social mores and customs and religious attitudes that is indisputably accurate.

This means that if findings of actual practices of human behavior so indicate a modification of present laws and standards, a systematic change by democratic processes of these laws and standards should take place along lines that are reasonable, just and acceptable to an enlightened human society.

Such organizations as Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey's Institute of Sexual Research, the George W. Henry Foundation, the International Institute for Sexual Equality, and others sponsored by or a part of medical associations, schools of psychology and psychiatry, hospitals, clinics, mental health societies, etc., are to be relied upon to actually conduct the research and publish the findings.

The Mattachine Society proposes to act as aid and intermediary in making available a cross-section of non-clinical cases for the information of these research organizations.

3. PUBLIC RELATIONS. Without sensational publicity, but in a manner that is rational, serious and cooperative, the Society proposes to spread knowledge of its existence to scientists (especially in the fields of medicine, psychology and sociology), legal and law enforcement officials (especially police departments, criminologists, jurists, attorneys, probation officers and the like), community welfare leaders (especially the clergy, educational leaders, parent-teacher organizations and groups, aimed at solving problems of delinquency and so on) and others active in social improvement projects within any typical metropolitan area. Spread of this knowledge is aimed at accomplishing these goals:

First, to aid programs of law enforcement and assist in combating delinquency; second, to create an understanding which will result in a new approach to handling individual cases which do not involve minors, use of force or violence, or public indecency; and third, to convince the public at large through the medium of these public agencies that the overwhelming majority of persons classed as social variants are responsible, behaved and acceptable citizens with talent and energy which they apply to make valuable contributions to our society, and who, as individuals, seldom merit the discrimination and derision generally applied to the group.

The policy set by the Mattachine Society will rely upon established and accepted techniques to accomplish this program. By this, it is meant that all activities of the organization will continue to be free of any conspiracy to break existing law. The organization, as in the past, will neither incite nor condone illegal sex expression.

Public discussion groups will be relied upon as a basic method to continue the educational part of the program—for the benefit of individuals of the variant group as well as the public at large.

Carefully prepared educational publications will be issued to aid and guide these discussions. From experts of law, science, religion and the humanities, the organization will constantly seek information which it may disseminate to itself, and, in turn, make information about itself available to them.

Finally, the cooperation and criticism of all the agencies mentioned in this discussion will be sought. Knowledge and the views of others will guide the organization, as well as provide aid in the program.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE IS CONCERNED AS SOCIAL DISEASES SHOW INCREASE

Concern about the increase in venereal disease in West Coast cities was expressed recently to leaders of the Mattachine Society at San Francisco by an official of the U. S. Public Health Service.

That problem was the topic of the discussion group meeting held by the Society Dec. 3 at 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco.

Stressed by the officer was the importance of all individuals, taking immediate steps to receive proper medical attention the moment such a disease was evident and to exercise extreme care not to expose others.
MORE THAN FIFTY PERSONS ATTEND SOCIETY'S ANNUAL DINNER HONORING PICKERS IN SOCIAL PROBLEMS

At a special banquet held as a part of the recent semi-annual convention of the Mattachine Society at Los Angeles Nov. 14 and 15, three organizations were honored for their work in solving problems connected with the integration and acceptance of the social variant.

Receiving the honor awards were One, Inc., publishers of One magazine; the George W. Henry Foundation of New York; and the International Institute for Sex Equality of Amsterdam, Holland.

The editor of One Magazine was present to accept the award.

At the banquet, attended by more than fifty persons, including delegates and members attending the convention, plus attorneys, their wives and guests, Dr. Gwartney of Norwalk Hospital, Los Angeles, made an address to the Society in which he stated that the organization had a fine tool in its hands which it could use for great public good. He compared the Society to a child which could grow into an acceptable adult, providing its parents gave it proper training as it grew, and ingrained in it a keen desire to be well mannered, and always certain that its actions were proper.

MEETING OF CHAPTER TREASURERS HELD AT LOS ANGELES RECENTLY; NEW REPORT FORMS ADOPTED

Treasurers of the chapters of the Mattachine Society in the Los Angeles area met in that city recently to discuss a new type of report form and bookkeeping system which they adopted and which will become the standard for the Society.

The form they considered includes both a full record of income and disbursements for the chapters, as well as data relating to fund allocations for both the area council and coordinating council.

Forms for the new bookkeeping system, as well as instructions for their use, are being prepared and will be issued to treasurers of all chapters in the Society so that records for the month of January, 1954, due to be turned in on February 1st, can be prepared on the new forms.

San Francisco discussion group meeting dates next month are January 6th and 20th.

SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL STRESSES FORTHCOMING PROJECT FOR HEMOPHILIC BLOOD DONATIONS

Adopted as a project for East Bay chapters some time ago, the program of obtaining blood donations for hemophilic victims of Northern California has been adopted by the three chapters of the Mattachine Society at San Francisco.

Briefly, the plan is to establish a regular program of blood donations of up to 28 pints per month. This amount is required to supply a pint of blood every 30 days for each of 28 youngsters who have hemophilia, a condition which results in excessive bleeding from the slightest cut or scratch because the blood lacks the normal amount of clotting. These children are from below average-income families.

Arrangements for San Francisco members and friends of the Society to donate blood are presently being made. These donations will be made at San Francisco in convenience for donors unable to go to the Alameda County Blood Bank, Oakland, where East Bay persons are donating.

Approximately 25 pledges will be necessary before the definite date can be set, says the arrangements chairman. It is hoped these pledges will have been made so that the donations may be made in early January.

Persons willing to aid this worthwhile community project should contact charter chairman, discussion group leaders, or call Sutter 1-6458 after 6 p.m. Information regarding the time and place of donations will be furnished to them well in advance of the date for the donations.

ARTS AND CRAFTS HOBBY GROUP TO MEET WEEKLY BEGINNING IN JANUARY

The chairman of the Gamma Chapter at San Francisco has announced that the arts and crafts hobby group will meet weekly each Wednesday evening beginning January 6. All persons interested in various crafts, especially knitting and related crafts, are urged to attend these hobby meetings. Other crafts will be introduced in the future, and full instruction in the use of the various media will be given.

Weaving, block printing, ceramics, leathercraft and other applied arts will be taken up at these sessions.
A lesbian research program has been initiated at Los Angeles, the project of Research Chapter 101.

There are two parts to the tests which are being given in the study. One is an interview or discussion with a psychologist, and the second is an ink blot test. Women in the area desiring to take the tests should contact the chairman of the chapter.

In addition to the tests, the chapter has featured discussion topics related to this subject. The topic for the December 2 discussion meeting was, "Suggested Line of Lesbian Research."

FIFTY-FIVE PERSONS CAME TO BREAKFAST AT THE FIRST SUCH SUNDAY EVENT HELD BY THE SOCIE T Y AT LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 3. The affair followed the same pattern of similar events previously held in both Oakland and San Francisco.

At the present time, San Francisco's Gamma Chapter has discontinued the breakfasts, but the chapter expects to resume them after the new year begins.

A special luncheon party for members and guests of the Society in the Southern California area was held at Long Beach on Sunday, December 13. The party was prepared and sponsored by the Long Beach Chapter 113.

"What Is a Transvestite?" was the subject of the discussion meeting held December 10 in Oakland. This was the only discussion group session scheduled for the month in the East Bay, the chairman stated.

The speaker cited famous historical cases of transvestism in describing this unusual form of variation, and in addition described the problems faced by this minority group.

A panel discussion on the history, aims and purposes, policies and the outlook for the Mattachine Society was presented by the Legal Chapter 103 of Los Angeles at its regular discussion group meeting held December 9th in the Legion Hall on West Third Street, Los Angeles.

At the meeting, several members of coordinating council were present to discuss aspects of their duties on the council.

Meetings of the chapter on December 23 and January 6 will also be held in the same location.

A meeting of all members of the Gamma Chapter of the Mattachine Society at San Francisco will be held Monday evening at 8 p.m., December 21.

The chapter chairman or other members will supply the address of the meeting to others interested in attending. Prospective members are also invited.

The business manager of One Magazine at Los Angeles states that some 250 additional newsstands in that area now carry the monthly issues for sale.

There will be a meeting of all representatives of coordinating council in Los Angeles in that city on Friday, Dec. 10.

The San Francisco Area Council expects to issue a new "calendar of events" for the month of January within a few days.

Because of the holidays, activities in the society in the San Francisco area are at a minimum during December.

Make sure your chapter is represented in future issues of the newsletter. Copy can be jotted down at each meeting, then mailed to Post Office Box 259, San Francisco 1, before the 5th of each month.
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SOCIETY IS INCORPORATED NO. 1; NEW CHAPTERS ARE BEING FORMED IN THREE EASTERN CITIES

CORPORATE STATUS GRANTED AT SACRAMENTO ON MARCH 23RD

The Mattachine Society has been granted corporate status as a non-profit organizational and research organization by the State of California, effective March 23, 1954.

This means that the incorporated body may conduct its program of study and action in the field of human social problems, solicit funds and use them properly for this work, and publish educational information.

All this is subject to state regulations that apply to corporations of this kind. This means that financial records will be subject to inspection and audit by the state.

But the important aspect of this new (Continued on second page)

CHARTER GRANTED TO "CHICAGOANS"; CHAPTERS ORGANIZED IN DETROIT, CLEVELAND

The coordinating council of the Mattachine Society at Los Angeles granted its first out-of-state charter April 5 to the Chicagoans of Chicago, Ill. At the same time, the society learned that two additional chapters had been formed at Detroit and Cleveland.

These three new chapters were the direct result of a recent visit in these cities by a representative of the council.

Also formally chartered at the April 5 meeting of the council was the Key chapter of San Diego. This now makes two new chapters in that area, the Alpha Chapter of nearby La Jolla having been chartered last fall.

Provisions had been made by the council (Continued on Second Page)

CONVENTION PLANS ARE GOING AHEAD HERE

Plans for the first general convention of the newly incorporated Mattachine Society, to be held here May 15-16, are going ahead. Facilities for handling the two days of business sessions have been granted, but yet to be decided is the place for the evening banquet and its speaker.

Assignments for arrangements for the meeting have been made to three Northern area chapters. Eureka Chapter will handle credential matters. Gamma of San Francisco will be in charge of banquet arrangements and housing of delegates. Beta of San Francisco will arrange the banquet program and handle other arrangements, including the publication of necessary correspondence and information in advance of the two-day meeting.

An agenda so far arranged calls for only two afternoon business sessions. For the most part, business should be of a positive nature—centered about definition of new policies, projects, reviewing accomplishments, and election of officers. A minimum of time should be required to deal with matters pertaining to constitutional amendments, by-laws and resolutions.

Northern area chapter records should be in a form to present to officers for review, and to the treasurer for audit. And chapters should immediately choose delegates, on the basis of one for each five paid members.
CORPORATE STATUS (Continued from first page) "green light" is that with corporate status, the Society has a legal responsibility for intelligent action on the part of every member. It would be short-sighted, indeed, to assume that the Society should attempt to attain benefits for members of a variant minority unless those gains also were of benefit to society as a whole.

CHARTER GRANTED (Continued from first page) at a previous meeting to permit the establishment of an area council at San Diego as soon as practicable.

Other areas of the nation are possible locations where new chapters may be formed within the near future. A group at Seattle has shown interest. Dozens of inquiries asking how to form chapters and how individuals may join the Society have been received at Los Angeles since the appearance of the publicity released by Confidential Magazine a few weeks ago.

CARTOON STORY IN 'ONE' IS BOTH POWERFUL AND CLEVER

A section of the March issue of One Magazine features the story of Gaylord Pedestrian, telling in words and pictures how this youth of Linsey Dowes chose to walk when everyone else in his home town rode a bicycle. In the story later, Gaylord executes "a neat handspring" and starts walking upon his hands--further amazing local citizens. But the citizenry becomes intrigued with the idea, follows suit, and bicycles are discarded by the dozen. This reveals the folly of it all to Gaylord, whereupon he goes out and buys a bicycle.

Excellent drawings by the Quinns and terse copy by Editor Dale Jennings (now resigned from the magazine's staff) do make this feature interesting, entertaining, and a message with a punch. In the San Francisco area, One may be purchased at City Lights Book Shop, Broadway at Columbus, San Francisco, or at the Phoenix Book Shop, on Bancroft Way, near the campus, Berkeley. Office address is 232 S. Hill, Los Angeles.

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THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY TODAY
AN INFORMATION DIGEST

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Name ____________________________
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Dear Friend:

We want to especially call to your attention the importance of our next public discussion group meeting--this coming Thursday evening, May 6, at the Friends' Center, 1830 Sutter Street. The time is 8 p.m.

We expect to have a speaker on the program. He promises to be entertaining as well as informative. However, we must admit that his appearance is only tentative as of this date.

But more important, perhaps, is the preparation which we hope to accomplish toward arrangements for the forthcoming general meeting of the Society. As announced, this meeting will be held at the Friends' Center on Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16. There will be a banquet on Saturday evening at the Three Little Swiss Restaurant, 530 Broadway. The general meeting is open to members only. Registration is $2.00 per member attending. The banquet is open to all friends of the Society. Tickets are $3.15 and must be purchased in advance.

This is the first general meeting of the Society since it became incorporated on March 23, 1954. Important business to be considered includes adoption of policies, approval of information materials, planning for a Society magazine and election of officers for our group.

Reports of past educational and research projects will be made, and an outline of what the Society hopes to accomplish during the next year will be outlined.

All in all, we are certain it will be an interesting two days. An opportunity for those interested to join the Society will be given at the May 7 meeting. If you are interested, don't miss this opportunity to become a member and lend your aid in helping to solve a pressing social problem.

Sincerely,
The Mattachine Society, Inc.
Northern Area Council
Avoiding sensational publicity has been an aim of the Mattachine Society, Inc., since the inception of the organization. Few mentions of the existence and purpose of the organization have been made in the public press to date. In New York recently, a writer for the best mentioned the Society favorably in a discussion of the sex variant problem. In addition, two brief articles have appeared in magazines—each from writers who failed to tell accurate facts about the size, aims and principles, membership, and other aspects of the organization.

In the meantime, the past three issues have all carried information about the Society which was either the writing of a biased former member, or material from the Society which was edited with footnotes in order to emphasize the ways in which leaders of the magazine disagree with leaders of the Society.

Beginning in the April issue of One, however, is a series of articles written by the Society which will continue from month to month. In the meantime, former editor of the magazine, Dale Jennings, has resigned.

Mattachine Society is Subject of Paul Coates Television Show at Los Angeles

On Sunday, May 2, the Mattachine Society is to be the subject of the weekly Paul Coates show, to be telecast locally in the Los Angeles area. For several weeks, technicians and cameramen have been working with the Society filming parts of the program. Included are scenes from a discussion group. A member of the Society will be interviewed by Coates himself. Society members at Los Angeles plan to make recordings of the sound portion of the telecast, and it is possible that a film of it may be obtained.

About a year ago, Coates criticized the Society in his daily column in the Los Angeles Mirror. In particular, he was critical of attorneys who had been associated with a case the old Foundation was aiding. In the period since, however, the newspaper writer took a serious interest in the constructive program undertaken by the organization. Time of the telecast is 9:30 p.m.

Emeryville Chapter Plans Community House Welfare Project

Members of Emeryville Chapter in the East bay have announced their plan to establish a Community House somewhere in the Oakland area. Basically, the group is hopeful of establishing a center in the area where low-cost housing and other living facilities may be available to members of the chapter, other chapters, and friends of the Society from other cities. The complete story of the project will be presented as a feature article in the May issue of the Newsletter.

Everyone Can Help the "Clothes for Korea" Project

San Francisco chapters of the Mattachine Society are asking members and friends to aid a project of collecting used clothing for shipment to needy civilians in war-torn South Korea. The depot for receiving such articles is the center of the American Friends Service Committee, 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco. The collection and shipment of clothing is primarily a project of the AFSC, but the Mattachine can render them aid which will be appreciated. Clothing donations may be brought to discussion meetings which are held in the center on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

May Issue to Be a "Convention Special"

The complete program of the forthcoming convention will be published in the May issue of the Newsletter, and the editors expect to have the issue in the mail by the middle of the month. The May and June calendar of events will also be published in the next issue.
SPECIAL CONVENTION ISSUE
San Francisco MATTACHINE NEWSLETTER NO. 42

San Francisco, May 15, 1954

GENERAL CONVENTION BEGINS
TODAY AT SAN FRANCISCO

Everything is in readiness for the 1st
General Convention of the Mattachine Soci­
ety, Inc., which opens Saturday, May 15,
at San Francisco.

Beginning with a pre-convention break­
fast at 10 a.m., registration starts at 1
p.m., with the first business session be­
ing at 1:30. Place of the meeting is
the center of the American Friends Ser­
vice Committee, 1830 Sutter Street.

Election of a convention chairman, re­
ports, reviews of areas, charters for new
chapters, approval of publications and
adoption of policies comprise the first
days business.

In the evening on Saturday, members,
delegates and friends of the Society will
attend a banquet at the Three Little
Swiss Restaurant, 530 Broadway, at 6:30
p.m. Awards will be presented, and an
address will be given by a speaker to be
announced.

Sunday’s session will begin at 1:00 p.
Constitutional amendments, by-laws,
resolutions, old and new business are all
listed on the program. Final item on the
program is the election of officers for
the coming year.

About 20 delegates from Los Angeles,
two from San Diego, one from Chicago, and
eight from San Francisco are expected to
attend.

TWO DELEGATES TO REPRESENT
SAN DIEGO AREA AT CONFRAB

Credentials have been received for two
deleagates to go present at San Francisco
on May 15-16 at the convention, represen­
ting the new San Diego Area Council.

There are two chapters in the San Di­
ego area: Alpha Charter, La Jolla, and
Key Chapter, San Diego.

SECOND CHAPTER ORGANIZED IN CHICAGO;
AREA COUNCIL FORMED THERE RECENTLY

The rally to the Mattachine movement
has gained added momentum in Chicago.
A chapter was formed there two months
ago, and a second chapter has been formed
there within the past few weeks, accord­
ing to word received here recently.

An area council has been organized, and
officers elected.

At least one delegate from the Chi­
cago area will arrive in San Francisco to
attend the convention.

Additional out-of-state chapters are
organized in Cleveland and Detroit. Two
more additional cities where interest is
keen include Seattle and Kansas City. New
York is another city where possibilities
for charter organization look good at the
moment.

NORTHERN AREA CHAPTERS SHOW GAIN;
BUT HOW MANY NEW MEMBERS?

With activities recently centered upon
the convention, San Francisco chapters in
the past few weeks have been putting em­
phasis upon membership, along with other
chapters in the Northern Area.

As of May 1, here is the membership to­
etal for charters in the Northern Area:

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These figures represent an increase
in the Northern Area of about 10 members
who joined in March and April. It en­
titles the area to 10 convention delegates.

WELCOME DELEGATES TO SAN FRANCISCO...!
THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.
SAN FRANCISCO AREA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY
20 — Discussion Group, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter St.
26 — Northern Area Council Meeting, Oakland, 22nd & Telegraph

JUNE
3 — Discussion Group, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter Street
6 — Board of Directors, Northern Area, Oakland, 1 p.m.
9 — Oakland-Berkeley Chapters, Oakland, 22nd & Telegraph
17 — Discussion Group, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter St.
30 — Northern Area Council Meeting, San Francisco (Address to be announced)

JULY
1 — Discussion Group, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter Street
7 — Board of Directors, Northern Area, San Francisco, 8 p.m.
14 — Oakland-Berkeley Chapters, Oakland, 22nd & Telegraph
15 — Discussion Group, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter Street
21 — Northern Area Council, San Francisco (Address to be announced)

NOTES: Additional chapter meetings not listed above will be held by San Francisco and Emeryville Chapters. Special events such as picnics may also be scheduled. Dates for Board of Directors and Northern Area Council meetings are subject to change, and additional special meetings of these groups may be called if conditions warrant. Times for all meetings unless listed otherwise is 8 p.m.

LANGLEY-PORTER STAFF MEMBER
TO SPEAK AT BANQUET MAY 15TH

Mrs. Bernice Engle, assistant to Director Carl Baumann of the Langley-Porter Clinic of the University of California at San Francisco, is guest speaker at the banquet of the Mattachine Society, which is to be held at 7:30 p.m., May 15 at the Three Little Swiss Restaurant at 530 Broadway, San Francisco.

Mrs. Engle has collaborated with Dr. Baumann in the preparation of articles describing studies of sex problems they have made, and she also worked with him on the recently completed sex studies for the State of California.

Her talk will concern the latter project, and she has indicated that she will hold a question and answer period following her remarks.

THREE AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED
AT SOCIETY DINNER MAY 15TH

Two awards of merit and a third honorary membership award will be presented at the banquet May 15 by the Mattachine Society.

Awards of merit will go to Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, director of the Sex Research Institute of the University of Indiana at Bloomington, and Le Cercle, Zurich, Switzerland, an international magazine on the homophile topic, which is published in 3 languages.

The honorary membership award will go to Dr. Wallace Maxey, Fresno, former pastor of the First Universalist Church of Los Angeles, and long-time friend and advisor of the Society, especially in the matter of religious aspects of the organization program.
If March came in like a lamb, then May 1954 came in like a nosegay of pansies.

A San Francisco millionaire, who apparently cared nothing about anonymity, announced to a gathering of reporters from four city newspapers that he was going to England, then possibly to Denmark, this summer for operations to change his sex from man to woman.

John Cabell Breckenridge, 50, and scion of wealthy California families with one namesake ancestor a former vice president of the U. S., was pictured and quoted liberally in the press as the month began.

"I shall come back," he said, "as Catherine Cabell." He is also writing a book which is now at the publisher's. Asked if his operational series would be more complete than that performed upon Christine Jorgensen, Breckenridge said the erstwhile celebrity this supremely cynical crack: "Oh heavens yes, because he's just nothing."

Meanwhile, Miss Jorgensen, after a 2-week engagement at a San Francisco night club, was continuing her tour. Her agent got the attraction signed up for the California State Fair, to be held at Sacramento in September. But a meeting of the fair's governing board brought forth this decision: No act permitted on the midway by Christine. "The fair, after all, is primarily an agricultural exposition," they said. A few days later, a columnist noted that Christine and her manager were wondering who would make good the $5000 per week called for in the signed contract they held.

The traditional dancing girls, so long favored by stag parties at conventions, and so often the source of headlines because performances exceed the bounds of good taste, took a back seat in early May also. For at a leading San Francisco hotel, where some 100 area banking executives were holding a regional confab, the program at the banquet was headlined by the complete cast of the current Beige Room show. Although the youthful entertainers, glittering with jewels and garbed in off-the-shoulder formals & furs looked like gals, they weren't. But the boys, we are told, loved it, and one of them said to another: "Well, at least if the wife asks me if I saw one of those "girlie" shows, I can truthfully say I did not."

And finally, as the month began, not less than four night clubs in the city offered showbills starring female impersonators, all of which were playing to packed houses of the first wave of tourists from the provinces east, north and south. In addition to the Beige Room and Finocchio's, two other clubs had such programs: Ann's, and the Chi Chi. None of them were one-week stands, either.

That was the beginning of May. True enough, these events have no connection with the serious side of the Hattachine program, but their prominence was such that the editor couldn't overlook it, and we thought you'd like to know, too.

REJECTION SLIP FOR ARTICLES ABOUT SOCIETY RECEIVED FROM ONE MAGAZINE

In a move that surprised no one, One Magazine last week rejected two articles about the Hattachine Society, written and submitted after a "cease fire" agreement of sorts was reached in March. Because the articles dealt with aims and principles of the Society, the editors felt they would have little or no appeal to "Little Larry Hinprast," of the Corner Comfort Station, whom the magazine inferred was characteristic of the growing readership of the magazine, in contrast to the professional people, such as scientists, lawyers and ministers, whom the magazine further admitted could do more for the Hattachine Movement.
Emeryville Chapter Plans to Establish "Community House" Welfare Project Soon

A "Community House" project is now being planned by the Emeryville Chapter of the Northern Area, according to a report received from the chapter after a recent meeting where plans were discussed. The proposed project is the establishment of a home somewhat along the idea of the International House Plan at the University of California at Berkeley.

"We have had our attention sharply drawn to the dire financial straits of many of our members," the report stated. "We have found many of these members, their friends and acquaintances to be capable, industrious and desirous of helping themselves, but because of the employment situation at the present, they are simply 'out in the cold.'"

Continuing, the report stated: "We feel that with a little help and a few kindnesses, at these times, that these people could better help themselves. There are also among us those with emotional difficulties, handicaps and similar problems. There is no doubt that we can help these persons take a rightful place in society with a little help."

"Therefore, our plan is thus far formulated as follows: To obtain and operate a dwelling large enough to accommodate (1) a permanent resident who would rent the house as his home; (2) two bedrooms to be rented for needed income, and (3) one room to be used for housing any individual in need. This makes four bedrooms. We also would rent rooms large enough to house any other needy persons on an emergency basis if the need arose."

"To raisemoney for sponsoring this project, we propose to serve meals, rent two rooms, and have a series of scheduled events and activities, such as block printing, cardistry design, furniture refinishing, making greeting cards, and so on. Persons staying at the house will find a wealth of activities, participation in which may aid in their defraying their expenses."

"We do not intend to stop here, however. We will act as a rehabilitation center for those people seeking such service, helping to secure for them psychiatric advice, medical aid, and employment."

"We will also give all possible aid to others whether they stay at the house or not. In other words, all friends and members of the Society will draw benefits from this project. We hope to include a telephone answering service."

"Ways for raising money to sponsor this project are endless. Vacation tours for members and friends in Southern California and out of the state could be arranged, Dinners would be served each evening. Social events--such as breakfasts on Sunday--could be held periodically. We will operate as a clubhouse, have a game room, free library, and other cultural and recreational facilities."

"We hope to provide a religious aspect available where any members so inclined may be able to obtain spiritual advice and counsel. The plans for such a project can go to great length, but this brief resume generally tells the story."

CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TO BE A DELEGATE AT CONVENTION

Word was received May 12 that the chairman of the newly-formed Chicago Area Council will be present at the General Convention at San Francisco May 15-16. He will arrive May 11, by plane from the Windy City, representing two chapters with a total of 30 members. Those chapters were recently formed after the visit of a Society representative in that area.

On the first page of this newsletter, a statement appears to the effect that the Northern California area, with 10 members, is entitled to 10 convention delegates. This is incorrect. The area is entitled to only eight delegates, based upon the constitutional provision of one delegate for each 5 members.
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MORALS SITUATION DRAWS ATTENTION OF SAN FRANCISCO POLICE, PRESS

San Francisco police focused their attention upon what they called an "unwholesome and offensive condition" late June 26, according to the San Francisco Examiner edition of Sunday, June 27.

With police and district attorney's offices acting in full cooperation, the sex detail of vice squad and uniformed officers swept through parks, public rest rooms, and places where homosexuals were known to gather. Ten persons were arrested and charged with morals offenses. Many others, stated the newspaper, were questioned. Warnings were given that authorities in San Francisco have no intention of letting the city become a retreat for sex deviates.

Police Chief Michael Gaffey and District Attorney Thomas C. Lynch issued statements that the drive will continue, until the intolerable situation has been removed.

The drive began in early evening hours and continued into early Sunday morning. Visited by police were Union Square, Lafayette and Huntington parks, lower Market street, the Marina, several bars and

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GAMMA CHAPTER CHAIRMAN HOPES TO REVIVE BREAKFAST EVENTS

The possibility of reviving the twice-monthly Sunday breakfasts for members and friends of the Society was voiced recently by the Gamma chapter chairman.

This chapter will be in charge of the events.

No breakfast can be held until about the middle of July, but a notice of the affair will be mailed when a definite date is known.

FIRST EDITION OF SOCIETY MAGAZINE EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS

Plans are going ahead for the preparation of the initial issue of the Society's magazine, to be issued later this year.

Material for the issue is being collected and written, and the publications department is also investigating production facilities. A program to raise the funds required to publish the first two issues is under study by the Board of Directors at Los Angeles.

The magazine will be named "M 3"—unless some more appropriate title is selected.

It is planned to issue 3000 copies of the first two issues to a large and select group of subscriber prospects, and the publication should be on a paid subscription basis with the third issue. As reported at the May convention, the magazine will come out six times a year, instead of monthly.

Throughout the Society, members and friends are urged immediately to aid the planning for the magazine and its two initial issues. Manuscripts and such material are needed. In addition, everyone is requested to aid in raising funds, as future announcements will outline.

TELEVISION PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHED Much for Society Movement

Important and lasting benefits were the result of the television broadcast on May 2 over KTV, Los Angeles, in which a major portion of the time was devoted to the Society, says the chairman.

Sponsored and prepared by Paul V. Coates of the Los Angeles Mirror, the program told the serious aims of the Society and in general how they were to be accomplished; many questions, true enough,

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HOMOSITUATION DRAWS ATTENTION
OF SAN FRANCISCO POLICE
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hotels.

Offenses noted included lewd and indecent conduct in public.

The Examiner noted that the police department reported that 24.7% of the murders committed in San Francisco since 1950 have been connected directly with homosexuality. Shakedowns and homosexuality are also inapppropriate, police say.

"Another consideration behind the move is the constant threat to the youth of the city," stated the Examiner. "It is the habit of many deviates to hang around schools, parks and playgrounds and other places where children gather...over present is the right of the normal citizen to be protected from such persons."

(See "The Mattachine Program" on page 4 of this newsletter.)

MAY CONVENTION AT SAN FRANCISCO
CALLED SUCCESSFUL BY DELEGATES

The 1st annual convention of the Mattachine Society, held at San Francisco in May, concluded with many organizational problems solved, policies adopted, projects planned, and officers elected for a new 12-month period.

A pledge was adopted for members. Several changes to constitution and by-laws were adopted. The plan for a Society magazine was announced, and previous information and orientation materials were adopted as official with minor revisions.

Newly-established areas in Chicago, San Diego and Long Beach were approved.

Meetings were held May 15-16 at the center of the American Friends Service Committee, 1030 Sutter street, San Francisco.

No city was chosen for the 1955 convention, but it is probable that it will be held in either San Francisco or Los Angeles. The six-month meeting plan was terminated in favor of one single annual convention in the future.

SEND IN ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Deadline for copy for the next issue of the Newsletter is July 10. Send in any items of chapter activities before that date to Newsletter, P. O. Box 259, S.F. 1.

TELEVISION PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHED MUCH
FOR MATTACHINE MOVEMENT AT LOS ANGELES

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were not answered, and the entire script was given prior approval by the FCC at Los Angeles. But in the main, viewers learned that here is an organization on almost a par with medical and law enforcement agencies which recognizes that a solution to a community problem is imperative. And that solution must be equitable and just.

Scenes from a Los Angeles discussion group were shown. One member of the Society, the secretary, appeared on the show for a live interview with Costas. Also on the program was the head of the administrative vice squad of the Los Angeles police department and others.

Contrary to rumor heard in the San Francisco area immediately following the broadcast, no stand by the Society was taken or implied as regards the operation of businesses such as public bars. It has been a habitual society policy in the past to make no statement regarding such private business operations, because they are outside the scope of the Society as defined by its aims and principles.

One magazine was also described and shown on the program. In the beginning, it was said that Costas had hoped to find material about the Society to present it in a critical—even derogatory—manner. But his investigation of our published information leaflets, regulation, aims and principles revealed no such material which he could interpret except that the organization was both moral and proper; its objectives worthwhile and its methods legal and fair.

LECTURE BY DR. KINSEY TO BE HELD
JULY 1 AT NOURSE AUDITORIUM

A lecture by Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, of the Sexual Research Institute, will be presented on the evening of Thursday, July 1, at San Francisco's Nourse Auditorium—which is near Civic Center.

The lecture is being sponsored by a student organization from San Francisco City College.

Topic of the lecture was not given, but it is presumed that Kinsey will discuss facts relating to his study of sex laws.
JUNE
27 - Beta Chapter Meeting, San Francisco
30 - San Francisco Area Council Meeting, Oakland

JULY

- Discussion Meeting, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco
7 - Board of Directors, San Francisco Area, San Francisco
11 - Oakland-Berkeley Chapter Meeting, Oakland
15 - Chapter Business Meeting, San Francisco Chapters, 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco
28 - San Francisco Area Council Meeting, Oakland

AUGUST
5 - Discussion Meeting, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco
11 - Oakland-Berkeley Chapter Meeting, Oakland
19 - Chapter Business Meeting, San Francisco Chapters, 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco
25 - San Francisco Area Council Meeting, San Francisco

NOTES: Additional chapter meetings not listed will be held—Contact your chapter chairman. Dates for meetings of Area Council and Board of Directors are subject to change. Special meetings of chapters and other official groups are subject to call if conditions warrant.

Special Notice to Newsletter Readers:

SUBSCRIPTION PLAN

This is the last issue of the San Francisco Mattachine Newsletter which will be mailed as in the past. Future monthly issues will be mailed without cost to the following: Society members, professional people such as doctors, lawyers, sociologists, etc., public officials, public agencies with whom the Society is cooperating, and the like. In other words, a select group of readers interested in the research and educational program of the Society will receive the newsletter.

Individuals not included in the above categories who wish to continue receiving the newsletter may do so. However, in order to aid in solving financial problems associated with production and mailing of the publication, a subscription price of $1.00 per year will be charged.

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From its "Motto and Principles," the Society has emphasized the method and attitude to be used in accomplishing the above program. In general, it is determined to accomplish this program in a law-abiding manner, since the organization is definitely not seeking to destroy any of society's existing institutions, laws or mores. Instead the Society aims to aid the assimilation of variants as constructive, valuable and responsible citizens. Standard and accepted democratic processes are to be relied upon as the technique for accomplishing this program.

The Muttachine Society advocates no illegal activities whatever. It is opposed to indecent public behavior, and particularly excoriates those who would contribute to the delinquency of minors and those who attempt to use force or violence upon any other persons. Although the organization is non-sectarian and non-political, it is unalterably opposed to Communism, and will not tolerate the use of its name or organization by or for any Communist group or front for any purpose whatever.
A psychological survey of a group of sex offenders conducted by James Marsh, instructor in the department of psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of California at Los Angeles, indicates that, contrary to general belief, the typical sex offender is not a violent manic but a shy, religiously inclined individual.

The survey, which was made at the Metropolitan State Hospital at Norwalk, Calif., showed that sex offenders, in comparison to a group of students, tend to shy away from group activities and dislike parties. Many are unusually fearful of lightning and earthquakes and are apprehensive in the dark.

In general, they have a strong moral sense and pray frequently. They dislike obscene stories and burlesque shows. They do not believe in women smoking and think "drinking" is wrong, although most have used alcohol excessively.

The key to their difficulties seems to lie in unfortunate family relationships, with childhoods marked by broken homes or consistent family discord. Many have never married and a majority of those who did marry have had extreme marital difficulties.--Bulletin, University of California at Los Angeles.

(Note: In another extensive series of tests, the Attacking Society, Inc., has cooperated with Dr. Marsh and his staff. The tests were begun in the fall of 1953, and no findings have been released.)

DETOIT CHAPTER CHARTERED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A new chapter of the Society has been chartered at Detroit, Mich. The chapter name chosen by the group there is Atanas, and its number is 119.

VISIT TO SAN DIEGO MADE BY BOARD MEMBERS

Several members of the Board of Directors of the Society were scheduled to visit members of the Key Chapter at San Diego on June 25. Purpose of the visit was to aid the chapter in solving organizational problems and to institute a program of activities for the members.

MAGAZINE REPRINT SCHEDULE--NO MAY ISSUE INT

One Magazine, published by One, Inc., and having no connection with the Society, has still to issue its May number. June also not forthcoming as yet. There is a possibility of the publication issuing two editions simultaneously, each in a reduced number of pages, in order to "catch up" with the calendar, since July is also upon its staff. The magazine, which at the beginning of the year criticized the Society bitterly for a "do nothing" attitude, has offered no explanation to its subscribers for the delays. The April issue, which came out in mid-May, featured an attack on "Dr. Arthur By Matthews, a writer for Macfadden Publications, who often had attacked homosexuals in articles. One's article showed that the writer had no medical degree. The magazine advocates a program similar to that of the Society, but the area of difference between One and the Society lies in the matter of method. The magazine chooses to be activist and militant, while the Society has adopted policies of aiding research, cooperating with various public agencies, and attempting to educate members of the variant minority and the public alike on true aspects of sex variation and human behavior.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTACTS ADVANCED IN SAN FRANCISCO AREA

Recent public relations contacts in the San Francisco area have included an interview by staff members of a San Francisco newspaper, and a contact with a Bay area radio station. However, there is no further definite announcement of plans for any articles or broadcasts about the Society at this time. Reports of the contacts have been submitted to the Public Relations Director at Long Beach.
The MATTACHINE SOCIETY, Inc.

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EMOTIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM
TO BE EXPLAINED SEPTEMBER 2

The topic of discussion for the Sept. 2 meeting at San Francisco will be the Emotional Security Program of adjustment in effect now at Metropolitan State Hospital at Norwalk, Calif., for sex offenders.

A former patient at the hospital, who aided the formation of the program and served for six months as its administrative secretary, will be the speaker and will moderate discussion on the topic.

The program essentially is the working answer to adjustment problems of variants committed to the hospital. It is a group therapy program, combined with professional assistance from psychiatrists and psychiatric social workers. Both the theoretical and practical aspects of the new approach to adjustment will be explained. This important topic will make the Sept. 2 meeting one you shouldn't miss.

BREAKFAST FOR MEMBERS
SCHEDULED FOR JULY 18

A breakfast for members and prospective members of the Mattachine Society in the Bay area will be held Sunday, July 18 at the home of the chairman of the Gamma Chapter at San Francisco. A standard menu will be served beginning at noon. The remainder of the day will be spent with informal discussions, orientations, and social activities. A donation is habitually made by those attending to pay for the food and coffee served.

REASON IN A NUTSHELL

Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey justifies the important sex research he is doing with the following: "We have never contributed to the happiness of man by perpetuating ignorance."

AUGUST 5 DISCUSSION PROGRAM
TO FEATURE FILM SUBJECTS

The public discussion program to be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, August 5, will include three movie films. Two of the subjects are about public opinion, while the third is an entertaining ballet sequence with music.

This program was originally scheduled for July 1, but was called off when leaders of the discussion meetings learned that Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey was presenting a lecture that same evening, and members were urged to attend it instead.

CARRYING IDENTIFICATION
IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE

Carrying proper and adequate identification at all times is important for everyone, and especially for persons of the draft age category. Draft cards, social security cards, and military identification are all desirable.

Registration requirements for certain types of felonies, such as sex offenses, is a law in California which those affected should carefully observe.

It is also important that accurate age identification be carried by all persons, especially those just over 21 years old.

NEW LEAFLET ISSUED

A new leaflet, adapted from the June issue of the newsletter, has been issued. It is called "The Mattachine Program," and tells the reason for the existence of the Society, plus what it hopes to accomplish and how it intends to do it. Address your request for a copy to P. O. Box 259, San Francisco 1, Calif. Please state the number of copies desired.
At the request of Lt. Eldon Beardon and Lloyd Kelly of the sex crimes detail, San Francisco Police Department, the Publications Director of the Fattachine Society, Inc., and the chairman of the San Francisco Area Council were interviewed on July 12 in the Hall of Justice, San Francisco, regarding the Society.

This marked the first direct public relations contact between the Society and law enforcement agencies in this city. It is believed that the result will be of untold benefit to the organization, and may achieve progress for the Society in the form of mutual aid and confidence.

Copies of newsletters and other information about the Society were presented to the police officials. An invitation for members of the detail to speak at a future meeting was extended. Constructive criticism of the Fattachine program and its methods was solicited. Society representatives promised to keep the department informed of the Society’s progress through newsletters and future information materials as issued.

One question asked the Society concerned its possible connection with the magazine, and the reply given stated that no connection between the two corporate bodies existed.

Prior to a study of the information given to them, the two officers made no comment which would affect the operation of the Society along the lines of its published aims and principles and activity program. The hour-long interview ended with the prospect of additional meetings in the future at which a mutual aid program, consistent with the present capabilities of the Society and limitations affecting a police department, might be worked out.

The Society members interviewed have expressed an appreciation of the friendly attitude shown by Inspector Frank Murphy, Lt. Beardon and Officer Kelly in arranging and conducting the interview.

"We had heard rumbles of the existence of the Fattachine Society for sometime, Inspector Murphy said. "We inquired about it from the Secretary of State at Sacramento and were furnished names of its directors." Although Murphy was not present at the meeting, he helped arrange it. He added that the department simply wanted correct information telling what the Society was all about.

Public Relations in Action at San Francisco:

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN FURNISHED WITH THE STORY OF THE FATTACHINE SOCIETY; COOPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ASKED AS AN AID TO ADVANCING THE SOCIETY’S PROGRAM OF RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ACTION

JUDGES ASSAIL COMIC BOOKS; SOME CALIFORNIA CITIES CENSOR TITLES

In Colorado Springs recently, a demand was made at a national meeting of the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges to outlaw "comic books and horror magazines depicting crime, sadism, vulgar sex and horror scenes."

The resolution adopted by the group charged that these so-called comic books are causing an increase in delinquency, and are often responsible for the criminal in adult life.

Meanwhile, two California cities--Sacramento and Fresno--have seen a local effort at censorship of certain comic book titles applied by the magazine distributors, working in cooperation with P.T.A. organizations and court authorities. They have adopted policies of refusing to receive shipments of specified titles submitted to publishers and wholesale magazine firms as undesirable for circulation on newsstands in those cities.

NEw OFFICERS ELECTED BY SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL

At a June 30 meeting in Oakland, a new chairman and treasurer were elected by the Area Council of the San Francisco Bay area. Representatives of four of the six chapters in the area were present.

Election of a new chairman was required because the former chairman was named to the Board of Directors as Director of the Legislative Department in May.

The former area treasurer was named to the chairmanship, and a new treasurer was elected. Name of a nominee to become special agent for the Board was approved also.
Publications of interest to the homophile and the sex variant are published in many European countries today.

Here is a directory of such publications and the subscription prices where known:

VENNEN (The Friend) -- Denmark. This is a monthly magazine in Danish. Subscription rates, $3 for six months, $4.75 per year (U.S.A. and Canada). Address: Vennens Forlag, Postbox 609, København Ø, Denmark.

SESSO e LIBERTA (Sex and Liberty) - Italy. Monthly magazine in Italian. Price, 120 lire per copy, subscription price in U.S. value not given. Address: Sesso e Liberta, Pratta - Viale Montesanto, 12, Milano Italy.

DER KREIS/L' CERCLE/LE CERCLE -- Monthly magazine in German, French and English. Subscription price, sealed $9.00 per year; mailed as printed matter, $7.00 per year. Address: Postfach 547, Fraumunster, Zurich 22, Switzerland.


DER WED—Germany. Address: Colonnaden 5, Hamburg 36, Germany.

HELLAS—Germany. Address: Neustadter Strasse 48, Hamburg 36, Germany.


SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTERS HOLD DISCUSSION MEETINGS ONLY ONCE EACH MONTH AT PRESENT

Only one discussion meeting open to the general public is held each month at the present time. This meeting is at 8 p.m. on the first Thursday evening. Another meeting at the same location on the third Thursday is held, but this is for members and prospective members only. The three San Francisco chapters also transact business matters then. Orientation sessions for newcomers are held at these third Thursday sessions.

DIE Gefahrten -- Germany. Address: Arndstrasse 3, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

The publications listed here are all available by subscription to interested readers in the U.S. Where prices are not listed, write the publication for yearly rates in U.S. currency.

CAN YOU TRANSLATE ANY OF THESE LANGUAGES?

Because publications related to the sex variant problem are received by offices of the Mattachine Society, but leaders in many--if not all--instances are at a loss to translate them, because these publications are written in several different languages.

Translators, therefore, are welcomed and needed. Languages with which they will be concerned are Danish, French, German, Italian and Dutch.

If you have the free time, the ability and care to tackle such projects, please volunteer by mail to P.O. Box 259, San Francisco 1.

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE NOW ON SUBSCRIPTION BASIS—$1 PER YEAR

The San Francisco Mattachine Newsletter has been placed on a paid subscription basis, effective with this issue.

The rate is $1 per year, an amount sufficient only to pay for production and mailing costs. It is mailed sealed.

Persons desiring to receive the newsletter by first class mail should send a dollar to the Society at Post Office Box 259, San Francisco 1. If remittance is made by check, it should be made payable to the San Francisco Area Council of the Mattachine Society, Inc.

The newsletter will be issued in a minimum of 12 issues per year, the editors have promised, generally on or about the 15th of each calendar month.
The following letter was written by a homosexual to the San Francisco Examiner on June 29, 1954, after a series of newspaper articles began appearing in that newspaper on June 27, heralding the effort of city officials and law enforcement authorities to clean up an "unwholesome and intolerable situation" caused by sex deviates. Particularly the target of the campaign--according to police--was activity taking place in public.

The writer of the letter below has told the Society he has no quarrel with that aspect of the drive. He, like the Society excoriates such display. But the author of the letter below did take issue with the Examiner for its attitude about sex deviates. The letter here is reproduced in full. However, in the newspaper, the third and fourth paragraphs as they appear below were not printed.

"Editor, The Examiner: As a homosexual, I am concerned that your writeup on sex deviates is mere harping on symptoms without mention of root causes. If we had had an adequate relationship with our parents in our formative years we would not be homosexual today. Case histories of most male inverts reveal they were either overmothered or under-fathered or both in early childhood. A boy needs companionship with a father-figure with whom to subconsciously identify through imitation. He needs adequate love, without "smothering", from his mother who is normally the pattern for his own eventual love object. Unfortunate factors which may upset the normal course of psychological development can cause identification in different degrees with the parent of the opposite sex. The same corresponding principle is found in the studies of most Lesbians.

The encouraging aspect of the problem is homosexuality can be prevented. When both parents, or adequate parent-substitutes, are present during the child's most impressionable years, and both provide a healthful relationship to the child and to one another, homosexuality would hardly have a beginning.

Homosexuality, especially in bisexual forms, is far more prevalent than generally believed. (Read the Kinsey Reports.) Most homosexual men and women live useful, creative lives and often occupy prominent positions in their communities. We cannot logically judge the whole by the few who would indiscreetly flaunt their homosexuality in public and bring upon us the stereotype label of "undesirable".

It is a kind of sadism on the part of society to instill in the hearts of a people who already know the meaning of suffering out of being the victims of a tragic mental deformity which is no fault of their own. It has been clinically established that those who vent the most vehement prejudice against us are more often than not just compensating for some degree of repressed homosexuality within themselves. We will never realize the full benefits of democracy until all individuals rather than made scapegoats because of differences which are unimportant in human values.

Probably most of us who are completely inverted would like more than anything else in the world to be able to have a normal life with marriage, a home and children. But change for the complete invert may be just as difficult as would be for the thoroughly conditioned heterosexual to become a homosexual. Many of us have tried. As long as we maintain high standards of character, are discreet, and harm no one, homosexuals should be accorded the same civil rights as heterosexuals or any other group drawn together by common bonds.

Sincerely,
C. B. H., Berkeley

P. S.--For obvious reasons, will you please just use my initials. Thank You.
FOR THE CHAPTER LIBRARY

Karpman, Benjamin, M.D.

The Sexual Offender and His Offenses: Etiology, Pathology, Psychodynamics and Treatment. New York, Julian Press, 1954. 714 p. $10. For professional sale only.

Of inestimable practical value to physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, lawyers, sociologists, researchers and all those professionals interested in acquiring a scientific orientation to the problem. The author's findings, documented objectively in more than 300 meticulously reported case-studies provide the first methodical basis for a practical program towards broader and more effective medical and legal operation in the area. Includes review of the literature, 1902-1951, extensive and annotated bibliography, summaries for each chapter, glossary, appendices, author and subject indexes, and psychogenic inventory.

California State Department of Mental Hygiene, Langley Porter Clinic, San Francisco.

Final Report on California Sexual Deviation Research, March 1954. Printed by the Assembly of the State of California. 160 p. Distributed by the Judiciary Subcommittee on Sex Research of the Assembly of the California Legislature; single copies probably obtainable at the clinic in San Francisco.

The California Legislature early in 1950 appropriated $100,000 for the initiation of sex deviation research, and later authorized $87,000 additional in subsequent fiscal years. This is the final report of the research group, on legal, medical and sociological aspects of sex aberration. Project studies review sex legislation and special sex psychopath laws in the U.S., facts about child victims of adult sex offenders; and there is a summary by the research director, A. R. Mangus, of the program from a sociological point of view. Mainly factual in nature, this report is the forerunner of interpretive analyses yet to be made, and is a part of a larger study of sex deviation sponsored by the California State Legislature through the Dept. of Mental Hygiene and the Langley Porter Clinic.

Note: See the article, "Sex Deviation and the Statutory Law--A Summary," page 6.

STATE HOSPITAL STUDIES RELIGIOUS ATTITUDES OF SEX PSYCHOPATH PATIENTS

Psychologists at Metropolitan State Hospital, Norwalk, Calif., are currently conducting a study of religious feelings in sex psychopath patients. The answers are to be anonymous, so that the information given cannot possibly affect the outcome of the hospital stay for any patient. The Catholic, Jewish and Protestant chaplains have approved the series of questions which include:

1. What is your denomination?
2. How often do you attend church?
3. Are you a full-fledged member?
4. What church were you raised in?
5. If you changed denominations, what was your reason for changing?
6. To what different kinds of churches have you belonged?
7. Have you ever been expelled from a church?
8. Have you ever held any office in your church? If so, specify the kinds of office.
9. Were there religious denominational differences in your family? If so, what were they?
11. Are you afraid you will receive punishment by God for your sexual offenses?
12. Do you think the Bible is a divinely-inspired work of God, and therefore infallible?
13. Does your church admit religious tradition as a source of authority for church laws, or is the Bible the sole source of authority?
14. Do you think psychiatry and psychology interfere with your religious feelings in any way?
15. If your religion is Roman Catholic, how often do you attend confession?
16. If your religion is Jewish, do you abide by the rules concerning the preparation of food?
SEXUAL DEVIATION AND THE STATUTORY LAW—A Summary. (From the Final Report on California Sexual Deviation Research, State of California, Department of Mental Hygiene and the Langley Porter Clinic, Karl H. Bowman, M. D., Medical Superintendent.)

In summary, our laws pertaining to the control of sexual behavior, though very stringent, are relatively ineffective in channelling sexual contacts or outlets into marital intercourse. As a result, the great majority of citizens are technically sex offenders. The past few years have seen a large increase in the knowledge of human sexuality. Both theoretical and empirical research points to several major areas of sexual behavior where legal controls should be effective. These concern: (1) the prevention of the use of force and the taking of undue advantage in sexual relations; (2) the protection of children and youths against sexual exploitation by adults; (3) the control of gross violation of standards of public decency and good taste in the sexual sphere; and (4) the control of prostitution as it contributes to disease and to various kinds of crime and disorder in the community. Beyond this much research remains to be done to provide a sound basis for determining what is desirable and undesirable sexual behavior in modern society.

PICKING COMING UP AS SOON AS SUITABLE PARK LOCATION OBTAINED

An all-day picnic is planned for one of the Sundays in the near future, to be held at one of several parks in the East Bay area. The exact date depends upon finding a suitable location in one of the parks, and obtaining a reservation for it on a specific date. It is hoped to hold the picnic on either July 25, August 1 or 3. A committee from the Oakland-Berkeley chapters is in charge of choosing the location and date, while the Gamma and Alpha chapters of San Francisco will be in charge of food. An advance reservation tally is planned.

SECURITY BILL IS TOO DRAMATIC, SAYS AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

A proposal of the Republican administration to eliminate suspected security risks from defense plants has been scored by the American Civil Liberties Union at New York City as being "far too sweeping, and an infringement on the due process of law." The organization has filed its own statement to that effect with the House Judiciary Committee in Washington.

The bill, the ACLU charges, makes no attempt to confine loyalty investigations to the areas where they are actually necessary, and sets up only the barest outline of fair procedures.

Further, the bill fails to provide that the employee should have the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against him.

"It may be argued that denial of cross examination to government employees may be theoretically possible on the ground that working for the government is a privilege," the ACLU statement said, "but the right to earn a living is hardly a privilege which may be denied at will, and the licensing of people in private industry cannot possibly be set up without giving these persons the essential right to cross examination and confrontation."

Among the classifications of security risks automatically affected by such legislation as this proposal are the sex variants and homosexuals, who have been arbitrarily lumped together with "perverts and other dissolute persons" in the eyes of the Federal government today.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTERS RECALL HOOKER TEST VOLUNTEERS

A call was sent out in Los Angeles recently for the persons in the Society who took a series of psychological tests for Dr. Evelyn Hooker to re-assemble for another test session. The last issue of the Southern Area Newsletter listed identification numbers for some 50 or more interviewees whom Dr. Hooker especially wished to see for further information in her research project.

AUGUST AREA COUNCIL MEETING

Date of the August meeting of the San Francisco Day Area Council is Wednesday, August 1, Oakland. San Francisco discussion meeting is Aug. 5, and the combined San Francisco chapter business meeting is Aug. 17. Both of these meetings will be held at 5830 Sutter street, San Francisco.
NEW INFORMATION BOOKLET COMPLETED; TOWER OTHERS IN PREPARATION NOW.

Recently completed were copies of the first of a series of three booklets about the Society, called "The Mattachine Society Today." This booklet is for general information. It contains the aims and principles, history, general policies and a directory of the organization.

In production and soon to be completed are two additional booklets in the series—one to contain helpful information and instructions for area and chapter leaders and the other to be a volume of official information about the Society, such as the constitution, by-laws, resolutions, articles of incorporation, administrative memoranda and departmental policies.

A price of 25c per copy has been set for each of these booklets. Copies may be obtained by using the coupon inside, or by writing to the Board of Directors at Los Angeles.

MEMBERSHIP BOX SCORE SHOWS SLIGHT DESCRISE

Latest membership figures from San Francisco area-chapters indicate a slight drop since last reported in the spring:

- Alpha, San Francisco---- 109—— 6
- Beta, San Francisco———- 111—— 6
- Gamma, San Francisco———- 115—— 8
- Oakland Chapter---------- 110—— 5
- Berkeley Chapter---------- 108—— 5
- Emeryville Chapter------- 112—— 5

TOTAL, San Francisco Area———35

AREA COUNCIL CHAIRMAN VISITS DENVER TO LAUNCH POSSIBLE CHAPTER

The chairman of the San Francisco Area Council is in Denver this month, visiting interested persons in that city with a view to possibly starting a chapter there.

Meanwhile, friends of the Society in Salt Lake City have indicated a keen interest in forming a chapter also.

NO MORE KINSEY INTERVIEWS UNTIL HE RETURNS THIS FALL

No more visits until fall in the San Francisco area, says Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, who has now returned to his home in Indiana for the remainder of the summer.

The Society at both San Francisco and Los Angeles has cooperated in obtaining interviews for Dr. Kinsey and his staff in preparation for his next work, "Sex and the Law." He states that he will again contact the Society when he returns to the Bay area to resume his research.

MATTACHINE BREAKFAST SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 22

Members and friends of the Mattachine Society at San Francisco are invited to attend another Breakfast on Sunday, August 22, 1-5 p.m. It will be held at the home of the Gamma Chapter Chairman.

Orientation discussion will highlight this event. Persons interested in becoming members are especially urged to be present. A donation habitually defrays the cost of food served. Coffee will be plentiful as always.

☆ FOR THE CHAPTER LIBRARY...

Two fine booklets on Sex Deviation are available from the Mental Health Association of Oregon, 121 Park Bldg., Portland. They are free. Titles are "Parents, Children and the Sex Molester," and "An Introduction to the Problem of the Sex Deviate." Both are issued through the E. C. Brown Trust.

Another book of this nature is reviewed on page 4 of this issue.
MATTACHINE SOCIETY PROVIDES AN ANSWER: IS THERE A PERSONALITY TYPE AMONG INVENTS?

(The following is a summary of a report given to the Long Beach Convention of the Western Psychologists by Dr. Evelyn C. Hooper, psychiatrist and research advisor to the Mattachine Society, Ins., at Los Angeles.)

The literature on homosexuality is filled with the attempts to describe the homosexual as belonging to one, or several types of personality structure. Most, if not all of these descriptions are based on clinical patients. In an effort to obtain as wide a sample of homosexuals as possible—of non-clinical subjects—the Mattachine Society assembled a group of 75 individuals in the summer of 1953 for the purpose of participating in a battery of psychological tests. One of these tests was the Chicago Inventory of Beliefs, which was designed to single out three major types of personality syndromes. It was used by permission of George G. Stern. The results reported here are a summary of that test alone.

The three major groups of individuals with their distribution in the homosexual group are: (1) the "S" type. They are characterized by rigid, conforming behavior and by absolute acceptance of authority. For this individual, personal relationships are depersonalized, that is, he seeks gratification of his needs in personal relations without regard for the needs of the other individual as a person. ONE PERCENT of the homosexual group belong to this type. This means that (if we can generalize from this group of 75 to the homosexual group) homosexuals do not conform, do not accept authority, and do not depersonalize their relationships. But a very small percentage do.

(2) is the "N" type. He is characterized by highly individualized and personalized social relationships, non-conforming behavior, and rejection of authority. THIRTEEN PERCENT of homosexuals fall in this group.

(3) is the "R" type. He is independent of both S and N, and includes individuals who are interested in ideas rather than persons, and maintains social relations that are distant and impersonal, and is passive and restrained in impulse. SIXTEEN PERCENT of homosexuals fall into this group.

Thus 30% of the total group can be classified in the three major categories described above. An additional 30% do not fall in any category which is classifiable. The remaining 10% are found in borderline positions, mostly close to the N and R types. What conclusions can we draw from this?

Very tentatively, we can conclude that (1) homosexual (Continued on next page)
IS THERE A PERSONALITY TYPE AMONG INVECTS? (Continued from preceding page)

persons vary widely in personality structure and do not constitute a distinct type. This is the most significant finding. (2) It may be that the Mattachine Society is typical of the total homosexual group in that the large number of individuals who belong to the group constitute a select group of persons who are interested in ideas, rather than persons, making possible the development of the organization. (3) Although it is usually taken for granted that the homosexual is a non-conformist, universally rejecting authority, these findings show that there are strong trends in the direction of conformity in about 14% of the group, even though only 1% belongs to the extreme S type.

It should be emphasized that this is a beginning of the effort to investigate personality types among homosexuals, and that other methods are currently used in the research to which Mattachine members and friends are giving so much time and effort.

—Dr. Evelyn C. Hooker

AREA COUNCIL NEWS FROM OTHER AREAS OF THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY:

Los Angeles—Chapters in the area are continuing a summer discussion group program, with a recent meeting featuring a talk by Dr. Hooker. While some chapters are now cooperating in sponsorship of discussion groups, efforts point toward building chapter membership and reviving independent chapter discussion groups and other activities. The Slade Case is a Legal Chapter project, and funds for it are still being collected. Dr. Sommers' Lesbian Research Project is continuing. Interviewees for additional sessions with Dr. Hooker are being scheduled. The telephone answering service at Vandike 1221 has proved very useful in the area.

Long Beach—This new area also has a new newsletter, second issue of which came out the first of August. The new area council has been formed, and the two chapters in the area are at work on projects of public relations and publications. A telephone answering service has been set up at Long Beach 350-327 daily, 9-11 p.m. On August 12, Chapter 113 sponsored a discussion on the topic, "Sex Variants as Security Risks." There is an effort afoot to form a legal chapter in the area.

San Diego—The two chapters in the area have faced organizational problems in establishing an area council since the last Society convention in May, as well as organizational difficulties within the chapters themselves. With the aid of the members of the Board of Directors, work has gone forward to advance the organization of the Key Chapter, newer of the two chapters in this area.

Chicago—This area has seen a third Chicago chapter chartered within the past few weeks, and each of the three Chicago chapters have now taken on a specific project interest. A new first edition of the newsletter from the Chicago Mattachine Area Council of Integration has been issued. Discussion groups there have featured prominent speakers, with great interest shown by those attending. Although far from the Society's "home base," the chapters in Chicago and Detroit have nevertheless shown interest that has heretofore been unmatched in the growth of the Society. A post office box, listed in the Directory in another part of this newsletter, has been obtained, and chapters from other areas are urged to send any information to the Chicago area which may be helpful in advancing the program of their organization.

A new edition of "The Mattachine Society Today" is now complete, and available in quantity. This booklet is helpful in telling the background of the Society, and is an invaluable aid for others who may wish to start discussion groups in new areas. Can you use a copy?

Send copies of "The Mattachine Society Today" @ 25c each to:

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Mail coupon to P.O.Box 259, San Francisco
THE EMOTIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM AT ATASCADERO STATE HOSPITAL: By a Patient

(Editor's Note: The following was written by a patient at California's new hospital unit for the treatment of sex offenders at Atascadero. It is the first of a series which we hope to bring to readers of this letter. Your reaction to material such as this will be appreciated.)

As an introductory to this article and the program at Atascadero State Hospital, I will attempt to explain the facilities, activities and the general reaction to the hospital. We have here an actual city, joined by one large corridor including 20 wards with an average of 55 beds per ward. The wards comfortable and the atmosphere is as homelike as possible. Facilities here include four large dining rooms, an ultra-modern kitchen, and a well-equipped laundry. Meals are excellent. There are also an industrial shop, bakery, mechanical repair shop, gas and service station, shipping and storage warehouse, housekeeping crew, landscaping and gardening facilities, and units for painting, electrical installations, and general maintenance. There is also an occupational therapy shop where a variety of hobbies can be pursued, and where special equipment is made.

For entertainment, we have an auditorium and gymnasium. Sports, dances, dramatic events, glee club and band activities are held in these facilities. On Sunday, the auditorium serves as a church. Other activities in which patients may participate are newspaper, radio production, hospital entertainments, chess clubs, and a number of teams in baseball, basketball and football.

Does it sound easy? Well, it isn't. Have you ever been locked up? No matter how nice your jail is, your freedom is still restricted. It is still jail.

That makes us work hard and sincerely on ourselves—and our problems. Each of us committed here has some kind of sexual deviation. Our way out lies in finding out why. Thus, we dig into ourselves and each other, going farther and farther back into our past, and into our unconscious minds. Emotions and experiences are analyzed. We find out why we have it, what causes it, and in the end we understand ourselves. By understanding, we can control our emotions and make decisions in life as mature and stable individuals are supposed to do.

You may think this isn't much of a job—but try it. Try telling some of your deepest secrets and feelings to someone else. Nine chances in ten, you can't do it without coloring it up with a few small white lies, at least at first.

We like it here, but most of all we like what we are gaining here. It is indeed gratifying to be able to find a peace of mind and contentment with ourselves in the turbulent society of today.

(In future articles I hope to be able to delve into the emotional problems of humanity. It is time the American people awakened to the fact that our emotions are of utmost importance in life, instead of continually trying to hide them behind a false front. Please bear this one thought in mind: Emotions motivate our lives.)

BOOKS IN REVIEW: MATERIAL FOR THE CHAPER LIBRARY

McNoll, John G. (pseudonym)
A CHILD MOLESTER GROWS UP. Berkeley Calif., privately issued by the author 1954. 60 mimeographed leaves, $1.50.

To date this is the only patient written account to come out of the three-year old Emotional Security Program for sexual deviates at Metropolitan State Hospital, Norwalk, Calif. A 26 year old homosexual child molester describes group psychotherapy and the E.S.P. in relation to his own personal history and improvement. Praised by staff members of Menninger Foundation and American Institute of Family Relations as well as by staff members of the Langley Porter Clinic.

OAKLAND-BERKELEY CHAPTERS

HOLD MEETING AUGUST 11

The regular monthly meeting of the two Oakland-Berkeley chapters was held August 11, with most of the members present. Guests were present from the San Francisco Beta chapter.

Organizational matters and future projects were discussed at the meeting, including social events planned by the group.
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NO ORGANIZATION CAN EXIST WITHOUT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The tiresome harping about the importance of prompt payment of dues makes dull conversation at meetings, and even duller reading matter in a newsletter. But the fact is inescapable—Dues are the foundation upon which the organization must depend in order to continue its program of publications, public relations, education and social action.

The Mattachine Society at San Francisco has suffered miserably from a neglect by its members in seeing that dues are paid, collected and turned in to the area treasurer. It is recognized that absence of membership rolls makes this a problem.

As a result the area treasury is almost empty. Membership is on the decrease. No one cares to undertake the responsibility on a chapter level of seeing that a half dozen or so members pay $2 per month into the treasury.

Treasurer's posts lack glamour, and it is a job to keep accurate financial records. But unless someone handles these duties, chapter membership will go to pieces.

Solving this problem, which exists in almost every chapter in the San Francisco area, is first of all a matter for chapter chairmen to deal with. Cooperation of the membership is also required if any such program of obtaining prompt and full payment of dues is to be effective.

Keeping dues paid is the least any active member can do. Won't you volunteer your funds regularly, and help see to it that others in your chapter do the same?

EXPOSURE DOESN'T CONVERT YOUTHS TO SEX DEVIATION

A former resident of Copenhagen, who has observed the Danish sex laws in operation for a period since they were enacted in 1933, declares that authorities in that country hold the theory that "exposure" to homosexuality will in no way actually serve to convert a person of heterosexual orientation into a confirmed sex variant.

In Denmark, laws state there is no sex crime for activities between individuals over 18 years of age conducted in private and without force. Such laws have been in effect there for 21 years.

A sidelight to the operation of laws in Denmark has been noted by judges in courts there. In some cases, individuals of only 15 years of age have been involved with the law, and charges dismissed, because authorities recognized that some persons even at that age can and have become confirmed variants, and who can, it might be stated, act to bring forth latent homosexual tendencies in persons much older.
SOCIETY IS AT CROSSROADS,
DECLARES RESEARCH ADVISOR

"The Mattachine Society is now at a point of dilemma, perhaps," said Dr. Evelyn Hooker, psychiatrist, at Los Angeles recently. She is research advisor of the Mattachine Society.

"It must either become a quiet-working cooperative organization, seeking to use processes of education, findings of scientists whose research the Society may facilitate, and the aid of agencies in the fields related to Mattachine to accomplish its program, or attempt to require society as a whole to accept the minority through hostility and demands for integration. I am happy to see the Society has chosen the first pathway."

This Month, Dr. Hooker is in Chicago, attending professional conferences. The Chicago Area Newsletter stated in its new September issue that it was hoped that a date could be scheduled for her to speak to a discussion group in that city.

The Society's public information section at Los Angeles has prepared and edited a sound tape of a recent address by Dr. Hooker, which the San Francisco Area Council hopes to obtain for the November discussion meeting here. If obtained, it will be presented on November 4.

NEXT SAN FRANCISCO BREAKFAST TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 19

The monthly September breakfast for members and friends of the Mattachine Society at San Francisco will be held Sunday, September 19, at the home of the Gamma Chapter chairman.

The event will begin at noon. In addition to food and coffee, the afternoon will be spent discussing Society activities, and providing an orientation for new visitors. A donation to defray the cost is habitually taken at these events.

Mark the date on your calendar, and be among those present.

TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY WILL ADDRESS OCTOBER DISCUSSION MEETING

A Bay Area woman and mother, who teaches religious philosophy and who also has had to face the situation where a member of her family was homosexual, will speak to the October 7 discussion meeting of the three San Francisco chapters, to be held at 8 p.m. in the center of the American Friends Service Committee, 1630 Sutter St.

The public is invited to attend. All members should urge their friends to come with them to this fine program.

SPECIAL LEAFLET PREPARED FOR DISTRIBUTION AT DISCUSSION GROUPS

Telling the reason for the existence of the Mattachine Society, a new leaflet called "In Case You Didn't Know," has been issued by the Publications Department.

Area Councils and chapters throughout the Society may order copies of this four page folder in quantities desired. Price is $1 per 100 copies, with funds received to go into the planned Mattachine Society magazine. Copies may be ordered directly from the Publications Director, P. O. Box 259, San Francisco 1, Cali.

SOCIAL MALADJUSTMENTS ARE COSTLY TO AMERICAN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Social incompetence accounts for approximately 70% of dismissals in industry and technical incompetence accounts for only 30%, according to Dr. Francis J. Braceland, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Yale University.

Emotional illness and maladjustment are second only to the common cold as a cause of absenteeism, Dr. Braceland said in an article in a recent issue of "Occupational Hazards."

AREA COUNCIL MEETING DATES: September 29, Oakland; October 27, San Francisco. Don't be a "no show!"
PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED FOR FIRST ISSUE OF SOCIETY MAGAZINE, "MATTACHINE DIGEST"

A LEAFLET ANNOUNCING THE PLANS FOR THE SOCIETY'S NEW MAGAZINE, "MATTACHINE DIGEST," TO BE ISSUED LATE IN 1954, IS ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER.

IT OUTLINES THE SCOPE OF THE MAGAZINE, AND TELLS HOW ADVANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO IT ARE NOW BEING RECEIVED. THIS IS IMPORTANT NEWS TO ALL SOCIETY MEMBERS, AND THEY ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED TO START THE BALL ROLLING NOW IF THE MAGAZINE IS TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL REALITY.

A COUPON FOR USE IN REMITTING SUBSCRIPTIONS IS INCLUDED ON THE LEAFLET.

LEGAL CHAPTER CHARTER SUSPENDED AT LOS ANGELES

As a result of a move to censure the chairman of the Legal Chapter (103), at Los Angeles, for activities not in keeping with the best interests of the organization, the Area Council there suspended the chapter's charter recently.

The entire membership of the chapter resigned forthwith.

Following this resignation of members of 103, another parallel organization was formed along lines of the Mattachine Society, Inc.

The new group, with about a dozen members, called itself the Legal Committee for the Los Angeles Area. Its headquarters are located on El Centro avenue, in Hollywood. The group has stated that it desires to cooperate in the advancement of the new organization's aims and principles, which are similar to those of the Mattachine Society from which they withdrew.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The best measure of a man's mentality is the importance of the things he will argue about." (Who said it is not known, but we'd like to find out--Editor).

RESEARCH CHAPTER CHARTERED IN CHICAGO AREA RECENTLY

Chapter 121, with seven members, has been officially granted its charter by the Board of Directors at Los Angeles. It is the Research Chapter of the Chicago Area, also known as the Council for Integration. The chapter brings the total to four in that area, with membership standing at approximately 40. The Detroit chapter is also in the Chicago area.

Other Chicago chapters have taken on names descriptive of the primary interest of each unit. The others are Publications, Public Relations and Education.

SOCIETY'S "BLUE BOOK" COMPLETE; COPIES AVAILABLE NOW BY MAIL

The 26-page "Blue Book" section of the revised series of booklets, "The Mattachine Society, Today," has been completed, and copies may be obtained for 25c from the Publications Director, San Francisco, or the Board of Directors, Los Angeles.

The booklet follows the "Yellow Book" of general information. Contents of the Blue Book include policies of all five departments, constitution and by-laws, articles of incorporation, and the pledge. This material is revised and up to date. Additional material for the Blue Book may be issued from time to time as supplementary sheets, to be added to the materials contained in the present edition.

One more booklet--the "White Book" of information for members, chapter leaders, area council officers, etc., remains to be produced. Work on it is going forward in the Publications Department. This final booklet in the series will have a limited distribution. It should be complete by November 1.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAPTERS BEGINS ON DATE APPROVED BY AREA COUNCIL

Chapters recently chartered and soon to be chartered should realize that financial records must be kept from the day the new chapter's application for charter is approved by its Area Council, and not on the date the charter is approved by the Board of Directors. This clarification was made recently by the Society's treasurer at Los Angeles.
WARREN DEFENDS RIGHT OF MINORITIES TO DISSERT

In a recent Chicago speech before 'the American Bar Association, Chief Justice Earl Warren said that the world today is in a "war of ideas," in which the right to disagree and even dissent from the opinions of the majority is essential.

Warren said, "We are living in a world of ideas and are going through a world war of ideas."

"Everywhere there is a contest for the hearts and minds of people...our American system, like all others, is on trial today, at both home and abroad."

"The way it works; the manner in which it solves the problems of our day; the extent to which we maintain the spirit of our Constitution with its Bill of Rights, will in the long run do more to make it both secure and the object of adulation that the number of hydrogen bombs we stockpile," he said.

Warren added that in the war of ideas "we must first insist upon man's right to knowledge and the free use thereof; the right to explore at will, to disagree and even to dissent from the opinions of the majority."

RESIDENT AGENT RESIGNS

The resident agent of the Board of Directors for the San Francisco area resigned recently due to his leaving for England for an extended visit. Appointment of a successor will be made during the coming month.

POPULAR MAGAZINE FEATURES ONE MAGAZINE IN ARTICLE TELLING ABOUT HOMOSEXUALS

Under the heading, "People in Controversy: Homosexuals Form New Organization," the pocket magazine PEOPLE TODAY, featured ONE magazine recently, and mentioned the Mattachine Society, Inc.

It told readers: "...wishes to see its magazine become voice for homosexuals in the U.S., and bring the subject into the open with lectures, forums, group discussions and educational activities.

Generally speaking, the article was not critical of the efforts of ONE and the Society, although Mattachine was given only passing mention.

ONE's circulation today, the article stated, had now exceeded 10,000 copies each month.

BANK ACCOUNT FOR AREA COUNCIL IS OPENED HERE AT LONG LAST

After much cross correspondence, the San Francisco Area Council bank account has finally been opened by the area finance officer. Difficulty encountered in the obtaining of an account for a nonprofit corporation caused the delay. Reproductions of our charter, signatures on cards with the Society seal, and authorizations from Board officers were required before the procedure was complete.

(Note: See also article in this issue: FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAPTERS BEGINS ON DATE APPROVED BY AREA COUNCIL)

For Exact Locations Contact a Chapter Chairman

SEPTEMBER

16--Discussion Group Meeting, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter Street, (Business) (Chapter members and invited guests)
29--Area Council Meeting, Grand & Telegraph, Oakland
SPECIAL EVENT--September 19--Mattachine Breakfast, San Francisco, 12 noon--5 p.m.

OCTOBER

7--Discussion Group Meeting, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter St. Topic, "A Homosexual in the Family."
13--Oakland-Berkeley Business Meeting, Grand & Telegraph, Oakland
21--San Francisco Chapters Business Meeting, 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco
27--Mattachine Breakfast, San Francisco

NOVEMBER

6--San Francisco Discussion Meeting.
An Announcement of Interest to Members and Friends
of the Mattachine Society, Inc.

Coming Soon......

The Mattachine Digest

...first issue of the Society's new alternate-month magazine will appear late in 1954, providing funds for the production of the first two issues are obtained.

This leaflet tells the plan for the magazine. It tells how you, as one of the members or friends of the Society, can help. The project of launching a magazine is one requiring the combined effort of many persons.

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For several months, plans have been going ahead to initiate production of a magazine for the Mattachine Society. Material is being collected, some of the actual articles have been written, and the general format has been chosen. A schedule of subscription rates has been set by the Board of Directors.

The matter of a name for the publication has been discussed by the Board and the Publications Department of the Society. The initial idea, "I S", has been discarded because it fails to adequately identify the publication and this name might also be confused with other agencies. At a recent Board meeting, the one-word title, "Mattachine" was selected.

Therefore the above reference to "Mattachine Digest" must still be considered as preliminary or tentative. "Mattachine Review" or, as the Board approved, the name "Mattachine" might be preferable.

Ideas for a final name are solicited. Members and friends of the Society who read this leaflet are requested to cast their vote on the name believed to be most descriptive and appropriate. Won't you submit your idea for a name?

Plans presently call for the magazine to be issued in six issues per year. Distribution of the two first issues will be to about 3000 prospective subscribers in the U.S. and abroad.

The Society and its Publications Department hope to place the magazine in a semi-professional category from the outset. By this, it is hoped the magazine will appeal to teachers and educators, psychologists, sociologists, psychiatrists and doctors, lawyers, judges, legislators, law enforcement officials and public agencies, as well as to the general public. The magazine will be of keen interest to members of the Society, persons in the variant minority, and others interested in Mattachine Goals, but not limited to an appeal to the homosexual minority exclusively.

This is important: Tell your friends about the new magazine the Society hopes to launch. Ask them to join the project by sending advance subscriptions now.

It will take money to put it over. It will have to come from those who will be the "interested readers." This brochure does not seek donations—but it does carry the urgent request that you and your friends subscribe right now!
Subscription Rates

Yearly subscriptions are $2.50, or 2 years for $5.00, 4 years for $10.00, etc. Single copies will cost 50c each. An appeal is hereby made for interested persons to submit advance subscriptions in the amount of $10 for 4 years, in order to underwrite the cost of the initial issues which will be widely distributed to prospective subscribers. ALL ADVANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED BEFORE PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST ISSUE WILL BE CREDITED TO BECOME EFFECTIVE AFTER THE FIRST TWO ISSUES. This means a bonus of two issues for all advance subscribers.

Editorial Content

The magazine will contain serious articles on various aspects of homosexuality and sex variation with a view to creating an understanding of the problem and advocating steps for its solution. This will be done in accordance with the aims and principles of the Society and primarily as a means of advancing the Mattachine program. Constructive and critical opinion will be voiced. Letters, contributed articles, book reviews, a digest of material in newspapers and magazines and other such material, will be published.

Manuscripts Wanted

Friends and members of the Society, professional writers, scientists, ministers, research experts, criminologists, students and laymen are all urged to submit any and all material which is believed to be significant from this date forward for possible use in the magazine.

Generally speaking, the Mattachine Magazine will not be aimed at "feeding the neuroses" of persons within the homosexual and variant minority. Instead, it will seek to achieve permanent advances in integration, education, understanding, civil rights, elimination of unfair practices and discrimination, and abolishment of false ideas about human sexuality. The magazine will not attempt to be "gay".

HERE'S AN IDEA: GIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MATTACHINE DIGEST TO YOUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE WHOM YOU KNOW FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR. NO BETTER GIFT TO ADVANCE THE PROGRAM OF THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY IS POSSIBLE. USE THE COUPON BELOW!

YES, it will take the combined effort of the entire Society to put "Mattachine Digest" across.

Can we count on you to help?

MAILING ADDRESS FOR CHARTER SUBSCRIPTION TO THE MATTACHINE DIGEST:

NAME ________________________________________________

ADDRESS _____________________________________________

CITY______ STATE______

DON'T WAIT--DO THIS TODAY!

(Make checks payable to Mattachine Society Inc., Publications Department)

MATTACHINE DIGEST
MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.
POST OFFICE BOX 1925
LOS ANGELES 53, CALIFORNIA

YES— I WANT TO BECOME A CHARTER SUBSCRIBER TO "MATTACHINE DIGEST". PLEASE ENTER MY SUBSCRIPTION FOR ___ YEARS, FOR WHICH I ENCLOSE ( ) CHECK OR ( ) MONEY ORDER FOR $__. SEND THE MAGAZINE BY FIRST CLASS MAIL TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE.
From the Editor’s Notebook...

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors in Los Angeles, the charter of the Emeryville Chapter (112) at Oakland was suspended for a three-month period because of inactivity on the part of the membership, which has fallen below the minimum number of four dues-paying members. If membership gains during the 90 days, then the charter will be re-instated.

Another chapter, the Key Chapter of San Diego (117) faces similar action.

Telephone Nistering Services for the Society are now established in two areas. At Los Angeles, the number Vandyke 1221 has been in use for some time. Long Beach last month announced its telephone, maintained by the Area Council there, number 350-327.

A drive for blood donations is to be staged soon by the Long Beach Area Council, it was reported in the September issue of the Long Beach Newsletter.

Vacation months have provided several members and officers to visit other areas in California. Several from San Francisco have visited board meetings and chapters in Los Angeles. The San Diego Area Council Chairman was a recent visitor at San Francisco and Los Angeles. One member from San Francisco visited the Chicago area earlier in the summer.

Alarms against operators of two San Francisco bars early this month, alleging that their places were hangouts for narcotics peddlers and teen-agers, have been denied by owners. In fact, the owners have declared that their policy has been strictly to deny service to any and all such persons and forbid them from entering the two places—Tommy’s and 12 Adler Place. Newspaper allegations were that the bars were hang-outs for girls under 21 seeking drinks and marijuana cigarettes. But the owners deny these charges, and add that they have forced strict identification rules and have not tolerated the presence of any suspected or known drug addicts.

Old clothing is needed for Koreans and other deserving groups overseas. The American Friends Service Committee, 1830 Sutter street, San Francisco, is headquarters for such a drive in the Bay Area. Members and friends of the Society are urged to donate serviceable clothing no longer useful to this worthy cause. Bring it when you attend the next chapter meeting or discussion group.

An article in "Our World," national Negro magazine, recently approached the problem of Homosexuality in an honest and straightforward manner. It mentioned the Mattachine Society as an organization daring to face the problem, and One magazine as a new publication endeavoring to spread accurate information about the conditions of variation. The article was entitled, "Let’s Be Honest About Homosexuals."

"By Dawn’s Early Light" reads a headline in the current Chicago area newsletter. It refers to a recent indication of the growing enlightenment in Michigan, seen in a publication entitled, "A Citizen's Handbook of Sexual Abnormalities and the Mental Hygiene Approach to Their Prevention." This report, submitted to the State Committee on Education, was prepared by the Governor’s special study commission on the Deviated Sex Offender. The report is similar, undoubtedly, to one made in March of this year by Dr. Carl Bauman of the Langley Porter Clinic, San Francisco, in concluding a 10-year sex deviation research project for the State of California.

Chicago Chapters were told that they expected to learn momentarily that the Mattachine Society, Inc., has been registered in the state of Illinois for the proper operation of chapters in that state. The Board of Directors at Los Angeles has completed the papers and returned them to Chicago for final action.

Los Angeles Chapters of the Society held a beach party on Sunday, September 12 at Playa del Rey. Members and guests brought their own food and prepared it at fire rings located near the site of the outing.
Investigations into the juvenile delinquency problem in three West Coast cities—San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco—received prominent newspaper display during late September, and eager reporters attempted to infer a connection between delinquency and the attempts of "sex deviates to organize," but facts proved the opposite.

Senator Hendriksen (R.) of New Jersey headed a Senate committee from Washington which conducted the hearings. No call for testimony was made to the Mattachine Society, although public press notices clearly indicated that the committee knew of its existence.

A few days prior to the committee sessions at San Francisco, a police official appeared before a grand jury investigating the local juvenile problem. He stated that the department knew of the existence of the Mattachine Society, that its membership was about 30 members in the Bay Area, its activities had been investigated and found to be legal.

Narcotics and liquor, both not too difficult to obtain in various localities, were factors in the delinquency problem, the committee learned, but even these factors were not outstanding when the whole picture was viewed.

Customary front page play by newspapers of isolated outbreaks of violence and crime by juveniles was listed as another factor.

Program subjects for November and December have been set for the discussion group of the Mattachine Society, Inc., at San Francisco. Each of the programs will feature women in discussions of topics of keen interest to all members and friends of the organization.

The subject for November 4 will be a recorded lecture by Dr. Evelyn Hooker of the University of California at Los Angeles. This prominent psychiatrist is research advisor to the Society's Board of Directors. Her discussion is centered upon the findings of a battery of tests given to a volunteer group of some 75 male homosexuals in August 1953 at Los Angeles. This is the first time such a large group of men has ever submitted to such tests, and thus the results are particularly significant because those tested were not clinical cases. In particular, the recorded lecture reveals results of study into the question, "Is There a Personality Type Among Male Homosexuals?"

Thursday, December 2, is the date of a scheduled talk on the subject of "Aspects and Developments of the Transsexual," by a Bay Area woman with firsthand knowledge of the problems faced by such persons as Miss Christine Jorgensen and Miss Roberta Colwell—both of whom are now in London. It is significant that this category of human sex phenomena is probably even less understood than other aberrations, variations and anomalies. The speaker addressed the Society here a year ago, but promises to be even more interesting this year, since she has since acquired more extensive knowledge of the subject.

Each program will be held on a first Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the center of the American Friends Service Committee, 1830 Sutter street, San Francisco. The public is invited to attend.
FOR THE CHAPTER LIBRARY:

California. State Mental Health Coordinating Committee.


Individuals are described frequently as school problems, or police problems, or mental health problems -- depending on the government agency which must deal with them. But the isolation of these situations is an error, for they merely represent different points at which the maladjusted person comes in contact with the formal restrictions of society. The achievement of mental health, an interaction process from childhood to maturity, is a single problem, and one in which many agencies of the state are concerned. Cooperation between the departments of Correction, Education, Mental Hygiene, Public Health, Recreation, Social Welfare and the Youth Authority, and the convergence of their activities in encouraging the positive elements of mental health is the subject of this report.

Obtainable from California Department of Mental Hygiene, 1320 K Street, Sacramento, Calif., free of charge.

California. Board of Corrections.


The Bureau of Criminal Statistics has prepared this special report, the first extensive study of parole releases in California. The figures reveal that more than half the parolees for the 1946-49 period completed their paroles without violation and were discharged. There is substantiation for the conclusion that the most frequent parole violators are those who commit relatively non-dangerous offenses, such as forgery, rather than the more publicized offenders -- the murderers, the sex criminals.

Obtainable free from California Department of Corrections, 502 State Office Building No. 1, Sacramento 14, Calif.

Lee, Margie Robinson

GLANDULAR TREATMENT OF MALE SEX OFFENDERS. Portland, Mental Health Association of Oregon, 1953. 5 pp. mimeographed.

Presents evidence that social-emotional factors rather than glandular factors go into the shaping of human personality at the root of sexual deviation.

NEW STATE HOSPITAL TREATMENT OFFERS HOPE TO SEX DEVIATES

Less than 10% of the patients released from Metropolitan State Hospital in three years have returned or gotten into trouble again.

A treatment program which was unknown, and in most cases believed impossible only three years ago, is proving so successful that while formerly nine out of ten sex patients released had to be returned because they had repeated the offense, less than one out of ten return now.

This hopeful fact was among those that were brought out by a former hospital patient who spent 20 months at Metropolitan Hospital (Norwalk), including 9 months as a member of the Executive Council of the patient-organized Emotional Security Program.

The occasion was the regular monthly Mattachine discussion meeting held on the 2nd of September. A 45-minute address was followed by an equal period of questions and general discussion in which there was lively participation.

The ex-E.S.P. councilman explained that group psychotherapy coupled with the Emotional Security Program as a 24-hour-a-day endeavor to undergird the therapy were at the heart of the treatment.

Implicit in the treatment is the belief that sex offenders are made and not born, and that the opportunities for emotional relearning and readjustment are enormous if the motivation for change can be nourished and encouraged.

The all-male sex deviate unit included exhibitionists, child molesters, homosexuals, peeping Toms, and certain types of rapists. Of the group only about 5% could be described as aggressive in their actual sex behavior, contrary to the popular conception of the "sex fiend."

The psychiatrists don't claim to "cure" their patients, but they point to the encouraging statistics of patients who have gained self-understanding and who are successfully finding places in society, in which they can be happy and useful.

Voluntary patient-led groups patterned after the doctor-led ones helped prepare new patients and supplemented the work the regular staff did. The permissive attitude of the hospital was a strong factor in encouraging patients to help themselves.
Subscriptions are now coming in for the proposed new bi-monthly magazine of the Mattachine Society, Inc. BUT before it can be issued, MANY more subscriptions will be necessary. Such a publication costs a lot of money. That's why we ask YOU

Why not join this important project?

SUBSCRIPTION RATES are: $2.50 per year, or 4 years for $10. Every member and friend of the Society is urged to send the amount for a 4-year subscription right away.

The Mattachine Magazine (or digest, review or whatever it will be called) will be a publication issued 6 times each year, to accurately inform the general public about various aspects of sex variation, social integration, and the solution of the problem. It will be designed to appeal to persons in the professions as well as to all persons faced with the problem themselves.

ARTICLES are needed as much as funds to produce and distribute the publication. Any and all ideas which might be helpful in planning and producing the magazine are now being earnestly solicited by the Society's publications department.

BUT SUBSCRIPTIONS are the No. 1 on the magazine agenda. It will cost about $800 to produce each of the first year's issues—and this amount will have to come from subscriptions. Don't put it off—fill in the enclosed coupon, send your check or money order TODAY.

It's for YOU!

Yes, that's right. The proposed magazine is one of the non-profit projects proposed by the Mattachine Society to help advance the Mattachine program of understanding and solving the pressing social problem of the homosexual and the sex variant. The magazine won't be gay. Instead, it will attempt to perform a real service for the whole of American society.

Mattachine Society, Inc.
Post Office Box 1925, Los Angeles 53, Calif.
Enclosed is a ( ) check ( ) money order for which please enter my subscription for ( ) years to the Mattachine Magazine. I understand that publication is planned for early 1955, but that the amount of my subscription will be refunded upon demand, if such demand is made in advance of issuing the initial edition.
### Membership Box Score...

September membership totals for the San Francisco area were as follows:

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### College Professor Assails Newspapers for Emphasis on Juvenile Delinquency

Statistics on juvenile delinquency usually mount up whenever newspapers start prodding juvenile authorities to greater stringency and less informal disposition of complaints. That's the opinion of Austin McCormick, professor of criminology at the University of California, Berkeley. "If given control of the headlines for one month in any large city, I could raise the 'juvenile delinquency rate' 40 to 60% by playing Pachucos all over the page, whether they were real or not, and making much of the sock 'em-and-rock 'em movies, and lambasting the courts for being too lenient."

When such newspaper campaigns achieve their goal of stringent treatment, McCormick said, "then boys, who usually go home, go through the courts instead, and become statistics."

### Mattachine Society Restates Its Policy

The Mattachine Society recently restated its policy regarding participation in its program by persons under 21 years of age.

"Our policy has always been and still is in effect, that no one under 21 may attend our meetings or hold membership in the organization," said the chairman of the Board of Directors.

As regards minors, however, the Society believes that many persons under 21 are faced with sex orientation problems. Unfortunately, many such persons do not obtain professional counselling and guidance at this time when such aid could be most helpful to them.

Narcotics addiction, Society officials believe, is not related to the sex variation problem as some spokesmen have stated. In the Society, users of such drugs are unknown. In addition, there has been no information of any connection between sex variants and the use of drugs to lure

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### Mattachine Society Breakfast to Be Held October 24th

Sunday, October 24th, is the date of the next Mattachine Breakfast event to be held in San Francisco. Persons planning to be present should contact a chapter chairman for the location, since it has been moved

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For exact locations
Contact a Chapter Chairman

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**Evening Meetings Begin at 8 p.m.**

10—Oakland-Berkeley Chapter business Meeting, Grand & Telegraph, Oakland.

18—San Francisco Chapters, Business Meeting, place to be announced.

30—Area Council Meeting, Grand & Telegraph, Oakland.

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DINNER MEETING PLANNED FOR MONTHLY BUSINESS SESSION

San Francisco chapters of the Society have announced that they plan to hold a monthly dinner meeting after the first of the year, as a combined social and business event. It will be sponsored by the San Francisco Area Council.

This meeting will be held in one of the city's many restaurants.

Appropriate notices will be sent in advance to all members, just as soon as the area council makes arrangements for necessary dining facilities.

It is expected that the "tab" for these dinners will be approximately $2 per person.

This meeting will take the place of the regular meeting which has been held on the third Thursday of each month in the past at the center of the American Friends Service Committee. The policy for public discussion groups to meet on their first Thursday dates will remain unchanged, however. It was also pointed out by the area council chairman that the dinner meetings are not intended to replace chapter meetings which the members may wish to hold on other dates they may select.

Planning session for the 1955 business meeting programs will be held at a dinner meeting on December 16, to which the area council has invited members of all Bay Area chapters to attend. Further announcement of this event will be made early in December.

TRANSEXUAL TOPIC SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER

The December 2nd discussion group topic at San Francisco will be on aspects and developments in the field of transsexualism. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the center of the American Friends Service Committee, 1830 Sutter St.

The speaker is a person with first hand knowledge of the subject of somato-psychic sexual variation.

SOCIETY'S NEW MAGAZINE IS COMING... MATTACHINE REVIEW WILL APPEAR IN JANUARY FIRST EDITION

Plans are now complete for launching the first issue of "Mattachine Review" in January. The magazine will be printed by lithographic process (not mimeographed). Material for the first issue is now at the printer's, reports the Society's publications director. An interesting and informative series of articles and features will appear in the issue, written by experts at writing and in the professions. Much of the content of the first issue has not appeared in print before. Among the articles will be the following:

1. A criticism of the California "Vag-laws" statute, by a prominent attorney;
2. A discussion of research findings by Dr. Evelyn Hooker, on the subject of personality types among sex variants;
3. An "open letter" to a U. S. Senator who criticized inverts in a campaign talk recently;
4. A special article by James Barr, author of "Quatrefoil" and "Derricks," written especially for this issue of the magazine, and
5. A series of interesting departments which will include letters, book reviews, critiques of current magazine articles, news notes of the Mattachine Society area activities, quotes from persons in public life, and a directory of publications, organizations, etc., in the U. S. and abroad.

The chairman of the Board of Directors, Los Angeles, has written an introduction for the magazine. There will be articles explaining the Mattachine program.

Material for the second issue, to appear in March 1955, is also in preparation. This issue will feature an analysis of the "crime against nature" as defined by statute in North Carolina, and present a recommendation for a new sex code in that state, which might well be considered as a model for all states. It
FOR THE CHAPTER LIBRARY.....

Avery, Curtis E.


Presents in understandable terms basic information about the sex variant, and reflects the point of view held by most scientists who have studied the sex deviate and the problem he creates in society.

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Kirkendall, Lester A., & Thomas Poffenberger.

PARENTS, CHILDREN AND THE SEX MOLESTER. Portland, OCGSHFL, 1953. 8 p. illustrated

Answers these questions: Why are we so upset about it? Just what is "sexual molestation"? How serious is the danger? What can we do to protect our own children? What can we as citizens do to protect all children?

SOCIETY'S NEW MAGAZINE
(Continued from first page)

will be presented as a review written by an attorney in Washington, D.C. Articles in the second issue will touch fields of religion, science and medicine, also.

In the near future, circulation activity is going ahead at a fast pace. Invitation to subscribe (see back page of this issue for details and rates) is being made to prospective subscribers, including a host of persons in the medical, theological, legal and other professions.

Advance subscriptions are coming along but slowly. A goal within the Society is to obtain a $10 subscription for 4 years from each member.

San Francisco MATTACHINE NEWSLETTER
Published Monthly by the Beta Chapter Mattachine Society, Inc., San Francisco. Subscription price, $1.00 per year. Mailed First Class. Address all subscriptions and communications to Newsletter, Post Office Box 299, San Francisco 1, Calif. Unsolicited manuscripts not returned. Advertisements not accepted.

SPECIAL REPORT:

ORGANIZATIONS--IF PROGRESSIVE--CAN DO MUCH TO CHANGE ATTITUDE OF PUBLIC

"Organizations of persons interested in the problem of homosexuality, if progressive, will do much to change the attitude of the public," said Dr. Robert Lindner, chief psychiatric advisor to the State Board of Corrections, Baltimore, Maryland, when he addressed some 300 persons in Beverly Hills, Calif., November 5.

Dr. Lindner's lecture was entitled "Changing Attitudes Toward Homosexuality." It was sponsored by the Hacker Foundation and Correctional Service Associates, two Los Angeles organizations working in the fields of criminology, psychiatry and sociology. Sidney Wachs, deputy probation officer for Los Angeles, introduced the speaker.

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The speaker defined homosexuality as he introduced the subject. "There are three definitions," he said. First is the popular definition, founded on fiction. Based on overt behavior, it regards a homosexual as a person who publicly acts and privately behaves like a person of the opposite sex—in the case of men, it represents the extremely effeminate person. This group represents only a small percentage of homosexuals, said Dr. Lindner.

The second definition is the pseudo-scientific, he said. Based upon statistics, this definition calls homosexuals those persons who have experienced sexual contacts which led to orgasm with members of their own sex. The fallacy of such a definition, even when applied to persons who practice such contacts predominantly, is the fact that outlet and gratification are confused.

The third definition, according to Dr. Lindner, is most nearly accurate. "Homosexuals are individuals who feel a sexual response with members of their own sex, and who seek such fulfillment as gratification," he said. This definition excludes the bi-sexual, but accounts for it.

Another group of inverts was labeled by Dr. Lindner as "homosexuals!!" They are persons who proselytize and prostitute their own sex publicly; it is these persons (male) who make the life of the homosexual easier, because they are so obvious that
they are the "homosexual" in the eyes of the public, and thus detract attention from homosexuals who live the 'double standard' of life. Dr. Lindner said that the homo-erotics included the effeminate swishes, the transvestites, and the muscle-builders.

One of the characteristics of present-day homosexuals is a mode of life with two distinct facets. One side of life is applicable to the homosexual society in which he lives only; the other is seen in general society, when homosexuals act like anyone else and make no attempt to challenge society, or evoke homosexuality on the public. This is the "out of sight, out of mind" principle.

Dr. Lindner also discussed the public's regard of homosexuals as victims of "sexlessness." Inverts assume a role of asexuality in their everyday contacts, so as not to draw attention to themselves as being non-heterosexual. "We live in a culture which is not heterosexual," said Dr. Lindner. Oddly enough, inverted have learned in advance of the average person that our society is actually anti-sexual."

Estimates of the homosexual population vary greatly, Dr. Lindner said. The general lay public grossly underestimates the extent of inversion because it is of no concern unless it is discovered in the immediate family. On the other hand, members of the homosexual group tend to over-estimate the number of homosexuals. Somewhere in between, probably very near the estimate stated by Dr. Alfred Kinsey in his book, is the true estimate—between 4% and 6% of the male population over 16 years of age--some 3 million males, Dr. Lindner stated.

"By the very size of the homosexual minority, you would think that it would command attention from the whole of society. But it does not comprise a well-defined minority, and it is no respecter of social and economic levels. It cuts across the entire social strata."

However, the homosexual, in many ways unknown to society in general, is a pace-setter. He has had undeniable influence in establishing new fashions in dress, tastes in decorating homes, and new trends in the arts of our culture.

Without tracing the history and religious influence, Dr. Lindner told how society has always been uncompromisingly hostile toward the homosexual, but that today the attitudes of the world were changing.

In Southeast Asia, an organization was founded in the mid-1930s as an experiment and given up at the beginning of World War II. It has since been revived and, as the Homosexual World Organization (HWO), it is now one of the organizations making up the International Congress for Sexual Equality (ICSE), Amsterdam, Holland. Dr. Lindner told how leaders and other interested professional people in Southeast Asia were concerned as the HWO came into being as an attempt to establish a "colony" of male homosexuals, free from persecution and discrimination by others. But the purely colonial aspect failed, and a responsible organization grew out of it when it was revived in the past decade. The organization numbers some 70,000 members, Dr. Lindner said.

A question was asked of the speaker at the end of his lecture relating to the influence of women (and the mother) upon males today. Dr. Lindner stated that he thought the matriarchial society that exists today was indeed a factor in failure of boys to identify with a strong father-figure, and thus the situation was undoubtedly a cause in the high incidence of inversion.

"Society has developed an attitude toward homosexuals which no longer considers them as immoral as it once did," he said. Instead, inverts today are now being considered as victims of a mental illness (seen in the expression, "One would have to be nuts to do that"). This attitude has worked to the advantage of and has spared the homosexual in this way, according to the speaker. It has been responsible for the creation of mental health facilities for dealing with the problem which never existed before, and it offers an easy confirmation of the correctness of the heterosexual's own pattern of behavior. Present-day psychiatry does not confirm society's view of homosexuality as a mental disease, Dr. Lindner added. The speaker is an expert in study of the homosexual. He has written some 90 articles and essays on the subject. He is a practicing psychiatrist in Baltimore and the faculty of the University of Maryland. He has written several books, including "Rebel Without Cause," now being made into a film at Warner Brothers studio.
JANUARY, 1955

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While major attention will be given to the problem of the homosexual, the magazine will NOT be gay, fictional, nor will it contain "food for the neurosis" of many individuals so inclined.

The Mattachine Review will attempt to capture the interest and supply information of those seriously interested in improving human social relationships— with a view to education and integration, erasure of bigotry, prejudice, discrimination and ignorance.

Parents, doctors, educators, ministers, judges and law enforcement officials WILL find the magazine of assistance in their work. The first issue will contain articles on the constitutional status of the Vag-Lovd statute; news about research in the field of sexual inversion; an article by James Barr, plus letters, reviews, notes and many other features.

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Ringing '55, the magazine will be issued bi-monthly; it is planned to increase frequency publication to monthly the year following.

SPECIAL NOTICE: All subscription orders must be signed. They must also include the statement, "I am over 21 years of age." Subscriptions that are not signed and which do not contain the statement above cannot be accepted.
NINETEENTH ISSUE

The main promotional folder for the forthcoming initial issue of "Mattachine Review" was mailed nationally this month. All material for the magazine, which has already been outlined in this newsletter, has been set at the printer's, and is in the hands of plate makers, so that actual printing of the issue will begin during the week following Christmas.

The issue should be complete and in the mail by January 15, says the publications director.

Second issue of the magazine, to be issued in March 1955, is now taking shape.

Articles will include an original one by Gerald Heard; a review of sex laws in North Carolina; a discussion of aspects of the treason trial of John Provoo, U.S. Army sergeant, which was reversed because of introduction of irrelevant homosexual evidence, plus articles on research and religion which are applicable to the problem of the variant.

This second issue will be mailed only to those persons who have subscribed. At the present time, the publications department is looking into the matter of distribution to newstands nationally, but thus far such distribution is not certain for some time. The only guarantee which can be depended upon for obtaining the second and subsequent issues is by advance subscription. Rates are $2.50 for one year; 2 years, $5, and 4 years, $10. Subscriptions should be mailed to Mattachine Review, P. O. Box 1925, Los Angeles 53, California.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
With every good wish for the Holidays and the coming New Year.......

SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL, MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.
to the final completed issue will be seen along with copy pasteups, film negatives, zinc plates and flat printed sheets ready to be folded, bound and trimmed into the finished booklet.

The March topic will be related to problems of the professional psychologist in meeting the challenge of the sex variant and his adjustment needs. The program will feature a talk by a Bay area psychologist.

AREA COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 29

Last 1954 meeting of the San Francisco Area Council will be December 29. It will begin at 8 p.m., and all chapter representatives are urged to be present at that exact time.

DUES PAYMENT LAXITY IS HANDICAP TO AREA COUNCIL

During the last half of 1954, payment of dues by members was extremely hit-and/or miss, reports the Area Treasurer. Result of this failure to provide necessary funds has been a handicap to the Area Council in meeting its obligations to the Board of Directors at Los Angeles, as well as conducting projects, mailings and educational activities in the San Francisco area.

"I hope the resolution of every member during 1955 is to pay dues regularly and promptly," states the treasurer. "And remember, dues can be paid by mail— to P.O. Box 259, San Francisco 1, Calif., marked to the attention of the treasurer."

TRANSEXUAL DISCUSSION TOPIC PRESENTED IN DECEMBER

The personal highlights in the life of one of the nation's 11 transsexuals was presented to the Society's discussion session in December at San Francisco, almost 30 persons attended.

Featured in the talk was the reading of a paper on the subject of transvestism and surgical sex change operations by Dr. Fred Benjamin, New York specialist in the field.

DR. KINSEY HERE; TO RETURN IN SPRING

Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey of the Institute of Sex Research, Bloomington, Ind., was in San Francisco early in December and stated that he and some of his staff would be in the city again in March to continue interviews for "Sex and the Law," his next work. He stated that he would appreciate any aid in obtaining interviews which the Society could offer at that time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

29—Area Council Meeting, San Francisco.

January

6—Discussion Meeting, San Francisco, 8 p.m., 1830 Sutter street. General forum.

8 and 15—San Francisco Bay area chapter work sessions, beginning 10 a.m., sponsorship of Beta (publications) chapter.

20—Dinner business meeting, 7:30 p.m., at place to be announced. Advance reservations required— see Gamma chapter chairman. Cost, $2.

26—Area Council Meeting, Grand & Telegraph, Oakland.

February

3—Discussion meeting and demonstration of magazine production processes, 8 p.m., 1830 Sutter street, San Francisco.

17—Dinner business meeting, 7:30 p.m., place to be announced.

23—Area Council meeting, San Francisco.

March

3—Discussion meeting, 8 p.m., 1830 Sutter street, San Francisco. Speaker: Bay area psychologist.

17—Dinner business meeting, 7:30 p.m., place to be announced.

30—Area Council Meeting, Grand & Telegraph, Oakland.

Editor's Note: A new staff promises to resume the issue of newsletters of more pages during 1955. Features of previous issues will appear again then.
NEWSLETTERS WILL BE CONTINUED
BY MAJOR AREA COUNCILS

In response to inquiries following the announcement of establishment of a magazine for the Society, the Publications Director states there is no change from past policy for area newsletters. They are to be continued as in the past, since the newsletters serve a need which the magazine cannot. The magazine is national in scope, while each newsletter contains information about its particular area which is of particular concern to members and friends nearby only.

Newsletters are presently being published at Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco and Long Beach each month. Circulation rates are $1.00 each per year.

AREA COUNCIL CHAIRMAN NAMED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS POST

San Francisco Area Council members are now faced with the prospect of naming a new chairman to complete the current year since the present chairman was named this month to fill a temporary post as Legal-Legislative Director by the Board at Los Angeles.

Filling this vacancy, however, still leaves other positions open on the Board: the constitution requires separate directorships for Legal and Legislative departments, and the post of treasurer is vacant now. There is also a provision for corresponding and recording secretaries, which duties are now being performed by a single secretary. During the past year, some discussion has been given to creating another department, to be headed by a Director of Education, but this will be subject to action at the General Convention before it becomes official.

At a recent Board meeting, consideration was given to providing Board representation from all principal areas. This would mean that delegates to the 1955 convention would be asked to name directors in Long Beach, Chicago and San Francisco, in addition to the headquarters city of Los Angeles.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS DUE IN MID-FEBRUARY

Nominations for officers and members of the Board of Directors for the Society are due February 15, states the nominating committee chairman at Chicago. Nominations from chapters and areas should be forwarded to him at P. O. Box 3513, Merchandise Mart Post Office, Chicago 54, so as to arrive there by that date. Up for election at the general convention will be the Society's four officers and five directors. They include the chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer, plus directors for Public Relations, Publications, Research, Legal and Legislative departments.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY SCORED AT SAN FRANCISCO DISCUSSION

Delinquent parents and the approach to adolescence by children whose parents got married at the approach of the 1940 draft for service in the armed forces were listed as two primary causes for an increasing (Continued on page 3)
"Terminal Island is doing for the run-of-the-mill criminal what the group therapy program has done for sex offenders at Norwalk -- changing fundamental attitudes and feelings as a foundation for changed behavior." This would summarize panel findings at the Dec. 11 meeting of the Alameda County Mental Health Society, the second in a series on the California penal system.

Austin MacCormick, internationally famous criminologist at the University of California, introduced the topic "Group Therapy Experiment at Terminal Island" by showing it as the logical outcome of increased concern with the emotional health of offenders at the same time that a huge shortage of psychiatrists precludes individual therapy.

Clinical director at the Medical Facility at Terminal Island, Calif., is Doctor Nathaniel Showstack, who pioneered group therapy for prisoners in 1950. Figures show that T.I. graduates are only half as likely to get in trouble again as alumni of other California penal institutions, despite the fact that T.I. receives some of the worst repeaters.

"Anti-social behavior is only a symptom of underlying emotional problems, and we must get at the basic trouble before we can expect a permanent change in behavior," said Dr. Showstack. "Group therapy has proven so successful and acceptable to the men, that some 80-100 parolees are now voluntarily continuing group therapy at a Department of Corrections clinic in Los Angeles."

Moderator Joseph Silver, executive director of the Northern California Service League, chaired a lively question period. Asked how the overt homosexuals at T.I. responded to group therapy, Dr. Showstack replied, "Much like other prisoners, for they were definitely helped, and several have left the institution to take important jobs in society."

Professor MacCormick again lauded the outstanding rehabilitation program for sex deviates conducted by the California State Department of Mental Hygiene, now carried on at the new state hospital at Atascadero. The Mattachine Society has endorsed the group therapy principle.

FOR THE CHAPTER LIBRARY:

Adams, Freeman H., M.D., & George Tarjan, M.D.


Some of the most useful reference materials in the field of sexual deviation have been prepared as guides for law enforcement personnel. This short presentation is just such a popular work.

It is particularly useful for its condensed history of psychiatry and its definitions of psychological terms, including those relating to deviate behavior. Two other chapters cover major and minor mental disorders and psychosexual development.

Since all human behavior includes in it traces of the "abnormal," much can be learned from a careful analysis of the whole gamut of behavior types.

The authors are, respectively, clinical director at Stockton State Hospital and superintendent of Pacific Colony.

NEW OUTLOOK CHOSEN AS NAME FOR ATASCADERO NEWSHEET

San Francisco Mattachine Newsletter is happy to welcome the Atascadero New Outlook, a fortnightly publication, to the group of Northern California journals on emotional problems, including those of the sexual variant.

Published by the so-called sexual psychopath patients at Atascadero State Hospital, New Outlook presents a well written review of patient activity and thinking in an attractive format.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED for victims of hemophilia, rare "bleeding" disease inherited by males only and transmitted as a sex-linked character only through the female. Give name, address & phone number to Hemophilia Foundation, Blood Bank, 6320 Claremont Ave., Oakland 18, and you will be called when needed.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS....

January
20.- Dinner business meeting, 7:30 p.m., sponsored by GAMMA Chapter.
26.- Area Council meeting, Grand and Telegraph streets, Oakland, 8 p.m.

February
3.- Discussion meeting and demonstration of magazine production processes, 8 p.m., 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco.
17.- Dinner and business meeting, San Francisco, 7:30 p.m., place to be announced. See GAMMA Chapter Chairman for reservations.
23.- Area Council meeting, San Francisco, 8 p.m.

March
3.- Discussion meeting, 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco, 8 p.m.; address by Bay Area psychologist.
17.- Dinner Business Meeting
30.- Area Council Meeting, Grand & Telegraph in Oakland.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY (Cont’d from page 1)

With the tide of juvenile delinquency in a discussion of that topic at San Francisco in January, other causes, voiced by opinion at the forum, include the continued trend for both parents to work, and an urban manner of living which de-emphasizes the importance of the home and family social unit.

ONE, INC., TO STAGE DAY-LONG INSTITUTE AT LOS ANGELES

Subscribers to One magazine have been notified that a day-long institute will be conducted by the magazine’s staff on January 29 at Los Angeles.

Scheduled are a morning meeting of the editorial board and its associate members, to be followed by an afternoon session of addresses and an evening dinner.

A prominent Bay Area psychiatrist will be featured speaker at the dinner.

Announcements will be made of special projects sponsored by the magazine, including publication of a new book.

Advance reservations are required from those planning to attend the events.

MENTAL HEALTH SOCIETY ANNOUNCES
2 LECTURES AT SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Mental Health Society will present lectures at 998 Eddy St. from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, January 31 and February 1.

The talks are designed to give the public a clearer understanding of mental illness, and the problems and needs of the patient and the psychiatric hospital, the announcement stated.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION PLANS PANELS FOR DEFENSE OF GASES

The American Bar Association at Chicago last week took under advisement the proposal that a special panel be set up to give free legal service to government workers facing security tests.

(Homosexuals and sex variants are considered security risks and are subject to dismissal under present policy.)

The suggestion of a panel, which is to function in large cities throughout the nation, was made when some federal employees complained that they were unable to assume heavy legal expense necessary to establish a proper defense. The government allows only for pay lost while suspended for this purpose.

DR. KINSEY TO RETURN TO SAN FRANCISCO IN SPRING

When in San Francisco briefly during December, Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey stated that he would return to the Bay Area for continuation of his sex research probably sometime in March.

At the time he left here, he and his staff were working on completion of the case histories begun earlier at Terminal Island in the Los Angeles area.

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DO IT TODAY--If you have not yet subscribed to "MATTACHINE REVIEW," don’t fail to do so right away. First issue of the new magazine of the Mattachine Society is now on the press and will be in the mail by January 31. ANOTHER BIG ISSUE WITH OUTSTANDING ARTICLES IS IN PREPARATION TO BE ISSUED IN MARCH. The rate is $2.50 per year, 2 yrs. $5.00, 4 years $10.00. Send order to P. O. Box 1925, Los Angeles 53, Calif.--NOW!
CONVENTION PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS
ADVANCED AT LOS ANGELES

Plans for the May 14-15 annual convention to be held at Los Angeles are going ahead, says the Society's chairman at Los Angeles.

A new feature this year will be a day-long session open to the public, from 11 a.m. registration to the banquet at 6:30 p.m. The body of the first day's program will consist of four panel discussions of 15 minutes each. Registration fee for all attending—members and guests alike— is $1.00.

The evening banquet will cost $3.50 per plate. Program following dinner will feature a prominent speaker and conclude with the presentation of awards.

Second day's program will begin at 10 a.m. with a general business session for members only.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED FROM THOSE ATTENDING CONVENTION

Advance registration, including the $1 fee, plus reservation for the annual banquet, must be sent to the Society's head office on or before May 5, a full 10 days before the convention. Reservations are to be mailed to P. O. Box 1925, Los Angeles 53. Housing for members from this area will be arranged by a special committee of the Los Angeles Area Council.

SOCIETY CHAIRMAN VISITS SAN FRANCISCO

Ken Burns, chairman of the Mattachine Society, visited San Francisco February 11-13 and met with the San Francisco Area Council on the last day. He also sat in on sessions with members of Beta Chapter in connection with publication of the new Society magazine, Mattachine Review.

FIRST ISSUE OF MAGAZINE
ISSUED FEBRUARY 2ND

Initial issue of Mattachine Review was mailed February 2 to some 2200 addresses over the U.S. and in 15 foreign countries and in addition went on five newsstands in the San Francisco Bay area.

The publication was a 32-page booklet, featuring articles by James Barr, a psychologist and an attorney.

Praise for the issue has arrived from many sources since its release.

In the meantime, second issue of the Review (March - April) is in preparation, and according to the Publications Director it will be issued by March 15. The second issue will contain the following articles:


The second edition will be increased to 40 pages.

In the meantime, the dire need for additional subscriptions has been pointed out. Present, the number of subscribers totals something over 200, but not nearly enough to pay production costs for a magazine.

The publication is produced entirely at cost by a publications firm at San Francisco, with labor and some materials donated.

IT'S AN OLD STORY, but nevertheless true: Unless your monthly dues are paid, then you are falling short of the support that is expected and vitally needed from you.

TWOY-FIRST ISSUE

San Francisco, Calif.

February 15, 1955
Robert Cowell’s Story, by Roberta Cowell; British Book Centre, N.Y.; $3.

Robert Marshall Cowell, at the age of 32, was married, the father of two children, an engineer by profession, a designer and driver of racing cars. Behind him was an outstanding record as a fighter pilot in World War II. He was the reverse of effeminate in his tastes, activities and apparent character.

This healthy young extrovert found the course of his life increasingly disrupted by obscure symptoms of inner conflict which drove him to almost suicidal depression, accompanied by significant physiological changes. Specialists discovered that he belonged to the exceedingly small, though entirely unknown, class of human beings in whom the normal course of sex differentiation had been sidetracked. Basically, though at first unconsciously, Robert was not a man but a woman.

The account of this transformation, completed by psychiatric treatment, endocrinology and surgery, is described with scientific detachment, dignity and candor. Author Cowell knows that her case is of medical and social interest. It is essentially different from that of the widely publicized Christine Jorgensen, in whom the sex reversal was primarily psychological—a far more common occurrence.

No one can possibly react to this account with snickers. The author is highly intelligent and technically well informed. The story is told without sensationalism or emotional self-dramatization. It has flashes of humor, simplicity and complete sincerity, all of which help to make it not only an unusual case history but an interesting narrative of near-tragic personal experience. (N.B.M., Oakland Tribune)

BISHOP BLOCK CONFIRMS SEVEN AT ATASCADERO

In a service of true Christian fellowship, seven sexual psychopath patients received the ancient rite of Confirmation at a service held December 29 in the visiting room at Atascadero State Hospital. The Rt. Rev. Karl Morgan Block, D.D., S.T.D., B.D., Bishop of California, came from San Francisco for the apostolic laying on of hands.

Men, women and young people, members of the parishes of St. Luke’s, Atascadero, and St. Peter’s-by-the-Sea, Morro Bay, joined in the moving service welcoming the newly confirmed into full membership in the local congregations.

For several weeks the confirmees had received regular instruction from the Rev. George W. Graydon, vicar of St. Peter’s and official Episcopal visitor to the hospital who also baptized two of the men immediately before the service. All seven had met individually with the bishop for personal, private preparation for the sacrament.

The occasion was noteworthy not only for the exemplary spirit of Christlike inclusiveness and forgiveness implied, but also for the fact that these convicted sex offenders were given the right hand of fellowship by fellow Christians from outside the hospital, laymen like themselves as well as the clergy.

Within a few months most of these seven will be returning to free society and they know they can count on the Church to help them regain security in their new life.

Religious therapy is a particular concern of Thomas L. Gore, M.D., Atascadero’s asst. superintendent, and he is ably aided by the Rev. Edward N. Dabritz, Protestant chaplain, and Fr. Anthony Herdegen, Catholic chaplain.

Mattachine Society congratulates Atascadero Hospital and the Episcopal Church for this important example of integration of the sex variant in society, an encouraging antithesis of the cruel rejection so often typical in the past.

Three University of California investigators studying emotional and sexual problems of Berkeley college students may include members of the Mattachine Society in one phase of their study. The researchers are Saxton Pepe, M.D., Harold R. Renaud, Ph.D., and Else Frenkel-Brunswik, Ph.D.
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### February
- 17: Dinner Business Meeting, San Francisco, 8 p.m.
- 23: Area Council Meeting, San Francisco, 8 p.m.

### March
- 3: Discussion Meeting, 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco, 3 p.m. Speaker: Psychologist from East Bay.
- 17: Dinner Meeting, San Francisco, 8 p.m.
- 30: Area Council Meeting, Oakland, Grand & Telegraph, 8 p.m.

### April
- 7: Discussion Meeting, 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco, 8 p.m. Speaker: Psychiatrist from San Francisco.
- 21: Dinner Meeting, San Francisco, 8 p.m.
- 27: Area Council Meeting, San Francisco, 8 p.m. Place to be announced.

### May
- 5: Discussion Meeting, 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco, 8 p.m. Program to be announced.
- 14-15: General Convention, Los Angeles. Reservations must be made with Convention Chairman, P.O. Box 1925, Los Angeles 53, Calif., by May 5th.

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**DINNER MEETING FOR FEBRUARY**

**TO BE HELD ON EVENING OF 17TH**

Thursday, February 17, is the date of the third monthly dinner meeting of the 5 combined San Francisco area chapters. It will begin at 8 p.m. Reservations, as usual, must be made with Gamma chapter chairman. Cost is $2 per plate.

The March dinner meeting will also be held on the 17th of that month. The same reservation plan applies. All members and friends are invited to attend.

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**To all Members and Friends:**

The San Francisco area council takes pride in announcing two important and interesting discussion group programs:

### March 3rd--

A practicing PSYCHOLOGIST from the East Bay will be guest speaker and conduct a forum with questions from the floor.

### April 7th--

A practicing PSYCHIATRIST from San Francisco will be guest speaker, conducting the same type of program as above.

**BOTH OF THESE PROGRAMS WILL TACKLE HUMAN EMOTIONAL AND SEX PROBLEMS... Don't miss them!**
Dr. Blanche Baker, San Francisco psychiatrist, will be featured speaker April 7 at the Society's regular monthly public discussion meeting. Her subject will be "Accepting Yourself." Following her address, Dr. Baker states that she will invite questions from the floor and encourage group discussion.

As usual, the event will begin at 8 p.m. at the center of the American Friends Service Committee, 1830 Sutter street.

Another outstanding speaker has been scheduled for the May 5 meeting. He is parole board of San Quentin Prison, with extensive experience in counseling work.

He will tell of his work in the prison especially as it applies to emotional adjustment among men committed there.

"New Outlook" is the name of a monthly newsletter mimeographed by patients at Atascadero State Hospital. The publication has been issued for the past several months.

Permission has been given to the editor of the publication to write material for future issues of the San Francisco Mattachine Newsletter.

The newsletter tells in detail the work of patients themselves in conducting various types of activities and therapy programs designed to make their stay at the hospital profitable from the standpoint of emotional adjustment.

March 15 was date of issue of the second issue of Mattachine Review to some 260 subscribers and 14 newsstands in the U.S. and abroad.

In 40 pages, the issue contained seven lead articles, eight short features and eight departmental features. A story about the problem of prejudice, "Deep Are the Roots," by Carl E. Harding, and Paul Coates' story of a 7-year-old boy allegedly a sex "pervert," were featured.

May-June issue of the Review will appear in advance of the Society's annual convention, to be held May 14-15 at Los Angeles. Material for this third issue has been received and is now being prepared by the magazine's 5-man editorial board.

Included in the issue will be the following articles:

"Discharge Under Honorable Conditions" by James Barr—his own personal story of difficulty in obtaining release from duty in the Navy recently; "The Coming Model Penal Code," by Mackintosh Fingal, law graduate who wrote the recent review of sex laws in North Carolina; "The Atascadero State Hospital," by R.S. Roed, M.D., superintendent of the institution, where certain sex offenders in California are committed, and an open letter to parents in which a policeman in California tells fathers and mothers facts about law enforcement problems in that metropolitan area.

Book reviews, letters, quotes, critical opinion and other features will complete the issue.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March
17—Dinner Meeting and Film Program, San Francisco, 7:30 p.m., charge, $2 per plate. Advance reservations required. Contact Gamma chapter chairman.
30—Area Council Meeting, San Francisco, 8 p.m.

April
7—Discussion meeting, San Francisco, 8 p.m., at 1830 Sutter Street. Featured Speaker: Blanche Baker, M.D., Psychiatrist. Subject: "Accepting Yourself." OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
21—Dinner and Business meeting, San Francisco, 8 p.m. Make reservations in advance.
27—Area Council Meeting, Oakland, Grand & Telegraph, 8 p.m.

May
5—Discussion meeting, San Francisco, 8 p.m., at 1830 Sutter Street. Featured Speaker: Psychological Counselor from San Quentin Prison.
14-15—General Convention, Los Angeles. Reservations must be made with Convention Chairman, Post Office Box 1925, Los Angeles 3, Calif., by May 30th.
19—Dinner-Business Meeting, San Francisco, 8 p.m.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION IN MAY!

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICER DECLARES CITY WILL NOT TOLERATE IMPROPER BEHAVIOR

In an article in the current issue of "Men" magazine entitled "Don't Call Us Queer City," Lt. Eldon Beardon, head of the sex crimes detail of the San Francisco Police Department, describes the persistent problem of public misbehavior on the part of people who sometimes fail to conduct their sexual activity in private.

With the account appearing as "told to a member of the magazine's staff," Lt. Beardon firmly states that the policy of the police department will continue to be one of stern enforcement of laws when any illegal public activity is committed.

Lt. Beardon stated in the article that the Mattachine Society, a California non-profit educational and research organization, was set up to aid public agencies, research experts and others in presenting to the public the true facts about human sex behavior (especially as related to the homosexual). He clarified the status of ONE magazine and the Society—stating that they were not related, and while both sought identical or similar goals, there was a difference in approach to the problem.

All in all, the article represented a factual presentation as relates to the Society and its broad aims, for which the organization is grateful to see in public print.

YELLOW BOOKLET, "MATTACHINE SOCIETY TODAY," TO APPEAR IN NEW EDITION

The Society's official general information booklet, "The Mattachine Society Today," will be issued by April 1 in a new offset edition of 16 pages. This new edition will be produced in sufficient quantity for chapters and individuals to order them from the Board of Directors, P. O. Box 1925, Los Angeles 53, Calif., for local distribution as needed.
ISSUE [S] MISSING

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NEW SOCIETY TELEPHONE SERVICE

April marks the inauguration of telephone service for the Society in the Bay Area. Members and friends of the Society may now call EXbrook 7-0773 for information concerning the Society, meeting dates and current events.

Your officers feel this service fills a vital need by facilitating communication within the organization in this Area, and makes many services available to members and friends.

Until full-time service can be established, calls will be handled between 8pm. and 10pm. weekdays and 7am. to 4pm. on Saturdays.

ANNUAL GENERAL CONVENTION

Members and their friends are making plans to attend the Annual General Convention of the Society in Los Angeles, May 14th and 15th. Those planning to attend from this Area call EXbrook 7-0773 for information concerning transportation and accommodations while attending the convention.
A QUOTE TO NOTE:

"The nation's laws are not yet sufficiently humane and my friends, the preachers, tell me that, curiously, it is mainly religious dogma that keeps these laws from being made more kind and humane and more influenced by pity for the suffering of men and women."

...Dr. A. Alvarez, M.D.
Emeritus Professor of Medicine
The Mayo Foundation.

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CHICAGO NEWSLETTER RESUMES PUBLICATION

Members of the Society and others subscribing to the Chicago Area Council Newsletter were gratified to receive the first in a new series of newsletters to be published by the Chicago Area Council. Publication of that Area's newsletters was suspended pending a determination of an Illinois law prohibiting the sale of certain classes of published material by a non-profit organization.

The Chicago Newsletter is replete with new format and presents a challenge to other Areas who are striving to improve the quality of their publications.

Subscription price for the Chicago Area Council Newsletter, as well as newsletters issued by other Areas, is $1.00 per year, mailed First Class Mail. Address your subscription to the Chicago Newsletter to The Mattachine Society, Inc., Chicago Area Council, P. O. Box 3513, Merchandise Mart Post Office, Chicago 54, Illinois.

Robert Flippin, California Department of Correction Counselor, will be guest speaker at the May 5th Group Meeting of the Society. Make a note of the time and the place.

1830 SUTTER ST., SAN FRANCISCO 8 pm. MAY 5TH
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

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May

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14-15 Annual General Convention at Los Angeles. Call Exbrook 7-0773 for information concerning transportation and accommodations.

19 Dinner Meeting - entertainment to be announced. San Francisco 8:00 pm. For reservations contact Gamma Chapter members or telephone Exbrook 7-0773.

25 Area Council Business Meeting, 8:00 pm.

DUES ARE IMPORTANT! - HAVE YOU PAID YOURS?
BOARD MEMBERS AT SAN FRANCISCO
CONFER WITH DR. ALFRED C. KINSEY

Three members of the Board of Directors at San Francisco conferred with Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey early in June. Discussed informally were questions of research, policy of magazine content for the REVIEW and ways in which the Society could aid the work of the Institute of Sex Research.

Dr. Kinsey advised the magazine's editorial board to maintain the high level of factual material in future issues, omitting the special "pleas" for a minority group. He urged the Society not to attempt research projects for which its staff was inadequately trained, but instead to aid qualified research experts whenever and wherever possible. In that connection, Dr. Kinsey stated that he would return to San Francisco on June 24th for additional interviews with persons who have had a "brush" with the law. The material gained through these interviews will be used in the preparation of his next work on "SEX AND THE LAW."

Persons within the Society who know of candidates for interviews should contact the Area Council Chairman or Research Director who in turn will notify Dr. Kinsey and his staff. Interviews will be taken during the final days of this month.

Those wishing to contact the Mattachine Society may call EXbrook 7-0773 for additional information.
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D. C. Olsen, secretary; Virgil Brady, treasurer; B. Vaerlen, research director; Hal Call, publications director; Ron Brookhart, public relations director, and D. Stewart Lucas, director of the legal-legislative department. Administrative headquarters will continue at Los Angeles. The next annual meeting will be held in San Francisco in May 1956.

The plan of the Board of Directors to permit contributors to become associated with the Society as non-members, announced in February, was adopted by delegates, along with a revised method of payment by active members of chapters and areas. The new system provides for semi-annual payments of $10 to area council treasurers, due and payable each January 1 and July 1. Of this amount ($20 per year) the Board receives 40% or $8.

The meeting was actually the fifth general convention of the organization since it succeeded the Nattachine Foundation in May 1953, and marked two full years of operation as a society. But the second year exceeded the previous period with significant accomplishment, reports from the chairman and directors indicated.

Research projects involved cooperation of the Society in providing material and interviewees for psychologists, psychiatrists, and doctors are underway or have been accomplished in all three major areas of the organization. Additional projects are in the planning stage, and will be undertaken as soon as the qualified experts are prepared to go ahead, it was reported. However, the "proceed with caution" sign was shown, because it was pointed out that a great deal of difference existed between the "wishful thinking" kind of survey, or study which could be made in haste, without control, and by collecting inconclusive data, as opposed to soundly conceived, long-term projects which responsible scientists prefer to associate themselves with.

Reports were made on the progress of a bibliography project, and this too was more clearly defined, so that efforts on the task would be of value, and not just a compilation of information which would serve no useful purpose.

Public relations advances during the year were centered specifically in the production of educational sound tapes, recorded and edited from lectures and addresses given by experts in their fields to various Society public discussion groups, and recordings of radio, television and other community programs related to the sex and mental health subject. These tapes, available for use throughout the Society, may be obtained from the public relations director. Projects planned for this department during the coming year will be aimed at increasing the interest and service of the Society's public discussion groups, with a tie-in with the research department to implement such group therapy techniques as are applicable under present conditions.

In the legal-legislative field, it was reported that individual, rather than organizational, support (or opposition) to proposed legislation would continue to keynote the Nattachine policy. This means cooperation with other organizations, working closely with their legal and legislative chairman, and consultation with attorneys, legislators and others concerned with law enactment. A projected legal information brochure, in preparation at Chicago, will be adapted for general use throughout the Society, the director of this department promised, upon completion.

In the publications department, production of the magazine and continuation of the 3-booklet series, "Nattachine Society Today" were chief activities of the past year. In each of the four main areas, newsletters are presently published monthly as a function of this department.

Story of the Nattachine Review from its inception to the present was issued in booklet form by the publications director. Included were finan-
Trend during the past year toward an area council type of operation advanced to the point where chapters in many areas had settled to committee-like function, the chairman reported. In line with this trend, measures to simplify and in some cases abandon chapter administrative processes were proposed and passed in the interest of brevity and clarity. Meetings of the Board of Directors, held monthly in the past, will be cut to quarterly. This is possible because functioning areas of the Society have now become established with trained leaders who are advancing the organization's program as rapidly as conditions permit.

Outstanding lead article in the forthcoming July-August issue of the MATTACHINE REVIEW is an article by Luther Allen entitled "Handicap...or a Talent?"

In it, the author discusses the manner in which the so-called "handicap" of inversion may become an actual talent for the individual. Many other features are included in the issue which will come off the press July 15. Also of special interest is a tribute to Judge Learned Hand of New York for his role in urging the American Law Institute to recommend abolishment of statutes relating to certain aspects of adult sex practices among adults.

The REVIEW may be purchased at Hometown Newsstand, 66 -3rd St. and City Lights Pocket Book Shop on Columbus Avenue in San Francisco; and Phoenix Book Shop, 2410 Telegraph Ave., UC Corner, 2499 Bancroft Way and Campus Smoke Shop, 2300 Telegraph Ave. in the East Bay.

The pressing need for subscriptions from interested readers was never so great as it is at present.

AREA COUNCIL NAMES NEW OFFICERS

At the May meeting of the San Francisco Area Council, new officers were elected, and procedures for conduct of the Society's activities for the coming year were outlined. R. Mills succeeded Don Lucas as Chairman. Re-elected were the Treasurer and Secretary.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1955

2 Discussion Meeting, San Francisco, 8:00 p.m. 1850 Sutter Street.
Our speaker will be a Graduate Student of Psychology of the University of California.

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29 Area Council Business Meeting, San Francisco. 8:00 p.m. at Area Council Headquarters. All members are welcome.

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SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD HERE

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society will be held September 3-5 at San Francisco, with officers and members of the board from Los Angeles and Long Beach in attendance.

Planned for the 3-day event over the Labor Day holiday are business sessions to be held in the Area Council office, and a general meeting of all members in the San Francisco area, probably to be called for Sunday afternoon, Sept. 4.

The Research Director has begun work on a planned symposium of leaders in professions and public agencies, which will probably be outlined in detail at the Board meeting, and if possible, the first conference in this projected series might be held at the time all members of the Board are here.

Gamma Chapter Social Chairman has announced that a dinner meeting will also be planned for either Sunday evening or Saturday evening during the time representatives from Southern California are in San Francisco.

New policy for Board meetings, established at the May convention of the Society, calls for quarterly meetings only. Next convention of the Society will be held in San Francisco in mid-May 1956.

PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE A SPEAKER

Discussion Group speaker July 7 at San Francisco was a graduate student in psychology from the University of California, who told how development of the creative
talent inherent in all of us was a challenge facing a
group such as sexual inverts. A lengthy question and
answer period followed the brief discussion made on the
subject by the speaker.

Another interesting speaker will appear at a similar
meeting to be held Thursday, August 4, at 1830 Sutter
street, San Francisco, 8 p.m. Following the August
meeting, announcement of plans to engage several out-
standing speakers from various professional fields will
be announced by the Area Council Chairman in charge of
these monthly events.

SIMPLIFIED DUES PAYMENT IN EFFECT NOW

As of July 1, the new method of payment of dues in
two semi-annual amounts of $10 each went into effect.
The first $10 payment from members is now due for the
last half of 1955.

Membership cards will be issued as a receipt from
the Board of Directors at Los Angeles when the 50% share of the dues which goes to the Board is received
by the Society's treasurer.

MATTACHINE PINS AVAILABLE NOW

Attractive blue, grey and gold pins designed from
the Mattachine emblem (a letter "M" superimposed upon
a diamond-shaped shield divided into four smaller dia-
monds) are now available upon order from the Area Coun-
cil Treasurer. The price is $1.50 each. Pins are de-
signed to be worn as a tie holder or lapel ornament.

DINNER MEETINGS CONTINUE TO ATTRACT

Monthly dinner meetings, inaugurated last December,
continue to attract up to 35 persons at the restaurants
where they are held each third Thursday evening.

The July dinner will be held on the 21st, for which
reservations should be made in advance as usual. The
charge is $2.00 per plate.

At a recent dinner, considerable discussion was de-
voted to the formation of new chapters, in answer to

FALL MEETING OF ICSE IN PARIS ANNOUNCED

Cover feature for the fifth issue of the Mattachine
Review (September-October 1955) will be the forthcoming
mid-November Congress of the International Committee for
Sexual Equality, Amsterdam. Pictured will be a Paris
scene, since the Congress will be held there, opening
on Nov. 12. Events on the program, which will relate
to the theme of "Homosexuality and the Origin of Human
Morals," will also be listed.

The Mattachine Society, at its May convention, voted
to join the international organization. ICSE advocates
ethical behavior, individual responsibility, realistic
legal attitudes, and full sexual equality for all persons.

OUTSTANDING ARTICLES COMING IN FIFTH ISSUE

With the fourth issue almost off the press, the Sep-
tember-October issue of the Review is now in production.
It will appear September 15th.

Material in the issues continues to improve, readers
report, and, according to the editorial director, the
fifth issue will continue the trend of making each new
edition better than the one preceding.

R.W. Crowther, Lyn Pedersen, Dr. Albert Ellis, Lu-
ther Allen and other authors of note will be presented
in the issue, with articles related to historical, ad-
justment, philosophical, cultural and religious aspects
of the homosexual problem.

Need for additional subscribers as well as greater
newsstand distribution continues to press the publicat-
ions department which produces the magazine. To date,
funds have limited the scope and size of the magazine,
but at the same time, the best possible issues have been
produced from funds available.

Latest report on paid subscribers lists the total
at 360. Circulation of the fourth issue on newsstands
will hit 1100 through some 16 locations.

Attractive commissions, it is pointed out, are offer-
et to newsdealers (Continued on page 6)
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Your help is sorely needed. If you have not subscribed, do so. If you have an extra few dollars you'd like to contribute, do so. Every buck helps to buy paper, postage, printing plates and other materials which can't come free. None of it goes to pay anyone working on the magazine.

Encouraging is the mail we receive. One person recently donated $50, and another sent in $10. Several others have sent in such financial aid in smaller amounts. This is greatly appreciated.

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But without resorting to the kind of flippant material (which some readers, undoubtedly prefer to see), and without sensationalism of any kind, the editorial board of the magazine hopes to continue to issue an improved magazine each time—one that will seriously aid efforts to achieve Mattachine aims and principles with truth, responsibility and dignity.

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"MATTACHINE SALUTES" A NEW MAGAZINE FEATURE

Recognition and tribute to institutions, agencies and individuals who spearhead public change in attitude or point up errors in common thinking on matters of human sexual behavior will be presented in future issues of Mattachine Review in a new feature called, "Mattachine Salutes."

In the July-August issue, due any day on newsstands, the first such salute is given to Judge Learned Hand, 63, retired from the bench of the U. S. Court of Appeals, New York, for his noteworthy remarks before the American Law Institute. His ideas resulted in causing this organization, made up of some 90 top minds from the fields of law and jurisprudence, to remove laws relating to sodomy and adultery from the "Model Penal Code" which the institute has been preparing for the past several years. Our states will be asked to adopt the complete Code in the near future.

Other examples of the kind of action which will be recognized are: (1) The State of Kentucky, for lowering the age of consent to 16 years, a step reflecting a realistic evaluation of a situation that has long been a law enforcement headache, and (2) Sir Magazine, for an intelligent and honest article, "What It Feels Like to Be a Homo," which appeared in its August issue, placed on newsstands only a few days ago.

Readers are also invited to present nominations for the recognition which can be accorded through this new magazine feature.

BOUND VOLUMES TO BE AVAILABLE

On December 1, 1955, bound volumes of Mattachine Review (the complete first year of the magazine—six issues will be available for $5.85 to the first 50 orders.

questions asked by two visitors from Florida. They expressed the hope that a chapter on the west coast of that state might be formed this winter.

Business announcements, general discussion, film programs and brief addresses characterize these meetings, with the accent upon clarification of Mattachine aims, projects and progress.

SOCIETY SECRETARY VISITS SAN FRANCISCO

The Secretary of the Mattachine Society was a visitor at San Francisco during the middle of July. He had been on vacation in the Pacific Northwest and scheduled a stopover here on his return to Los Angeles. While here he visited the office of Pan-Graphic Press, the firm which publishes the Mattachine Review, and saw the 6th issue of the magazine in production. He also met with Board members and Area Council officers while here.

NEW CHAPTER IN FORMATION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Announcement was made by the Chairman of the Mattachine Society, Los Angeles, that a new chapter is being formed at Westminster, Calif., a suburb of Long Beach. The chapter will become the third one in the area when formation is complete. Present chapters in that area have conducted discussion groups at Westminster and other nearby cities for some time.

EACH AREA COUNCIL TO HANDLE REVIEW SALES

In accordance with a decision of the Board of Directors at the close of the May convention, bulk quantities of the Mattachine Review will be sent to each area council in the following quantities: Los Angeles—50; San Francisco, 50; Chicago, 50, and Long Beach, 25. Each area council is expected to sell this number of copies during the 60 days following, and remit 50% of the amount (25¢ per copy) to the Review. This plan, therefore, calls for each area council to produce sales of the Review totaling $12.50, with the exception of Long Beach, where the amount is $6.25.
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OF EVENTS

JULY

7 -- Discussion Group meeting, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m. Speaker, Graduate Student in Psychology.

21-- Combined Dinner-Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. $2 per plate. Advance reservations required. --Call Gamma Chapter Chairman (Market 1-5300)

27-- Area Council Meeting, 8 p.m., 693 Mission St., San Francisco

AUGUST

4 -- Discussion Group Meeting, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m. Speaker to be announced.

18-- Combined Dinner-Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. $2 per plate. Advance reservations required.

31-- Area Council Meeting, San Francisco, as above

SEPTEMBER

3-5--Special Meeting Board of Directors, San Francisco. Detailed program to be announced.

1 --Discussion Group Meeting, 1830 Sutter St.
"PICKING UP THE PIECES" A TOPIC

Mrs. Faith Rossiter, San Francisco therapist, covered the subject of "Picking Up the Pieces" at the August discussion meeting of the Mattachine Society here. Actually, her topic was a flashback to several other questions and subtopics raised at the past four discussion meetings which Mrs. Rossiter has attended, and at which other San Francisco and Bay Area psychologists and psychology graduates have spoken.

TWO FILM SUBJECTS ON DINNER PROGRAM AUGUST 18

This month's dinner-business meeting will be held at the same location at which these events have been held for some time, but a change in location is coming up in September, announces the Area Council after a meeting following the last dinner meeting.

On the August 18 dinner program are two film subjects of interest: "Up Stage," a March of Time reissue, telling the story behind the footlights when it comes to staging a dramatic production, and "Loops and Dots," a fantasy with movement in color and music in the modern art manner.

Montclair Restaurant, 550 Green St. (near Grant Ave.) will be the scene of the Sept. 15 dinner. The price of each ticket is $2.00, and advance reservations should be made to the Gamma Chapter Chairman or to Ebrock 7-0773, the Area Council Office. The latter telephone is answered only during evening hours and on weekend days.

Change to the Montclair Restaurant was made in order to provide better facilities for handling programs which have become popular at dinner meetings.
SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE SET

San Francisco Area Council last week completed arrangements for the first quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mattachine Society, to be held in the Bay Area September 3-5, over the Labor Day holiday.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Director, all from Southern California, will be present. In addition, a representative from ONE, Inc., Los Angeles, and Author Lyn Pedersen have been invited.

Feature of the 3-day program will be a banquet to be held Sunday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Jade Room of the Hotel Bellevue, 506 Geary street. Speaker for this event will be announced.

Invitations have gone to several past discussion group speakers and others who have indicated an active interest in the Society's program in this area. Other friends of the Society who read about the banquet in the newsletter are also invited to attend, simply by indicating an advance reservation on or before September 2, and purchasing a ticket for $3.50.

Detailed program of the meeting follows:

SUNDAY, Sept. 4th

1:30 p.m.—Meeting of Area Council, Board of Directors and Editorial Board of Mattachine Review, in Review Office, Room 312, Williams Building, 693 Mission St. Subject: Editorial and Production problems.

6:30 p.m.—Cocktails, Hunt Room, Hotel Bellevue

7:30 p.m.—San Francisco Area Council Banquet, Jade Room, Hotel Bellevue, featuring speaker and brief address to be announced, ($3.50)

MONDAY, Sept. 5th

11:00 a.m.—Work Session, Mattachine Review office, 693 Mission St.

Advance reservations and purchase of tickets for the Sept. 4 banquet are important. Tickets are obtainable from the Area Council treasurer or Gamma Chapter Chairman.

REVIEW WILL SALUTE IOSE IN NEXT ISSUE

"Human Rights and the Origin of Morals"—main theme of the 4th International Congress for Sexual Equality, 11-14-November at Paris, France, will be the cover feature and subject of a "salute" in the September-October issue of Mattachine Review.

A number of additional articles of significance will also appear in the issue—from authors such as Albert Ellis, Ph.D., Mackineth Fingal, LL.B., R.W. Crowther, Lyn Pedersen, Luther Allen and others.

The issue, according to the Publications Director, will continue the improvement trend noted in the past with each successive edition. A special subscription message and coupon for subscribers appears elsewhere in this newsletter—don't overlook it!

MAKE USE OF TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE

Anyone desiring information about the Mattachine Society in the San Francisco Bay area should call the Area Council at EXbrook 7-0773. Answering service on the phone is maintained during evening hours and on weekends.
August 4, 1955

Dear Friend:

Elsewhere in this issue of the San Francisco Area Council Newsletter are news items about the Review which do not need repeating here. You will note that the newsstand distribution of the Review has more than doubled, and now exceeds a total of 4,000 copies. This increase, while heartening, poses special problems: the copies must be produced and shipped, and then we must wait 75-90 days before any financial return is realized. In the meantime, another issue is going forward, so that means one thing: Your continued support, especially in the form of subscriptions is absolutely paramount to us.

New doors are opening to more and better editorial content in the Review also. Naturally this means that it is becoming more and more a publication which you will want to keep for yourself, show to friends, and possibly send to others to aid their understanding. Think it over--and do more than that. Send subscriptions in to us! Remember, the best of intentions is NOT good enough. Only checks, money orders and cash count when the Review has to pay its bills every month!

May we count on you? Thanks a lot.

--PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT

[Subscription form and instructions]
REVIEW CIRCULATION DOUBLED WITH FOURTH ISSUE

Fourth issue of Mattachine Review for July-August, two weeks late in getting in the mail, has been distributed except for two bulk orders from distributors in Baltimore and New York City. Total circulation of the issue will exceed 4000 copies, more than double that of the 3rd (May-June) issue.

Because of the increased orders from Eastern cities, it was necessary to reprint extra copies. These are almost complete so that shipment will be made in a few days. Largest of the bulk orders is from Perodical Distributors, New York City. This firm will place 2000 copies on newsstands over the Greater New York area.

AREA COUNCIL DONATES FUND TO ICSE CONGRESS

A special fund to help underwrite the cost of the forthcoming Mid-November Congress of the International Committee for Sexual Equality at Paris was collected at the July 21 dinner meeting of the San Francisco area. The amount was over $20, and totaled 75 Guilders when transferred and forwarded by international bank draft. The Mattachine Society voted in May to join ICSE, and from the Committee’s headquarters in Amsterdam the Area Council recently received notice in the ICSE newsletter that our organization had been welcomed into membership. Reference was also made in the ICSE publication to the Society’s constitution, its official statutes and articles of incorporation, and the general information booklets issued.

Membership in ICSE will be formally acted upon at the Paris Congress. Financially, membership in ICSE means that the Society must pay that group $1 per member per year. Organizations similar to Mattachine in several European countries hold membership in the ICSE.

NEWSLETTER MARKS SECOND ANNIVERSARY

With this issue, the San Francisco Area Council Newsletter begins its 3rd year. First issue appeared in August, 1953. This is the 27th issue.

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER DISCUSSION PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED

While the September discussion group speaker is not definite at this date, it is believed that an interesting talk with a question and answer period will be presented on that date (Sept. 1st) by a San Francisco child guidance expert. She is expected to discuss various childhood influences in the family which may lead to varied personality orientations. The childhood period with which the speaker will be concerned chiefly is that period up to the age of 2 years.

The October speaker, to appear at the meeting of the 6th of that month, is definite, however. He is Dr. Harold R. Reynaud, chief clinical psychologist of the Student Health Service, Cowell Memorial Hospital, and professor in the Department of Psychological Medicine, University of California, Berkeley.

Both September and October meetings will be held at the usual place—the Center of the American Friends Service Committee, 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco, at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

ATTORNEY CONDUCTS LECTURE SERIES AT LOS ANGELES

Herbert E. Selwyn, Los Angeles attorney and legal advisor to the Board of Directors there, is presently conducting a series of discussion meetings in Southern California on "The Sex Deviate and the Law." This is a part of a "revival" of activity in the Los Angeles area which is resulting in increased interest in the Society’s program there.

In Long Beach an expanded program of activities now includes regular discussion programs in Westminster and Huntington Park.

LIBRARY RECEIVES GIFT BOOKS FROM BALTIMORE

Joe Hurt, a friend of the Society in Baltimore, recently shipped a number of books as a gift to the Society’s library. These and other books, pamphlets, foreign publications, etc., are available for anyone to read any evening at the Area Council office here.
CALANDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

1--Discussion Meeting, American Friends' Service Committee, 1830 Sutter St., 8:00 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Faith Rossiter, therapist, on "Picking Up the Pieces." Public invited.

10--Monthly Dinner & Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., $2 per plate, collected at Restaurant. Advance reservations requested. Program: Two films, "Up Stage," and "Loops & Dots." For information, call EXbrook 7-0773 evenings-weekends.

31--Area Council Meeting, Rm. 312, 693 Mission St., 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

1--Discussion Meeting, 1830 Sutter St., 8:00 p.m. (announced elsewhere in this newsletter)

3-5--First Quarterly Meeting, Board of Directors, San Francisco. (See program and detailed schedule elsewhere in this newsletter)

15--Monthly Dinner-Business Meeting, Montclair Restaurant, 550 Green St. (near Grant Ave.) 7:30 p.m. $2 per plate--Make usual advance reservations.

28--Area Council Meeting, Room 312, 693 Mission St., 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

6--Discussion Meeting, as above

20--Monthly Dinner-Business Meeting, Montclair Restaurant, as above

26--Area Council Meeting, as above

Under the new set-up, dues are now $10 for each 6 months--payable on July 1 and January 1. Have you paid yours for the last half of 1955? See the treasurer.

Mattachine pins are also available now. Price, $1.50 each. Place orders with the Area Council treasurer.

"DON'T MISS IT!"
the S. F. AREA COUNCIL
BANQUET for the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Sunday, Sept. 4th
7:30 P.M.
HOTEL BELLEVUE
JADE ROOM
TICKETS- $3.50

SPONSORED BY SAN FRANCISCO
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MATTACHINE WEEK AT SAN FRANCISCO

The period August 30-September 5 at San Francisco has been equivalent to "Mattachine Week" as activities of the Society were stepped up with the meeting of the Board of Directors here. The Area Council met August 31. September 1, the following night, was a first Thursday which saw the presentation of the monthly discussion meeting. The 3-day period beginning September 5 centered about Board activities, climaxing at a banquet on Sunday evening, and concluding with a general "work session" on the Mattachine Review Labor day. Members and guests attended from Los Angeles, Long Beach and New York. Details of these events are covered in this issue of the newsletter.

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOLOGIST EVOLES LIVELY DISCUSSION AT SAN FRANCISCO MEETING

Evelyn Hooker, Ph.D., research psychologist on the faculty of the University of California at Los Angeles, and research advisor of the Mattachine Society, appeared before 35 persons at the regular monthly September discussion group sponsored by the San Francisco Area Council September 1st.

After brief remarks outlining the scope and progress of her research projects in the human personality area and the influence of a homosexual behavior pattern upon it, she conducted a lively hour-long discussion period. The basic questions upon which she confined and guided the discussion were:

1. Does a definite homosexual minority exist as we know and define other minorities;
2. Do pressures from the dominant majority have an effect upon homosexuals, their attitudes, etc. While the discussion resulted in a great deal of "thinking out loud," some conclusions, perhaps, were reached:

1. Broadly speaking, only the mode of sexual behavior would differentiate and distinguish a homosexual minority as such. This means that for the most part, the term minority as sometimes applied to this group is in many ways a misnomer.

2. The existence of a homosexual minority, if it does exist, is probably the result of attitudes expressed over centuries by the dominant majority: stemming from religious, moral and legal codes. These same attitudes and pressures, which sometimes cause homosexual individuals to cloak themselves with feelings of superiority based upon an actual condition of imposed inferiority, are the cause of the existence of minority characteristics among homosexuals, rather than the effect. In other words, if society as a whole had no special attitude about homosexuality, then no significant minority characteristics would develop, and most homosexual problems would not develop as such.

The above comment, while following points discussed, is not a direct quotation from Dr. Hooker nor from any other speaker.

Present at the meeting were several other psychologists who had been in attendance at opening activities of the convention of the American Psychological Association at San Francisco. From over the U.S., some 4000 persons in this field convened in the city during the first week of Sept.

DR. REYNAUD IS OCTOBER SPEAKER

Everyone is invited to attend and bring friends to the October 6 discussion meeting at which Harold R. Reynaud, Ph.D., M.D., professor of psychological medicine and chief clinical psychologist on the staff of Cowell Memorial Hospital, University of California, Berkeley, will be speaker.

Dr. Reynaud has not announced his specific subject, but it will relate to the area of research and education in which the Mattachine Society specializes. Time and place are as per usual: Friends Center, 1830 Sutter street, 8 p.m. sharp.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

San Francisco Area Council

(Calendars of events for other areas are listed elsewhere in this newsletter)

SEPTEMBER

15—Monthly Dinner-Business Meeting, Montclair Restaurant, 550 Green St. (Near Grant Ave.), 8 p.m. (Cocktails from 7:30). Tickets, $1.25 per plate. Make usual advance reservations.

28—Area Council Meeting—New location, Research Director's office, 8 p.m.

OCTOBER

6—Discussion Meeting, Friends Center, 1830 Sutter street, 8 p.m. sharp. Speaker: Dr. Harold R. Reynaud, Prof. of Psychological Medicine, University of California, Berkeley.

20—Monthly Dinner-Business Meeting, Montclair Restaurant, as above. Reservations as per usual. Program to be announced.

26—Monthly San Francisco Area Council Meeting, time and place as per above.

LIST HALF DUES FOR 1955—Due and payable now to the San Francisco Area Council Treasurer. Amount, $10

Have you paid yours?
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Los Angeles Area Council

First Wednesday of every month—
Dinner Meeting. Padre Hotel, Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood, 7 p.m. Speaker: Herbert Selwyn, Attorney. Subject: Society and the Sex Deviate; a series of four talks. Tickets $1.65.

Second Wednesday—
Work session to publish newsletter and work on other projects. Area Council office, 357 Bel- mont, 8:30 p.m.

Third Wednesday—
Discussion Group; 215 N. Avenue 53 - Highland Park; 8:30 p.m.; Speakers, Films, Group Discussions.

Last Sunday of every month—
Beach Party - Playa del Rey, North Fire Pits. Los Angeles Area Council furnishes beverage, bring your own lunch... 12 noon.

Long Beach Area Council
(For addresses, newsletters, and notification of Special Activities write to: Long Beach Area Council, Mattachine Society, P.O. Box 1232, Long Beach 1, Calif.)

SEPTEMBER

9—Area Council Business Meeting
11—Discussion - Westminster - Sex and the Law
19—Discussion - Huntington Park
28—Discussion - Long Beach

PROGRAM

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
Board of Directors
MATTACHINE SOCIETY, Inc.

* Welcome
* Official Board Meeting
* Mattachine Review Meeting
* Banquet

September 3-5, 1955

HOTEL BELLEVUE
505 Geary
SAN FRANCISCO
WELCOME!

Officers and members of the San Francisco Area Council, and members and friends of the five San Francisco Bay Area chapters of the Mattachine Society extend a hearty welcome to the Chairman, members of the Board of Directors, and other guests from Southern California and elsewhere to this second quarterly meeting of the Board since our second annual convention (Held May 11 and 12 at Los Angeles).

At the convention, it was decided that the Board would meet quarterly. First quarterly meeting of the Board was held at 3 p.m., Sunday May 15, immediately after the final convention session. Two additional Board meetings will be held before the next annual convention.

San Francisco has earned worldwide fame as host city to conventions, meetings and conferences—large or small. This tradition will, we believe, be evident once again to all who have come here for this meeting. The same tradition will also be evident again next May 12-13 (1956) when we shall be host to the 3rd annual convention of the Mattachine Society.

On behalf of the City by the Golden Gate, we are proud to welcome you to San Francisco! — Mel Betti, Chairman, San Francisco Area Council.

PROGRAM

Saturday, September 3, 1955

1:30 p.m. -- Quarterly Meeting, Board of Directors, Ken Burns, Chairman, Presiding. Room 221, Hotel Bellevue, 505 Geary St.

6:00 p.m. -- Optional "Dutch" dinner for Board of Directors, San Francisco Area Council, Members and Friends (Place to be announced when decided upon by those wishing to attend. No planned program.)

Sunday, September 4, 1955

1:30 p.m. -- Mattachine Review Production Problems, for Board of Directors, Editorial Board, San Francisco Area Council Officers, Harold L. Call, Publications Director, presiding. Room 312, William Bldg., 693 Mission St.

6:30 p.m. -- Cocktail Hour, Hunt Room, Hotel Bellevue.

7:30 p.m. -- Banquet, sponsored by San Francisco Area Council honoring Board of Directors. Featured Speaker, Mrs. Rhoda Kellogg, child guidance specialist. Subject, "Personality Development Influences Within the Family, and Their Effect Upon Small Children." Jade Room, Hotel Bellevue.

Monday, September 5, 1955

11:00 a.m. -- Work Session, Mattachine Review Office, 693 Mission Street. (Those present will see a continuation of printing the Review's 2-color cover for September-October issue)
SPECIAL REPORT: Board Meeting Events

Here is a series of capsule comments upon the Board of Directors meeting held Sept. 3-5 here:

1. A resolution was passed calling for individuals to write state legislators endorsing the recommendations of the American Law Institute's "Model Penal Code," in which a stand was taken to the effect that laws against sodomy and adultery should be abolished from all state statutes.

2. The contract between Mattachine Society and Pan-Graphic Press for publication of the Review was approved for a 1-year period.

3. Review advertising rates were set up and approved. Advertising policy was also approved.

4. Reports from all areas and departments were made.

5. Departmental directors were instructed to revise and shorten existing statements of policy for the forthcoming new edition of the Blue Book. The revised constitution and by-laws will also be included in this edition.

6. In the publications department, sound tapes will be made available for use by other organizations. They will explain Mattachine organization, aims and principles.

NEW YORK PSYCHOLOGIST A VISITOR

Samuel Morford, psychologist from New York, here for APA convention, visited Mattachine Society Area Council officers while in San Francisco.

MRS. RHODA KELLOGG WAS BANQUET SPEAKER

Mrs. Rhoda Kellogg, San Francisco child guidance expert and author of "Children Need Fathers Too" and another book on the subject, was speaker at the Area Council banquet honoring the Board of Directors Sept. 4 at Hotel Bellevue. She criticized the present situation in many families where influences, especially those of the mother, tended to create problem situations for children.
SEPTEMBER DINNER TO BE HELD AT MONTCLAIR

Montclair Restaurant, 550 Green street (North Beach area) is the place where the September 15 dinner-business meeting will be held. An interesting entertainment feature will be arranged for that program. Price-per-plate remains the same, $2. Serving begins promptly at 8 p.m. Please make advance reservations with the social chairman, or call EXbrook 7-0773.

COLORFUL 5TH ISSUE OF REVIEW TO APPEAR

With a colorful blue and yellow cover, the 5th issue of Mattachine Review will appear soon after September 15th, reports the Publications Director. Featured authors in the issue include names already familiar to readers of the Review: James (Barr), Fugate, McFingal, Luther Allen, R. W. Crowther, Lynn Petersen, Albert Ellis and others. The issue continues the regular improvement trend noted with each successive previous issue, the editor says.

NEXT BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 27

Next quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at Long Beach, November 26-27. The Long Beach Area Council will be host to the 2-day meeting.

BOARD MEETING PROGRAM IS SPECIAL INSERT

The 4-page insert on pink pages in this newsletter is the program of the 3-day meeting of the Board of Directors held Sept. 3-5 here. At the main business meeting and the special meeting for Mattachine Review, many problems were clarified and solved. Reports were made by all departmental directors and officers, since the entire Board was present.

The program lists all officers by name, plus the names of all members of the San Francisco Area Council, the Mattachine Review and its editorial board.

SEE TREASURER TO OBTAIN PINS

Members who wish to purchase the attractive lapel pin of the Mattachine Society may obtain them from the Area Council treasurer. He has a supply on hand now. Price is $1.50 each.

MEMBERSHIP TALLY NOW STANDS AT 14

As of Sept. 1st, total membership in the San Francisco area stood at 14, based upon receipt of payment of full half-year dues of $10 to the Area Council treasurer. Estimate of total membership for the area's five chapters (Alpha, Beta and Gamma, San Francisco, and Berkeley and Oakland chapters) for the last half of 1955 is 30, the figure of membership which is expected to have been reached by December 1955.

TELEPHONE MONITORING SERVICE CONSIDERED

One of the matters discussed at the August 31st Area Council meeting was setting up a schedule for members of the area to rotate duty at the area council office to answer the telephone. It is planned to call for volunteers so that someone will be at the Society's telephone here (EXbrook 7-0773) from 7-10 p.m. each evening during the week, and 1-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Reference material will be provided to those answering the telephone, so that they in turn can answer questions or properly refer calling parties to the source of correct information sought.

CHRISTMAS PARTY APPROVED BY AREA COUNCIL

Plans have started to present a Christmas social event on December 15, in place of the regular dinner for that month. In charge of preparations is the Social chairman. He will be assisted by other members of the Gamma Chapter, San Francisco. Complete details will be announced in future newsletters. Watch for it!
**ARE COUNCIL REORGANIZATION EFFECTED**

With the recent election of Mel Betti as San Francisco Area Council Chairman, a further reorganization of that body has been completed, with resulting improvement in Area Council functions already noted.

B. Brackett has been elected treasurer to succeed the former treasurer who found it necessary to resign, although this was not a resignation from the Society.

Duties and assignment for principal officers and committee heads were outlined at an August 31 meeting of the Council. The new definition and assignment of duties showed up in an improved discussion group presentation September 1st. Future discussion groups and dinner meetings, the activities chairman announced, will start promptly at the announced time (8 p.m. unless otherwise stated). Future newsletters will be issued before or during the first week of each month. Orientation meetings for newcomers and others interested in learning more about the Society's setup and functions will be held as needed, not to exceed once each month, at times and places to be announced. First such meeting will probably be held in October and announced in the next newsletter.

Because space at the Area Council office (693 Mission street) is limited, the council voted to meet in the future in another office with more space and facilities. Exact location of this meeting place will be announced, prior to the next meeting scheduled for September 28th.

**TREASURY REPORT GIVEN AUGUST 31**

As of the close of business on August 31, when books were turned over from the old treasurer to one newly elected at that meeting, balance on hand was $120. Approximately $20 was collected at the Sept. 1st discussion meeting; it was also reported.
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October 1955
CHRISTMAS PLANS TOLD

Social Chairman of San Francisco Area Council, at Area Council Business Meeting, October 26, told plans for the Society's Christmas Party. The date has been set for December 17, and will be located at 6835 California Street, starting at eight o'clock.

A buffet dinner arrangement has been scheduled, along with planned entertainment. In addition, special decorations, including a large Christmas tree, will add plenty of color to the festive occasion.

Advance reservations are requested, and the tickets will be $2.50 each. Although planned primarily for those familiar with the Society, a special "Bring a Friend" plan is indicated, which will afford friends of those now actively interested in the Mattachine Society to not only meet the members, but also enjoy a pleasureable evening.
GIFTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

A gift, not to exceed seventy-five cents in cost, is requested of all those attending the Christmas Party, for exchange at the party.

Another gift of a toy, should be brought. These will be donated to a child welfare agency of the Bay Area.

MEDICAL PIONEER VISITS SAN FRANCISCO

Richard Gwartney, M.D., San Bernardino, Calif., specialist in psychosomatic medicine and former advisor to the research department of the Mattachine Society, conferred with Publications Director Hal Call recently at San Francisco.

Dr. Gwartney was in the city to attend the meetings of the American Society of General Practitioners. He also was prominently mentioned in Time magazine (October 17) for pioneering in medical hypnosis in connection with a 13-year-old San Bernardino girl who was near death from a steady cough for eight days. Dr. Gwartney's suggestion technique halted the long paroxysms where other medicants and syrups failed.

In November 1953, Dr. Gwartney was featured speaker at a banquet of the Mattachine Society at Los Angeles. At that time he compared the organization to a baby, stating that how well it was accepted by society in general depended directly upon how well the child behaved and grew. At the recent visit, he hinted that he has been pleased with the strides made by the organization in the past two years, and said that he approved the magazine project heartily.

SAN QUENTIN PSYCHIATRIST A SPEAKER

Dr. David Schmidt, chief psychiatrist at San Quentin spoke at the 1st Congregational Church, San Francisco, October 23. His topic was "The Criminally Insane." Dr. Schmidt also showed works of art, paintings and drawings, executed by the inmates.

Dr. Schmidt was one of the speakers in a current series of Sunday evening discussions, each featuring a prominent speaker. This series is sponsored by the Young Adult Fellowship of the 1st Congregational Church, and is concerned with human behavior and adjustment.

The meetings are held at approximately 6 p.m. after regular Sunday evening religious services in the ground floor fellowship rooms of the church at Post and Mason streets. Young adults from the general public are invited to attend, and there is no admission charge.

NEWS FROM NEW YORK AWAITED

Psychologist Sam Forford of New York City advises that at a meeting scheduled for November 17, decision will be made concerning establishment of a New York chapter of the Mattachine Society. He also stated that such a chapter, if effected, will not compete with the organization already in existence there, but that it would operate independently.

DINNER DATE ANNOUNCED

In November, the monthly dinner-business meeting of the five San Francisco Chanters will be held at the Paper Doll restaurant, 8 p.m., on Wednesday, the 23rd. Plan now to attend and bring a friend.
The monthly discussion meetings, held at the
Friends Center, 1830 Sutter Street, will feature
a panel discussion by three professional experts.
The panel will consist of Robert Flipvin, of
San Quentin, Faith Rossiter, and Basil Vaerlen.
The topic will be the question, "How may normal
sexual deviants integrate in our society?"
The discussion will be recorded for usage
by the Public Relations Department of the Hat-
tachine Society, of Long Beach.

If enough interest is created by this type
of program, it will be continued for the Decem-
ber meeting. Otherwise, Basil Vaerlen, at that
time, will speak on the topic "Astrology and Sex." He will draw his material from comparative charts
collected from both hetero- and homophiles.

PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR IN LOS ANGELES

Hal Call, Publications Director for the Soc-
ociety, is in Los Angeles this week and plans to
spend some time with the Board of Directors in
regard to projects in the near future.

WEAR A HATTACHINE PIN

The official Hattachine Pin, an attractive
blue and gold label pin, is available from the
treasurer at a cost of $2.50 each. The design
has a gold "H" superimposed on a background of
two dark blue and two light blue-gray small dia-
mond-shaped panels.

AREA COUNCIL MEETS

The officers of the Area Council met October
26 to discuss current and future business.

Legal Director read several interesting let-
ters recently received from professional peo-

BOU D VOLUME WILL CONTAIN
COPIES OF "BONUS ISSUE"

A "Bonus" Christmas issue of the Hattachine
Review goes to press late this month for distrib-
ution to subscribers only, according to the Pub-
llications Director. The issue will contain three
sonnets, "Trio for Kurt," by Donal Horton, and
a short story, "I Left No Orphan," by Paul Ug-
len, in addition to other articles. R. H. Crow-
ther, James Barr Fugate and others whose work
has appeared in the Review previously, will be
represented.

This edition will not appear on newstands.
Only subscribers will receive it. A bound vol-
ume of the first year's issues of the Review,
which will be completed by December 15, will
contain the six regular numbers and the bonus
issue. This book sells for $5.85, and orders
should be placed by November 15.

NEXT REVIEW TO FEATURE
ARTICLES ON IMPORTANT BOOKS

The November-December issue of Hattachine Re-
view will feature a series of four articles on
important books on the sex and human behavior
subject. Among the books discussed are "Homo-
sexuality and Western Christian Tradition," by
Derrick Sherwin Bailey; "All the Sexes," by Dr.
George W. Henry; "Magnificent Hadrian," by Sul-
mith Ish-Kishor and "Wolf-Children and Wolf-Man"
Ann Aldrich's "We Walk Alone," a non-fi-
tion book on lesbianism, is also reviewed.

Due to appear in mid-November in a bright red
and buff cover, the issue will feature a cover
illustration by Artist Neil Betti, several short
articles and regular departments. Four San Fran-
Cisco locations and three shops in Berkeley sell the magazine as follows:

**SAN FRANCISCO:**
City Lights Book Shop, 251 Columbus Ave.
Golden Gate News Agency, 66 - 3rd St.
Pine & Jones Market, 1100 Pine St.
San Francisco Area Council, P.O. Box 259
And a fifth location, recently added,
R & W Cigar Co., 900 Market

**BERKELEY:**
Garrett Smoke Shop, 2300 Telegraph Ave.
Phoenix Book Shop, 2199 Bancroft Way
U. C. Gamrner, 2350 Telegraph Ave.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL MEET**

Pattachine Society's Board of Director's meeting will be held at Long Beach, November 26 and 27. Long Beach Chapter and the Public Relations Department will be host to the event. Several here in San Francisco, both board members and Society members will fly to Long Beach to attend the meeting. Persons planning to attend, who have not done so, should notify the Area Council Chairman, here in San Francisco, who will in turn notify the Board Chairman at Los Angeles. There are no special fees. Those making the two day trip will have to pay for transportation and meals. Lodging space will be provided by the two Southern California Area Councils.

The program will include, in addition to the business meetings, a special banquet.

**MAGAZINE ADVERTISING**

Two thousand addressees will be receiving a special 2-color folder pointing up subscriptions for Pattachine Review as a result of the combined efforts of Los Angeles and Long Beach Area Councils in a special project.

**BRUNCH TO BE HELD**

November 6, the second brunch in a revival of a previous series of Sunday breakfasts will be held. The location is 6835 California Street from 1 to 5 p.m. A contribution of one dollar will be taken from those who attend.

A complete breakfast, consisting of a waffle, eggs and bacon, plenty of coffee will be served. In addition, there will be an hour-long session for those interested in hearing fine recorded music.

Several newcomers attended the brunch of last month and this gives an excellent opportunity to talk over the opportunities of becoming a member.

**DECEMBER DINER CANCELLED**

There will be no monthly dinner meeting in December; instead will be the scheduled Christmas Party on December 17.

**PLANS FOR DECORATION**

In keeping with a planned activity program, Social Chairman has extended an invitation to all those interested in helping decorate for Christmas Party to attend the December Brunch, on December 11. A large tree will be available and waiting for the application of the traditional decor. In addition, color arrangements for the buffet as well as the entire apartment will be made. Originality and handicraft will be utilized in transforming the location into a perfect setting for that holiday spirit.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL

November 1955

3 - Discussion Group, Friends Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m. Program will feature a panel of professional experts in a discussion on the topic, "How may normal sexual deviants integrate into our society?"

6 - Sunday Brunch, 1 - 5 p.m., 6835 Calif. St., Jl. Project announcements and recorded music session.

23 - Monthly Dinner-Business Meeting held at Paper Doll restaurant, 8 p.m. Take reservations through EX 7-0773. $2 per plate.

30 - Area Council Meeting, 8 p.m., office of the Research Director.

December 1955

1 - Discussion Group as per above. Program will be a continuation of November 3rd discussion if interest is continued. Otherwise, E. Vaeelen will speak on "Astrology and Sex."

11 - Brunch as per above--Decorations for the Christmas Party.

17 - Kattachine Christmas Party, 6835 Calif. St., 6 - 1 p.m. Advance reservations call, EX 7-0773, $2.50 per person.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

mattachine newsletter
SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL NEWSLETTER READERS

Dear Friends:

Here we are at the end of 1955—another year completed—and here in Mattachine Society a great many accomplishments, some disappointments, but in all, a productive year of hard work. With the news just arriving of Mattachine's growth in New York and Boston, continued growth in Chicago, we are all heartened greatly.

Next year promises a steady advancement in our work. With a steady backing of Mattachine Review by subscribers, and especially finding new subscribers, San Francisco members will gain added impetus in their focus of action.

All of us here in Mattachine Society wish all of you a very pleasant holiday season.

Mel Betti, San Francisco Area Council Chairman

MONTHLY DISCUSSION: "ASTROLOGY AND SEX"

January 5, at the Friends Center, 1830 Sutter Street, 8PM, monthly discussion will feature Basil Vaerlen, Bay Area psychoanalyst, in a discussion of his recent survey on the subject of "Astrology and Sex."

Last December 1, a panel discussion composed of three professional people, continued a talk from the previous month, "How may a normal sexual deviant integrate in present society?" Reception of this type of program was excellent and will be repeated in the future.

CONVENTION PLANS DEVELOPED FURTHER

Tentative announcement of the Society's 3rd annual convention, to be held May 12-13 at Bellevue Hotel, San Francisco, appears in the offing. At November 26 Board meeting, leaders announced that stops are now in progress to bring at least five professional men and women to this meeting as speakers from fields of medicine, psychiatry, psychology, law, law enforcement, education and religion. As previously announced, James Barr Fugate will also attend, and conduct a seminar for writers while on the West Coast. Final convention plans will be drafted and announced later.

NEWSLETTERS IN A PACKAGE

Subscribers might be interested in learning of local activities of various areas of the Society through newsletters published by area councils. These mimeographed pamphlets, issued monthly as a rule, may be obtained by addressing the Mattachine Review, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco 5, and enclosing $1.00 for a 1-year subscription for newsletters of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Long Beach, and Chicago areas. Orders received in this "package form" will be forwarded to each area concerned by publications department.

THANKS FOR RENEWALS

Following an announcement in recent issues of Review, many renewal subscriptions have been received recently. Post 1-year subscriptions expire when February 1956 issue goes into mail. If you subscribed for only one year, and if you received the first issue of the Review, then your renewal must be received by March 1, 1956, to prevent delay in receiving your April issue. May we have a check from those concerned?
...to all members of the Mattachine Society and more generally to all sexual deviants and those interested in the problems of homosexuality.

One of the most common questions that is asked of me or which I hear being discussed goes something like this: "If change in the Law is one of the primary steps toward gaining recognition and understanding for the homosexual, then why doesn't the Mattachine Society and those interested in our problem do something about those laws that are discriminating against us?"

That is precisely what many individuals would like to do. However, neither I, the Mattachine Society nor those educators, legislators, scientists and others interested in this problem accomplish any great deal of success along this line by themselves.

If we have laws which in our estimation are unfair, prejudicial, or outdated, no one can have these laws changed except the public. Therefore, it is up to each and everyone of you who reads this report to do something about it, because you are the public. True, you may be but a small part of the public as a whole, but if you really want a change in our laws you just don't content yourself with complaining about it to your neighbor; you let your legislators know how you feel. That is the democratic process of change and advancement.

It must be clearly understood that our legislators, both State and Federal, are not endowed with almighty powers to act upon their individual thoughts, ideas or beliefs. They but channel and mold the thoughts and ideas of you, the public. They are the voice of the public in our government and only by hearing from the public can they know what the public wants and needs in the way of change; in this particular case change relative to our outdated and prejudicial laws as respects sexual deviation.

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Readership and Reaction

...MEASUREMENT OF SUCCESS FOR ANY PUBLICATION!

In less than a year, Mattachine Review has scored a hit on both counts!

Confining itself to a specialized field which is a sensitive subject, and directing its appeal principally toward the professional person concerned with problems of human behavior, the Review, in its first five issues has made these impressive gains in readership:

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The above distribution totals include a steadily increasing list of paid mail subscribers which climbed from 285 in January to 391 in October. Remaining sales were made from 23 outlets on newsstands in 14 cities.

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We don't know how many persons read the average single issue of the Review, but we do know of many cases where 10 persons read a single copy. Cutting this figure in half for an easy estimate, then well over 20,000 readers will see the current fifth issue for September-October 1955.

Letters are, in the final analysis, proof of readership. Several hundred letters have been received by the Review within the past year—with more than 90% of them highly praiseful of the magazine. Four letters were from persons who wanted no further contact with the publication or the Society. Several were sharply critical of this article or that statement; but the vast majority said, "Congratulations on a good job—keep it up." Many sent additional subscriptions and small financial contributions. BUT THE FACT THAT EVERY 100 MAGAZINES ISSUED THIS FURTHER HAS BROUGHT BACK ABOUT 5 LETTERS IS PROOF THAT THE REVIEW COMPELS A REACTION FROM ITS READERS.

Another important note on progress: New doors are opening every week to more and better editorial material. Additional lay and professional writers, "average citizens" as well as experts in a socio-medical or scientific field, are submitting material. This means an ever-broadening source of challenging information vital to the solution of human sex problems.

**Do it NOW!**

THIS FOLDER is your "Golden Opportunity" to get in on the Mattachine Review project from its beginning. Here is our offer:

Circle the order number, fill out the coupon, enclose the amount called for, and mail in your order!

1 **REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION:** $2.50 per year, U.S., Canada and Mexico; 2 years, $5; 4 years, $10. Foreign, $3.50 per year. All subscriptions sent 1st class sealed; all subscriptions begin with next regular issue. Above prices apply also to gift subscriptions.

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About Monthly Publication

Before the first issue of the Review appeared, announcement was made of the intended expansion to a monthly publication in 1956—our second year.

At the present time, circumstances will permit no such expansion. The society is a non-profit organization, and so is its magazine. Production costs have been kept to a minimum, most of the labor has been donated, but nevertheless subscriptions, newstand sales revenue and financial contributions have been sufficient only to barely meet cost of materials, postage and necessary overhead expenses.

There is no guarantee of revenue to support monthly publication now.

No money has thus far been spent for salaries for the magazine staff. But one or two paid workers will be required once a monthly schedule is undertaken.

Far more important, the editors believe, is to establish and maintain a pattern of on-time performance with the best material and the greatest number of pages possible on a continued bi-monthly basis.

Advertising as a source of revenue for a publication like the Review is still out of the question. The very nature of the magazine limits products which may be successfully advertised to books on the subject and related publications in the human sex behavior field.

Subscriptions, newstand sales and contributions will continue, therefore, to be the sole source of income, and monthly publication will not be undertaken until sufficient revenue is assured.

We hope that is not far off.

Don't be afraid to write your legislators. Exercise your rights as a citizen. Avail yourself of your right to free speech. By keeping silent you are not only discriminating against yourself but also some 16,000,000 other persons in this country.

Always remember that what is law is law, good or bad, and must be recognized as such. The mere fact that a law does not happen to take into consideration and discriminates against some 10% of the citizens of the United States does not, nevertheless, make it less a law.

Change can only be accomplished in the proper way and manner and by the proper people. That means YOU!

In closing please let me again stress the Kattachine Society's stand as respects the sex laws of our country and what they imply. We do not advocate sexual license, but do wholeheartedly support laws which forbid sex activity (a) in public; (b) between adults and minors, especially small children; (c) involving use of force, violence or fraud and (d) which spreads disease through indiscriminate contacts. However, it is believed that sexual activity between willing and consenting adults should not be a legal matter governed by public law but rather a matter of individual personal morals.

It is hoped that change in the law will permit more professional people to concern themselves with the task of research and education which in turn may have some effect in cutting down the ever increasing incidence of homosexuality in our society.

It would naturally be impossible to list all the names of the legislators even here in California. However, following is a list of those
for San Francisco and Los Angeles. Anyone wishing to know whom he should contact in his legislature may write to me at P.O. Box 259, San Francisco, California, for this information.

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Senator: Richard Richards

NEW YORK, BOSTON CHAPTERS FORMED

News just received from New York and Boston states that active chapters have been formed in these cities. A group of eight people met in New York and formed an organizational procedure for the chapter there. Application has been forwarded to the Board of Directors at Los Angeles to complete the membership.

In Boston a provisional charter has been issued to Chapter 322. Application from there was received and passed on by Bd. of Directors, at meeting, November 26, 27.

DINNER MEETING SLATED FOR JANUARY 18

Monthly dinner meeting of the Mattachine Society will be held at Paper Doll Restaurant, January 18, 8PM. Be sure to attend and bring several friends.
BRUNCH HELD JANUARY 15

Monthly Mattachine brunch meetings are becoming more popular with each successive meeting. Those who come say that it is a pleasant way of informally meeting and discussing with Mattachine leaders and members the present as well as future activities here in the Bay area. The brunch is held monthly at 6835 California St.; for those coming by bus, a No.1 Calif. bus will take you there.

We are open for suggestions for improving the present setup of the brunch. Anyone with ideas on this, please let us know them.

BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDED

Bay Area Council members met December 28, and plans were discussed for increasing membership in 1956 and in general, an increasing expansion program for the next year.

"ASTROLOGY AND SEX" JANUARY DISCUSSION

Speaker in January was Basil Vaerlen, Bay Area analyst, who recently completed a survey of 100 homophile and 100 heterophile astrological charts, attempting to discern variations that might possibly indicate future form of sexual outlet. Mr. Vaerlen, an exceptionally fluent speaker, stated there is no indication in his research that would definitely pinpoint the sexual direction. He offered the viewpoint of personal choice or individual determinism as the factor governing sexual preferences.
Religion and sex are combined in the spotlight of the February, 1956 issue of the Mattachine Review. It will be on Los Angeles area newstands about January 25.

Richard Lentz, presenting the viewpoint of a group of Protestant churches in the U.S., says the time has come for the Church to take its head out of the sand and face the sex problem squarely. His article is called, "The Challenge of the Kinsey Report."

Further important reading will be found in Luther Allen's "Aspect of Homosexuality, Morality and Religion." Allen pulls no punches in clarifying the true meaning of oft-misrepresented parts of the Bible - from Sodom to Saint Paul.

But probably the most significant of all articles to aid the position of the sex variant is "Some Myths About the Sex Offender," written by a man who is a former Federal probation expert and at present a lecturer in law, sociology, and psychology at New York University, Dr. Paul W. Tappan. He boldly explodes eleven commonly-believed fallacious "myths" about the danger of deviants and our tragically expensive attitudes of "curing" and punishing them.

Dr. Albert Ellis, controversial as he has become, appears with the final number of three articles in a series on a psychologist's approach to homosexual problems. It's a preview of an article which will later appear in a professional journal on "Use of Psychotherapy with Homosexuals." They can become heterosexual if they so choose, he says.

On the legal side, Mac Fingal scores the savage "Gross Indecency" statutes, tracing their history from England to states such as Michigan - and the effect they have today.

"Mattachine Salutes" praises Flash, a Canadian weekly newspaper, for its courage in calling for recognition of homosexual rights, and prints two comments on this topic, one from a heterosexual proposing homosexual rights marriage as an answer.

Finally, R. H. Crowther scores a hit with a discussion of differences between "Invert" and "Introvert" - similar terms with vastly different meanings.

Book Reviews (including two books on the lesbian theme) an outspoken letters department and Mattachine organizational news completes the issue. It's the best yet!

Incidentally, new mail subscribers may request and receive as a gift a copy of the December 1955 issue. Send $2.50 in cash, check or money order to the Review at 693 Mission Street, San Francisco, 5.

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In the April 1956 issue of the Review an article by Lyn Pederson will bring the homosexual situation in England up-to-date. It will incorporate the report of the extent of homosexuality in Great Britain, as recently by the British Medical Society and the Royal Commission, which looked into the subject under the direction of Parliament. James Barr Fugate's "The Homosexual and the Child Molester" will be another feature in the April issue. In particular it scores action of authorities in rounding up every known homosexual when
In response to a recent call for James Barr's two books, "Quatrefoil" and "Derricks," copies were received not long ago from readers of Mattachine Review.

With these two scarce volumes added (they are now out of print), the Review library which is being built as a project at San Francisco, now numbers some 100 volumes.

Another recent important addition was a copy of Dr. Derrick Sherman Bailey's "Homosexuality and the Western Christian Tradition," sent by a reader in London. This same reader also contributed a copy of the December 1955 report of the Royal Commission which studied the incidence of homosexuality in the United Kingdom, and another small booklet, "A Letter to a Homosexual," written by a member of the Anglican clergy, Kenneth N. Ross, of All Saints' Vicarage, London.

Other volumes are needed to make the Mattachine Review library as complete a reference collection as possible. Among the volumes not present is Donald Webster Coxy's "Twenty-One Variations on a Theme."

Works of the library may be checked out from the Area Council office at 693 Mission street. Call in person for the book desired, sign for it, and return it promptly.

Members of the San Francisco chapters who wish to make the library grow are asked to join the project of collecting, cataloging and issuing the books on the subject now missing. Inquiries about this project should be made to either the Chairman of the San Francisco Area Council or to the Research Director.

Participants in this project are also requested to submit reviews of new books for publication in Mattachine Review.

A sound tape of two of the recent lectures by Attorney Herbert E. Selwyn, the Society's legal advisor at Los Angeles, has been received. Parts of one of these lectures will be presented at the next monthly dinner-business meeting (January 18), at San Francisco. The tape was produced by the Society's Public Relations department.

The subjects concern "Sex and the Law," and are a part of a series of four talks on aspects of that topic presented by Selwyn to Los Angeles chapters earlier this winter.

During early January, blood samples from ten male homosexuals were taken by a medical research expert in Southern California as a part of a project which is pointed at learning information about harmonic balance in persons of varied sex orientation. Because of the nature of the project and the fact that its present direction is so new, the doctor who took the samples has requested that any more complete description of it be withheld at the present time. Details, when definitely established as scientific fact, will be released at the proper time, he said.

A new distributor for Mattachine Review has been appointed at Los Angeles. This distributor will service the present three newstands which now carry the Review, and in addition will solicit some 20 additional locations which now sell One but not the Review. One's circulation department has furnished addresses of all the locations which carry it, as an aid to obtaining these same locations as outlets for the Review.

Distribution of the February 1956 issue of the Review is expected to hit 600 copies in the area.
an atrocious crime, such as the murder of three boys in Chicago last year occurs.

NEW YORK ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
HELD JANUARY 10 IN DIPLOMAT HOTEL

After formation of a provisional chapter in New York City on December 12, a second organizational meeting of this nucleus group and others interested was held in the Diplomat Hotel on January 10.

The chairman of the New York Chapter also recently corrected an error in listing the address of that group. The correct address is Post Office Box 194, Murray Hill Station, New York, 16, N.Y.

FEBRUARY EVENTS LISTED FOR LOS ANGELES

Combined activities of the Los Angeles chapters of the Mattachine Society are as follows:

February 1, work session in the Area Council office, 357 Belmont Ave., 8:30 p.m.

February 7, monthly dinner-business meeting at the Hotel Padre Cafe, 1961 N. Cahuenga, Hollywood, at 7 p.m. Advance reservations are requested. Price per plate is $1.75.

On February 15, the chapters will hold the regular monthly discussion group at 1101½ S. Grand View at 8:30 p.m.

Date of the monthly brunch, held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1223 W. 42nd Street, is Sunday, February 26.

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IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN!!

First half of 1956 dues ($10) is now due and payable to the Area Council treasurer. Members may pay this amount on the "easy payment" plan if they choose. At any rate, it's a new year, and the new dues must come in. May we have yours?

SOCIETY TO PARTICIPATE IN INSTITUTE PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ONE MAGAZINE

The Board of Directors of the Mattachine Society has been invited to participate in the 4th Mid-Winter Institute of One, Inc., publishers of One Magazine, to be held at Los Angeles, January 27-28. A representative of National Association for Sex Research, Los Angeles, will also appear on the program, along with one of the founders of the Mattachine Foundation (predecessor of the present Society) and officials of One, Inc.

In the absence of Ken Burns, Mattachine chairman, Secretary D. C. Olsen will report on the organization in general. Vice-Chairman Max Demain will discuss the organization and its areas and chapters. Members of the Board, representing departments of Publications, Legal-Legislative, Research and Public Relations will also address the group, citing progress and problems of the work of these departments.

Advance reservations for the Institute are required, reports Bill Lambert, One business manager. Subscribers and the public will be admitted only to the January 28--Saturday-- sessions, since the preceding evening will be devoted to a business meeting of the Directors of One.

For subscribers of One Magazine, fee for attending the Institute is $1.00. The fee for non-subscribers is $2.50, and these respective amounts must be mailed to One, Inc., 232 South Hill St., Los Angeles, in advance for which admission cards will be sent.

SOCIETY CHAIRMAN TO VISIT CHICAGO

Society Chairman Ken Burns of Los Angeles will call upon the Resident Agent of the Chicago Area Council in the near future while on a business trip to the Midwest. He left Los Angeles January 13, but will return in time to be present at the next scheduled meeting of the Mattachine Board of Directors, to be held in Los Angeles, February 25-26.

Your $1.00 subscription to this newsletter will be sincerely appreciated. The money simply helps defray cost of materials and mailing. Send remittances to the S. F. Area Council, P.O. Box 259, San Francisco 1.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

18  DINNER MEETING - Paper Doll Restaurant, 8 P.M.

25  AREA COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
     8 P.M.

FEBRUARY

2   PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING
    1830 Sutter St., 8 P.M.

12  BRUNCH
    6835 California St., 1 P.M.

22  DINNER MEETING - Paper Doll Restaurant, 8 P.M.

29  AREA COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
Close by or far away...

YOU may participate!

Join the Mattachine Movement by becoming a

**CONTRIBUTOR**

**YES, THAT'S RIGHT.** Persons interested in aiding the program of education, research and social action of the Mattachine Society may now participate formally by becoming a "Contributor," regardless of where they reside.

**CONTRIBUTOR STATUS** is accorded those persons who pay a $10 annual fee on a calendar year basis. This payment includes an annual subscription to Mattachine Review, a copy of the booklet, "Mattachine Society Today," and a Contributor's receipt card. It does not indicate membership status, however.

**MANY INQUIRIES** from all over the U. S. have been received by the Board of Directors asking how a person may aid the Mattachine program in areas where no chapter is located. Becoming a Contributor is the answer. Then, at any time after four or more persons over 21 years of age elect to do so, they may apply for a chapter charter after communicating their intent to the Board of Directors and compliance with a few simple regulations. Persons forming a chapter need not have been Contributors previously.

**LEARN FOR YOURSELF** the high and serious purpose of this unique service organization. Write to the Board of Directors TODAY!

**Mattachine Society, Inc.**

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LOS ANGELES 53, CALIFORNIA
BOARD MEETING
Los Angeles, February 25-26

Date of the 4th quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mattachine Society is February 25-26 at Los Angeles. Business session will be held on Saturday afternoon, with a dinner in the evening. All Society members are welcome to attend. Contact the Board of Directors, Mattachine Society, Post Office Box 1925, Los Angeles 53, Calif., for details.

NEW YORK - BOSTON
new chapters formed on east coast

Recently formed chapters at New York City and Boston have been welcomed into the Society. These two units mark the first actual organizational spread to the Atlantic Coast. In the meantime, a report from the Chicago Area Council chairman indicates that a reorganization has taken place there, and chapter activities have been combined under supervision of the Area Council there.

SAN FRANCISCO:
scene of annual meeting

May is convention month in the Mattachine Society. This year, the annual meeting will be held at San Francisco. Dates are May 12-13. A full day of addresses and lectures by experts in professional fields has been promised, plus an evening banquet at the Hotel Bellevue. Registration and the banquet ticket together will cost only $5. Won't you send in your reservation early?

ONE INSTITUTE

An impressive day-long series of reports highlighting events of the past year, forecasts for the future, and an appraisal of the significant first half-decade since 1950 characterized the 4th annual board meeting and institute of One, Inc., held January 27-28 at Los Angeles. Invited guests included the Board of Directors of Mattachine Society, Inc., and the chairman of the National Association for Sex Research, Inc., Los Angeles.

In outlining plans and progress of the corporation, One's officers strikingly emphasized the varied activities of the organization other than the magazine itself. Described in detail were the publications division, research division, social services division, educational activities and the library.

At a closed dinner meeting on January 27, Editor Ann Carll Reid was elected chairman of One, Inc., for the year, succeeding Bill Lambert, business manager of the magazine. Her appearance on the program served to spotlight the important work of women on the magazine, other projects, and in the field of behavioral studies in which One, Mattachine and NASR are engaged. This interesting part of the program saw the appearance of three One staff members, plus the introduction of the chairman and secretary of Daughters of Bilitis, a San Francisco women's organization studying sex problems, and the leaders of a chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous at Los Angeles which specializes in aiding persons with a combined alcohol-sex problem.

Harry Hay, one of the founders of the Mattachine Foundation, traced in fullest detail
t date the history of the movement and the meaning of the name chosen for it. His paper embraced the period from the beginning to the date when the foundation dissolved in favor of the democratic Society of the present time.

Officers of Tattachine reported on activities of their departments and evaluated progress in terms of the problems faced and methods applied to overcome them.

Secretary Dale G. Olsen read the report of Chairman Ken Burns, since the latter was on a business trip in the East. Activation of chapters in Boston and New York was mentioned, and work of legal-legislative, public relations and research departments noted.

A special 20-page issue of Tattachine Review contained the story of Society publications and production of the magazine. It was dedicated to One for the occasion.

President Steve Potter of National Association for Sex Research, outlined the emphasis upon legal matters placed by his organization. Interesting comment was made that although the nation’s three main laymen’s organizations at work in the field were all headquartered in Los Angeles, this coincidence has an explanation: In reality all sprang from the same source, yet each chose different methods, specializations and projects.

Each member of the One corporation discussed departmental topics such as the library, plans for independently sponsored research, social service in job finding and related activities, books and magazines published by America’s recently developed “homosexual press,” aid to speakers and lecturers and the educational program.

Two new publications by One were announced: first, a paper-bound volume reporting the Institute in full, and second, a special newsletter to be published by the magazine and issued to members of the organization on a basis in proportion to the extent of financial support. The book will in addition summarize the first five years of the last half of the 20th Century as a significant period in the emergence of a minority defined on terms of sex and personality orientation. A pre-publication price of $1.50 per copy was given, with the volume to sell for more after it comes off the press.

Theme of the Institute was “The American Homosexual, 1950-1955.” History of the organizations represented is confined principally to that period, but equally important were two “Signposts of Change,” covered in an address by Blanche Baker, M.D., San Francisco psychiatrist, who spoke to the group. The signposts specifically mentioned were Donald Webster Cory’s “Homosexual in America,” and James Barr Fugate’s “Quatrefoil,” each a volume which contributed a great deal to a serious presentation of non-heterosexual outlook. Dr. Baker reviewed these two books.

SEND STAMPS FOR SPECIAL ISSUE

Mentioned in the report of the Institute held by One, Inc., recently at Los Angeles, the special issue of Tattachine Review issued for the occasion is available to newsletter readers. The 20-page edition contains principally a report of the publications department. For a copy, send 6 cents in stamps to the Review at 693 Mission St., San Francisco 5, California.
"BATTLE OF SEXES" DISCUSSION SCHEDULED

Recently formed at San Francisco, and with plans for extending membership to an additional group in Los Angeles, the Daughters of Bilitis women's organization has consented to appear in a round-table discussion April 5 at San Francisco with Hattache Society experts. The topic, in general, will hold to aspects of the deviation and behavior problems of men and women as two distinct groups, and will no doubt include a verbal skirmish with the ever-present gap between the two sexes.

Time and place of this meeting are the same as for regular monthly discussions mentioned in the Calendar of Events.

OFFICE SPACE EXPANDED ON MISSION STREET

Office space of the San Francisco Area Council and the Hattache Review was more than doubled the first of this month when an additional, larger room was taken on the third floor at 693 Mission Street. The new space has been made into the center of administrative, business, art and editorial activities, leaving the original room for mechanical production. Telephone service has been provided in each room, since they are not connected. Number of the new room is 307. Members and friends are invited to inspect the new quarters, and make use of the limited library facilities offered. In addition, volunteers are called to this room for assistance at any of the nightly and weekend work sessions. Please call SXbrook 7-0773 first, however, unless a specific session has been previously announced.

LEADERS WANT DINNER TO CONTINUE

Because the January dinner meeting was almost a flop (only seven of a minimum of 20 persons guaranteed were present), a discussion was held recently to determine if these events should be continued, and to urge better attendance in the future.

Continuation of the monthly dinner schedule was the decision, but a change to the third Thursday evening was in the new plan. The dining room of the Paper Doll restaurant was retained as the location.

Next dinner meeting will be at 8 p.m. February 16. The cost is only $2 per plate for a four-course meal. While no planned programs are possible at the present time, all attending have an opportunity to become better acquainted with leaders and members, and to learn more about Hattache aims and principles. Please make an advance reservation to SXbrook-7-0773, or call the social chairman.

WOMEN'S GROUP TO BE HOSTS AT BRUNCH

The chairman and secretary of Daughters of Bilitis have extended an invitation to members and friends of the Society at San Francisco to attend a Sunday Brunch (12 noon to 1 p.m.) at 651 Duncan street on February 26. The customary dollar breakfast will be served. Since this group has expressed aims very similar to those of the Hattache, it is urged that everyone in the latter group take advantage of this opportunity to learn methods whereby mutual aid may be applied to advance the social services of each organization.

LOS ANGELES BOARD MEETING FEB. 25-26

Fourth quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held February 25-26 at Los Angeles. At the meeting, the chairman has asked each departmental director to submit reports,
plus any business from the departments and areas which should be scheduled on the agenda of the forthcoming May convention. Since the chairman has been on a business trip in the mid-West and East, details of the Board meeting have not been completed, but it is expected that a business session will be held Saturday afternoon, February 25, followed by a dinner in the evening and an informal Sunday brunch service the next day. Members from all areas are invited.

Up-to-date and first hand reports on other areas visited by him will be made at the meeting by Ken Burns, chairman.

CONVENTION PLANS ARE GETTING AHEAD

Research Director Basil Vaerlon, program chairman for the annual convention to be held at San Francisco May 11-13 at the Hotel Bellevue, announces that steps are being taken to obtain top-flight speakers from professional fields for the "main event," both sessions of Saturday, May 12.

A tentative schedule for the convention follows:

Saturday May 12
9:00 a.m. Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Registration
1:00 p.m. Call to order; Welcome
1:15 p.m. Chairman's Address
1:45 p.m. Lectures and Discussions
4:30 p.m. End of First Session
6:30 p.m. Cocktails
7:30 p.m. Banquet

Sunday May 13
10:00 a.m. Writers' Seminar
1:00 p.m. Second Session, Business Meeting
4:00 p.m. Adjournment

James (Barr) Fugate has stated that he cannot attend as he had earlier indicated. In place of the writer's seminar previously scheduled for Sunday morning, an author's round table will be conducted among those who have submitted manuscripts in the Review in the past, and the editorial staff. Others interested in the work are invited to attend this session.

Annual business meeting of the Society will be held Sunday afternoon, and will be followed by the first quarterly Board meeting of the new directors elected by the convention.

In order to speed reporting of the departments and officers, a plan this year will be to publish departmental and official reports except the remarks of the chairman. These reports must be submitted in manuscript form, limited to 1000 words or less, to the Publications Department on or before April 25. At the convention, this material will be furnished to all in attendance in permanent booklet form.

SEX CHARGES MADE AGAINST 23 MEN

Some 23 men were arrested, eight on felony, and 15 on misdemeanor charges in Palo Alto during the first week of February. It was the result of a police action which followed complaints from patrons of the Southern Pacific railroad. All charges against the men, according to newspaper reports, were for violation of sex laws, including perversion and lewd conduct. Activities, police said, all occurred in the men's room of the depot. Among those arrested were professional men, teachers and university graduate students. Another 35 men were questioned.

This item is reported in this newsletter because once again the Hattachine Society's San Francisco Area Council wishes to point out the organizations stand in such matters.

Since the Hattachine Society was formed, it
hae strongly supported police action and law enforcement in any situation where sex activity has taken place in public, or where minors are involved, force or violence is used, or disease is spread through indiscriminate contacts.

No group of persons in our culture can ask for or expect unlimited license in sex matters. Seeking understanding of and promoting education on the homosexual problem is one thing; affronting standards of public decency is another. The former is a legitimate and worthwhile aim. The latter is something no one in the Mattachine Society wishes to see happen.

The small number of homosexuals and other sex deviates who participate in any public sexual activity only worsen the situation for the vast majority of such persons who have high personal standards and exercise self control and respect. Unfortunately, however, the activities and violations of law reported above tend to make the Mattachine project, if anything, more difficult.

Work for a change of law, an avowed Mattachine aim, must never be interpreted as condoning violations of presently effective statutes. The Mattachine Society commends the action of law enforcement authorities in the Palo Alto affair.

DATES TO REMEMBER

In February, note the following dates and activities:
12 - Brunch, 6835 Calif. St. 1 p.m.
16 - Monthly Dinner - Paper Doll Restaurant, 8 p.m. sharp
29 - Area Council Business Meeting, 8 p.m.

Plan now to attend the brunch and dinner meetings and friends of yours are always welcome.

These are some of the accolades we have noted in recent letters from readers, which statement of praise naturally make us proud.

But getting out the Review, and earnestly endeavoring to make it better all the time, is no easy task. It takes the work of many, and a lot more work by the few in the publications department.

Every subscriber, every reader, however, has a hand in the project. Your subscription dollars, newsstand purchases, and your contributions have made the project possible. We are counting on these purchases and gifts to continue, because we shall falter without them.

Standard approaches and channels don't apply to a product such as the Review—that's obvious. It can't be sold like a fraternal, religious or purely professional journal. Many problems with which the latter have no concern beset the Review at every turn, because of the emotional, sensitive and explosive character of our subject.

That's why our appeal for funds never ends. Our need never diminishes. The magazine is a project of a non-profit educational and research organization. It pays no salaries. Most of its labor, some of its supplies, and all of its editorial material come without cost to the Society—they must, otherwise we couldn't put it out. But certain costs for materials and commercial services must be met. So keep the contributions coming—the need for funds will always be great!
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 5 - "BATTLE OF THE SEXES"
Daughters of Bilitis vs. Mattachine Members. Discussion meeting at Friend's Center, 1630 Sutter St., 8:00 p.m.

APRIL 8 - BRUNCH - Monthly Mattachine Sunday Brunch; 6815 California Street, 1-4 p.m., $2.00 charge.

APRIL 19 - FELLOWSHIP DINNER. Gordon's Restaurant, 260 Sansome St., 8:00 p.m.

APRIL 26 - AREA COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING - Room 307, 693 Mission St., 8:00 p.m.

We welcome your attendance at all of these occasions.

BONUS TO REVIEW SUBSCRIBERS

Accompanying the April issue of the REVIEW is a small special "in-between-months" issue which will be received by subscribers only. This supplement contains information that will not appear on newsstands, and is included as a special bonus in the regular subscription price of the REVIEW. All the more reason to subscribe? That's right! Do it TODAY!
RECORDS DONATED TO SAN QUENTIN

Research Director, Basil Vaerlen, reports that a collection of 50 record albums were presented to San Quentin Audio-Library. Mr. Vaerlen headed this special project and our thanks go to him for making it a success.

APRIL REVIEW COVER

The Mattachine Review's April cover was designed by Art Director Mel Betti. It is a symbolic suggestion of springtime, and utilizes a rich yellow and green color combination to heighten the sense of freshness and new beginnings that springtime has come to signify.

SUNDAY BRUNCH - APRIL 8

Following closely on the heels of the Thursday night discussion group, will be the regular monthly Mattachine brunch at 6835 California St., starting at one o'clock. Attendance has been good at these monthly brunches, but we heartily welcome those of you who have not come before, and ask those who are familiar with the brunches to come and bring your friends. Special informative reports and general, good fellowship will be enjoyed by all.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES

Thursday evening, April 5, at 8:00, will mark the beginning of what promises to be an informative and fascinating evening; with representatives of the Daughters of Bilitis on one side, and on the others, Mattachine Society representatives. The discussion: Differences of viewpoint of the problems of male and female homophiles. Panel moderator will be Basil Vaerlen, Research Director of the Mattachine Society, and on the other side will be two representatives of each organization. The address is 1830 Sutter Street, the Friend's Center, at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR IN LOS ANGELES

With the April Review just completed, publications Director, Hall Call, left for conferences in Los Angeles with the Chairman of the Mattachine Society, Ken Burns, and other members in Los Angeles, Long Beach, and other nearby areas. Discussions and plans will center on effective ways of a general Mattachine program presentation.

MAY CONVENTION TO FEATURE NATIONAL SPEAKERS

The entire first day's program of Annual May Convention, May 12 will be devoted to several speakers giving different viewpoints on the nation homophilic situation.

MARCH BUSINESS MEETING

Held March 29 with all members present with the exception of the treasurer. Business transacted included final plans for the Annual Convention in May, here in San Francisco.
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JUNE CALENDAR

June 7  Public Discussion Meeting, Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8:00 p.m.
Subject: "TRANSVESTISM"

June 17 Mattachine Brunch: 3840 - 21st St., just off Castro; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

June 21 Fellowship Dinner  Reservations call EX 7-0773, 1560A Haight St. 6 p.m.

June 28 Monthly Business Meeting; Mattachine Members, 693 Mission, Suite 307, 8:00 p.m.

NEED PERMANENT BRUNCH LOCATION

Due to relocation of the member whose home we were using for brunch, the necessity of finding a place where we can hold our monthly Sunday afternoon brunches has arrived. Any of you who have suggestions, or are willing to use your place for the brunch, please give us a jingle at EX 7-0773.

With the coming of warm summer days, how about a picnic instead of a brunch one day before long? The Social Chairman brought up this idea at last business meeting; sounds good to us; what's your thought?
MEMO TO ALL BAY-AREA MATTACHINE MEMBERS

LOCATION: 69 Mission St., Suite 307
June 28, 8:00 p.m.

RE: ELECTION OF OFFICERS
SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL

Your presence and vote are needed. Plan now to come.

Mal Betti, Chairman, SFAC

WAYS TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION

(from I.S.C.E. Newsletter, January 1956)

1. Don't go to meetings. If you do, be late.
2. When you do attend a meeting, find fault with the officers.
3. Never accept an office. It is much easier to sit back and criticize.
4. If you should be appointed on a Committee, do not go to meetings. If you're not appointed, get peeved about it.
5. When your opinion is asked, reply that you have nothing to say; but after the meeting, tell everyone how things should be done.
6. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when others do the lion's share, tell everyone the organization is run by a clique.
7. Don't worry about paying your dues. Wait until you receive two or three notices from the Secretary, which will keep him from running out of something to do.

NEW QUARTERLY COMING FOR MEMBERS ONLY

"Interim," a new quarterly newsletter of the MATTACHINE Society, will make its initial appearance later this month. It will be circulated to every member of the Society over the U.S., sent to foreign publications, and a selected list of professional persons, agencies and institutions with an interest in the work of the Society.

Decision to publish "Interim" was made at the meeting of the Board of Directors which immediately followed the general business session at the May convention. The Chairman felt that one of the crippling handicaps faced by the Society was a lack of adequate and frequent communication among the areas. The quarterly newsletter, it was felt, would bridge this gap.

"Interim" is in no way intended to duplicate any present area newsletter, nor will it repeat material published in the Review. It will tell in general the activities of all areas of the Society, and particularly strive to inform all members of the actions of the Board of Directors, directors of the departments, etc.

Format of the quarterly will be the same as for the Review and present area newsletters, so that the publication will be uniform in size and thereby can be bound into permanent files of those who keep copies for historical purposes.

(Interim will carry a complete re-cap of the recent convention, names of new officers, etc., in its initial issue. For that reason, convention coverage was omitted from this issue of the Area Newsletter.)
NEW BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION RECEIVED
FROM BOMBAY, INDIA

"The Journal of Family Welfare," a bi-monthly magazine devoted to personal, marital and sociological aspects of sex, has been received by the Mattachine Society. Its publisher is Dr. A. P. Pillay, who also published "The International Journal of Sexology," but which suspended publication recently.

Address of the magazine is 278, Dr. Dadabhoy Naoroji Road, Bombay 1. Subscription rate is 18 shillings (British) or $4.50 U.S. funds.

The magazine stresses birth control, a problem in India which has now received active sanction of the government. It reports policies of the Family Planning Research & Programmes Committee. Birth control information, it must be pointed out, is regulated in the U.S. by federal and state laws. Information regarding birth control and questions on the subject are habitually referred to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

AREA REORGANIZATION ON AT LOS ANGELES

No. 1 project of the Los Angeles area council following the convention, it has been announced, will be a reorganization of the area and a drive for additional active members. Concern has been felt about the drop in membership there and at Long Beach. New projects are being planned which will, it is hoped, attract additional members with an active interest in the work.

AMONG THOSE IN ATTENDANCE at the recent 3rd annual convention of the Society at San Francisco were officials of three California penal institutions and hospitals, and the Mental Health Dept.
IN THE UNITED STATES ALONE....

There are between 12,000,000 and 15,000,000 homosexuals, based on the findings of Kinsey and other leading research experts.

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UNDoubtedly you know some of them....

They may be on the job with you; living in the apartment or house next to you; among your friends or acquaintances. Among those you love most deeply, there is likely to be at least one homosexual person—it might be your own son or daughter, your brother or sister.

Thus you see....

You can learn the story of the Mattachine Society, its aims and principles, organizational structure and history. For this information and how you can help in this program, send 25c for your copy of Mattachine Society today.

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693 Mission Street
San Francisco 5, Calif.

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357 Belmont Ave
Los Angeles 26, Calif.

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Post Office Box 3514
Merchandise Mart Post Office
Chicago 54, Ill.

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Post Office Box 194
New York 15, New York

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The fact is that most homosexuals can and do lead useful and productive lives. MANY OF THEM ARE AMONG OUR MOST RESPECTED AND SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS.

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...To encourage medical and social and emotional variants among the general public and of the problems of such persons.

To help develop social and political awareness in those persons who vary from accepted present-day attitudes.

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Have only limited social and civil rights. In fact, our whole society is organized to keep them, in many respects, more completely oppressed than are various racial and religious minorities.

BUT HOMOSEXUALS, AS SUCH....

THIS IS WHY a group of responsible, socially conscious citizens has formed....

Mattachine Society, Inc.
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...to encourage medical and social research pertaining to socio-sexual behavior and to publish the results of such research.

...to sponsor educational programs to aid social and emotional variants and to promote among the general public an understanding of the problems of such persons.

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OTHER PUBLICATIONS...

The Society publishes a magazine, "MATTACHINE REVIEW," to keep you informed of significant trends in public opinion, fact and comment, and the thinking of prominent professional persons who are concerned with the problem of homosexuality. Subscription rate is $2.50 per year in the U.S., Canada and Mexico; $3.50 elsewhere. Send orders to

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The REVIEW is bi-monthly on many U.S. newsstands, single copies 50¢. However, it now publishes an additional six alternate-month editions which are mailed to subscribers... making it a monthly magazine for them. The extra issues are special editions and contain news items of the society nationally.

OUTSTANDING MATERIAL SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN MATTACHINE REVIEW

First appearance of Dr. Alfred Kinsey will be in the August issue of Mattachine Review. The article which will carry the by-line of the famous sex research expert and his associates from the University of Indiana is a selection of quotations from a previous work, on the subject of "Toward a Clarification of Homosexual Terminology."

Also in the August issue will be Carl E. Harding's "Whom Should We Tell," and a description of the statutes and effects of the Italian Penal Code, written by Mack Fingal of Washington, D.C.

Two addresses delivered at the Society's 3rd Annual Convention last month will be printed as articles. One is the speech of the Chairman, and the other is a legal subject.

October's Review will be equally outstanding. The Publications Chapter of New York is now at work translating material from foreign homophile publications, and will "package" this material into a comprehensive "international edition."

Peter Wildeblood, British author of "Against the Law," has offered to write a leading article for that issue. Wildeblood was a principal in the Montagu trials in London a few years ago, was sentenced to Wormwood Scrubs Prison, and not long ago obtained his freedom. He has another book scheduled for publication in England in the fall, upon which his article in the Review will be based.

Wildeblood reported that he had appeared in lectures recently before groups at Oxford University, and is to appear before some of the committees in Great Britain concerned with study of laws relating to homosexuality.

AREA NEWSLETTERS....

Area Councils publish monthly newsletters which tell of meetings, discussion groups and other activities of units of the Society in their areas, plus general news about the Society itself. Address all inquiries about newsletters to the areas in which you are interested.
NEW PUBLICATIONS SCHEDULED FOR 1956

First of a series of folders to be produced for the Society is included as an insert in the center of this issue of the newsletter. While many readers have already received the folder, another copy is herewith distributed so that it may be removed and sent to a friend or associate who may have an interest in the Society and its projects.

Quantities of "In Case You Didn't Know" are available for any person who wishes to mail them to several friends, relatives or associates. Quantity prices are as follows: 100 folders, $1.50 postpaid; 50 folders, $1, and in smaller quantities, 3 cents each.

Area councils elsewhere, and/or chapters are invited to order a sufficient quantity to insert in their newsletters in the future, or be mailed to all members in the area.

REVIEW GOES TO ALL MEMBERS NOW

Approval of a new system of dues (10 per year, all of which goes to the Board of Directors) also brought an additional benefit to members of the organization: They will now receive Mattachine Review as a part of their membership standing. For this purpose, the Board treasurer will rebate $2 of each $10 paid in dues to the Review at San Francisco to pay for the subscription.

Membership status also entitles everyone to receive an area newsletter, and the new quarterly, "Interim," which will appear in June.

The new schedule of dues is retroactive to January 1, 1956. This means that those who paid full dues for the first half of the year under the old schedule are now paid for the entire year.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Three books have been added to the Reference Library as a donation at the last Business Meeting, May 31. They are: "Female Sex Perversion," by Dr. Maurice Chideckel, "Girl Chasers, Sex Life in Hudson County," a sociological study of teenagers and a strange cult of raptores, by Dixie Anner, and a second copy of "Sexual Deviations," by London and Caprio.

If any of you readers have any duplicates, or books overflowing your library shelves, dealing with the general subject of sexual variations, would you care to contribute them to the Mattachine Reference Library? This library, while small, does contain publications and books difficult to find or refer to, and it is our aim to eventually build it into a well-knit nucleus of information pertaining to sexual variations.

"TRANSVESTISM" June 7th DISCUSSION MEETING

A bay-area resident, with a long acquaintance and research on transvestism, will discuss the subject at the Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8:00 p.m., June 7.

The July speaker will be Ernest Besig, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, who will speak on "Homosexuals and Civil Liberties," at the Friend's Center, July 5.

The Family Welfare Bureau is financed by the Government of India, sponsored by F.P.A.I., and staffed by experienced specialists. The Bureau helps infertile and subfertile couples and those with marital problems and sex disabilities.

WANTED

During this month we need helpers at the Review office, 693 Mission St., to help address envelopes and make advance preparations for forthcoming issues. Please call EX-7-0773 before coming down to schedule your time.

NEW BRITISH BOOK


Here's a book that presents the Church of England's reversal of its attitude towards sex. The authors, both members of the Church of England, set out to neutrally consider the "facts of sex" and do a fair job of it.

The book is well printed, and nicely bound in apple green with black lettering. It has a good index, 149 pages, and is priced at ten shillings.
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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

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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

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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 Holk, 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 world-wide 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 makes it 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 Heligabalus, 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 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 homophilic world for his efforts.

It is apparent from all that has been said concerning the library in this and recent news letters 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 Mullan, 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 your olives dear, they make you passionate"
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Committee: Mel Betti, Jack Parrish, Jim Beck

AUGUST CALENDAR

Aug. 2 - PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING
Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter St. 8pm
Subject: The Need for a Permanent Relationship

Aug. 12 - MATTACHINE BRUNCH-1560 A Haight St.
11 until 2

Aug. 20 - FELLOWSHIP DINNER-1560A Haight St.
8 p.m.

Aug. 30 - MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING - Mattachine Members

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept. 6 - PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING
Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter St. 8p.m.
Speaker: Alfred Auerback, M.D.
Subject: A Psychiatrist Looks at Sex Deviations

Sept. 9 - MATTACHINE BRUNCH - 1560A Haight St.
11 until 2

Sept. 17 - FELLOWSHIP DINNER- 1560A Haight St.
8 p.m.

Sept. 27 - MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING - Mattachine Members

CHANGE IN BRUNCH TIME

Brunch time has been moved up to 11 o'clock. Social Chairman believes this will be more convenient for all those planning to attend.
CIVIL RIGHTS DISCUSSED AT
JULY PUBLIC MEETING

A July discussion at Friends Center was headed by Ernest Beig, the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern Calif. Mr. Beig opened his talk by a description of the various types of cases that come to the American Civil Liberties Union asking for legal guidance and assistance.

Many of these are members of minority groups. Some of the groups are minority by virtue of their religious beliefs. Jehovah's Witnesses and Father Divine's followers were cited as examples. As specimens of how such groups find themselves in conflict with law-enforcement agencies, he described how the Civil Liberties Union had defended the Witnesses when they protested against their children being compelled to salute the American flag, since it was against their religious beliefs. At present, the Union is assisting two of Father Divine's followers who are having difficulties with a Bay area judge over their proper names. They refused to be known by any other name except their new assumed name in the religious organization.

Others are minorities because of their race. He told of how there had been a police raid in the Negro section of North Richmond, California, a few years ago. Some seventy-seven persons were jailed as part of the clean-up. The Union drew attention to the legal aspects of the matter and as a result, there has been no reoccurrence of the incident.

This, he felt, was more or less identical with the homophilic situation. Homophiles exist as a minority and they are, like all other American citizens, guaranteed certain privileges by the Bill of Rights. The essential function of the Bill is to protect from undue infringement by lawless agents of the law—in other words a check and balance system between the government and the individual.

According to the speaker, the recent Sharp's Park occurrence was an equivalent parallel to the infringements already described. The court, in this case, after the Union had protested the charges, had reduced bail from fifty to ten dollars. It also attempted to persuade the persons involved to forfeit their bail, and had amended the charge of lewd and lascivious conduct to disturbance of the peace.

During the question period, the speaker advised that a person of liberal tendencies would find it difficult being employed by the government. While it is not a wholly unadvisable means of employment it is essentially a calculated risk, since if not ejected as a security risk, termination may be on grounds of suitability. The shade between the two is fine, since security risks are judged on an assumption of guilt, and with unsuitable persons it is up to the government to furnish proof of its charges. In either event, one is likely to end up with a blot on one's escutcheon that greatly hinders chances of find future employment.

In reply to another question, he stated that a great many laws on the books against various things are no longer enforced because the cultural attitudes that originally led to their being passed no longer exist.

At the close of the evening, a few words were said by the National Chairman of the Mattachine Society, who was paying a visit from Los Angeles. He praised the work of the Union and urged Mattachine members to give it their financial support, mentioning that the Mattachine Society is a member.

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NEED FOR A PERMANENT BRUNCH AND DINNER LOCATION

At the last business meeting, July 26, the Social Chairman indicated that there is still a pressing need for a permanent location where we can hold our monthly brunches and dinners. There has been some confusion and difficulties encountered in the past few weeks with this problem. If any of the members or friends of Mattachine would be willing to hold these activities at their home, or know of a suitable location, would you please contact the Social Chairman whose telephone number is either EX 7-0773 or MA 1-5600.

Also, the current brunch time has been rescheduled at an earlier hour. It now begins at 11 o'clock.

PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR IN NEW YORK

H. Call, Publications Director of Mattachine Society is currently visiting the Mattachine offices in New York, Washington, Chicago. He will be speaking at the various locations to local members and interested peoples. Plans are also being worked on for a closer form of contact with the widespread branches of the organization. This need has been felt for a considerable length of time, and one of the recent measures to help overcome this difficulty, was the establishment of a national newsletter, for all chapters of the organization. This newsletter is called "Interim" and made its initial bow last month. It contains information of such character that will be of interest to all members and chapters.

HARDING RETURNS TO DENVER

Carl B. Harding, an East Bay member of the Mattachine, has returned to live in his home town, Denver, Colorado. Mr. Harding was active in many fields of the organizations work in this area. He was a contributor of articles to the Mattachine Review, worked on program scheduling and chaired programs given at the Friend's Center on Sutter Street, San Francisco, was active in the production of the Review and in contacting speakers and publishers. Though he will be severely missed, he plans to continue his fine work by correspondence. All our best wishes go with him.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

September 6, the Monthly Discussion speaker will be Dr. Alfred Auerbach. Dr. Auerbach is Chairman of the Committee on Mental Health of California Medical Association and Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California. He is also past president of the Northern California Psychiatric Society.

In October, the speaker will be Ken Zorin, local attorney. He will speak on the general field of conditions in Europe. He will have just returned from a summer-long vacation in various European countries, including Russia where tourist travel is now open. His talk will center largely on impressions gained from his trip.

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**NEWS AND ITEMS**

A Freudian slip?... The London Observer recently stated that Doctor Gilbert Murray, O.M., would celebrate his birthday quietly at his home near Oxford, with his wife to whom he has been married sixty-six years. It was also announced that that evening he would broadcast over the radio a talk entitled, "An Unfinished Battle."...

The new revue, New Faces of 1956, has been catalogued as fairly acceptable by most of the New York critics. Concerning one of the most highly praised performers, T.C. Jones, Variety asks, "How long since a revue has been built around a female impersonator? Mr. Julian Eltinge, Yarl Norman and Francis Renault must be smiling up there."

We do too!... The Package Machinary Company of East Longview, Mass., recently stated in a report: "Bundling. Revolutionary techniques in bundling have now been completed and we look forward to receiving our share in this expanding market."

And they say the American family is a decaying institution!... Recently a Hollywood husband who had a ten inch knife removed from his stomach after his wife had put it there, refused to sign a complaint. Said he, "She did it in a fit of wifely affection."...

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Local members and a non-member from Texas have responded generously to our recent pleas for library donations. Among books received was Kinsey's on the human female. Also given was The Troubled Midnight by Rodney Garland. The book confirms the adage that nothing is harder to repeat than success. Though it was based on the Burgess-McLean case it is singularly devoid of any dramatic interest and gives a general effect of colourlessness. However it is worthy of attention and a welcome addition to our shelves.

As a side-line, it might be of interest to know that The Heart in Exile is now on the stands as a paperback. Its publisher is Lion Library, and it sells for thirty-five cents. As a story, there is little of the especially unique about it, though it is written with a fair degree of competence. It does contain a number of remarkable and illuminating insights made by the writer on the basis of his experience as a psychiatrist.

Stranger in the Land is a first novel by Boyd Thomas, and seems a pity he hasn't published anything since. As with most first novels there are derivative traces of his literary idols, and he has not yet learned to write wholly in his own individual style, but the plot is a firmly undeviating one, with something of the starkly inexorable line of a Greek tragedy. There is a good sense of atmosphere, and the various characters are adequately outlined.

As usual, there is a violent ending, which makes me wish that someone would write a homophilic novel that would be neither "sensitive" nor vague nor inclined to make one run, not walk...
Admittedly, there is a lot of tragedy in the lives of all too many homophiles, but quite a lot have a keen sense of humor, and many live to a reasonably ripe old age. Personally, it would be a distinct pleasure to encounter a novel about a homophilic central character who cheerfully and insouciantly emerges on top of life, instead of being crushed by it. Somehow, we have liked the spirit of that French translator of the New Testament who stated in the Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the debonair for theirs in the kingdom of heaven."

Three French works were also contributed, which brings to mind that there is a considerable amount of Continental fiction as well as non-fiction in this field that would be worthy of translation into English. For example, there exists a novel by Thomas Mann's son, Der Wendepunkt - The Turning Point - that deserves attention, if only as the work of the son of a great literary figure. Likewise, there are three hitherto untranslated novels in French by Marguerite Yourcenar, author of Hadrian's Memoirs, which was a bestseller last year. Miss Yourcenar's story was especially noteworthy for the factual, objective way in which it depicted the homophilic side of Hadrian's character, as well as being a finely written story.

The other contributions made were too numerous to do justice in the brief space of this issue. To each and everyone of you, we give our deepest thanks. You've been more than generous, and we appreciate it. To those who honestly mean to make donations, why not do it NOW?

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Sept. 27 - MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING - Mattle-
chine Members, 693 Mission St.,
Room 307, 8p.m.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 4 - PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING
Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter St.
8 p. m.
Speaker: Ken Zwerin
Subject: Recent Tour of Europe

11 till 2

Oct. 22 - FELLOWSHIP DINNER - 1560A Haight St.
8 p. m., Reservations, EX 7-0773

Oct. 25 - MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING - Mattle-
chine Members, 693 Mission Street, Room 307
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TO MEET

The first Board of Directors meeting since the May 1956 National Convention will be held in Los Angeles during the Labor Day weekend, September 1-3. Attendance is expected from San Francisco, Long Beach, Santa Monica, and other areas for the meeting, which will include business and social sessions.

Official opening of the Board meeting will be a general session at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1st, followed by the chief business session, closing at 5 p.m. A reception and dinner will be held that evening for out of town guests, members and interested local persons, at $1 each. Directions and address will be announced during the afternoon session.

Sunday activities will include a beach party at Playa del Rey.

Individual meetings with the Directors of the various Departments (Research, Public Relations, Publications, Legal-Legislative) will occupy most of Monday, leaving Sunday night free for individual planning.

Business sessions and meetings will be held at the L.A.C. office, 357 Belmont, in Los Angeles. Activities, with the exception of business sessions are open to non-members.

Any Bay Area members or interested persons who would like to attend this meeting, please call in at EX 7-0773 so a reservation may be made to accommodate additional persons. The Board of Director's meeting is held semi-annually.

AUGUST SPEAKER

Comments by several of those who were fortunate enough to hear the speaker at the August 2 meeting of the Mattachine Society's Public Discussion Group at the Friend's Center on Sutter Street, indicated that this was perhaps one of the finest meetings yet held. The speaker, a noted San Francisco therapist, talking from a very wide personal as well as professional background, outlined the topic, "The Need for a Permanent Relationship."

He first explained that the feminine approach to marriage is basically emotional, while the male attitude is primarily intellectual. There being this very broad difference, when two people with the same basic approach enter into a "permanent" relationship, certain difficulties will necessarily follow. The independent approach of the male and the dependent approach of the female is not counterbalanced in homophilic relationships.

Homophilic permanent relationships can be, and are being, successful adventures. These can be such only by careful and cooperative planning. Failures of most such relationships can be traced to boredom and/or possessiveness. Many of these relationships are built in a very small circle of contacts with other people, with one partner becoming jealous in his possessiveness. The excitement of sharing the same bed fades as the years go by. Many relationships started upon the first meeting, but as our speaker wisely stated, it is far better to GROW in love than it is to FALL in love.

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Marriage - any marriage or like relationship - was defined as being a "cooperative adventure in growth" with extra emphasis on cooperation. Problems will inevitably arise and must be solved as they come up. It is very important that the partners can sit down and have a "man to man" talk. Drawing from his personal experience, he stated that the big problems can be and are usually faced without any trouble, but the little ones seem to create big hurdles.

The speaker was very frank in stating that if a relationship is to last through the years extra "activities" must be built into the relationship. The male must have the assurance that he is still attractive to others as well as having the excitement of new meetings. Accepting each other "as is" is an important factor in building a lasting relationship.

Explaning further what was meant by the best type of relationship being a "cooperative adventure in growth," he stated that cooperation includes constant compromise and a continual willingness and awareness of seeing and understanding the other person's viewpoint. This in turn produces a sense of excitement and adventure that keeps the relationship ever alive. And the quality of adventure creates the one of growth. These, in brief, are some of the things that can be built into and some of the things that cause the homophilic relationship to either fail or succeed.

BOOKS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL REFERENCE LIBRARY

CODE: Following the title and author the following letters: f, fiction; nf, non-fiction; hc, hard cover; pb, paperbound.

ABOUT THE KINSEY REPORT, ed. D.P. Geddes and Enid Curie, pb
AGAINST THE LAW, Peter Wildeblood, hcnf
ALL THE SEXES, Geo.W. Henry, M.D., hcnf
AMERICAN SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AND THE KINSEY REPORT, Ernst and Loth, pbnf
AMERICA'S CITIES OF SIN, ed. N. Sarlat, pbnf
APPOINTMENT ON THE HILL, D. Detzer, hcnf
ART OF CLEAR THINKING, THE, Rudolf Flesch, hcnf
ASYLUM, William Seabrook, pbnf
AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF AN ANDROGYNE, Earl Lind, hcnf
THE BITTERWEED PATH, Thomas Hal Phillips, pbf
BREAK DOWN THE WALLS, J. R. Martin, pbnf
THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT, Gerald Sykes, hcf
DARK PASSIONS SUBDUE, Douglas Sanderson, pbf
DE PROFUNDIS, Oscar Wilde, hcnf
DERRICKS, James Barr, hcf
DESPERATE ASYLUM, Fletcher Flora, pbf
DIANA, Diana Fredericks, pbf
THE DISAPPEARANCE, Philip Wylie, pbf
DRI GUILLOTINE, Rene Belbenoit, hcnf
END AS A MAN, Calder Willingham, pbf
THE FALL OF VALOR, Chas. Jackson, pbf
THE FEAR AND THE GUILT, Wilene Shaw, pbf
FINISTERE, Fritz Peters, pbf
FRIENDS AND VAGUE LOVERS, Jack Dunphy, hcf
GAME OF FOOLS, James Barr Fugate, hcf
GENERATION OF VIPERS, Philip Wylie, hcf
GROUP LIFE, Marshall Greco, hcnf
GROWING UP IN NEW GUINEA, Margaret Mead, pbnf
For nearly a century the term homosexual in connection with human behavior has been applied to sexual relations, either overt or psychic, between individuals of the same sex. Derived from the Greek root homo rather than from the Latin word for man, the term emphasizes the sameness of the two individuals who are involved in a sexual relation. The word is, of course, patterned after and intended to represent the antithesis of the word heterosexual, which applies to a relation between individuals of different sexes.

The term homosexual has had an endless list of synonyms in the technical vocabularies and a still greater list in the vernaculars. The terms homogenic love, contrasexuality, homoerotism, similisexualism, uranism and others have been used in English. The terms sexual inversion, intersexuality, transexuality, the third sex, psychosexual hermaphroditism, and others have been applied not merely to designate the nature of the partner involved in the sexual relation, but to emphasize the general opinion that individuals engaging in homosexual activity are neither male nor female, but persons of mixed sex. These latter terms are, however, most unfortunate, for they provide an interpretation in anticipation of any sufficient demonstration of the fact, and consequently they prejudice investigations of the nature and origin of homosexual activity.

The term Lesbian, referring to such female homosexual relations as were immortalized in the poetry of Sappho of the Greek Isle of Lesbos, has gained considerable usage within recent years, particularly in some of the larger Eastern cities where the existence of female homosexu-
ality is more generally recognized by the public at large. Although there can be no objection to designating relations between females by a special term, it should be recognized that such activities are quite the equivalent of sexual relations between males.

It is unfortunate that the students of animal behavior have applied the term homosexual to a totally different sort of phenomenon among the lower mammals. In most of the literature on animal behavior it is applied on the basis of general conceptions of the behavior pattern of the animal, its aggressiveness in seeking the sexual contact, its postures during coitus, its position relative to the other animal in the sex relation and the conformance or disconformance of that behavior to the usual positions and activities of the animal during heterosexual coitus.

In studies of human behavior, the term inversion is applied to sexual situations in which males play female roles and females play male roles in sex relations. Most of the data on "homosexuality" in the animal studies actually refer to inversion. Inversion, of course, may occur in either heterosexual or homosexual relations, although there has been a widespread opinion, even among students of human psychology and among some persons whose experience has been largely homosexual, that inversion is an invariable accompaniment of homosexuality. However, this generalization is not warranted. A more elaborate presentation of our data would show that there are a great many males who remain masculine, and a great many females who remain feminine, in their attitudes and their approaches in homosexual relations, as the males or females who have nothing but heterosexual relations. Inversion and homosexuality are two distinct and not always correlated types of behavior.

If the term homosexual is restricted as it should be, the homosexuality or heterosexuality of any activity becomes apparent by determining the sexes of the two individuals involved in the relationship. For instance, mouth-genital contacts between males and females are certainly heterosexual, even though some persons may think of them as homosexual. And although one may hear of a male "who had sex relations with his wife in a homosexual way," there is no logic in such a use of the term, and analyses of the behavior and of the motivations of the behavior in such cases do not show them necessarily related to any homosexual experience.

On the other hand, the homosexuality of certain relationships between individuals of the same sex may be denied by some persons, because the situation does not fulfill other criteria that they think should be attached to the definition. Mutual masturbation between two males may be dismissed, even by certain clinicians, as not homosexual, because oral or anal relations or particular levels of psychic response are required, according to their concept of homosexuality. There are persons who insist that the active male in an anal relation is essentially heterosexual in his behavior, and that the passive male in the same relation is the only one who is homosexual.

These, however, are misapplications of terms, which are often unfortunate because they obscure the interpretations of the situation which the clinician is supposed to help by his analysis.

These misinterpretations are often encouraged by the very persons who are having homosexual experience. Some males who are being regularly infatuated by other males without, however, ever performing fellatio themselves, may insist that they are exclusively heterosexual and that they have never been involved in a truly homosexual relation. Their consciences are cleared and they may avoid trouble with society and with the police by perpetrating the additional fiction that they are incapable of responding to a relation with a male unless they fantasy themselves in contact with a female. Even clinicians have allowed themselves to be diverted by such pretensions. The actual histories, however, show few if any cases of sexual relations between males which could be considered anything but homosexual.

Many individuals who have had considerable homosexual experience, construct a hierarchy on the basis of which they insist that anyone who has not had as much homosexual experience as they have had, or who is less exclusively, aroused by homosexual stimuli, is "not really homosexual." It is amazing to observe how many psychologists and psychiatrists have accepted this sort of propaganda, and have come to believe that homosexual males and females are discreetly different from persons who merely have homosexual experience, or who react sometimes to homosexual stimuli. Sometimes such an interpretation allows for only two kinds of males and two kinds of females, namely those who are heterosexual. But as subsequent data in this chapter will show, there is only about half of the male population whose sexual behavior is exclusively heterosexual, and there are only a few percent who are exclusively homosexual. Any restriction of the term homosexuality to individuals who are exclusively so demands, logically, that the term homosexual be applied only to those individuals who are exclusively heterosexual, and this makes no allowance for the "nearly" half of the population which has, had sexual contacts with, or reacted psychically to, individuals of their own as well as of the opposite sex. Actually, of course, one must learn to recognize every combination of heterosexuality and homosexuality in the histories of various individuals.

It would encourage clearer thinking on these matters if persons were not characterized as heterosexual or homosexual, but as individuals who have had certain amounts of heterosexual experience and certain amounts of homosexual experience. Instead of using these terms as substantives which stand for persons, or even as adjectives to describe persons, they may better be used to describe the nature of the overt sexual relations, or of the stimuli to which an individual sexually responds.
IN MEMORIAM

The death of Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, August 25, at Bloomington, Indiana, was deeply felt by all who knew him, either personally, or through his work.

Dr. Kinsey, in the past years, had drawn upon the resources of the Mattachine Society for interviewees in relation to his researches. During the years of 1953-1956, relatively close contact was maintained with him, and the growth of the Society from its early years was always of interest to him.

From his already published works on sexual behavior, Dr. Kinsey had produced a revolution in sexual mores. The projected works were to have been on subjects of marital adjustment, legal aspects of sex, heterosexual and homosexual balance, sexual adjustments in institutional populations, prostitution, and sex education. This work will be carried on by the Institute for Sex Research, in Bloomington.

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THE SEX CRIMINAL, Bertram Pollens, hcnf
SEX IN PRISON, Joseph F. Fishman, hcnf
SEXUAL CONDUCT OF THE TEEN-AGER, Dr. S.U. Lawton and Jules Archer, pbnf
SEX OFFENDERS, Dr. Manfred Guttmacher, hcnf
THE SEX PARADOX, Isabel Drummond, hcnf
SEXUAL ABNORMALITIES, M.D. Hirschfeld, hcnf
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR IN THE HUMAN FEMALE, A.C. Kinsey, W.B. Pomeroy, C.E. Martin, P.H. Gebhard, hcnf
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR IN THE HUMAN MALE, Kinsey, Pomeroy, Martin, hcnf
SEXUAL DEVIATIONS, London and Caprio, hcnf
SEXUAL FAILURE OF THE BEAUTIFUL WOMAN, THE ADOLESCENTS IN MUTINY, Y. LTA, Alger Hiss, pbnf
SEXUAL LIFE IN ANCIENT INDIA, Johann Meyer, hcnf
SEXUAL PATHOLOGY, N. Hirschfeld, hcnf
SIT TOWN, U.S.A., ed. Noah Sarlat, pbnf
THE SLUG AND THE ARROW, Stuart Engstrand, hcnf
SOCIETY AND THE HOMOSEXUAL, Gordon Westwood, hcnf
SPRING FIRE, Vin Packer, pbf
THE STANDARD PENAL CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIF.
STRANGE FRIENDS, Amate Holt, pbf
STRANGER IN THE LAND, Ward Thomas, hcnf
THEY STAND APART, Judge Tudor Rees & H.V. Usill
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THE THIRD SEX, Howard Norton, pbnf
THE TORMENTED (THE OUTER RING) A.E. Lindop, pbf
THE WELL OF LONELINESS, Radclyffe Hall, pbf
WHISPER HIS SIN, Vin Packer, pbf
WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?, George Price, pbf
TWILIGHT MEN, Andre Tellier, pbf
THE SUN ALSO RISES, Ernest Hemingway, pbf
THE SALT QUEEN'S STORY, C.T. Duffy, pbf
OPUS 21, Philip Wylie, pbf
HOW TO ATTAIN AND PRACTICE THE IDEAL SEX LIFE, Dr. J. Rutgers, hcnf
PRINCIPLES OF ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY, Ed. Conklin, hcnf
RELEASE FROM NERVOUS TENSION, Dr. D.H. Fink, hcnf
THE NEUROTIC PERSONALITY OF OUR TIME,
Dr. Karen Homey, hcnf
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CRIMINOLOGY, Ed. V.C. Bramham and S.S. Kutash, hcnf
21 Variations on a Theme, D.W. Cory, hcnf
END AS A MAN, Calder Willingham, hcnf
SPECIAL FRIENDSHIPS, Roger Peyrefitte, hcnf
THE INVISIBLE GLASS, Loren Wahl, hcnf
THE CITY AND THE PILAR, Gore Vidal, hcnf
MALE AND FEMALE, Margaret Mead, hcnf
STRANGE LOVES, La Forest Potter, hcnf
THE GAY YEAR, Michael De Forrest, hcnf

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BOOKS NEEDED

The preceding list contains the books in the San Francisco Area Council Reference Library. While this library has been in actual operation only a short time the growth has been encouraging, as well as the usage of its facilities. But, many more titles are needed and the finances for this project are nonexistent in the Area Council. We have received many books from contributors who have read our pleas for them in past issues of the Newsletter, and we'd like to reiterate that if anyone has any books, extra copies or otherwise, on this subject, would you be kind enough to forward them to, LIBRARIAN, SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL, Suite 307, 693 Mission St., San Francisco, or call us at EX 7-0773 and we can arrange to pick them up.

NEWS AND ITEMS

Ah, youth..."There is a girl I like very much," states a teen-ager in one of the young people's magazines. "I think she likes me—but how can I be sure?" "I go to her house every day. Everytime I go there, she says 'hi' and then hits me. She always sits beside me and tries to get me to kiss her, but I'm a bit shy. I really like her. Do you think she really likes me?" Editors' reply—"She likes you." Readers of the last issue of the New York Arc's excellent and informative Newsletter were greatly disappointed to note that the announcement of a lecture there by H.Call, Publications Director of the Society, had been modified, so that the description of him as Member of the Year Award Winner in 1955 had been changed to Award Winner. Personally we feel that this is a great mistake...

The August 18th issue of Saturday Review has a highly enthusiastic review of "The Sound of Waves" by Fudjo Mishima, the most famous of Japan's younger writers. Asking why none of this writer's other plays or novels have been translated into English, he decides, "...the only deterrent I can think of is the undercurrent of homosexuality which up to The Sound of Waves had pervaded his work. While this fact of human behaviour appears to be far less prevalent in Japan than it is in America, it still seems odd that Japanese publishers should find themselves bolder than American ones.

We deeply sympathize. "We are trying to learn the ways of Western man," says a New Guinea savage to Margaret Mead, the anthropologist, in her newest book. "But one thing we have not learned yet, and this is the proper way to commit adultery."
A local member was kind enough to donate his entire private collection to the library this month, an act of generosity that was deeply appreciated. Another member also gave some books, ones he had bought specially for the library.

One received was Roger Fryrefitte's "Special Friendships"; a delicately subtle study of relationships in a monastery, one which despite its merits is not too well-known in this country.

Also donated was Gore Vidal's "The City and the Pillar." Rereading it after an interim of several years proved it to be a work with more substance to it than, say, "Twilight Men," by André Toller, or "The Gay Year" by Michael DeForrest. There is the usual violent ending, but at least it can be judged in terms of its merits as a story, whereas the other two are simply well-meant pieces of contentless artificiality.

The acquisition of Donald Webster Cory's "21 Variations on a Theme" now makes the library's collection of his published works complete. Owing to the general lack of short stories written along such lines, many of his choices only treat the subject lightly and in passing. But certain of them, however, are of great merit, one of the best being Stefan Zweig's hitherto untranslated powerful and compassionate "The Confusion of Sentiment."

Jacob Myer's "Sexual Life in Ancient India" was found to be a highly fascinating study of Hindu sexual mores of roughly speaking, two thousand years ago. The one complaint to be made is that the extremely erudite footnotes sometimes cover three-quarters of the page they are supposed to be commenting upon. However, it contains much valuable material not to be found elsewhere and is a very important reference work.

Also given was "The Tormented," a novel by Audrey Erksine Lindop. It is shortly due to be discussed in the Mattachine Review, so that it would be unfair to the reviewer to say more than he feels it has many merits. One comment can be made, however. The reviewers quoted by the publishers speak of its "tempestuous passion" and other such-like qualities. Perhaps it might seem so to critics who have led secluded, sheltered lives, but any person who has been reared on Hemingway, Wolfe and Faulkner will find it has all the tempestuousness of noontime on a summer day in the country with the temperature at a hundred and twenty in the shade. However, Miss Lindop has extremely progressive views concerning male inversion. She also writes with logic and intelligence, qualities which none of the writers named have ever been famous for possessing.

Another contribution, also due to be discussed in the Review, is the new Gesell book, "Youth." Doctor Gesell is well-known, not to say famous, among modern parents as the author of a book in which the character and personality changes undergone by children from babyhood to ten are outlined. Many are the harassed parents who have learned from it with a sigh of relief that little Billy's new trait of kicking all adults is simply a phase he is undergoing, as well as a countless host of other valuable things.

The succeeding volume lists all the changes from ten to sixteen. The odd thing about it to the mind of a layman, is that though it describes the behaviour patterns exhibited by young people when sexual awareness first appears, there are no suggestions whatsoever as to how the awareness should be dealt with. It would almost seem as if Doctor Gesell feels the
example should be followed of the mother who
is described as saying;
"You are fourteen, my son," said the
clegant dame,
And of sex you're beginning to matter.
There are facts you should know, but
remember your name,
And learn them in the very best manner."

WASHINGTON CHAPTER NEWS

As of August 16, 1956, the Washington
Chapter of the Mattachine Society had a to­
tal of 13 members to its credit as a result of
two meetings, it was reported in the Washin­
gton Newsletter. Officers of the chapter have
been elected. The Washington D.C. Area Council
includes; Washington; Arlington, Alexandria,
and Falls Church, Virginia; Mount Rainier,
Silver Spring, Bethesda, Hyattsville, and
Takoma Park, Maryland.

LOS ANGELES NEWS

News from the Los Angeles Chapter indi­
cates reorganizational work being accomplished
and an outline of current and future events.
On September 19, the Los Angeles Area Council
will feature Maurice Fleury, a well-known
handwriting expert, as a guest speaker. Mr.
Fleury has been engaged in handwriting anal­
ysis for more than thirty years, and agrees
with recent theories that point to handwriting
as an indication of sexual preference.
MEMBERSHIP IN THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY

Inquiries are made as to how membership is obtainable in the Mattachine Society. Application for this purpose is made to any of the officers of the San Francisco Area Council. Before the applicant is considered for membership (at the monthly business meetings of the Area Council) the applicant should be known by the various members of the Council as well as know something of the projects done by the local group; such as the work on the Mattachine Review, and other publications; monthly public discussion groups; other social activities, etc. Therefore, for those seriously interested in aiding the Society by becoming members, it is advisable to contact a member of the Area Council to discuss the plan. Our office telephone is EX 7-0773 or write to us at 693 Mission Street, Room 307, San Francisco.

At the monthly public discussion groups, held at the Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter Street, all the Area Council officers attend regularly. We attempt to meet all newcomers and give any information desired by him. However, it is often impossible to meet everyone who attends - if you have been neglected you have our apology. If at any of the meetings you wish to discuss anything with a member or an officer, please feel free to button-hole him.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING

Dr. Alfred Auerback spoke at the Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter Street, September 6, 1956, before an audience of some fifty people. This meeting was one of the regularly scheduled monthly public discussion groups sponsored by the San Francisco Chapter of the Mattachine Society.

Dr. Auerback is Chairman of the Committee on Mental Health of the California Medical Association and Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California. He began his discussion of "A Psychiatrist Looks at Sex Deviation," with a brief historical summary of the incidence of homosexuality from early cultures up to and including the present one. He related some of the high points that homosexuality reached as a cultural value in some societies, such as the brief Grecian epoch.

Continuing, the speaker delved into some of the current feelings about homosexuality; the abilities and limitations of psychiatry to help the maladjusted homophile; some of the problems that may beset the homophile, such as the difficulty of suitable meeting places, etc. As to a working definition of causative factors or the causative factor - it's still anybody's guess. Each theory has its particular applicability, but rarely will two people agree to the particular causes of this phenomena. One may as well seek the cause of his heterosexuality. There are numerous justifications for each form of sexuality. It appears that both sides - heterosexual and homosexual - are equally far from reaching that neutrality which will accept all facets of sex as distinct and interesting possibilities within the human being. Each side conforms to its own compulsions - for it is a compulsion to rigidly follow and adhere to one line of action when others are available and interesting - despite the justifications. To realize fully the fact that all these directions are available and
that each person is able to experience what either side offers is what is necessary. Of course this points to the excessive limitations and strictures that each of us live within, and how little of life we really live.

The speaker reported an instance of homosexuality occurring in one of identical twins. The twins were separated at birth for the purpose of distinction by having one wear blue clothing and the other pink; the one who was dressed in pink later became homophilically inclined - but was aided in this by becoming a "mother's boy" and other acts such as the death of his sister when he donned her clothing in an attempt to assuage the mother's grief.

A question and answer period came after Dr. Auerback's speech - followed by coffee and a general discussion.

**Books and Library Notes**

It is not generally realized, but we humans pattern ourselves and our behavior according to the concepts held up to us of the way the sort of people we think we are should behave. These concepts, or archetypes, come to us from a variety of sources; the home, school, and popular beliefs as embodied in art-forms being among the main ones. The films also profoundly influence persons in these behavior-patterns. Rodney Garland, the psychiatrist, points out time and time again in his The Heart in Exile, a book which every homophile ought to read at least once, how the people who came to him suffered very genuine grief and sorrow, but expressed it in words and motions similar to those with which they had seen such things portrayed on the screen.

At present, the only art form which makes any real attempt to deal with the homophile is fictional and non-fictional literature. Consequently, this especial form assumes an exaggerated importance in the lives of such people, which it might not if there were less of a general ban upon artistic treatment of the subject.

The short story "Astrological Fricassee" in the anthology Nights of Love and Laughter by Henry Miller, now being issued in pocket book form is one example of such influence. Miller is one of the greatest writers of high quality... As persons familiar with the Broadway scene know, the person best known in Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter? is Jayne Mansfield, not because she has a good publicity agent but because she's willing to pose for cheesecake for photogs anytime, any place, any occasion. "After all your years in the theater," one veteran trouper in the cast was asked, "How does it feel to owe your continued employment to an out-size bosom?" "Well, it's a job and a good one," he answered. "Anyway," he added, "it's in a great theatrical tradition."
may well be thoroughly experienced and completely aware of what he is doing. Worse still, is the fact that the few such cases that occur in the homophilic world and by some mischance become known in the heterophilic one are cited as examples of the frequently repeated charge that homophiles are "corrupters of the young" and that "we must protect our youth."

The appearance, therefore, of such as story as Norman Mailer's new novel The Deer Park gives one hope that possibly the dawn of a new era is commencing. The one homosexual character is only a minor one. But at least he is a recognizable human being with a few sparks of decency to him. He is neither a delicately fragile soul who is "crushed by a world too strong for him" nor an emotionally immature person who seeks exclusively what is termed in certain circles a "mad" existence. He is seen as an individual rather than a type, and his personality rather than his sexual tendency are Mailer's main concern.

The novel itself is extremely readable and seems to be almost exclusively populated by persons totally devoid of sincerity, honesty and ethics. There is also one semi-criminal who is strongly similar to Dostoyevsky's fallen angels who seek the bad because of their devotion to the good, as well as a number of vivid sexual episodes that ought to interest those readers who want to relax.

Oddly enough, the story ultimately works out to a highly moral conclusion, but one that scorns what some Puritans called "the filthy rags of righteousness."
The total effect of the novel is to give one the belief that Mr. Mailer is a born story-teller of very great potentialities. The fact also that a novelist of such note should deal so objectively with the homophile augurs the coming of a time when a finer type of archetype will be held up to the homophile for him to model himself upon.

This would not be so regrettable, were it not for the fact that the public accepts these portrayals as the last word of truth about such people. Worse still, there are actually homophiles who sincerely believe that the artificial, unstable and affected mode of existence described by him is what the authentic homosexual life consists of. It is what they regard themselves as living, it is what they occupy their main thoughts with, and it is what they delight in the most. Even more unfortunately, there are persons who are persuaded by this propaganda to cultivate flamboyant and extreme mannerisms and behavior-patterns, and who regard all homophiles who do not behave thus when away from the heterophile world as hypocrites and putting on airs, because they honestly believe that such exaggerated, restlessly unstable behavior is the way all homophiles would be were they to let themselves go.

The short story "The Innocent Flesh" in the Bantam Book anthology new campus writing is equally repugnant to homophilic minds. In this case, the central theme is paedophilia, the love of young boys by a mature man. Most heterophilic reviewers would term the story "sensitively handled" and "delicately probing." However, for the homophile the subject can only have extremely distressing associations.

Paedophilia is usually regarded as originating from an incapacity to experience emotional relationships with persons existing on one's own level of maturity, though no two cases are exactly alike, of course. It is usually compulsive rather than a matter of conscious choice, and has little to do with the goodness or badness of the person, when he is evaluated in terms of what he is as an individual rather than his habit.

The only trouble is that it is illegal, and a far more serious offense than homophilic relationships with consenting adults, even though the juvenile partner
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   1830 Sutter Street, 8 p. m.
   Speaker: Ken Zwerin, Subject: Recent Tour of Europe

14 - Mattachine Brunch, 1560A Haight St. 11 til 2
22 - Fellowship Dinner (time and place announced later)
25 - Monthly Business Meeting - members, 8 p. m.

NOVEMBER

1  - Public Discussion Meeting, Friend's Center
    1830 Sutter Street, 8 p. m.
11 - Brunch (to be announced later)
19 - Fellowship Dinner (to be announced later)
29 - Monthly Business Meeting - members, 8 p. m.
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November 8 will mark the debut of a new series of informal, moderated discussion groups. Ray Frisby will act as moderator of the group and any topic will be considered for discussion. The program is aimed toward a type of neutral atmosphere which will be conducive to each person airing his thoughts along a particular line. Location will be 1560A Haight St., and the time will be 7:30 p.m.

DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS

One of the most interesting news items in this area is the publication "The Ladder" which has made its second appearance. It is the official publication of the Daughters of Bilitis, an organization designed for educational projects on the subject of sexual variancy, especially the female homosexual. "The Ladder" is published monthly, and for those of you interested in this organization or its publication, write to the Daughters of Bilitis, P.O. Box 2183, San Francisco. To receive the "Ladder" for a year, enclose one dollar donation.

Book Section, REVIEWS AND CONTENTS

"Cards of Identity" by Nigel Dennis

Here, in only 370 pages, Mr. Dennis has created one of the most dashing novels read in recent years by this reviewer. It has the incisive wit of Aldous Huxley and the incisiveness of George Orwell.

To say that "Cards of Identity" is extremely worthwhile reading is doing it a great injustice, for its penetrating insights into the foibles and follies of contemporaneous attitudes toward the question "Who am I?" are not only outrageously amusing but bitterly sardonic, in a richly sophisticated manner.
Mr. Dennis has chosen man's attitude toward who he is as his theme and embroiders with deft strokes to paint a broad canvas depicting many of the arbitrary qualities that go into the making of man. He goes to the very core of his characters with casual ease, and points to the nonsensical centre of his creations.

The scenes in this story revolve about the Identity Club, a group of people devoted (sometimes) to recreating identities. The members gather for their Annual Convention in a country house 'taken over' for the occasion and staffed with re-identified townspeople. Part of the program is utilized with readings of 'case histories' of recreated identities by the various members. One such 'case history' will be of particular interest to the homophile—for it concerns the indecisiveness of a young 'man' towards sexual expression, and to sexual identification. The hero of the story moves through homophile circles always with hilarious results.

The amazing thing about "Cards of Identity" is the author's ability to poke the most delightful fun at most of the contemporary institutions: psychology, Communism, homosexuality, but most of all, at the nonsense and vacuum existing in modern man.

LIBRARY NOTES

Recent contributions include an extremely important bulletin of 156 pages, "Obscenity and the Fine Arts," in a special issue of Law and Contemporary Problems issued by Duke University. In it important figures in the field of anthropology, theology, psychology, law and philosophy, attempt to present the reactions of their different areas to the subject.
One of the most striking facts about the contributions is that nearly every writer finds it necessary to redefine the meaning of the word "obscenity." Time and time again the comment is made that the dictionary's supposed definition in reality only consists of a series of adjectives - "libidinous, lasciviousness, indecency," etc., rather than being a definition of the thing in itself.

Though opinions and attitudes sometimes vary considerably among the writers, the ultimate conclusion arising from their data and views is that obscenity is a relative rather than an absolute thing. Each society, and economic and religious group within a society has its own special concept of it. Upon occasion the concepts of different groups within the same society differ almost completely as with, for example, the various Fundamentalist sects, the Unitarians, the various nudist organizations.

Each one of the writers, in nearly all cases without any conscious awareness of the fact, defined obscenity solely in terms of sexual taboos, and taboos having sexual connotations, as with adultery and defecation, which, obviously explains why homosexuality is practically never discussed or even mentioned in most of the major art forms of today, with the exception of literature.

The usual belief of the censors of obscenity is that it corrupts the morals of the group, particularly those of the young. Whether or not this is actually so has never been definitely ascertained. So far only pro and con opinions have been stated, upon occasion with a great deal of heat, by parties against or in favor of it. There has not hitherto been any sort of serious statistical scientific study or series of tests made to determine what the exact truth of the matter it. Until the date that this is done it would seem that no valid judgement can be passed as to whether or not censorship is a necessity as a means of preserving the social structure.
Actually, it appears that what the censors are essentially interested in maintaining is the surface appearance of morality rather than attempting to incite persons to live rightly, and letting them decide the exact nature of immorality and whether or not to perform it, for themselves. During the Victorian period it was notorious, as Burton pointed out, that there were certain areas of London and Paris where male prostitutes and houses of male prostitution were to be found. It was also well-known that there were certain types of attire and flowers that were commonly worn by well-to-do homosexuals. However, it was practically never discussed in print, and never on the stage, etc., so that it was conveniently easy to subscribe to the belief that there were few, if any, socially disturbing elements existent in the social structure. This in turn produced the necessary feeling of internal security which for censors is only to be obtained by being sure that the world continues on as it has always been.

Naturally, therefore, the formal changing of present legal and social attitudes towards homophilia would seem a highly revolutionary and shockingly disrupting change to such persons. Ironically enough, the present legal code concerning heterosexual and homosexual behavior is scarcely ever strictly enforced, owing to the change in cultural attitudes and mores since the laws were drawn up. However, as long as they are not formally changed censorship can sleep in peace, the surface appearance of morality is maintained, and the only branch of the fine arts that makes a serious attempt to deal with the homophile is fictional and non-fictional literature. Even there, there are no limitations, as witness the banning of James Barr's novels.
This meeting, Thursday September 6, was unfortunately marked by the absence of the speaker who was expected back from Europe in time for the event, but who was unable to make it. However, Sam Morford, Chairman of the Mattachine Society in New York, who had flown out for this meeting, introduced with his comments, a taped recording of a television program which was presented a few weeks ago in New York. The program is "The Open Mind" and deals with such areas of interest as alcoholism, juvenile delinquency, homosexuality, and other particularly broad fields of social problems. The recording which Mr. Morford brought with him was the first on the subject of homosexuality. He stated that this was a purely experimental project; that the earlier programs on different topics weren't too well received because they were broadcast at an inconvenient time for TV-watchers. However, the response to this one program on homosexuality brought such an enthusiastic notice that two more are scheduled for this series on the same subject. The program follows the usual line of a panel of three professional people and a moderator, who in this case is also the producer, Richard Hefner. The panel members were Dr. Robert W. Laidlaw, Chief Psychiatrist at Roosevelt Hospital, Miss Florence Kelly, Attorney with the Legal Aid Society and Dr. Arthur Swift, Dean of the School of Politics at the New School of Social Research. One of the most interesting things about the content of this discussion was the remarkable similarity to previous discussions held here in San Francisco from time to time. Many of the same questions, many of the same solutions
were asked and talked about. It would appear as though a form of universality is being approached in current thought and feeling about homosexuality in these areas. And it presents the difficult problem of evaluating how much of this thought is drifting over into and across the country; the question of whether the country as a whole is really changing its attitude and becoming interested in looking at the situation. Undoubtedly, there remain those persons who still are uncertain how to react to homosexuality, and in their uncertainty become resentful and angry. And with this type little can be done except to hope that they will slowly rethink their way to a more honest appraisal of the subject.

"The Open Mind" television program was without doubt one of the most heartening examples of current action on general discussion of the homophile. It was excellently prepared and presented. About all that can be added is a wish that all peoples could approach the subject of homosexuality with the same neutrality and desire to seek out the areas of agreement as to what is true and what is false about it.

CHRISTMAS PLANS

Plans are now underway for the annual Hatachine Christmas Dinner Party. This year's event will be held on December 15 and the location will be announced later by special letter. As is the custom, the evening consists of an interchange of gag-type gifts (inexpensive - usually about one dollar), dinner, wassail, and other surprises, and of course, the Christmas tree.
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DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 6 PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING, Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m.
Speaker: Miss Alice LaVere, psychologist.

Dec. 9 KOFFEE KLATCH and potluck dinner 7:30 p.m., 1560A Haight Street,
Moderated Discussion (see page 5)

Dec. 14 ANNUAL MATTACHINE CHRISTMAS PARTY
Members and invited guests (see more at bottom of this page)

Dec. 27 Monthly Business Meeting, members
693 Mission St., Room 307

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Mattachine Christmas Party will be held this year December 14, 8 p.m., and will include dinner, entertainment, an exchange of inexpensive gifts, etc. Each person is asked to bring one gift (not more than one dollar in cost) for exchange among the people present. Special invitations will be mailed later and the charge for this event will be $2.50 per person.

CHRISTMAS GREETING

By the time the next Newsletter has been received Christmas will have come and gone. What this festival means for each person depends on his own individual circumstances.

For some it is a major religious event. For others it is essentially a time of presents-giving and party-going. For those who have left the denomination they were brought up in, as all too many homosexuals seem to have to do, it brings back memories, happy ones for some, unhappy ones for others.

The orthodox Christian regards it as the commemoration of the birth of his Savior. The heterodox person regards it as nothing of the sort. Persons on both sides find themselves considerably irked by the arrant commercialism of the stores, and the incessant playing and replaying of essentially lovely carols ad nauseam.

The historically-minded know that the present date of the event was arbitrarily fixed at this time by Dionysius Exiguus, a Byzantine monk of the 4th century A.D. This particular time was picked out because it was the same one when the Roman Saturnalia was held all over the Roman empire with much wild revelry and presents-giving, in memory of when a legendary golden age had existed in Italy under the reign of Saturn. It was highly popular festival which was easier to alter than abolish, and anyway, the actual date of Christ's birth is unknown.

The historically-minded also point out that this time-period was a major festival
all over the Northern hemisphere till
winter solstice, which this year falls on
December 21, took place. Not the sun which
had gone as far south as it could go, would
start returning to the lands of the Northern
peoples. The days would grow longer and
longer, warmth would return, and the world
which had apparently died beneath the on­
slaughts of the powers of darkness, as sym­
bolized among the Norsemen by the Frost
Giants, would be reborn into the youth of
springtime. And so, assert some groups
of people today, we too can be reborn as
new persons, just as the world around us
is being reborn into something fresh and new.
Whatever the interpretation, most of us
are more or less glad to see Yuletide ap­
proach, and to think that for at least a few
minutes during the year a world apparently
in incessant conflict from the beginning of
time, thinks momentarily of universal peace
and kindliness. It is in this spirit that
we address to our readers the following in­
vocation from a Southern Buddhist scripture
whose essential spirit surely no one could
disagree with, no matter what his creed.

May all beings be happy.
May they be joyous and live in safety.
All living beings, whether weak or strong,
In high or middle, or low realms of exis­
tence,
Smell or great, visible or invisible, near
or far,
Born, or to be born,
May all beings be happy.

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JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1955: Cali­
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TWO ORIENTATION MEETINGS HELD

Two special orientation meetings during November were sponsored by the Mattachine Society's San Francisco Area Council. Early in the month the Publications Director met with 14 persons interested in the organization, and outlined Mattachine goals and its method of operation. Later in the month a forum on the legal subject was presented to this same group. Characteristic of the second meeting was the admonition "Don't commit illegal acts." The Society's long-standing policy against any sexual activity in public, against any sexual activity involving adults and minors (especially the young), and against any human relationships which involved fraud, violence and spread of disease, was clearly emphasized.

COUNSELOR IS DECEMBER SPEAKER

Miss Alice LaVere, of Personal Adjustment Bureau, San Francisco, will be the speaker at the December 6 public discussion meeting of the San Francisco Area Council, to be held as usual on the first Thursday evening, 8 p.m., at the Center of the American Friends Service Committee, 1830 Sutter Street.

She will tell of the operation of her service agency which has for many years aided persons with adjustment problems. The service offered includes emotional re-education, marital counseling and speech re-education. This presentation promises to be one of the outstanding topics of the year by a speaker who knows her subject and has vast experience in helping others.
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Mattachine REVIEW

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Abigail thought it over and sent back the reply:

On nature consideration
Of this unique narration
Of thy infatuation,
Without further hesitation,
With no coy dissimulation,
But with maidenly elation,
And perhaps some perturbation,
I agree to annexation,
And life-long assimilation.

They married in 1786 and had ten children, so that proposing with poetry would seem as good a method as any to insure a permanent marriage.

KOFFEE KLATCH

November 8 marked the beginning of a new series of informal discussion meetings officially designated as Koffee Klatches. This discussion group is designed and intended as a kind of interim meeting in addition to the Public Monthly Discussion Meetings. The Koffee Klatch is moderated by Ray Frisby. The November meeting drew an audience of a reported fourteen people; an excellent start. Subjects for discussion will vary with each meeting; the participants indicating their choice in this matter, and it may well range from a purely personal problem to a broader inclusion of general cultural attitudes and perplexities. The Koffee Klatch is held at 1560A Height St., beginning at 7:30 p.m. The next one is scheduled for December 9, a Sunday evening, and will include a pot-luck dinner.

CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

In Los Angeles, the Chairman of the Mattachine Society, along with the recording secretary, resigned recently from their official positions; the Chairman's resignation to become effective January 1, 1957. Their resignations came as a result of changes in their professional work. It is regrettable since they have worked long and hard on the Society's welfare since its inception. We send our best wishes for their continued welfare. The position of Chairman will be assumed by the Vice-Chairman.

NEWSSTAND ITEMS

Most human beings experience a considerable amount of disillusionment as they grow up. Homophiles as a group, experience even more, in fact, it might well be said that they have their faces ground in the dirt of human relationships. Either they see persons engaging in contacts all too often engendered under highly sordid circumstances, or else they see their fellows perpetually proceeding from one exaggeratedly colored and extremely brief infatuation to another, with only a rare few persons existing in the happy medium in between. This, of course, is more true in Anglo-Saxon than non-Anglo-Saxon countries.

Consequently it is a pleasure to report that *Either is Love* by Elisabeth Craigin, is once again on the stands in pocketbook form. This story, told in the form of letters written by a wife who had once experienced a lesbian relationship to her dearly beloved husband is a specialist's item rather than one for pop-
ular consumption. But it is a lovely one, and if it were solely about heterophiles would receive its due share of appreciation. It is hard not to believe that this is essentially an autobiography. Both the husband and wife sound as if they were exceptional human beings, with a remarkable quality of breeding and emotional depth to them. It is a pleasure to have come into contact with such persons, and to be reminded that both homophiles and heterophiles sometimes form relationships on a high level. The advertisement on the cover is a highly suggestive one, of course.

Another highly valuable pocketbook is *Sex Without Tears* by Norman Lockridge. Ostensibly, this is a work of humor. However, as Albert Ellis has pointed out, Americans find it difficult to accept the facts of life other than in the guise of humor or under a microscope. The consequence is that Lockridge, a supposed humorist, has produced a book that contains more realistic and advanced views on sexual relationships than the works of many contemporary scientists.

To do justice to it in this brief space is impossible. All we can do is quote the penetrating comment made by one gentleman of our acquaintance, just out of his teens who pursues every activity with energy and enterprise.

We loaned it to him. Two weeks later we asked him what he thought of it. "Well," he said, "as you know, I've very little time for reading right now. However, I went through the section on mistresses quite carefully."
JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 3  PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING  
Friend's Center - 1830 Sutter St.  
8 P.M.  
SPEAKER: Eleanor Van Leeuwen, director of a parent-cooperative nursery school.

Jan. 10  Koffee Klatch, moderated discussion  
2145 - 18th Street, 7:30 P.M.

Jan. 17  Monthly Dinner  
1480 Washington Street

Jan. 31  Monthly Business Meeting, members  
693 Mission Street, Room 307

KOFFEE KLATCH

Interest is growing in the monthly Koffee Klatch, a moderated discussion group, informally guided by moderator, R. Frisby. The January meeting will be the third of this series, and will be held January 10, at 2145 18th Street, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Plan to attend - any subject will be considered for discussion.
NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

There is a curious parallel between Christmas and New Year's, and many of the religious festivals known to the classical world, particularly the ones at Eleusis, in Greece. First, the inner man is brought to a high state of religious devotion, and in some cases, exaltation. Then he comes back to earth with a thud, and indulges in wild and fairly materialistic modes of revelry.

Whether or not it was planned this was is not known. But most certainly such behavior fulfills a basic psychological function. Too much holiness is as equally bad for humanity as too little of it. Coming back to earth by such means helps us to keep our balance.

So, as our readers prepare to keep their balance on New Year's Eve, we take this occasion to wish them a very Happy New Year! And in case those who plan to indulge in the wine that is red feel guilty about their intentions, may we remind them that excessive wine-drinking was once a religious rite in honor of Bacchus? Obviously, this means that all persons who become inebriated on this special date have intuitively penetrated into the inner meaning of the festival and are honoring the eternal vitality of the spirit of inspiration and exaltation. We wish them enjoyment as they prepare to take part in their religious devotions!
Alice LaVere, Consulting Psychologist, with the Personal Adjustment Bureau of San Francisco, spoke Dec.6 at monthly Public Discussion Meeting of the Mattachine Society.

Miss LaVere describe the many misconceptions rife concerning homosexuality. "While it is true," she stated, "that some homosexuals are compulsive neurotics, some suffer from schizophrenic tendencies, many are paranoid...many are well adjusted and stable minded individuals." She also added that in her experience of 22 years of counseling people with emotional disturbances, that the prevalence of mental illness is found among heterosexuals equal to that among homosexuals.

Many combined efforts—the press, ambitious police, outraged society—make the homosexual the object of a 20th century witch hunt.

Society has attempted many methods in attempting to 'cure' or rather, change the course of the homosexual's direction. "To date this search has been in vain; there is no demonstrable cure for this natural phenomena."

Miss LaVere concluded her discussion with this statement; "My personal experience is about all I can trust in this controversial situation. I have found that when the negative mental reflexes are exchanged for constructive and positive ones, individuals on either side of the sex line improve their attitudes, efficiency, and gain success and peace of mind.

Miss LaVere is scheduled to speak again, along the same line, at a later date to be announced.
An extremely important contribution to the library is Patterns of Sexual Behavior by Clellan S. Ford and Frank A. Beach. If the truth were known, most people know very little about sexual matters. What they do know has usually been picked up by hearsay, from personal experience over a limited area, or from superficially general articles in popular magazines. Presumably, this common ignorance would explain why the Kinsey report, which was originally intended only for specialists, received such widespread attention from the public at large.

Homophiles, as a group, seem to tend to know a surprising amount concerning their own field, though upon rare occasions one encounters astoundingly uninformed ones. However, it usually seems to extend only to their own sphere of sexual activity and sometimes lacks the perspective that knowledge over a broader area would give. Most especially, it would help them to achieve the special freedom that comes when it is realized that the sexual mores of one's own societal group are not the only ones in the world, and are not even necessarily in accordance with the true facts of man's sexual nature. As Albert Ellis once pointed out, in describing how so many homophiles unconsciously accept the standards of sexual morality in our culture, even though their own experiences have taught them otherwise, most homophilic novels duplicate exactly the standards of sexual morality found in romantic heterophilic ones.

The co-writers of Patterns of Sexual Behavior, like Kinsey and his associates, have attempted to find out what the actual facts of sexual patterns are, when divorced from hearsay, folk myths, and social mores. To do this, they have not, like Kinsey and his associates, made a study of American sexual behavior exclusively. Their aim has been to find out what the exact nature of sexual behavior
is for humanity in general, and not for the persons of one culture alone.

To do so, they have utilized a cross cultural approach and have made an analysis of the sexual patterns of 199 contemporary societies of a wide variety of types, trying to determine which aspects of their sexual behavior were universal and which peculiar to only a few societies. They have also compared their findings with what has been discovered along these lines among the other orders of mammals, most especially, those belonging to the ape family.

The result is a remarkable pioneering work that contains much of the most recent knowledge obtained by the scientific world in the field of sexual behavior. No attempt is made to preach or make value judgments, only verifiable, objective facts are given.

As regards homophilia, they describe known instances of such behavior among the lower species of mammals and among the primates. Their ultimate conclusion is that homosexual behavior is an inherent possibility for all orders of mammals, and has "a definite biological basis," though as they point out, nearly always the main preference is for heterosexual forms of coitus.

In 64 per cent of the 76 societies in which such information was available "homosexual activities are considered normal and socially acceptable for certain members of the community," though the types of activity vary in different cultures, of course. In the 28 other societies though there was strong disapproval of it, and rigorous punishment exacted from infancy onwards, a certain amount of such activity continued to occur, only not among so many persons as in the former group. Such tendencies continued to exist in the latter one, the only difference that its members had been conditioned by their various societies into refraining from active expression.
To deal adequately with this remarkable and highly illuminating work, and to go into fullest detail concerning its insights, particularly in the differences and similarities between man's sexual behavior and that of the other species of mammals, is impossible in this brief space. All we can do is to say that any person who reads it will find it an extraordinarily enlightening book, be he widely informed or uninformed in the field of sexual behavior.

NEWS AND ITEMS

The Dec. 15 issue of Saturday Review contains a full-page discussion of the two recent programs concerning homosexuality on "The Open Mind" and of the one due on Jan. 12, 1957. Among other things, the writer states: "Certain influential individuals brought considerable pressure to bear on WRCA-TV to have the second broadcast cancelled. They said they were outraged by the first program and argued that homosexuality should be dealt with exclusively private agencies." Heffner, the program's organizer and moderator, spent, "...an uncomfortable 6 or 7 hours" while his station's policy arbiters wrestled with their convictions and their sensitivity to what is euphemistically known as "substantial audience segment bias." In the end, however, his superiors supported Heffner and the second broadcast went on." After describing instances of dread of discussing other contemporary problems and happenings, the writer declares, "A successful stand for the discussion of homosexuality in TV's Fearland is something to cheer about in this sad state of affairs."...
FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 7  PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING  
Friend's Center — 1830 Sutter St.  
8:00 p.m.  
SPEAKER: Mrs. Bernice Engle, assistant to Doctor Bowman of the Langley Porter Clinic, in a discussion of the latest legal measures in California and England.

Feb. 15 Koffee Klatch, moderated discussion group. 2235 Market Street, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 18 Monthly Dinner  
1560A Knight Street, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 26 Daughters of Bilitis, public discussion. (See Page 5.)

Feb. 28 Monthly Business Meeting, members  
693 Mission Street, Room 307, 8 p.m.

MONTHLY LECTURE

The January public lecture given by Mrs. Eleanor Van Leeuwen, an experienced social worker and director of a local parent-cooperative nursery school, was in many ways one of the most provocative given in a long interval. Ostensibly, it had little to do with sex variants and their problems, but instead dealt with methods of child raising and difficulties apt to be encountered with doing so.
Mrs. Leeuwen laid great stress upon the formative effects of the first two to three years of a child's life. She said that now the stress was no longer put upon making the child self-dependent and self-reliant as early as possible. In recent years it has been discovered that there is one stage where a young infant is completely dependent upon its elders and has a great need for as much security as possible. Not giving them what she described as an "etched in" basic need for affection that will dominate the individual through his entire life. She also described, among other things, a new move afoot in the P.T.A. to aid parents to change themselves as people, as well as acquiring new intellectual views in the process of parental education, since few real changes can be brought about in disturbed households till the basic emotional situation of the parents is gotten at.

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being illogical and inconsistent.

Also received was Beloved Friend, a biography dealing with the friendship of Tchaikowsky and Nadeja Von Meck. The book is no longer available on the market, and is unique for making no attempt to gloss over Tchaikowsky's homophilia, nor to over-exaggerate it, as all too many recent writers have done. It is simply described as one motivating force in his over-all behavior-pattern, as nothing more and nothing less.

Another recent addition is somewhere between the two, by Jay Little. This novel has been described by one reader as a kind of homophilic Forever Amber, and by another as simply a series of unconnected sex episodes. Everyone deplores the fact, and everyone reads it.

The one merit of the story is that it candidly faces up to the fact that most homophiles, though not all, experience a considerable amount of sexual relationships, when they are not in the process of being true to the one and only loves of their lives. Surveying the story as a whole, and noting how little real depth and integrity the writer has, it seems highly regrettable that books with the moral earnestness and honesty of James Barr's Quatrefoil and Derrick should be banned, while this one should be published.

NEWS ITEMS

On February 26 the Daughters of Bilitis will hold a group discussion on employment at 651 Geary, Studio 51, 5th floor at 8:15. Presiding at it will be David McKenzie, a local personnel authority; Marjorie Arnold, a social worker with a long background in personnel; Donald S. Lucas, President of the Mattachine Society; and Helen Sanders, President of the Daughters. The moderator will be Dr. Vera Plunkett. The subject is a highly important one for both men and women, and we strongly recommend that you attend.

Which, in turn, brings up another important subject. Attendance at recent public lectures and private business meetings has not been all it might have been, though the material presented was well worth hearing.

Who does the fault lie with? You. Not he, she, or it, but you. Sometimes nearly all of us feel that tonight we need not go, let's roll back in our favorite easy chair, eat chocolates, and watch the latest revival of a 1930 film on television.

The only trouble is that on the nights when you decide not to come are the nights when others decide not to come also. We need each and every one of you to come, not just one or two, and you need us. If nothing else, ask yourself this one question: I don't feel quite like attending tonight. But if I knew that my doing so would definitely sabotage the Mattachine Society, would I then fail to come?

Due to the pressure of work, Mel Betti has found it necessary to resign as the SF Area Chairman. Mr. Betti became affiliated with the Society in 1955. He is the Art Director for the Mattachine Review, and has designed several of its covers. He has been Chairman for a year and a half, has presided at discussion meetings at the public lectures, co-edited the Newsletter, and been primarily
responsible for the improvement in its content, and has assisted in the assembly of the Review since its first issue.

A new chairman was elected.

CONVENTION PLANNING BEGINS

Plans for the 4th Annual Convention of the Mattachine Society were discussed at the January Area Council meeting at San Francisco. Committee assignments will be made at the February meeting. In the meantime, officers will select the place where the event will be held.

The convention, to be held August 30-Sept. 2 (over the Labor Day weekend), will open with a reception on Friday evening, continue with the main day of lectures, a luncheon and an evening banquet on Saturday, followed by a business meeting and day of sightseeing on Sunday, and conclude with a board meeting and open house on Monday at Pan-Graphic Press. Fees will be essentially the same as for the previous convention, held last May at the Hotel Bellevue.

TWO BOARD APPOINTMENTS MADE

President D. S. Lucas recently appointed two Mattachine members to interim posts on the Board of Directors, to complete unexpired terms from recent resignations (See January Interim).

Named to the position of vice chairman was Ron Argall, Los Angeles. This office receives reports from area councils and coordinates activities. Argall is also chairman of the Los Angeles Area Council at the present time.

G.I. (Bob) Eastlick, San Francisco, was named secretary. And at the request of Virgil Brady, elected treasurer from Los Angeles, a new treasurer will be appointed as a result of the move of the headquarters from Los Angeles to San Francisco. A meeting of the board is to be held during the month, at which the appointments will be ratified and other business matters acted upon, Lucas announced.

OFFICE SPACE EXPANDED

On February 1, two additional office rooms were acquired at 693 Mission Street (Williams Bldg.) on the third floor.

Room 308 will become the national headquarters and also the headquarters of the Daughters of Biltis, women's organization. Room 309 will be the office of the San Francisco Area Council, and house the growing Mattachine Library.

Room 312 will continue to be the printing and production department of Pan-Graphic Press. Room 307 will house art and editorial offices of the Review, its business office, and the desk of Pan-Graphic.

A new project of the Area Council is to decorate and furnish the two new offices, and improve room 307.

Telephone number EXbrook 7-0773 will serve all Mattachine offices, the Review and Pan-Graphic. Daughters of Biltis have not announced whether or not they will use that number or have their own telephone installed.

By the end of February, the SFAC hopes to schedule assignments for members to supervise the office and library each evening for the use and convenience of members and friends who wish to read the books and periodicals. Planned hours for the office to be open are 7-10 p.m. each weekday evening, and 1-5 p.m. on Saturdays.

ONE "INSTITUTE" A SUCCESS

Several from San Francisco were present at the highly successful fifth annual Mid-Winter Institute of One, Inc., held in the Hotel Embassy, Los Angeles, January 25-27.

The event opened with a corporation meeting on Friday evening which San Franciscans missed because of delay in arriving due to bad flying weather.
Saturday's lectures in the hotel's studio auditorium were attended by an estimated 75 persons. Featured were a presentation of a special paper by Albert Ellis, Ph.D., New York author, marriage counselor and therapist; a scholarly discussion of the "Berdash" or homophile elements in various ancient and modern cultures by Harry Hay, one of the founders of Mattachine; a panel discussion of the method and technique used by One in presenting a forthcoming series of organized lectures on the history and philosophy of homosexual problems, and a number of talks on the operation of various departments of ONE, Inc.

An evening banquet at the Taix restaurant was attended by about 75 persons who heard featured speakers Blanche Baker, M.D., San Francisco, and Gavin Arthur. British-born Arthur discussed the various shadings of sexuality in modern man, using a clock-dial chart, in his talk, "The Circle of Sex."

On Saturday evening before the banquet, San Francisco Mattachine representatives and officers of Daughters of Bilitis held an "open house" in Hotel Clark for those attending the Institute.

Los Angeles members of Mattachine held a brunch at 11 a.m. Sunday, as did Daughters of Bilitis. Sunday afternoon's session was a presentation of several scenes from James Barr Fugate's new play, "Mama Doll," arranged by Samson DeBrier and read by a professional acting group. Lyn Pedersen introduced the program and commented between the scenes.

BOARD FILES COMING TO SAN FRANCISCO

During February, permanent files of the Board of Directors are to be moved to San Francisco from Los Angeles. Early in the month new bank accounts for the Board and the Review are also to be established at San Francisco.
SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

6.—Public Discussion Meeting, Friend’s Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m. Speaker: DR. LEONA BAYER, San Francisco endocrinologist. Open to Public.

6.—“KOPFE KLATCH”—Moderated discussion group. 1480 Washington St., 7:30 p.m.

15.—Second “Koffee Klatcch”, H. Rieger, host. Box 199-A Route 1, Mill Valley, via Panoramic Highway. Those attending are requested to call EXbrook 7-0773 for information and/or transportation.

22.—MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP DINNER, 1480 Washington St., 7:30 p.m. ($1.25 donation)

28.—MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING (members)—693 Mission St., Room 309, 8 p.m.

APRIL


WORK SESSIONS FOR MATTACHINE REVIEW will be held on March 16-23-30 and on certain weekday evenings. Members and friends are invited to aid in the active production of the Society’s magazine.

"THE RELUCTANT DRAGON"—A puppet play based upon the Kenneth Grahame story, presented by the Mattachine Players. May 4, 8 p.m., $1, audience limited to 100. Benefit S.F. Area Council. Advance ticket sale now on.
Dear Friends and Members:

Because of delays in production, the complete material written for this issue of the San Francisco Area Council Newsletter did not get into print in time to get the issue mailed before the March 7 public discussion meeting.

The material omitted, therefore, will be held for publication in the April issue.

All members and friends are particularly invited to attend the discussion forum on Thursday evening, March 7, at 8 p.m. (see first item in the calendar on the reverse side). Dr. Leona Bayer, the speaker, comes to us highly recommended as an authority on endocrinological aspects of homosexuality.

Two "Koffee Klatches" have been scheduled for the month. Information on how to get to the March 15 event should be learned by calling the SFAC telephone number some evening in advance of the date, and every effort will be made to arrange transportation for all desiring to attend.

Work on redecorating and furnishing SFAC's new office (Room 309 at 693 Mission St.) is ready to begin. Volunteers for this work are needed, and it will be appreciated if those desiring to help will call the office and state when they can work.

Attendance at monthly business meetings is important, and members are urged to be present for this session on the last Thursday of the month (March 28). In addition, persons who held membership during 1956 and have not renewed by payment of 1957 dues are reminded that this payment of $10 is now due and payable. These funds do not stay in the Area Council, but instead go to national Headquarters to help pay for the cost of operation of the Society, a subscription to the magazine, to the news Quarterly, "Interim," and for organizational dues in several U. S. organizations and the ICSE in Holland.

Again, we regret that a full newsletter this issue was not possible, but expect to be back "in stride" next month.

SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

March 4, 1957
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

4 — Public Discussion Meeting, Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter, 2 p.m. Speaker: Mr. GAVIN ARTHUR, sexologist and writer, "The Circle of Sex".

12 — "KOFFEE MEET". — Moderated Discussion Group, Luster, Rinsehart, host, 111 Douglas. Take Bus No. 35 or 24. Enter through garden gate at right of house and go into basement, 7:30 p.m.

15 — MONTLY FELLOWSHIP DINNER. To be announced at monthly public discussion meeting. Persons unable to attend the lecture should phone EXbrook 7-0773. Reservations must be made at least three days in advance.

25 — MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING. (Members only) — 693 Mission Street, Room 309, 9 p.m.

MAY

9:12 — Public Discussion Meeting (as above) Speaker: Dr. CARLLOPE, ethnologist, "The Sexual Drive".

14 — "THE RELUCTANT DRAGON". — A puppet play based upon the Kenneth Grahame story, presented by the Mattachine Players, 8 p.m., $1.00, aud. limited to 150. Benefiting S.F. Area Council. Advance ticket sale now on.

14:30 — (For affected areas)
THE FEBRUARY LECTURE

(Owing to production difficulties, it was not possible for us
to get to readers the digest of this lecture on the usual date
of publication. We deeply apologize for the delay.)

The essential theme of the February lecture by Mrs. Ber­
netta Engle, assistant to Dr. Bowman of the Langley Porter
Clinic, was that the legal and social situation of the homo­
philic is changing for the better.

To support her view, Mrs. Engle cited the recent state­
ment of the American Civil Liberties Union quoted in a recent
issue of the Mattachine Review, that while they did not go on
record as being out to combat the laws against homophiles,
the fact remained that homophiles are sometimes denied their
social rights. The Union has now declared its willingness to
defend all cases where there is a conspicuous abrogation of
these rights, a thing it has never done before.

She also described the Porterfield-Salley public survey
in 1946 which investigated the sexual behavior of 205 men,
149 of whom were ministerial students and 56 women. Among
other things, the survey showed that nearly 2 out of every
5 males church members and 1 out of every 5 of the minister­
ial students had practiced what is technically described as
"munchausen by proxy."

A Roper poll made in Louisville in 1951 showed that the
majority proportion of the citizens questioned favored hospi­
tal treatment for sex offenders, with the younger men and the
college-trained men being the ones most strongly in favor
of it. Oddly enough, this had happened when a lurid sex crime
had been making local headlines only the week before.

A survey made of the responses of most of the lower house
and all of the upper house legislators of Connecticut, which
had been chosen by researchers as a typically average state,
showed that over half of the legislators felt that the present
laws against sodomy and "unnatural offenses" should be
kept unchanged. 45 per cent responded to a query concern­
ing Kinsey that his reports are of value to them as legisla­
 tors.

Mrs. Engle felt that these and other studies indicated that
public attitudes are changing faster than the legal ones to­
ward sexual mores. She said that especial attention should be

THE RELUCTANT DRAGON

On May 4, Saturday at 9 P.M., the Mattachine Players will
present the puppet show "The Reluctant Dragon," a classic
of the Kenneth Graham short story, at the American Press
Center. As those who saw the 1959 pre-run Chinese film
know, it is a delightful and thoroughly enjoyable presenta­
tion of a very charming fantasy that was once steamrolled over
by Walt Disney. There are no tickets to it, only donations
of a dollar each, which are to be turned over to the funds
department of the San Francisco Area. Viewers will thus have
a chance to enjoy themselves, and do a charitable deed at the
same time, two acts which are rarely synchronous in this vale­
 of tears. Reservations have to be made in advance at the Area
office, since the audience can be no larger than one hundred
and fifty people. Phone: 636-1775 for further details.

THE MARCH PUBLIC LECTURE

Biological factors affecting sexual and personality de­
velopment were the topics of a presentation at the March public
lecture, delivered by Dr. Leon Bayer, the San Francisco endocrinologist.
The main trend in the sociological field in recent years has been toward the conclusion that sexual behavior is primarily the result of cultural conditioning. Among other authoritative studies supporting this view is the work of John S. Ford and Frank Beach and summarized in their book关节 joint work Patterns of Sexual Behavior. A book reviewed in the San Francisco Newsletter last year.

These and other authorities, Doctor Kanner said, have come to the conclusion that inversion occurs among all kinds of animals, seemingly more often in males than females and usually more often among adolescents than adults. Some societies, as Beach and Ford pointed out, have a permissive attitude toward it and others repress it but it occurs in varying degrees in all human societies, though heterosexual outlet is universally the primary form of sexual outlet among all animals and in all human societies.

Kanner's influence on the degree of sexual intensity but do not attempt to determine the choice of sexual objects. The higher the sexual behavior, the less the pattern of sexual behavior is determined by purely biological factors.

Among other studies have been: studies of a large group of pseudo-homosexuals of the group six percent were homosexually inclined bisexuals. The remainder followed the pattern of sexual behavior whatever sex they had been reared as. Moreover, whether or not they really did medically speaking.

Dr. Kanner's particular interest lies in the problem of female obesity. He has participated in, and helped, direct two different studies by major city hospitals. In both studies a careful examination made of backview photos of the body outlines of the women studied had revealed that they easily divided themselves into several categories: the three main ones being masculine, hyper-feminine and bisexual.

It has been found that the sexual drive is strongest in the person possessing sharply differentiated sexual characteristics, and least so in the less differentiated types. It has also been found that it is the strongly sexed person who is most likely to turn to overeating as a form of compensation for frustration.

Her researches in this field and her professional work as a consulting physician have forced Doctor Kanner to the conclusion that there is a certain correlation between one's body build and one's personality. Human beings evaluate themselves according to the way others respond to them. And, if there is a discrepancy between the individual's picture of himself as he is and the one of how he feels he ought to be, much of the conflict is apt to result. As an example, she described one case of a young transvestite whom she had treated. This person was a small, slight individual who was a member of a family of parents and children who were all large, bulky people. As a child he had compared himself with his brothers and sisters and his parents. Obviously, he was not likely to be catching up with him, to be, or so he reasoned. The discrepancy between the two facts had created inner conflict and had had much to do with the sexual role he had assumed in infancy. While the response to such a discrepancy is usually not quite as extreme, yet, as was commented by members of the audience who were in the audience, much unhappiness and uncertainty can be experienced by the minority group who feels that he does not conform to the picture of what he believes that he physically, as well as in other aspects, ought to be.

During the discussion that followed. A visiting Bay Area psychologist commented on other things that during the Second World War he had treated many refugees of Jewish people. He had found that a great many of them had exactly the same strong feeling of community rejection and persecution that he had so often found among homosexuals. He did not feel that such an attitude is made in the psychological state of being homosexual. But they, for instance, the response of a minority group made to the social condition in which he finds himself:

It is difficult to convey the qualities that have made the Koffee Klatch become increasingly popular. Perhaps some idea can be given by describing the February one.

The discussion opened with the moderator reading aloud, from The Diary of Virginia by George S. Arundale.

Arundale believes that one must think beyond the physical aspects of love as we know it. According to him, we should think of the physical aspects of it as an overflowing of the
greater inner self. As much as anything else, we should perceive greater as being inside as well as outside of ourselves. He also believes that through and past the period of bisexuality which we all go through there is still another phase, a oneness or unisexuality, when the masculine and feminine components inherent in each of us are merged and become one. This oneness or unisexuality is achieved when self-control of the will does not allow us to be enslaved by our emotions and the physical is endowed with reverence.

The very title had some as a joke to some of the listeners, because, as they put it, you generally don't think of sex in that way. Some of them promptly commented how different this was from European sexual mores, and how psychologically crippling the Anglo-Saxon ones are and how limited. Some were highly enthusiastic about Arundale's views and felt that more of such ideals ought to be practiced among homosexuals so that this was one of the things that was wrong with life as it is usually lived by them. One of them commented that we ought to make them "a powerhouse in life." Others thought that perhaps such beliefs were too idealistic. They pointed out that man's sexual nature, according to recent researchers, tends to operate along lines a little more earthy and less exalted than this. They were very lovely but they belong to a sphere of metaphysical abstraction impossible to prove one way or another by scientific methods.

The discussion started at eight and stopped at ten. The amount of debate that took place and degree of interest aroused by the topic can best be comprehended when it is realized that the persons present felt that they had barely begun to discuss the subject when the two hours was finished.

This of course is not typical of the things discussed, inasmuch as there is no attempt to limit the topics. The persons attending simply try to discuss whatever comes up spontaneously, with premeditation, and to quote the moderator, "All opinions are welcome and everyone is right with his opinions."

LIBRARY NOTES

A recent addition to the SP Area Library is THE RIGHT TO READ, by Paul Blandshard, the well-known writer and lawyer. The book can be obtained through the Foundation's book service.

- Most of us generally take it for granted that we can read

more or less exactly what we want to, apart from such writers as Henry Miller. Actually, as Blanchard points out in detail, this right was only secured after many long legal battles, and many of them of fairly recent occurrence. The problem of what the people should or should not be allowed to read has been an important one since the dawn of recorded history and has been coped with in a variety of ways among such disparate cultures as Elizabethan England, ancient China, and Rome under the emperors. It has sometimes been coped with in such a way as to accomplish the exact opposite of the purpose intended.

Hendrik Van Loon in his Toleration describes how books were put on the Index by the Papal authorities, the book dealers' scouts would hastily rush the names of the newest banned books to the four quarters of Europe, and the dealers would sell the newly published works at a high profit. Today having a book banned in Boston and elsewhere is always a good publicity.

The greater part of Blandshard's book deals with the problem in modern times. As he points out, if one militant minority can arrange for the banning of one type of literature as "obscene" or "suggestive" there is no reason why other types of literature will not be prohibited in time, even where the material is needed for scientific research, as when Kinsey and his associates had trouble in getting certain works back from the Customs authorities. The implications of such censorship in regards to the homosexual world is obvious.

Another recent contribution is THE AMERICAN SEXUAL REVOLUTION by Pitirim A. Sorokin, the sociologist. Like the well-known preacher, Dr. Sorokin's reaction to sin is that he is against it. He regards "sexual anarchy" as having led to the downfall of every important culture that has ever fallen and seems to feel that the first, last, and middle wrong thing with the world is and always has been sex, sex, and more sex. As in his other books, he seems to be more obsessed with the existence of the facts of life than most of the "sexual anarchists" have so vehemently condemned.

It will not be realized by all too many of his readers that his views are not generally accepted in scientific circles. A common tendency of our time is the habit of believing whatever statements are made by a "scientific" authority. Besides, as everyone knows, anything said in a book must be true.

However, one fact is worthy of consideration. Sorokin both embodies and voices the beliefs of a strongly anti-sexual portion of the population that at times militantly embarrass
upon crusades against "immorality", and strenuously resists
the trend towards change in contemporary sexual mores. It
is good to be reminded that such people exist, and are a
force to be reckoned with in the attempt to secure greater
toleration for the homophile.

Another donation is *Corvdon*, by André Gide. Some of the
views in this series of dialogues are no longer accepted,
since its first publication in France in 1924. However,
the greater portion of it is still highly relevant to the
situation and the fact that it is not available in transla-
tion to English readers would seem to argue that public
attitudes are changing toward homophilia, as some writers and
thinkers have suggested. One is sharply reminded of the obsti-

date way in which some persons almost seem to refuse to change
their views on the subject when it is remembered that when
the translation was first published, one Bay area newspaper
reviewer after describing how he had always admired Gide con-
cluded that "few people will be converted to homosexuality
by this book."

**NEWS ITEMS**

It will doubtless make everyone concerned happy to
know that at last homosexuality has hit the heavens. That is
to say, there are now two science-fiction stories on the
stands that deal with sexual inversion. One is in the short-
story anthology *E Pluribus Unum*, by Theodore Sturgeon, new
available in a paperback edition. The second, also by the
same author, appears in *Vortex*, the May edition, a new
science-fiction magazine. The remarkable thing about this
publication, apart from the sympathetic quality of the first
one, is that no more than two other writers in this field
have dealt even briefly with the subject, despite the fact
that it is supposed to deal with the problems of "the world
of the future." A portion of the epigrams from the Greek
Anthology are now available in a paperback edition at the
City Lights Bookshop on Columbus. The book costs one dollar
and the translations are by Dudley Fitts. The remarkable
thing about them is that the translator has made no attempt
to cover up the gender when the poems are dedicated to young
males, as has been the practice of all too many translators.
Of interest by way of comparison, is how a paperback edition
of the poems of Allen Ginsberg also available at the City
Lights. The Greek poets express their sentiments directly,
the modern poet expresses them in a veiled somewhat convo-
luted form, in sometimes very lovely poems.
THE MARCH LECTURE

The public lecture for March was delivered by Mr. Gavin Arthur, the sexologist and writer. Mr. Arthur's view is that sexual differentiations does not proceed in a straight line, with individuals finding themselves somewhere between the opposite poles of extreme masculinity and extreme femininity. He rather believes it to be more like a circle, with many gradations between the different basic types and with each type of man having its complementary type of woman and vice versa.

One way of representing this system, he said, was to visualize it as a clock, with most individuals coming nearer to one "hour" than another. In the early years when he and his wife were working out the system one of their procedures was to observe the people around them while out at restaurants and other places, trying to determine which type they were and then one saying to the other, "I'd say two-thirty," "About a quarter of three," etc., usually they tended to come to the same conclusions about the same people. They were careful, of course, not to let the people around them know what they meant.

Among the types listed by him was the "Paterfamilias" male, the husband who is wholly devoted to his wife, home and children, of whom the late King of England, George the IV, was an excellent example. His polar opposite was Queen Victoria, who was the epitome of the "Materfamilias" type. Curiously enough, Mr. Arthur pointed out, there is a highly masculine homophile type who has more of the qualities termed "virile" and "masculine" by the average
person than the paterfamilias male. A good example of this hypermasculine type whose sexual inclination is primarily towards young males was Lord Kitchner, the English military hero. He fell under the category of what Mr. Arthur termed "two O'clock" and his polar opposite on the other side of the circle was the hypermasculine lesbian. One of the well-known individuals of this type he cited was the late Gertrude Stein of whom he gave a vivid description.

To give a full outline of Mr. Arthur's description of the various "times" of the clock would be unfair, since his lecture is shortly due to be published. Furthermore, his gift for describing extremely vivid, and sometimes startling incidents concerning the individuals he cited as types is impossible to equal. Readers of the S.F. Area Newsletter will be informed when it is made available and will be well-advised to read it. They will find his theories provocative and his gift for telling colorful anecdotes not generally known to the public phenomenal. It is probable too that, like so many of the persons at the lecture, they will for days afterwards be asking all their friends what time they think they are.

A RECAPITULATION OF PRINCIPLES

Many persons who are interested in becoming members of the Mattachine Society as well as those who are already members and the many friends of the Society, have often inquired as to just what the Mattachine Society stands for. It is believed that this is best presented in the Preamble to the Constitution of the Mattachine Society, Inc., which reads as follows:

"That all mankind may live without fear and prejudice regardless of their sexual orienta-

tion; that all may respect the integrity of the individual; that all may become cognizant of themselves, their place as an integral part of their community, and be provided with the means of social adjustment; that all may live, act and work together in the spirit of brotherhood, equality, mutual understanding and self-respect."

All new members are asked to pledge themselves to:

1. To uphold the Constitution, By-laws, Aims and Principles, and Resolutions of the Mattachine Society, Inc.
2. Always to keep the interests of the Mattachine Society uppermost in my mind and to conduct myself in a way that will reflect credit upon myself and the organization.
3. In every possible way to respect the integrity and civil rights of all racial, religious and national minorities.
4. To strive in every possible way to interest other responsible people in the Mattachine Society and to recruit members for the organization without regard to their race, color or creed; but with regard to their ability and willingness to understand this same memberstand and accept this same membership pledge.
5. To participate actively and seriously in the work, responsibilities and functions of the Society.
6. Unconditionally, to respect the anonymity of all members of the Mattachine Society or sponsoring organizations and affiliates.

It is a fact that all persons who are interested in our organization, members and non-members alike, should make it their responsibility to adopt a code of behavior which will be highly acceptable to himself and to society as a whole. Through true self-acceptance a great new vista opens for all individuals. Not only will you as an individuals like yourself better, but you will find that you will fit into the patterns of society with greater ease and be recognized as a fellow human being and not as someone set apart. It is believed that through subscrib-
ing to the above Preamble and Pledge each and everyone will find a fuller and better life, the true meaning of fellowship, and a better understanding of man.

LIBRARY NOTES

In response to the request for books a subscriber in Utah was kind enough to donate a large part of his private collection. Among the books contributed was the best-selling Hadrian's Memoirs by Marguerite Yourcenar. An interesting fact concerning it, showing the well-nigh hypnotic effect of cultural conditioning is that at the time of its publication in this country the thorough depiction of the Emperor Hadrian's homophobic tendencies was almost completely ignored by the American critics who praised the book so highly. Persons reading the reviews would never have dreamed that there was anything of the sort in the book.

Also given by the same contributor was Speranza, a biography of Oscar Wilde's mother by Horace Wyndham. While much, in fact, all too much, attention has been paid to Oscar, till recently little has been given to either of his parents.

Lady Wilde turns out to have been one of the major literary figures of the Irish world during her lifetime. She did much to help the cause of Irish liberty, wrote profusely and at times redundantly, in prose and verse, could be brilliantly witty and was the first female columnist ever engaged by an English newspaper. She also had upon occasion a habit of devastatingly "speaking her mind," and upon one occasion stunned a bashful young man by telling him before her entire salon, "When you are as old as I am, young man, you will know that there is only thing in the world worth living for and that is sin."

Received from a kindly contributor in Florida was Sex in Christianity and Psychosanalysis by William Graham Cole. In this very important study Dr. Cole tries to trace the history of sexual attitudes in Christianity, and summarizes present-day Protestant and Roman Catholic ones. He then describes those of the major psychoanalytic schools and concludes with a description of his own views on the matter.

As a whole the book is written with remarkable objectivity, as well as great clarity, when it is considered that Dr. Cole has been a minister and is now a theological instructor. An important point made by him is that, contrary to the popular view, the development of Western sexual attitudes was not the simple matter of the Greek Greeks leading happy, uninhibited lives and then the combination of Judaism and paganism into Christianity making everyone sexually repressed that popular legend has it.

Actually, the Old Testament Hebrews followed what he terms the "naturalistic" view and saw nothing praiseworthy in either celibacy or virginity. The general trend among the Greeks was to recommend sophrosyne - "moderation" - in all activities, including sexual ones.

There was, however, a school of thought among them that was dualistic in regards to religious-philosophical views, and regarded the body as "the tomb of the soul," and a thing to be transcended as quickly as possible. This school came to assume an ever-increasing importance in Greek thought, and at the time of Christianity's appearance was a dominating force in the classical world. According to Dr. Cole both of these two tendencies became woven into the texture of Christianity, and since then its adherents have oscillated back and forth between the sexually repressive dualistic trend and the uninhibited naturalistic one.
The whole subject is a complicated one, and Dr. Cole's book discusses heterophilic attitudes rather than homophilic ones. However, the reader who goes through his book and then Derrick Sherwin Bailey's *Homosexuality and the Western Church Tradition* with a fairly good picture of the origins of the present situation. They will probably find Dr. Cole easier to read than Dr. Bailey too.

From the local area came a copy of the *Poems from the Greek Anthology*, translated by Dudley Fitts, and available at the City Lights Bookshop for one dollar. As was stated then the remarkable thing about the book, apart from the quality of the translations, is that the writer has made no effort to disguise homophilic statements by the poets as has sometimes been the policy of other translators.

Reactions vary, with some finding the love poems attributed to Plato of the greatest interest and others commenting on the directness with which the homophilic poets express their feelings, unlike present-day ones. However, the two best-liked epigrams seem to be:

At sixty I, Dionysios of Tarsos, lie here
Never having married;
and I wish my father had not,

and:

Praise, of course, is best: plain speech breeds hate.
But ah the Attic honey
Of telling a man exactly what you think of him!

GROWING...GROWING...GROWING

Members and friends of Mattachine in the San Francisco Bay area as well as readers of this letter everywhere may be pleased that the Mattachine Library in San Francisco has now grown to where it contains more than 300 hard and soft cover volumes. Recent contributions of books from Oregon, Utah and Florida are acknowledged with thanks.

The library is now housed in room 309 of the Williams building, where members and friends are invited to spend free weekday evenings making use of its facilities.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MAY**

2 — Public Discussion Meeting, Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m., Speaker: Dr. Carlo Lastrucci, cultural anthropologist, "The Sexual Impulse," open to public.

10 — "KOFFEE KLAST" — Moderated Discussion Group, 6652 Washington Street, 7:30 p.m.

— MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP DINNER, to be announced later.

28 — DAUGHTERS OF LILITH public lecture, Discussion of Ann Aldrich's "We Walk Alone," 665 Geary, 8:15 p.m.

30 — MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING (members only) 693 Mission Street, Room 309, 8 p.m.

**JUNE**

6 — Public Discussion Meeting (as above) Speakers: William A. Baker, M.S.W., and Julia W. Coleman, M.S.W.

On May 4 "The Reluctant Dragon," a puppet play based on the Kenneth Grahame story, will be presented by the Mattachini Players at the Friend's Center at 8 p.m. Tickets are going fast, and the audience is limited to 100, so that it is wisest that you reserve your tickets now, instead of on Saturday evening, the night of the show.

WORK SESSIONS FOR THE MATTACHINE REVIEW will be held on May 25-26 and on certain weekday evenings. Members and friends are invited to aid in the active production of the Society's magazine.

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KENNETH GRAHAME'S

The Mattachine Players Present
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AUDITORIUM- 1830 SUTTER STREET
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This performance is a Benefit for the San Francisco Area Council of the Mattachine Society, Inc.
CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC MEETING

14 - Koffee Kettle, Moderated Discussion Group, Area Council Meeting Room, 693 Mission St., 7:30 p.m.

15 - Strawberry Festival, M. Riisager, host, Box 193-A, Route 1, Mill Valley via Panoramic Highway $0.75. Food served from 2:00 to 5:00. Those attending are requested to call EXbrook 7-0773 for information and/or transportation. Reservations must be made in advance, either at our office, or the S.P. Area Chairman's home, so that we know how many people to provide for.

23 - SPECIAL NOTICE - Combined business meeting for May and June will be held on June 20, at the Area Council Office, 693 Mission, Room 309. Meeting will start promptly at 8:00 p.m., so please be on time. Important decisions will be made which concern you in the San Francisco Area.

25 - Daughters of Bilitis public lecture, "Is A Homophile Marriage Possible?" Basil Vaerlen, 465 Geary, 8:15

JULY

11 - Public Discussion Meeting (as above), a roundtable discussion between the Daughters of Bilitis and the Mattachine Society. There will be no meeting on the first Thursday of July because of the 4th.
Speaking on the sexual impulse at the May public discussion meeting, Dr. Carlo Lestruccol, social psychologist and instructor at San Francisco State College, started out by explaining that his orientation toward such matters was biological. He viewed them from this angle rather than a religious or philosophical one.

Years earlier, in his student days, he had been deeply impressed by the remark, "Actually, you know, sexual behavior is purely voluntary," by one of his teachers. To confirm or disprove this view he had consulted famous endocrinologists, and other authorities.

Among other things, he had collaborated in a study made of prisoners who had been castrated. It had been found that suggestion played a very strong part in the frequency of orgasms, those men who had expected their sexual behavior to diminish having it do so, and those who had expected it to increase having it do so.

The researches of such pioneers as Margaret Mead, and of more recent workers, have seemed to show that masculine and feminine roles are essentially patterns of social behavior, the degree of "masculinity" and "femininity" depending upon the specific definition of its nature in the respective culture. Thus in the famous Margaret Mead study three different New Guinea tribes were described. In one of them there was little difference between the men and the women; they were almost what might be termed "sexual", in another, they were sharply differentiated, and existed on somewhat the same competitive level on which they exist in our society, and in the third the women assumed what we regard as the protective "masculine" role, supporting and looking after the men and children, while the men concerned themselves solely with artistic matters.

In response to a query as to the origins of homosexuality, he suggested that it results from "linkages," and described how a linkage had occurred in his own life in regard to lilacs. Three times in his life he has come into contact with the bodies of persons close to him, and at the same time lilacs blossom. Now he cannot stand their odor in a way impossible for the average person to understand.

In the same way individuals, he suggested, make linkages between various types of sexual behavior and the amount of gratification they associate with it, purely by chance, and it becomes a basic part of their personality structure. About the only way one type of pattern of sexual behavior could be changed would be to substitute one's motive for practicing it for a stronger one. How this can be accomplished, however, he did not know; it lay outside of his field.

He also commented in response to a query as to what "sex" homophiles should regard themselves as belong to, since they, technically speaking, are neither men nor women that the abrupt demarcation between "masculine" and "feminine" behavior is more typical of rural societies than our modern urban one. Nowadays one finds that most women have masculine characteristics to some degree and men feminine ones to a certain extent. As an example, he pointed out his mother-in-law, who is a sweet, kindly, white-haired old lady, but
who likes her prizefights on TV to be as gory as possible.

A DESCRIPTION OF OUR JUNE SPEAKERS

Mr. William A. Baker, M.S.W., is a Graduate of Social Welfare from the University of California, in Berkeley. He has been previously employed by several psychiatric in-patient and out-patient settings and is at present a staff member of a social agency. Mrs. Julia A. Coleman, M.S.W., is a Graduate of the New York School of Social Work, at Columbia University. She has worked in a variety of treatment centers, including family agencies, juvenile court and psychiatric settings and is at present a supervisor in a social agency. They are both stimulating and interesting talkers, so keep June the 6th free, it'll be well worth attending!

THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The Strawberry Festival, which we hope to inaugurate as a yearly social event during the spring or early summer will be held this year June 16th at H. Kieger's mountain home, overlooking Mill Valley. Let all fanciers of good old-fashioned strawberry delight prime themselves for an afternoon of fun, good eating and good friendly get-together afternoon. We'll serve from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Please call in reservations at the Society office in order that we may have some idea of how many to prepare for. Why not get a big group of family and friends together and pack a picnic lunch (with strawberry shortcake for dessert) and enjoy with us an afternoon of fun and sun?

AN OPEN LETTER TO FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA

Dear Friends and Fellow-Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your confidence and votes in asking me to assume the responsibilities of your Area Council Chairmanship.

To me, this is an important event in my life, as I believe in Mattachine, its aims and principles and the social services we have set out to do.

And, since I feel that your confidence is invested in me, may I also feel confident in you? Your active cooperation will be needed to advance the goals we have committed ourselves to as members of the Mattachine Society.

EACH ONE OF YOU IS IMPORTANT! There are many and varied skills and talents among you. How about coming to see me, either at home or at the Society office, and letting me know what you are able and willing to do in order that you may take an active, and I'm sure rewarding, part in our program?

Must close now - or I'll be late for work.

Fraternally yours,

JIM FROCKS

LIBRARY NOTES

A new addition to the library is Home normals Today, a handbook of homophile organizations and publications put out by ONE, Inc.
Its compilers have attempted to fill the long-felt need for an over-all survey of the entire homophile world. The book is essentially a pioneering work, and as such lacks a certain smoothness. On the other hand, no one has ever before made an attempt to do such a thing, and it contains much valuable data.

Among other things, the editors comment that with many European groups, "the emphasis seems to be on a degree of withdrawal into delightful and charming by-ways, rather than a determination to vigorously urge upon both society and the homophile their mutual interdependence and the necessity for mutual acceptance of each other as self-respecting elements of a healthy social structure." Especially interesting is their description of the National League for Sex Education, a Swedish organization which has done much to promote sex education in Sweden, and was strongly influential in bringing about the alteration of laws against homophilia in that country in 1944.

Also received was Primitive Heritage, an anthology of selections from important anthropological works edited by Margaret Mead and Nicolas Calas. As a whole the book is a highly fascinating one. The selections dealing with homosexuality among shamen in Siberia and certain customs followed among the Mohaves by the young boys who had a strong homophilic bent make one wish that there was more anthropological material dealing specifically with the subject. At the present date, there is such material, but most of it exists in the form of footnotes and side comments made in reports.

of other matters. Also interesting, and curiously poetical is the description of Erzulie, the Haitian goddess of love, who when she has appeared before her worshippers by possessing one of them, starts to whisper after a short while, since love can never understand why anything should ever go wrong in its attempt to give of itself.

The Verdict of Yen Ali, by Rupert Croft-Cooke, the British novelist, is an oddly disturbing book. His account of her who was unjustly tried and condemned for nine months by the English courts for a supposed homosexual offense on purely baseless evidence is told with great honesty and clarity. His comments upon the inadequacy of the present prison system and penal codes are accurate. By the end of the book you feel that this experience gave him a greater sympathy and understanding of his fellow prisoners, and that he had grown as a person.

The only thing that is troublesome is that you are left with the feeling that if he had never been jailed he would never have become aware of the existence of such problems. He gives the impression of having lived in comfortable complacency in his own private little world beforehand, and that he will attempt to do his best to do so now.

It leaves one wondering just how true this is of most of us? How many of us are inclined to trouble ourselves about people or causes with whom we have never come in person contact? Worse still, how many homosexuals concern themselves with the problems of the entire homophile world, in
NEWS ITEMS

From the Washington Newsletter we learn that the 34th annual meeting of the American Law Institute was due to take place in Washington, D.C., May 22-25. Among other things it was expected that drastic revisions of our somewhat outmoded sex laws would be submitted at the meeting for consideration. During the 20th century only three states—Louisiana, West Virginia and Wisconsin—have revised their criminal codes, a fact that is supposed to have been influential in causing many legislators to consider seriously the American Law Institute's Tentative Draft No. 6, which deals with the subject. We will let our readers know further about the matter as soon as we obtain more information.

The performance of "The Reluctant Dragon" was greatly enjoyed by all present. Considering the limited means available of selling tickets, there was a surprisingly large attendance. To the Mattechini Players, Mr. Donal Norton and Mr. Mel Betti, we would like to express our grateful appreciation. Thanks to their generosity in putting on the show free of charge, the Area treasury funds, which were depleted in paying for painting and reconditioning the new rooms, are now back to normal.

As most San Franciscans know, The Immoralist is now playing at the Encore Theater. The few reviews have been good, though one critic when saying that it dealt with homosexuality made the side-comment, "Oh, that subject again!" The lead is Jocelyn Brando, who labors under the disadvantage of being known as "Marlon Brando's sister." It was planned for one weekend, and has run for three...
They See How Mattachine Works

The Mattachine Society, Mattachine Review, Daughters of Bilitis and Pan-Graphic Press were all “investigated” on Sunday afternoon, June 9, by the Professional Group organization under the sponsorship of Blanche M. Baker, M.D., San Francisco psychiatrist.

Officers of the two chartered organizations and staff members of the publication and printing firm described and demonstrated their respective projects. D. Stewart Lucas told the history of Mattachine; Del Martin and Helen Sanders told about the parallel women’s organization. Ray Frisky described Mattachine group therapy projects in San Francisco. Hal Call discussed the way in which Mattachine Review was converted from an idea into a national magazine. Jim Fooks, San Francisco Area Council chairman, welcomed the group on behalf of the area council.

Following refreshments of sandwiches, salad and coffee, the 25 professional men and women present asked questions, took a tour of the office and printing facilities at the headquarters.

The entire group appeared impressed at what laymen have done in attempting to call attention of the public to a serious social problem, and the work done so far in education and social service among homosexuals and society at large.

The group was representative of several professional fields, including medicine, sociology, penology, education, journalism, etc. It meets once each month to tour and observe at close range the organization and operation of some public service facility, organization or institution. Many members of the group announced after the discussion that they had no idea of the extent and importance of education, research and social service in the homophile field, nor did they realize the extent of homosexuality in modern cultures.
THE MAY LECTURE

The May lecture, delivered jointly by Julia W. Coleman, M.S.W., and William W. Baker, M.S.W., was a discussion of group therapy on the basis of their own training and experience.

Mr. Baker described the nature and structure of the group handled by Miss Coleman and himself. He said that it was a small, heterogeneous group of eight to ten persons, all of whom are carefully screened by Miss Coleman and himself prior to becoming part of the group. The discussion is spontaneous and on a non-directed basis. One thing on which great stress is laid is assisting the various individuals to find out why they react to the statements and behavior of other members of the group the way they do.

The aim of this therapy is, of course, to assist the persons attending to clear up emotional problems and achieve insight and self-understanding. Some of the people who come to their agency benefit the most from individual therapy, some from group treatment and some from a combination of both. The means cannot be too explicitly prescribed beforehand; it is primarily a matter of working out a plan of treatment in terms of the needs of the individual.

Miss Coleman commented that while there has been very little material published on group therapy itself, if it is defined as talking over your problems with other people, is as old as mankind. She also said that there was even less, in fact, practically nothing, on group therapy for homophiles.

About the only statement on the subject is the comment made by Dr. Donald West in his The Other Man that group therapy in a group comprised solely of homophiles and moderated by a man would probably be of benefit to them. She had written to Dr. Westcott to obtain any further information possible from him, and had been told by him that he had left his practice and was starting to do research in a major English hospital where they are doing a great deal of experimentation with therapy techniques. At present he knew of no work being done with homophiles, but possibly something might come of what was being done in the hospital.

Both of the social workers commented on the differences between their method of approach and that used in the recent Mattachine group sessions in the Bay area. One major difference, they pointed out, was that theirs is a closed group, with everyone screened beforehand, whereas ours is an open one, in which people attend, visit and drop out, or stay, as they will. In some ways, considering the difficulties we would have in installing their type of group this was a good thing, in some ways it is a bad one, since the discussion could not always pry as intensively into personal problems as theirs.

FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA CHAIRMAN

Dear Members and Friends:

When the Mattachine Review was organized the San Francisco Area Council pledged itself to the responsibility of accomplishing certain parts in the production of the magazine for the Society, such as assembling, folding, stapling, addressing, and mailing.

Following a discussion of this problem at the last San Francisco Area Council Business Meeting it was felt by the members present that the membership at large should be reminded that annual dues and the small collections at
the other meetings do not cover all the running expenses of the organization and so it is impossible to pay the Pan-Graphic Press the full commercial rates for production of the magazine. It is therefore the responsibility of every member to assist on the above-mentioned jobs for an evening or two each month. Plans for contacting members by telephone to schedule these work parties are being made. We sincerely hope that each member will be able to do his share.

NEW FOLDER FINALLY GOES TO PRESS

Announced several times, but not until this week a reality, a new information folder has been produced for the Society by the Publications Department. This leaflet will tell what Mattachine has done in its operation to promote understanding and acceptance for the homophile since the organization became a chartered non-profit educational and research corporation several years ago. Quantity prices will be announced on this folder in the July issue of Mattachine Review.

A NEW BOOK

Pan-Graphic Press, printing firm which produces the Mattachine Review and other printed materials for the Society, announces the publication of a non-fiction book on the homosexual subject Gay Bar. This clothbound book will appear on or before the first of October, 1957. Author of the book, Mrs. Helen P. Branson, operates a bar and has made her place a club where many of her customers may be assumed to be "different," to say the least. However, she operates her bar with a stern authority which serves to promote pleasant relaxation for all without the threat of illegal behavior - on the
part of the customers - of the "law."

This is the situation and the story told in the book, which readers will at once recognize as one that is interesting, informative, and entertaining. Woven throughout the series of narrated episodes is the philosophy of the author herself. Few readers will mistake or misinterpret the sincerity and truth of what she tells, even from the outset, when she admonishes her readers from the very beginning, "Listen to your mother."

This initial publishing venture of Pan-Graphic Press will be sold for $3.00 per copy, plus tax in California. Orders received before publication date will be autographed by the author whose photograph will appear on a colorful dust jacket which will wrap what homophiles will welcome as a distinct contribution to the literature of their facet of the evolving world.

HELP NEEDED

As readers of the Newsletter have probably noticed, for the past few issues we haven't given any dates or times for the monthly dinner. The reason is quite simple.

The two different Area officers who have usually provided their homes in the past have both moved to new and smaller locations. At the present date, we seem to have no members in this area with homes large enough for a group of twelve to twenty people.

Is there any person in the Bay area who would be willing to help out in the matter? The monthly dinner and the lecture are our two main means of raising money to pay for the expense of renting the office, paying the telephone bill, etc. Incidentally, we would like to take time out
to quote a very important statement from the last issue of Interim, namely, that "we do NOT spend membership funds for these items:

1. Salaries for officers.
2. Traveling expenses for officers or members.
3. Parties, liquor or social events.
4. Furnishings for the office and Library-Lounge rooms at 693 Mission Street, San Francisco. (The lounge was furnished by the San Francisco Area Council, and from the contributions of drapes, carpeting, lamps, etc., of members and friends of both Mattachine and Daughters of Bilitis.

We bring up this point because it's come to our ears that we're supposed to spend all of our time and the Society's money in an endless, mad round of pleasures. How we wish it were so!

Actually, all funds contributed to the Area are used for necessities for the Society and nothing else. Most of our members, and all of our officers, are kept too busy with getting out the Review and taking care of the Area activities to indulge in any wild, dissipated pleasures beyond those of never getting enough rest and getting old prematurely because of having too much work to handle. All members and friends of Mattachine should immediately disprove any statements that they know are untrue about the Society whenever they encounter them.

To return to the subject with which we commenced, we would greatly appreciate the help of any person interested in Mattachine and its work who would have space for a dinner. The space is all we need, we provide the food and the cooks, and can supply the utensils, if necessary.
A very important recent addition is *The Trouble with Gents* by Albert Deutsch. After going through the book, the reaction is not of astonishment that there are so few honest police, but rather that there are as many as there are.

At the present date, as he points out, policemen in most areas are grossly underpaid. Their morale is not high, partially because the general public attitude toward them, and partially because in all too many cities they become bitterly cynical as a result of so often seeing political pressure exerted to limit the enforcement of the law, and of seeing so many of their fellow cops getting large pay-offs in graft. Also, no real attempt is made in more than a few cities to attempt to exercise high standards in the quality of new recruits. Owing to the low morale, the poor salary, and the lack of prestige there are only a limited number of applicants. Most police forces are greatly understaffed, and so only a limited amount of care is taken in weeding out undesirables and men who are emotionally as well as physically, unfit for such work.

There is also a brief discussion of the homophile and the law and a quote from Kinsey that the "explosive" enforcement of our sex laws "offers an opportunity for maladministration, for police and political graft, and blackmail which is regularly imposed by both underworld groups and by police themselves." One factor in this situation which is only momentarily gone into is that there is public indifference and sometimes resistance, towards the enforcement of many laws in the books. The result of this is that these laws are periodically enforced, primarily at the behest of self-seeking demagogues and various pressure groups and then allowed to lapse into inactivity again. This in turn creates a highly uncertain and ambivalent situation for everyone involved.
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Calendar of Events

AUGUST 1—Round Table Discussion between members of Daughters of Bilitis and Mattachine Society, 8 p.m., 1830 Sutter St. (American Friends Service Committee). Public invited.

AUGUST 9—Koffee Klatch, moderated group therapy session. 7:30 p.m., 463 Duboce St. For members and friends.

AUGUST 17—Fun-d Party, as announced in letter mailed locally.

AUGUST 26—Open House for New York Board Members, Pan-Graphic Press, 693 Mission St., 7 p.m. Dinner. See letter mailed locally.


AUGUST 29—Regular Monthly Business Meeting, Mattachine members, San Francisco Area Council Office, 693 Mission St., 8 p.m. IMPORTANT FOR ALL MEMBERS: FINAL MEETING BEFORE CONVENTION.

AUGUST 30—SEPTEMBER 2—4th Annual Convention of the Mattachine Society, Hotel Sheraton Palace, San Francisco; Williams Bldg. See program to be issued.

SEPTEMBER 5—Regular Monthly Public Discussion Forum, 8 p.m., 1830 Sutter St., American Friends Service Committee Center. Speaker to be announced.

SEPTEMBER 13—Koffee Klatch, location to be announced.

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DON’T MISS THE AUGUST DISCUSSION FORUM...
GET IN ON THE

Battle of the Sexes

The August 1 public discussion forum will concern a sanguinary conflict that has raged from the beginning of time. Now and then, hostilities appear to have ceased. But let some basic issue appear on the horizon and the conflict promptly flares up anew.

We allude to a major problem of our time—and jestingly, of course: The Battle of the Sexes. Or, as most women would put it, “What utter fools these men are!” And the males would sum it up, “What capricious, irrational creatures the fair sex consists of!”

As most thoughtful observers know, there is remarkable lack of contact between many male and female homophiles. As a result, both sides tend to have a great many misapprehensions about one another, a fact that has had bad consequences for everyone concerned when any efforts were made to alleviate the common situation.

As those who attend the lectures will remember, we had a panel discussion between members of the Daughters of Bilitis and the Mattachine Society a little over a year ago. Everyone said frankly what he or she thought of the opposite group and opinions were freely exchanged. Much to everyone’s surprise the men found out that women were human beings and the women learned the men were too. (Should we call this an occurrence without precedent in history?)

Now we’ve gotten to know one another as individuals, many of us have worked together on the same projects and have shared in group activities. The coming group discussion on Thursday, August 1, is aimed at increasing our present rapprochement as two different societies, giving all of us present a greater understanding as individuals of the problems our minority group encounters, and trying to evaluate the results of the greater understanding we’ve achieved mutually since the last panel discussion.

Also on the program are important announcements about the forthcoming convention and other events in the San Francisco area. Be sure to be there—the discussion will be informative and stimulating. Bring your friends, also!

LIBRARY NOTES

Recently received were two strikingly contrasting books of short stories. One was "One Arm" by Tennessee Williams and the other was "A Thirsty Evil," by Gore Vidal.

Reading Williams brings to mind Cyril Connolly’s comments upon the special problems of the homosexual writer and the heterosexual one. The former, according to him, is all too often isolated from the basic experiences shared in common by mankind—marriage, rearing children, the maintaining of one’s marital relationship and one’s household over more than a decade, etc.

On the other hand the homophile writer is not so apt to be distracted from his work by a pack of squalling infants and a nagging spouse. Nor does he usually have to struggle with having to support his family and is not so apt to be forced into work that takes him away from genuinely rewarding writing. And, as both a blessing and a defect, his isolation makes it easier for him to assume the role of the objective, detached observer of life who stands apart and observes it from a distance. Though, according to him, the observation sometimes tends to produce sometimes over-clever and slightly malicious work instead of really basic material.

Williams’ stories give the feeling of having been written by someone who lives on the fringes of life, rather than someone who has met it head on and got into its core. They are told with great vividness, emotional impact and a certain kind of poetic lyricism. The story "One Arm" which gives the anthology its name is especially remarkable this way. It has somewhat the effect of a requiem by a great composer and is probably one of the most beautiful and moving short stories with a homophile theme written in the last 20 years.

Vidal’s stories are competently written and lack William’s occasional morbidity as well as the preoccupation with sex as a grimly morbid thing. One of them, The Zenner Trophy, is notable for depicting a healthy-minded homo­phile who neither murders anyone nor kills himself.

The one complaint to be made is that there is no feeling behind them, something of which Williams cannot be accused no matter what his other faults. There is no sense
WHAT HAS
mattachine
DONE?

Accomplishments of the Mattachine Society, Inc., are outlined in detail in a new folder now available for distribution to readers of this newsletter. These folders may be obtained in quantity for distribution to friends who may be interested in the work of the Society in casting a spotlight on human sex problems for thinking adults.

Write today for a copy of this new folder. Prices for quantities will be furnished upon application.

The new folder, "What Does Mattachine Do?" is an ideal mailing piece to accompany a previous folder, "In Case You Didn't Know," copies of which are now also available in quantity from Mattachine headquarters and area council offices. If you wish additional copies of this folder also, please specify when ordering the new folder.

SPECI.]. NOTICE: A copy of the new folder, "What Has Mattachine Done," is included in this issue of the newsletter. Readers who wish to order the folder in quantity for distribution to friends and associates are urged to order them from the Society headquarters at 693 Mission Street. Prices are:

100 folders $1.50
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The same prices apply to "In Case You Didn't Know," the previous folder which has been revised and reprinted. It is suggested that the two folders be mailed as companion pieces.
ORGANIZED SINCE 1950, the Mattachine Society is still subject to many questions about what it actually accomplishes in implementing its program of education, research, public relations and social action on the homophile problem in America today.

Here is a resume of what the organization has done:

I. EDUCATION

PUBLICATIONS. The monthly MATTACHINE REVIEW (now completing its third year of publication) circulates to a general list of paid subscribers and is sold on newstands in 12 U. S. metropolitan centers. Articles by laymen and experts in their fields have a professional and serious approach to homophile problems; opinion, trends, news items, book reviews and comment by readers are regularly included in the magazine’s content, to create maximum reader interest.

Additional publications are INTERIM, the Society’s national news quarterly, and four monthly newsletters, published at San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D. C.; they are read by hundreds of members, contributors and interested friends. General information booklets, folders, leaflets, letters and bulk correspondence go to hundreds of inquirers every month from national headquarters and area council offices.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUMS. Bi-monthly, monthly and quarterly public programs are sponsored on an appropriate schedule in each of the six large cities in which Mattachine chapters are located. Experts from professional fields and men and women distinguished for contributions to solutions of sociological and sexual problems appear as speakers, with listeners afforded opportunity for questions and discussion. These meetings are not closed, but open to anyone over 21 years of age. Attendance varies from 15 to 175 persons.

AREA PROJECTS AND GROUP ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS. Specialized chapters conduct work and study programs, often in some area of the homosexual problem: research, writing and editing, legal, legislative, public relations, etc. Several chapters and area councils also conduct “group therapy” projects upon occasion, in which a limited number of persons meet regularly to discuss mutual adjustment problems, generally in the presence of qualified professional therapists.

II. RESEARCH

AID FOR ESTABLISHED RESEARCH EXPERTS AND/OR INSTITUTIONS. Subjects obtained through Mattachine have filled special qualifications for interview by the late Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey and his staff from the Institute for Sex Research, of Indiana University. In 1953 another select group of individuals brought together under Mattachine auspices were a source of data for a “homosexual personality type” study conducted by a research psychologist of the University of California at Los Angeles. Surveys and subjects for other research studies—some of which aided national research organizations—have been conducted in several areas where chapters are located. In 1957 the Society was asked to participate in a study to determine social implications of male homosexuality with a view to discovering factors which may be utilized in recommending changes of law in England. This particular study is being conducted by the British Social Biology Council, in association with the work of the Church of England Moral Welfare Council.

III. PUBLIC RELATIONS

CONTACT WITH RELATED AGENCIES. By correspondence and, when possible, through personal interviews, the Society maintains some contact with dozens of private and public agencies, law enforcement bodies, clinics, etc. Included among them are some police departments, psychiatric clinics, public health offices, prisoner rehabilitation agencies, hospitals, universities, libraries, mental health organizations, probation offices, civil liberties organizations, etc.

Abroad, contacts are maintained with foreign and international groups with aims and projects related to those of Mattachine. Among these are the Church of England Moral Welfare Council, and the International Committee for Sexual Equality. Similar cooperation is extended to One, Inc., and Daughters of Billis in the United States.

Contacts mentioned above are designed to discover ways in which Mattachine can aid other organizations through information exchanges, and ways in which others can help advance the Mattachine program. Several domestic agencies...
have directed persons with sex orientation problems to Mattachine with a view of aiding individuals concerned through participation in the Society’s activities and reading its publications—all in confidence that highest ethical standards and social behavior standards are consistently maintained, and that the anonymity of individuals concerned will be guarded if requested.

IV. SOCIAL SERVICE

In general, social service work is conducted on a limited scale by chapters and area councils, and it is generally applicable on an individual basis.

LEGAL. Upon request, Mattachine recommends individuals with legal problems—which generally result from a conflict with the law—to see qualified attorneys. Such attorneys also act as advisors to the Society in various areas and approve policies, projects and publications from a legal standpoint. While the organization is not and cannot be influential in legal-legislative matters (Mattachine’s charter does not permit lobbying activities), the Society has, upon request, furnished reprints of recommended penal codes and other legal articles to some legislative assemblies, groups working in the sphere of sex behavior problems (often seeking a harsher legal code), and to individuals concerned with administration of justice—including police departments, jurists and attorneys.

PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC. As in problems of the law, the Society also makes it a policy to recommend persons with adjustment problems to qualified doctors, psychiatrists and psychologists. Many persons have found happier personal adjustment from the counseling programs recommended by the Society.

EMPLOYMENT. Limited efforts, which the Society hopes to accelerate in the future, have been made to place persons in suitable jobs. Most individuals seeking this aid from the Society have experienced difficulty due to arrest records, convictions, "less than honorable" discharges, and other social handicaps. While an organized service in this field is yet to be developed nationally, it is a fact that many men and women have been aided in finding satisfactory jobs through Mattachine officers. In the future, the Society hopes to learn about job possibilities where persons with past "criminal" records (often nothing more than an arrest by an over-zealous officer) can be permitted to assume responsible and dignified daily lives in positions they need and deserve.

LIMITATIONS. Certain things are not done and cannot be done by Mattachine or its members. We condone no illegal activity in the organization, no corruption of minors and no exchange of names for personal correspondence. The organization stands for highest standards of group and public behavior at all times and seeks to promote responsible citizenship.

Mattachine maintains highest respect for individual civil rights and personal liberties. However it opposes sex activity in public, or between adults and minors, or which involves use of force, violence or fraud, or spreads disease. It supports its members and friends everywhere to be useful, well behaved citizens, respectful of law and a credit to the communities in which they live.

V. INCOME AND SUPPORT

GENERAL. Mattachine Society national headquarters and its branch offices in Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago, New York and Washington, D. C., collect dues from members of chartered chapters ($10 per calendar year) to conduct the Society’s educational, research and public relations program. Funds for most of the social service activities are raised by the chapter or area council conducting them. A reused office is maintained at San Francisco. Some area councils also maintain offices and telephones. Halls are rented in which to hold public discussion forums.

Additional support comes from contributors and friends, often in small donations from persons who can ill afford it. The Society receives no endowment from any foundation. However, since it is a chartered non-profit corporation, dues, donations and contributions to it are income tax deductible. At the present time, annual income of the national headquarters, chapters and area councils does not exceed $2500.

Mattachine Review, the Society’s national magazine, produced more than 50,000 copies in its first 30 months of operation (25 issues) and distributed them to readers for an all-inclusive cost of less than $9000. Some 5000 hours of labor were donated by the staff and volunteer workers in administration, promotion, editing, production and distribution of the magazine. Neither the Society nor the Review has ever paid one cent in salary or personal traveling expenses of the officers and staff.

MEMBERSHIP. Contrary to some popular beliefs, membership in the Society nationally has not exceeded 100 persons since the present charter was issued in March 1954. The previously chartered Mattachine Foundation was even smaller; nevertheless the organization, since its inception in 1950, has attracted the interest of many hundreds of persons who did not officially join. Policy has been to select membership from those persons over 21 years of age seriously interested in the homophile problem and who make application to any of the Society’s six offices.

CONTRIBUTORS. Since many persons do not wish to hold active membership, or live too far from an established chapter to participate, a CONTRIBUTOR PLAN has been set up whereby anyone can aid the organization with a contribution of $10 or more annually and be designated a "Contributor." This fee entitles the person to a year’s subscription to the magazine, a news quarterly, and a newsletter. Such contributions should be sent to the national headquarters. Period is based on the calendar year.

Additional information about the Mattachine Society, including requirements for establishing additional chapters, may be obtained by writing to the Board of Directors. Please address these inquiries to:

Mattachine Society, Inc.

693 Mission Street — San Francisco 5, California
"Graphological Analysis and the Homophile" was the topic of the July 11 discussion meeting. The speaker was William Baker of San Francisco, incoming president of the American Graphological Society. According to Baker, handwriting analysis is a projective technique of analyzing the individual. To an extent it is a consciously controlled activity, but it is also partially automatic and subconsciously controlled. Any attempt to consciously disguise it will simply make the repressed pattern all the stronger. As such, therefore, it is indicative of the character and philosophy of the writer in exactly the same way as the expression on one's face or the type and quality of body movements one makes.

Baker said experience has shown that heterosexuals and homosexuals write the same type of script and that there is the same proportionate degree of mental, physical and emotional types among them both. There are only a few habit patterns, or "leit-motifs," that could be regarded as indicative of a homosexual orientation.

The most general leit-motifs seem to be pictorial phallicism, i.e., phallic preoccupation as revealed in one's writing; and/or religious preoccupations. Neither, he felt, was inherent or innate in the homosexual condition but was primarily produced by environment. Phallicism he defined as preoccupation with oneself or with other males, and the religious preoccupation usually arose out of guilt feelings and a sense and a sense of a need for expiation for one's sexual tendencies. He also said that typically feminine handwriting in a male, or typically masculine handwriting in a female, also makes the analyst check the writing for other traits possibly indicating homosexual orientation.

The rest of the evening was devoted to his giving samples of different types of writing on the blackboard. The audience then compared the samples with what they had written. The comparison was fascinating to the 30 persons in attendance.
SAN FRANCISCO: scene of annual meeting

THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Mattachine Society will be held in San Francisco on August 30—September 2. The main day's events—comprising registration, seven lectures, a luncheon and an evening banquet will be held in the Sheraton-Palace Hotel. Other events will be held in the Williams Building, 693 Mission St. over the Labor Day weekend. Registration fees are $13, including the tickets to the luncheon and banquet.

Theme of the convention, on which the addresses by the seven professional persons to be selected will speak, is "Must the Homophile Be Accepted in Our Time?" Attorney Kenneth Zwerin will serve as moderator.

Convention activities will open Friday, August 30 at 8 p.m. with a reception for out-of-town delegates, members and visitors at Pan-Graphic Press. On Saturday, August 31, registration will begin at the hotel at 9 a.m. Climax of the main day's activities there will be at 8 p.m. when the annual awards banquet is held, this event to feature the main address of the convention.

On Sunday, September 1, the scene will move to the Williams Building. At 9 a.m. there will be a continental breakfast lasting until noon. During this period, sound tapes of TV shows on the homosexual problem will be played, and other recorded addresses may be presented. The afternoon session will be turned over to a panel of representatives from Mattachine Review, Pan-Graphic Press, Daughters of Bilitis and One, Inc.

Late Saturday afternoon, committees to be appointed for specific phases of the annual business meeting will have an opportunity to meet and work before a scheduled open house under sponsorship of the Daughters of Bilitis.

Monday, Sept. 2 will see the business meeting get under way at 9 a.m. in the Williams Building. Formal adjournment of the convention will be at noon, following election of officers and directors. The new board will then hold its first semi-annual meeting of the new year.

of emotional involvement with the emotional problems of the homophile and a complete lack of the sense of mankind and its suffering that permeates everything that Williams writes. Judging from this anthology and such full-length novels, Vidal can write easily when he writes from his intellect and not from his heart. On these occasions he produces brilliantly witty and uproariously funny Brinda and Mr. Coffin, a story which has nothing to do with homophilia but is in many respects one of the best in the book. But even when sincerely trying his best he isn't quite relaxed about the attempt, as in The City and the Pillar.

It is also a little distressing to find him naively implying that a person who completely enters into the homophile world of decorators, hairdressers, etc., in New York promptly develops a taste for Ronald Firbank. As far as can be made out, he regards this group as being highly decadent and their reading Firbank as a symptom of their corruption. In a way this is a little unfair. Firbank as a person was really a very kindly, lonely individual, and as a writer extended modern writing techniques, despite the seemingly frivolous aestheticism of his novels.

Of the two, Williams, the older, wins by several lengths. However, Vidal is still a relatively young man and still developing as a writer. Possibly someday he may get to the point where he isn't afraid to express in print what he really thinks and feels about the homophile.

Grateful acknowledgement is hereby expressed to persons who have contributed books to the Mattachine Library at San Francisco recently. Recent additions have arrived from the following, for which we say, sincerely, "Thank You" to R. L. J., Oregon; L. A., Maryland; L. C., California, and E. V. G., Utah.

Members and friends of the Society are invited to browse and read in the library room at any time when the room is not in use for conferences. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays, and by appointment on Sundays.

The collection now numbers several hundred cloth and paper bound books, magazines, pamphlets, article reprints, etc. Use of these materials is a Mattachine service to all.
First full-length, cloth-bound book project of Pan-Graphic Press got under way in July at San Francisco. The work chosen was Helen P. Branson's first book, "Gay Bar," advertised elsewhere in this issue. It is non-fiction. Introduction to the book has been written by Blanche M. Baïer, M. D., San Francisco psychiatrist who met the author and gave her endorsement of the manuscript before it went to press.

Price of the book is $3.00, with an additional 12 cents required from California residents for sales tax. The book will be completed by October 1.

Pan-Graphic chose to publish the book because it must have commercial projects to provide income for its other main function, that of publishing Mattachine Review, The Ladder, and other printing for the Mattachine Society. This work, readers are reminded, has been done since November 1954 at about one-third standard commercial prices for such printing.

Advertising space taken by Pan-Graphic in One, The Ladder, Mattachine Review and Mattachine newsletters has been paid for by the publishing firm.

Author Helen Branson will autograph all copies of "Gay Bar" ordered and paid for before publication date. The need for advance orders by Pan-Graphic is great indeed. Won't you order your copy right now?

REVIEW PUBLISHES RUSSIAN SEX LAW ARTICLE

August issue of Mattachine Review featured an article by Philip Jason, member of the New York publications chapter, "Progress to Barbarism." It told the steady worsening of sex laws in totalitarian Russia. First hand information for the article was furnished by a member who had previously lived in the U.S.S.R., but is now a U. S. resident. Another feature begun in the August issue is an extensive bibliography of homophile book titles, the work of three New York members. It will be continued in the next several issues of the Review, and later issued in booklet form.

September issue of the Review will feature the 4th Annual Convention of the Mattachine Society, and will include departmental and area reports. A copy of a newsletter from each of the five areas now publishing them will be included in the Review.

NEWS NOTES

October's Review will be the annual International Edition, with translations of original articles from European writers and from homophile magazines from the continent.

WATCH FOR SEPTEMBER "INTERIM"

September issue of Interim will appear before the convention, and will contain the full list of speakers who will appear on the Society's convention program. It is due off the press and in the mail on or about August 20, the Publications Director has announced.

TELEPHONE FOR DENVER

Secretary of the Denver Area chapter has listed a telephone number for that chapter: Florida 5-3438. This chapter also started publication of an attractive and informative newsletter in July.

OFFICE MOVE IN NEW YORK

New address for New York Area Council is 1183 Avenue of the Americas, New York 36; telephone Circle 5-1868. Chapters in New York leased office space on the fourth floor of the Sixth Avenue location in June and are now busy fixing it up. Future meetings, all except the largest quarterly sessions, will be held there, it is reported.

Koffee Klatoh sessions, held monthly in San Francisco, have continued to build in interest and scope since they were begun several months ago. Next such event is scheduled for August 9, to be held at 463 Duboce St., at 8 p.m. R. Frisby is moderator.
Lectures in Review

The July, 1956 public lecture, given by a San Francisco resident, dealt with transvestism. The speaker gave a general description of its historical background and its nature, explaining that it can vary in its manifestations from the man or woman who sometimes surreptitiously wears some portion of the opposite sex's clothing to the one who goes everywhere completely dressed in it. He also stated that the transvestite is not necessarily a homophile; as a matter of fact, he, or she, is most often either heterophile or asexual, that is, completely devoid of feeling toward either sex. A vivid description was also given of the great sense of loneliness and isolation that afflicts such people, one even greater than that experienced by such homophiles, since the transvestite usually has fewer people of the same sort to fraternize with.

The essential point made was that there is an urgent need for heterophiles, and even many homophiles, to understand that the transvestite is neither a freak nor a person who has consciously and voluntarily decided upon his special tendency. He is simply a human being motivated by an overpowering unconscious drive, and should be judged solely in terms of what he, or she, is as a person rather than being lumped with his fellows under a general category and condemned without a hearing.

Mr. Ernest Desig, the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, gave the August lecture. The first part of his talk was a description of the work of the Civil Liberties Union in giving legal aid and advice to members of minority groups whose civil rights as American citizens have been infringed upon.

He felt that the homophile is a member of such a minority group and described the aid the Union was giving several who had been involved in a raid in the Bay area a few weeks before his lecture. The Union was not concerned about homosexuality as such, it was concerned as to whether or not the civil rights guaranteed by the Constitution to persons accused of being homophiles and of "lewd and lascivious conduct" were being infringed upon.

Among other things, he stated that it was his personal belief that any person of liberal tendencies who becomes a government employee at the present date is taking a calculated risk, if he is not discharged as a "security risk" then the charge can be lack of "suitability." The shade of difference between the two is a fine one. Security risks are judged on an assumption of guilt and the government has to furnish proof of its charges with unsuitable persons. In either case the resulting blot on one's escutcheon makes it hard to find future employment.

The September speaker, Basil Vaerlen, the San Francisco psychotherapist, discussed "The Need for a Permanent Relationship." His view was that permanent homophile relationships are possible, but can only be achieved through careful planning.

Two males who live together must realize that the masculine sexual drive is different from the feminine one, so that both persons will have to make compromises, instead of one making most of the concessions, as is customary between men and women in our society. Failure of most such relationships, he felt, could be traced to boredom and/or possessiveness. All too often there are only a limited number of contacts with other people, with one of the partners becoming jealous and over-possessive.

If a relationship is to last both must realize that the same standard of fidelity cannot be expected from a man as a woman, the male of the species being essentially polygamous and having a need of reassurance that he is still attractive to others. Above all, he stated, the best type of relationship should be a "cooperative adventure in growth." Cooperation includes constant compromise and a continual willingness and awareness of seeing and understanding the other person's viewpoint. This, in turn, produces a sense of excitement and adventure that keeps the relationship ever alive. These he felt, are the things that must be built into a homophile relationship if it is to be a successful one.

Dr. Alfred Auerback, Chairman of the Committee on
Mental Health and Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California delivered the September lecture. The greater part of his talk was devoted to a resume of the historical side of homosexualism, starting from pre-Classical times and coming down to the present date.

While as an analyst he regarded it as indicative of immature sexual development, he stated that there are persons who seem to make a mature emotional adjustment to it. In his early days he had worked to "cure" his homophile patients, but now he settles for helping them to learn to accept themselves.

Mr. Kenneth Zerwin, the San Francisco lawyer and planned speaker for October was unexpectedly unable to return from a European trip in time. As a substitute a taped recording of a panel discussion made on the TV program "The Open Mind" was played, and commented upon by the member of the New York branch who had made it.

The main reaction of the San Francisco audience was astonishment that the New York program's discussion should be so remarkably similar in content to talks and discussions given by our group, both in the questions asked and the solutions offered. It almost made it seem as if there is some sort of universal trend toward the same views by all authorities. The one thing the group could not help wondering was whether or not this trend is going on in all walks of life all over the country, or whether it is simply restricted to certain legal and medical circles.

Mr. Zwerin gave the November talk. Among other things, he described the legal situation both in the United States and in the different European countries he had visited in regards to homosexuals. One fact mentioned by him was especially interesting; in Russia a lawyer serves no real function, since all such activities are taken over by the state. In view of this and the other factors described in a recent article in the last issue of the Review, it seems as if the American homophile has an infinitely better time of than the Russian one, who cannot even get adequate legal counsel to defend himself.

Alice La Vere, Consulting Psychologist with the Personal Adjustment Bureau spoke in December. After describing the many misconceptions concerning homophilia, she stated, "While it is true that some homosexuals are compulsive neurotics, some suffer from schizophrenic tendencies, many are paranoid... many are well-adjusted and stable-minded individuals." After 22 years of experience of counseling emotionally disturbed individuals her personal view was that prevalence of mental illness is found to the same degree in heterosexuals as homosexuals.

While many attempts have been made to "cure" the homosexual, or rather, to change his sexual bent, "To date this search has been in vain; there is no demonstrable cure of this natural phenomenon." Her concluding statement was, "My personal experience is about all I can trust in this controversial situation. I have found that when the negative mental reflexes are exchanged for constructive and positive ones, individuals on either side of the sex line improve their attitudes and efficiency, and gain success and peace of mind."

Mrs. Eleanor Van Leeuwen, a San Francisco social worker and director of a local parent-cooperative nursery, launched the 1957 series. Her talk primarily concerned modern methods of child-raising and coping with its problems.

Among other things, she described a new movement afoot in the P.T.A. to aid parents to clear up their own personal problems, since very often the child's emotional difficulties can only be resolved by the parents resolving theirs. According to her, the parents find doing so slow and painful, but the results are of great benefit to both themselves and their children.

She also discussed modern methods of sex education and stated that it is definitely important to children to know that they have a role to fulfill in the creation of babies. It is especially important for the boys as well as the girls to know that they too have an extremely responsible part in it, and it is also important to have an awareness of the child's wish to know about such matters when it appears and to give a satisfactory answer.

Those present at the meeting noted how though the talk did not ostensibly deal with homosexualism, yet most of the persons present seemed to feel that all this was relevant to their own lives. Whether or not homophilia originates from a disturbed home condition is not wholly certain, but most certainly most of the persons present came from such homes, and found Mrs. Van Leeuwen's replies to questions invaluable as an aid to self-understanding.

In February Mrs. Bernice Engle, assistant to Dr. Bowman of the Langley Porter Clinic, discussed the legal and social
condition of the homophile. Her essential thesis was that it is improving.

Among other things, she cited a Roper poll made in Louisville in 1951 that showed that the greater proportion of the citizenry questioned favored hospital treatment for sex offenders, with the younger men and the college-trained ones being the ones most often in favor of it. Interestingly enough, this happened when a local sex crime had made lurid local headlines only a week before.

A survey made of all the responses of most of the lower house and all of the upper house legislators of Connecticut, which had been chosen by researchers as a typically average state, showed that a little over half of the legislators felt that the present laws against sodomy and "unnatural offenses" should be kept unchanged, while a little over twenty-three per cent felt that they should be modified. The fact that even that amount, she said, were willing that they should be changed seemed to her a sign of progress.

Forty-five per cent of them, responding to a query concerning Kinsey, stated that his reports are of value to them as legislators.

It seemed to Mrs. Engle that these and other facts she cited showed that changes for the better are taking place, though they are not necessarily quick ones. In conclusion, she stated that special attention should be given by Mattachine Society members and friends to all cases reported where Kinsey is cited as an authority, since she believes that their number will steadily increase as time goes on.

Dr. Leona Bayer, the San Francisco physician, spoke about biological factors affecting sexual and personality development in March. She said that the main trend in the sociological field at the present date is toward the view that sexual behavior is primarily the result of cultural conditioning. Among other studies, she described one that had been made of a large group of pseudo-hermaphrodites. Of the group six per cent were homosexual and four bisexual. The remainder followed the sexual pattern of the sex they had been reared as belonging to, whether or not they really did, medically speaking.

She also described two Bay area studies of female obesity in which she has participated. In both studies a careful examination of backview photos of the women studied showed that they readily divided themselves into several basic categories, the three main ones being masculine, hyper-feminine, and bisexual. It had been found that the sexual drive is strongest in the persons possessing sharply differentiated sexual characteristics and least so in the less sharply differentiated types. It had also been found that the strongly sexed person is the one most likely to turn to overeating as a form of emotional compensation.

Dr. Bayer also inclined to the view that body build strongly influences personality development. We evaluate ourselves according to the way those around us regard us. And, if there is a discrepancy between the way we actually are and the way we ought to be, much inner conflict and unhappiness can result.

As an example, she described one young patient of hers, a transvestite. As a child he was small and slight. He came of a family where the parents and other children were large, bulky persons. The discrepancy between the way they were and the way in which he was unlike them and yet felt he ought to be had, she suggested, strongly determined the sexual role he had eventually settled upon.

Mr. Gavin Arthur, the writer and sexologist, gave a description of his "Circle of Sex" theory in April. His view is that sexual differentiation does not proceed in a straight line, with individuals finding themselves somewhere between the two opposite poles of extreme masculinity or femininity. He suggests rather that it is more like a circle, with many shades of gradation between different basic types, and with each type of man having his complementary feminine type and vice versa, on the opposite side of the circle, or "clock" as he termed it.

Since his paper giving a full outline of his theories and his description of the different types is shortly due to be published, the Newsletter editors refrain from giving a full description of his lecture. They also refrain on the grounds that his gift for telling vivid and sometimes startling incidents concerning the individuals he cited as basic types is impossible for anyone else to equal. When it is published they will gladly notify the Newsletter readers, who will be well-advised to read it. The descriptions of Gertrude Stein and Radclyffe Hall alone will make it worth their while.

The May lecture was delivered by Dr. Carlo Lastruocci, social psychologist and instructor at San Francisco State College. Discussing the sexual impulse, Dr. Lastruocci explained that his orientation to sexual behavior was bio-
logical, rather than religious or philosophical.

In his student days he had been struck by an instructor's remark, "Actually, you know, sexual behavior is purely voluntary." To confirm or disprove the hypothesis he had consulted famous endocrinologists and other authorities. Among other things, he had also collaborated in a study of prisoners who had been castrated. It was found that suggestion and expectation played a very strong part in the frequency of orgasms. Those men who had expected their sexual activity to diminish had it do so, those who expected it to increase had it do so.

The researches of such pioneer anthropologists as Margaret Mead and more recent workers like Clellan S. Ford and Frank Beach, the co-authors of Patterns of Sexual Behavior, seemed to show that the type and quality of the masculine and feminine roles assumed in life depends purely upon cultural conditioning. As an example, he mentioned Margaret Mead's three famous New Guinea societies where in one tribe the men and women were so sexually undifferentiated as to be almost bisexual, in another they existed on the same combative, competitive level as in our own society, only even more so, while in the third the women look after and support men and the children, while the men occupy themselves solely with artistic matters.

In response to a query as to the origins of homosexualism, he suggested that it results from "linkages" and described how three such linkages had occurred with himself in regard to lilacs. Three times in his life, he said, he has come into contact with the bodies of persons he knew well and lilac blossoms at the same time. Now death and lilac blossoms are inextricably linked in his own mind and he cannot stand their odor in a way impossible for the average person to understand.

In the same way, he suggested, individuals make linkages, purely by chance, between various types of sexual behavior and the amount of gratification they associate with it, and it becomes part of their basic personality structure. About the only way one's pattern of sexual behavior could be altered would be to substitute one's motive for practicing it for a stronger one. How this could be accomplished he did not know; it lay outside of his field.

Julia W. Coleman, M.S.W., and William M. Baker, M.S.W., who are due to participate in the coming convention delivered a joint lecture on group therapy on the basis of their own training and experience in June. Mr. Baker first described their own group. He said it was a small, heterogeneous one of eight to ten persons, all of whom are carefully screened by Miss Coleman and himself prior to becoming part of the group. The discussion is spontaneous and non-directed, with
write the same type of script and that there is the same proportion of mental, physical and emotional types among them. There are, however, a few habit patterns or "leit-motifs," that can be regarded as possibly indicative of a homosexual orientation.

The most frequent leit-motifs seem to be pictorial phalloism, i.e., phallic preoccupation as revealed in one's writing; and/or preoccupation with religious matters. Neither, he felt, was necessarily innate in the homosexual make-up itself, but was primarily environmentally produced. He also said that typically feminine handwriting in a male, or typically masculine handwriting in a female make the analyst check the handwriting for other traits possibly indicating homophilies.

The rest of the evening was devoted to his giving samples of different types of handwriting on the blackboard. The audience then fascinatedly compared the samples with what they had written on sheets of paper previously passed out by Mr. Baker.

A lively roundtable discussion was held in August between representatives of the Daughters of Bilits and representatives of the Mattachine Society. Once before, over a year ago, we had had a similar discussion and both groups had discovered to their mutual surprise that the one opposite to them consisted of human beings. Now after having gotten to have known each other better and having worked together on projects, it was felt that it was time to start effecting a closer rapprochement as groups, and to achieve a greater mutual understanding of the male and female deviant's problems.

Each persons participating in the discussion said time and time again in his own way that both male and female homophiles tend to lump all persons of the group opposite them under a general category. What is urgently needed, they felt, is for us to learn to see each other as individuals and not as types, with the males making the mistake of thinking that most female homophiles are women with exaggerated masculine mannerisms, and the women believing that most male homophiles are men with pronouncedly feminine ones.

It was suggested that fraternizing members of either group can help each other in various ways. Conformity to at least a certain extent is an urgent necessity if members of our minority group are to survive amidst the major one and to get along at our jobs. Because of never having mixed too much with members of the opposite sex since early adolescence, some of the girls have little knowledge of what is correct feminine behavior. For other reasons, male homophiles sometimes have feminine mannerisms of which they are unconscious. Mixing with the opposite group, and having them tell you when you're going off the track can be a great help in cutting down habits that make it difficult to get by.

Dating was also a matter in which we could help each other, since homophiles of either group are apt to find the demands made and things expected during heterophile dating a little nerve-wrecking, or difficult to fulfill. Yet if one does not date or at least seem to have close friends of the opposite sex, it can cause comment at one's job. Dating between the two groups would also help to get rid of the resentment and near-hatred felt by some homophiles in either group toward members of their opposite sex.

Some of the girls said that what their group sometimes finds hard to accept is the promiscuity of the men and the impenetrance of their relationships. One said that this partially came from a mutual ignorance of the sexual pattern of the opposite group. Several male homophiles she knew had known nothing at all about female anatomy till she explained it to them, and there is quite often an equal ignorance among the girls. The female drive is less on the surface than the masculine one, psychologically as well as physiologically, and is more easily expressed purely in terms of friendship and togetherness. Because of the friendship aspect the relationship has more of a chance to last than the masculine one, where the living together usually starts before the friendship has commenced.

All other persons in the discussion group felt that our two groups' establishing a closer understanding and unity this way was the beginning of a greater degree of internal harmony and unity within the homosexual minority group. It seemed to them that something very good might come of this for us, one of them summing it up by saying, "If we can do this here we can bring something into the world that's never existed before that will help our mutual situation."

The discussion seemed capable of continuing indefinitely, but because of the time it was necessary for the moderator to call a halt.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, JULY 1956 - AUGUST 1957

The first Board of Directors meeting since the May 1956
National Convention was held in Los Angeles during the Labor Day weekend, September 1 - 3. Persons attended from San Francisco, Long Beach, Santa Monica and other areas. There was a general session at 1 p.m., Saturday, September 1st, followed by the chief business session, which closed at 5 p.m. A reception and dinner were held that evening for out of town guests, members and interested local persons. Meetings were held with the Directors of the various departments held on Monday, leaving Sunday free for individual planning.

Two special orientation meetings were sponsored by the San Francisco Area Council in November, 1956. Early in the month the Publications Director met with 14 persons interested in the organization and outlined Mattachine goals and its methods of operation. Later in the month a form on the legal subject was presented to the same group. Characteristic of the second meeting was the admonition, "Don't commit illegal acts." The Society's long-standing policy against any sexual activity involving adults and minors, especially the young, and against any human relationships which involved fraud, violence and spread of disease, was clearly emphasized.

In the same month of November a new series of informal discussion meetings officially termed "Koffee Klatches" began. The moderator is Ray Frisby, a member with technical therapeutic experience. Topics of discussion are spontaneously decided upon by the group, and range from purely personal problems to general cultural attitudes and perplexities.

On February 1, 1957, two additional office rooms were acquired at 693 Mission Street on the third floor of the Williams Building. Room 308 became the national headquarters of the Daughters of Bilitis, Room 309 the office of the SF Area, and the headquarters of the Mattachine Society and the SF Area's library, and Room 312 continued to be the printing and production department of Pan-Graphic Press.

On June 14 the annual Christmas Party was held. Each person attending brought an inexpensive gift to exchange among the people present and there was a ticket charge of $2.50 per person.

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On May 4, 1957, "The Reluctant Dragon," a puppet show presented at the American Friends Service Committee's Auditorium. Admission was $1.00. The show was presented free of charge to the Society by Mr. Donal Norton and Mr. M. Betti to help recoup the expense of furnishing and fixing the new offices, a gesture that was deeply appreciated. A sum of $60.00 was brought in, even though the show was not publicly advertised and tickets were sold only through members.

A Strawberry Festival was held on June 16 at Mill Valley. It extended from two in the afternoon till six.

During the period from July 1956 to August 1957, there were nine monthly dinners and five monthly brunches given, as well as the usual monthly public lectures and the customary work parties when the Review came out every month. Coffee and hot chocolate were served to the participants at the office work parties.

A FUN-D PARTY

On August 17 a private party was given by two members for the purpose of raising funds to help the Area. Several...
members and forty non-members attended, and the resulting amount of money was given to the SF Area treasury. The universal response was that it was an enjoyable, pleasantly relaxed occasion, with all the men and women attending behaving well. Those persons attending who had never before come into contact with Mattaohino members seemed pleased to find that we are reasonably human and well-mannered.

While we're still on the subject of parties, may we remind you that there will be an Open House downtown at 693 Mission at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 26. The different New York officers due to be at the convention will be here and there will be relishes, coffee, buttered rolls and beef and vegetable stew, the latter due to be cooked by none other than Mr. Harold Call, Publications Director of the Mattaohino Society and editor of the Mattaohino Review. What more could a person ask - a pre-convention get-together with officers from New York and elsewhere, and food cooked by Hal Call! Come on down, everyone's welcome.

As you will also note on the Calendar of Events for the coming month, on Sunday, September 1st the Daughters of Bitlits will be holding an informal reception with cocktails at 465 Geary, Studio 30, 3rd floor. It'll be from 5:30 to 7:30. Its purpose is to help the friends of Mattaohino and the Daughters to get acquainted. For those who have an interest in the Daughters' work and who have never previously contacted them, this would be an ideal way to do so. There will be a donation of $1.00.

THE SAN FRANCISCO LIBRARY, JULY, 1956 - AUGUST, 1957

The library has doubled in size since last July, 1956. We now have a hundred and thirty-nine hardbacks, sixty-nine paperbacks, and many hundreds of pamphlets and magazines. The greater portion of the material is non-fictional, though we also have a good-sized part of the fiction of the past twenty years that makes an honest attempt to deal with homophiles and their problems.

Offhand, we would say that while a number of our books are available at libraries, we probably have a larger amount of books and material dealing with the sex deviate and his problems under one roof than any one public library does. Considering that all of it has come to us solely in the form of contributions, given by members and friends purely on a voluntary basis, we think that such an increase is remarkable. We are deeply appreciative of the kindness of the persons who gave so generously and hope that we can report another equally great increase by the time of the 1958 convention.

LIBRARY NOTES

Two recent additions to the library are Sex in History by G. Rattray Taylor and the big sleep by Raymond Chandler. As was remarked of the first in a recent review of it in The Mattaohino Review, some of Taylor's sociological and anthropological theories are wild and wonderful nonsense. Among other things, he believes that European society's sexual mores have perpetually oscillated back and forth since the beginning of time as either "matrism" or "patriism" ruled the scene; "matrism" being sexually permissive and "patriism" repressive.

On the other hand, much of the book is invaluable as an aid in bridging the gap between the mores of pre-Christian times and those of today. As children we recollect that we learned from the very best authorities - especially Ben Hur and Quo Vadis - that the ancient pagans were very pagan indeed and then looked around us and realized that things were no longer that way. Taylor by tracing the history of European sexual mores through the ages shows how this happened. An important point brought out by him is that the sexual code changed several times during the Middle Ages, rather than always remaining static.

Raymond Chandler's the big sleep is primarily important as one of the first mysteries by an important writer in the field to utilize homosexualism to enhance the plot. Which brings up something we've been noting for a long while, the increasing amount of whodunits with homophile sub-plots. With some of them, as with The Horizontal Man by Helen Eustis, an honest attempt is made to explore the subject, but with a good many, especially in the pocket book field, the subject is used simply to jazz up a weak plot, or to suggest an atmosphere of nameless obscenities.

While much attention has been paid to the homophile novel, little has been given to the homophile whodunit, even though there are more mysteries of this sort than novels. We understand one of the New York members is preparing an article on the subject. It ought to great assistance in filling this need.
CAALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG. 30-Sept. 2—4th Annual Convention of the Mattachine Society, San Francisco. (See program and announcements in Interim for August, Mattachine Review for September, etc.)

SEPTEMBER 5 — Public Discussion Meeting, Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter, 8 p.m., Speaker: Mrs. Ellen Carder, Registered Nurse and Teacher of Marriage and Family Relations, "COMMUNICATION: The Key to Happiness"

SEPTEMBER 13 — Koffee Klatoh, Moderated Discussion Group, the home of Miss Winnie Seaton, 2001 Francisco, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m., near Shattuck and University, can be gotten to by the F train. Car rides will also be arranged for those calling down at the office.

SEPTEMBER 20 — Monthly Dinner, 1543 Diamond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 24 — Regular Monthly Discussion Forum, Daughters of Bilitis, 465 Geary, 5th Floor, 8:15 p.m.
Speaker: Mr. William Baker, President of the American Graphological Society, "Handwriting As It Relates to the Personality"

SEPTEMBER 26 — Regular Monthly Business Meeting, Mattachine members, SF Area Council Office, 693 Mission, 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 3 — Kenneth Zwerin, Attorney at Law, will address the monthly public meeting (same place as listed for September 5 above). Subject: "Laws in Europe"
4th Annual Convention
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ADVANCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30—Pan-Graphic Press, Room 309, 693 Mission Street
8:00 P.M. — Reception for Members, Delegates and Friends

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31—Hotel Sheraton-Palace, Market Street at New Montgomery
Room 2127
9:00 A.M. — Registration (Fee, $13, includes luncheon and banquet tickets)
11:00 A.M. — Call to Order, Donald S. Lucas, President, presiding
-- Address of Welcome
-- Announcements
11:30 A.M. — Address, Kenneth C. Zwerin, Attorney at Law, San Francisco
"AFTER ARREST—WHAT?"
12 Noon — Luncheon FRENCH ROOM
-- Address, Werner Einstad, Assistant Adult Probation Officer,
City & County of San Francisco
2:00 P.M. — Panel Discussion. Theme: "Must the Individual Homosexual
Be Rejected in Our Time?"
Room 2127
Moderator: Sam Morford
Panelists: Alfred Auerbach, M.D., San Francisco
William Baker, M.S.W., San Carlos, Calif.
Harry Benjamin, M.D., New York-San Francisco
Julia Coleman, M.S.W., San Carlos, Calif.
Leo J. Zeff, Clinical Psychologist, Berkeley
4:00 P.M. — Adjournment of First Day's Session
6:30 P.M. — Cocktail Hour FRENCH ROOM—UPPER LEVEL
7:30 P.M. — Annual Awards Banquet Kenneth C. Zwerin, Toastmaster
-- Address by David Schmidt, M.D., Chief Psychiatrist, San Quentin
Prison
(FRENCH ROOM)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1—Williams Building, 693 Mission Street, Room 309
9:00 A.M. — Continental Breakfast, Pan-Graphic Press
-- Sound Tapes of "Open Mind" TV series on Homosexuality from
New York
1:00 p.m. — Panel Discussion, "Homophile Organizations and the Homophile
Press in the U. S. Today* (Room 612)

Panelists: Representatives of One, Inc., Los Angeles
Miss Helen Sanders, President, Daughters of Bilitis
Miss Phyllis Lyon, Editor, The Ladder
Gonzalo Segura, Jr., Public Relations Director,
Fattachine Society, Inc., New York
Donald S. Lucas, President, Fattachine Society, Inc.,
and Business Manager, Fattachine Review
Hal Call, Co-Partner, Pan-Graphic Press

(One, Inc., Daughters of Bilitis, Fattachine Society and Pan-Graphic
Press will each be allotted 30 minutes each to describe
structure, aims, progress and problems of each organiza­
tion and/or publication, followed by general discussion
and questions)

3:30 P.M. — Adjournment of Second Day's Session

(Following adjournment, meeting rooms and facilities will be avail­
able for special convention committees to hold any
necessary work sessions in advance of the Business
Meeting on Monday, September 2)

5:30 P.M. — Reception, sponsored by Daughters of Bilitis, Inc., in Studio 30,
465 Geary Street ($1.00)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2—Room 612, Williams Building, 693 Mission Street

9:00 A.M. — Annual Business Meeting, Donald S. Lucas, President, presiding
— Election of directors and officers

12 Noon — Adjournment of the Convention

12:05 P.M. — Semi-Annual Meeting, Board of Directors

1:00 P.M. — Final Adjournment

Note: The official printed program for the Convention will be
included in the September issue of Fattachine Review, to be
mailed during the last week in August, and distributed at the
Convention.
CONVENTION NOTES

The Fourth Annual Convention is now over. For those attending it was physically exhausting, but inspiring and intellectually stimulating experience. Meeting delegates from the different Areas gave a wider perspective to the Society's work. When one's small amount of free time is almost wholly taken up with the thousand and one jobs needing to be done in one's own Area, it is easy to forget that other people are hard at work in other Areas all over the Country. As a result of meeting the other Area members, workers in San Francisco became more sharply aware than ever before that ours is a National and not purely local organization.

The descriptions of methods and procedures used elsewhere gave San Francisco members several ideas for things that could be done here. Already, as one immediate consequence, a special members' meeting has been held on September 10th, at which a committee, appointed by the Chairman and voted upon by the members, was deputized to thoroughly examine our present administrative set-up and make recommendations for reorganization.

Among persons present at the Convention was the Los Angeles Chairman, who described his Area's activities, as well as projects carried out in collaboration with ONE Foundation. An especially interesting one was a dictionary of medical, legal, and popular terms concerning homophilia in process of compilation.

The Denver delegate described the activities of the determined and extremely well-organized group started there recently. The Public relations Director of the New York Area, gave a description of their approach in trying to find a place for the special abilities and interests of those trying to fit themselves into the group as best he could. For those observing it was fascinating to note how it seems to be a basic instinct with him to pour all on the troubled waters at the slightest sign of deadlock or conflict, as he did several times at the Convention. The other members from the different Areas were especially impressed with their degree of emotional maturity and willingness to serve.

Among the speakers at the panel discussion concerning "Must the Individual Homosexual Be Rejected in Our Time?" Dr. Harry Benjamin, the Endocrinologist, drew applause with his view that the best thing that happens in the homosexual life, the homosexual central character, was to die. In terms of the character, Mackenzie is right. To further his political aims, Henry Fortescue restrained his deviant sexual tendencies for over twenty years. When his ambitions were no fulfilled he gave them complete release.

He became involved in sordid entanglement after sordid entanglement, upon one occasion being blackmailed, upon another being picked up by the police. As the writer implies, it is extremely unlikely that he would have altered his way of life for anything, so that even worse would probably have happened to him.

Any other ending would have been a false one. But surely there must be some sort of a middle road for the homosexual between the active expressions of his instincts and their repression? While his problems in achieving balanced emotional relationships are greater than those of the average heterosexual, to argue that they are insurmountable is condemning four per cent of the American population to lifetimes of perpetual bitter loneliness.

A description of one of the characters of how a member of the House of Lords was tried in the early 1800's on the charge of accosting a policeman and acquitted bring to mind the query just what sort of traditions are transmitted from generation to generation of homosexuals? What sort of unwritten beliefs and recollections are passed on from the older ones to the younger?

For example, those remembering back to over thirty years ago say that in those days there was very little fraternization in the way there is today. They say too that relationships lasted much longer because it was harder to make contacts.

Each generation of homosexuals apparently has its own patterns. There seems to be a characteristic pattern of evidence to suggest that the presentday homosexual is tending to cultivate less extreme manerisms, partly it is suggested because the greater amount of scientific knowledge of homosexuality helps him to keep from believing that he is completely alone and unique in the world.

Where did so much of the argot and the terms used come from? We know the origin of the word "buggery" and sodomy, but where did so many of the other terms originate? Cory attempts to trace that of the word "gay" in "The Homosexual in America", but to no avail. Some suggest that Variety has had much to do with the coinage of such terms, in its reviews of female impersonators and other acts since vaudeville days but no one has ever investigated the matter. Most certainly terms periodically arise to express the changing fashions, and then become popular in heterosexual groups. The word "mad" is already fairly popular among sophisticates and the word "gay" is sometimes seen in newspaper accounts of investigations.

The whole matter is worthy of research by a group. There should be some sort of attempt to record the recollections in this field by those whose memories go back to the late 1800's and the 1900's before they are forgotten, as well as finding out what the traditions are in different areas of the country. In this field as in so many others a great deal of our life, practically nothing has ever before been investigated. It is no wonder that so many homosexuals seem to have an urgent need to understand themselves.

LIBRARY NOTES

Recently received was Thin Ice by Compton Mackenzie. There is little that can be added to the review of the novel in the August issue of the Mattachine Review by Richard Meyer except that it is one of the few well-written pieces of fiction dealing with homophiles.

All too often with so many of them one is compelled to say, "It's not a good piece of writing, but at least it does ring true." In this phase of the situation, the homophile book, however, can be unequivocally praised in terms of its literary quality. He has that quality of mellowed, well-ripened humanism so often found among British writers, there is no attempt at sensational violence, everything is exactly enough and no more than that, and the characters are all believable.

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CALCULUS OF THE SERVICE

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NOVEMBER

November 7th — Mary F. Paiva, R.L.W., Counselor

"...FRIENDLY READER; TRY NOT TO SPEND YOUR LIFE HATING AND BEING AFRAID."
Stendahl, Introduction to Lucien Leuwen
Recently the San Francisco Area of the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis were used as a part of a study of different types of minority-group organizations by a Bay Area college student. The other organizations examined were the NAACP - The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - and B'nai B'rith, the Jewish fraternal body.

The writer pointed out that the Jews are essentially a cultural minority group, since there is no such thing as a Jewish "race," but rather only persons following the Jewish cultural-religious tradition who belong to a wide variety of races. The American Negroes are primarily a racial minority group but are not a cultural one, since they have been assimilated into the American cultural pattern, and their only aim in securing civil and economic rights is to obtain the ones due every American citizen. He then described the origins and nature of these four organizations and their activities.

It was his view that the homophile is part of a "psychological minority," and one that is at present considerably lacking in any sense of group unity. He does not belong to any one race or culture and finds himself a member of his minority group solely because of a psychosexual bent.

He stated that all three of the minority groups tend to have certain characteristics in common. Feelings of loneliness, alienage, and rejection occur among all. A common phenomenon is what E. B. Stonequist defined as the marginal man - "... the individual who lives in, or has ties of kinship with two or more interacting societies between which there exists sufficient incompatibility to render his own adjustment to them difficult or impossible. He does not quite 'belong' or feel at home in either group. This feeling of homelessness or of estrangement does not arise in the same way or for the same reasons in all individuals, nor is it identical in all situations."

All experience economic discrimination in varying degrees, the Negro having the hardest time to avoid it, because excepting in special cases, his color makes it impossible to conceal his belonging to his group. Of the three, the penalties are usually severest for the homophile if he is "found out". All three groups have been used, in varying degrees, as convenient political issues by demagogues.

Both the Negro and the Jew have problems in securing education; the negro on both the lower and the higher levels, the Jew to a certain degree on the higher ones. The homophile's are encountered, if he is discovered, as the practitioner of a "vice" rather than a member of a minority group.

Social ostracism is encountered by all, and varies according to the social group, locale, and economic level; in some being non-existent, in others very active. Of the three the homophile, most especially the male one, encounters the greatest amount of legal difficulties.

One of the differences pointed out among the three groups was that the homophile does not find himself located in his minority group from the date of his birth onward. Instead, he is born into any level of the general culture and then, with the dawning and development of his tendencies, finds himself labeled and pushed into belonging to the invert group. This traumatic experience of self-discovery, the writer felt, was partially responsible for the lack of adequate self-acceptance encountered in far too many homosexuals.

Also commented upon was the fact, well-known to both members of the Mattachine Society and Daughters of Bilitis, that the persons who most vehemently refuse to identify with either organization, are usually those who take the greatest risks of running afoul of the law in their public and private lives. After suggesting several explanations for this, he concluded that whatever the reason, the fact remained that the emotional reaction was usually too intense for the motivation to be a matter of logic, and that fear of the consequences of being exposed was not warranted by the actual nature of either the Mattachine Society or the Daughters.

After observing the two homophile organizations, the writer's conclusion was that they are a manifestation of the growth of the homophile's ever-increasing awareness of himself since the mid-Victorian era. As was pointed out by him, at that period detailed knowledge of homophilia was only to be found among certain medical men and law-enforcement officials as well as some classical scholars. The general public was either ignorant of its existence, or only knew of it as a vice to be condemned or commented upon salaciously. This was true even among homosexuals, and it was entirely possible for one of Havelock Ellis's case histories to say that he had thought he was the only one of his kind in the world till he had read of Oscar Wilde's trial.

Now, though great fallacies still exist in the public mind, there is no longer such a widespread degree of
ignorance. The subject is part of required courses in psychology in colleges, and Kinsey's widely-publicized researches have helped disseminate an accurate knowledge of the actual facts, with things having gotten to the point where it has almost become a standard theme in whodunits, sometimes of high caliber, sometimes not. Obviously, as the writer pointed out, when a subject is taken over by detective stories, it is becoming fairly well-known.

In summing up, the writer's ultimate conclusion regarding the Mattachine, the Daughters, the NAACP and B'nai B'rith was: "When groups of this sort are studied long enough one eventually ceases to think of human beings in terms of group names and nationalities. They stop being 'Negroes', 'homosexuals,' and 'Jews.' . . . They simply become human beings with problems, and it does not matter whether or not their sexual tendencies are different, or if their skins are a different color, or if they follow different religious practices. In time, usual distinctions become blurred and all one can see is the essential humanity underneath."

KOFFEE KLATCH

A short paragraph from Gibran's THE MADMAN concerning a good god and an evil god was used as a starting point for the October 11 Koffee Klatch. Each of the 15 persons present offered his own conception of good and evil, and how feminine and masculine balances might relate to good and evil, i.e., "using the right balancing factor on the right occasion for the right purpose."

Several persons discussed loneliness from the standpoints of friendship, affection and sexual expression, and how each may relate to good or evil aspects of living. That from a psychological viewpoint every situation can be a "learning situation", and that the homosexual may learn from his individuals problems, if he so desires; and from a metaphysical standpoint as being one of many experiences to live in order to gain awareness.

Because of ONE Institute Symposium which is scheduled for November 11-17, the Koffee Klatch for November will be one week later on November 22nd, Apartment 12, 570 Page Street.

Have you asked all your friends to subscribe to MATTACHINE REVIEW? Have you considered a REVIEW subscription as a Christmas gift?

ONE INSTITUTE SYMPOSIUM

A Symposium: HOW HOMOSEXUALITY FITS IN will be conducted by the Education Division of ONE, Incorporated, November 11th to 17th at 465 Geary Street, Studio 30, under the sponsorship of the Daughters of Bilitis. If you have not received descriptive literature through the mail and the necessary enrollment blank, please get in touch with the Area Chairman or the Daughters as soon as possible. You are urged to take advantage of this week of comprehensive study.

A CHAPTER FOR THE LITERATE LITERATI AND US TOO

Among the suggestions of the Reorganization Committee presented at the last monthly business meeting was the reactivation of a special chapter for those with literary and writing interests, and the conduct of a program for those wishing to write for Society publications and those interested in meeting to discuss books, and other general interests along these lines.

As yet very little has been written in the detail it should about our particular problems. As ONE Foundation has pointed out, since this major need exists, it is up to the homophile to make the first attempt to meet it until such time when more authorities turn their attentions to this field of writing.

It isn't necessary for you to be a major writer of the calibre of Goethe, Shaw, or even Philip Wylie, may he scold forever! The only requirement is your desire and ability to set three or four words in a row on each line of a piece of ruled paper.

Nor is it necessary to be a major authority on such esoteric subjects as numismatics, Tokharian, or the type of hairdo most popular during the Sussanid dynasty. Each individual has something to offer solely in terms of his being a unique individual, not quite like any other person in the world. The important thing is to have something to tell us about that you think is of value.

Get in touch with us, either by writing to us or by telephone. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
Among recent contributions to the library is Wind Woman by Carol Hales, autographed by the writer. The story concerns a girl seeking assistance with her emotional problems who goes to a psychiatrist and in a series of interviews learns of the influence that made her into a homophile. As usual with most novels in this field, you have to take the shaft and be thankful for the wheat. The book is written with honesty and sincerity, and as was pointed out in a recent review of it in The Ladder, the types in it are true to life.

On the other hand, it has periodic passages of what the New Yorker calls "rich, beautiful prose," as when the heroine's "cupcake breasts" are spoken of and during the lovemaking scenes. And, despite the author's attempt to be sincere, there is no remarkable depth of illumination or insight, as in Tennessee Williams' One Arm. Even dear old Well of Loneliness packs more of a wallop. But as has already been said, you have to take novels dealing with homophiles for what they are, owing to the scanty amount of them.

Also received was a very rare little book published in 1916 about Edward Carpenter, by A. H. Monuor Sime. Carpenter is now almost completely forgotten. His political and economic views seem naive of world events of the last 30 years, his philosophy healthy-minded, but lacking in depth, and his poetry a milk-and-water echo of Whitman's, without the latter's greatness.

However, like Ozymandias, king of kings, he was highly regarded in his own time. Nowadays his studies of "friendship" and "the intermediate sex" seem grim and almost maidly compared to the tough-minded and almost aggressively materialistic things usually published in our time. But for a man to speak out with any degree of boldness whatsoever during the Victorian era took an infinitely greater degree of courage than that required at the present date. If Edward Carpenter and others of his ilk had not dared to pioneer in this field probably Kinsey's researches would never have been possible, and if nothing else, he deserves the respect of our time as a person who drew the attention of a great many people, however deliriously and decorously, to a social problem of whose existence they would never have been aware.

Mr. Clarence F. Bates, clinical psychologist and member of the California Guild of Hypnotists, opened his lecture "Hypnotism and Self-Adjustment" by explaining that it is essentially an accelerated form of suggestion. Unlike the stage hypnotist, he does not command the subject, but instead enlists his cooperation, so that they can work together.

He stated that the degree to which the suggestion can be used by the subject depends upon how strongly he wants to receive it. Thus he has found that if a person who smokes a great deal comes to him for help with the problem, he can implant a suggestion that will help a little, but within a few hours the person will be smoking again.

In the hands of a properly qualified practitioner, he felt, hypnotism can be utilized to build up a person's self-confidence, so that he can better handle his problems. When properly used, it can also be a means of alleviating anxiety and fear so that the patient can get away from his situation for a moment and take a fresh look at it. Always, he said, the emphasis is on helping the person to help himself.

In the November public lecture Mary P. Paiva, R.S.W., will discuss individual differences and the relationship of these differences to the problem of working out an adjustment. The approach is a provocative and unfamiliar one, since most persons discussing the problems of the homosexual, tend to stress his need to work out an adjustment to the heterosexual world. Miss Paiva will also draw on her experiences as a personal and marital counselor and discuss problems of homophile relationships.

The monthly Sunday brunches were re-established during the month of October, and it was most encouraging that the majority of the 40 persons who attended were new people. It is becoming increasingly evident that interest in the Society is growing. This get-together was an indication that we can look forward to Area growth and a well-rounded Mattachine program.
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November 25th  Regular Monthly Business Meeting, San Francisco Area Council, 693 Mission Street, 8 p.m. (moved up to this date because of Thanksgiving.)

DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS

November 26th  Public Discussion Meeting- 465 Geary Studio 30 (Note change of room number) Leo Jeff, Clinical Psychologist will speak on "Depth Psychology & Religion."
We send our thanks to all of you for your friendly encouragement, financial support, active interest and for your hard work as well. You are our source of progress.

This year has brought growth and some growing pains. It has brought expanded facilities in the form of a combination lounge-reading-meeting room. It has brought several new memberships, and increased leadership potential. It has brought a local reorganization which has resulted in the reactivation of chapters and the subsequent renewed interest in the aims and projects of those chapters. New equipment, new people, new ideas bring changes, some invigorating, some disappointing, all challenging.

We have been host to many of you, for you were present at our Fourth Annual Convention at the Sheraton-Palace, or you have attended our public lectures, social meetings, or chapter functions. Some of you are new friends; others have been our steady supporters and co-workers. No matter your status, won't you renew the acquaintance—by your membership and subscriptions, but more importantly by your personal interest. We would like to know you better and feel sure you would have greater satisfaction through participation in the chapter activities.

Next year gives the promise of continuing advancement. We plan to complete our reorganization, to develop new interest groups, and to focus upon keeping you better informed of our projects and progress.

With these plans and resolutions, all of us here in The Matthiasce Society send you our most sincere wishes for a very pleasant holiday season and the best new year ever.

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**THIS UP TO YOU**

"Why is the Newsletter late?" "Why isn't it more readable?" "Can't we have a different type of public discussion group?" "Why can't we have a better social program?" "Why don't more people use the library?"

These are questions we hear every day from the membership. These questions are not without foundation, nor are they unreasonable. They come from people who are vitally interested in The Matthiasce Society.

Unfortunately, however, these people, for the most part are only interested. When asked what they are doing about these things, the most frequent answer is, "That isn't my job." Their job is being interested and calling attention to our shortcomings and failures.

Enough material was prepared so that this issue of the Newsletter would have run to 20 pages. To get it printed we had to revert to an old mimeograph machine that is not suitable for this type of work. Our public discussion groups are made up by accepting offers from people who are willing to assist. Our social program must depend on persons who have the time to plan and make necessary arrangements. We can only maintain the library; we cannot force people to make use of the facility.

In other words, we can only take advantage of what we have. Attempting to work beyond that or to

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The October issue of THE LADDER marked the first anniversary of the official publication of the Daughters of Bilitis. It also marked the end of two years of growing pains for the Daughters.

The Daughters of Bilitis had its beginning when eight women gathered together looking for a social outlet and some answers to a few of the problems which Lesbians face, and, as is inevitable, one idea led to another, and the present program of the organization gradually evolved.

The primary problem during the first year was that of meeting new people and spreading the word that the club did exist complete with constitution and by-laws. The going was slow indeed. Although the fact that the Daughters were in existence was an unguarded secret, the word just wasn't getting around. Interest wavered, and membership fluctuated from a low of six to the 15 on the rolls at the end of the first year.

In an all-out push, "do or die" effort, the 15 set up public discussion meetings in a rented hall with professional people invited to speak on the subject of FEAR as it relates to the homophile. For FEAR and the dispelling of it was the immediate problem to be faced if the organization was to be effective and continue to grow.

But setting up the meetings was not enough. How were the events to be publicized so that there would be anyone in attendance? And so THE LADDER came into being as a mimeographed newsletter just one year ago. As the first issue went to press there were 17 paid subscribers (at $1 per year) and a mailing list of some 200 names and addresses, including psychiatrists, psychologists, attorneys and other professional people.

The first effort at publishing "snowballed." Mail came in faster than it could be read - let alone answered. The organization, as well as the publication, was suffering from growing pains, and a handful of not-too-unwilling people were in for a lot of hard work.

By the third issue THE LADDER graduated from the mimeographed newsletter to a bona fide printed format. Printing took place before and after working hours in a local commercial concern unknown to the proprietors. In due time this arrangement proved to be rather confining, since the circulation was growing steadily each month, and the job was farmed out to a commercial firm.

From a newsletter, THE LADDER has graduated into the classification of a magazine and as of June 1, when the rates were raised from $1 to $2.50 per year, it had a circulation of approximately 400 subscribers. It offers reportorial coverage of the activities of the various homophile organizations, articles relating to or of interest to the homophile, as well as fiction and poetry.

In January 1957, the Daughters of Bilitis applied for and received a charter from the State of California as a non-profit corporation. And office was rented in the Williams Building, quarters being shared with the San Francisco Area Council of the Mattachine Society.

Public discussion meetings - on fear, employment, the law, and other related homophile problems - met with a favorable response, attendance ranging from 15 to 55. Many men attend these meetings as well as women.

Social activities are another important part of the DGB program. Aside from the opportunity they afford for getting better acquainted, they have also proved to be very successful fund-raising activities. Several "annual" events have evolved during the past two years, one of which was the St. Patrick's Day brunch to which members of the Mattachine Society are invited. Also, during the recent Mattachine Society Convention, the Daughters entertained delegates and visitors at a cocktail party.
The DDB library, while still very limited, has been established and books are available on loan at their office, Room 306, 693 Mission Street. The books and periodicals range from strictly homophile subjects to the better-known established classical works.

Although some of the members of the DDB also hold membership in the Mattachine Society, it should be noted that the Daughters of Bilitis is a separate and distinct organization with its own policies and goals. While the scope of its activities is similar to that of The Mattachine Society in some respects, the organization is primarily concerned with the problems that confront the Lesbian, which are distinctly different than those problems with which the male homosexual is faced. For such a specialized program to have been set in operation in conjunction with a generalized program such as is carried on by Mattachine or ONE, Inc., would have been impossible for many years to come.

**LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP**

Plans have been discussed for the formation of a Leadership Workshop to be conducted by Group Discussion Chapter No. 108.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that Mattachine needs leaders, and that those leaders must for the most part come from within the ranks of the organization.

The date of the first Workshop meeting will be set in the very near future, and for the present time will be limited to approximately eight persons. Some of the subjects to be considered are: Study of the hidden potentials such as leadership, creativity, and the development of an awareness of our own responsibility to ourselves and to the people with whom we live and work.

**IS A NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION OR SUBSCRIPTION ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST?**

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**THE NOVEMBER LECTURE**

The main theme of the November public lecture given by Mary F. Paiva, R.S.W., and personal and marital counselor, was how knowledge of oneself and one's partner aids in creating a satisfactory emotional relationship. As was pointed out by Miss Paiva, it is now believed by many authorities in the psychological field that attractions between people often result from an unconscious need to find in someone else some sort of unattainable self. The other person corresponds to the image of what one has always wanted to be and that is why one is drawn to him.

It was also commented by her that people are often most strongly attracted to their opposites. In such cases neither side will always understand the other and conflicts will develop as a result.

The amiable person, she said, is not always understood by his partner, for he is informal, intimate and friendly. His antithesis, with whom he is most likely to become involved and who is equally incomprehensible to him, is the discriminating person, who is formal, discriminating in his friendships and sometimes unintentionally gives the impression of high-hatting people.

Another person whose primary trait can lead to trouble is the dominant one. He tends to be a non-conformist, has his own personal concepts on how to live and everything else and usually has a one-track mind. His antithesis is the resourceful person who is inclined to have a great many irons in the fire and is usually passive or "plotthoric." As examples of this type, she mentioned a marriage she knows of where the husband is plotthoric and the wife dominant. The wife is always carrying on some project with great intensity and single-minded vigor. The husband usually gives the impression of inactivity, but on the rare occasions when he
Does set out to do something, he gets more done than his wife.

Many other mutually attracting types were described by Miss Polya, such as the persons who lead with their hearts, who find themselves drawn to those who see with their heads, and she said the list could go on for the entire evening. The principal point was how personality traits determine everything about us; how we walk, how we talk, our environmental reactions, etc. An exact knowledge of our own traits and those with whom we become involved is a necessary and important aid in achieving emotionally satisfactory relationships, and assists two partners to realize that neither truly intends to hurt the other.

It was brought out during the discussion period which followed that probably one of the most common causes of marital problems is the failure of two people to communicate. Also, sometimes persons enter into a relationship expecting the other to conform to a previously conceived ideal image. Frustration then develops when one turns out not to be what the other had expected.

—Jack Parrish

ONE INSTITUTE: SYMPOSIUM

For those attending, the symposium given by ONE Institute November 12 to 17 was an impressive and exciting experience. The sessions, each two hours long, examined homosexuality from the viewpoints of history, biology, medicine, psychology, sociology, philosophy and religion. Each session covered a remarkable range in presentation of material, and such an abundance of it was given that at the end of the symposium those attending went away feeling like the intellectual equivalent of a well-nigh overstuffed Thanksgiving turkey.

One of the most interesting sessions concerned the homophile side of German history from Roman
times through Frederico the Great and Ludwig of Bavaria, down to the Hitlerian regime and the present legal situation. As was carefully pointed out by the speaker, this side exists to the history of every European country. With England, for example, one could discuss the mores of the Normans, Edward the II, the debate concerning Queen Elizabeth, Charles the II, Florence Nightingale and Edward Fitzgerald. The only real difference between Germany and the rest of Europe seems to be that there have been more persons in crucial governmental positions there at crucial turning-points of history than in the rest of them.

In the session devoted to religious doctrines the history of Jewish and Christian sexual attitudes was gone into. Among other things, it was pointed out that Christianity has always had several different attitudes towards sexual mores and that it was not until shortly before or at the beginning of the Christian era that Jewish religious leaders began to declare that the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was homosexuality and not pride, as their earlier ones had done.

At the final session the various types of homosexual organizations were described. An interesting and provocative point made was that the European organizations have an entirely different approach from the main American ones. Their magazines are sold only to subscribers and never on newsstands. There is little or no attempt made to interest the public and even less to contact psychiatrists, doctors, law enforcement officers, etc. In most European countries there is less to fear, and yet the homosexual seems to be more afraid than here, and a tendency to withdraw from society into his own little private circles. As was said by the speaker, we actually have far more to hope for and our outlook for the future is far more encouraging in this country.

The whole symposium was a remarkable experience and those attending came away with great respect for
for the monumental labors that had gone into the assembling and compilation of the material presented. It was truly a Herculean task to do so, and a task which deserves the highest praise of all acquainted with it. A textbook summarizing the material presented is not yet published, but when this is accomplished, a great contribution will have been made to the homoophile world. While most of the books and articles from which this material was drawn are available to the general reader, it is unfortunately true that the greater body of it is scattered throughout the works of virtually an army of authorities and thus it is unknown to him.

—Jack Parrish

**January Public Discussion Meeting**

The January Public Discussion Meeting which has been moved up to January 9th due to the close proximity of the first Thursday of January to New Year's, will be devoted to discussion of the San Francisco Area Council activities and how they tie into the program of the National organization. This will be followed up on January 26th at a combined meeting of the Society and the Daughters of Bilitis with a panel discussion entitled "Where are we headed?"

**IT IS UP TO YOU** (Cont'd from Page 3)

Offer services you do not have would be only an escape from reality. Matt-schantz is your organization. It can work for you only to the extent you work for it. It can be what you want it to be only if you make it so. It can become a well-oiled, smoothly-operating organization; or it can become an organization of vitally interested people who sit at home and think about it. It is strictly up to you.

**Bob Castlick**
Chairman, SP.C

**One Institute Symposium**

Sponsored by the Daughters of Bilitis, the Education Division of ONE INSTITUTE presented a symposium: How Homosexuality Fits In: fits into religion, philosophy, politics, everyday living, etc.

Starting with a brief anthropology survey, examination was made of the possible beliefs of ancient man, superstitions, and general attitudes toward sex. A study of Greece, a period of 1500 years, showed that homosexuality was a part of the culture, not something separate. Part of the process of a young man reaching maturity was to have the guidance and tutorage of an older man. The history of America is rich with Greek influence in the fields of art, architecture, parliamentary procedure, but lacking in the concept of "Brotherly Love." Acceptance of ourselves as individuals and as members of mankind concluded the first section of the symposium.

A look at the biological factors seems to indicate that the choice of love object is psychological in nature. Germany was used as an example of the contemporary scene: noteworthy men and women working in literature, art, etc. Many attempts are being made to bring religious doctrines and sex mores and practices together on a more sound and practical working basis. A careful study of the Bible proves again that it is still the greatest book ever written and has 'everything' in it.

The second section closed with a discussion of Homophile organizations: Where are they headed?" Mentioned were some of the problems and pitfalls that groups of this nature should be aware of. It would appear that our culture is on the verge of a new and dynamic development. The homophile has an important place in this change. It takes a strong person to be a 'deviate,' and such strength can well be used for the advancement of mankind.

—Warren Jensen.
WITCHES, WISHBONES AND WHIMMYDIDDLES

Pausing momentarily in a cross-country lecture tour, Mr. Richard Chase, well-known Southern folklorist, met with members of the San Francisco Area in the SFAC Young on Friday Evening, October 25th. Mr. Chase, speaking in such a relaxed, informal manner as to make his talk seem like a chat between friends, told of how folk traditions of songs, stories and dances are a living thing among the people of the Appalachian Mountain chain and in his area of North Carolina.

Among other things, he showed the group a wooden statuette carved by a Cherokee Indian; and ingenious little contrivance called a "whimmydiddle" that is made by hand in his area and sold commercially; played melodies of old ballads on his alto recorder, and after persuading the group to sing with him, sang a few songs by himself. Because it was nearly Halloween, he told an old mountain tale of witches, and gave a formula for making a magic wishbone.

Mr. Chase believes that folk art is the basis from which great art springs. As examples he cited the plays of Shakespeare, which contain so much of English folk beliefs and customs of that time, and the great Greek tragedies. "There is a trend," he said, "to revive the various forms of the folk tradition art forms in this country. If these traditions are kept straight and simple, and are enjoyed with the self-conscious dignity which is their chief characteristic, then they can play an important and constructive role in our national life, and lessen the mass of commercialized and mechnized forms of recreation all too often thrust upon the general public. And, in time, these forms will be taken over and used by great creative minds, just as the country dances of Europe were taken over and used in the musical compositions of Bach and Beethoven."

Those persons who attended the talk remarked that it was one of the most pleasant social evenings they had experienced in a long while. That it was, most certainly was due to Mr. Chase's warmth, spontaneous and lively sense of humor.

CALLING ALL BEMS

Do you have green scales for skin? Can you extend your eyes out on stalks like a snail? Do you reach out with taloned claws with felonious intent towards damsels in transparent space suits on the hulls of rocket ships?

If so, obviously you're a BEM — a Bug-Eyed Monster. Certain members of the San Francisco Literary Chapter No. 110 are desirous of forming a group devoted to discussion of science fiction. The first requirement is you must be a science-fiction fan. The second is you must be a monster.

In the past three years there has been a reversal toward the sexual question among science-fiction writers. Before that time most of them, apart from Olaf Stapledon and one or two others, seemed either to completely disregard its existence, or else would only mention it briefly in passing, with a certain clinical, antiseptic quality, as though it were something that could be easily controlled and regulated as easily and in the same way as a virus or bacteria culture.

Now the better magazines and writers seem to be aware that it exists and some of them go so far as to treat it with sophistication and humor. Better still, they are beginning to admit its deviant phases. Wilson Tucker's full-length novel THE CITY BENEATH THE SEA and the story VIRGIN PLANET in a recent issue of VENTURE make no bones about the existence of lesbianism among women soldiers, or its inevitability in a large all-female population. It runs as a thread
thread through several of Theodore Sturgeon’s short stories, and one of the best ones in his recent anthology FAVORITE UNICORN is completely devoted to it.

Such a trend in “the literature of the world of tomorrow” makes one more optimistic about what sort of world it will be, and is well worth being kept an eye on by the homophile world. If the problem can be dealt with realistically in an intellectual form in this way, then it is much more likely to be dealt with logically and objectively in actuality.

So, if you’re a lonely REM, let us know if you’re interested in such a discussion group. It’s about time we monsters got together!

A LETTER FROM A LETTER

“Would like to see more articles which are of a general nature and could be interpreted to problems of a general nature—problems that we all have as individuals—how to handle these problems or how they have been handled by others successfully, so that these principles could be used as a guide for other individuals who have the same problems.

I enjoy your newsletter, but more important, learn something from it.”

-J.L. - San Francisco

(While the Newsletter is mainly aimed at keeping its readers informed of activities in the Area, short articles would be given consideration. We would invite our readers’ attention to MATTACHINE REVIEW which contains many informative articles. Also, our Area Koffee Klist which is a round-table discussion conducted once each month by our Group Discussion Chapter No. 108)

DON’T FORGET — The Public Discussion Meeting held at 1830 Sutter Street will be held on the second Thursday, January 9th instead of the first Thursday, January 2nd.

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND JOURNALS OF ANDRE GIDE

Three books of Andre Gide, until recently quite expensively priced, have now become available in paper-bound editions. His memoirs, “IF IT DIE,” is a classic of out-spoken frankness. The last section of this autobiography especially, which describes Gide’s meeting with Oscar Wilde in Algiers is an unforgettable portrait. “IF IT DIE” is complete and unabridged in this edition. Also now available in paper-back is the two-volume selection from Gide’s JOURNALS which deal mostly with literary and philosophical matters, and the novel “THE MARISSALIST” which was made into a successful play several years ago in which the late James Dean made his last Broadway appearance as the Arab boy.

The above books are now available and may be obtained from VILLAGE BOOKS, 110 Christopher St., New York 14, N.Y. They are priced at 95c each plus 15c postage for one book, and 10c for each additional book up to 50c.

Complete lists of books available from VILLAGE BOOKS is posted in the SFAC Lounge, Room 306, 693 Mission Street.

"DERRICKS" AGAIN AVAILABLE

A limited number of copies of "DERRICKS" by James Barr are now available from PAN GRAPHIC BOOK SERVICE, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco. This is a collection of short stories by Barr, and the book has been out of print for some time, and it is likely that this edition will be sold out nearly as fast as the books are received by the booksellers. The price is $2.50, plus 30c sales tax, postage and handling.

MATTACHINE REVIEW CHRISTMAS SUBSCRIPTION OFFER

For those who wish to give a Review subscription as a Christmas gift to a friend may send their signed Christmas card and $4.00 to the Review before December 20th, and the card along with the December issue of the Review will be mailed to the recipient. In addition a full-year’s subscription for the calendar year 1958 will be entered.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 5th - Public Discussion Group - 1830 Sutter
Employment Panel - 8 p.m.

December 13th - Koffee Klatch - 19 Pearl Street
Apt. No. 4 - 7:30 p.m.

December 14th - Mattachine Annual Christmas Party
1111 Pine Street - Apt. 101
$2.00 includes buffet dinner

December 18th - "Getting to know you better" - Social
Evening - Mattachine Lounge - 693 Mission
Coffee will be served. 7 p.m.

December 26th - SFAC Business Meeting - Mattachine
Lounge - 693 Mission St. - 8 p.m.

January 9th - Public Discussion Meeting - 1830 Sutter
8 p.m. - Subject to be announced

DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS

December 17th - Ernest Basig, head of the Northern
California division of the American
Civil Liberties Union, will speak on
"Year Civil Liberties" at 8:15 p.m.
465 Geary Street, Studio 30.
MATTACHINE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors of The Mattachine Society, Inc. will be held February 1-2 in New York City, the Chairman has announced.

The Year 1958 may be one of the most important years for the Mattachine Society. At the present time the Board of Directors is faced with many decisions which will have far-reaching effect and may very well determine our future growth for years to come, as well as for the Year 1958. Like any growing organization or concern, we must expect from time to time to experience growing pains, and what may appear to be complete upsets. These momentary crises should not be cause for panic, but for calm, logical thinking. Twice a year our Board of Directors meets and discusses the various problems that have arisen in the Areas during the preceding six months, and outlines the Mattachine program for the subsequent period, as well as forming general policies for the future.

A complete report of this present Board Meeting will be the subject of the Public Discussion Meeting for the month of March.

ONE MID-WINTER INSTITUTE

The 1958 Mid-Winter Institute and the 6th Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of ONE, Inc., will be held in Los Angeles January 31-February 2, it has been announced. A debate, panel discussions, luncheon, banquet and a dramatic presentation will be featured.

THE DECEMBER PUBLIC LECTURE

As previously announced, the December public lecture consisted of a panel discussion concerning employment and the homophile. The two speakers, both experienced in the field of employment, were Miss Joyce McCann from the personnel department of a national paper company, and Miss Helen Sanders from that of a local department store. Dr. Vera Plunkett was the extremely able moderator.

Miss Sanders opened the discussion by saying that when you apply for a job, you go with the intention of selling something--your ability to do it. Obviously, the sensible thing to do is to come prepared with some knowledge of the work; and the more you know, the higher-paying job you can demand.

Miss McCann described the procedures she goes through when interviewing applicants, and then demonstrated them by giving a sample interview of one of the members of the audience. She said that it was her firm's custom to check back on at least three different employers of the applicant to find out what sort of work record he had. If he had had four or five jobs in the previous year, none of them which he had held for more than two or three months, then he may be considered a doubtful risk.

As to the applicants' desirability, Miss McCann stated that she depended on his self-confidence, his feeling towards the job, and, above all, she paid a great deal of attention to the emotional overtones she sensed in the interview, his ability to think clearly and to express what was in his mind, plus other things she may sense about him as a person. This was more important to her than his grooming or appearance.

The nervous or histrionic person is not necessarily disqualified from all types of work. As a matter of fact, it has been found that such traits
are extremely valuable in certain jobs such as the retail fields and the graphic arts. One of the panelists stated quite explicitly that she would not think of accepting applicants to work for her if she thought they had no capacity to get excited or concerned about their work.

Bonding is not usually done unless the person's job involves the handling of stock or valuables. Whether or not a bonding company will bond you, it has no legal right to furnish any information about you to your employer, and if they find it necessary to interrogate you, your employer usually is not present during the interrogation.

Upon occasion, even the stigma of a criminal record can be overcome. As an example, one of the speakers brought out that she had personal knowledge of a person with a record who had his clergyman and two other persons in the community vouch for him in order that he might be bonded. Since then he has held a highly responsible position with his firm for nearly twenty years. Upon other occasions, you may have to settle for a job of the same type or in your field, but perhaps not necessarily with the people whom you would have chosen, such as a social worker who had originally worked for the city and was indicted for forgery, later was able to accept a position for a county as a social worker, although at a slightly less salary.

If you do not have a home address, then the sensible thing to do is to arrange with a friend to use his. Simply tell the would-be employer that that is where you can be contacted. As a rule, the employer has little or no concern as to whether or not you are living in sin; he only wants an address where he can contact you.

Excepting with the Civil Service, when an application asks if you are single, separated, or divorced, there is no concern about the applicants sexual tendencies. It is simply that for some jobs married men are preferred because they are not so likely to shift about as much as an unmarried person. On the other hand, single persons are preferred because married persons are inclined to bring their marital problems to work with them, or an increase in the family may mean that they will leave for a higher-paying job to better support additional children.

With the separated couple, there is the danger that the employee will leave for home territory if an "all-is-forgiven" letter is received; while divorced couples sometimes have trouble about alimony and involve the employer in the resulting legal tangle.

It was commented by one of the panelists that employers many times deliberately select homophiles for certain jobs, such as those jobs which are usually filled by women, so that inconveniences which are brought about by the woman getting married may not have to be faced. This is true in many instances where a great deal of training may go into the job.

On the other hand, to have only homophiles, or a majority of homophiles in a specific department or office is usually unwise. For employees to mix their social and business lives is usually injudicious, but unfortunately large homophile groups are usually inclined to do so. Also, a feeling of clannishness usually results and the group becomes concerned about defending itself from other departments or parts of the organization, instead of getting the job done. Lack of discipline develops and there is an over-concern with intergroup feuds and so on. Besides, simply having the same sexual tendency in common, does not necessarily insure compatibility of personalities.
In concluding, the panel brought out that the fears a person brings with him when filling out an application or to the interview that create the real problem. It is the person’s own fears about being “found out” that make certain questions stand out, when in reality such questions are for the most part unimportant when standing alone. It is best to consider the unit as a whole, rather than worrying about one or two of its parts, and "get your foot in the door, before you start worrying about your toes.

THE LITERARY CHAPTER

On November 25th, Literary Chapter No. 110 was officially reactivated. The function of this chapter, as described in a previous issue of the Newsletter, is to serve as a discussion group of books relating to homophile themes and to encourage and aid all persons wishing to write for the Newsletter or the Review. In time it is also hoped that the special "Monster Division", described in the last Newsletter, will also be formed as an adjunct.

At a meeting held in December, the members of the Chapter decided that the book to be read by the entire group and then discussed in January would be THE HEART IN EXILE by Rodney Garland. The date of the meeting will be announced at the Public Lecture in January. Those interested in attending, but unable to attend the lecture may learn further details from the local headquarters office by phoning EX 7-0773.

WHO IS GOOD WITH A PEN?

Mattachine Review needs an artist who can create small, simple line drawings of situations mentioned or suggested by articles, cover illustrations, or promotional art work. Anyone interested may contact the Publications Director at the Mattachine office.

AN EXAMINATION

One of the things that came out of the recent ONE Institute Symposium was an awareness of a fresh perspective toward our own Society as a result of hearing such a detailed account of the other organizations working in the same field of endeavor. Another was the importance of having a clear idea of what we are doing, where we are going, and why, as an aid to efficient growth.

On January 28th, at Studio 30, 465 Geary St., the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis will join in a panel discussion entitled WHERE ARE WE HEADED, at which time both groups will attempt to appraise themselves, both as an individual group working separately, and as two groups, working together toward a common goal. The existing problems and accomplishments will be gone over, as well as what both groups may expect from the future. This combined discussion will take the place of the Mattachine Public Discussion Meeting for February.

MILESTONE FOR PAN-GRAPHIC PRESS


One of the first replies from a reader came from Luther Allen of Baltimore. Here’s what he said, and he gave permission to be quoted:

"Gay Bar is one of those rare books one cannot put down. I love it! I must admit I felt quite dubious about this project when it was first announced, while reserving judgment until I had actually read the book. I'm happy to say I think your estimate of the book was very sound. I want to order at least a half-dozen copies to distribute among my friends."
It is such a sane and wholesome book, good humored, yet not at all superficial. It is frank, yet it shows unerring good taste. I think it will appeal to all types of readers—highbrow, lowbrow, and middlebrow. It deserves to be a best seller, and I think it will be."

The Newsletter Staff congratulates the partners of Pan-Graphic in their decision to enter the book-publishing field, and wishes them every success as they continue to move forward.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Mattachine members of the San Francisco Bay Area and their guests, including some of the members of the Daughters of Bilitis, had a very pleasant time the evening of December 14th at the now-traditional SFAC Christmas Party. Food, refreshments and decorations were generously donated by those attending.

One of the most entertaining and hilarious events at the party was a gift auction of inexpensive novelties brought by each guest.

The 1957 Christmas Season was off to a pleasant start as the various members and guests found their ways home at the end of the evening and the SFAC had a heart-warming contribution to its funds to face the New Year of 1958.

--Allan Jefferies

NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP DUES

Many members of the SFAC recently received letters from the National Treasurer reminding them that their dues for the next year are now due and payable. These should be paid directly to the National Headquarters, not through the SFAC. Dues are the principal source of income for the Society, and should be of primary concern to each member.

LIBRARY NOTES

Recently donated to the SFAC Library was CRY CADENCE, a book of poems by Howard Griffin, who has occasionally contributed articles to Mattachine Review. No chronological sequence is given for the poems, but apart from the headings given for the different groups, they seem to fall into two major categories—those dealing with life in the Army, and those dealing with life outside the Armed Forces. They reveal steady growth and a sensitive, perceptive understanding.

The first ones are primarily literary in inspiration and slightly derivative, with occasional ones seemingly originating from his own individual responses, as in his description of a portrait of a medieval dwarf jester who:

...Not a whole man (yet learned) he lived for privileged mirth, ate crows and monkeys, a crow himself in strength, took vengeance as a trade, exalted it. Here holding within his hands the helmet goat and in his eyes all Night and Sorrowing...

Later the gift for expressing his own unique view of existence in words, steadily maintained and he now has the ability of the true poet to express everything in one brief phrase, as in the final line about "the last evening's battle they play in camps:"

"'Tis the dusk the night makes, plain and tender, as it underlines the day, — evens the scores of tired lads. It is the spot the sky makes, when it shuts its doors."

The experiences here are universal, and no ex-serviceman can fail to recognize the feeling he
describes after killing in battle for the first
time, or the sound of a lonely harmonica playing
in the dark of a camp in the Pacific:

"... after the dusk there would be this
thin crying,
this wry unformed half-music in the night
calling to the dark
calling to its own lost self."

In the final stage the poems are exclusively a-
about civilian life. There are many moments of
illuminated awareness here, and the mastery of the
medium is complete, as in "The Gargoyle" where the
Lonely "walk through the ways of the massive town
... aware of rumor sidereal... of hearsay, deep
and drowned... ."

Mr. Griffin is a poet of special gifts and it
is a sad pity that no other anthologies have been
published by him since 1947. The book is obtain­
able from Farrar, Straus and Company at $2.50.

ALPHA CHAPTER NO. 109

The first meeting of the reactivated Alpha Chap­
ter No. 109 was held on December 11th, at which time
the general program of the Chapter was outlined and
discussed.

The Alpha Chapter will supervise the orientation
program of the Area. Orientation will be set up
for those persons who are presently members of the
Society, and will be a pre-requisite for those ap­
plying for membership, so that everyone will have
an opportunity to become familiar with the actual
over-all purposes of the Society, its history, aims
and principles.

Alpha will be the "general administrative" chap­
ter of the Area, and will conduct a program which
will be more generalized in contrast to the special­
ized programs of the other chapters.

DIARIES OF THE KNIGHT

Among the best publicized "secrets" of the
British Foreign Office are the famous "black
diaries" of Roger Casement, the Irish Patriot who
was hanged by the English for "Treason" in 1916. De­
scribed as "200 pages of concentrated erotica,"
the diaries are, according to the official
announcements, frankly recorded homosexual en­
counters. In a recent book THE ACCUSING GHOST OF
ROGER CASEMENT, the well-known poet Alfred Noyes
(who had taken one shocked look into the diaries
in 1916) now attests his belief that they are
actually the diaries of another man which Casement
had meticulously copied as part of his official
duties. (Casement, an official of the British
Civil Service, had won international fame culmin­
ing in a knighthood for his inquiries and in­
estigations over a wide field.) Regarding Case­
ment's "pick-up" of Adler Christensen, a young
Norwegian sailor who later turned State's evidence,
Noyes believes it was an act of charity. However,
Rene MacColl, an English journalist, in his longer,
sympathetic, but coldly impersonal biography ROGER
CASEMENT: A NEW JUDGMENT has no doubt that the
diaries were authentic and is equally emphatic
about the relationship between Casement and
Christensen. Both writers call for the publica­
tion of the diaries, which the Foreign Office has
steadfastly ignored.

ACCUSING GHOST OF ROGER CASEMENT (Noyes)...$3.50.
ROGER CASEMENT: A NEW JUDGMENT (MacColl)...$4.95.
Both available from VILLAGE BOOKS; 116 Christopher
Street, New York 14, N.Y. Please add 15c for one
book; 10c for each additional book, to cover mail­
ing and postage.

Lists of books available from VILLAGE BOOKS are re­
cieved monthly and are posted in the SFAC Lounge,
Room 309, 693 Mission Street.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 9th  PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING
1830 Sutter Street - 8 p.m.
"THE PROGRAM OF THE SFAC."

JANUARY 12th  BRUNCH - 1111 Pine Street
Apt. 101 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
$1.00

JANUARY 17th  KOFFEE KLATGH
463 Duboce Street - 8 p.m.

JANUARY 19th  GET-ACQUAINTED SOCIAL AFTERNOON
64 Culebra Terrace - 11 a.m.
until 4 p.m. - Coffee

JANUARY 28th  PUBLIC DISCUSSION GROUP
conducted jointly by the Mattachine Society and the Daughters
of Bilitis.
Studio 30 - 465 Geary Street
8 p.m.
Panel Discussion "WHERE ARE WE
HEADED."
(This meeting will
take the place of the Mattachine
Public Discussion Meeting for the
month of February.)

JANUARY 30th  SFAC BUSINESS MEETING - 8 p.m.
Area Council Lounge
693 Mission Street -- unless
otherwise announced.

For information phone:  EX 7-0773
or
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**NEWSLETTER**

**SFAC**

**FEBRUARY 1958**
February 5, 1958

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

At the Monthly Business Meeting of the San Francisco Area Council held on January 30th, it was suggested a follow-up letter be drafted in regard to the 1957-58 Annual Assessment.

A $6 per year assessment was passed by the SFAC at a Monthly Business Meeting on July 25, 1957, and all members were informed of this action in a letter dated September 7th. This assessment covers a 12-month period from September 1957 through August 1958, and is for the express purpose of alleviating the expenses of the San Francisco Area only. Such expenses include rent and improvements for the Lounge, telephone, office supplies, postage, library maintenance, and all other general expenses incurred by the Area. All expenditures are discussed and voted upon by the Area Council at the Monthly Business Sessions.

This assessment need not be paid in a lump sum, but in any amount convenient to the member. Some persons pay 50¢ per month. Individual accounts have been set up, and each payment is recorded. In addition, any member of the Area is entitled to inspect the Area books at any time so that he may have knowledge of how the money received by the Area is used.

The success of the aims and purposes of the Area depends, in a large measure, on how well we, as members, support our Area. It is to your personal advantage to assist in keeping the San Francisco Area on a sound financial basis by honoring this assessment.

--The San Francisco Area Council
Area orientation and educational programs for new members and/or persons who are applying for membership. It will concern itself with the executive duties of the Area and act as a general administrative unit.

The Chairman of the Group Discussion Chapter 108 explained that on November 1st, 1956, a group discussion group, called a Koffee Klatch, was formed as an unofficial adjunct to the San Francisco Area. It arose out of the need of persons working together in the Area to get together for the purpose of discussing their mutual problems so that they may be better able to understand themselves and others with whom they came in contact. No attempt was made to regulate the size of the group, and people came and went as they pleased. During the time he had acted as moderator of the group, the Chairman stated he had continually tried to keep from imposing his own will upon the group, and now it had gotten to the point where it operated on a non-directed basis.

At the time of reorganization, which took place in the Area last September, the Koffee Klatch group had promptly applied for reactivation as a chapter and the application had received unanimous approval of the Area Council. Since then the Koffee Klatch has continued as an activity of Group Discussion Chapter 108, and at the present time the Chapter is in the process of forming a smaller discussion-type group, or workshop-type activity which will concern itself primarily with the development of future leaders.

Mr. Jack Parrish, Chairman of the Literary Chapter No. 110 explained how his chapter had evolved from ideas which had been discussed with delegates from other areas during the National Convention last September. At that time the San Francisco Area was in the process of switching over to a policy which could be called a "member-centered" policy. Prior to then it had concerned itself with such general functions as the public lectures, the brunches and dinners, and the assembly of the REVIEW. Now it was thinking in terms of each individual member, of trying to find some work or activity which would suit each person's individual interest and ability.

One of the activities planned for the Literary Chapter, Mr. Parrish explained, is a group of local members who have expressed a mutual interest in books, and planned to meet and discuss the more worthwhile of the flood of fiction which centers itself around the subject of homosexuality. It is expected that the Literary group will evaluate and review such literature and discuss its value in terms of self-understanding so that there may be brought about a better comprehension of the overall situation of the homophile group.

In closing, the Area Chairman gave a resume of what had been accomplished by the San Francisco Area during the past year. He stated that while at times progress seemed slow, the end results would indicate that there has been considerable forward accomplishment. He expressed the need for encouraging professional interest in the Society in the form of employment counseling; persons qualified to assist with personal problems. In addition, he offered the suggestion that the members consider the reactivation of a graphic arts chapter as soon as possible, and other chapters as the need arises out of group interests; that it is apparent there are persons interested in various arts and crafts and hobbies, and that these interests can be developed through sharing with others. In his opinion the San Francisco Bay Area could support a library and recreation facility four or five times larger than the present lounge room. In the meantime, individual members should concern themselves with getting to know one another, building good public relations and especially work toward dispelling unfair criticism and overexaggerated rumors. He stated that he felt by working together and giving careful consideration to each person, his individual interests and potentials, the Mattachine Society can become a valuable public-service organization, and that membership in the organization can be a valuable asset to each member.
Misleading Impression

Frankly, it was impossible not to approach this book without a certain amount of discomfort. As is well-known, there is no one so respectable as the reformed rake. What is not so well-known is that usually the persons who object most strongly to anything that smacks of "queerness" are homophiles.

The title of Mrs. Branson's book gives a misleading impression of its quality and contents. Instead of being along the lines of, say, Call House Madam or A House is Not a Home, it is simply a sincere and honest account of an unusual type of work by a person who happened if drift into it by accident.

Whether one likes it or not, the gay bar is an integral and important part of life insofar as many homophiles are concerned. It is here they can mix more or less freely, with at least a superficial appearance of friendliness and sociability.

There have been several attempts by writers to describe such bars in recent years, as in the Homosexual in America, The City and the Pillar, and John Horne Burns' The Gallery. Mrs. Branson's account, however, is the least over-sensational and the most authentic that has so far appeared. Her obvious integrity as a person is a factor that helps to keep her from giving a highly-colored account of a subject difficult to describe objectively.

Her bar, of course, is not typical of such bars, though apparently she does not stress the point out of professional courtesy. She keeps a close watch over her people, makes sure that none of them gets friendly with someone whom she does not know, listens to their troubles, scolds them when they need it, sees that they do nothing on her premises that would bring them into trouble with the law, and makes them take every possible precaution while they are away from her. Despite its humor, the cartoon of her on the cover as a bespectacled mother hen furiously protecting her chicks is more in truth than in jest.

She makes no bones about not being perfect, and that you either like her or you don't. She can be ruthless if she has to be. The owner of any bar must be extremely careful, and so must she, no matter what her personal feelings may be in regard to whatever situation arises. She cannot afford to take chances.

Her description of herself as a bouncer makes one regret not being able to see her do it. Small angry women are generally more terrifying than others, perhaps because of the intense energy with which they lose their temper. It must be an impressive sight to watch this tiny, five foot four woman in her fifties ferociously charging down on a disorderly patron.

This is a simple, unpretentious book that is unlikely to accomplish any world-shaking changes. However, it fulfills its function, which is to tell as honestly and clearly as possible about one person's knowledge of a major facet of homophile existence and contains much that may be of value to the reader. Owing to its lack of graphs, statistical studies or references to erudite German tomes with titles twenty words long, it will not impress too many professional people in the medical and legal fields, but it could be used as a means toward better understanding of homosexual problems.

Dr. Blanche M. Baker's extremely informative introduction makes one wish that she would write a full-length book. Interestingly enough, Doctor Baker follows the Ford-Beach theory that homosexuality arises out of the "mammalian heritage" shared...
by man in common with all other mammals; whereas Mrs. Branson believes the origin to be from bad parent-child relationships encountered during early childhood. It is to the credit of the publishers that they have not attempted to compel the two writers to agree.

---Jack Parrish

**Ill-disguised Pity**

It is difficult, try as I will, to feel that I am being very objective about this book. The good will with which I try to approach it is constantly dissipated by what I read. Its inconsistencies are numerous, its main virtue a sort of wry humor, usually aimed at embarrassing someone.

The author of GAY BAR makes herself out to be a sort of "belle collector," a phenomenon that has never presented a very attractive picture for me. These "b.c.'s" are middle-aged women who surround themselves with a coterie of young male homosexuals from whom they demand instant obedience and unswerving loyalty in return for a "love" which is compounded by one part of ill-disguised pity, two parts of submerged loathing, a goodly share of aggressive domination, and more than a dash of castrating sympathy. By playing the role of "understanding mother," they prevent the homosexual from coming face to face with the problems his own mother implanted in him. The sole difference between the two "parents" seems to be that the belle-collector looks upon her "boys'" sexual activity with a more indulgent eye.

If the author of this book, Helen P. Branson, is not the typical belle-collector, the only way in which she disqualifies herself is that she does not pay her minions to remain faithful through gifts of food, liquor, clothing, jewelry, and theatre tickets, use of her automobile and home, or any of the other devices by which the more-usual collector maintains her court. With sound money-making bravado, Helen makes them pay her!

Near the end of this slight and not very important volume about one aspect of life in the homosexual world, a bar in the Los Angeles Area, Helen P. Branson says, "I have no answers to gay problems." This is a remarkable blend of candor and insight from an author whose book is prefaced with a sententious and self-consciously learned introduction which bristles with all sorts of theoretical answers to the basic "problems" of homosexuality.

It is one thing to be an eclectic, borrowing from any thinker who has a contribution to make toward the clarification of one's own theory and working hypotheses, but Blanche M. Baker, M.D., Ph.D., who wrote the introduction, seems less of an eclectic than a mental vacuum cleaner, picking up any rag-tag and bobtail of theory that she comes across, in her effort to "understand" homosexuality. With Kinsey, she regards it as one of our mammalian heritages. But this does not negate her embracing Gavin Arthur's theory of "The Circle of Sex," apparently an arcane schema involving the yang and yin aspects of the Chinese tai-chi. Nor can she ignore Jung's anima-animus concept. She gives short shift to Bergler or Matthews' theories - apparently simply because they are "anti-homosexual" - but ignores Harvey Cleckly's book in the same vein. Perhaps her vacuum cleaner did not come near a copy of it. But she is rather strongly pulled toward Cerminara's recently expounded reincarnation theory, a bent that might well lead her quickly to Scientology, which we understand is becoming increasingly preoccupied with "past lives." She apparently is not acquainted with, or blithely ignores, the fairly common psychiatric findings that the "I am a woman in a man's body" theory is a simply rationalized way for the neurotic male homosexual to try to cope with his guilt-feelings concerning his sexual activity - a simpler matter to determine with a little probing of one's patients than is reincarnation, whether, one uses "reverie" or not. And her final plea for gay bars as a social outlet for homosexuals who have
"so few private homes and social clubs available" is specific indeed; as a psychiatrist it would seem that she ought to realize that doors are barred only to the homosexual who neurotically lets his sexual preference color his whole existence, instead of keeping it where it obviously belongs — exclusively in the sexual sphere.

From the viewpoint of book design and printing it does not appear that Pan-Graphic Press has been any more fortunate in its initial adventure. The volume looks as though it had been run up by a local weekly newspaper editor; perhaps a cookbook printed for a local Ladies' Aid Society served as a model. Let us hope that their next publication won't be the reminiscences of a psychiatrist entitled, "To Whom the Belles Told" — one book of this sort is enough!

— J. Einar Jacobsson, Ph.D.

AGREEABLE DISAGREEMENT

The January Koffee Klatch held by Group Discussion Chapter 108 opened with the reading of a brief description of a London "Gay" pub, from the viewpoint of the central character of the book. Following this, the group discussed the feelings of guilt and fear in relationship to homosexuality, both from the aspect of each being a separate emotion, or that the two emotions may overlap or grow out of each other.

The often used and often heard term "self-acceptance" was examined and an attempt was made toward clarification. The point was brought up that the term sometimes almost comes under the classification of a dirty word. Substitutions such as "self-knowledge," "knowing yourself," or "having a positive awareness of self rather than a blind acceptance" were considered.

Other discussion during the evening centered around the subjects of Law and Justice, and one of the participants, who has spent considerable time in Europe, made comparisons of the legal situation in the United States in contrast to the European situation.

SOME RECENT BOOKS

REMEMBER ME, a new, absorbing treatment of the perhaps unhappiest monarch of modern Europe: Ludwig II of Bavaria, is a fictionalized biography that deals sympathetically with the handsome young crown prince suddenly become ruler. His relations with Richard Wagner have always intrigued musicologists, and the author, David Stacton, follows the accepted belief that Ludwig saw in the great composer the fatherly love that he lacked elsewhere.

LORD BYRON'S MARRIAGE: THE SECRET OF ASTERISKS, G. Wilson Knight's explosive book in which he states that the great Romantic poet was bi-sexual.

A DIVIDED LIFE, the new biography of the later poet, A. E. Houseman, in which his life-work is explained by his deep attachment to his friend M. J. Jackson. Houseman, for the most of his life — a scholarly recluse, was something of a mystery to the public which had greeted his lyric and bitter lamentation "A Shropshire Lad" with overwhelming enthusiasm. One of the most interesting fragmentary pieces reproduced from unpublished notebooks was written at the time of Oscar Wilde's arrest and imprisonment, when Houseman was an unknown clerk:

"Oh who is that young sinner with the handcuffs on his wrists?
And what has he been after that they groan
And shake their fists?
And wherefore is he wearing such a conscience-stricken air?
Oh they're taking him to prison for the colour
Of his hair."

All the above-listed books are available from VILLAGE BOOKS, 116 Christopher Street, New York, 14.

REMEMBER ME — $3.50 — LORD BYRON'S MARRIAGE $5.95
A DIVIDED LIFE — $4.95. Please add 15¢ postage for one book; 10¢ additional for each additional book, up to 50¢.
February 14th  -  KOFFEE KLATCH - 463 Dubose St.  
8 p.m.

February 16th  -  BRUNCH - 1848 Pine Street 
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - $1.00

February 23rd  -  Coffee and Conversation 
(informal get-together) 
64 Culebra Terrace - 11 - 3

February 25th  -  DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS - Public Discussion - 8:15 p.m.

Studio 30 - 465 Geary Street 
Mrs. Bernice Engle, research associate of Langley Porter Clinic will speak on the latest trends in the law - obscenity charges in Kinsey and Howl cases, and the Wolfenden Report.

February 27th  -  SFAC BUSINESS MEETING - 8 p.m. 
Area Council Lounge 
693 Mission Street

March 6th  -  PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING 
1830 Sutter Street - 8 p.m. 
The National Executive Secretary of The Mattachine Society, Inc. will report on the Semi-Annual meeting of the Board of Directors.
Mattachine Society
San Francisco Area Council
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"Where Are We Headed"

The reader will please note that the following is not so much a report on the meeting herein discussed as it is a frank discussion of the points brought out in that meeting.

The panel discussion jointly participated in by the Daughters of Bilitis and the Mattachine Society held on January 27 had chosen for its topic the very thought provoking and timely subject "Where Are We Headed". After listening to the lengthy discussion this writer cannot but help to continue to ask that same question.

The Moderator, first of all, asked the panelists to sum up the Aims and Purposes of these two organizations as it was felt a better understanding of these basic concepts was needed by all concerned. Although the exact Aims and Purposes were not presented in too clear a light it may safely be said that both organizational purposes basically have the same Aim, Goals and Purposes. It was disclosed that these basic aims were in the fields of education and research. More specifically in the field of education, the purpose is twofold. Education directed to the homosexual himself, in order that he may gain self acceptance and education directed to the public at large, in order that they may better understand the homosexual and the problems or so-called problems that the homosexual minority is faced with.

It was stressed that the Aims and Purposes must be more clearly defined and presented to the membership of these two organizations in order that each member may be better aware of them. It is this writers opinion that this is a MUST, if all members are to work together effectively for a common purpose. It is felt that leaders, and members alike, do not have a clear picture of the Aims and Purposes. At the close of this article will be found the Aims and Purposes of these organizations. It is suggested that each read these closely, in order to gain self knowledge and also, to be better prepared to discuss them with others.

Out of the discussion, both between panel members and from the large number of persons present, some very good points were brought up. Those will be evaluated briefly here.

It was felt by one member of the panel that possibly what most individuals were seeking in the organizations was an acceptance. But what kind of an acceptance? Is it not possible that they seek an acceptance, by all of Society, of their own peculiar patterns of behavior, and by that we mean the behavior which that individual feels a part of his be-
ing and vital to him. But does this behavior fall into the category of what might be called common descent behavior. The example cited is a good one. That is, if an individual feels it necessary to make sexual contacts in public lavatories, could it not be that this is what he is seeking as an acceptance, by and for all other individuals. The writer also might add that perhaps many are seeking acceptance of sexual license and not acceptance of a natural biological phenomena.

But to go further into the field of acceptance and self-acceptance. It was brought out that the individual certainly must learn to accept himself before he can expect to help others in this field, or even find any kind of general acceptance on the part of Society as a whole. This brings up the point as to how many individuals can accept themselves as what they are, human beings with basically no difference from other human beings except in their sexual expression or choice of love objects. Can they rid themselves of all the complexes acquired because they feel they are a part of a particular so called minority group. The complexes are many, fear, guilt and insecurity, but to mention a few. After self acceptance perhaps the individual must learn to accept Society. Not to expect Society to accept him with outstretched arms. Perhaps the homosexual through these groups such as the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis is trying to find a safe haven, an invert group where he will feel safe from all other groups. If this is the case the individual will have a great shock awaiting him, for this neither can be done nor is it healthy to do so.

The questions "What are you looking for in these organizations?" and "What do you think can be done to make these organizations more effective?" were left unanswered. It would appear that no one knows exactly what he or she is looking for from these organizations. Is someone looking for friendship? Is someone looking for an answer to his or her particular personal problem? Is someone seeking a companion through these organizations? Is someone seeking knowledge about a particular form of human behavior? It would appear that these are some of the things that some of those coming into these organizations are seeking. But as to what can be done to make these organizations more effective only minor or superficial thoughts could be evoked. Some thoughts, and they are valid, were suggested. If each member could give 5% of his or her time to the organizations, much more could be accomplished. Greater attention to new and interested persons and more personal contact with them would make them feel wanted. Leaders in the organizations should be able to delegate more of their work to others without the fear that they are losing hold of the organization. More publicity should be given the organizations in newspaper coverage.

The writer would like to briefly comment on these points. It is true that a great deal more could be accomplished if each member were to give a certain percentage of his or her time to work for and with the organizations, if this time can be depended on and the individual is constant in his interests. But nothing can be more disastrous for the organization than for a new and very willing person to promise to give so much time and he is assigned to a certain job to do in an alloted time and then finds that he cannot give the time. This, in simple language, throws a monkey-wrench in the whole works.
PAGINATION IRREGULAR
(pages out of order)
It is very true that more attention should be given to new persons coming to the organizations for the first time. Or for that matter for the first several times. However, no one can expect to receive constant individual attention at all times. This is a two way street. The individual again must want to help himself if he expects to work with and be a part of these organizations. He or she must be mature enough to seek and ask for what he wants from the organizations, and then to proceed to obtain it. No one is going to hold any individuals hand and coax or plead with them to be a part of the organizations.

It is very true that many of the leaders in these organizations have assumed a great deal of work, detail and responsibility. It is also true that these leaders should be able to delegate more of their work to others, in order that more persons will have an individual part to play within the actual functioning of the organization. It is believed that more of this is being done now than was ever done in the past. However, each and every individual must realize that these organizations are essentially a business, and as a business they must be run with a certain amount of adherence to promptness, meeting of time schedules, dependability and accuracy. Any individual who wishes to do a particular job should make his wishes known. If he can be dependable, and meet a schedule with a certain amount of accuracy, then by all means he will find plenty to keep him busy.

As respects greater publicity of the organizations and their activities, we must first ask ourselves are we ready and able to handle the persons who are bound to come to us through wider publicity? It is doubtfull that at the
present time we could handle any great increase of active members. However, it is felt that greater numbers of Subscribing, inactive, Members can be handled and are an essential backbone for our organizations. The individual who brought up the subject of greater publicity stated that any fraternal or church organization uses the newspaper to announce and publicize their meetings so therefore why couldn't the Daughters of Bilitis and Mattachine Society do the same. It must be remembered though that there is a great deal of difference between our organizations than those previously mentioned. However, once again, this is not wholly without merit and there is the possibility that in the not too distant future such newspaper announcements may be a means of attracting a greater number of persons to hear our lectures and discussions.

To sum up this discussion of "Where Are We Headed", it would seem that we are still headed in the same direction even though no one seems to really know exactly what that direction is. The only solution to this dilemma, which seems to plague us continually, would be to see that our entire membership, and those who seek membership, are thoroughly oriented in the Aims, Principles and Goals of our organizations and the means and methods which we have at our disposal to attain them. Material must be prepared by the policy making bodies of our organizations, clearly and simply, stating them. Continued confusion on these matters can only mean disaster. For all individuals will be headed in separate direction without a common and unified purpose. There is strength in unity. United we stand, divided we fall. These age old addages are tried and true.

So why don't we all do a little less talking about it and much more constructive action about it.

BASIC PURPOSES, OR AIMS AND PRINCIPLES, OF THE DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS

1. Education of the variant, with particular emphasis on the psychological, physiological and sociological aspects, to enable him to understand himself and make his adjustment to society in all its social, civic and economic implications—this to be accomplished by establishing and maintaining as complete a library as possible of both fiction and non-fiction literature on the sex variant theme; by sponsoring public discussions on pertinent subjects to be conducted by leading members of the legal, psychiatric, religious and other professions; by advocating a mode of behavior and dress acceptable to society.

2. Education of the public at large through acceptance first of the individual, leading to an eventual breakdown of erroneous taboos and prejudices; through public discussion meeting aforementioned; through dissemination of educational literature on the homosexual theme.

3. Participation in research projects by duly authorized and responsible psychologists, sociologists and other such experts directed towards further knowledge of the homosexual.

4. Investigation of the penal code as it pertains to the homosexual proposal of changes to provide an equitable handling of cases involving this minority group, and promotion of these changes through due process of law in the state legislatures.
BASIC PURPOSES, OR AIMS AND PRINCIPLES, OF THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.

The specific and primary purpose for which this organization is formed is to further and gain acceptance of the belief of sexual equality for all people, using methods, primarily as follows:

1. To sponsor, supervise and conduct medical, social, social hygiene, pathological and therapeutic research of every kind and description and to publish and disseminate the results of such research as widely as possible.

2. To sponsor, supervise and conduct educational enterprises for the aid and benefit of all persons socially, mentally or morally ill and to promote among the general public and interest, knowledge and understanding of the problems of such persons.

3. To sponsor, supervise and conduct educational enterprises to promote among the general public and interest, knowledge and understanding of sexual equality.

4. To aid in the adjustment to society of such persons as may vary from the normal moral and social standards of society and to aid in the development of a highly ethical, social and moral responsibility in all such persons.

5. To protect, insofar as possible, these people from undue discriminations.

6. To publicize by printed information, radio, television, pamphlets, speakers bureaus, stage presentation and all other means of communication, the purposes and activities of this organization.
ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH

The Daughters of Bilitis are sponsoring their third annual St. Patrick's Day Brunch on Sunday, March 16th. It will be held this year at 3927 Army Street (Near Church Street) between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The DB are asking that reservations be made by March 11th. You may call your reservations in to 7A 4-2790. The charge for this Brunch will be $1.50 per person.

LITERARY CHAPTER MEETING

The first meeting of the San Francisco Area Literary Chapter was held on January 15th. Jack Parrish was elected to the office of Chairman-Secretary and Allan Jefferies to the office of Treasurer.

The first monthly discussion was on Rodney Garland's The Heart in Exile. The following comment by Garland was read by the Chairman and then comments were asked from the members: "Although their emotional lives are illegal and generally unacceptable, inverts are not a conspiratorial society, perhaps because like criminals they have only an identity of aim, but no identity of belief. It is true that national frontiers do not separate them, maybe not even class frontiers, but individual unhappiness, even if it is particularly difficult to come by, is no sufficient basis for an ideology, any more for that matter than are sin or virtue. Homosexuals recognize each other easily, but for the most part they lead parallel and incomunicable lives, more so even than a group of 'normals'."

One member brought out that one so often sees persons who speaking of our minority group observe, "What a force for good we'd be if we'd only unite." Generally though they take to their heels at the thought of being involved in any organization even one such as the Mattachine Society. Another voiced his opinion that if the group united and formed a homophile vote that this group would spearhead a social reform.

Another member observed that simply to have the same sexual tendency is not a sufficient basis for unity. There are homophiles in high government positions, the Elks, Masons, churches, etc., in every walk of life. Such disparate personalities need more than the same sexual tendency to unite them. What binds all these persons together is their mutual belief in the aims and objectives of the organization.

It was his opinion that the only way the homophile minority could ever unite into a cohesive group was by mutual allegiance to certain ideals shared in common. These ideals could be of the sort of the Mattachine Society or as others of the group pointed out, the intention of following aesthetic pursuits as most of the European groups seem to do. Of course, as he pointed out simply belonging to the Mattachine Society does not mean you are a homophile, the Society has both homophile and heterosexual in the membership.

Another member said that since confirmed overt homophiles, according to Kinsey, comprise no more than 2% of the population they could never be a major political voting factor. But on the other hand, the importance of a minority group in an area where they are in a greater majority could decisively tip the scales when the election is a close one. So a homophile
vote could be something politicians would woo and win for this reason. Thus needed reforms for the homophile might be secured in the legal and social fields.

The rest of the meeting consisted of a discussion of the pattern of fear and hiding described in the book; the implications of the Wolfenden Report for both English and American homophiles, of the fact that it at least had brought these things out into the open and made the general public discuss them, even if no bills had been passed because of it.

It was decided the next meeting would be in the middle of February, the date to be announced later and that the Heart in Exile would be further discussed.

- Jack Parrish

**PSYCHO-DRAMA AT KOFFEE KLAST**

The Denver area Newsletter served as a springboard for discussion at the January Koffee Klatch. "How we can help each other" and "causes of homosexuality" were the general themes inspired from an article called **SURE THINGS TO THINK ABOUT**. We all more or less agreed that if we couldn't obtain the services of a competent psychiatrist versus in the problems of the homosexual, then perhaps merely getting together to hash things out and share mutual problems, is an effective way of helping each other.

The article states a brief "case history" of a young man with a problem so often heard by so many of us: parents and homosexuality. The following sentence brought forth a great deal of comments. "The psychiatrist believed the young man's inferiority complex to be the cause, with homosexuality the result, and that by removing this feeling of inferiority the homosexual desire would cease."

Following the coffee break we were given the opportunity for further insight, by the presentation of an informal bit of "role playing" which is not quite the same as psycho-drama. The situation came out of the previous discussion, wherein the family "finds out" about the younger son. In role playing, the "actors" make up the lines as they go along. The participants often disclose much of their inner feeling. We saw the older brother expressing hostility against society, in trying to do what is right. The younger brother firmly held his ground that the entire affair was innocent. The father shut his eyes to everything and simply refused to see. While the mother was not sure, what she knew about life and what to do when cold reality met her face to face.

Each member of the "audience" was then asked for his own feelings and interpretation of the situations as presented.

- Warren Jenson

**LIBRARY ADDITIONS**

**PILGRIM'S TERRACE** by Tram Combs is in many ways a disappointing medley. Some of the poems having a great deal of perception, as in the series on his cats, where in one of them he tells of waking in the night to feel against his fingers:

\[ \ldots \text{a cat's tongue,} \\ \text{file of love.} \]

\[ I \text{ drew back,} \\ \text{and thought deliciously of the} \\ \text{dark presences} \]

\[ \text{two amorphous tiny} \]

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black kittens back of the couch in the next room with enormous black eyes wondering stillnesses

In others, however, he is completely unintelligible, as when in commenting on a New Year's Day he says:

the conflux of stars' 'spense 's in
stand this quick to it these that are gone that were one comin'.

The same disparity continues throughout the entire book. When he recites a list of former close friends who are now either dead or scattered to the four corners of the globe, he becomes deeply moving, evoking slightly the mood of Villon's famous poem. But all too often he continues to be unintelligible. He gives the impression of having written of something that did not stir him particularly much to begin with, so that the reader is not especially stirred either.

This is a pity because there are enough good poems to show that he can, upon occasions, come to grips with reality and sum up a universally felt mood or perception in a few brief words.

J.P.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

With this issue of the SFAC Newsletter we are starting this new section, in which as far as space will permit, we'll print letters received from you the readers. Except where we must use editorial prerogative, the letters will be printed as received. Such comments as may be made by the editor will be in Caps. You are invited to write in answer to any letters that appear. Of course, we will not identify any writer unless he specifically asks us to.

GROUP DISCUSSION CHAPTER

It is this writer's belief that the "Kaffe Klatch" is the most important function of the Mattachine Society. It is THE place where everyone can come and talk about their problems, or any other subject. It is where others can hear how we, as a group, solve our own problems in adjusting to the mores of the society in which we live.

I would however, like to suggest a few changes that I think should be made, and the reasons for them.

First, I would suggest that the idea of chapters be done away with; the constitution be amended so that there be only one chapter, the Kaffe Klatch. The people interested in other things could still meet regularly, and these gatherings could be announced at the Kaffe Klatch. The idea of chapters for each activity was tried before, and it didn't work. These other groups do not have to be an integral part of the Mattachine.

I heartily suggest the reading of poetry, excerpts from various current novels, and philosophy before and after the meetings be done away with entirely. They usually are not pertinent to the problems of the day, and serve only in an aesthetic sense, in that they are beautiful. They really are for the more literary-minded folk, and should not be used as points for discussion.

I strongly feel that the meetings should be held more often; twice a month at the very least. In that way, we can keep in closer contact with each other and the doings of the Mattachine Society.

The Kaffe Klatch should be the information outlet for all the Mattachine. It should be the place where the non-members can come, and having received a warm welcome, find out all that they wish to know of our organization. There should NOT be any pressure put on about joining. With the proper attitude on the part of the members, they will soon feel that they want to belong. This same idea, I think, will alleviate much of the harmful gossip about the organization.

The Mattachine Society is primarily a social organization. [EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS IS NOT THE CASE. THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY IS NOT A SOCIAL ORGANIZATION. PLEASE SEE THE EDITORIAL ON PAGE 2 AND THE BASIC PURPOSES AND AIDS OF THE SOCIETY ON PAGE 9.]

I suggest that the idea of therapy, of any kind, be done away with. Many feel that they don't need therapy, and so they stay away. If this atmosphere were not present, I believe that the Kaffe Klatch, and the group, would benefit.

I would suggest that ideas for discussion be submitted to the moderator, in writing, and that the subjects most asked for be announced.
at the preceding gathering. Also, we don't HAVE to have any particular subject to talk on. Just gather for the pleasure of enjoying the mutual good company of our fellows.

I would suggest that coffee be served throughout the meeting rather than at the end. It would lead to a more relaxed and congenial atmosphere, conducive to serious thinking and talk.

I wish to complement the moderator on a job well done. But could we please dispense with the bell ringing? I find it to be a bit irritating, and others that I've talked to, feel the same. If the discussion is of popular interest, no bells will be needed to bring the attention back to the topic, and each will probably wait his turn to speak.

In conclusion, I wish to state that I feel strongly, that the whole success of the Mattachine Society rests upon the success of the Kaffee Klatch; that is if it is made the information, and meeting center for the organization, we, as a group, can not help but to grow, and go forward.

ED: LET'S ALL HAVE A PARTY!

JOINT MEETING

A meeting was called, jointly, by the Daughters of Bilitis and the Mattachine Society for the evening of January 28th. There was a panel of four and a moderator. At about 8:20 the moderator called the meeting to order, and announced the topic, "Where are we headed?" This was to be a continuation of the One Symposium held here this past winter. It was felt by some, that a question and answer period
should have been allowed for at the end of these meetings, and this would take the place of it. Well, the idea was good, anyhow.

The unfortunate part of the whole meeting was that it soon disintegrated into a personal disagreement that many of us knew nothing about. One person in particular was raked over the proverbial coals, although he wasn't there to defend his own views.

None of the members of the panel seemed to have much of anything valuable to say. They seemed to have copious notes, but didn't refer to them but slightly, and the whole thing remained at a personal level, which I'm sure it wasn't meant to be. One of the members of the panel was asked his reasons for quitting the Mattachine Society, (which has no place here), and he drew a simile with a desert, no trees whereby one could find the direction north by looking for moss on that side of the tree. Also, there was no distinguishing mark on the horizon. The homophile group was here in the center of this desert, each casting about for a direction to go out of the desert, and ending up back at the beginning, having gone in a circle leaving nothing but footprints in the sand. And none with the sense to look up and see the sun, and find the direction by it. This may be so but this same person couldn't give a possible direction that we, as a group, might take.

The subject, as announced, was not touched except on the vaguest terms. The members of the panel seemed to be afraid of the subject. The audience and the members of the panel were more concerned with other types of problems, including the public advertising of the "meetings open to the public."

We assembled to find out where we are headed. I don't think that this was accomplished. However, we did accomplish a successful joint meeting. This, I feel, will serve as the fulcrum to other meetings of this sort, with the subjects pertaining to problems of a more current nature. I feel confident that this can be planned, and carried out, with all the success of the last joint get-together.

Why bother with where we are headed, and growing bigger, when we can't take care of what we already have. The internal strife found mainly in the Mattachine Society, has chased many prospective members away. We must forget our personal differences, and work for the organization as a whole. That is goal enough for the present. Solidify the basic structure of the thing, and then try to enlarge. Forget about a particular direction for the present, and make do with what we already have. Perhaps we are in the middle of a desert, as suggested, and leaving footprints in the sand, but, if I may draw my own simile, it might be better to wait for the nightfall, when it is cooler, and travel then. A wise person can find sustenance, even in the barren wastes. I choose to wait, for the present, and to work to solidify our rather shaky foundation. The future will get here soon enough, and then will be time to take care of it.

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A CULTURAL APPROACH

Among the persons present at the April Brunch was one of the editors of ONE, on a visit from Los Angeles. While discussing a new book written by two psychiatrists that purports to say all that there is to say about homophilia, he commented that he is becoming more and more convinced that the subject should be approached culturally. Here-tofore, it has been primarily investigated by people in the psychological and legal fields. As yet we know next to nothing, strictly speaking, of how it fits into human societies and what roles it plays. As a result, we have no real perspective on it. While a beginning has been made, as with the cross cultural approach in Patterns of Sexual Behavior, scarcely anything has really begun to be accomplished, culturally speaking, as yet.

EDWARD THE II

The March Issue of the New York Newsletter has a review of a matinee performance of Christopher Marlowe's Edward the II, which was presented in New York by the American National Theatre Association on February 11. According to it, "...this was the first professional performance of the play in this country, so far as all the records show... both the play and the production were most enthusiastically received by the audience and the critics."

It is a well known fact among students of the theatre that Marlowe played "John the Baptist" to Shakespeare's "Messiah", by which is meant that he was the first English dramatist to show the potentialities of English as the language of poetic tragedy, instead of using Greek or Latin. In doing so, he made ready the way in the wilderness for Shakespeare, who built his work upon the foundation laid by Marlowe, and who might not have achieved as much as he did without Marlowe's trailblazing attempts.

Edward the II is considered his greatest and most mature work. It is continually praised for the subtlety with which it shows how Edward's passion for Piers Gaveston, his favorite, antagonized and alienated his wife and nobles and inevitably led to his downfall. However, the nature of the attachment between Edward and Gaveston is generally treated by most critics as though it did not exist, even though many lines of the play are extremely outspoken on the subject.

That such plays as this, The Immoralist, and The Children's Hour are now being produced upon the American stage would seem to indicate that perhaps our society is now beginning to face sexual matters more openly. The late Dr. Kinsey had an anecdote along these lines.

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community. He was discussing the project with the leaders in their meetinghouse. Among those present were three elders. They sat through the entire meeting as he outlined his procedures, their faces stern and completely expressionless. Finally Kinsey concluded his speech with the statement that the interviews would be held in the meetinghouse, and sat down. The oldest of the three got to his feet. "Glory be to God," he said, "that such things can be discussed in our meetinghouse!"

BACKWARD BURMA

At the annual gathering of the International Police at Rome, sexual crimes had been placed on the agenda. One by one the delegates of the big Western countries were reading off their gruesome statistics. Then the Burmese delegate took the floor and said in a somewhat embarrassed voice: "I have to apologize, we have no such statistics. We are a backward country where sexual crime does not exist. However, since our culture is striving at emulating that of the esteemed delegates who took the floor before me, I am confident that things will take a turn for the better. I shall endeavor to submit to you more satisfactory statistical material next year."

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"GAY BAR" DISCUSSED AT LITERARY MEETING

The book discussed at the March meeting of the Literary Chapter was Gay Bar. The nearly unanimous reaction of most of the group was that to some extent it is a work of fiction.

Several thought the writer must have deleted most of the unpleasant experiences that had happened in her bar. On the strength of what they knew of such bars through their own experiences, they were strongly skeptical of all being sweetness and light in her's all the time as she implied.

On the other hand, they agreed that while there is little of scientific value in the book, since the author is not a qualified researcher, it is one of few books that does not stress the lurid qualities of such bars. It would be a good book to give to a non-homophile to give him a reasonably unprejudiced view of a gay bar.

Also, another said, "The important thing about the publication of such books as this one is the trend they indicate. Each of them, whether large or small, has its job to do in re-educating the public and the job will be done by all and not any one of them alone."

All agreed that the most valuable part of the book for homophiles, was the introduction by Dr. Blanche Baker. It was regretted that she had not made it longer and explained more fully the different theories of homosexuality's origins.

Before adjourning it was agreed that James Barr's Quatrefoil would be the book to be discussed at the April meeting.

- Jack Parrish

K P F A PROGRAM SERIES IN PREPARATION

A special committee of the San Francisco Area Council will meet at luncheon with a staff member of radio station KPF A, Berkeley, on April 30 to advance the plans and get work under way for a series of two or more radio programs on the homosexual subject.
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May 17: PARTY
1543 Diamond Street
7-11 p.m. Food & Refreshments
(See page 2 for details)

May 18: LITERARY CHAPTER MEETING
Book to be discussed:
"Quatrefoil"
570 Page Street, Apt. #12
4:00 p.m.

May 22: SFAC BUSINESS MEETING
Area Council Lounge
693 Mission Street
8:00 p.m.

May 23: PROJECT KLATCH
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May 27: DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS
PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING
465 Geary Street, Studio 30 (3rd Fl.)
Speaker: Leo J. Zeff
Clinical Psychologist
Topic: "What The Eastern Religions Can Offer You"
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NON-MEMBER SUBSCRIPTION FEES ARE DUE

Got a spare buck? Or one that you don't have to use for a while? Then send it to the Newsletter, San Francisco Area Council, 693 Mission St., San Francisco to enter a paid subscription to this publication, providing you haven't paid for it already. We need the money. We love to put out a newsletter, but more and more it costs. In fact, like everyone else, we must pay additional postage in a very few weeks as rates go up.

We know most newsletter readers wouldn't hesitate to buy a friend a couple of drinks. But the dollar they cost helps us buy paper, envelopes and stamps. What about it, friend?

GREEN SHEET REPORTS SOCIETY FUND NEED

Included in this Issue of the Newsletter is a 4-page leaflet, "Behind the Scenes," a report to readers of Mattachine Review which was mailed to magazine subscribers with their June Issue. Because it reports on changing trends and small but significant advances pointing to an achievement of Mattachine goals, it has been included in this newsletter. Readers are urged to seriously consider the appeal for funds made in it, because the magazine is in a "financial crack" at this time. Your help is needed to assure its continuation.

TWIN TOPIC FOR TWO MODERATORS JUNE 5

"Self-Acceptance and Self-Understanding" is the topic of the "workshop discussion" which will be presented Thursday June 5 at 8 p.m., at the monthly public forum sponsored by the San Francisco Area Council of the Mattachine Society.

The event, as usual will be held at the Center of the American Friends Service Committee, 1830 Sutter Street.

Two moderators will conduct the forum. They will offer problems for the group to discuss, and at the conclusion of the session an analysis and suggestions as prompted by the discussion will be presented as a recapitulation of the ideas set forth.

NO AUTOMATIC SPEAK FRENCH

Evening French language classes are being arranged for Mattachine Members and friends in the San Francisco area. Final Plans will be formulated at the next Area Council business meeting. Present plans call for one evening class of 2-3 hours per week, utilizing a comprehensive (but inexpensive) textbook. The course will cover pronunciation; conversation; a practical vocabulary; words, phrases and idioms used in business and travel; simplified grammar and a review of the work as the course progresses.

Drs. Henri Lormier, a former resident of France, but now living in San Francisco, has volunteered to instruct the course. Emphasis will be placed upon giving the student an opportunity to learn enough of the French language to read and, with the aid of a dictionary, understand the content of French literary and scientific articles now received from abroad in the Mattachine library.

ARE STATEMENT TO BE HELD

At the May 22 business meeting, the San Francisco Area Council passed a resolution to aid the Mattachine Review by assuming responsibility for much of the magazine's forthcoming advertising program. Part of the program is already under way, and other parts of it will appear in other selected publications later in the year.

After inquiries by one of the members to several college daily newspapers (Stanford, U, of California (Berkeley), U, of L.A., Princeton, Harvard, Columbia U, and an alcoholic studies quarterly of Yale University were included), favorable replies were received indicating that Mattachine Review advertising would be carried in some of these publications.

During May, advertisements were placed in the Stanford Daily and the Princetonian. It is too early to judge the response. The SFAC voted also to raise $40 for a half-page advertisement in the Yale University Quarterly on Studies of Alcoholicism, the ad to be published in the early fall number.

Undertaking the advertising project followed an outline by Review Ed Hal Call that steps taken to pass advertising to promote the magazine in other publications, and reports from the editor and Society Treasurer which indicated that the magazine did not have the funds to underwrite the cost, nor did the national headquarters have the money available. June Review, in fact, carried an appeal for money (see leaflet in this Issue of the Newsletter), indicating that the magazine needed to raise $5000 within the next 60 days. National headquarters and magazine income is down a great deal over a year ago, reports indicate.

PARTY IN JUNE TO FOLLOW MAY SUCCESS

The May 17 fund-raising party of the San Francisco Area Council was so successful and so enthusiastically received by the 87 men and women members and guests present that a second such event was scheduled at the last business meeting. Saturday, June 21 was the date set for the new party.

A net of about $75 was turned over to the Area Council Treasury, which amount was applied to a debt SFAC owed national headquarters for some 1956 dues that were unpaid, and with other funds given to the SFAC which had been earmarked for chapters, the entire obligation was retired.

At the May 17 party, entertainment included an Anna Russell skit, a professional exhibition dance, piano and recorded music. Chill was served by the hosts. Donations were taken at the door and during the evening. June 21 party, invitations are herewith extended to members, their friends, and to Newsletter readers and their wives and friends.

INITIAL RADIO INTERVIEW COMPLETED

On May 7, a panel of three persons were interviewed on the subject of homosexuality by Elsa Knight Thompson of radio Station KFPA in Berkeley. The tape recorded from the interview will be broadcast at some future date.
as yet unannounced, according to station representatives.

Appearing on the panel were Blanoe M. Baker, M.D., Mrs. Leah Gailey and Hal Call. The hour-long discussion (which may or may not be retained at that length) was a general exploration of the subject from the points of view of a psychiatrist, a mother and an editor of a magazine on homosexual problems. Touched in the discussion were such topics as self-acceptance by homosexuals; accepting the homosexual within the family; the various theories of cause of homosexuality; homosexual relationships; legal and social attitudes.

Newsletter readers are urged to watch the KPFA Folio, a publication of the station which lists forthcoming programs, for the date and time of the broadcast. If this initial and general discussion of the topic results in satisfactory response from the listeners, there may possibly be additional programs in the series.

KPFA is an FM station which won the Peabody Award for 1957 as the most outstanding public service radio station in the U.S., regarded as one of the Pulitzer prizes of the broadcasting industry. The station is supported solely by listener memberships ($10 per year) and carries no commercial advertising. It operates on 99.1 m., and its programs are also carried by a companion station, KPFB (FM), 99.5 m., which reaches some areas of the Eastbay with greater broadcast clarity.

"FIREWORKS" FILM PROGRAM MAY BE SCHEDULED

SPAO Officers are now investigating the possibility of obtaining the highly-praised modern experimental film, "Fireworks," for an early benefit showing in San Francisco. The film has on other occasions, been played here under other auspices, and has created much comment here and in Los Angeles and other cities where it has been shown on extended engagements.

Denver chapter of Mattachine Society presented it in that area in April. From comments in the Denver Newsletter, "Fireworks" is a pictorialization in symbols of a particular aspect of homosexuality emotionality, that of guilt as expressed through masochism. Presented as it is in terms of so many abstractions, the movie is difficult to describe, yet it carries shocking impact unmatched. It has been said, by any other art film of recent times, if an when obtained, details for a public benefit presentation will be announced.

LITERARY CHAPTER MEETING - "QUATREFOLI" DISCUSSED

The book discussed at the April meeting of the Literary Chapter was Quatrefoli by James Barr. Reactions to it varied. One member said that he had been strongly repelled by the savagery its characters exhibited toward one another.

Others liked it considerably. "At least," one person said, "it doesn't end in a murder or a suicide, and the relationship between the two men is on a high ethical plane."

"I thought it described pretty accurately what it feels like when you first become aware of being a homophile and the problems you run into in adjusting to the 'gay' world," said another. "The only thing that was unusual about the younger fellow's case, apart from his coming from a millionaire family background, was his having someone to advise him and to explain things to him."

"That," was the opinion of one of the other persons present, "was what seemed to me to be the most value about the book, the talks between the younger and the older man in which the younger one explains his fears and objections and the older one describes what it's really like and how he can

BEHIND THE SCENES: A REPORT TO READERS

CHALLENGE AHEAD

MORE AND MORE it looks like 1960 is a year of decision as concerns the changing attitude of the American public toward the homosexual. Again and again we hear reports of responsible persons and groups calling for changes in law which will make those private acts between consenting adults, and which include no harm or fraud, a matter of no concern for the law and its enforcement agencies. Specifically the Wolfenden Report in England, together with pronouncements of the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches in Great Britain recommend just that (granting, however, that certain sex acts are sinful—not criminal). In the U.S., as has been pointed out in the REVIEW, the American Law Institute, various leading professional persons in fields of law, anthropology, medicine, mental health and welfare, etc., are recommending the same thing. A number of organizations (including Mattachine) conducting educational and research programs for the public are at work in the field. Recommendations for these important legal and social changes are appearing in books, magazines, newspapers; they are heard from public lecture platforms. In a form that is perhaps less "crusading," they are seen on the stage, television, and are heard from time to time on radio.

In March a Mattachine officer appeared on a television program in New York that dealt with problems of sensuality and dealt constructively with understanding homosexuals. A few weeks later in San Francisco, a panel of two Mattachine members (including a mother) and a psychiatrist spoke out on a radio program that further opened the door for a look at the homosexual problem and the public's prejudiced attitude toward it. In Massachusetts and other states, court-appointed psychiatrists are daring to state that imprisonment for certain violators of sex laws (such as homosexuals) serves no useful "corrective" purpose, and in fact, may serve only to aggravate the problem for both the individual and society as a whole. In Southern California, university psychiatrists have reported benefits of a limited therapy program for homosexual university students, aimed primarily at keeping them out of trouble while in school. In Northern California another nationally prominent psychiatrist spoke out once again for revisions of law along lines of Wolfenden recommendations. This man several years earlier completed an extensive sex deviation research project for his state legislature which concluded that laws found "wanting" in the light of common practice and changing social attitudes need to be examined closely and in many cases discarded.

In Mattachine offices from coast to coast, and particularly in the National Headquarters at San Francisco, the effect of this greater willingness to bring sex problems out into the open is now more evident than ever. At monthly discussion meetings, many of which are open to the public in cities where Mattachine has established chapters, the interest of listeners is increasing. A glance at the programs scheduled, as announced in Mattachine newsletters from at least six large U.S. cities shows that
the roster of professional leaders willing to discuss homosexual problems along the lines of Littman's aims and principles is increasing, too. More and more Littman projects are being undertaken to provide counseling, therapy, and information about legal and employment matters—not just for homosexuals, but for their families as well. In Denver and San Francisco, for instance, moderated "problem discussion" sessions are held and reports from these indicate that individuals attending do receive definite therapeutic benefits. In New York, Boston, Washington, Los Angeles, Chicago, and other cities, individuals are being introduced to understanding counselors, attorneys and employment agencies upon request for aid in solving their personal adjustment, employment and legal problems. Yes, and upon more than one occasion, individuals seeking to resolve religious conflicts are sent to sources of understanding professional advice.

OUT OF ALL OF THIS, the need for more extensive counseling services with a capable full-time staff is evident. This deficiency weighs heavily upon the national officers of the Littman Society, and upon the area councils and chapters. To be unable to provide the help so often needed makes these conscientious and part-time volunteer "staffers" feel helpless, indeed, but it so often happens that there is little that can be done. The one important reason for so much work undone in this field is probably well known: Funds to provide these vital services are not yet available.

In the magazine, the "educational" voice of the national organization, the scope of service is also being broadened as the readership continues to grow. More important articles from professional persons have appeared within the past year than in any of the REVIEW's three previous years. Coverage of newstands in a few key cities has been doubled from bimonthly to 12 times per year. A valuable homophile bibliography has been undertaken as a continuing monthly feature to inform readers about sources of information in the literature of the past half-century.

As has been pointed out before, however, fear is still the main stumbling block to the growth of the REVIEW and the Society. This fear is just as real as ever, in most cases, and is perpetuated only by the fear within individuals themselves. The fact that the REVIEW and two other U.S. homophile magazines have existed now for several years without serious prying from outsiders attests to this. Actions have provided a springboard to dispel these fears, too: One magazine, you will remember, won a unanimous decision in the U. S. Supreme Court in January which declared the magazine was NOT obscene and unailable. This far-reaching and significant interpretation of law, actually the first legal ruling permitting the dissemination of information about homosexuality in popular magazine form, guarantees anyone interested the right to read about the subject without question or interference from anyone, particularly postal and other authorities.

WE KNOW THE NEED for advertising the REVIEW in certain national publications so that we may attract more and more serious readers and support. Our Board of Directors recognizes this, and recently discussed the matter and urged acceleration of an advertising program. However, the Board was unable to determine where the funds for it would come from National budget is so "tight" that nothing could give.

This is especially lamentable, because inquiries to certain publications have indicated an increasing acceptance of our advertising copy today, when the replies were 100% refusals about three years ago. But the money? Yes, you're right—-it has to be found to underwrite a promotional advertising campaign to obtain more subscribers for the REVIEW.

WHERE DO ALL THE FUNDS GO? Well, printing costs, paper and materials have gone up (although the REVIEW still gets its "discounted rate" for printing production). Postage, a heavy item with first-class mail, has risen 20-25% right away. Our income has always been in a "shoestring" category, and even that is down this year, because a year ago we had a concentrated drive for extended renewals before a subscription rate increase (March 1957) that has not been matched in 1958. Membership fees to the National headquarters have amounted to only about $1000 in the past five months—no more than adequate to pay office overhead, rent, postage, etc.

The recession, it seems, has hit the economic security of many friends of Littman's. Our contributions are down. At the same time we are learning that in some areas, more staff members of public institutions such as hospitals and mental health clinics are suggesting that persons released from there (and who have a homosexual problem) may benefit in finding a job, adjusting to "civilian" life, etc., by contact and affiliation with the Littman Society. True enough, these referrals now come from a relatively small number of sources, otherwise the outlook of candidates seeking our help would multiply far beyond our capacity to aid them. But the number of referrals (especially in California) is growing and providing assistance for them in finding jobs, places to live, etc., is already becoming more than we can cope with—our funds preclude a setup with a paid, full-time counselor. Our volunteer workers cannot turn these deserving people down—we try to provide maximum tangible help, short of financial aid.

NOW, AS YOU'VE BEEN LED TO EXPECT in these reports and letters from us, we get to the point: We seriously need additional financial help. One dollar—or a thousand—from every REVIEW reader can be put to good use. (Remember that many contributors have in the past claimed income tax deductions from contributions to our non-profit organization.)

On our side we have tried to show that our project is a worthwhile and necessary public service. No one needs to fear affiliation and interest in it. That's the reason for the feature, "Faces Behind the Names," now running in the REVIEW. There'll be 25 personalities in this series so that you and all readers will know just who is behind the magazine. All of these people, as well as other officers and members, are dedicated, loyal and unselfish workers in the Littman program, and they are aided by the valued assistance of many other Littman friends, and REVIEW readers.

But it is still true that many of those who profess thanks and appreciation for what Littman is doing actually do little more than that.
While this endorsement and support is valuable and reassuring, it is still axiomatic that that we must have more money to pay our bills, keep our offices open (there are still no salaries, remember), put out the REVIEW, provide more essential services and otherwise advance the Mattachine program.

This appeal puts you on a spot to speak, but it need not become a burden upon anyone. Some members and friends mail us a monthly pledge in addition to their membership fees. Many have become subscribing members (non-voting) for a $10 annual fee. Others have furnished money to buy sorely-needed office fixtures or a place of equipment. Still others have made substantial donations, generally for not more than an average half-week's salary. Small as these contributions are when compared to the cost of such commonplace things as a television set, a month's rent, or even a typical Saturday night round of bars in a big city, they have, over the past three years, represented almost one-third of the total support for the national office headquarters of the Society and the REVIEW.

We need to raise $3000 before July 31 to pay for the Review's current indebtedness and assure its continuation in the black for the remainder of this year. We make this appeal reluctantly, but assure you that it will require even more to substantially expand the Society's other important public services to where they should be. This WILL be done just as fast as funds permit.

Back in 1950, Mattachine was just a bold idea. During the past eight years it has been defined, developed and expanded by some 100 or so leaders and active workers to where it is now nationally-known. This has resulted also in an ever-increasing position of confidence and prestige for the Society. Working in an extremely sensitive field of human behavior, Mattachine has successfully avoided sensationalism while steadfastly advancing knowledge about homosexuality and calling for an understanding of the people affected by it. Evidence of some success is at hand, but the job is only begun. Yet every day draws us closer to the time when human tragedy and unhappiness resulting from misunderstanding and ignorance of homosexual orientation will be minimized to the utmost.

MATTACHINE AND ITS LEADERS cannot give up the program under way. Too many despairing persons from all cities and the far corners of this nation are looking to us with confidence and hope. Your aid means much more than assistance to a little magazine or an organization of 100 or so members. It means that an understanding hand and an encouraging word can be given to hundreds—even thousands—of persons everywhere who plead for help. From us, time and again. We don't want to fail them.

Won't you, then, look into your heart to help us all you can? Thanks for this humanitarian consideration.—Hal Cull, Editor

keep his self-respect, even if he admits to himself he's a homosexual. I thought a lot of the things that were said in that part were quite good and a great help in thinking out your own situation."

A portion of the passages he mentioned were then read aloud. The rest of the meeting was spent in a discussion of the good and bad aspects of Greek homosexuality. It was decided to continue the discussion of the same book at the next monthly meeting.

— Jack Parrish

INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE TALK GIVEN BY BURKHART

The May Public Discussion Meeting of the San Francisco Area Council was held on Tuesday evening May 13th. Mr. Rudolph Burkhart the speaker, was introduced by the Publications Director for the Mattachine Society. Burkhart is English Editor for Der Kraes, which in the field of homosexual publications has the longest history of continuous publication. Der Kraes is published in Zurich, Switzerland. Burkhart has been the editor of the English Section for the past eight years; four years from his native Germany, by mail; and for the past four years while living in Zurich.

Mr. Burkhart was in San Francisco as part of his extended tour of the United States. When his trip to the U.S. was originally contemplated, it was to have been a pleasure trip, but bit by bit, business for Der Kraes and related activities came to comprise his whole itinerary. In Los Angeles he met the staff of One magazine and addressed two class sessions of One Institute.

In his talk here in San Francisco he discussed at some length the importance of travel and making friends with people from all walks of life, and from all places. According to him, it aids in the realization that:

1. Individuals, homosexual or heterosexual, the world over are the same people.
2. That homosexuals form the largest freemasonry of the world; wherever one goes the homosexual often shares his identity with other homosexuals and it constitutes a bond.
3. In need we can turn to each other as no other people can do to their own.

He urged those of who could do so, to travel in Europe. Europe, he says, is no paradise, but to see Europeans will give an American insight into his own problems.

While meeting the One group in Los Angeles, he said he was asked to give a credo, a statement of his beliefs and faith. Quote: "I have always been happy to be a homosexual. I am happy today and expect to be happy for the rest of my life."

At the age of seventeen he entered into his first love relationship with an older and experienced man. For two years he thought he was unique, that he was the only man in the world, other than his partner, who had ever loved another man. His mother was aware of the friendship with the older man; she told him she could not imagine the nature of the relationship, that love and sexuality between men was incomprehensible to her. But she loved him and she felt that whatever brought two people together in love was wise and wholesome. Moreover, she felt that his being homosexual really made no difference; what counted was what he made of himself and his homosexuality. This intimate conversation with his mother took place at the age of twenty-one. It came about because the affair with his older friend had come to an end and he was so seriously upset that he had discussed it with his mother.

In the years which followed he had been accepted and rejected, in love
and out of love, ailed and dejected; he had come to know a good deal about human emotion. Finally he came to feel that he must do something with his life which would be helpful to other homosexuals. Ultimately this feeling led him into his present work.

Burkhart does not put a high value on psychiatry. He feels very strongly that any conclusion which might be reached through psychiatry might be better acquired through living wisely and fully, and through thinking through one's own problems for oneself. He feels that such conclusions, arrived at independently, will be of greater value to the individual.

Burkhart thinks that the homosexual life is a better life, in some respects than the heterosexual life. But he does wonder at the promiscuity which he sees so much of here in America, as well as in Europe. Everywhere there is the eternal search for the friend. This restless search perplexes and distresses him. On the other hand he has a relative who with his wife, are two of the loneliest people he knows: they suffer in silence, alone; neither would dream of finding a solution outside of marriage. He feels sincerely that these two relatives are far more lonely than he, and that they are more or less typical of a very great many people in this world, homosexual and heterosexual.

Burkhart feels that to live with the faults of your friends is a more productive process than is happiness itself; years of happiness together can be swept away in a few minutes. But two people who have shared the faults and limitations of one another, over a period, have created a relationship which tends to endure and to be rewarding. A new body is to be found, every day, for the looking. There are no legal ties to bind the homosexual to his partner. The trends toward promiscuity and the lack of bonds make it difficult for homosexuals to remain together. But he feels rather deeply that the best way in which to teach society to accept the homosexual, is to show society, in one's own life, an enduring and dignified relationship.

A few words of advice to all homosexuals: Keep quiet about one's private life where one's job is concerned. At the same time, where his personal friendships are concerned, he has found that disclosure to true friends has deepened his friendship.

Burkhart discussed and told about a few of the other European organizations dealing with the problems of the homosexuals.

I.C.S.E.; The Foundation International Committee for Sexual Equality is a "roof" or "umbrella" organization. It is supported by a large number of small organizations.

Others: The French publication Arcade is a small publication, primarily literary. Germany has three publications, all small. Sweden has a homogeneous publication which Burkhart regards as the best in all Europe.

His own publication, Der Kreis, is published in German, French and English, it lacks moral support and lacks adequate financial support. There are no homogeneous publications in Austria or in Italy.

Switzerland, only in 1942, adopted the law making homosexual acts between two consenting adults no longer a crime. Prior to that time each one of the several Swiss cantons, equivalent to our states, had laws of their own. The 1942 law was adopted for the whole country, by the Swiss Federal Government. A distinguished lawyer and a noted doctor, neither homosexual, played an important part in having this law adopted.

The Austrian laws regarding homosexuality are now being revised; the new law, permitting relationships between to consenting adults, in private, will become effective in 1959. But Germany will be left with the very severe laws against homosexuality which were adopted by the Hitler government and which have not been repealed.

Burkhart regards the Wolfenden Report, with the reports of the Church of England and of the Roman Catholic Church as the most important events in the last twenty five years. The Report itself he regards as a masterpiece of persuasive and fair reporting. The Report is talked about in England, all the time and is the subject of daily letters to the editors of many papers. He feels that the laws will be changed within five years; and sooner than that if a labor government comes in.

Der Kreis is run by four people, all of whom are active on a volunteer basis. Aside from finance, the most pressing long term problem is the question of replacements for those who now put out the publication; it has been impossible, so far, to find replacements or suitable assistants. Those now active are in their fifties and sixties. Der Kreis accepts personal ads from subscribers, but limits each subscriber to not more than three in any one year. It is now in its 22nd year. One of its founders was Nadia, a Lesbian now retired and in her late seventies. She is much loved. In its early years Der Kreis aimed at both sexes but now is aimed exclusively towards the males. It is very difficult to put out the magazine and not run into even more serious financial difficulties. For example there is a constant demand for more space in English; but to increase the number of pages so much as four would increase the amount of postage to the U.S. sixteen cents for each copy, and in the whole that is beyond the resources of the publication at the present time.

Burkhart attempts to maintain a fairly popular level. He would rather be thought low brow than high brow. Moreover, the high brow are the most critical and contribute the least money and time and effort in the welfare of Der Kreis. He tries to reach those homosexuals who are alone and who need encouragement.

Der Kreis which in English means The Circle is not only a publication but also a social organization. Recently a wealthy man subscribed to the magazine and then offered to build a club in one of the other large Swiss cities, Basel. He spent $7,500 on the club and it has been a success from the start.

The Circle holds one annual part limited to subscribing members only. It is a serious get together. The names of all members the have died during the year are read and a few words said to recall them to the members. Burkhart says this little ceremony is very meaningful to him. It serves to remind all present that in spite of difficulties and prejudice homosexuals are human and are loved humans.

THE MARTIANS

Just after the last Literary Chapter meeting one of the members of the science-fiction subdivision showed us an interesting and wittily thoughtful short story by Anthony Boucher called "The Ambassadors." It seems that after the first Earth expedition got to Mars they met the Martians and discovered that they had evolved from some sort of wolf, while the Martians discovered we had evolved from some sort of ape. This made diplomatic and economic relations impossible, since the Martians couldn't do otherwise than regard us as space-touring monkeys, while we could only regard them as intelligent, well-trained dogs.
An Terran zoologist who had a Central European grandmother who had told him folk tales as a child thought of a way to resolve the impasse. He sent out a request for all werewolves to report for admittance to the Diplomatic Service. This created a storm of protest, since most people didn't believe in such things and those who did hated and feared them. However, a scientist, who was one himself, produced data that showed that the existence of such things was possible, and a prominent ecclesiastic proved theologically that the Almighty had put this formerly rejected minority on Earth to help humanity in its trans-spatial contacts.

A famous wolf-dog TV star then revealed that he acted in this guise because there was so much competition among the purely actors. The public then was converted, the werewolves would come into the open and many of the psychoanalysts' most stubborn cases "hitherto driven to complex escapes by the necessity of either frustrating their very nature by never changing or practicing metamorphosis as a solitary vice" were cured of their neuroses immediately.

The Martians thereupon realized that they too had a minority group of whose existence most of them hadn't been aware, that creature of dreadful legends--the wereape. So they sent wereapes to Earth as ambassadors, we sent werewolves to Mars as ambassadors, both sides were happy with diplomats they could accept as being of their own species, and the two minority groups were happy at being able to stop hiding and become valued citizens.

The story has many neat touches impossible to convey here, and we heartily recommend it. It can be found in the anthology Future Tense, edited by Kendall Foster Crossen and published by Greenberg in 1952.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER)

June 21: DOB SPAGHETTI FEED ($1.50)
2266 48th Avenue - 7:00
Advance Reservations Requested Tell Yukon 2-9290
"What about Spaghetti before the Mattachine Party?"

June 26: SPAC BUSINESS MEETING
693 Mission Street - Area Council Lounge
8:00 p.m.

June 27: PROJECT KLATCH
693 Mission Street - Area Council Lounge
8:00 p.m.
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July 3: PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING
1830 Sutter Street - 8:00 p.m.
Moderated Discussion Forum Program
SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 3: PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING
1830 Sutter Street - 8:00 PM
Dr. Henri Lormier, Lecturing

July 11: KOFFEE KLATCH
"Moderated Discussion Group" - 8:00 PM
693 Mission - Area Council Lounge

July 18: MUSIC KLATCH
582 Grove St., Apt # 9
8:00 PM

July 20: LITERARY CHAPTER
582 Grove St., Apt # 9
4:00 PM

July 25: WORK PARTY
693 Mission - Area Council Lounge
8:00 PM

JULY 1958
Contrary to a popular idea among many persons in San Francisco interested in the subject, the recommendations of the Wolfenden Committee in England, issued in a report last September, have not become law. Thus there is no legal status for consenting acts between adult males interested in the subject, the recommendations of the Wolfenden Committee in England, as reported in the July issue of Mattachine Review in a special article, "Wolfenden Recommendations & Progress: First Boosted, Then Damned." One of the outstanding features in the issue, it should be read by Americans because any change in law, the experts say, must first take place in Great Britain before similar changes occur in the U.S.

**MORE WOLFENDEN!**

We are all ignorant, but on different subjects. --- Will Rogers

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**JULY PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

The speaker for the Public Discussion Meeting on Thursday July 3rd, will be Dr. Henri Lormier, who will give an introduction on the subject: "KNOW THYSELF: THE ONLY WAY TO COMPROMISE LIFE."

Dr. Lormier holds a PhD from a European University, has been a Judge and International Counsellor in Europe, and has given lectures and conducted courses on Philosophical and Theological subjects.

The introduction will primarily develop the comprehension of the idea of the personality as the synthesis of the individuality and community, and will present besides a resume of the different developments in the United States and Europe. It will also include an expose of the one-sidedness and insufficiency of rational (i.e., scientific) thinking.

The Meeting will be at the American Friends Service Committee Building at 1830 Sutter Street at 8:00 PM.

**KAFFEE KLATCH REPORT**

The June 6th Koffee Klatch started with several persons expressing objections to men being present in the meeting because they felt they could not talk as freely as among men only. The discussion then turned to thoughts of equality of homosexuals in a heterosexual society. The first question raised was discrimination. Someone asked why homosexuals must be discriminated against. This brought a discussion of discrimination in the employment field. Several members expressed personal experiences where an employee had been dismissed from a job when it was discovered their emotional inclinations were directed toward their own sex. Some brought up the idea of the difficulty in obtaining housing when sexual preferences were disclosed. One landlady in showing an apartment asked outright whether the individual would live "alone" or would he have "another man" living with him, indicating immediately that she didn't want "that kind" of people living in her place.

Next, the topic of gay couples came up. Such questions arose as: "What constitutes a gay union?", "Why are some unions so short in duration?", "Is a strong friendship enough for two men to live together?". Needless to say, there were many divergent opinions expressed.

The conflict of sex and religion was discussed. Someone expressed the idea that there seemed to be more conflict in the lives of those who had been reared in a puritanical family background. Another expression suggested that difficulty arises when the individual cannot confide his sexual acts to his spiritual minister. And yet another view was that those who accept the Bible as verbally inspired, find that their sexual preferences are condemned in the Scriptures in certain translations.

As usual, the meeting was full of lively interest. None of the above questions were really answered, but we felt that the exchange of ideas was very profitable.

Warren Jensen

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*** SPEAK UP FOR MATTACHINE ***
LITERARY CHAPTER MEETING REPORT

At its May meeting, the Literary Chapter continued to discuss Quatrefoil. It was suggested by one of the persons attending that what gives the novel its special value for the homophile and sets it apart from the general body of homophile novels, is its ethical quality.

He pointed out that what first brings its two central characters together is that one of them sees that the other needs help and tries to give it, not with the idea of getting anything out of it for himself, nor with the thought of establishing a liaison, but simply with the aim of helping a fellow human being who needs it.

"It seems to me," he said, "that this is what we need more of in our behavior as a group. As a breed, we homophiles tend to be over-absorbed with our personal problems, with little concern about those of others. It's perfectly understandable why it happens; all too often you learn that you must hide your tendencies from everyone at the same time that you first become aware of them, and it becomes instinctive to retreat far inside yourself from any real involvement with anyone or anything. But it's an essentially unhealthy response, one to be outgrown as soon as possible, and the older of the two men, the one who tried to help the other, is an example of the ideal that we can grow into."

"Harr is not really an especially intelligent person," commented another member. "He's written a few good stories, and writes pleasant, readable essays, but when you examine them closely you realize that he's not too good at thinking things out logically. Yet somehow, somehow, he cracked through to a level of fundamental sincerity and idealism in this one book, possibly because of some personal experience in his own life. And it's because of this that the book has a depth to it that practically no other homophile publication has, despite certain flaws in the dialogue and writing."

"A thing that impressed me," said another person, "was when the older man told the younger one that just because he was a homophile didn't mean that he had to have only homophiles as friends. Haven't you noticed how some of us are frightened and seem to drift into circles of other frightened people who we always restless and unhappy?"

This, he thought, was unwise illogical and limited your chances of outgrowing your fears. "It seems to me," he said, "that when we discriminate in our friendships and relationships on the grounds of whether or not someone is 'gay' we are making the same error that our society as a whole makes, we're regarding the minor fact of one's sexual tendency as being more important than what one is as a person. Instead of identifying ourselves with one little group, we should try to identify ourselves with humanity."

Following along the same lines, the group then discussed the fact that our own problems sometimes seem so large to us that we forget that heterophiles experience painfully difficult ones too. Speaking on the strength of his own professional experience, one of the persons present who had at one time been a marriage counselor said that the average unmarried person has no idea of the amount of suffering encountered by married people.

The meeting closed with the decision to discuss The Last of the Wine, by Mary Renault at the July meeting.

Jack Parrish

SEX LAW CHANGE

A sex offender who has been granted probation in California cannot be tried for subsequent failure to register an address change, the State District Court of Appeal ruled recently in an important decision for Californians. The case, an appeal handled by Attorney Kenneth Zwerin of San Francisco, is treated in a lengthy opinion published in full in the July issue of Mattachine Review. Many newsletter readers will desire extra copies of the issue of the magazine in order to present this information to attorneys and others interested in the constitutionality of the state requirements for registration of sex offenders. These extra copies are available at 50¢ each.

BOB FOSTER, San Francisco Area Council Chairman, received a facial cut, several bruises and a facial out in an auto accident in Northern California during the Memorial Day week-end. Other complications been detected by physicians and he has been admitted to County Hospital, 22nd and Potrero, Ward G, where he may be visited 7-7:30 PM. If you can't visit him, send a "get-well" card. Bob has been one of our best "go-getter" members and is certainly going to be missed at all activities till he gets well again.

AT A SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING on May 22nd, Roy Hooper was elected SFAC vice chairman. Roy recently came to our city from Los Angeles where he worked with the Society for the past year.

JUNE PARTY MONETARY SUCCESS

The party held on June 21st cleared about $250.00, and will permit the SPAC to make most of the payment on the special emergency assessment levied by the EX. SEC. to underwrite NH& expenses in the REVIEW and other income have not met. The enthusiastic response to these social events seems to warrant making them a frequent affair. Watch the next edition of the NEWSLETTER for the next date.

** CONVENTION NEWS **

If you plan to be in New York during the latter part of August, why not include the 5th Annual Convention of the Mattachine Society, Inc. in your program? A day-long calendar of important addresses on various aspects of human sex behavior problems by experts in their fields will be given. Review readers everywhere are invited to be present for this annual public education presentation. Dates are August 30 - September 1, inclusive.

For specific information about the convention program and those sessions open to the public, write directly to the New York Area Council, Mattachine Society, Inc., 1183 Avenue of the Americas, New York 36, N.Y., or to the Society's national headquarters in San Francisco. This information will be mailed as soon as plans are completed.
CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Remember that suggestions for revision of the Constitution and By-Laws must be submitted to NHQ before July 15th. Write your suggestions and send them to the SPAC office very soon. It's YOUR organization. Protect your privilege to vote by sensible and worthwhile suggestions.

MORE ABOUT K-P-F-A

The Society has been advised that the program which Mattachine taped on May 7th will be held up until after Mid-September. The program chairman of KPPA stated that he plans to have our program run in conjunction with some material on the subject which will be presented by one of the leading Sex Research Scientists of the Bay Area. This phase of the series cannot be completed until he returns from the Orient. We agree with the station that a series of programs, with ours preceded by a recognized professional authority in the field of Sex Behavior will be of greater value toward informing the public. We look forward to working with the station on other programs, once the series gets underway. Watch for further news in the September NEWSLETTER.

NEW SOCIETY "YELLOW BOOK" SOON AVAILABLE

A revised edition of the "Yellow Book" — an information manual of the Society — will be off the press the latter part of this month. The revised booklet will contain much new information which will help you to better understand the work and aims of the Society. — Also useful to hand to your friends when they ask about MATATTACHINE. Copies still sell for 25¢ each.

NEW BOOKS

Pan-Graphic Press announces the following new titles which are now available for purchase. THE IMMORTAL, Walter Ross; THE PROBLEM OF HOMOSEXUALITY, Berg and Allen; THE SERGEANT, Dennis Murphy; CORYOHN, Glide, (a hard-to-get oldie); SEX WITHOUT GUILT, Gilbert Ellis; DERRICKS, James Barr, (a reprint).

DENVER AREA GETS NEW BOOKS

Twenty-six volumes from the SPAC library, which were extras or duplicates of titles remaining on hand, were packed and shipped to the Denver Chapter Library recently. If you have useful books at home which aren't being used, why not donate them to the library to share them with others. By passing on a good book, you may give useful information to some earnest searcher.

MRS. GAILEY RESIGNS

A new, streamlined system for book check-outs was set in order by Mrs. Leah Gailey, just before her temporary resignation. We hate to lose her valuable aid in the library, but she will be replaced by Dr. Lorimer during her five-month absence.

NEW BOOKS

The San Francisco Area Council would like to thank the SEVEN HILLS TELEVISION SERVICE, 240 Scott Street, San Francisco, for furnishing the sound amplifying equipment at the June 21 social event. This firm, an authorized TV Sales & Service Dealer, can be reached at Klondike 2-0179. Its owners assure TV owners prompt and reasonably priced attention on all service calls.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION REPORT

The June 5th Public Discussion Meeting was a joint-moderated program on the subjects of Self-Acceptance and Self-Understanding. After an introduction of the topics, many individuals expressed their thoughts on the subject. Ideas presented included the necessity to recognize feelings of guilt, fear, hate, love, acceptance of responsibility, and concern for others. The moderators, in answering the question, "What is the Self?", proposed that we are all composites of feeling (the emotional self), rational thinking (the aware self), and the soul (or the spiritual self), and that the true "Self" is the interaction of all.

One person drew attention to the fact that the problem of self-acceptance is stressed more where the community as such, plays a very important role as in America, for example. The psyche or soul is only a phase in the development of mind. He pointed out that individual difficulties can only be solved by comprehension of the relation between individuality, community and personality.

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER

Membership in the local area of the Mattachine Society totaled 31 (paid for '58) at the end of June. Of these, 25 are carry-over or renewal memberships. At the end of '57, the membership reached 46. The above figures indicate a project of utmost importance in this area — memberships must be increased. Every member of the Society in San Francisco should consider himself an active worker on his area's membership committee. The organization grows, leadership is developed, and projects accomplished only in proportion to the growth of organizational membership, here and elsewhere. Every present member in the local area should enlist at least two more friends who are prospects into active membership this year.

How well will you serve the Society in this respect during 1958?

SUPPORT NHQ

In response to suggestions from the Executive Secretary, the June Business Meeting Council voted to send a check for $100.00 to NHQ immediately. This will leave a balance of $141.00 of the $300.00 assessment, which must be raised by August 15th.

*** Support Mattachine ***
Here's a Summer Special that will permit you to extend the work of the MATTACHINE SOCIETY and enable your friends to increase their knowledge of the homosexual subject. For a limited time MATTACHINE REVIEW will accept "club subscriptions" at the rate of 3 for $10. This offer applies to NEW subscribers only. Your own subscription may be one of them if you aren't now a regular subscriber.

This offer represents a saving of $2 over the total cost of three single subscriptions. But of greatest importance is the enlistment of MORE REVIEW READERS who will be learning about true aspects of human sex behavior. This means that you will be aiding the MATTACHINE program in two ways—through the spread of knowledge and through vital financial support.

Won't you sell at least one block of club subscriptions "right away"? for

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August 1st is the date when first class postage rates are advanced from 3¢ to 4¢ per ounce in the U.S. This 33¢ increase over present rates will create a burden for the San Francisco Area Council unless more newsletter readers now currently unpaid send us the nominal $1.00 subscription fee established to cover cost of mailing and postage.

The postal increase will mean $25 additional must be paid in postage annually for mailing the 12 issues of approximately 200 copies each. Present budget set-up of SFAC cannot provide this additional amount—it must come from our subscribers and readers. Please return the enclosed form with your payment, verifying your present correct address. (Newsletter fees are included in local membership dues.)

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SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG 7: PUBLIC LECTURE MEETING
1830 Sutter Street - 8:00 PM
Book PRE-View - Gavin Arthur

AUG 8: KOFFEE KLATCH
"Moderated Discussion Group"
Area Council Lounge - 8:00 PM

AUG 15: MUSIC KLATCH
582 Grove Street, Apt # 9
8:00 PM

AUG 17: LITERARY CHAPTER
205 28th St., Apt # 11 - 4:00 PM
Corner of Church and 28th Sts.

AUG 21: BUSINESS MEETING
693 Mission St., Lounge 8:00 PM
Nomination of National Officers

AUG 29: ANNUAL CONVENTION
Barbizon Plaza Hotel
New York City

AUGUST 1958
LITERARY CHAPTER REPORT

Much of the final discussion of Quotrefoil by the Literary Chapter concerned the differing mores of homophilia in societies all over the world. The ultimate conclusions of the group could be summed up in the statement, "We have barely begun to learn anything about it.

Since Havelock Ellis's time there have been few instances where really intensive attempts have been made by scientific workers to determine what its role is in human societies. "Nearly always", commented one of the group, "when you read books or studies by anthropologists they only briefly mention the forms it took in the society they are describing, if they mention it at all."

What is especially needed, the group felt, is a study of the role it plays in our society. "Not a study of the sexual practices of homophiles, but one of the cultural role they play in it," another stated. "For example, just to what extent do they originate and disseminate new modes and ideas in the fields of fashion and art? Do they do so as a distinct minority group, or as isolated individuals?" Until this and questions of a similar nature are answered, it was thought, it cannot be said we truly know anything about homosuality.

The next meeting will be at George's, 205 26th St., Aug 17th at 4PM and Plato's Symposium will be discussed.

GRAPHIC ARTS REPORT

The Graphic Arts Chapter works on a day-to-day basis, thus has no monthly meetings. During the month of July, members contributed over $43.00 to those whom we considered to be deserving, needy individuals. Many hours of counseling must be done to determine these needs. Also, 16 personal letters have been answered, requiring much time, thought and consultation among the members.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

With this issue, the San Francisco Area Council Newsletter marks its completion of five years of publication.

Upon the beginning of its sixth year, the Newsletter can report that in the area it represents the membership total is as great as ever before, and the local organization is as busy working on Pattachine projects as at any time since the first Northern California Area Council setup was created in the summer of 1953. The SFAC appreciates the support of readers of the newsletter and its friends in the area in making this continuing program possible.

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POLICE METHODS REVIEWED

The State Vagrancy Law, Constitutional rights of individuals, wire tapping and arbitrary actions of police departments and officers, were closely examined by the California State Assembly Interim Committee On Constitutional Rights at hearings in San Francisco July 28-29. The committee is to be commended for their friendly attitude. They asked lawyers, and several witnesses whose opinions were based on experiences with the police, for specific suggestions for changes in the penal code.

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Attorney General, Pat Brown, on the stand previously, defended "detention" and booking "on route" and that records of these and those held on suspicion should be retained in police and State files. Mr. Speiser and other witnesses pointed out the unfairness of a person's having to go thru life with an arrest record standing, when they have been dismissed. He further maintained that in cases of illegal arrest, it should be the individual's right to resist such an arrest. He stressed the extremely high cost of bringing action for false arrest against police authorities.

Regarding future legislation, he made the following concrete recommendations.

1. Police should inform an arrested person of his arrest at the time of booking.
2. Inform one of his rights regarding bail.
3. Notify the individual of the specific charges, and give the name of the arresting officer.
4. Allow 3 phone calls — to an attorney, a family, and a bondsman — and have the state pay for the call.
5. Set up definite standards for officers to follow.
6. Establish standard statewide booking methods.
7. Overhaul juvenile courts.

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"Most difficulties of the homosexuals arise from the fear, apathy, selfishness, immaturity and sometimes, outright rebellion of homosexuals themselves as they try to find their own life-meaning and values in cultures ... often hostile and uncomprehending.

Rudolph Burkhardt,
Dor Kreis

Gregory Stout, S.F. Atty., told of great shake-downs among those arrested for "vag-lewd." Officers intimidated those arrested under this law, (see 647.5) to plead guilty to another dragnet "catch-all" law referring to disturbing the peace (see 650.5), and then they would not have to register under section 290, as a sex offender. He quoted Judges as saying, "Leave section 647.5 to our learned Judges, for we can interpret." However, Mr. Stout pointed out the prejudices, even of judges. He commented that most "toilet cases" should be under a new section of the code or, amended to section 311 (indecent exposure), rather than classified under "vag-lewd." An assemblyman chimed in that he agreed with this proposal.

Alfred Arnaud, legal adviser to the S.F.P.D., told how all rookies go through a 14-week course of 6 hours a week, under Prof. Carol Instrueesi, of S.F. State College, on the Constitutional and Individual rights, and that this professor was doing a good job. Then he showed a large sheet showing arrests and the great percentage of those released, the Committee being for "vag-lewd." Mr. Stout chimed in that he agreed with this proposal.

Los Angeles District Attorney, Philip Erbsen, (Police Chief Parker of L.A., was not present at the hearings) testified that in L.A., 20,000 persons were arrested on "vag-lewd" but only 5,000 went on trial. He pointed out that many innocent persons were acquiring arrest records with photos and fingerprints being sent to Sacramento and Washington.

Eric Nord, manager of North Beach's Co-Existence Bagel Shop, on Grant Avenue, S.F., the only one to testify, was well received by the Committee and allowed to go into detail of harrassment of his patrons and employees.

Prof. Arthur Sherry, U.C. law dept., and S.F. District Attorney, Thomas Lynch, attacked existing vagrancy laws as archaic and indefensible, calling for a revamping of the present statute which was enacted in 1872.

Ralph Guzman, ACLU representative from L.A., told how difficult it is to find lawyers to take cases and doctors who will testify where innocent people and minorities of L.A are brutally and illegally beaten up. He advocated legislation, making it more easily possible for the public to obtain redress from over-zealous officers.

The Interim Committee on Constitutional Rights will use the testimony obtained in these hearings for future recommendations for changes in the penal code at the State Legislature.

BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

All types of blood are drastically needed at the County Hospital Blood Bank, we learned from Bob Foster recently. As you know from the last NL, Bob has been hospitalized, and his condition was finally diagnosed as a combination of difficulties, resulting in rheumatoid-arthritis. At the latest word, Bob is supposed to be released from the hospital by the end of the month, but will have to "recuperate" at home for some time before returning to work.

.... Bois Burk
CONSTITUTION DRAFT MADE

After burning much midnight oil, the Constitution Revision Committee has come up with the final draft of the Revised Constitution which will be proposed for adoption at the General Convention in New York. A bouquet of orchids to Dr. Lorimer, who has spent many hours wading through past notes (some of them just scribbled) amendments, "suggested changes", and a bevy of legal terminology, to come up with a streamlined, legal instrument, of which I believe the Society will be proud. To give you some idea of the work that has been involved ... we inquired around and found that it would cost any organization in the vicinity of $1500.00 to get this work done by the average attorney-at-law. The Committee feels very fortunate in having the "donated" services of Dr. Lorimer.

DENVER SAYS 'Thanks'

A letter from Carl B. Harding, Secretary of the Denver Chapter, expresses thanks for the gift of books from the SFAC, and for "file" issues of our SFAC Newsletter which was bundled and sent to them recently.

LOUNGE RUG CLEANED

Notice the NEW LOOK in our Area Lounge? Well, the fresh appearance of the room is a result of the ACME RUG CLEANING SERVICE, who came in and cleaned the rug "for free". This much-needed service is the result of a good word put in for us by the Pan-Graphic Press who did some printing for the company.

MRS. GAILEY reports that she is getting "settled" in her new "temporary" job and likes it very much, but she states that she will be glad to come back to spend some time with us after the job is completed. Though she has been able to do some typing for us, we miss her technical skill in the Library.

*** BOOST THE REVIEW ***

CONVENTION DATE NEARS

Be sure to sign and return your "Proxy Form" to the Area Council so you will have a 'voice' at the National Convention. August 29th is getting closer than you may realize. MEMBERS, get your proxies in!

"Thine own reproach alone do fear."

This line from Robert Burns was adopted as a motto early in life by none other than Andrew Carnegie.

We think its good 'food for thought'.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS

All of us know the homophile whose life is dominated by his lack of adequate adjustment to his sexual tendency. It is the central fact of his existence, his life consists of one long conflict with it and he is so preoccupied with trying to uphold his inadequate defense that he never fully realizes whatever talents he may possess.

Frederick Rolfe, the author of Don Tarquinio which was recently given to the Area Council library, was just such a person. His life was one long, sustained flight from what he was. He had great potential talent and his novel Hadrian the Seventh is considered a minor masterpiece of English literature. Unfortunately, however, he was never able to come to terms with himself and after a lifetime of obsessively attempting to be ordained a priest, an ambition he was never able to realize, he died in misery and poverty, without ever having really accomplished the work of which he was capable.

The obverse side of the coin in the recent additions is represented by a prose-poem by Forrest Anderson, who is one of those people who has faced his loneliness and isolation down and found something beyond them. His writing is permeated by this victory, and as such, apart from being good poetry rather than good platitudes expressed in poetic fashion, has a special value for all who encounter the same problems.

--- Jack Parrish

Reasons YOU should join Mattachine, P.8

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ORCHIDS TO:

Those who have contributed much time and effort at the office during the month of July ... Bois B; Eiek G; Bill H; Hans W; Bob R; John; Henry H; Fred K; Chuck G; Don C; Biek J; Sam R; LG; Roy H ... If you worked, but we missed your name in the list, please call it to the attention of the SFAC Acting chairman, as records are being kept of the hours worked etc., and we will appreciate your help in this way.

VISITORS FROM CHICAGO

There's a good possibility that the Chicago chapter will be re-activated in the near future. Art and Fred, who used to be active in that part of the country, were here during the month on a short visit, and got to spend some time with us in the Area Council office. A small informal gathering was held for them on Monday evening the 14th. They indicate that with the new interest of several correspondents in the City, that prospects look good for establishing the chapter again.

ACTIVITY Magazine -- "Listing Free and Inexpensive Bay Area Events", will carry announcements concerning our Public Meetings. 25¢ on most Bay Area Newsstands.
7 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN MATTACHINE

1 Because in times like these when prejudiced and bigoted forces are so potent, it is all the more important for the forces of education and understanding to make their impact felt in human life.

2 Because it will give you satisfaction to take those impulses for good that you feel—and harness them up with a group and a program for action and influence designed to serve a public need.

3 Because the Mattachine Society does stand for that natural and humane approach to matters relating to sex behavior, unclouded by the vagaries and the lingering attitudes of anti-scientific Puritanism.

4 Because Mattachine works in a quiet, non-sensational way to effect changes in the antiquated, out-moded laws against a natural, harmless sex instinct.

5 Because conformity to social pressures causes loss of a man's creative contributions in various fields, which is too great a price to pay for the questionable benefits of a culture of automation.

6 Because Mattachine affords a medium (THE MATTACHINE REVIEW) to discuss matters in the sexual sphere directly affecting as many as 10 out of every 100 adults seriously.

7 Because unless you are willing to undertake some of the responsibility for enlightening society regarding these matters, you are falling far short of your obligations as a free American.

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NOVEMBER 1958
Editorial staff representatives of four West Coast sex education publications will participate in a day-long "Progress Survey & Seminar" on Saturday December 6th at San Francisco, it has been announced by the Publications Department of the Mattachine Society, sponsors of the event.

This workshop, which it is hoped, will become an annual event, will conclude with a dinner and a featured address by a person prominent in the current spotlight being cast upon the sex subject as presented in popular magazine form on newsstands today. Name of the speaker and his subject will be confirmed about Mid-November. Cost of the dinner will be $5.

The four publications participating are Mattachine Review, One Magazine, The Ladder and the new commercial magazine, Sex & Censorship. The workshop program is to be presented with a view to providing maximum information on such matters and events that are concerns of these publications, such as, (a) legislative investigation into obscenity; (b) efforts of groups sponsoring state and local censorship; (c) publishing problems encountered by organizations sponsoring the publications, etc. Question-and-answer type discussions will be conducted by representatives of each publication.

Tentative plan for the day-long workshop is as follows:

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Advance registrations for the event should be made by December 2, 1958. (Payment of the $5 fee may be made in advance, but is not necessary.) The program will be designed to appeal to all members and friends of the Mattachine Society, as well as all persons who are interested in offsetting the efforts of those working to restrict the free flow of information in the field of sex education.

Don't forget the CHILI DINNER on Sat Nov 8th and the CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH on Sun Nov 16th.

BRING A FRIEND TOO!
On the back cover of the July REVIEW, an article stated the need for professionally qualified counsellors and social workers. Evidently, this item had a far-reaching effect for since that time, more and more people have been coming to the office, or timidly calling to see if they could get an appointment to "talk things over" with someone in the office.

Serious problems are still referred to psychiatrists or clinical psychology counsellors. But many times, all the caller needs is someone who can listen sympathetically, occasionally injecting a question which causes him to see his problem in a more objective perspective. The gamut of emotions is seen in all phases and shades here in the office. Some problems arise from social strictures, others from financial troubles, and many from basic religious conflicts. Hok Hooper uses his professional training as a minister to help alleviate the difficulties of many office callers. He states that about 20 hours of his work week are taken up in counselling. Problems come from those who are just "coming out" to those who are in their declining years. One man came all the way from eastern Utah "because I saw your magazine about counseling services." He stayed in town three days so a total of 12 hours could be sandwiched in to listen to his story.

Hal Call spends a great portion of his time with those in need of advice. It isn't uncommon for someone to walk into the office and say, "my probation officer sent me over. Said I ought to get acquainted with you folks." Another needs a job. And Hal, with his vast acquaintance of the many business people in the city can usually line up something that pays off. A day-to-day record of counselling is kept. It may turn out to be nothing short of amazing to see at the end of the year just how many hours have been devoted to "helping others".

In the majority of cases, the people return and report that they've "landed that job", or "sure feel better" or "gee, you guys sure were a godsend" or some such remark. Occasionally, when one has been helped, he is never seen again, but this type comprises a relatively small number.

This day-to-day operation is responsible for the majority of the new members in the Area Council. The local office in conjunction with the National Headquarters comprises the real "heart-throb" of the Society. Those who feel that the work of the organization is mainly carried on in small social groups, actually are not cognizant of the real statistical facts, and fail to see just how much the office space which they help pay for, is being utilized. All members are invited to make full use of the Area lounge office and facilities. While some few have given a great part of their time to keep things in operation, more members could profitably utilize the facilities which we now have. Why don't YOU drop up some evening and really take part in the WORK of the Society? We'd like to be better acquainted with you. - - - F.K.

ABOUT THAT BRUNCH on the 16th, our chef advises that his recipe for the famous "french toast" he'll be serving is "handed down from a long line of Hungarian chefs." W O W ! Oughta be good! See you there for sure!
you'll want this

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232 South Hill Street
Los Angeles 12, Calif.

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693 Mission Street
San Francisco 5, Calif.

Village Theater Center
116 Christopher Street
New York 14, N.Y.

Winston Book Service
250 Fulton Avenue —
Hempstead, L.I., New York

A postal card or letter request will bring the latest list of titles available from each of the above, and be followed by future lists of titles which these book services will feature.

Please mention Mattachine Review when submitting your request.
SUBSCRIBING MEMBERSHIP (Non-Voting) was created at the recent 4th Annual Convention of the Mattachine Society in response to many requests from persons living at a distance from established chapters, and from persons living near established chapters who prefer not to participate actively. Principal purpose of Subscribing Membership is to permit a greater number of persons over the nation to support Mattachine projects with annual donations of funds which are sorely needed to continue the work of the organization. At the same time this status provides evidence of this vital support.

SUBSCRIBING MEMBERSHIP (Non-Voting) is available to anyone over 21 years of age. Participation in activities of organized chapters is not required. Fee is $15 per year (12 months from date received). Special offer to current subscribers of the Review: $12 pays for subscribing membership status for remainder of subscription, up to 12 months from date received. Subscribing Members also receive four issues of INTERIM, national news quarterly of the Mattachine Society, Inc.

(Subscriber Members may attend meetings of the Society and its chapters, subject to local regulations, but may not vote. Payment of additional local area council dues is optional.)

Joining the Society as a Subscribing Member is simple: Write to the Board of Directors and enclose appropriate fee. Additional details and subscribing membership card will be mailed to you.

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Among recent contributions was NIGHTWOOD by Djuna Barnes, a book that the donor was kind enough to order especially for the Area Library. This book was originally published in Paris in 1936 and until recently, was almost completely unavailable in this country.

Ostensibly, it is a study of lesbianism with overtones of male homosexuality. Actually, it is essentially a commentary upon human suffering in personal relationships. With those of its characters who are deviants, it is their essential humanity you are aware of first and their deviation afterwards.

The prose is among the most remarkably expressive ever written in English, almost surrealistic in its imagery at times, as when one character who has deeply suffered in his contacts with the world, and has basically withdrawn from it, says to another, "I was doing well until you kicked my stone over, and out I came, all moss and eyes." The extremely appreciate introduction is by none other than that former Missourian and now dean of English literature, T.S. Eliot. One wonders how many of his followers would enjoy the idea of his having written an introduction to a novel about homophiles. *** Jack Parrish

TALLULAH & KINSEY

"When Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, who had been working on his volume of the sex habits of females, wished to interview Tallulah Bankhead on her sex habits, she agreed, but only on condition "that I can ask you the same questions you ask me." Unfortunately for the science of sexology, Dr. Kinsey dropped the whole matter then and there."

Quoted from: "No People Like Show People" by Maurice Zolotov, Bantam Books, 25 West 45th Street, New York.

THANKS TO BOOK DONOR

A good friend in Portland seems to have a penchant for discovering every volume that is published anywhere in the world, which deals with our particular subject. An average of one book a week comes from him as a contribution to the library. The Society is grateful for his constant watchfulness which results in our receiving many books that otherwise might not be placed on our shelves for a long, long time.

If any Newsletter readers have copies of novels, biographies, or any scientific works about homosexuality, and they'd like to give them to a cause where they will be USED, by all means give us a ring and we will be most happy to receive them for the library. Duplications are passed on by National Headquarters to other Area Councils whose libraries do not have such numbers.

WATCH YOUR CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS for the month include a BUSINESS MEETING Thursday the 30th of October (and that's just a day away) because a quorum was not present at the regular session for the election of officers. BE SURE AND COME, won't you??

ONE OF THE most important events of the month, will be a CHILI DINNER at Gavin's Global House, 390 Frederick St., on Sat eve November 8th. (That's the second Saturday of the month. We'll have cocktaills from about 7:00, then a Chili dinner (seconds if you want) will be served from 8 o'clock. After that, you own your own for a GRAND TIME together for our first social event of the fall season. So bring along a friend and HAVE A BALL. Dinner priced at ONE buck. Drinks, 3 for $1.

WANT TO BE ELEGANT? Well boy, you can be just that (and enjoy it too) if you'll show up at 2235 Webster from 11 til 2 on Sunday morning the third Sunday in November (the 16th). It'll be the best climax to a Saturday night of fun that you ever imagined! The chef says he'll be serving the following meal: Champagne, French-toast that will stick to your ribs, link sausage, assortment of jams & jellies, all the coffee you want ... and then, all the champagne you want at a slight extra charge. Your brunch with a serving of champagne is only $1.50. And you're assured of a good time chatting the hours away with friends. So come on, enjoy the party and bring along a friend too.

NEW SPEAKER FOR NOV. LECTURE

Dr. Wallace de Ortega Maxey, editor of SEX & CENSORSHIP magazine, and author of a new book just off the press, will be the speaker on Thursday November 6th. Our regular speaker could not be on hand, and we were fortunate to have Dr. Maxey consent to appear in November instead of the December meeting. The name of Dr. Maxey's new book is "MAN IS A SEXUAL BEING." He will discuss some of the ideas presented in it, and will be open for a question-and-answer period following his lecture. Will you make at least 2 phone calls and invite friends? Help them get a clearer picture of human sexuality and help support your Society at the same time. Dr. Maxey is a clear, forceful speaker. You'll be glad you attended. THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6th is the date. Mark it!

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Thu Oct 30th
8 PM
See YOU there!!
Our treasurer is

SWEEATING IT OUT!

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ANNUAL DUES NOW PAYABLE

On Sept. 1, 1957 in its regular business meeting, the SFAC passed a motion to assess monthly dues of 50¢ per month for active membership in the local Area Council. Expenses of the Area Council include the cost of printing the newsletter, postage, rent for the Lounge and meeting hall, office supplies, telephone and general upkeep.

With one of our local officers spending full-time in the office to fill the ever-increasing demands for counselling, public relations and general promotions, office space and the phone are becoming more and more a real necessity in our everyday functions.

May we remind you that your local dues should be paid as soon as possible so that no interruption in the operation of the local Area Council shall be necessary. With this issue of the Newsletter, our local members will find a blank to be filled in and returned to the office. Please take care of this important matter today.

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Calendar of events

DECEMBER

4—PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUM, 1830 Sutter Street, 8 p.m. SHARP. Program: "The Homosexual in our Society," 2-hour discussion by two panels, moderated by Elsa Knight Thompson, and broadcast over Station KPFA, November 24. PROGRAM MUST START AT 8 PROMPTLY BECAUSE IT RUNS FOR TWO FULL HOURS. It should be heard in its entirety.

6—First Annual Publications Department Progress Survey, Workshop and Seminar, 693 Mission Street, 10 a.m. See details in folder inside.

12—Koffee Klatoh Informal Group Discussion, 8 p.m., 570 Page St., Apt. 12.

13—Sixth Annual Christmas Party, 7 p.m., 330 Frederick St. ("Global House"). Bring $2 gift for auction. $1 door charge. Refreshments.

17—MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING, 8 p.m., Library-Lounge, 693 Mission St.

21—Book Discussion, 4 p.m., 1030 Post St., Apt. 502, "Memoirs of Hadrian," by Marguerite Yourcenar

JANUARY

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16—Koffee Klatoh Informal Group Discussion, 8 p.m., 570 Page St., Apt. 12.

21—MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING, 8 p.m., Library-Lounge, 693 Mission St.

30—Feb. 1—Annual Mid-Winter Institute, One, Inc., Los Angeles.

DECEMBER 1958
Radio Discussion
On Homosexuality

The problems of homosexuality and laws that make it criminal were aired in a two-hour program from KPFA, the listener-sponsored FM radio station in Berkeley, last night.

All seven speakers urged revisions of present laws, and one, Dr. Blanche Baker, San Francisco psychiatrist, declared:

"Just as some people prefer blondes or brunettes, the fact that a person may prefer his own sex is his own business."

Part of her practice, she said, consisted of reconciling homosexual couples who were breaking up. And she added:

"Almost universally, the homosexuals are the gifted ones, the really talented people—not the meat and potatoes people."

Harold Call, editor of a Bay Area magazine circulated among homosexuals, said he didn't think they were more talented, but said he doubted if there were "any need for a cure." They should, he contended, "be accepted and understood for what they are."

A second panel, of educators and an attorney, urged more public education and revision of the present criminal laws on homosexuality.

Dr. Karl Bowman, professor emeritus of psychiatry at UC, contended that homosexuality should not be considered criminal, and that practicing it in private—by consenting adults—should be tolerated.

Dr. Frank A. Beach Jr., UC professor of psychology, declared that "the fact that biological factors are involved is beyond dispute."

Morris Lowenthal, an attorney who represented a bar which police sought to close as a homosexual hangout, and Dr. David H. Wilson, of the UC Department of Criminology, also argued that present laws against homosexuality aren't working and are unfair.

The above report was printed in the San Francisco Chronicle, the only San Francisco newspaper which carried any mention of the history-making broadcast of station KPFA, Berkeley, recently.

Newspaper coverage in advance of the broadcast was meager also, but once again the Chronicle staff felt it was a topic for publicity.

Of the San Francisco Bay Area newspapers scanned, only two made advance announcement of the KPFA radio broadcast aired on November 24, and heralded in a press release from the station a week before. The San Francisco News mentioned it in its Saturday Radio-TV magazine, and on the day of the broadcast, the Chronicle carried two mentions of the event: one in a news item, and another in the daily radio-television column of Terrance O'Flaherty. They are reprinted below:

TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY

MEANWHILE, over in Berkeley, the ladies are getting a better break these days. At KPFA-FM recently they have begun a 14-week series titled "The American Woman in Fact and Fiction" (Wednesdays at 8 p.m., with repeats the following Monday at 3:45). This is a project of writer-director Virginia Maynard and KPFA, which won a $7000 grant from the Educational TV and Radio Center in Ann Arbor to produce the series.

The shows are presenting a chronological account of the changing status of the American woman through the use of dramatic scenes from the lives of such crusading distaffers as Anna Hutchinson, Susan B. Anthony and Lucretia Mott. Psychiatrists will also be heard from. Naturally.

The ladies may not be winning the Hollywood battle, but they seem to have established a pretty solid beachhead in the business world. When I asked writer Maynard about this, she said:

"Well, a lot of her freedom in the business world is overrated. Let's say the American woman is in a transition stage."

KPFA-FM is not overlooking the boys these days, either, and will devote two hours tonight to the discussion of homosexuality with some of the country's most distinguished doctors, psychiatrists and attorneys. (9:30 to 11:30 p.m.) Under discussion will be the recent radio censorship of a luncheon speech by the Commonwealth Club which caused The Nation to comment:

"Apparently it is the Commonwealth Club's thesis that the only place to discuss laws regarding sex is over chicken a la king on Fridays at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel."

(The Chronicle's advance "news item" appears on page 6)
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FIRST ANNUAL
Progress Survey, Workshop and Seminar
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1958
SPONSORED BY
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Mattaehine Society, Inc.
693 Mission Street
San Francisco 5, Calif.
All over the U. S. today there are individuals, groups, associations, postal authorities, law enforcement officials, church representatives, etc., who are busy applying the pressures of censorship, particularly to books and publications which deal in any way with the sex subject.

More and more we learn that movies, radio, television, the stage and all branches of the publishing industry are coming under the ever-prying scrutiny of these would-be censors. Supreme Court decisions notwithstanding, these forces do exert a serious threat to all sex-education publications.

The Main purpose of this first annual Publications Progress Survey, Workshop and Seminar will be to examine this principal problem in detail. An editor close to the subject will handle this part of the program.

Also to be examined are other problems in this highly-sensitive publishing field. For instance, can we do anything to speed up the process of getting approval in other publications which do not now accept it? Has the technique of injecting 'more popular appeal' been significant in accelerating acceptance of our materials? What can we offer writers to stimulate material which will improve our contents? Some of these questions have obvious answers at the first glance. But many of them are enigmas which have plagued us from the beginning—and solutions for them must be sought. While 'more money' is an obvious answer to many of our problems, we are learning that is not the only simple solution.

Mutual discussion and suggestions will be encouraged. Criticism from members, friends and readers will be heard. Techniques for doing a better job will be sought.

This program, it is hoped, will offer an opportunity for four leading sex-education publications to get together on a staff level for open exchange of ideas, and at the same time hear suggestions from outsiders whose viewpoints are important.

FEES. A single fee of $5.00 has been set to include the cost of the evening banquet. Luncheon and before-dinner cocktails will be 'on your own.' Complimentary coffee and other refreshments will be served during the morning and afternoon sessions.

Time Usually Shows the Folly Of Those Who Favor Censorship

IF MY OWN experience at reading forbidden books during my impressionable years is any guide, the Georgia Literature Commission is not putting its head against a stone wall trying to tell you what you can't read.

As a lad, I invariably sought out any book I heard spoken of as dangerous, sometimes with vast effort. I invariably read them. I never found one that I was disappointed. The only result was that I wasted a lot of time and developed a contempt for the prurience of the people who had condemned the books.

I don't believe there are any dirty books. The inventory of only dirty-minded readers. When I was in the eighth grade my teacher warned the class, with many a flirt and flutter, not to read a then-popular novel by Hall Caine called 'The Woman Thou Gavest Me.' Well, as it happened, I was at that moment reading the story as it was being serialized in the old Atlanta Georgian. I was finding it thrilling, and the idea had never occurred to me that it might be improper. The warning didn't change my opinion of the book but it did change my opinion of my teacher.

Elinor Glyn's 'Three Weeks' enjoyed quite a reputation before World War I, as hot stuff. I had great difficulty finding a copy. Eventually, however, I spotted one in a neighbor's bookcase, and knowing my request to borrow it would be refused, because of its impropriety, I spirited it out, read it searchingly and with greatest boredom, and then stuck for years thereafter with contraband goods, which I could not spirit back.

The novels of Robert W. Chambers were regarded as much too sophisticated for a youthful reader, whereupon I waded desperately through them. The only information I recall gaining from the experience was that champagne was the most delectable beverage in the world. As I grew up in the days when temperance was a euphemism for abstinence, and was confronted by legal prohibition about the time I reached my logical drinking days, it wasn't until I was about 20 years old that I tasted champagne, aboard a French ship, Europe bound.

That, too, was a big letdown. It tasted to me about like apple cider, but certainly lacked all the poetry and inspiration of the romancers. Beer, another contraband of my youth, was another disappointment. People used to write so glowingly about it. I am convinced that it is the most overrated drink in the world, and that the people who drink it are too lazy, too stingy, or too indifferent, to drink an honest whisky-and-soda.

Once I read a knockout of a book called 'Flossie, a Virgin of Sixteen.' It had apparently been written to be sold under the counter, but its ideas had become so grotesque that they were merely laughable. Its era was the 1890's, as I gathered from the context. Flossie showed her girlish exuberance by skipping about the room, so that her swirling skirts at one moment revealed what the author referred to as her long drawers. However arch Flossie may have been at the time, she sounded simply overdressed a generation later. And she further showed abandon by asking to see the plays of Mr. Ibsen.

I've been told the most affecting of poems is the Song of Solomon, and that the five-hour 'Tristan und Isolde' is sustained eroticism. But evidently our censors don't read the Bible or attend the opera.

DAVID COPPERFIELD

I think as a boy I came closest to being shocked by 'David Copperfield.' Like Heywood Broun, I was disturbed because the novel began the day before David's birth instead of the day after. After that experience, I found Rabelais if not mild, at least dull, and four-letter words no more edifying in a classic than in Henry Miller's 'The Tropic of Capricorn.' In the mid-1920's I smuggled a copy of 'Ulysses' into the country, at no end of trouble, only to have it declared legal a few years later, and now it is available on every shelf.

Censorship never shows itself in a more absurd light than in the history of opera. Most were condemned when they were new, but now we know that the trouble lay not in the opera but with the censors and the society they represented.

By FRANK DANIEL

STAFF WRITER FOR THE ATLANTA JOURNAL

(August 19, 1958)
2:30 p.m.—WORKSHOP PANEL and FORUM

Participating:
- William Lambert, Business Manager, ONE magazine
- Phyllis Lyon, Editor, THE LADDER
- Dorothy Martin, President, Daughters of Bilitis, Inc.
- Wallace de Ortega Maxey
- Hal Call, Editor, MATTACHINE REVIEW
- Don Lucas, Business Manager, MATTACHINE REVIEW, and Secretary-General, Mattachine Society, Inc.
- Roy F. Hooper, Administrative Assistant, and Vice Chairman, Mattachine Society, Inc.

4:30 p.m.—END OF AFTERNOON SESSION

Evening session will be held in the lounge and banquet room of the Tower Cafe, 1525 Grant Avenue, in San Francisco's North Beach area.

SPECIAL FEES SCHEDULE FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPT. SEMINAR

As announced in the folder in this issue describing the first annual Publications Department Progress Survey, Workshop and Seminar scheduled for Dec. 6, the fee for the day-long event is $6, including the evening banquet and address by Attorney Morris Lowenthal in the evening at the Tower Cafe.

However, since several persons have reported that their employment makes it impossible to attend the entire morning, afternoon and evening program, these special fees have been set to make it possible for everyone to participate in this event to the greatest extent:
- Morning and Afternoon Sessions only: $1.50
- Evening Banquet and Address only: $4.00
- All Sessions, Morning, Afternoon and Evenings: $5.00

CHRISTMAS PARTY TO FEATURE GIFT AUCTION

The Society's Sixth Annual Christmas Party, sponsored here by the San Francisco Area Council, will be held this year on Dec. 13, starting at 7 p.m., at 330 Frederick Street, It will feature a Christmas tree and gift auction. Persons attending are requested to bring a useful gift not exceeding $2 in value. There will be a $1 door charge. Refreshments on a donation basis will be served.

As in the past, this event is designed to promote sorely needed funds for operation of the Area Council, while at the same time permitting members, their wives, friends and guests to enjoy good fellowship during the Christmas season.

GROUPS VOICE PRAISE FOR KPFA BROADCAST

Several groups of persons who heard the Nov. 24 KPFA broadcast on "The Homosexual In Our Society" were unanimous in praise for the program and commended the station after the presentation. A replay of the broadcast has been announced for a future date by the station.

The 2-hour program is described elsewhere in this newsletter, along with reprints of the local coverage it received before and after in the San Francisco Chronicle. Some national note of the program was received in the form of clippings from the Denver Post.

Sound tapes of the full program are being copied to fill orders for it from the Institute for Sex Research at Indiana University, from Dr. Evelyn Hooker, University of California at Los Angeles, and for area councils in Los Angeles, Denver and New York.

In the meantime, the tape will be played at the regular monthly discussion meeting in San Francisco on Dec. 4, and at the Publications Department program on Dec. 6.
KPFA Schedules Discussion of Homosexuality

A panel discussion on the social and legal problems of homosexuality will be broadcast by FM radio station KPFA, 94.1 megacycles, at 9:30 p.m. today.

Dr. Karl Bowman, professor emeritus of psychiatry at the University of California and former director of the Langley Porter psychiatric clinic, will participate in the second part of the two-hour program, which will deal with attitudes of society. Other panelists will be UC psychiatry professor Dr. Frank Beach Jr., San Francisco attorney Morris Lowenthal and Dr. David H. Wilson of the UC criminology department.

The first part of the discussion will concern the difficulties confronting the homosexual individual. Participants will be Harold Call, editor of the Mattachine Review, and Dr. Blanche Baker, psychiatrist.

Area Council Votes to Make Assessment Payment

At the business meeting on November 19, the San Francisco Area Council voted to make another payment on the National Headquarters assessment of $300 made last June by the Secretary-General. Next payment will be for $401, bringing the total paid by SFAC to $200. Only one other—denver area council—has been able to make any payments on this assessment, made to all areas at the rate of $10 per active member at the time. Denver has paid more than 90% of the $90 assessment made to its membership.

For many members of the Society in the San Francisco area, annual dues will be due and payable on Jan. 1. You will make the work load easier for your local and national secretaries if you mail your check now, before it is necessary to mail statements to you.

Mattachine depends upon its members everywhere for support, and this support is, indeed, appreciated by the national organization and your local area.

Please let us have your renewal memberships. The amounts are: $10 national, $6 local, total $16.
The Eighth Annual Institute on Civil Liberties and Law Enforcement, sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, was held at the First Unitarian Church, San Francisco, on Nov. 15.

Ernest Besig, director of the Northern California American Civil Liberties Union, said that ACLU has received scores of complaints from people who have been picked up by police for no reason. He pointed particularly to "Grant Ave., where the police are after the vagrants, and to Polk St. where they are after the homosexuals." He emphasized that very few complaints were received from Berkeley, "where the rights of the individual are respected."

Ruth Cessna of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office reported that many innocent people have been beaten, robbed and left bleeding on the street and the police would pick them up and place drunk charges against them. She also discussed the farce regarding expunging of records saying that the fingerprints and records should be destroyed when the record is expunged after serving probation or after false arrest. Much floor discussion was on expunging of records and it was emphasized that those eligible should have the probation department go to the courts for this, and it should not be necessary to hire a lawyer for it. It was suggested that the judge should be the one to decide about expunging photos and fingerprints, especially in cases where charges were dismissed. This would make it easier for persons concerned to obtain future employment.

Police Chief Thomas Cahill of San Francisco denied charges made by Miss Cessna to the effect that 35-40% of all arrests in San Francisco result in no charges against those arrested.

Mr. Besig, after being stopped at the entrance of a "B-girl waterhole bar" and being warned that he might be arrested if he entered, said that police should go after B-girls for lawless activity instead of "engaging in a lawless activity themselves in an effort to enforce the law."

Prof. Edward Barrett of the University of California School of Law, emphasized that a solution to false arrests would be to get better policemen and pay them more, and to establish an independent state agency where complaints could be taken, and not be whitewashed by a police chief or commissioners.

Judge St. Clair, speaking on prisons and parole, and who is Vice-President of the Northern California Service League, suggested that many of those prisoners who are not psychopathic and not likely to commit another serious crime such as murder should be placed on parole. He said that more of the "trigger-happy psychopaths," some of whom are getting off, should be put in prison. He advocated reduction in a parole officer's cases to 15 or 20 persons. This has been tried on a Federal level and is working out better, he said.—Contributed.
Jan 8 (Thu)  MONTHLY DISCUSSION FORUM  8:00 PM
1830 Sutter Street
J.D. Mercer, Author
(See details page 2)

16 (Fri)  KOFFEE KLATCH (Informal Discussion Group)  8:00 PM
570 Page St., Apt 12

21 (Wed)  MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING  8:00 PM
693 Mission Street

30 (Fri)  Seventh ANNUAL MIDWINTER INST. ONE, Inc.,
(See details and program, pp. 6-7)

Feb 5 ((Thu)  MONTHLY DISCUSSION FORUM  8:00 PM
1830 Sutter Street
Subject to be announced

13 (Fri)  KOFFEE KLATCH  8:00 PM
570 Page St., Apt 12

18 (Wed)  MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING  8:00 PM
693 Mission Street

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.
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.

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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 presenting Mattachine 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 Mattachine 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 Akselrad, Temple Beth El, Berkeley
Speakers: Austin MacCormick, Ph.D., Professor of Criminology, UC
Mary Ellen Lear, Assoc. Editor, San Francisco NEWS
Queriers: Byron Bryant, K-P-P-A
William Miller, Olympic Press
William O. Weissich, 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-P-A, expert on USSR
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, Chrm. Sub-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 Sarrazaro, Prof. UC Medical Center, SP; member Berkeley School Board
Speakers: Edward T. Manouso, Public Defender, City of San Francisco
Judge Stanley Mark, 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.
Mattachine 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 2, 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 Galley, one of the panelists, typed the transcript directly from the tape. Mrs. Thompson edited, then Mrs. Galley 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.

RESEJVAATIONS 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.
  a: Adjustment Through Partnership
  b: Creative Expression as Therapy
  c: Must Christians Learn to Live With Guilt?

11:15 AM - d: Sex Repression and Mental Health
  e: Is It Healthy for Men and Women Homosexuals to Keep Apart?
  f: Is Your Body Homosexual?

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

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

Intermission --

3:30 PM - Psychodrama, A Problem in Mental Health Illustrated.
  Conducted by Mrs. 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 Palmiere, 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
  Michelangelo and Shakespeare; III - Traditional Span-
  ish Dances, by Tony Reyes; IV - Homophile Love Poems
  of today.

4:00 PM - Social Hour

5:30 PM - Final adjournment of 1959 Sessions.
"Why Hasn’t Somebody Told Me About This Before?"

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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Even in a cosmopolitan city like San Francisco, people are still surprised to learn of the existence of Mattachine. They wonder that such an organization actually does exist. "Do you mean that there is really a group of people who are studying the problem, and helping homosexuals?" This statement of disbelief is heard time and again.

Active membership in the Society is open to all adults who wish to make a real contribution toward breaking down the barriers of prejudice and unconcern.

Every member should seek to recruit support from among his close friends and acquaintances. Speak to them now and invite them to the various functions of the Society. Tell them that our office is open every day. It is open for them. Anytime they can come by to get acquainted, they will find a comfortable, congenial atmosphere. Among officers of the Society they will find hard-working, down-to-earth people.

Our Society has been engaged in a mission of service since its inception. There is still a great work to be done. But the few dedicated officers need your help in this tremendous enterprise of upholding human values, so others may hold their head high.

Won't you do your part in this worthy cause? Do your recruiting at every opportunity -- for Mattachine.

Roy F. Hooper, Chairman

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SOCIAL-SERVICE DEPT. "SWAMPED"

Sometimes local members wonder if the facilities of the local office are really being utilized. The following "bird's-eye" view of our Counseling service will give you an idea of the correct answer to this question.

Although the Social-Service Department is not yet a legally-constituted department of the Society, a SOCIAL-SERVICE PLANNING DAY will be held on Saturday, April 4th to set in motion activities for making a blue-print to be presented at the next Convention to add a new department to the presently existing five already in action.

During the past year, over 300 individuals have come to our office for counsel. In general, they have been assisted with the following problems:

1. Need for legal aid when charged with a sex-offense. This area of inquiry has included blackmail, unjust pressure by collection agencies for debts not actually owing, unfair unemployment practices and so on.

2. Others come in for advice regarding physicians, psychiatrists, counselors, therapists, psychologists etc. Referral to these, came from such noted personages as a district court judge, medical doctors who were, themselves, gay, a highly qualified industrial engineer, an executive with transvestite tendencies, attorneys from smaller towns, and on and on the list goes. Although some of these visitors came from all over the US and possessions, and a few from foreign countries, most of them were from within a few miles' radius of the Bay Area.

3. Many were in for employment counseling. "I'm tired of being a clerk. I want to get into something creative. Can you help me?" Fortunately, through personal acquaintances, through friends in the executive personnel offices of a few agencies, etc., we have been able to direct a number of people to more satisfying employment, or as in a few instances, were able to place some who had not been able to get a job on their own. There have been definite handicaps in this part of our work, but it is a field in our organization that is growing, and one day may have its own department. But that's in the future, of course.

4. Calls for veteran's assistance have come from as far away as the "windy city" of Chicago, and Dallas Texas. A mother came in a short time ago. Her 29-year-old son is getting an undesirable discharge from the navy. She sought help in locating employment for him. This man had been in military service previously, and from that tour of duty had an honorable discharge.

5. Our best-organized and most stable division under Social-Service has been Lay Counseling and Friendly Rehabilitation Assistance. Demands for this service have multiplied ten-fold within the past few months. An average of 3 new cases each week come into our office. Handling this program demands 20 hours of one staff-member's time in actual consultation.

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THE HOMOSEXUAL
IN OUR SOCIETY

TRANSCRIPT OF A 2-HOUR RADIO PROGRAM, NOW
AVAILABLE IN PERMANENT BOOK FORM

Price per copy, $1.00, plus
10 cents postage and 4½% tax
in California.

Edited by ELSA KNIGHT THOMPSON, Director of
Public Affairs, KPFA-FM, Berkeley, Calif.,
and Moderator of the Radio Program

FEATURED PANELISTS:

Harold L. Call, Editor, Mattachine Review, San Francisco; Blanche M. Baker, M.D., Ph.D., Psychiatrist, San Francisco;
Mrs. Leah Galley, Housewife, San Francisco; Karl M. Bowman, M.D., Prof. Emeritus, Psychiatry, and former Director,
Langley Porter Clinic, University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco; Dr. Frank A. Beach, Jr., Prof. of
Psychology, University of California, Berkeley; Dr. David H. Wilson, Department of Criminology, University of Cali-
ifornia, Berkeley, and Mr. Morris Lowenthal, Attorney, San Francisco.

"No other radio or television program has ever probed so deeply into the subject of homosexuality and treated it
with such outspoken candor," said Mrs. Thompson recently before the initial broadcast of the 2-hour program on
"The Homosexual In Our Society." Homosexuality is viewed as a two-way social problem in this treatment of it:
First as a problem concerning the homosexual himself and the society in which he lives, and second as a problem
society must face because of the large number of homosexual adults in our population. Experts, both laymen and
professional, who have dealt directly with the problem and who have worked with many homosexuals, were chosen
to present their viewpoints. The result, stated without emotion and without bias, is a clear call for change:
Change of out-moded sex laws, and change of attitude from prejudice to acceptance.

There is no labeling of homosexuals as victims of a disease, and there is no vain search for a 'cure' expressed—
in fact, one panelist states that he sees no need for a cure to homosexuality, and instead calls attention to a
seldom-used term to use as a starting point for a completely objective and understanding attitude toward the
subject.

Whether you approve of the comments made by the seven speakers appearing on the panels or not, you will have to
agree that this little book further unmaps the taboo social subject that is a direct concern for perhaps as many as
10-15 million adult Americans, depending upon how you define homosexuality. This social problem needs and deserves
the attention of the public, through such media as radio, television, newspapers, magazines, stage and screen. To
a greater extent it is getting this attention. The radio program transcribed into this book is one more significant
step in breaking the 'conspiracy of silence' with which homosexuality has been so long surrounded.

The program actually began two years ago when the Mattachine Society at San Francisco approached KPFA about the
possibility of aiding in the preparation of such a panel topic for the air. Then in August 1957, KPFA came to the
Mattachine Society to revive the idea, and asked for the Society's assistance. In May 1958, the first panel sat
in the KPFA studio, to record their viewpoints without notes, without rehearsal, and without even an outline as to
what the moderator specifically had in mind. Then in September 1958, the second panel was assembled. It heard the
sound tape of the earlier panelists, and that was the springboard for the second half of the program. The result
is a unified two-way look at the subject. First broadcast was November 24, 1958. Response totaled about 100 let-
ters, and of them favorable. A second broadcast was presented December 29, 1958, and favorable response from
that re-broadcast was still coming in throughout January 1959.

The book is a joint project of KPFA and Pan-Graphic Press. In addition to the excellent editing done by Mrs. Thomp-
son, credit is acknowledged to Mrs. Leah Galley, one of the panelists, who transcribed the comments from tape to
paper, then after editing, she prepared the mechanical negatives from which the printing was done.

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A car load of Area Council Mattachine members got together and motored over to the INTERNATIONAL HOUSE in Berkeley on Thursday January 15th for the FIRST ANNUAL FORUM of the Friends Committee on Legislation.

Appearing on the program were Austin MacCormack, Ph.D., professor of Criminology, UC, and president of the Osborne Foundation, a criminal parole organization; Mary Ellen Leary, Assoc. Editor of the San Francisco NEWS. Rabbi Akselrad, Temple Beth El, Berkeley moderated.

"MUST WE HAVE THE DEATH PENALTY?" was the subject under consideration. Both Miss Leary and Mr. MacCormick held the position that the death penalty, execution of which is ambiguous and uncertain, is not a deterrent to crime; even murder. They call for support of legislation in Sacramento this spring to end capital punishment in California. This would follow the pattern of such states as Michigan, Maryland and several others, where there has been no increase in murder as a result of a maximum of life imprisonment.

When Miss Leary made the remark that our law-enforcement agencies are well-educated and of a high calibre, this brought the most electrifying remark from the audience, that was made during the entire evening. The speaker was a member of the Friends organization who had spent time in jail as a result of being a conscientious objector. He rose to the floor when acknowledged by the moderator and observed that though what Miss Leary and Mr. MacCormick had stated generally be true, yet he had witnessed instances where guards and policemen had kicked a "downed" inmate in the groin and had mistreated them generally. From the applause his remark brought forth, one would surmise that others in the audience had known of other such instances.

A few objective questions were put forth by Prof. Byron Bryant, (who formerly was on the staff of KPFA); by Margaret Miller of Olympic Press; and the Assistant District Attorney of Marin County. The rest of the period was turned over to the audience for questions and comments.

Next Discussion Forum will be on Thursday, February 19th, and the subject will be "TOWARD A CREATIVE FOREIGN POLICY". See January issue of the Newsletter for details. Tickets may be obtained from the Mattachine office. Call Ebrooke 7-0773.

"The Old Theory that information about sex matters should be left to chance has greatly changed. ...It may reasonably be thought that accurate information, rather than mystery and curiosity is better in the long run and is less likely to occasion lascivious thoughts, than ignorance and anxiety." Judge Augustus N. Hand, U.S. Court of Appeals.

Over 50 cases have been catalogued with records made and kept for reference when a person has to be referred to a professional counselor or psychiatrist.

Our present full-time staff has considerable experience in professional counseling, particularly in the field of religious conflict and misunderstanding. But even this is not enough and one staff-member is taking night courses toward an academic degree in this field.

Calls for help in this work have come from probation officers, some veteran's and state hospitals and even from our state prisons. Our health department, and many private and clinic counselors are referring cases to us. In turn we have been invited to turn over a part of our case-load, after screening, to them.

The Northern California Service League has recently accepted two cases for long-range therapy. The League has also helped us to get people out of jail or prison, and from Atascadero. It is one of the most valuable cooperating agencies in San Francisco.

Friendly conversation, human interest, a helpful suggestion—so many times these are the things that have been extremely helpful in the rehabilitation of some who have come to us. And during the past year, the office staff and four or five other friends or members have dug right down into their own pockets to give financial assistance to those who felt were really in desperate need. Some $200 has thus been expended, which doesn't show on the books at all, and for which we expect no return other than appreciation and a subsequent "helping out" when they are once again on their feet.

6. Health and Venereal Disease has been of some concern to us. Maybe a person will come in who is "afraid". We constantly urge people to cooperate with the clinic in its public investigative, epidemiological and preventative functions, and assure them that complete and thoughtful security is an integral part of this work.

But not all calls for help are made in person. Many come to us by mail. Answering them requires a tremendous amount of time, composition and thought. If we can't answer them fully, a professional person is sought to assist.

So there you have it! A glimpse of some of the activities of the staff of your office. And don't ever ask questions (even outside the office) about the counseling service, unless you are prepared to hear an energetic and enthusiastic report that will go on and on and on...

We felt, however, that you would like to know about these matters. For in this area of real service, the Mattachine Society has become a real and valued thing to so many unfortunate individuals. In this, as in other departments of the Society, here is something that is IN REALITY being done — not just something that we talk about hoping to do sometime in the future. We believe this program alone, makes the Mattachine Society worthy of your support.

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Newsletter subscriptions @ $1.00 each non-member 50.00
Social Events for Fund-raising 300.00
Donations & Offerings at Activities 200.00

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ESTIMATED MAN-HOURS NEEDED PER MONTH

REVIEW (20,000 sheets) 30 hours
Newsletter (800 sheets) 4 hours
Misc (including Special booklets, information pamphlets, Interim etc.) 8 hours

The above MINIMUM total hours, is approximately the time that must be donated from within the membership of the local Area Council ... if the Society is to function efficiently.

Prices on the Mattachine Review and miscellaneous publications, including the Newsletter, are based on "flat sheets", that is, they are delivered from the printer ready to be assembled, folded, stapled, etc. This work must be done by our local members in order to keep the publications coming at this very low price now charged.

Without the help of a very few who have consistently given of their time for the above jobs, our operations would have been hampered to an almost impossible extent. But it is hardly fair to ask a handful to shoulder the burden of the work-load. Rather, a little done by many, under enjoyable circumstances, make a light job that otherwise would be burdensome.

We are encouraged by the response of new members to this type of need which always exists. Our newest member, for example, had devoted six
hours to this kind of work (and helping to paint the new offices) before he had been a member for a week. We'd like to see more of the older members doing the same thing.

Those who spend full-time with the Society, spend several hours each month making public contacts with professional people and those in key civic positions. For example, it takes over four hours of personal interviewing to enlist a speaker for our Monthly Public Discussion Forum. With many of these people, we do not see the immediate pay-off, but the many hours spent in this kind of public-relations give very substantial returns in building up understanding and fostering goodwill, and cannot be measured in terms of 'revenue received' or other immediately tangible results.

Public relations work is not done exclusively by the few office workers in the Society, however. Several of our members have introduced others to the Society and its program. While we do not subscribe to the idea of 'knocking 'em over the head', we do believe that when our program is presented intelligently, that it will appeal to those who can help to greatest advantage in our work.

Information material is available for members to hand out to prospective parties at all times. Just ask us for it here in the office. And remember that there is always work to be done, almost any day of the week. But especially, we need help when the Review comes off the press near the end of each month. Call and volunteer your services. Your interest is greatly appreciated, and helps to make the functioning of the organization smooth and efficient.

ON A HIGH NOTE

After hearing such remarks as, "I'm in trouble,", "I need help,", "How can I get a job," and other statements from troubled individuals, imagine what a relief it is when someone walks into the office with a ready smile and bubbling personality, and without formality simply states:

"What can I do to help?" ... Well, it certainly is a refreshing note and a welcome change of pace.

This was the remark of one of our newest members in the Area Council. I don't mean to indicate that most of our members come to the Society for what they can get from it, because many of our members are thoroughly aware of the work that has to be done, and they pitch right in and give of their time and abilities, even extra money, in order to help carry on the day-to-day activities. But of the many people who come in on a first visit, we many times hear the reverse of this fellow's remark.

And this all boils down to just one thing. If we are to continue to serve effectively in our counseling program, we need more new members who have something to offer the Society. How about speaking to your friends. Present the work of Mattachine and your Area Council to them in an intelligent manner. It is our belief that when our program is thus presented, it will bring forth a response of cooperation and a willingness to support our work.

One good way to introduce a friend to Mattachine would be to invite them to our OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, March 7th. Let them see the progress that has been made since our beginning days; give them a quick view of how our work is carried on, and introduce them to our office personnel.

An inherent faith in the nobility of the human spirit leads us to believe that many are just waiting to learn of our work in order to "join in". Let each member of our Area Council join in a recruiting service that we may continue to grow.

INTEREST SPARKED AT PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING

What was possibly the most active 'group' participation in a public discussion meeting, was evidenced at our February meeting when Al Carrillo, a graduate student from San Jose State College, presented a taped half-hour program in "Group Dynamics". Al and his colleagues had been referred to the Society by their professor, Dr. Ruth Tiedeman, for information about the problem of homosexuality. Over a period of many hours, they prepared a tape that was played to their fellow-classmates.

Then, a 'buzz session' was conducted, with the resulting questions from each group being presented before the collective group again. The answers given to these questions showed results of some hard study and correct information which had been gleaned from various books and articles they had borrowed from our library.

Dr. Tiedeman is said to be one of the foremost authorities in the field of projective techniques today. Under her supervision, the results of this program in group dynamics will be compiled into a term paper and at the end of the school term, will be submitted to the Review for inclusion in the July issue.

Our thanks to Al, John, Roy and others who helped to make our program a great success for the February meeting.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH

The Daughters of Billings, Inc., sponsoring the annual St. Patrick's Day Brunch, will be held this year at "THE FRONT" on Jackson & Front Sts. on the waterfront side of Telegraph Hill. Brunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and charge is $1.50. All members and friends of the Society are invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship with members of the D3S.

This is the ONE EVENT of the year when the guys and gals of our two organizations get together for a few hours of real fun and enjoyment. So if you haven't attended one of these affairs before; if you are a newcomer to the Society, be sure to join forces with us for a pleasant occasion.
Join the Experiment at KPFA

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Today KPFA has almost 7,000 voluntary subscribers who contribute $12 to $1,000 annually to meet the operating budget of $120,000. Two hundred volunteers help operate and program the station. It is the only completely voluntary subscription mass medium institution that remains successful and roaring with vitality as it approaches its tenth birthday.

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In the library of the Mattachine Society is a tape recording of a talk given by Dr. Murray Banks to a group of school teachers in New York City. It is titled, "How to live with yourself". Dr. Banks is a successful practicing psychiatrist, geared with a delightful sense of humor. He told the teachers they were receiving a capsule course in psychiatry, and all for free.

He gave them the four recognized "wants" that are universal in the human race, phrased in simple words, as follows:
1. I want to live, preferably forever.
2. I want a feeling of importance.
3. I want someone to love me.
4. I want a little variety, or change.

In these four "wants" one can find the drives, the desires, the instincts (call them what you will) which we all feel. For a little mental exercise and self-searching try mulling them over.

Then Dr. Banks presented the following ten rules for mental hygiene:
1. Are you happy?
2. Do you have zestful living?
3. Are you socially adjusted — like people?
4. Do you have unity and balance — many interests?
5. Can you live with each problem as it arises?
6. Do you have insight into your own conduct?
7. Do you have a confidential relationship with some other person?
8. Do you have a sense of the ridiculous?
9. Are you engaged in satisfying work?
10. Do you know how to worry effectively — what do you do about it?

This is an exceptionally neat summary. Try it out on your own sounding board and see what you come up with. For the achievement and preservation of our own integrity as human beings, it is well to make occasional inventory of ourselves. When we find a lack, or a touchy spot, there is the challenge of doing something about it.

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TO LOOK IS ONE THING. TO SEE WHAT YOU LOOK AT IS ANOTHER. TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU SEE IS A THIRD. TO LEARN FROM WHAT YOU UNDERSTAND IS STILL SOMETHING ELSE. BUT TO ACT ON WHAT YOU LEARN IS ALL THAT REALLY MATTERS.

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Members and friends of the Society are invited to visit the expanded facilities of the Society and Pan-Graphic Press on the 3rd floor of its building at 693 Mission Street, San Francisco, on Saturday, March 7th, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Growth of the Society has required the Board to obtain additional office space. Three connecting rooms adjacent to the present library-lounge and office have been leased.

Rooms 304-A and 305 will become the office of Pan Graphic Press and Dorian Book Service. Room 306 will be the editorial, art and composing department for the Review. Rooms 308-309 remain the business office and library-lounge for National Headquarters and the local Area Council. The library-lounge, for which additional shelves have been installed, will also have more privacy as a counseling room in our Social Service work.

Remodeling and decorating in the new quarters is almost complete, although plans call for additional improvements to be made as funds permit.

EDUCATION HANDBOOK JUST OFF PRESS

The Education Handbook is a summary of organizational techniques and project ideas as they apply to various educational media used in changing the minds of men. The term education, in the program of Mattachine has a two-fold meaning: First, education of the individual toward self-understanding and self-acceptance, for his personal adjustment to his nature and to society so his potentials for a happy, creative life can unfold through his own deepened perspective and emotional control; Second, education of the general public toward removal of antiquated beliefs and attitudes, and toward understanding and acceptance of the homosexual for what he is as an individual, including his sexual nature, without fear, prejudice and discrimination.

Preparation of the Handbook began early in 1958 when Carl B. Harding, Director of Education, called upon more than 30 leaders in the Society and related organizations to submit ideas and critically edit the initial manuscript.

The result is a guide for individual and group projects and organizational techniques applicable to all groups interested in sexological study, research and education.

For his work on the project, Carl was named Mattachine 'Member of the Year' in 1958. He is professionally engaged in educational work, but our readers know him better, perhaps, for articles that have appeared under his by-line from time-to-time over the past five years.

The EDUCATION HANDBOOK is available from either your local Area Council, or may be ordered directly from the National office, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco 5, California. California residents please add sales tax. Price per copy is $1.

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ISSUE [S] MISSING
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April-May 1959
What is it? O-RE-O stands for "Organization-Reorganization", and here is a grand opportunity to meet Drs. Phyllis and Eberhard Kronhausen, and take part in new project-planning with the SFAC. Social hour will conclude the day: REFRESHMENTS.

BIG NIGHT: THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 8 p.m., 1830 Sutter Street

"SEX ETHICS: A Cross-Cultural Approach" is the topic. Presenting it will be the Drs. Kronhausen. A public forum feature you can't afford to miss!

JUNE BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, June 17, Area Office, 693 Mission, 8 p.m.

JUNE MUSIC GET-TOGETHER: Friday, June 26, 272 Downey St., S.F., 8 p.m.

FOR MEMBERS ONLY—MATTACHINE LAPEL PINS—$1.50 ea.

Attractive small gold-filled lapel pin with locking clasp. In Mattachine colors, Blue and Grey. Sold to Active, Subscribing, Honorary and Advisor members only. Federal tax included; add 4% state sales tax in California.

WEAR YOUR SOCIETY'S EMBLEM—ORDER A PIN NOW!
HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

San Francisco Area Council requires a minimum operating budget of almost $70 per month. Unless full cooperation is obtained from every member in the matter of payment or dues, this budget is almost impossible to meet.

DON'T WAIT FOR SOMEONE TO COME AFTER YOU.....
MAKE YOUR LOCAL DUES PAYMENT PROMPTLY FOR THE CURRENT YEAR!

CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE CONVENTION TOPIC

The Sixth Annual Convention of the Mattachine Society is well on its way toward becoming reality; September 4-7 are the dates. Denver, the Mile-Hi City is the location. And "New Frontiers in Acceptance of the Homophile" will be the convention's general theme.

Mr. William F. Raymond, attorney, will be among the featured speakers. His subject will concern civil liberties of the homosexual. Mr. Raymond is Past President and current Member of the Board of the Colorado Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union.

One of Denver's finer convention sites, the luxurious Albany Hotel, is to host the Mattachine Convention. The welcome mat is out. We expect you in Denver in September. — R. A. Joyner

CONVENTION TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS POSSIBLE

One member of the San Francisco Area has announced that he will drive to Denver for the Sixth Annual Convention, leaving on or about September 2, arriving in the Mile-Hi City on September 3 or 4. This driver can arrange transportation for two or three persons in both directions on a cost-sharing basis. Anyone desiring to be included in this arrangement should contact the Area Council Office.

Denver Area Council has not announced any special arrangements for accommodations for those attending the meeting from out of the city. However, information on accommodations and/or hotel space can be obtained from the Area Council there,

WHAT ABOUT A BAY CRUISE?

Several members have voiced the hope that a sightseeing boat cruise in San Francisco can be arranged sometime in the summer months. Would you be interested? If so, speak about it to one of the Area Council officers who are considering plans for various outings and social events for the season.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI FEED BY THE D. O. B. JUNE 20TH

Come Saturday, June 20th, the Daughters of Bilitis will again sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner, to be held at 327 Army Street, San Francisco. Festivities will begin at 7 p.m., and all members of the Mattachine Society are cordially invited to attend. A mere $1.50 donation gets you in the door, but to insure same, you are requested to make advance reservations by phoning the D. O. B. office Tuesday or Wednesday evenings after 7:30. That number is Yukon 2-9290. Reservations should be made on or before June 17th.

NEW LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL TELEPHONE NUMBER

The secretary of the Los Angeles Area Council has announced a new telephone number through an answering service in that city. It is NO remady 3-5035.

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DON'T MISS "O-RE-O" DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 23--1:30 PM
AT SFAC OFFICE

Preliminary discussions with the Mattachine membership and friends of the Society on the matter of obtaining professional consultants in the fields of psychology, religion, and law, etc., who will become affiliated with the Mattachine Society will begin Saturday afternoon, May 23rd, in the Area Council offices at 693 Mission Street. Time is 1:30 p.m. It has been called "O-RE-O" day because matters of organization and re-organization of importance to the local area and the Society will be considered.

This is one of the most important meetings of the local membership to be held for some time. From it, it is hoped that doors will be opened whereby the Society will be able to call upon qualified advisors for guidance in matters of service, research and public relations. The need for this assistance for our laymen's group has been evident ever since initial organizational steps were taken to form the present Society in 1953.

The following have agreed to appear on the program:

Dr. Henri Lormier, international jurist and attorney.
Dr. Wallace Maxey, minister and author.
Drs. Phyllis and Eberhard Kronhausen, psychologists, mentioned elsewhere in this issue.

This discussion will be conducted so that questions and clarification of various aspects of the "consultant affiliation" will be encouraged.

Other matters of importance to the local membership will receive attention. Chairman Mac Sardeson will name committees to handle functions of membership, finance, newsletter, programs, and social events. An actual committee workshop will be scheduled, with these committees to assemble and report plans and progress before the day is adjourned.

Business of the afternoon session will conclude at 5 p.m. A social "Happy Hour" with refreshments will follow.

The importance of this event is impossible to over-estimate for members of the San Francisco Area Council and other interested friends of the Society in this area. With a recent election of several key officers, the need for the membership to "organize and re-organize its local functions is very great at this time. Here is the ideal opportunity for the "why-don't-you-do-this-and-so" people to be present and convert their ideas for building a better and more effective local membership into action.

BULLETIN BOARD

Don't miss these important events:

Saturday, May 23--SFAC Office, 693 Mission
"O-RE-O" Day
(See details on opposite page—and BE THERE

MUSIC EVENING... Friday, May 22:
1111 Pine St., Apt. 311. In addition to music those attending will be able to hear tapes of a recent radio broadcast, "Should Homosexuals Marry?" (see below)

"SEX Ethics: A Cross Cultural Approach"

Presenting Drs. Eberhard and Phyllis C. Kronhausen in an important forum discussion.

FRIENDS CENTER--1830 Sutter St.
Thursday June 4--8 p.m.

CHANGE OF LOCATION

The Area Council's "Music Appreciation" group will hold its monthly recorded concert at 1111 Pine street, Apt. 311, on Friday evening, May 22. This is a change from the location announced in the May Newsletter. For those interested, there will be a playing of the Mrs. Steiner tape, "Should Homosexuals Marry," from a recent New York radio broadcast. This will not interfere with the serious music part of the evening and listening to the tape is optional. Time is 8 p.m.
Ralph A. "Skip" Arnold of San Francisco, known in this area for his piercing burlesque characterizations of Magnolia Calhoon and other post-Civil War ladies of questionable elegance, opened a few days ago in Kansas City at the Colony Club on Troost Street. His reception by audiences in the night club has been enthusiastic. Skip must recently appeared at Ann's 440 Club on Broadway, formerly headlined at San Francisco's Opern Club, and has made numerous other appearances in and out of costume. His "fairy tales" which combine uproarious material, a deadly jargon and flawless timing, have become a hit in Missouri as well as on the West Coast.

"SEX & CENSORSHIP" GETS A NEW NAME

Third issue of "Sex & Censorship" magazine came out in May under a new name, "Candida." The publishers state that this may be the last issue of the publication, however, an ocean which readers will not be pleased to learn. Excellent articles in the issue include two works by Dr. Eberhard Kronhausen (a report on sex education in Sweden written in collaboration with his wife, Dr. Phyllis C. Kronhausen, and "Sex and Modern Youth"), a piece describing censorship intrusions in Austin, Texas, by Charles G. Hayden, Jr., and an article describing the "wild" youth of a generation ago, "The Roaring 20's" by Lawrence Lipton. Perhaps this issue will meet the success required to insure continuation of the magazine as an effective instrument to educate the public against the effort of puritanical groups who are determined to regulate what we can read.

ALAN WATTS TAPE A DISCUSSION GROUP SUBJECT

Philosopher Alan Watts' broadcast on Homosexuality, a topic on his "Way Beyond the West" series over KFRA-FM, was presented at the May 7 discussion forum at the American Friends Service Committee by the San Francisco Area Council. Eighteen persons were present to hear Mr. Watts underscore the hypothesis that those who scorn homosexuals most vehemently are the ones who are most afraid of their own homosexuality.

KRONHAUSENS TO LEAD FORUM ON SEX ETHICS

A man-and-wife team who are authors, research psychologists and counselors, namely Drs. Phyllis and Eberhard Kronhausen, will lead the June 4th San Francisco Area Council public discussion forum at the American Friends Service Committee, 1830 Sutter Street at 8 p.m. Their topic will be, "Sex Ethics: A Cross-Cultural Approach." This will without doubt be one of the most outstanding programs presented under local Mattachine auspices for some time.

The Drs. Kronhausen have just recently moved to San Francisco from La Jolla, California. Dr. Phyllis Kronhausen will have a book published soon by Ballantine, "The Sex Life of American College Men." She is a graduate (summa cum laude) of the University of Minnesota, has her doctor's degree from Teachers College, Columbia University. She was a lecturer in marriage and family life at Columbia (1956-58). Her extensive travels have taken her to the Eastern Hemisphere where she spent some time as assistant to the U. S. Vice-Consul in Bombay.

Dr. Eberhard Kronhausen was born in Germany, studied journalism and political science in Berlin. He also attended the University of Minnesota and received his doctor's degree from Teachers College at Columbia. Both Kronhausens were students of the world-famed psychoanalyst and author, Dr. Theodore Reik, of New York.

The Kronhausens lectured to a public audience on March 31 at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, San Francisco, on "Modern Psychology and Sexual Freedom," during the annual convention of the American Ortho-Psychoiatric Association, of which they are members. They have made a 50-minute LP record which is a conversation with Dr. Reik entitled "The Psychology of Sexual Relations."

OUTSTANDING VARIETY IN JUNE REVIEW

Mattachine REVIEW for June contains a wealth of varied but serious material touching many areas where the homosexual problem persists. Philosopher A. J. Ayer of Oxford University writes forcefully for a change of law (which preceded the Wolfenden debate in England last fall, but is still most timely). Poet Allen Ginsberg, interviewed recently for a "Beatnik" series in the New York Post, is represented by his previously unpublished poem "The Green Automobile". Psychologist Albert Ellis of New York, outspoken exponent of the fact that exclusive homosexuality (or exclusive heterosexuality, for that matter) is a neurosis, and that homosexuals who persist in their established behavior patterns are sick people, tears Dr. Blanche Baker to pieces in his article which is a critique of the booklet transcript, "The Homosexual in our Society." Playwright John Osborne, author of "Look Back in Anger" and "The Entertainer", answers a British newspaper writer who scathingly denounced the homosexuals in the theater. This is a real "don't miss" issue.

STEINER RADIO TAPE HERE FROM NEW YORK

The sound tape of Mrs. Lee R. Steiner's radio program, "Psychologically Speaking," for March 31, which featured a discussion of general aspects of homosexuality and marriage, is now available at the Mattachine office. The topic "Should Homosexuals Marry?" was a rough one, most listeners have stated, but quite adequately handled in the time allotted to it. Participants on Mrs. Steiner's Panel were Dr. Harold Michael-Smith, psychologist; Miss Vicki Martin, representing Daughters of Bilitis, and J. E. Grau, representing the Mattachine Society.

Mrs. Steiner, a psychologist, lecturer, author and counselor, is remembered for her articles, "Homosexuals as Seen by the Marriage Counsel-
or", which was printed in the February REVIEW, the transcript of a talk she made to the Mattachine in New York in December.

LEGAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ILL AT HOME

Henry Foster, Jr., legal affairs director for the Society, has been ill at his home in San Francisco since early in April. "Bob" joined the full-time staff at the office in February and has been sorely missed during these past weeks, because he was handling printing production on the Newsletter and other publications. He is improving, we are told, but he can't get back to work too soon! Why not give him a call to wish him well?

HUMANISTIC SOCIETY PRESIDENTS ELLIS LECTURE

Gavin Arthur, author of a forthcoming book, "The Circle of Sex," was a speaker on a program presented by the Humanistic Society of San Francisco at the Hotel Californian on May 15. He discussed "Reminiscences of Havelock Ellis." Mrs. Mole of San Francisco, a former secretary of the great sexologist-author in England, was a speaker on the program also. Mr. Arthur has previously lectured to Mattachine groups on the subject material of his book.

DR. WARDELL POMEROY TO VISIT SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. Wardell Pomeroy, field research director for the Institute for Sex Research of Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., will be in San Francisco during the first week of June in connection with obtaining data in cooperation with the Daughters of Bilitis. On May 31, Dr. Pomeroy will address a special session of Friends of "One" in Los Angeles.

DR. BAKER IMPROVING

Dr. Blanche Baker who has been ill for the past few months is reported improving markedly, and is able to be up and around some in her home at San Francisco. Her column in One magazine was seen again in May, after a one-month absence in April.

PINS APLENTY ON HAND NOW

National headquarters reports that the 100 new pins ordered a month ago have arrived. All members who desire to purchase a pin are urged to do so without delay. Several had been told that word would be passed when the new supply came: Here they are, $1.50 plus 6% sales tax. Please make checks payable to the Society.

LOCAL MEMBERSHIP TOTAL NOW IS 85

San Francisco Area Council membership gained a total of four since the last report made a month ago. The total as of May 20 is 85, almost one third of the entire national membership.
JULY 1959

2—Monthly Public Discussion Forum, Friends Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m. Speaker: Allen Moore, Assistant Supervisor, Placement Division, Adult Parole Section, Department of Corrections, State of California.

15—Monthly Business Meeting, San Francisco Area Council, 693 Mission St., 8 p.m.

18—"Summer Social," 1700 Diamond St., 8 p.m. All friends and guests invited. Refreshments will be served.

SPECIAL EVENT


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SAN FRANCISCO AREA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH PROJECT

A forthcoming research and writing project in which the San Francisco Area Council has been invited to participate will be discussed at a special meeting to be held in the SFAC office, 693 Mission St., on Friday Evening, July 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The discussion will be conducted by Drs. Eberhard and Phyllis C. Kronhausen, sponsors of a book to be prepared and issued from the work. First announcement of their plan was made at "O-Ne-O" day in San Francisco on May 23rd.

Briefly, it is this: The Drs. Kronhausen wish to collect a number of individual narrative sex histories of adjusted males for a book, "The Well Adjusted Male Homosexual." Required are the first-person narratives of individual sex expression from some 25 or more men.

Specific outline of the type of writing desired will be presented at the meeting. The Drs. Kronhausen have pointed out that literary skill, "fine" writing ability, etc., are not required—not even desired—for this narrative case history which they seek. Therefore no one should consider himself as unsuited on the basis of lack of writing experience.

An important aspect of this planned book is the opportunity to present to the scientific and academic fields, as well as to laymen, a truthful look into the sex lives of non-clinical, average persons in terms of their homosexuality. These are to be obtained from persons who have not found it necessary to undergo extensive therapy, but who have in contrast learned to live responsible lives, hold a job, and otherwise fit into their community, rather than become "wrecked" emotionally because of a homosexual orientation.

In addition to its psychological importance, the project promises to be fun. Under the expert guidance of the Drs. Kronhausen, those participating will also value highly the self-examination which this unusual opportunity will make possible.

Don't forget the date—Friday, July 10, 7:30 pm.

ADULT CORRECTIONS OFFICIAL TO ADDRESS PUBLIC FORUM JULY 2

Mr. Allen Moore, Oakland, will be the speaker at the monthly public discussion forum of the San Francisco Area Council, Thursday evening, July 2, 6 p.m., at the Center of the American Friends Service Committee, 1830 Sutter St.

Mr. Moore is Assistant Supervisor of the Placement Division, Adult Parole Section of the Department of Corrections for the State of California. His office in San Francisco serves the Northern region of the state.

He will tell of the organizational setup of the Department of Corrections and how it works in its parole supervision, job placement and rehabilitation. While Mr. Moore and others in his department are on the receiving end of inquiries from individuals who are concerned with aspects of homosexuality, the scheduled speaker has announced that he will generally confine his remarks to a presentation of how the Department of Corrections works, but he wants to hear questions from those attending about specific topics related to homosexuality in reference to adult parole and probation work.

This promises to be one of the outstanding discussion forums of the year. Every newsletter reader is urged to announce this program to as wide a circle of friends as possible and get them to the meeting.

DRS. KRONHAUSEN AND DR. POMEROY HOLD UP UNDER QUESTION BARRAGE

At the June 4 discussion forum, Dr. Wardell Pomeroy of the Institute for Sex Research, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., sat in as a guest panelist with Drs. Eberhard and Phyllis C. Kronhausen of San Francisco, for an evening-long barrage of questions and comment on a wide variety of things related to research, social attitudes, forthcoming books, etc. Dr. Pomeroy, field research director for the Institute founded by the late Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, told of the progress being made in the preparation of new books from the data collected over the past several years, and the pattern of the continuing projects in which the Institute is engaged. He said he was collecting material on female sexual behavior and while in the city he discussed these matters more fully with Daughters of Bilitis.

The session was attended by about 45 persons who learned much from the unusual opportunity to toss questions, general and personal, to a trio of experts whose answers were to the point in terms of their extensive research experience in the sex behavior field.

While in the city, Dr. Pomeroy also had an opportunity to visit National Headquarters offices for an afternoon. He examined the library, discussed matters relating to Mattachine's referral service and social service department, and quizzed the staff on organizational problems.
BUSINESS MEETING HEARS PROPOSALS FOR CONVENTION BUSINESS

At the regular San Francisco Area Council business meeting, held June 17, proposals for constitutional amendments for the upcoming 6th annual convention were read and discussed. A complete rundown of these proposals together with argumentation for their acceptance will appear in June INTERIM, due out in a few days with the July REVIEW. Briefly they were as follows:

1. Change present "Area Council" designation to "Chapter."
2. Create two new categories of membership—"Sustaining" at dues of $100 per year, and "Life" for a payment of $500.
3. Elect members of a nine-man Board of Directors without reference to the office, and for three-year terms. The Board will then elect its own Chairman, Vice Chairman, Sec.-Gen., and Treas.-Gen., and name the heads of the departments. Administrative offices will be contained within the Board, but heads of departments, if necessary, may be named from outside the Board. To set up the 3-year term system, the Convention in 1959 will elect three members to 3-year terms, three members to 2-year terms, and three to 1-year terms. In 1960 and subsequent years, business meetings will be required to elect only three directors. Purpose of the proposal is to achieve greater stability within the Board.
4. Establishment of eligibility for Members of the Board to requirement of three years' continuous membership, and a one-year membership requirement for all members to be eligible to vote at conventions.
5. Establishment of a $10 initiation fee for new members, this fee also applicable to members applying for reinstatement once payment of renewal dues becomes 90 days delinquent.

LOCAL MATTachine SCENE: SAN FRANCISCO NEWSREEL

Former Chairman Ken Burns of Los Angeles was an office visitor in San Francisco in June...Don Lucas, Hal Call and Lewis Christie of office staff were pleased on June 28 to be able to meet informally with Albert Ellis, PhD, of New York. Dr. Ellis was in San Francisco over a weekend prior to driving to Atascadero State Hospital for a staff seminar there and theme to Los Angeles for additional professional conferences. He announced that his next book, a manual on sex behavior, would be even more definitive about his views on deviation and fixed sex patterns....Bert Belanger, Public Relations Director, recently a visitor with Detroit and Denver chapter officers, arrived in San Francisco at the end of June after driving across the country from New York state....Robert Boyle, of TIME'S San Francisco News Service Department, recently contacted One, Mattachine and Daughters of Bilitis for a possible coverage of the "Homophile Movement" in the U. S., to appear in the Medicine section of the national weekly news magazine, but New York editors didn't go for the idea, he reported later....Legal Affairs Director Henry Foster, Jr., confined at his home since early April with an illness, reported back at work on June 22, took a slight "backlash", then returned to the job as Pressman for Pan-Graphic on June 29, and we hope he stays with us this time....Chairman Rick Hooper moved from the Bay Area to Seattle at the end of June.

S.F. AREA SUMMER PARTY SET FOR JULY 18

Poverty-racked San Francisco Area Council formulated plans for a "summer soiree" to be held on the evening of Saturday, July 18 at 1700 Diamond Street (near 28th). The event will be informal, with no planned program, and refreshments will be served. All members, their wives and friends, as well as members and friends of Daughters of Bilitis, are cordially invited. For those not having their own transportation, take the 35 Eureka Muni bus at Market and Castro streets, get off at 28th.

The party will begin at 8 p.m. Please don't overlook this important event at which those unfamiliar with Mattachine may learn of its work projects and social service activities from members and advisors, and at which everyone present can enjoyably aid the plight of an Area Council treasury that is in debt and sorely in need of funds.

Two parties a year ago marked a high point in the limited social activities program of the Society and resulted in great success financially. All present at those affairs had an extremely pleasant evening. The same can be true of this next one —let's bring our friends and have a good time.

TYPOWRITERS STILL IN HOCK; WE NEED $80 TO GET THEM BACK

Loss of three typewriters as a result of theft on May 27 from the offices at 693 Mission St. has handicapped the staff, but with the help of persons who have lent machines, work has continued.

The person accused of the burglary entered a plea of guilty and was scheduled for sentence in Municipal Court on June 30. He disposed of three portable typewriters in San Francisco and a tape recorder in Reno before he was arrested in Sparks, Nevada, on May 29. Acting upon a complaint from Pan-Graphic Press, San Francisco police returned the accused to the city, and brought him to the office where the police heard him describe how he had obtained keys, come to the offices early, taken the equipment and disposed of it to raise money. The accused apologized for his acts, stood trial and has been held in custody since.
ANTHROPOLOGIST TO SPEAK AT DENVER CONVENTION

Omer C. Stewart, Ph.D., professor of anthropology at the Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder, will be one of the featured speakers at the 6th annual convention of the Mattachine Society, Inc., September 4-7. The sessions will be held in the Hotel Albany, Denver.

Dr. Stewart's topic will be "Homosexuality Among the American Indians and Other Aboriginal Peoples Around the World." The author of numerous publications, Dr. Stewart has done much research on Indian tribes and is the author of seven articles about American Indians in the 1953 ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA. Before coming to the University of Colorado in 1945, Dr. Stewart traveled through Egypt and the Middle East. He holds a B.A. from the University of Utah and a Ph.D. from the University of California. He is a member of the American Anthropological Association and several additional professional fraternities and societies.

Another announced featured speaker on the program will be William F. Reynolds, Denver attorney, member of the Board of the Colorado branch of the American Civil Liberties Union and past president of that organization. He will speak on "Civil Rights and the Homosexual." Two representatives of the other U.S. organizations which work in fields parallel to Mattachine will also appear at the sessions. Del Martin, president of Daughters of Bilitis, San Francisco, and Jim Reiner, Jr., of One, Inc., Los Angeles, have accepted for the program.

An excursion to historic Central City, Colorado, is planned for Sunday, Sept. 6. This gold-rush mining community is an important attraction during Colorado's "Rush to the Rockies Centennial."

Reservations should be made early by those attending the convention. Denver Area Council will endeavor to place guests in homes if requested. Otherwise space is available at the Hotel Albany, 17th & Stout Sts., from $6.50 and up a night to $17.00 studios (per day).

One automobile to be driven from San Francisco will offer some transportation accommodations. Those desiring to participate in this share-the-cost trip should contact San Francisco Area Council.

LIBRARY NEWS: NEW BOOKS ADDED; CATALOG CARD SET COMPLETED

Librarian Bob Nolan has completed cataloging a number of recent new books and re-arranged the shelves, separating fiction and non-fiction throughout. A count of the volumes on hand indicates approximately 315 fiction works, 375 non-fiction, 450 foreign magazines and other periodicals, and 250 miscellaneous booklets, reports, article reprints, etc.

Several new titles have been added in the past month. One gift of approximately 25 books was received.

On the other hand, efforts to call in some important titles held for some time by some of the members have borne poor results. Among the recent books lost is "Last of the Wine," by Mary Renault, a popular title no longer available because of irresponsibility on the part of a borrower who skipped town without returning the book.

FILL OUT AND RETURN PROXY VOTE FORMS

Final page of this newsletter is a proxy vote form which every member, whether he plans to attend the convention or not, should fill out and return to the San Francisco Area Council, so that his vote may be expressed at the business session. The proxy form as shown here is a general one, authorizing your vote to be cast on all business matters. It is impossible to overemphasize the importance of obtaining these proxy forms. Please return yours without delay in the enclosed business reply envelopes. This applies to members in good standing only.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING IS JULY 15

Next business meeting of the San Francisco Area Council is July 15 at the area office, 643 Mission Street. Further matters relating to convention proposals, local activities, and reports on projects will be covered. Don't miss it.
AUTHORIZATION FOR PROXY VOTE

This is to certify that I, a member in good standing of the San Francisco Area Council of the Mattachine Society, Inc., do hereby authorize the Chairman of the San Francisco delegation at the 6th Annual Convention of the Society to cast my vote on matters of business and election of officers at the convention. I understand that I will be bound by the results of the voting at the convention.

Signed

Approved by Chairman of the Area Council:

Acknowledged by the Credentials Committee:

(It is understood that any member submitting this proxy who attends the convention in person will cast his vote personally and is not bound by this proxy form.)

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6--Drs. Phyllis & Eberhard Kronhausen, Psychologists "So You Think You Need Therapy?" Friends Center, 1830 Sutter Street, 8 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER 1959

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PUBLIC DISCUSSION MUST FIND NEW LOCATION

At the July monthly business meeting of the San Francisco Area, it was announced that because the local meeting of the Society of Friends will move to another location, probably in the Richmond District by November, it will shortly be necessary for Mattachine to find another location for the public discussion meetings. The August 6 public discussion meeting will mark the anniversary of the sixth year in which meetings have been held at the Quakers' building at 1830 Sutter Street. Their generosity in renting it to us so reasonably for such a period of time is deeply appreciated by San Francisco Mattachine which has been in a position to recognize this gesture as typical of the Friends' progressive attitude toward minority groups.

All in all, some 100 public forums have been staged by Mattachine in the center since our first meeting there on August 18, 1954. For many months, the forums were held twice monthly, but the present "First Thursday evening" schedule was adopted almost four years ago.

In March 1954, the first annual convention of the Mattachine Society was held in the auditorium of the center. The local membership of the Society in San Francisco at the time was about 25 members.

PAUL COATES PRESENTS "OBSCENITY & SEX" TOPIC

The misinterpreted damage of erotic realism was dealt a pointed blow on Thursday, July 30, on the Paul Coates Show (KPXI-TV, Channel 5, San Francisco, 12:30 p.m. and July 31, 12:30 a.m.) by Dr. Phyllis Kronhausen, when she called for an acceptance of the realities of human sexual expression as a guarantee for our democratic way of life.

Dr. Kronhausen, certified psychologist, member of the American Psychological Association, former student of Dr. Theodor Reik of New York City, former faculty member of Teachers College of Columbia University, author, research expert and practicing therapist, was the "pro" guest of Paul Coates, Los Angeles Mirror-News Columnist and TV commentator on a program devoted to exploring the dangers of pornography with juveniles today. The "con" was upheld by Dr. Marian Pior, member of the American Ortho-Psychiatric Association, who is head psychologist of the Child Guidance Clinic of Los Angeles.

Viewers heard Dr. Kronhausen call for a freedom and acceptance of things sexual -- particularly literature such as "Lady Chatterley's Lover," and she stated that she thought the "damage" to juveniles which many say is caused by looking at certain types of pornographic pictures is something vastly overrated.

She did, however, make a distinction between "erotic realism" and hard-core pornography. A definition of the two, which will appear in a forthcoming book by the doctor and her husband, Dr. Eberhard Kronhausen, is lacking in our courts, she said. She also made the important distinction between sexual freedom and promiscuity, and stressed the importance of sex education and a constructive sexual outlet for all human beings as a means to prevent anti-social outbursts. Dr. Kronhausen stated that a greater sexual freedom is necessary to preserve our democratic heritage, and pointed out how dictatorships and tyrannies through history have thrived upon a sexually suppressed populace. She explained that sexual ignorance is the real explosive power behind many acts of violence and that pornography at the worst is merely the trigger or "fuse.

In compiling statistics for a study of the "Sex Life of the American College Male" at Columbia University, Dr. Kronhausen discovered that nearly all young men have been exposed to hard-core pornography, without apparent damage.

Dr. Pior, who has the very responsible position of being head psychologist of a large child guidance clinic claimed pornographic pictures were widely circulated among high school students, and stressed a "regression" idea in which viewers act out what they see in the pictures. She also claimed that viewers of such pictures suffered a shock and sense of guilt. Her advice to parents of the child found to possess pornography was to give that child support and understanding through constructive sex education. She conceded that it was not necessary to destroy the pictures. When Mr. Coates asked her what she thought of pornography as a "stimulus" to adults, she replied that healthy adults needed no such stimulus.

The show will be viewed on August 20 in New York, Paul Coates has announced.

BEATNIK SEX LIFE AIRED ON KPFA

"The Love Life of the Beat Generation" was the title of a special hour-long broadcast over KPFA-FM on the evening of July 29. Featured were Lawrence Lipton, author of the best-selling book, "The Holy Barbarians," along with Dr. Phyllis and Eberhard Kronhausen.

Discussed were a definition and contrast between the terms "obscenity" and "hard core pornography." The concept of "erotic realism," advanced in several public appearances and in a forthcoming book, was presented by the Drs. Kronhausen.

Lipton described the Drs. Kronhausen as the only "hip" analysts in the field today. "They know the beat generation inside out," he said, and added that they approach sex problems from the hip level rather than from the verbal level (i.e., without rationalizing, ed.)

Dr. Phyllis Kronhausen noted a lack of creativity on the part of women in the present beat generation. "The known leading poets, painters, artists, musicians, etc., are all men," she said. And the poetry is most often seen to extol men, even homosexuality.

Universal use of contraceptives and the resulting shock expressed among parents and mediators when they were aware of the beat generation in its varied sexual preference and performance was discussed. Also brought up was the fear of pregnancy which does inhibit females of the beat generation.
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17th & Stout Streets
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Convention Program

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:30 - 10:00 P.M.  HOTEL ALBANY - MURAL ROOM
RECEPTION FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:30 A.M.  HOTEL ALBANY - GREEN ROOM
Semi-Annual Meeting, Board of Directors
DONALD S. LUCAS, Secretary-General, presiding

9:00 - 10:00 A.M.  GREEN ROOM
REGISTRATION
REGISTRARS:
LEWIS C. CHRISTIE, Administrative Assistant
G. CONRAD BOWMAN, Jr., Treasurer-General
ROLLAND HOWARD, Denver Area Council

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON  GREEN ROOM
CALL TO ORDER
DONALD S. LUCAS, presiding
Invocation
Address of Welcome
J. RANOLPH GRAYSON, Chairman, Denver Area Council
Report of Secretary General
Area Council Roll Call and Reports

12:15 - 1:40 P.M.  GAME ROOM
LUNCHEON
CARL B. HARDING, Director of Education, presiding
Introduction of Guests
Address: The Psychological Aspects of Sexual Deviation
LEO V. TEPLEY, M.D., Denver Psychiatrist
Announcements

2:00 - 4:00 P.M.  GREEN ROOM
PANEL DISCUSSION
HENRY FOSTER, Jr., Director of Legal Affairs, presiding
CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE HOMOPHILE
Panelists:
WALLACE DE ORTEGA MAXEY, Fresno, Calif., Author, Man Is a Sexual Being; Editor, Sex and Censorship magazine; Original member, Mattachine Foundation, Inc., and member, Society for the Scientific Study of Sex (Moderator)
HON. ROBERT E. ALLEN, Majority Floor Leader, House of Representatives, Colorado Legislature
WILLIAM F. REYNAUD, Denver Attorney; Member of the Board, Colorado Branch, American Civil Liberties Union
Questions and Discussion

5:30 - 7:00 P.M.  MURAL ROOM
Cocktails

7:30 - 9:30 P.M.  MURAL ROOM
SIXTH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET
HAROLD L. CALL, Director of Publications, Toastmaster
Introduction of Guests
Presentation of Awards
Citations for Awards read by O. CONRAD BOWMAN, JR., and CARL B. HARDING
Address: Homosexuality Among American Indians and Other Aboriginal Peoples
OMER C. STEWART, Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

10:00 A.M.  HOTEL ALBANY - COFFEE SHOP
Breakfast (Optional)

11:00 A.M.  GREEN ROOM
COLOR SCENES OF MATTACHINE OFFICES
Program of Color Slides, with Commentary
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.  GREEN ROOM

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3:30 P.M.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON  HOTEL ALBANY - GREEN ROOM

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

DONALD S. LUCAS, presiding

1:00 - 3:00 P.M.  GREEN ROOM

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SUMMER SOCIAL AN ENJOYABLE EVENT

About $40 was actually cleared as profit from the July 18 summer social event in San Francisco. Some 55 persons attended, and gross donations came to about $125. The funds were sufficient to cover the Area Council's present indebtedness. The Area Council wishes to thank the host member for the use of a beautiful and pleasant home where the party was held.

ASSESSMENTS COMING IN FROM MEMBERS

The assessment letter mailed by the treasurer in the July REVIEW has resulted in considerable success in terms of response with $10 donations for the National Office. Several contributions have been made for larger amounts, these coming mostly from subscribing members. For this vital support the Society is indeed grateful. More complete announcements and tabulations of the response will be published in the next issue of the National Quarterly, INTERIM.

MAKE CONVENTION RESERVATIONS NOW

With an expected delegation from San Francisco that may total 15 or more persons, the Convention Arrangements Committee of the Denver Area Council (P.O. Box 7035, Denver 6) has called for advance reservations for the convention from everyone expecting to attend. Fees schedule is

CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONS SCHEME EXPLAINED

Mrs. Allen Moore, assistant supervisor of the Placement Division, Adult Parole Section, Department of Corrections, explained the workings of his office and others in the correctional setup of the state at the July 2 public discussion forum at the Friends Center.

An especially interesting was his outline of how various offenders are placed in one institution or another, and how the state was increasing its program for job training in the correctional institutions. The 25-30 persons present were impressed with Mr. Moore's emphasis on how modern penologists in California were striving to make correctional programs more meaningful to the individuals as a means of returning offenders to society better equipped to achieve useful and happy lives. California is a leader among states, he said, in treating its offenders as human beings rather than just numbers in a cell block.

Mr. Moore quoted many humorous stories of his experience in parole supervision. Among them was one about a very small minority of persons released from prison who had a deeply-rooted, perhaps unconscious yearning to return to the ordered atmosphere of an institution. This he described humorously as "a desire to crawl back into the womb of Mother Folsom."

Mr. Moore stated that on several occasions persons under his supervision had mentioned the Wattiachine Society and he frankly asked our group questions about it for his own purposes of learning about the organization and its work. Discussion leaders present stressed that one of Wattiachine's aims was to cooperate wherever possible with agencies such as the Department of Corrections to assist in handling problems with individuals confused about their sexuality and in need of understanding as a means toward personal adjustment and as a step in avoiding conflict with the law.

We were pleased to have as a guest the mother of one of our members from Alabama. It was her 53rd birthday.

AUTHOR TO AUTOGRAPH "KEVAL" ON AUGUST 16th

Author Harry Ctls of Los Angeles will be presented to San Francisco book readers on August 16 (Sunday), 2-6:30 p.m., at a special autograph party sponsored by Dorian Book Service, Room 305, at 693 Mission Street. Mr. Ctls' book of 15 lusty and gay short stories, "The Keval and Other Gay Adventures," has just been published by Cne, Inc., Los Angeles, in an attractive and colorful paperback edition. It sells for $1.95.

Present with the author will be William Lambert, of Cne, Inc. At the
party, Otis and Lambert will tell guests of the special arrangements which had to be made to produce "Keval," and will also answer questions about other publishing projects of One, Inc.

Dorian Book Service, which now handles all retail sales of the former Pan-Graphic Book Service, will have a stock of the new gay short stories on hand for the autograph party and for sales in the weeks ahead.

Complimentary refreshments will be served at the autograph party. This promises to be an interesting event. Everyone is invited - Don't miss it!

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There will be no meeting at the Friends' Center in the month of September. Instead there will be a Post-Convention Open House at the Area Council Office Saturday afternoon, September 12 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

HAVE YOU GOT ANY GOOD IDEAS? Because the American Friends Service Committee must give up its present location at 1830 Sutter Street, a six-year availability of their parlor for use of Mattachine Discussion Group sessions now comes to an end. The Area Council needs another close-in downtown location—a small hall seating up to 75 persons at a reasonable rental for one night a month. Please notify SFAC office if you know of any such location which we might try to get.

VOTING PROXIES ARE DUE. If you have not mailed in your voting proxy for casting your vote at the 6th Annual Convention, please do so right away. We need your ballot on important constitutional matters at this convention. Don't overlook this important responsibility.

SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL NEWSLETTER
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October

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21--Monthly Business Meeting, 693 Mission Street

LOOKING AHEAD

December 5--Second Annual Publications Day Seminar with a special program and banquet, San Francisco.

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Today KPFA has almost 7,000 voluntary subscribers who contribute $12 to $1,000 annually to meet the operating budget of $120,000. Two hundred volunteers help operate and program the station. It is the only completely voluntary subscription mass medium institution that remains successful and roaring with vitality as it approaches its tenth birthday.

Now Pacifica Foundation has established KPFK in Los Angeles, financed completely by local sources.

We invite you to join with us in this experiment by becoming a subscriber to KPFA. A copy of the KPFA Folio, our program guide, will be sent upon request.

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meeting open to the public to be held in the San Francisco Area Council office on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2-4:30 p.m.

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Participating in the report session will be most of those attending with the San Francisco delegation. It is hoped that sound tapes of some of the more important talks will be returned to San Francisco so that remarks of these speakers can be heard by the entire group here.

CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL EXPECTED SOON

Correspondence from Chicago indicates that a group from that city will petition the National Convention at Denver for a provisional charter. Several meetings leading to the re-organization of the formerly active Chicago area have been held recently with considerable interest shown, the National Secretary-General reports.

VACATION SEASON ON AT NATIONAL OFFICE

Several staff and production workers at the National Office will be on vacation during the last week in August and up to mid-September, during which time these people will attend the National Convention in Denver.

D. Stewart Lucas, who now works full time for Pan-Graphic Press and is also present in the National Office, will return September 1. Hal Gall expects to return by Sept. 10. Henry Foster, Jr., Lewis Christie and Conrad Bowman will also be away during this period.

Persons wishing to conduct business in the office during these two weeks should call first to make sure someone is present. Arrangements are being made to keep the office open on a limited schedule.

KEVAL AUTOGRAPH PARTY DRAWS 75 PERSONS

At a special "Auto-Graph Party," Sunday afternoon, August 16, some 75 friends, advisors and members were present to launch "The Keval and Other Gay Adventures" by Harry Otis. The author was present to sign copies and explain his travels over the world from which he drew the material for his 15 "Lusty" stories. One, Incorporated, Los Angeles, published the book, an attractive and colorful volume with heavy paper binding designed by Eve Ellrose.

William Lambert of One, Inc., was present. Also in attendance were Dr. Blanche Bader, Drs. Phyllis & Eberhard Kronhausen, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon of Daughters of Bilitis, and a number of others.

Refreshments were served with the cost for them divided Pan Graphic and Author Otis.

Pan Graphic's book division, Dorian Book Service, has the volume in stock for $1.25 per copy. (Price of tax and 10c on and Labor Day).

A review of the stories in the book will appear in an early issue of Mattachine Review.

"FOUR FROM THE CIRCLE" PUBLISHED

A new 56-page volume of short stories, poems and original charcoal drawings by J. Colton has been issued by Pan-Graphic Press, initially to be used as a premium gift for subscriptions for Mattachine Review. A copy goes free to everyone who joins, renews a subscription, or pays membership dues until October 1, 1959.

These stories were taken with permission from the English language pages of Der Krais, homophile monthly published in Zurich. Price of the book is $1.75.

PARTY BEING PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER

At the August 19 business meeting, it was decided to hold another social event on Saturday, September 19, 8 p.m., at the home of one of the Area Council officers at 1700 Diamond Street. An announcement of the party will be mailed separately nearer the date set for it. Plan now to be there—all who attended the last such event enjoyed it very much.

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL HUGS 100-MARK

Whether the San Francisco Area Council had yet achieved its 1959 goal of 100 active members was a moot question late in August and on the eve of the 6th National Convention. August 5 membership was 96, after expiration of those not renewed were posted by the Secretary (however, a few days prior to that, the 100th membership application was filled out and paid).

As of August 20, with two additional memberships in, the total had climbed back to 97. A half dozen prospects for membership have promised to complete initiation and pay dues before the end of the month.

So whatever the exact score, the fact is that the SFAC could now rightfully claim that its "first 100 members were the hardest to get." For 1960, the Area Council chairman said at a recent meeting, the goal will be 200.

ELECTION TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 16

Next regular business meeting of the San Francisco Area Council to be held at 633 Mission Street at 8:00 p.m., on the evening of Sept. 16, will be principally concerned with the annual election of Area Council officers. This is required by the constitution at the first regular business meeting after the General Convention.

Nominated for posts in SFAC are the present officers as candidates for re-election. At the nominating session of the membership on August 19, incumbents were re-nominated because it was pointed out that the
present officers have had only a few months service since they were elected to fill vacancies (with one exception) only a few months ago. Here are the nominees: Mac Sardeson, chairman; Steve Kellogg and Bill Baker, co-vice-chairmen; Jack Parrish, secretary, and J. Fanning, treasurer.

SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION DELEGATION GROWS

At least 13 persons will make up the San Francisco delegation to the 6th Annual Convention in Denver, Sept. 4-7. National officers from the area, the SPAC chairman, and other members will comprise this group.

At the SPAC business meeting August 19, some revision in the nominees which San Francisco will present was voted upon and approved by the membership. It was determined to present nine names for candidates for the Board of Directors from a list of 10 names chosen at the SPAC business meeting. The delegation at the convention was specifically empowered to (a) eliminate one name from the list of ten, and (2) cast the vote of the entire San Francisco delegation (including proxies) for the candidates presented on the first ballot. Here is the list of nominees from San Francisco for members of the Board of Directors (listed alphabetically): H. L. Beckman, Bertrand J. J. Belanger, G. Conrad Bowman, Jr., Harold B. Call, Curtis Dewees, Henry Fester, Jr., Carl B. Harding, Donald S. Lucas, Wallace de Ortejp, ihxey and MacDonald Sardeson.

The above candidates are listed without reference to office in view of the proposal advanced that Board members be elected for staggered three-year terms and without designation to specific office, the naming of specific officers and directors of departments to be accomplished by election within the board itself.

MEETING LOCATION FOR NOVEMBER STILL UNDECIDED

The October discussion forum, to be held in the Friends Center, 1830 Sutter Street, on October 1, will be the last at that location. Still to be determined is a location for future sessions, beginning in November. All members are urged to make suggestions, listing the cost of a central public hall setting up to 75 persons, and the rental required for its use on the first Thursday evening of each month. Rental, in order to be considered, must be $10 or less.

NOTES AND COMMENT

Please ask your friends to watch for announcements of public discussion forums of the San Francisco Area Council in ACTIVITIES MAGAZINE, available on many Bay Area newstands (monthly at 25¢) or by subscription, $2.50 per year, from Associated Publishers, P.O. Box 996, San Bruno, Calif. Announcements habitually appear under the heading of "Discussion and Study Groups," forward in the magazine.

Many announcements of current importance to the membership appear regularly on the SFAC bulletin board in the library-lounge. Don't fail to read about what's going on when you visit our office...Our thanks to George B., Conrad B., and Rauben B., the generous members who have taken color film slides in the various rooms of the Society and its neighbor for showing at the Convention in Denver. Altogether, some 90 pictures have been taken, some of which were alread with Bill Lambert of One, Inc., and of the remainder, about 50 will be selected to take to the Convention...Area Council Chairman Mac Sardeson was a genial host and public relations man for SPAC at the Harry Otis "Autograph Party on August 16, and convincingly described the Society to many of the newcomers present at the event...Bill Lambert of One, Inc., here for that party was also an office visitor on several days following...Greetings from M. Andre Beaudry, editor of Arcade in Paris, were brought to us at San Francisco the other day, when a friend of Arcade, recently in Japan, stopped in the office...Pan-Graphic Press has suffered from the current Teamster strike in the Bay Area. On two occasions during August it was necessary for those on the staff to go to the paper wholesaler to get envelopes and about a half ton of flat papers to keep operations going, including the Review and Newsletter. In this connection, our thanks to a friend, Bob D., whose station wagon hauled the load for us...John (known to us as Jack Farris) has changed his first name to Godfrey. We are having a struggle breaking the habit after three or more years. But John—we mean Godfrey—dutifully corrects us. We have had the treatment, so now readers had better watch out...An emergency edition of the "Yellow Book" of General Information was knocked off the press in less than two days by Bob F., not long ago. This edition will bridge the need for the Convention. After that a complete revamp of this popular booklet (which has, we have been surprised to learn, been circulated in almost 12,000 copies since it was first put together in San Francisco in 1954) will be put together as the sixth printing and fourth edition for 1960...Review readers in September will see something never before published in our "three magazines" in the U.S., when an identifiable photograph of a member appears on a cover. Our thanks to D. D. for his service as a model for the picture. The subject has engaged himself previously as a model for men's fashions...And, no, it isn't a reincarnation of James Dean, nor even a twin, although the resemblance is striking to us...SEXOLOGY magazine for October carries an interesting commentary on "Sax Society Forum on Homosexuality," a discussion by the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex, New York, with Donald Webster Cory, Dr. Robert A. Harper, and Robert Veit Sherwin as discussion leaders. It is on page 169 of the issue...Another valuable reading in the same edition is a pen portrait of the late Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey (p. 158) and an article by Isadora Rubin on "Can Homosexuality Be Cured?" It cannot, he says, and cites medical evidence to indicate that there is generally no good grounds for attempting to change the dominant sexual propensity or orientation.
An important announcement

On October 1, 1959, subscription prices for the REVIEW will be advanced to $5.00 per year in the U.S. and its possessions, $5.00 foreign. Newsstand and single copy price will remain the same, 50c. Bound volumes ($7.00 each) and complete single sets (for available copies of previous years) will also remain the same—$5.00 per year.

IN THE MEANTIME, HERE'S A CHANCE TO RENEW AND RECEIVE A FREE GIFT BOOK!

On all renewals received on or before October 1, you may order the REVIEW for one or more years at the present rate ($4 U.S.; $5 foreign), and IN ADDITION you will receive a copy of a new book of outstanding gay short stories published for the first time in the U.S.: "FOUR FROM THE CIRCLE."

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SARDESON NAMED CHAIRMAN AT DENVER CONVENTION

MacDonald Sardeson, former chairman of the San Francisco Area Council, was elected to the national chairmanship of the Mattachine Society at the 6th Annual Convention held September 4-7 in Denver. Re-elected to posts on the Board were; Donald Lucas, Secretary-General; O. Conrad Bowman, Jr., Treasurer-General; Henry Foster, Jr., Public Relations Director, all of San Francisco; and Ada Ortega Maxey of Fresno (SFAC member) was named to the Board of Directors and elected Director of Research.

Elected to the Board from other areas were Harry Bateman, Jr., Denver, vice chairman; Carl E. Harding, Denver, Director of Education; and Curtis Dewees, New York, Director of Public Relations.

Under new provisions passed at the convention, the membership now elects the Board and the Board elects its own officers and names heads of departments. This year, nine were named to Board posts for three years, three for two, and three for one. Hal Gall, Bob Foster and Don Lucas were named for the 1-year terms. Next year the convention will elect three Board members for 3-year terms. This new constitutional provision, sponsored by SFAC, is designed to give the Board a stability and semi-permanence with a continuity of service required before the Society can successfully approach sources of grants-in-aid for funds to conduct a scientific research program.

At the business meeting, other significant actions included: (1) establishment of the period September 1-August 31 as the official fiscal year for the Society; (2) recognition of active members of record as of August 1 each year as the only eligible voters at conventions; (3) creation of two new membership categories: a) sustaining at $100 per year, and b) life at $500. These two categories are defined as a result of Board action, following the convention. Next year the convention will be held on the West Coast, at a city — Los Angeles or San Francisco — to be determined on March 1, 1960.

Public sessions in the Hotel Albany as arranged by the Denver Area Council and announced in a program published previously in the Newsletter, reached a new high in attendance and interest.

At the annual Awards Banquet, 60 persons were present to hear Omar C. Stewart, professor of anthropology of the University of Colorado deliver an outstanding paper on "Homosexuality Among American Indians and Other Aboriginal Peoples." Awards were presented and honorary memberships were given. Mrs. Leah Galley, San Francisco, was named Member of the Year (her telegram of acceptance read, "Dearly Beloved Idiots — I am deeply honored. . ."). Honorary memberships went to Jim Kepner, Bill Insbert and Don Slater, all of One, Inc., Los Angeles; and to Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, of Daughters of Bilitis, Inc., San Francisco.

Coversing the program highlights will not be attempted in the Newsletter, since both Interim for September and Mattachine Review for October will contain reports on them. But from every aspect — press coverage, attendance of newcomers, valuable content of the lectures, and social values for those attending — the Denver convention was an outstanding and memorable one.

Denver Area Council is to be congratulated on a job well done, and San Francisco Area Council is proud to submit this recognition.

"CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE" BROCHURE TOPIC

Taking a cue from the unprecedented and exceptionally fair press coverage of the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News, two Denver daily newspapers, and their reports on Mattachine and its convention, the Society has prepared a new 9-page pull folder, "Breaking the Conspiracy of Silence," in which the newspaper articles and interviews are reproduced along with the aftermath of letters from newspaper readers — praising and condemning the fact that a subject like homosexuality broke into print.

Advance articles on the convention, interviews with national officers, and coverage of the talks by persons such as Dr. Leo V. Tapers, psychiatrist; Robert Allen, Assemblyman; William Raymond, ACLU attorney, Del Stewart, anthropologist, and Dr. Robert Hamilton, educator-psychologist, appeared in both newspapers. Notice of the election of officers was carried in each, and an entire day's "Open Forum" letter column was devoted to Mattachine in the Denver Post. All of these clippings were incorporated in the new brochure.

Copies of the new brochure are to be made available to all area councils for mailing to their newsletter lists, and for extensive mailing by the Society.

SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

In accordance with constitutional requirements, San Francisco Area Council elected officers at its business meeting here on September 16.

Steve Kellogg was named chairman; William F. Baker, vice chairman; Bob Burke, secretary; and Bob Burke, treasurer.

The area council completed plans for the September 19th party, at the meeting, and voted to pay its share of the travel expenses of Floris van Mochel of Amsterdam, now on a U. S. speaking tour, to come to San Francisco for an address here on Monday, September 28, at California Hall.

SEPTEMBER 19TH PARTY A FINANCIAL SUCCESS

$190 was grossed with a net profit of approximately $150 from the Sept. 19th SFAC social event, attended by 65 men and women, the treasurer has reported. Everyone present declared they enjoyed the evening of music and dancing which featured humorous "Instruction" numbers in various new and popular Spanish steps.
AUTOGRAPH PARTY FOR KRONHUSEN BOOK

October 10th (Sunday) is the date set for an "autograph party" for the new book by Drs. Phyllis and Eberhard Kronhausen, "Pornography and the Law." The work, published in a paper-cover edition by Ballantine Books of New York, came off the press officially on October 1st. One Eastern distributor, the publishers report, has ordered 300,000 copies — an unprecedented advance-of-publication order for any work in this category. A folder describing the book, and including the forward by Attorney J. W. "Jake" Ehrlich, is included in this newsletter.

The autograph session will be held on the Sunday afternoon from 2-5 p.m. in the offices of Dorian Book Service, 693 Mission Street, and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book will be available at the retail price of 75c per copy (plus tax), and special 3-book packages will be gift wrapped after the authors autograph them.

VAN MECHELEN LECTURE DRAWS 78 PERSONS

Floris van Mechelen, president of the Foundation International Committee for Sexual Equality, Amsterdam, was presented in a lecture at California Hall on Monday, September 28, by the San Francisco Area Council. In a talk covering a wide field of topics in the fields of sexological education and research in the U. S. and Europe, van Mechelen discussed mainly the growth and function of organizations in the European homophile movement and compared this to similar organizations in the U. S. Van Mechelen was for many years vice president and board member of the Cultuur en Oostspannings Centrum (C.O.C.) of Amsterdam, the world's largest homophile organization with at present more than 2300 members. He was also affiliated with Dutch Sexual Reform movements whose activities were centered upon education of the public in matters of planned parenthood, which he described as only a euphemistic label for birth control.

Significantly, van Mechelen's of European homophile movements pointed up many parallels with the same groups of the U. S. today — although for the most part, U. S. counterparts were born on the West Coast a few years later than the beginnings in Europe. Der Kreis of Zurich began in 1936 (and was founded by a woman although the organization is all male now); C.O.C. began in Holland in 1945; Mattachine, in the U. S. was started in 1950; One, Inc., took form in 1952, and Daughters of Bilitis was organized in 1955 or 1956. U. S. organizations, it was shown, are more "out-going" in their educational efforts than the European organizations. The latter mostly serve the needs of homosexuals themselves, and place considerably more emphasis on the social aspects.

I.C.S.E., with its biennial congresses, attempts to create a neutral and open platform for exchange of information among scientific and academic people in the World, especially in Western Europe, and has achieved remarkable success in this, van Mechelen said. Such an international organization was required in order to draw together research experts and sexologists from the many small Western European countries, a function none of the individual organizations were capable of doing alone, he said.

While in San Francisco on his brief coast-to-coast tour, van Mechelen attended a reception at the home of a San Francisco member with some 25 officers and leaders of the San Francisco Area Council, professional consultants, etc., present. He also conferred with national officers while here and worked out details for proposed financial arrangements for a continued active affiliation of Mattachine Society with I.C.S.E. on a supporting membership basis. This will involve sale of Mattachine Review and other publications in Amsterdam for credit on this membership, and a cash payment based upon membership strength to be made if and as approved by the Board of Directors. This arrangement is exactly the same as worked out with One, Inc., and upon the basis of the dues-paying "members" (of Mattachine) and "friends" (of One).

American I.C.S.E. affiliates are to receive additional benefits from their affiliation. Principally will be a translation service for us from I.C.S.E., where news reports, analysis of trends on sexological matters, and certain articles appearing in foreign magazines, chiefly O.C.O.'s "Vriendship," will be recorded on sound tape in English for use in the Review and other Mattachine publications.

Van Mechelen's tour to the West Coast was financed by Mattachine Area Councils and One, Inc. Total cost of the San Francisco portion exceeded $250, including transportation for van Mechelen, hotel, hall rental, sound system, recording tape, newspaper and direct mail advertising. More than half of the expense was raised by special contributions and pledges, plus donations received at the door ($78).

San Francisco attendance was more than double that of any other audience who heard the Dutch sexological spokesman. In New York, 22 were present; 34 attended in Denver, and from 6 to 12 persons attended each of the three lectures van Mechelen made to the Institute of Homophile Studies of One in Los Angeles.

This was van Mechelen's second visit to San Francisco, and probably as hectic a trip as he said he made here two decades ago. He did take a 50-mile tour of the city, visited Author Gavin Arthur and reviewed his manuscript for the book, "The Circle of Sex," and was taken on a short nightlife tour to the Purple Onion and Black Cat.

Van Mechelen considered Mattachine fortunate in its affiliated setup which permitted the Society and its magazine to have so close at hand facilities for issuing its publications under close supervision and production by the in-group staff. This plan had been investigated before in Holland, he said, but was not adopted because the group could not come up with the necessary capital and production skills to implement it. In a movement which depends so much for its expression and promotion through the medium of the printed word, van Mechelen said, it is extremely important to have facilities for production with speed close at hand.

JOHN GASTON IS OCTOBER DISCUSSION SPEAKER

"Psychodynamics of Group Processes" is a high-sounding title for the
October 1 discussion forum to be presented Thursday evening, October 1, at the Friends Center, 1830 Sutter Street, 8 p.m. Gaston is a staff member of Accredited Counseling Service, San Francisco, a firm which specializes in vocational guidance counseling, career aptitude testing, group therapy work, and personal adjustment problems. His topic will chiefly relate to a topic presented recently by the Kronhausens, at which they discussed the hope of establishing some regular, small "group sessions" in which individual problems will be handled on a therapy or "educational-acceptance" basis.

This will be the last monthly meeting at the Friends Center, since the building is to once more become the Japanese YMCA, and the Friends will have to relinquish it within a very few weeks. A location for future monthly meetings has not been selected.

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Research Director Wallace de Orlage, Maxay of Fresno was a San Francisco visitor recently and while here he outlined the Daily Committee his plans for accelerating the facilities for an extensive program of stimulating research in the sexological problem areas under auspices of the Mattachine Society. Briefly, his plans call for a set of special projects and contacts to raise funds to get the department on a staffed basis and to make available to the research experts on university faculties, in the professions, etc., the source material of the Mattachine and people associated with it. He will also compile a complete story covering all Mattachine accomplishments in the fields of research and community service to date.

LITTLE NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

Dr. Blanche Baker, still in a wheelchair, but looking better every time she gets off the McLaren Park Hill, attended the Floris van Mechelen lecture . . . She had some pointed comments to make in the question period, underscoring her favorite "homosexuals are people, too" idea gleaned from 30 years of successful counseling . . . Mrs. Bernice Angle, research assistant of Karl Mc Bowman, M.D., professor emeritus of medicine, University of California School of Medicine, was a staff member of the Friends Area Office, and the Friends will have to relinquish it within a very few weeks. A location for future monthly meetings has not been selected.
high total of New York in 1958 by only a few bucks... SFAC members are talking about the need for additional fund-raising gimmicks to get the money to make up the expense of the recent van Mechemelen lecture, but so far the comment is unanimous that it was an outstanding and highly valuable public presentation... The decision to bring the speaker to the West Coast was a convention motion that carried... One of the new Board members, whose name appeared in print in Denver, reports some embarrassment from it, but we're glad he has made his decision and is sticking by it...

OCTOBER 24 IS PARTY DATE - DON'T MISS IT!

A Hallowe'en celebration of sorts will be the theme of the San Francisco Area Council's party on Saturday evening, October 24, but the Area Council is quick to add that the event is not a "drag ball." It will be held in the usual tradition of good taste at the home of the Chairman, 1700 Diamond Street, beginning at 8 p.m. on the above date. Circle it now on your calendar - don't forget it.

As stated elsewhere in this newsletter, SFAC parties have built a unique and valued reputation for all of the benefits enjoyed by any typical group of people: Good fellowship, a pleasant atmosphere, enjoyable entertainment and refreshments. Each successive event brings reports of a good time for all, and within the framework of behavior standards acceptable anywhere. All members, their wives, friends and associates are invited. Don't phone us Sunday and ask why you didn't know about it - mark the date down now and be there Saturday night, October 24. (Door donation - $1.00; refreshments on donation basis).

PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT GETS HEAVY SCHEDULE

Publications department of the National office, whose production work falls heavily upon the San Francisco Area Council, will have a heavy schedule during the forthcoming months. Scheduled for revision and revamping into standard typographical format are the following:

- Yellow Booklet (General Information, "Matachine Society Today")
- Blue Booklet (Constitution and By-laws)
- "In Case You Didn't Know" Folder
- "What Does Matachine Do?" Folder
- Publications Catalog—1960 Edition
- Education Handbook

Newly scheduled on the Publications list are:

- White Booklet (Administrative Handbook)
- Brochure, "Break-Through in the Conspiracy of Silence (Completed)
- Standard Bookkeeping forms and Financial Report Forms, for Area Councils
- Bi-Monthly National Promotion Items for mailing list

Interim, in order to contain the reports of the convention, the address of the Secretary-General, financial statement and other items, was expanded to 24 pages for September.
Calendar of events

NOVEMBER 1959

5--Thursday--Monthly Public Discussion Forum: Walter Winter, attorney for the Mattachine Society, will lead a discussion on topics of current interest. Friends Center, 1830 Sutter 8 P.M.

18--Wednesday--Regular Monthly Business Meeting SFAC office, 693 Mission Street, 8 P.M.

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5--Saturday--All Day, 693 Mission Street: Second Annual Publications Day Seminar. Topic: "Should Americans read about Homosexuality?" Panel discussion with experienced moderator, display of sexological literature (open to Society members, public officials, press representatives, and professional guests only) and evening banquet with featured speaker from the sexological field. Price for all events, including dinner approx. $6.50. Details will be announced.

16--Wednesday--Regular Monthly Business Meeting SFAC office, 693 Mission Street, 8 P.M.

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The second annual Publications Day Seminar on December 5 will carry on the Mattachine Seminar Series and set the pattern for others planned for 1960. Each seminar is conceived as a day-long event with a panel of experts coping with some single problem of each department of the Society. It is hoped that a "seminar series" day can be planned for each department at least once a year.

Many details still need to be worked out for next year's series, but so far the SFAC members have responded with enthusiasm. The plans for the Publications Day Seminar are well under way and a large number of prominent professional people and civic leaders have shown interest. We hope that the other seminars of the series will continue to elicit the support of the members and the cooperation of the community.

HAL CALL TO ADDRESS DENVER AREA COUNCIL NOVEMBER 21

Combining a brief vacation with a business trip to Denver, Hal Call will spend about five days in that city in late November and will address the members of the Denver Area Council on November 21. His subject has been announced as "Who is afraid of what?" Hal plans to remain in Denver for the area council business meeting and hopes to be able to talk with all Mattachine members and friends personally.

ELECTION PARTY HELD AT AREA COUNCIL OFFICE

Almost 25 men and women attended the Area Council's impromptu "Election Party" on the evening of Tuesday, November 3. They heard returns on the San Francisco municipal election over TV and radio, and by 11 p.m., it was all over because Incumbent Mayor Christopher had decisively defeated Assessor Russell Wolden. Wolden never was ahead of Christopher in any reported returns.

Next day the newspapers scored Wolden's "dumping" by voters because of his introduction of the "sex deviate" issue which disgusted the electorate, and cost him many votes. The CHRONICLE reported a conversation of blame among Wolden backers and his campaign manager, Publicist Harry Lerner. Typical of the aftermath is the expression contained in the following editorial which appeared in the CHRONICLCE on Thursday, November 5th.

What the Vote Means

THE CONVINCING 50,000 plurality by which the voters returned Mayor Christopher to office on Tuesday says plainly that the people of San Francisco are abundantly satisfied with his administration.

It says, emphatically, that they appreciate the diligence and vigor with which he conducted their city's affairs in the last four years—a period marked notably by a vast improvement in the efficiency and morale of the Police Department.

It seems also to say that voters are neither so gullible as some professional campaign managers appear to believe nor so indifferent to the principles that by tradition and charter govern the municipal elections. Assessor Wolden chose to put his campaign on a partisan basis and run for this nonpartisan office as a Democrat. The strategy, aimed at the two-to-one Democratic majority in registration, failed so signally that he received less than 40 per cent of the vote. As for the misguided attempt to bring sex deviation forward as a campaign issue—this did not deceive the electorate but was rather a cause of disgust and anger that alienated many a potential Wolden supporter.

The unsuccessful candidate then fell back upon the tired device of accusing the press that reported and commented adversely upon this maneuver. He cried out that the newspapers were in a conspiracy against him—a cry that could not fail to amuse those familiar with the history of the local press and its chronic disability to agree on political issues or candidates. In this respect, Tuesday's balloting must have been as illuminating to the candidate as it was chastening to us. The two incumbent Supervisors who did not have unanimous newspaper support led the ticket.
PUBLIC FORUMS PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

The November public forum discussion group will be the last held at the Friends Center, 1830 Sutter Street, and will feature a discussion led by Walter Winter on topics of current interest to us all. Mr. Winter is the attorney for the Mattachine Society and is representing our interests in the recent campaign issue and its aftermath.

In December, the Annual Publications Day Seminar will take the place of the usual monthly public forum discussion. This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, and will include a full-day of seminars, discussions, displays of publications and other affairs. The topic for this year's event is: "Should Americans read about Homosexuality?". The three-part program will feature a panel discussion with four professional people and an experienced moderator (this will be open to the general public); a display of literature and periodicals (closed to the public, but open to members, public officials, press representatives and professional guests); and an evening dinner with a speaker prominent in the field of sexological research. Anticipated price for the event, including dinner, will be approximately $6.30.

DR. HOOKER A VISITOR

Dr. Evelyn Hooker, research psychologist from UCLA, was a visitor in San Francisco and met with Mattachine officers and members several times. In an informal session on October 24, Dr. Hooker conferred with the doctors Kronhausen, Dr. Wallace Maxey, Dr. Henri Lormier, and members of the society. Among those present were: McDonald Sardeson, Hal Call, Don Lucas, H. Foster Jr., and Steve Kellogg.

After an afternoon of city sight-seeing and a dinner at Koe's Auberge restaurant, Dr. Hooker attended the SFAC Halloween party. On the evening of October 26, Dr. Hooker met again with officers of Mattachine and the Daughters of Bilitis in a discussion of future plans, including the proposed seminar series.

"LEDA AND THE SWAN" FLYING TO NEW YORK

The Drs. Kronhausen are flying to New York on a jet flight to attend meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex and to attend to some business connected with the recent publication of their book "Pornography and the Law". They have also been invited to appear on some television programs on National networks.

The Kronhausen's are taking with them their much-publicized painting of "Leda and the Swan" to have it examined and appraised by art experts. The painting caused quite a sensation when it was examined by a west coast art dealer and valued at a figure that ranged into the tens of thousands. A painting from an Italian school, it is quite possible that it may prove to be a masterpiece of Renaissance art.

HAL CALL SPEAKS AT SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE

October 14 was the date of a speech by Hal Call before the Spartan YMCA group at San Jose State College. This was the final session in a series of panel discussions on the subject "Sex and Moral Values". Other speakers were Dr. Frances Underwood, anthropologist at Stanford University, and Dr. Arturo Fallico, Professor of Philosophy at San Jose State. Mr. Call, who is publications director for the Mattachine Society, said that although intercourse between married couples and autoerotics is (legally) accepted, almost any other sex act is considered a legal and moral deviation by our society. More than 100 young men and women attended the discussion. The San Jose Mercury gave the event good newspaper coverage and also printed an interview with Mr. Call.

DON LUCAS TO SPEAK IN LOS ANGELES AND PHOENIX

Don Lucas, Mattachine's secretary general, will visit Los Angeles November 6th and then go on to Phoenix, Arizona for a five-day visit. He will meet with members of the Los Angeles area council and with members and friends in Phoenix to discuss the plans of Mattachine for the coming year and to report on the activities underway.

SECOND PRINTING OF "GAY BAR"

Helen P. Branson's perennially popular book "Gay Bar" has gone into a second printing and should be off the press on October 27. The first edition, printed by Pan Graphic Press in 1957, has been a collector's item for some time and this second printing will fill the needs of the many people who have requested copies. Mrs. Branson's sprightly style, warm humanity and penetrating insight will continue to delight readers for years to come, and Dr. Blanche Baker's informative introduction is a concise vignette in itself.

MATTACHINE SEMINAR SERIES PLAN APPROVED BY SFAC

At its business session on October 21, the SF Area Council approved a plan for a series of seminars to be held during the coming year. Retroactively, the address on September 28 by Floris van Molen of Amsterdam has been listed as the first in the series originating from the West Coast. Mr. van Molen is president of the Foundation International Committee for Sexual Equality.
**PSYCHODYNAMICS** DISCUSSION CREATES LIVELY GROUP

John Gaston, counselor on the staff of Accredited Counseling Service, San Francisco, was speaker at the October 1 Public Discussion Forum of the San Francisco Area Council at the Friends Center. The meeting, announced to be the last to be held at that location, was actually next to the last as the November 5 forum will also be held there before the Friends move from that location on November 15. (See calendar.)

Gaston's topic, "Psychodynamics of Group Processes," was more of a discussion free-for-all with all but 2 of the 21 persons present coming forth with questions of comments. Gaston guided the discussion and vividly illustrated how the individual reacts within a group. He kept the comment along lines of personal adjustment, self-acceptance and tolerance for those who may be different within the framework of a single minority.

The Area Council is grateful for Gaston's appearance, and appreciates his interest in our projects. The firm he represents specializes in counseling on personal problems, vocational guidance and aptitude testing.

**FIFTY PERSONS PRESENT AT AUTOGRAPH PARTY**

Autographs by authors Eberhard and Phyllis Kronhausen were written in 44 copies of "Pornography and the Law" on October 18 at Dorian Book Service when the book was presented in a pre-publication autograph party. The book is a new release from Ballantine in New York and went on general sale in the San Francisco Bay Area on October 26.

Within the first week, Dorian Books had mailed out or sold more than 200 copies of the edition, largely in response to an extensive direct-mail campaign. By the end of October, mail orders were still coming in at the rate of about 100 daily.

**SAN FRANCISCO AREA MEMBERSHIP IS NOW OVER 100**

The first member to break the "over 100" mark signed his application for membership at the Area Council Hallowe'en Party on October 24. Since then other new members have brought the SPAC membership up to 104.

**AREA COUNCIL HALLOWE'EN PARTY A SUCCESS**

An Hallowe'en fund raising party held October 24 at the home of the SPAC chairman drew a crowd of 65 members and guests and raised a net sum of $100 to aid in covering area expenses. Many distinguished visitors attended including Dr. Hooker from Los Angeles. Many of the Daughters of Bilitis attended. The evening was devoted to conversation and dancing; refreshments were served and there were many excellent opportunities for the exchange of ideas. The SPAC plans to hold these social gatherings regularly in the future, as they provide an informal setting for members of Mattachine, the Daughters of Bilitis and their friends to get acquainted and discuss topics of interest.

**MATTACHINE SOCIETY IN THE NEWS**

The Mattachine Society came in for some unexpected publicity when Russell Wolder, last-minute-Democrat candidate for mayor in the SF majority race, accused incumbent Mayor George Christopher of providing an hospitable atmosphere for homosexuals in San Francisco, and of allowing the Mattachine Society (which Wolder termed "the national organization of homosexuals in this country") to make San Francisco its national headquarters.

The response of the three major daily newspapers of SF was fast and indignant that such an issue should be brought into the campaign. In general, newspaper coverage of Mattachine was accurate and fair, and contact between the press and officers of Mattachine was, as always, very cordial and informative to both parties.

As a result of this publicity, the Mattachine offices in San Francisco have been deluged with telephone calls and visits from friends, well-wishers, curiosity seekers and others. Most of the comment so far (including several letters-from-readers in the press) has expressed support of the Mattachine's aims, appreciation for its efforts and accomplishments and interest in its future.

**JANUARY SPAC MEETINGS AND FORUMS TO BE ON FRIDAYS**

At the October 21 business meeting of the SPAC, it was voted to change the business meetings from Wednesday nights to Friday nights, and the Public Discussion Forums from Thursday Nights to Fridays. It was hoped that Friday might prove to be more convenient for all members of the area, especially those living out of San Francisco, and that the new "Mattachine night" will draw more participation in the public discussion forums.

**MANY SAN FRANCISCO VISITORS**

Mattachine has had many visitors recently including Jim Kepner of ONE, Dr. Evelyn Hooker, research psychologist from UCLA, Ken Burns of Los Angeles (Mattachine chairman from 1953 to 1956), Dal McIntire of ONE, Dr. Wallace Maxey, Mattachine director of research from Fresno, and a number of other out-of-town members or friends.
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5 --- Saturday --- Second Annual Publications Day Seminar
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Panel Discussion: "Should Americans Read About Sex?"
beginning at 2:00 P.M. in the Princess Room
Display of Homophile Magazines and other Sexological
Publications at 4:00 P.M. in the Princess Room
Cocktails at 6:00 P.M. in the Regent Room
Evening banquet beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the Jade
Room.
Full details in enclosed program. Advance reservations
are advised.

16 --- Wednesday --- Regular Monthly Business Meeting at the
San Francisco Area Council Office, 693 Mission Street,
San Francisco at 8 P.M.

19 --- Christmas Party for all Mattachine members & friends,
1700 Diamond Street. (#35 bus at Castro and Market to
28th and Diamond Streets.) $1.00 Donation at door;
refreshments on donation basis; raffle!!!!
Starting at 8:30 P.M.

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8 --- Monthly Public Discussion Forum: details to be announced.
HAL CALL BACK FROM DENVER TRIP

Hal Call combined a brief vacation with a few business duties in his late November trip to Denver. Addressing the members of the Denver Area Council on November 21st, Hal's topic, "Who's Afraid of What?" was well received.

CENSORSHIP OF THE NEWSSTANDS

Recently the San Francisco Bay area has witnessed the creation of two groups who aim to "drive obscene literature off the newsstands". The Smut Vigilantes of San Francisco organized themselves as a (seemingly) militant group after several public meetings which drew a moderate number of supporters.

In San Mateo County, the San Mateo County Citizens for Decent Literature was formed after an issue of the national magazine "Playboy" was declared objectionable and removed from the newsstands of the county. The "Citizens" have issued lists of obscene or objectionable pocket books and also a list of objectionable magazines.

Coincidentally, the Mattachine Society's Second Annual Publications Day Forum had chosen for its topic, "Should Americans Read About Sex?" and it would seem from the public interest in the issue of censorship that the topic is well chosen and the timing of the Seminar little short of masterly.

Mrs. Molly Minudril, an Attorney at Law and President of the San Francisco Vigilante Committee for Decent Literature has agreed to be a panelist on the Mattachine Seminar Discussion.

See enclosed folder for full details.

MATTACHINE LIBRARY

The library is being reorganized and your cooperation is needed to keep it in order. Directions and rules for the use of the library are posted above the card catalog. Please read and observe. Note especially that when returning a book, you should cross your name off the card and put the book back on the shelf after first replacing the card in the book.

Some books are overdue and should be returned. Many books have been lost. Please check to see whether you have any of the following: A Year with the Secret Police, Strange Friends, Finisterre, The Tower and the Abyss, Trials of Oscar Wilde, Barbarism and Sexual Freedom, Special Friendships, The Last of the Wines, The World Within, Sexual Deviations, Judge Not, Gay Bar or Sam.

If you find any of these, return them to the Secretary General at once.

Some of the books in the library do not belong to the Society, but are the property of individual members who have been kind enough to loan rare or hard-to-find books for the benefit of the membership in general. If any of your books are in the library, please be sure that your name is in them and not the stamp of the Mattachine Society.

We have a number of copies of some titles. We plan to keep two copies of each title and offer the extra copies to other chapters of the Society. We hope, also, to obtain from other chapters some duplicates of titles we do not have.

There are a few books in the library that are not pertinent to the Society's fields of interest and we may auction these off to the members at a future business meeting. Money obtained from any such sale will be used to purchase additional titles for the Library.

At present there is no fund for buying new books for the Library. You can assist us and contribute to the education and enjoyment of others by: 1. Giving appropriate titles to the library. 2. Giving us other books which we can auction off. 3. Donating funds for purchase of new books.

At the regular business meeting of November 18th, a new librarian was appointed. Walt has already assumed his duties, displaying competence and professional skill. Your assistance will be much appreciated.
CHRISTMAS BENEFIT RAFFLE

A raffle will be conducted in conjunction with the Mattachine Christmas Party; the awards being presented on December 19th Saturday Night at 12:00 P.M. (See Calendar of Events for details on the party.)

The awards will be: First - A cockatoo - fabulous tropical bird. Second - A beautiful early 18th century painting. Third - Set of four fine Swedish crystal glasses. Others to be announced. (It is not necessary to be present at the drawing to receive an award... but think of the fun you'll miss if you don't attend the Christmas Party!)

Contributions 25¢ --- 5 for $1.00.

PERSONAL DISCUSSION GROUP SESSIONS ANNOUNCED

John Gaston, a staff member of the Accredited Counseling Service at 625 Market Street (Suite 901) San Francisco has announced that he will be leading a series of personal discussion group sessions starting the first week in January 1960. Mr. Gaston spoke to the Mattachine public on October 1st on "Psychodynamics of Group Processes" with enormous success. Anyone interested in these group therapy sessions should contact Mr. Gaston. Telephone EXbrook 7-3750.

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The MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC., is an educational, research, and social service organization, non-profit and non-partisan, founded in the public interest for the purpose of studying and seeking solution to the personal and social problems of the people of homosexual and bisexual orientation. The national headquarters is at 693 Mission St., San Francisco 5, Calif. Other branches are located in New York City, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Phoenix, and Los Angeles.

KPPA TO BROADCAST PUBLICATIONS DAY SEMINAR

On February 12 Radio Station KPFA(FM), Berkeley, will broadcast the Panel discussion on "Should Americans Read About Sex?", from the Mattachine Publications Day Seminar held last December. KPPA staff member Elsa Knight Thompson was moderator of the discussion. Those who were there will remember the lively exchange that took place between the panelists, and especially between Mrs. Molly Minudri, a local advocate of censorship, and Dr. Phyllis Kronhausen, an ardent advocate of complete freedom to read. The other panelists—Dr. Wallace Maxey and attorneys Charles Garry and Walter Winter—all had important things to say about the effects of reading about sex, and the role of the law in regulating our activities. Members who were not present at the discussion will now have a chance to find out what went on.
On the evening of the 12th there will be a listening party at the Mattachine offices. We expect to be open straight through, so come down when you can. Refreshments will be available. Broadcast time is 10:30 P.M. If you cannot make it to the office, tune in to 94.1 or 89.3 MC on your FM radio.

VALENTINE PARTY TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 6TH

On Saturday evening the 6th the SFAC is sponsoring a party for its members and friends. The party is going to be a benefit for the national library as one-half of any profits will be given to the fund for buying new books. There will be a buck donation charged at the door for all non-members. Members will not be required to donate but....

The party will be held at 1700 Diamond Street. The starting time is 8:00 P.M. and the finish will be 2:00 A.M. For those who will come via public transportation, take either a K or L streetcar up to the Twin Peaks Tunnel and transfer there (Market and Castro streets) to the No. 35 Eureka Valley bus and get off at 28th and Diamond Streets.

NOTES FROM THE LAST JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING

At the January Business Meeting it was decided to donate to the national organization the postage stamps they borrowed from us. In other words fellows, you don't have to return them! It was also decided to help share the cost of the public relations cocktail party to be held after the ONE Institute banquet. To encourage more members to come to our parties, approval was given to a motion not to require a donation but that we would still charge a donation from non-members. We decided to donate half the profits from our next party to the fund for the national library.

APOLOGIES TO LOS ANGELES, BUT ITS TRUE

The Bulletin of the First Presbyterian Church of Burbank prints an oath of aggrievance: "I pledge allegiance to the County of Los Angeles, and to the smog under which it stands; one county, invisible, with misery and discomfort for all."

On Friday, January 6th, friends and members of the SFAC were fortunate to have heard Jim Garner of Accredited Counseling Service (of San Francisco) speak to us on Vocational Guidance and aptitude Testing.

It wasn't so much a prepared speech but rather an open question and answering period during which Mr. Garner gave some short talks. There were several questions about employment questionnaires and whether one should bring up arrests and conviction histories. Mr. Garner said that in most cases you shouldn't but if you are applying for governmental work then you'll be found out so don't hide them there.

Mr. Garner also gave some tips on how to best conduct yourself while taking job aptitude tests. His comments, very much worth passing on, were that you shouldn't spend too much time on questions you don't know--you aren't penalized for guessing. If you guess, don't change your answer, 70% of the time you'll be wrong the second time. Don't try to second guess the questions and seek what they really mean, almost all tests are straightforward in questions with no ambiguity intended. Don't tailor your answers--you'll get tripped up every time--you can't beat the tests--so be yourself.

OUR LIBRARY IS NOW IN SHIP-SHAPE ORDER

Our new librarian (he's also co-editor of the Newsletter) reports he has finished bringing the catalog up-to-date again. He says his chief worry now is getting some members to return books they have had for months. "It may be necessary to take some sort of punitive action against these people who show no consideration for other members," he agonized. (So stop twisting my arm, it's hard to type this with one-finger --I'll return the book--I'll return the book) The library is still far too small but it continues to grow slowly and has now almost outgrown the available shelves--all we need is someone to put up more. (any carpenters in the crowd?)
The January issue of the Denver Area Council Newsletter featured their second silk-screened cover. They now have not only the best written letter but have the distinction of being the most attractively produced one as well. To all concerned with putting out this fine newsletter go our congratulations (and envy too)! Roland Howard (he has had several articles printed in the REVIEW with one coming up in February on the Publications Day Seminar) and David L. Daniels are the co-editors. On January 16th at their Monthly Discussion Forum the Denver area heard an address by Mr. Charles S. Milligan, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics at the Iliff School of Theology. Mr. Milligan's talk was on "Social Cohesion and Individual Differences."

Detroit's fine Newsletter has been conspicuous by its very absence! They have a fine mimeographed letter spiced with some very jolly humor.

In their January letter the New York area announced the start of a film program series. Two films with homosexual overtones are to inaugurate this series and will be shown on February 6. They are "Narcissus" (a dramatic study of self-love) and "Lafcadio" (a study of the problems of teenagers).

Veteran member of Mattachine Eric V. has just returned from self-imposed exile in Europe and is ready to jump into Mattachine activities again. He asks that anyone knowing about a job for him pass the info to him via the N.H. Welcome back Eric.

This ad appeared in situations wanted columns here: "Yg. man. no ties. prefer adventure to daily grind. Will train. Not Gay."

Hollywood has tiptoed quietly around the subject of homosexuality again, in "Suddenly Last Summer." If I had not read the reviews before seeing the picture I probably would not have known what was supposed to be going on, myself. I wonder whether they will ever do an honest film on the subject? 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. The picture is entertaining, though—the plot centers around the mysterious death of a homosexual whose whole problem was that his Weltanschauung, like that of the Nazis, was based on biological theories fifty years out of date.
The first national convention of the Daughters of Bilitis, Inc., will be held in San Francisco May 27-30, 1960—and a cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends of The Mattachine Society, Inc., and ONE, Inc., to attend.

Theme for the convention is "A Look at the Lesbian." Sessions on Saturday, May 28, will be held at the Whitcomb Hotel in the Vista Room. Price for the day's activities will be $12.50 per person which includes the cost of the luncheon and banquet. Drinks during the cocktail hour are not included.

DOB would appreciate it if as many as possible of those planning to attend would register as far in advance as possible, preferably including at least a $5.00 deposit with their advance registration. The total amount must be paid prior to the convention.

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The above is still tentative, as noted, but the general format of the day's activities will remain much the same. Additional information will be forthcoming as time progresses.

We hope you will all plan to attend.

ANOTHER FOR THE JOKE DEPARTMENT

Overheard the other day was the following definitions.

NEUROTIC: One who builds castles in the air.
PSYCHOTIC: One who lives in these castles.
PSYCHIATRIST: Landlord who collects the rent on them!
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March 12 (Tuesday)—Regular Business Meeting: San Francisco Area Council Office—693 Mission Street—San Francisco—8 p.m.

March 18 (Friday)—Regular Business Meeting: San Francisco Area Council Office—693 Mission Street—San Francisco—8 p.m.

March 20 (Sunday)—D.O.B. St. Patrick's Day Brunch: For reservations call Yukon 2-9290 by March 16. Location will be given at that time. 11—2 p.m.

March 24 (Thursday)—Berkely Music Meeting: 1325 Arch Street, Berkeley—8 p.m. (This is the first meeting of a new group.)

APRIL

April 1 (Friday)—Public Discussion Meeting: Time and place and program to be announced.

April 15 (Friday)—Regular Business Meeting: San Francisco Area Council Office—693 Mission Street—San Francisco—8 p.m.

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 officers 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, and A Room in Chelsea Square.
CRIBBED FROM THE OTHER AREAS

DENVER:
At their February 20th Discussion Forum the area heard
Mr. Frank C. Dillon Chief Probation Officer, Denver Dis­
trict Courts, who spoke on his experiences in a talk en­
titled "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 in­
terest Mr. Murrow in narrating this program.

Two Newsletters from Detroit came in during the past month.

DETOIT:
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 acti­

vities. 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 tight chains on your tongue; always say less than you think. Cultivate a low,
permissive 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 im­
portance.
5. Be cheerful. Keep the 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 oth­
ner's vices. Discourage gossip. Make it a rule to say nothing of another un­
less 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 disposition are a common cause of back­biting.
10. Do your work, be patient and keep your disposition sweet, forget self, and you
will be rewarded.

THE GAVEL RAPS

BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

At the regular business Meeting of the
SFAC held on February 19th the follow­
ing items came up and the following
decisions were made.

The high cost of renting a public room
in hotels for the Public Discussion Meet­
ings came up. Because of this cost and
our lower attendance figures it was de­
cided 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.

The method of using the $81.06 Library
Fund, if the proceeds from the Valen­
tine's Day, came up for discussion. The
members called upon the Librarian to im­
plement 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.

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 be be
designated as the anniversary date of the
founding of the Society but nothing was
done on this item for the present.

A vote was taken and approval given to
ask Ar. R. Russell L. Wolden to be our
speaker at our April Public Discus­

The City and the Pillar, a five
play (Tennessee Williams and Gore Vidal)
do not merely touch upon the subject, but
deal directly with the sub|ect, and the
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
are not bound to struggle with such a
constraining force as the screen's cen­
sorship code.

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

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

We have it on good authority that those
rumors about Mac S. are not true.
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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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.
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MATTACHINE IS TEN YEARS OLD

The Mattachine Movement was born in Los Angeles during the month of April in 1950, with the start of the Mattachine Foundation. During these past ten years the Mattachine idea has spread throughout the U. S. with offices and chapters now located in New York City; Boston; Washington, D.C.; Chicago; Detroit; Denver; Phoenix and San Francisco (which has been the National Headquarters since its being moved here from Los Angeles in January 1957).

During 1953 there was a new movement to turn the Foundation into a democratic membership organization which gave rise to the present Mattachine Society. The Society was chartered by the State of California as a non-profit educational organization on March 24, 1954. Its monthly (since Jan. 1957) publication, the Mattachine Review, started in January 1955 but was preceded by the San Francisco and Los Angeles Newsletters whose first issues came out in August and July of 1953.

Some of the founders of Mattachine have had grave doubts about such an organization meeting with success but they have seen those doubts proved unfounded. Mattachine continues to grow slowly but surely. Some members of the old Foundation realizing the need for a voice for the movement, were among those who originally founded One, of the cycle and calls them opposites.

April 1 (Friday)—Monthly Public Discussion Forum: A tape recording of a speech by the Honorable Robert E. Allen, Majority Floor Leader of the Colorado House of Representatives, will be played. Place: Area Council Lounge, 693 Mission Street. Time: 8:00 P.M.

April 9 (Saturday)—10th Anniversary Party, 1700 Diamond Street (See page 6 for detailed directions on how to get there) at 8:00 P.M.

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DR. ZEFF ON MASCULINITY AND FEMININITY

It is interesting to see how the insights of some of our students of human behavior are coming to parallel those of some of the Eastern philosophies. Unfortunately these insights run far ahead of scientific knowledge and they often seem to be as much influenced by the eastern philosophies as by science. Until they have a firm basis in scientific knowledge such psychological insights, however valuable, cannot be cited as scientific corroboration of those philosophies.

At our March Public Discussion Forum meeting we heard a particularly stimulating approach to this problem outlined by Leo J. Zeff, Ph.D., a psychologist from Berkeley. Dr. Zeff spoke on "Masculinity and Femininity," but his talk had little to do with the differences between men and women. He emphasized that most of the differences that we expect to find between the sexes are not biological, but rather are culturally determined roles played by each sex. The only real biological difference between the sexes is the role played in reproduction.

Life is a process, Dr. Zeff says, involving constant change. Change occurs in cycles. Man sees the extremes of the cycle and calls them opposites. Actually these two aspects of the cycle are not in opposition to each other, but rather they flow naturally and rhythmically into one another, as night into day. Conflict arises in man when he interprets this natural unity as a dichotomy. Clearly Dr. Zeff is on the side
of Zen, rather than that of Aristotle-Aquinas-Hegel-Marx.

Masculinity and femininity represent for Dr. Zeff different aspects of the same cyclic process. Both are present in everyone and both must be allowed to flower for the full development of the individual. An understanding of the principle of masculinity-femininity (or receptivity-activity) "as it relates to each individual, male or female, is the key to a fruitful and creative life regardless of the outer circumstances of one's life.

"The 'masculine' principle (activity) is a very active process requiring a considerable amount of energy to achieve. It involves the process of emptying out all preconceptions, prejudices, thoughts, and any other kind of mental activity, and presenting oneself open-mindedly, or 'tabula rasa,' to an experience in order to absorb it as it really is. It requires a state of perfect openness to the stimulus so that it can be perceived in its entirety, just as it is. It is complete and unmediated. The receptivity-activity is the child-like state of complete experience of the experience at hand, with no self-consciousness; no division between experience and experiencer; just as a unified whole. It is the ultimate expression of participation in life. With this attitude, there can be genuine spontaneity of response because there are no critical censors in the picture, suspiciously guarding, or self-consciously inhibiting."

"The 'masculine' principle (activity) is demonstrated in the response to what was experienced in the receptive state. It is the spontaneous reaction from within the receiver. It also involves action: psychic, verbal, physical, or any combination thereof, which has a quality of decisiveness in it: that is, no wavering or indecision. It is part of the total 'stimulus-response' experience, and the activity of response is based upon the reality of what was presented and received. It is a realistic and appropriate response to life because it takes into account the other person or situation as an integral part of the whole experience. There is not the separation produced by defensive, fearful, anticipatory thinking. In other words, one is really "with it," and not a detached, critical observer.

"The principle of 'receptivity-activity' involves being receptive to an experience; being receptive to the spontaneous response that would come from within; responding spontaneously, and acting appropriately on this response. It is in helping to discriminate what action, if any, is appropriate that the mind can operate creatively."

Actually living according to the receptivity-activity principle is difficult, because it requires a fundamental reorientation of our thought processes. It requires transforming ourselves from cerebral beings to natural, human beings. In doing this we must rely on our own experiences rather than on pre-conceived ideas. We must realize that all of our problems are a result of the way we think. It is easy to blame outside sources for our difficulties, but blaming only provides excuses for problems, it never solves them.

There was much more than this—much too much for us to grasp—but fortunately Dr. Zeff passed out an outline of his talk afterward. There was a rather spirited discussion of the talk, which Dr. Zeff somehow managed to keep in hand. The talk was drawn from a book which will soon be published. I am sure that all of us who were there are looking forward to the appearance of this book, so that we can examine Dr. Zeff's ideas at greater length.—John Sheldon

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**DOB Getting Ready for Next Month's Convention**

Plans are jelling rapidly for the First National Convention of the Daughters of Bilitis, Inc., to be held here in San Francisco May 27-30 in the Vista Room of the Whitcomb Hotel.

"Why the Lesbian?" will be the topic of a panel discussion moderated by Mrs. Berniece Engel of the Langley-Porter Clinic in San Francisco. Mrs. Engel has co-authored many articles on sexual deviation with Dr. Karl Bowman, former head of the Clinic.

Speakers on the panel will be Dr. Frank A. Beach of the psychology department of the University of California and co-author of the well-known book "Patterns of Sexual Behavior;" Dr. Norman Reider, head of the Psychiatric Clinic of Mt. Zion Hospital, San Francisco; Dr. Leo J. Zeff, Berkeley clinical psychologist, and Patricia Lyon of the University of California at Santa Barbara, anthropologist and archaeologist.

Another roundtable discussion will feature authors. It will be written on the Lesbian theme. These include Artemia Smith, author of "Odd Girl;" B.Hall Bruce, who with Miss Smollden wrote "The Third Sex;" and Lisa Ben, editor and publisher of the first Lesbian publication in the United States.

Of special interest to the men planning to attend will be the presentation of a study made by DOB comparing male and female homosexuals.

**Legal problems of Lesbian Couples** will be covered by Kenneth Zewia, DOB attorney, while Morris Loventhal, San Francisco attorney, will speak on "The Gay Bar in the Courts."

Other events are still being planned for the program on Saturday, May 28. The convention is open to both men and women, and reservations should be made in advance if possible. Total cost for the Saturday session will be $12.50, which includes the luncheon and day of events. Reservations, accompanied by at least a $5.00 deposit, may be made to DOB, Inc., 165 O'Farrell St., Room 405, San Francisco, Calif.

Much enthusiasm for this first DOB Convention has been expressed throughout the country. The DOB hopes you will join the others who are planning to be in San Francisco over the Memorial Day weekend to attend this outstanding event.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**

SEX AND THE LAW, by Morris Ploscowe of the New York City courts, rips into our sex laws, showing what a sordid mess they are. They not only cause grave injustice but they do not even do what they set out to do. Sex laws should encourage social stability and provide protection for individuals, but often our laws work just the other way. For instance, although marriage is the very basis of our social life, our marriage laws make it far too easy for people to enter into marriage and our divorce laws make the dissolving of marriage a legal puzzle, rather than providing for a genuine attempt at reconciliation. Our sex psychopath laws fail to protect us from truly dangerous sex criminals, while they present grave threats to civil liberties by removing some of our most important due process guarantees.

One reason for this situation is that all of our laws have just grown like weeds, without reason or co-ordination. English common law—that weird and wondrous system of precedent and tradition—is the basis of our legal system, and imposed on this there are 50 different state legal codes as well as the Federal code. It is hardly surprising that the results are unsatisfactory.

Another reason for our bad sex laws is good, old-fashioned American prudery and our national compulsion to mind other people's business. In this country we have a commendable degree of political freedom, but morally we are living in a fascist state. Perhaps the best hope for eventual improvement lies in depth analysis of American character, to discover the reasons for our deep-seated
fear of sex. It is easy enough to put the blame on Christianity, but why did Christianity fall into the anti-sexual trap?

Ploscowe believes that many of the laws forbidding specific acts are useless or worse, including laws against fornication, adultery, and homosexual intercourse. He recognizes four types of sexual activity that must be forbidden by law: Acts involving force or threats, acts involving children or adolescents, acts which outrage public decency, and prostitution. He would treat homosexual and heterosexual acts on the same basis.

In some ways Ploscowe seems unduly restrictive. He seems to accept laws forbidding racial intermarriage, and it certainly is questionable whether it is desirable or possible to control prostitution. On the whole, though, he has done an important job and done it well, and the book is recommended to Mattachine members.—John Sheldon

**ANNIVERSARY PARTY APRIL 9th**

The SFAC will hold a party on Saturday evening, April 9th at 1700 Diamond street, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Mattachine Society. The party will start at 8:00 P.M. and will run until 2:00 A.M. There will be a buck donation charged at the door to all non-members but there will be no charge to members.

All members and friends are cordially invited to attend and help make this a big celebration of our 10th Anniversary. For those who will come via public transportation, take either a K or L streetcar up to the Twin Peaks Tunnel and transfer there (Market and Castro streets) to the No. 35 Eureka Valley bus and get off at 28th and Diamond sts.

**REGISTRATIONS BEING TAKEN**

Those members wishing to register or re-register to vote in the coming State Primary Elections on June 7th can do so at the Area Council Office. One of the full-time staff members is a deputy registrar and will be glad to register anyone eligible to vote.

**WE NOW HAVE POSTAGE METER**

The National Office and the Area Council Office are now in joint possession of a new postage meter. This will make the job of mailing the REVIEW and Newsletter a lot easier by cutting down the time required to affix postage to all those envelopes each and every month.

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**THE GAVEL RAPS**

By "THE SAINT"

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The recording is of the address made by Representative Robert E. Allen of the Colorado House of Representatives. The Honorable Mr. Allen is Majority Floor leader of that body.

His speech was made at the Saturday afternoon sessions during which ACLU Attorney William F. Reynard and educator Robert Hamilton, Ph.D., were also heard. Mr. Allen’s address concerned legislative reforms needed in the sexual realm. His address is still pertinent and well worth re-hearing or hearing for the first time for those who didn’t hear him in Denver.

THE CONTINUING POST OFFICE CAMPAIGN AGAINST OBSCENITY

Reproduced below is the current cancellation from the San Francisco Post Office. A further example of Postmaster General Summerfield’s continuing battle against obscenity in the mails:

REPORT OBSCENE MAIL TO YOUR POSTMASTER

REPRINTED FROM MARCH 8, 1960 EDITION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO NEWS-CALL BULLETIN

Paul SPEEGLE

Visiting for a Spell

WHOMSOEVER PREPARES the schedule of forthcoming conventions for the S. F. Convention and Visitors’ Bureau has a sneaky sense of humor. Why else would he (or she?) have spelled “Mattachine Society” (the group dedicated to explaining homosexuality to the world—and also defeating Russ Wolden for mayor) to read “Manachine?”
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Calendar of events

MAY

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May 14 (Saturday)—Benefit Party for "poor ole Mattachine", 329 Divisadero Street (See page 6 for detailed directions on how to get there) at 8:00 P.M.

May 20 (Friday)—Regular Business Meeting, San Francisco Area Council Lounge, 693 Mission Street, at 8:00 P.M.

May 27-30 Daughters of Bilitis Convention, Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco. See Page 8 ad for further details.

JUNE

June 3 (Friday)—Monthly Public Discussion Forum: Time and place and program to be announced.

June 17 (Friday)—Regular Business Meeting, San Francisco Area Council Lounge, 693 Mission Street, at 8:00 P.M.

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Other Mattachine Society Area Councils are maintained at the following addresses, and publish monthly newsletters at $1.00 or $1.50 per year.

BOSTON AREA: P.O. Box 1499, Boston 4, Mass.

CHICAGO AREA: P.O. Box 693, Chicago 90, Ill.

DENVER AREA: P.O. Box 7035, Capitol Hill Station, Denver 6, Colo.

NEW YORK AREA: 1133 Broadway, Suite 408, New York 10, N.Y.

MAY DESIGNATED AS "MATTACHINE MEMBERSHIP MONTH"

The San Francisco Area Council has designated May as "Mattachine Membership Month." All members of the S.F.A.C. are going all out during this month to sell the Mattachine idea to new and prospective members. The goal of doubling the membership of the Area Council has been set.

Three programs are being held during the month to acquaint people with the aims and goals of the Mattachine Society. The first is the Monthly Public Discussion Forum on Friday night May 6th. Harold Call, Editor of the REVIEW and Publications Director for the Society, will give a talk on "What Mattachine Means To You." The talk will outline the Mattachine program and there will be a question and answer period at the end of the talk. All members are urged to attend this meeting AND BRING A GUEST. There will be an informal get-acquainted period after the meeting and refreshments will be available.

On Friday evening, May 13th, there will be a "New Comers Night" at the Mattachine offices. A Chile con Carne buffet supper will be served from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. and then there will be an informal orientation period followed by a fellowship and social period. There will be a moderate donation charged for the buffet and refreshments will be available afterwards. This will be a nice opportunity to meet with Society members and friends and have a pleasant evening together. BRING A GUEST to the program for he can learn about Mattachine too. (See Page 8 for details.)

The third big event during "Membership Month" is the party to be held on Saturday night, May 14th. This is another great opportunity for new people to become acquainted with others and with the Society. And because this is also a benefit party for "poor ole Mattachine" its an easy way to give Mattachine a "birthday present" during this time of great financial need. So put this on your social calendar and remember to ASK A FRIEND, or better yet, ask several friends to come along with you to the party. (See Page 6 for details.)

Enclosed with the May Newsletter is one or the other of the two brochures that tell about the Society, "What Does Mattachine Do?" and "In Case You Didn't Know." We are asking each and every Newsletter reader to give the brochure to a friend and to let him know about Mattachine. Questions will be answered and other literature is available at the office. So just call EXbrook 7-0773 and we'll be glad to help anyone out.

Let's all get behind this membership drive and help achieve the goal of doubling our membership by June 1st. Remember too, this is another way we can help get rid of the big deficit. Don't forget about the two parties on the 13th and 14th and the Public Discussion Forum meeting this Friday. Plan to attend and BRING A GUEST.
DR. BENJAMIN TO RETURN TO THE BAY AREA

Dr. Harry Benjamin, who specializes in the fields of gerontology and sexology, states that he expects to return to San Francisco in June for a period of practice during the summer months. His permanent office is located in New York City.

At the 1957 Mattachine convention and upon other occasions, Dr. Benjamin has spoken to our groups. He has also acted in an unofficial "advisory" capacity for Mattachine leaders frequently, and has written for the REVIEW. We welcome his return to the Bay Area, after an absence of more than two years.

INJURIES TAKE A TOLL

Two San Francisco personalities have been missed because of hospitalization due to serious injuries resulting in fractured bones. Jack Parrish has been hospitalized for several months and has more time ahead to be healed from a compound leg fracture inflicted when he was involved in a motor scooter accident this past winter. A.B., who moved here from Denver a few months ago, is also in the hospital recovering from a fracture received, we understand, from a fall.

Wallace M., of Fresno, reports he is back at work after some rough dental surgery. His two eye teeth were removed.

Our wish is a speedy recovery for all of these valued Mattachine friends. Information about visiting the two men in the hospital is available at the office. Why not take time off to see them real soon?

LIBRARY DONATIONS TOTAL 50 BOOKS IN A MONTH

Approximately 50 new book titles have been donated to the library within the past 30 days. Librarian John Sheldon announced recently before he left the area for the summer months.

A parcel of about 25 books arrived recently from Dick G., who in the past has been consistently the leading source of gift books.

From England came more than a dozen books from the Society's good friend, Bern W. Included in his parcels were some titles never before seen by our group in the U.S., one book in particular, 'The Cage,' which is essentially a diary of two young British soldiers who were prisoners of war in Italy during World War II.

NEW SHELVES IN MATTACHINE WORK ROOM

From lumber donated by Bob B., a new set of shelves were constructed recently in Room 304, the space occupied not long ago and which has since become the main work area for producing the Newsletter, for assembling and mailing the REVIEW, and other daily activities.

The rack of shelves replaces the unsightly collection of wooden vegetable lugs used to store periodicals and the files of Mattachine publications. Almost 50 linear feet of shelf space resulted from the arrangement, providing for half again as much storage as formerly.
P-G TO PUBLISH NEW BOOK

HARRY'S FARE & OTHER STORIES, 92 p. (approx); 3½x8½; heavy paper cover; three-color dust jacket; $2.00

"Harry's Fare and other stories," a new book of eight gay short stories and personality sketches will be issued on May 15, 1960 by Pan-Graphic Press, San Francisco, as the first number of the new "Dorian Vignettes" series.

Each story is by a different author, and each introduces one or more "characters," some good and some bad, but spread throughout all levels of society.

Harry, the cab driver who looks longingly at the nude physique of his own son, tells his wife of a strange customer he met the night before: A young man who befriended an older person he met the night before. A young spund injured and rolled, and who, after delivering the victim to a hospital, asked the cabbie where he could find a hotel. Suffering with him are his nodding and nagging wife, Grace, and Peter, Larsen, "On the Record" by Barbara Hoffman, "Not Consistent" by G. H. Foiland, and "The Steep Path" comprise the lengthy stories included in the volume. Howard's is a piercing portrayal of a hustler who is at once likeable for his charming dishonesty, and his success at being a complete phon.

Two powerful sketches complete the volume. They are "Delusion" by Heather, the soliloquy of a young girl yearning for a handsome homosexual youth who lives in the apartment above her, and "Reflections," by J. Howard Simpson, the story of Effie, who likes a certain young man because of his interest in art objects (which she shares), and in helping countless younger men whom he picks up off Times Square and other haunts in the Big City.

As in Pan-Graphic's previous collection, "Four from the Circle," these short stories will be sparked with six outstanding male figure drawings and photographs.

MATTACHINE BENEFIT PARTY

On Saturday night, May 14th, there will be a party to help "poor ole Mattachine" out of its financial hole. The party, sponsored by the San Francisco Area Council, will be at 329 Divisadero Street (between Oak and Page Streets) and will start at 8:00 P.M. and run until 2:00 A.M. There will be a buck donation charged at the door to all non-members and the donation will be optional to members.

All members and friends are cordially invited to attend and make this a big May event for Mattachine. Remember to bring a guest. For those who will come via public transportation, take any Haight Street bus and get off at Divisadero or take the No. 24 Divisadero bus from the Twin Peaks Tunnel.

This is a painless, easy and most pleasant way to help Mattachine in its hour of financial need and another opportunity to acquaint new people with the Society during "Mattachine Membership Month."

NEW YORK TO HEAR REV. ROBERT WOOD SPEAK

For many homosexuals the problem of religion is an acute one. Many experience severe pangs of guilt over their sexual activities, and frequently withdraw from organized religion altogether—mainly because of the usually unsympathetic attitude taken by the major religions toward homosexual practices. Rare is the minister, priest or rabbi who fully understands the homosexual's problems, and rarer still is the clergyman who is sufficiently sympathetic to assist the homosexual in working out a satisfactory spiritual life.

In their speaker for their May meeting, the New York Area Council has such a rare person. In his book, "Christ and the Homosexual," just published, Reverend Robert Wood has drawn from his experience in counseling homosexuals. The immediacy of his approach is illustrated by the titles of the book's sections; for example, "Loneliness of homosexual life" and "Acceptance of a homosexual marriage by both families."

Mr. Wood has chosen as his topic, "How Psalm 88 Speaks to the Homosexual." He will use the psalm as a starting point and go on to discuss some of the more controversial parts of his book and answer questions. This talk will be heard on May 13th in New York.

Arrangements are now being made with New York to have a tape-recording made and this will be played in San Francisco at an early date.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND A BIRTHDAY PRESENT TO MATTACHINE
NEWCOMER'S NIGHT MAY 13th

Members of the headquarters staff are throwing a “Newcomer's Night” buffet supper and social on Friday evening, May 13th. Chile con Carne will be the menu at this special evening program of “Food—Facts—Fun.” The supper will be served from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and then afterwards there will be an orientation meeting, a tape-recorded talk, and a social hour during which refreshments will be available. The orientation part of the program will be held for all “newcomer's” and while this meeting is being held, a tape recording will be played for “oldcomer's” in another room. The tape was made at the Denver convention and is the talk Dr. Leo V. Tepley made at the Luncheon. The social hour will be held directly after these two meetings.

This program will serve two roles: To orient and introduce Mattachine to newcomers and to raise some sorely needed funds for “poor ole Mattachine.” A buck ($1) donation will be charged for the dinner. This is a small amount to help Mattachine and you can be assured of a pleasant evening getting to know new people and renewing old acquaintanceships. So plan to attend “Newcomer's Night” at the Mattachine office, 693 Mission Street, Friday evening, May 13th from 7 to 8:30 (for dinner) and until 10:30 for the social hour. So let's all attend and BRING A GUEST.

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MATTACHINE SEMINAR SERIES

SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS:

1. Legal Affairs Seminar—Sat., July 16
   Afternoon Panel program; Dinner with featured speaker. Theme: "Civil Liberties, Civil Rights—1960"
   COMPLETE DETAILS IN JULY ISSUE OF THIS NEWSLETTER

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. Complete details inside.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH JUNE

The May membership drive sponsored by the SFAC brought in a few new members to the Society but was far below the goal set. So June will see the drive continued. The SFAC will sponsor three social meetings in addition to the Public Discussion Forum. Each member is urged to attend as many of the meetings as they can and also to BRING A GUEST.

The Public Discussion Forum will be held this Friday evening (June 3rd) at the area council lounge, room 309, 693 Mission Street, at 8:00 P.M. The tape recording of Rev. Robert Wood's talk to the New York Area Council last month on "How Psalm 88 Speaks to the Homosexual" will be played. Rev. Wood is the author of the new book _Christ and the Homosexual._

On June 5th, from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. there will be a Sunday Brunch served at 4721 California Street in S.F. Scrambled eggs, ham, coffee and toast are on the menu and a donation of $1.50 will be the small amount charged for this meal.

On Saturday June 18th there will be another benefit party for "poor ole Mattachine" to be held at the same place as last time—329 Divisidero Street in S.F. which will start at 8:00 P.M. and run until 12:00 A.M. A buck ($1) donation will be charged at the door for all non-members.

On Friday June 24th at 7:00 P.M. there will be an Italian style buffet served at the area council lounge. This will be like the May 13th social with an orientation program telling the Mattachine story to newcomers.

June will be an even bigger social month than the last. So plan to attend and remember—BRING A GUEST.

SFAC COOPERATES ON PSYCHOLOGICAL TEST PROGRAM

Thirty-two persons appeared over the Memorial Day weekend at San Francisco to take a two-hour battery of psychological tests and submit handwriting samples as a part of a research project being conducted by the Society for the Investigation of Human Ecology (Inc.) of New York.

Walter P. Pasternak, editorial director of SIHE flew here from New York on May 24 to arrange for the tests. Accompanying him was Psychologist David Rhodes of Washington, D.C. Testing began on Thursday, May 26 and continued for five days. Aides to administer the actual tests, which included the Wechsler-Bellevue, among others, were obtained from the psychology department of the University of California. Testing was also conducted in this period through Daughters of Bilitis.

Purpose of the project is to determine the validity of the science of graphology, of the determination of personality characteristics from handwriting. With the psychological inventory obtained through established and accepted tests, handwriting samples from the same individual will be submitted to experts for analysis. In addition to the homosexual subjects interviewed here, a parallel group of non-homophile subjects will be obtained, so that the graphologists will in addition be requested to determine which handwriting samples are from one group or the other.

The testing organization is properly concerned with any aspect of environment to which human beings must adapt—which is, in essence, the meaning of the word ecology. It is also concerned with the various adaptive mechanisms which are developed to aid this process of "fitting into" one's environment. Previous projects of the Society have taken it to Cornell University, McGill University, and others. Studies were made of the adaptive processes of Hungarian refugees not long ago at Stanford University. A project is now on to investigate aspects of undergraduate adjustment to academic requirements of such a school.
OUR PUBLIC MEETINGS BROUGHT IN NEW MEMBERS

Last month's Public Discussion Forum featured a talk by Harold Call. About 20 people attended the meeting to hear about "What Mattachine Means To You." Most of these people heard the Mattachine story for the first time. Two of the people joined the Society that evening.

The "Newcomer's Night" buffet supper held on Friday the 13th was attended by some 30 individuals most of them "newcomers." They enjoyed the chili feed and then sat in on a lively question and answer program which discussed the Mattachine movement. The SFAC gained new members from this meeting also.

The third public event was the benefit party for "poor ole Mattachine" held on May 14th at the home of a member. Around 75 attended the social which included an impromptu show put on by a guest who is a professional entertainer. The SFAC turned over $7130 to the National Headquarters for the fund appeal, This was one-half of the income from these parties.

HEALTH SERVICE PERSONNEL HEAR MATTACHINE SPEAKER

"The Extent of Homosexuality in the Community" was the title of an address by Harold Call, editor of Mattachine REVIEW, before the venereal disease investigation section of the Northern California Public Health Association on May 5. The event was that organization's annual meeting held at Castlewood Country Club, Pleasanton, Calif., with the Alameda County Public Health Department as the host group. More than 1000 attended the sessions, with almost 100 persons crowded into the VD section space.

In general, Call outlined the present limited basis for determining with accuracy the percentage of predominantly homosexually oriented adults in our present population, but declared that more and more research scientists and persons with a close personal observation have concluded that at least 10% of the adults over 16 may be classified as 4, 5, or 6 on the Kinsey rating scale. He also described conditions in various metropolitan communities which are today responsible for increased VD contact among males, and outlined steps

FUND APPEAL STILL SHY OF NEEDED AMOUNT

The "birthday" fund appeal which was launched in April has raised $601.01 as of the printing of this newsletter. This is very little more than one-fifth of the amount needed to get "poor ole Mattachine" out of debt.

Since we are still in debt over $2500, the work of Mattachine is very much hampered. All those who have made donations have our heartfelt thanks but if we are to continue the work, we will have to have many more donations. All those who haven't yet sent a "birthday present" to Mattachine, are urged to do so right away. The fund appeal letter which was sent with the April REVIEW is reproduced on the next page to again outline the reasons for and the amount of the debt.

So now you know...so now is the time to send those checks...and any amount, no matter how small, will be most gratefully accepted.

Mattachine Society, Inc.
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Carl B. Harding, Director

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a series of lectures and a panel program
by the
ONE INSTITUTE OF HOMOPHILE STUDIES
Education Division of One, Inc. Los Angeles

MATTACHINE SEMINAR SERIES
San Francisco — August 12 to September 2, inclusive
announcement and schedule of classes

By special arrangement with One, Inc., Los Angeles, six lectures and a concluding panel discussion program will be presented by the faculty of ONE INSTITUTE OF HOMOPHILE STUDIES, the Education Division of One, Inc., as the third event in the Mattachine Seminar Series for 1959-1960. These will be held in the Society's offices on 3rd floor, 693 Mission Street on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons from Aug. 12 through Sept. 2 in accordance with the schedule which follows.

Advance registration is urged immediately. Fees for the course and for individual lectures are listed below. Attendance is open to any person over 21 years of age. Single lectures may be attended upon payment of the fee at the door.

A great deal of research and preparation for each topic has been undertaken by each of the three faculty members in charge. These topics all represent a serious examination of significant material related to the orientation, adjustment and acceptance of the homophile in our adult society; however, many attitudes surrounding current moral standards will be questioned in the light of actual behavior practices past and present.

These lectures will be of particular benefit to persons in fields of sociology, psychology, mental health, correction, law enforcement, religion and law itself, as well as to anyone seeking a more rational understanding of homosexuality as opposed to the purely emotional reaction.

SESSION I: Friday, Aug. 12  
James Kepner, Instructor  
8-10 P.M.: THE CAUSE OF SEX DEVIATION: A FRANK LOOK AT FREUD
Are homosexuals competent to evaluate psycho-analytic writings? How do Freud's theories affect the lives of homosexuals? What did Freud say about the cause of homosexuality? Did Freud considers homosexuality a perversion or a neurosis? Does this agree with what psychoanalysts say today? How did Freud relate inversion to his general theory? Was Freud's approach scientific? Does his theory hold up?

SESSION II: Saturday, Aug. 13  
James Kepner, Instructor  
2-4 P.M.: THE HOMOSEXUAL INFLUENCE IN CONTEMPORARY HISTORY

SESSION III: Friday, Aug. 19  
D. Slater, Instructor in Literature  
8-10 P.M.: THE SATYRICON OF PETRONIUS: Masterpiece of Debauchery
Nero's Rome: Petronius: arbiter of elegance, scientist of pleasure; Satyricon: satirical novel; Translations compared; Weakness of flesh, foible of mind; and Are today's hot novels really hot?

SESSION IV: Saturday, Aug. 20  
D. Slater, Instructor in Literature  
2-4 P.M.: JAMES BARR: AMATEUR PROPAGANDIST—an examination of the opinions and beliefs of Barr from a study of Quatrefoi:  
Barr's favorite characters and ideas: A Greek ideal; Reaction to the established church; The romantic love affair; the masculine homosexual; and Mr. Barr's lack of experience.

SESSION V: Friday, Aug. 26  
W. Dorr Legg, Associate Professor of Sociology  
8-10 P.M.: HOMOSEXUALITY, CRIME AND SOCIAL DISORGANIZATION
Homosexuality examined as a system of social breakdown. How has sociology arrived at this concept? Is society breaking down, or is it merely changing? Is the homosexual a minority group; a deviant group? The homosexual criminal. The homosexual and his friends. Is the homosexual most at home in the underworld? Does homosexuality breed criminality?

SESSION VI: Saturday, Aug. 27  
W. Dorr Legg, Associate Professor of Sociology  
2-4 P.M.: REPRESSION, BISEXUALITY & MARRIAGE: WAYS OF ESCAPE
Is continence good for society? Self-imposed abstinence; in reli-
igious orders. Is sublimation possible; desirable? The theory of bisexuality as balanced sexuality. Is bisexuality a myth? The use of bisexuality as a smokescreen. The social and economic uses of marriage. Marriage as a hideout. What about the wife (or husband) and the children?

SESSION VII: Friday, Sept. 2

ONe Institute Faculty Members

7-8:30 P.M.: DO HOMOPHILE STUDIES HAVE ANY PRACTICAL VALUE?

Arguments: General education is all anyone needs. Theoretical discussions aren't going to accomplish anything. Why should I study about homosexuality anyhow? What good will it do me? You must have authorities to teach the courses. I am well-adjusted and don't need to study.

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Any three events—lectures and/or panel program....................... $5.00
Door Admission to any single lecure or panel program............... $2.00

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... That's what our treasurer said the other day. He was working on the books, trying to find enough to pay some of the bills. But he spent more time tearing his hair than he did writing checks. The reason was simple: there wasn't money enough in the bank to pay very many bills.

The REVIEW staff tried this month to dedicate our anniversary month with a colorful cover on the magazine. The extra work involved was a labor of love for them, though. Doubting as printers, they got it out as soon as they could—considering that the Society just finished paying for the January issue a few days ago (it was printed and billed in December). So, when we are essentially three months behind it's hard to demand that they keep on schedule. But they try their damnedest to do so.

So, here we are again—hammering at the ones who help us the most. In a simple sentence, we are "busted." This is nothing new, however, but it is more serious than in the past. It's more serious because we now have a larger operation, and therefore greater responsibilities and the need for more financial support.

Many of you have recently enclosed checks to be applied to "the debt." For that we are grateful indeed. But the fact is, we have just about been able to keep abreast of things, and mighty little has actually been available to reduce this debt (now about $3000) any at all.

April is MATTACHINE's "birthday" month. We regret we didn't get the magazine to you earlier, and that the anniversary is about over before you hear about it. But that couldn't be helped.

 Won't you help us get back on schedule with a contribution to help get us out of the hole we are sinking into? We don't know any other way to ask for this help we need so desperately. It's an old plea, we know, but it is a serious one. Please see what you can do... This, is odd, perhaps, but we want you to wish MATTACHINE a "happy birthday" with a check!

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We think we should, finally, report the fact that REVIEW income is up over any previous year, that is, in terms of actual sales and circulation. Actually the magazine is now paying its production and distribution costs—just barely. This is a good record for a publication so different and so small, when you consider the high casualty rate among little magazines.

But other overhead—particularly the two small salaries (which total only $300 per month) have become a heavy burden for the Society, so that a lot of REVIEW income has had to be diverted to this purpose. That's the main reason, friends, why we are behind in paying our bills and have called upon you for this "birthday gift." Please don't forget...

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Leon Miller, VD investigator, Alameda County Health Department, was chairman for the VD section program. Following the afternoon session, a panel of the speakers, with Miss Mildred Banning-Kamp of the Marin County Health Department, continued discussion with Lou Bayuk, health sanitarian from Berkeley, serving as moderator.

Call's figures given to the group held that 12-15 million adults in the U.S. were predominantly homosexual in their sex practices, and that in California the total was at least a million. Narrowed to the Bay Area, he stated there were at least 150,000 practicing homosexual adults.

**Harry's Fare** IS LATE

*Harry's Fare & Other Stories*, the new book of 8 short stories being published by Pan-Graphic Press, has been delayed nearly a month from its May 15th publication date. P-G has promised the book will be out around June 13th.

**TACOMA GROUP HEARS STORY OF MATTACHINE FROM LUCAS**

"Psychological Problems of Sexual Deviation" was the subject of a panel discussion at one of the sessions of the Washington State Psychological Association at its annual meeting in Tacoma on May 7. Donald S. Lucas, secretary-general of the Mattachine Society was present. Later he addressed a meeting, placing emphasis on the homosexual aspect with which Mattachine is concerned.

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The May business meeting (held on May 20th) saw the following items of business come up:

- The two Bobs having offered their home for a Sunday Brunch, it was decided to have such an event on June 5th.

- The hosts of the May party offered their home for another party and the area council accepted this offer. It was decided to have this party on June 18th.

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Thanks for the good-tasting chili at the (burr) Friday the 13th Chili Feed, should be given to Earl G. He spent the whole day down at the office slaving over the hot plate to cook up the five gallons of the tasty stuff. We received reports from people up on the 8th floor that whatever it was we were cooking down there on the 3rd floor sure smelled good.

Last month we bid a fond farewell to John Sheldon who has been co-editor of the newsletter. He left the S.F. area to take a summer job.

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**Spinning the Breeze**

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LA\WERS DISCUSS "GAY BARS" AT DOB CONVENTION

A bar that caters to homosexuals is not in itself illegal... but it will run into trouble if the behavior of its patrons is offensive to public morality—and half of San Francisco's "gay bars" are in just that kind of trouble.

These opinions came from Sidney Feinberg, an attorney who is North Coast Administrator for the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and Morris Lowenthal, an attorney who has defended owners of "gay bars." They spoke before 100 men and women at the First Annual Convention of the Daughters of Bilitis held in San Francisco over the Memorial Day weekend.

"I can assure you," said Feinberg, "that any establishment patronized by homosexuals will not be prosecuted simply because of its patronage. That isn't the problem. But we have an obligation to prosecute the owners of bars—homosexual or heterosexual—who permit conduct contrary to public morals."

To a question of who determines what is or isn't moral, he replied, "The people—the majority of the people—determine public morals, and as an agency of the government we are responsible to the majority." Feinberg has prosecuted his department's cases and he insists that no discrimination is shown the inoffensive homosexual here.

To a question of whether the "gay bar" isn't better run than the heterosexual bar, he replied, "I can only say that of San Francisco's 30 known gay bars, 15 are in some sort of trouble."

Mr. Lowenthal said further that laws that flatly declare homosexual bars illegal are unenforceable. "But," he added, "if there is misconduct, a bar should be closed."

"Then, it's a matter of decorum, isn't it?" a woman in the audience asked. Both Lowenthal and Feinberg agreed that was just what it is.

(continued from page 6) practice; a professor of psychology from the University of Washington (who is also an anthropologist), and a layman who is a Mattachine subscribing member living in Tacoma.

In brief the opinions were as follows: the Wash. State Hospital man had had the privilege to see some 37 or so "sex psychopaths," mostly child molesters or rapists with incidental homosexual problems, and stated that in his opinion this was a good representation of all such persons, although he had not come in contact with any under other circumstances. The Seattle psychologist merely repeated most of what Dr. Bergler has had to say on the subject. However, the professor from University of Washington had a great deal to contribute on the total subject in relation to culture and our present day knowledge on the subject. He questioned what was "normal" and "abnormal" and thought a great deal more knowledge must be gained on the subject. Lucas' comments on the subject of homosexuality were well received by all present. It is hoped that portions of this discussion will be presented in article form in a future issue of the REVIEW.

On Saturday evening Lucas spoke in the Tacoma Public Library to an audience of some 30 persons. He not only discussed the history, aims and purposes of the Mattachine Society but also told many aspects to be considered in the overall problem of homosexuality. The event was attended by teachers, ministers, parents and members of the library board as well as other interested persons.
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.

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August 5 — Public Discussion Forum
August 18 — Regular Business Meeting
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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, reprinted 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 Douai 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 "Ezra-hite," 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 has cut off from His hand. At times he blames God for the oppression and ostracism that have marred his life. Heman laments that his affliction is an "epidemic" and the subject of other afflictions. 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 cleric, 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 sexual act may be legitimate for a believing Christian. He pleaded for the homosexual to remember that, like all sinners, he can come to 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 was well attended. Mr. 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

MAN, and with all afflicted human beings regardless of the cause of their suffering as Mr. Wood expounded the psalm. Both groups must surely have left the hall with a film purpose.
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 Marriott's of whom have shown interest in the group.

Twenty-five persons attended the brunch on June 5th and the dinner on June 24th. There were around thirty-five people at the party on June 18th.

EDUCATION DIRECTOR' S NEW ARRIVAL FROM DENVER

Carl B. Harding, our National Director of Education, moved to San Francisco last month to take up an art 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 Marriott'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 also was 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 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 Plaster Fabrics 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:

- Kavuk
- Jewel in the Lotus
- Sex and 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
- Madeleine Pijil
- 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 Marriott's 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 23 he visited the Society's offices and joined a group of six local and national officers for dinner and an evening of "shop talk."

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 Psychological Association and holds his Doctorate in Education as a Counselling Psychologist.

At the present time there are a few openings in the group. Any Newsletter readers who would like to attend a meeting are requested to make reservation by calling into the office (EXbrook 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 law-makers voted 213-99 against changing the law.

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: San Francisco 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 program.
- 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 procedure not completed on Sep. 2.

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Infallibility Danger: ACLU

The American Civil Liberties Union has warned that two constitutional amendments proposed to curb alleged obscene material would lead to censorship of_avers and other violations of 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 impound mail he considers obscene.

A meeting in Washington, D.C., ACLU's executive director, Patrick Murphy Malin, said: "The motions of pity and indignation lead to the plausible conclusion that, if we can give some public official broad power to stop the flow of 'smut' we shall have gone a long way to insulate our children from pernicious influences which, unimpeded, lead them into degradation and crime. Nonetheless, we must bear constantly in mind that, with respect to juvenile delinquency, no less than with respect to any other area of anti-social or criminal behavior, the individual freedom contained in the Bill of Rights must not be circumvented in the search for a cure."

Expressing disagreement with the Supreme Court's obscenity standard, the ACLU testimony said that an obscenity statute must at least 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 that there is a great deal of differing opinion on the 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.

The ACLU's opposition to the "Kefauver bill" (S. J. Res. 133), Malin said, is based on the fact that it would be "extremely bad social policy to petrify by constitutional amendment so amorphous and slippery a concept as 'obscenity.' To imbed a judicial definition of 'obscenity' into the Constitution would attribute to such definition an unwarranted infallibility."

In objecting to the Eastland proposal (S. J. Res. 116), the ACLU said the words "morality" and "decency" might well invite "attempted legislation of sexual morality" and that the words "morality" and "decency" must not be inserted into the Constitution.

KRONHAUSENS' URBAN NATIONAL SEX EDUCATION PROGRAM

Former Mattachine Society psychologist consultants 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 pornographic pictures because their parents fail to give them proper instructions about sex.

The Kronhauses spoke in favor of a presidential commission to study pornography and its effects on children, and warned that such a commission must be run on an objective basis. "It is of no value," Mrs. Kronhausen said, "when actually an anti-social act is really promulgated by much more basic fundamentals."

The Kronhauses told the Committee on Health and Education that study on pornography is avoiding the heart of the problem. "What is needed is a research program into the whole science of sexology," Mrs. Krons- hausen said. "We cannot define the what is obscene in literature until we can define what is abnormal in human activity."

Both doctors maintained that developing healthy sexual outlets in children must start with proper sex instructions either at home or in the school systems. They criticized American sex education programs as "inadequate" and emphasized the need for a national program similar to one in operation in Sweden where sex education courses are taught in the first grade.

Sex Histories of American College Men, a new book by the Kronhauses, was published both in a soft-cover and hard-cover edition. A 12-page preview of the book is now available from the Mattachine book service.

The revised Constitution and By-Laws of the Society is being published in the current issue of the By-Laws. It is the oldest currently published Mattachine publication. It was preceded by the now-disbanded Los Angeles Newsletter by one month back in 1913 and by one magazine in January 1915. We hope to make the next issue a special one so watch for it.

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-defunct Los Angeles Newsletter by one month back in 1913 and by one magazine in January 1915. We hope to make the next issue a special one so watch for it.

BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

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

Announcements included the June Party and that discussion meeting date had been moved ahead to Thursday of the day holiday. A motion to that a special dinner to benefit the building fund had been netted $20.

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. He also said that an other 100 promotional subscriptions would be sent in July bringing the total to 200 extra copies of the July issue which would be sent out.

The Treasurer of the Building Fund Committee reported that $299.00 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 H. Hardin during the past two weeks. Carl has returned to the Bay Area to take up painting. He is only one of the three who made the change. According to Carl, he 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 Parvish who has been hospitalized all these many 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 month. Since he will still be wearing a large plaster walking cast, he won't be able to return to work just yet. But he is so happy to be letting 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 those who attended got to know what a neatly 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 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 it, very shortly. This is Pan-Graphica's fourth publication and the largest one so far. Eight entertaining short stories with four photographs and four drawings, make it a fine addition to our books.

Don Lucas spent the week of June 20-24 in Los Angeles attending a church convention. He reports it was very slow but that he managed to visit the staff members at 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 respite. 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 mightily while he was gone.
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.

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This is a limited attendance group and you must make reservations by calling EX-7-0773.

August 12 (Friday)—One Institute Lecture. "The Cause of Sex Deviation: A Frank Look at Freud." James Kepner, Instructor. Time: 8:10 p.m. at 693 Mission Street.

August 13 (Saturday)—One Institute Lecture. "Homosexual, Crime and Social Organization." W. Dorr Legg, Instructor. Time: 8:10 p.m. at 693 Mission Street.

August 20 (Saturday)—One Institute Lecture. "James Barr: Amateur Propagandist." D. Slater, Instructor. Time: 2:45 p.m. at 693 Mission Street.

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SEPTEMBER

September 2 (Friday)—One Institute Panel. "Do Homophile Studies Have Any Practical Value?" James Kepner, D. Slater, W. Dorr Legg, Panelists. Time: 7:30-8:30 p.m. at 693 Mission Street.

For further details, fees, etc. see page 3.

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION PLANS NEAR COMPLETION

Program for the 7th Annual Convention of the Mattachine Society is "shaping up" rapidly at the close of July. Acceptances are coming in for speakers so that by the time this Newsletter is mailed, the convention arrangements committee expects to have confirmation from the six or seven professional people who will appear on the main day, Saturday September 3.

Tentative schedule, as published in the July Newsletter is as follows:

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SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The outstanding program of six lectures and a panel program to be presented August 12-19, with the staff on One Institute of Homophile Studies is something not to be missed. Advance reservations for the series are due now to be certain of the opportunity to hear these professionally prepared and delivered topics.

The complete series (seven events) costs $10. Any three lectures are $5. Single lecture attendance is by the staff on One Institute of Homophile Studies is something not to be missed. Advance reservations for the series are due now to be certain of the opportunity to hear these professionally prepared and delivered topics.

The following two weekends have two lectures scheduled (same as above on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon). For Aug. 19-20, D. Slater, instructor in Literature: "The Satyricon of Petronius, Masterpiece of Debauchery." For August 26-27, W. Dorr Legg, Panelists. Time: 2:45 p.m. at 693 Mission Street.

For further details, fees, etc. see page 3.

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC. at San Francisco, September 1-5. For a tentative schedule see article on Page 3.
Legg, Associate Professor of Sociology: "Homosexuality, Crime and Social Disorder" and "Repression, Bisexuality and Marriage—Ways of Escape."

Windup session of the series will be on Friday evening, Sept. 2, with all three One Institute faculty members participating on a panel: "Do Homophile Studies Have Any Practical Value?" This is scheduled for the same evening of the Society's 7th Annual Convention reception, and will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.

All events in the Education Department's Seminar Series will be held at 693 Mission Street, in the Area Council assembly room.

Since a number of reservations have already been received, and since the Director of Education, Carl B. Harding, desires to arrange comfortable seating, he urges that those planning to attend these events send in reservations and remittance at the earliest possible date. Address them to him, c/o Education Department, Mattachine Society, Inc., 693 Mission St., San Francisco 5.

**DR. BENJAMIN WELL RECEIVED AT JULY PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

by George St. John

Dr. Harry Benjamin, eminent U.S. Sexologist and a staff consultant for SEXOLOGY Magazine, was speaker at July Public Discussion Forum. Billed as "An Evening of Conversation With Dr. Benjamin," the program was an informal question and answer type session where the doctor gave his thoughts on topics as they were brought up by the audience. He also listened with interest to what members of the audience had to say. Dr. Benjamin proved once again to be a most interesting and charming individual.

Some of the many topics discussed were: "The drive for marriage greater in homosexuals than heterosexuals?" The doctor stated that he doesn't really know but thought the drive to be the same for both. He said he knows of several homosexual marriages that is to say, "marriages" between two men, which have lasted from 20 to 30 years. Actually, in other marriage there will usually be one partner who tries to dominate. This may cause conflicts. These can be settled, however, when there is love and understanding. Even if there is no sexual fulfillment in marriage, it may last a long time.

"Are homosexuals more highly sexed than heterosexuals?" To this the doctor replied, that actually they are probably more obsessed with sex. The repression of homosexual activity by society probably leads to promiscuous reactions. Also, the homosexual male finds it easier to satisfy desire for variety because a male sex partner is easier to find, than a female partner for a heterosexual.

"Is the homosexual female less promiscuous than the heterosexual female?" Dr. Benjamin said he thought them often to be more promiscuous. The audience consensus of opinion was that the female homosexual is not as promiscuous as the male homosexual. To which Dr. Benjamin said—"True, but when a female is promiscuous—she really goes all out!"

"Are men more polygamous than women?" The doctor said yes; fundamentally, the male sex drive craves more variety. The female homosexual has a lot more masculinity in her personality makeup so that she too has more male reaction and so the lesbian is more active in changing partners than the heterosexual female. The heterosexual female is afraid of conception and therefore doesn't tend to be as active sexually. She doesn't cruise as much or as openly as the male. The lesbian bars number about one-tenth the male homosexual bars and so you see here too that even the lesbian with her more masculine personality makeup is still less active than the male.

Dr. Benjamin asked of his audience, "What would your reaction be, if in this day and age with our problem of overpopulation, we should not persecute but should instead foster homosexuality, since it doesn't lead to procreation?" The general group reaction to this was favorable. One member of the audience pointed out that Rev. Robert Wood, in his book Christ and the Homosexual, had made much the same proposal. The doctor said he had heard of the book but had not read it. He said he would. He stated that Dr. Albert Ellis had also made much the same proposal.

"Is there any difference between homosexual and heterosexuals as to the part masochism plays in their sexual activities?" Dr. Benjamin said he felt that there is less masochism in homosexuals. Men seem to want women to beat them. Flagellation of men by women is very popular in Britain so much so that it is known as the "English Vice" in some circles. It is generally thought that the "will to dominate" is found in the male and the "will to be dominated" in the female. But the fact is that there is a mixture of both in all people. Maybe, being homosexual in our society brings suffering enough so that the need for further suffering through masochistic acts is not needed. The masochistic reaction in some homosexuals may be the need for punishment because of guilt feelings they have over their seeming variance from the sexual norm. Dr. Bergler has called all homosexuals masochists but Dr. Benjamin does not agree with him.

Men seem to develop sexual neuroses more easily than in former (ancient) times. Impotence is increasing. This is largely due to our present culture in which the two W's—work and worry—seem to be ever present, to exert their harmful influence on men's sex-life.

"Are American women driving men into homosexuality because of their increasingly more active role?" Yes, it is very probably true that women's increasingly more dominant attitude of women may have a lot to do with it. This was Dr. Albert Ellis's contention in his book Sex Without Guilt and he is probably right.

In the last few minutes of the meeting, the doctor was asked about the "conversion operation" for so-called transsexuals—surgically changing men into women and vice versa—and about the possibility of a change of attitude towards this operation. He said that he believes there will be a more favorable attitude. That it will probably become an accepted operation in another fifty years.

The transsexualists feel they are psychically the opposite sex from their physical sex, whereas transvestites just like to wear the clothes of the opposite sex. It is surgically possible to change the bodily sex organs. The doctor said that he knows of perhaps 20 men who have undergone this operation. The Christine Jorgenson case became known. There is actually no definite law against this operation but an old British law which has been incorporated into our American law, making 'meyhem' (or self-mutilation) a crime, is being used to deter this operation in America.

The doctor closed the meeting by giving what he called some sensible advice, for instance—"accept yourself the way you are."

**HALINAN CALLS FOR LEGAL REFORM**

Attorney Vincent Hallinan of San Francisco, long a controversial figure on the legal and political scene, devoted the full time of one of his recent Sunday commentary periods over FM station KPFA in Berkeley to a discussion of the need for legal reform as concerns homosexuals.

He mentioned the Woodenden recommendations and the movement in England to have sex laws changed so that consenting acts between adults in private would no longer be a crime. His observation, he states, shows that "homosexual seduction" of the young and other non-homosexual adults was largely a myth; socially dangerous persons are no more numerous among homosexuals than heterosexuals, he said, when one eliminates the fact that homosexuals do choose partners from their own sex from the definition of "socially harmful."

Mr. Halinan's commentary was forceful, pointed, and sound; it was effective because he discussed this emotional topic without any trace of emotionalism.
GROUP THERAPY SESSIONS GAIN IN INTEREST

Increased interest and participation has been noted in the weekly group counseling or therapy sessions which have been conducted each Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Area Council office, under the leadership of Dr. John Schrock, psychologist.

From about four participants when the project began two months ago, attendance dropped a little but has picked up to where six or seven persons are present for each session. And after participants 'get into' the project, interest and benefits—as well as the invaluable contribution made by each—have been noted.

Should the situation as it develops indicate it, it is possible that a second weekly evening session will be initiated, providing a time convenient to all concerned can be arranged. Interested persons should call the office about this.

A nominal fee, $2 per person per session, is charged. But the opportunity for individuals to learn more about themselves and to achieve greater harmony in the social order in which they live is infinitely greater than any fee would indicate.

NEW PSYCHOTHERAPY CLINIC IN BERKELEY

David C. Tower, M.D. and Sylvia W. Tower, clinical psychologist, comprise the administrative staff of the new Berkeley Psychotherapy Medical Clinic, 2724 College Ave., Berkeley.

This is a private psychiatric clinic providing at moderately reduced fees psychiatric services including marital counseling, group and individual psychotherapy for adults and adolescents. The staff states that many persons with homosexual problems are coming in for both group and individual psychotherapy.

Consultations and psychological diagnostics are available to professional groups and physicians. Fees are adjusted to the ability to pay; minimum clinic fee is $7.50 per hour.

Telephone number of the Berkeley Psychotherapy Medical Clinic is T(Hornwall) 1-5940.

THE THIRD SEX

Reviewed by Jack Parrish

The German film *The Third Sex* is no longer playing at The Movie (an art film theater here in San Francisco). Frankly, I had mixed reactions to it.

The moral seemed to be that if you're a mother and are worried about your eighteen year old son's possible homosexual tendencies, do what any truly loving mother would do. Go on a trip with your husband, leaving your son alone in the house with your twenty year old maid. Guaranteed: one healthy, heterosexual son. You will also get six months in jail on charges of procuring because the ‘sinisterly convicted woman who was after your son has told the police about your arrangement with the maid.

Actually, as is well-known, marriage or sleeping with any other woman, to Dorothy Dix, called 'a member of the opposing sex' is no real solution to such matters. Practically no one in the field of psychiatry recommends it anymore.

On the one hand, the film dealt with the subject honestly and sincerely in a way Hollywood won't approach for at least another five centuries, if ever. The scene in which the son's father looks for him in a homosexual bar and gets thoroughly confused by what he sees there, having to be kept reminded that the she's he's, was hilariously funny.

But on the other hand it was no drama. It was a photographic duplicate of a case which actually occurred in Germany a few years ago. There was not one-eighth the dramatic sweep nor interest in it as there was to the French film *Pit of Loneliness* which appeared here in San Francisco two years ago.

However, it was an honest attempt and for this one is appreciative. Most certainly it had far more meat and substance to it than the overpraised *Fireworks*, which was shown in Berkeley last year.

The financial report and the columns "The Gavel Raps" and "Spinning The Breeze" will be in next issue of The NEWSLETTER.

WANTED: A well-equipped new or used mimeograph for the office. Phone EXbrook 7-0773.
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 month's 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.
CHANGE SEX LAWS CONVENTION ASKS

Eminent experts from fields of law, medicine and psychology will be featured at the Public Sessions of the 7th Annual National Convention of the Mattachine Society, Inc., to be held on Saturday, September 3rd. This year's convention theme is "Let's Change Our Outmoded Sex Laws." The Hotel Bellevue, scene of the 2nd Annual Convention in 1955 and many past Mattachine events, will be the location of this year's convention also.

The highlight of the morning session on Saturday will be an address by Mr. Joseph R. Silver, Executive Director of the Northern California Service League whose offices are here in San Francisco. His talk is entitled "Problems of Rehabilitation."

The Luncheon Session will feature Dr. Harry Benjamin familiar to both New York and San Francisco Mattachine members. He most recently talked at the July

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Calendar of events

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

September 1 (Thursday)—Review Workshop from 9 to 3 at 693 Mission. Editorial Board Meeting from 3 to 4.

September 2 (Friday)—National Hq's. Workshop from 9 to 3 at 693 Mission. Board of Directors Meeting—3:00 One Institute Panel—7 to 8:30 Reception—8:30 to 12 midnight.

September 3 (Saturday)—Public Sessions at Hotel Bellevue—see Convention folder for details.

September 4 (Sunday)—Business Meeting—Hotel Bellevue—open only to members only. SFAC Party at 1700 Diamond St., 8 p.m.—members and friends welcome. $1 donation at door for non-members.

September 5 (Monday)—Area Council Work Shop at 693 Mission St, 9 to 3:00 p.m.

September 13, 19, 20, 27 (Tuesdays)—Group Therapy Discussion Meetings. Time 8 to 10 p.m at Area Council lounge. By appointment only—Call office at EXbrook 7-0773.

September 16 (Friday)—Important Business Meeting open to members only. Election of SFAC officers. Time: 8 at area council lounge.

September 25 (Sunday)—DOB Cocktail Party see page 5 for details.

THEME OF 7TH ANNUAL CONVENTION • MATTACHINE SOCIETY

Outmoded Sex Laws

Public Discussion Forum in San Francisco (see August SFAC Newsletter). His talk at the luncheon is entitled "The Seven Sexes of Man." A prominent sexologist, gerontologist and endocrinologist, Dr. Benjamin is also a member of the board of consultants for SEXOLOGY magazine.

The afternoon session, Mrs. Molly Minudri, San Francisco attorney, will moderate a panel forum which will take up the convention’s theme “Let’s Change Our Outmoded Sex Laws.” Mrs. Minudri has long been active in Bay Area political, legal and civic affairs. Last year she was named chairman of the San Francisco Citizens’ Committee for Decent Literature. She was a member of the panel at Mattachine’s Publications Day Seminar last December which took up the subject “Should Americans Read About Sex?”

Panel members include San Francisco Attorneys John O’Connell and A. Phillip Burton. They both are members of the California State Assembly, where O’Connell is Chairman of the Judiciary and Criminal Procedures Committees and Burton is Chairman of the Social Welfare Committee.

Other panel members include Mrs. Bernice Engle, Dr. Joseph Andriola and Dr. David W. Allen. Mrs. Engle is research assistant for Karl M. Bowman, M.D., of the Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric Institute and she has collaborated on important research into sex deviation in California. Dr. Andriola is Chief Psychiatric Social Worker at California's Atascadero State Hospital and Dr. Allen is Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of California School of Medicine.

At the evening Awards Banquet, Mrs. Minudri will give a talk on her views on the theme of the convention. Also, she will summarize the conclusions made at the afternoon panel she is to moderate. These are the events which will add an important chapter to Mattachine work in San Francisco. Be sure and attend—it's going to be a fine program.

Included as part of this September Newsletter is the Convention Program. It gives all the details, times, fees, etc. for the complete Saturday events. Also listed are events to take place starting with Thursday and ending with Monday.
FRIDAY NIGHT RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT NAT'L HQS

Directly after the last session of the One Institute of Homophile Studies on Friday evening (Institute session from 7 to 8:30 pm) there will be a reception for members and guests attending the Mattachine Convention in the Area Council Lounge, 693 Mission Street. Refreshments will be served. This reception is scheduled to start at 8:30 and run until 12 midnight.

A COMMENT ON MAGAZINE BANNING BY JACK PARRISH

The recent banning of The Grecian Guild Pictorial and certain other physique magazines by a Washington, D.C. judge on the grounds that they were bought by and appealed to homosexuals in many ways creates a dangerous precedent. For one thing the action is based upon the all too-common view that homosexuality and all its manifestations are essentially something to be stamped out by whatever legal methods are available.

Undeniably the amount of physique magazines has increased tremendously in the last few years. With such a state of affairs it was inevitable that eventual legal action would be taken against them. The only trouble is where is it to stop? At the present date even a book as highly praised as a work of literature as J. D. Salinger's The Catcher in the Rye is banned from libraries all across the nation for fear that it will corrupt our youth. What will be done next, ban "Little Red Riding Hood" because the encounter between her and the wolf may have overtones of Lolita to it?

OTHER CONVENTION WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Sunday's sessions will be the Annual Business Meeting of the Society and all San Francisco members who can are urged to attend them. At the meeting you'll hear annual reports on the activities throughout the Mattachine organization and also have the opportunity to express your vote in the election of officers and in the Society's business for the next year.

On Sunday evening a social has been scheduled to be held at 1700 Diamond Street where San Francisco Area Council will play host to all out-of-town convention delegates. All members and friends of SFAC are invited to attend. It will be held from 8 to 12 midnight.

Monday will be Area Council Day at the Mattachine offices at 693 Mission St. The program will be from 9 to 3 pm. Officers, Area Council Representatives and interested members will sit together and discuss problems encountered at area council level.
**Convention Program**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.  
Rooms 304-304A, WILLIAMS BUILDING  
MATTACHINE REVIEW WORKSHOP, with production demonstration

3:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M.  
MATTACHINE REVIEW EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING  
Room 312

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.  
Rooms 308-309, WILLIAMS BUILDING  
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WORKSHOP DAY

3:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.  
ROOM 312  
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

7:00 P.M.—8:30 P.M.  
3rd Floor  
PANEL CONFERENCE, ONE INSTITUTE OF HOMOPHILE STUDIES  
W. DORR LEGG, JAMES KEPNER, JR., DON SLATER  
($2 admission unless previously registered for this series)

8:30 P.M.—12 Midnight  
RECEPTION FOR MEMBERS & GUESTS  
(Refreshments; donation basis)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

9:00 A.M.—10:30 A.M.  
CAPRI ROOM, HOTEL BELLEVUE  
REGISTRATION

10:30 A.M.—12 Noon  
CAPRI ROOM  
INVOCATION  
REV. O. M. BAILEY, Ph.D., B.D. (ret.)  
ADDRESS OF WELCOME  
Address: "PROBLEMS OF REHABILITATION"  
JOSEPH R. SILVER, Executive Director,  
Northern California Service League, San Francisco

12 Noon—1:30 P.M.  
RIVIERA ROOM  
LUNCHEON  
"THE SEVEN SEXES OF MAN"  
HARRY BENJAMIN, M.D., New York and San Francisco  
Sexologist, Gerontologist, Endocrinologist

2:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.  
CAPRI ROOM  
PANEL FORUM: "LET'S CHANGE OUR OUTMODED SEX LAWS"  
Moderator: MRS. MOLLY MINUDRI, San Francisco, Attorney  
Panelists: JOSEPH ANDRIDA, Ph.D., San Francisco, Chief  
Psychiatric Social Worker, Atascadero State  
Hospital, Atascadero, Calif.  
A. PHILLIP BURTON, San Francisco, Attorney and  
Member, California State Assembly  
JOHN O'CONNELL, San Francisco, Attorney and  
Member, California State Assembly  
DAVID W. ALLEN, M.D., San Francisco, Assistant  
Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of  
California School of Medicine  
MRS. BERNICE ENGLE, San Francisco, Research  
Assistant, Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric  
Institute  
((15-minute intermission at approximately 3:30 P.M.)

6:00 P.M.—7:30 P.M.  
CAPRI ROOM  
COCKTAILS  
(Bar setup by Bellevue Hotel)

7:30 P.M.—10:00 P.M.  
RIVIERA ROOM  
SEVENTH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET  
Introduction of Guests  
Presentation of Awards  
Featured Address: MRS. MOLLY MINUDRI

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.  
HOTEL BELLEVUE, CAPRI ROOM  
REPORT FROM SECRETARY-GENERAL  
REPORT FROM AREA COUNCILS  
REPORT FROM DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS  
REPORT OF TREASURER-GENERAL  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
(1-hour luncheon interval at noon)

3:00 P.M.  
CAPRI ROOM  
ADJOURNMENT OF CONVENTION  
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

8:00 P.M.—12 Midnight  
CONVENTION SOCIAL WITH ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM  
HOSTS: San Francisco Area Council  
Refreshments (donation basis)
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.  3rd Floor, WILLIAMS BUILDING

AREA COUNCIL DAY
For Officers, Area Council Representatives and Interested Members. Continuation of workshop procedures not completed on September 2.

ART EXHIBIT
In connection with the convention, a special one-artist gallery of oil paintings, water colors and sketches in various media will be on display in room 312, Williams Building. These works by C. C. Hazard, San Francisco artist, are for sale to anyone. Half of the proceeds are a contribution from the artist to the Mattachine Society. A list of titles and prices for the display is available.

FEES
Fees cover Saturday sessions, luncheon and banquet only. Attendance at Friday Reception, Saturday Cocktails and Sunday Convention Social is optional and extra. Registration fees for Saturday, September 3:

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Hotel Bellevue..............Graystone 4-3600

HOTEL BELLEVUE RATES
Single rooms, 7.50-10.00; Double Bedded Rooms, 10.00-12.00; Twin Bedded Rooms, 11.00-14.00; Suites, 18.00-25.00. All rooms have tub, shower, television. Hotel located 1 block from downtown air terminal.

DOB INVITES ALL MATTACHINE MEMBERS TO THEIR PARTY
Daughters of Bilitis San Francisco Chapter has extended an invitation to all San Francisco Mattachine people to attend a cocktail party on Sunday, September 25th. It will be held at 443 Justin St, San Francisco from 2 to 6 pm. There will be a donation of $2.50.

POSTAL BAN UPHELD ON HOMOSEXUAL OBSCENITY
(Reprinted from SF Chronicle, Aug. 16 '60)
WASHINGTON, Aug 15 (UPI)—A Federal judge ruled today that the post office can ban from the mails any magazines that appeal to the "prurient" interest of homosexuals.

The decision, in theory, sets a new yardstick on obscenity for the department, giving it the right to ban material which is obscene to a single segment of society, rather than the average person. The Supreme Court set up the "average person" yardstick.


Half a dozen or more other magazines, which contain pictures of nearly nude young men in different poses, could be affected by the ruling. They are sold at newsstands throughout the Nation.

Defense attorney Stanley M. Dietz said he would take the case to the United States Court of Appeals.

He said homosexuals are also citizens, and if the average person can buy magazines with pictures of nude women, "isn't a homosexual entitled to get magazines with pictures of semi-nude men if that's what interests him?"

SHOULD WE DISCOURAGE GAY BARS?
(From San Francisco CHRONICLE column "The Question Man" by Allen Brown of August 6, 1960. Answered at gayola trial in the Hall of Justice.)

Chief Deputy Public Defender: The police method of handling the problem is not the proper one. I favor the European method of leaving homosexuals and Lesbians alone as long as they don't bother other people. If gay bars bring this about let them stay.

Attorney: They should hang a sign out in front to keep the unaware out, so that unsuspecting innocents wouldn't walk into something. Homosexuals do have a right to congregate, but it should be apparent that the place caters to them.

Student: No! Homosexuality should be accepted by society. It's there, and you won't stamp it out by discouraging the the bars. We should supervise the bars, though. This is a free country, and if a guy wants to hang up pictures of men, he should be able to. You can't control sex drives.

Attorney: Of course! Gay bars are merely places for homosexuals to meet young people and entice them into homosexuality. Homosexuals have rights, of course, and should not be coerced. The danger is that young people go because of curiosity and might experiment.

Attorney: It goes beyond the problem of whether homosexuals are people. That's established. But advertising themselves to young people and tourists will get out of hand speedily. Homosexuals should be adult enough to mingle with others in places of entertainment without being conspicuous.

Attorney: These people have to drink some place and like any minority group they're entitled to equal accommodations. As long as they conduct themsel-
OSCAR WILDE, THE MOVIE
Reviewed by Eric von Gothenburg
I like to think that somehow it was more than morbid curiosity which provided full houses night after night at the Presidio Theater for Oscar Wilde. I would like to think that it somehow was interest in Oscar Wilde as an artist, a compensation to his genius, which saw such sudden eclipse 60 years ago under the cruel hands of "honorable men."

I would also like to be able to say that the film Oscar Wilde, the first of two (due to dissonance) which will come to us from Warwick Studios in England, portrays the man and the writer Oscar Wilde with fairness and accuracy. I think that the film has been fair to Wilde. In the person of the veteran English actor, Robert Morley, Wilde appears as a person of great wit and self-confidence, a scion of society, awed over and aped by the lesser luminaries of the London society of the Victorian age. We see him as he first meets his Fate in the guise of blonde aristocratic Lord Alfred Douglas, and how he later, more and more becomes enmeshed by the blackmail and the prostitution of the sordid world of male prostitutes with which he permitted himself to be associated. Just as the film points out quite vividly, it was in these associations, and not in his love for Lord Alfred, wherein his tragedy lies. The love of which he spoke so nobly from the witness stand "the love of an older man for a younger" ("the love that dares not speak its name," as Lord Alfred called it) was not the love for which he stood accused, although there is no doubt that the vitriolic hatred of Lord Queensbury for his son and for Oscar Wilde, was the precipitation of the tragedy.

It is disturbing then, in an otherwise moving and fastflowing production about a fascinating literary figure, to find serious historical inaccuracies and omissions, that detract from the story as a whole. The film shows Lord Alfred and Wilde meeting during one of Wilde's plays at their apparent ages of 30 and 50. The fact is that they were introduced to one another by Lionel Johnson in Wilde's home on Tite street in the summer of 1891, when Wilde was 36 and Lord Alfred 21. John Neville, not only because of being too old, but because of lack of intensity and depth, represents the character of Lord Alfred all too inadequately.

A serious omission, I feel, is to dismiss the life of Wilde after the three trials with a few scenes. The years in the cruel incarceration of British jails, and the experiences he had there, were the inspiration for his last two literary pieces, his "Epistola: in Carcere et Vinculis" (published as De Profundis in 1905 and 1949) and the poetic masterpiece The Ballad of Reading Gaol. Surely the fame of Wilde would be well established with his brilliant plays (Lady Windemere's Fan, The Importance of Being Earnest, etc.), but there is somehow, a poetic culmination in the depth and the sensitive empathy of that great poem which has been called "the greatest propaganda poem in the English language." To dismiss the tragic realities of Wilde in prison, or his life in exile in France, with a few shallow scenes is a serious omission of truly great dramatic material.

We see Oscar Wilde, then, broken, shattered, the flame of genius gone, lost confused and friendless in France, and the film ends by showing him in a scene too macabre for justice, screaming with deranged laughter in drunken escape. I would prefer to think of his exit lines being to his good friend Robert Ross by his bedside, the inimitable quip "When the last trumpet sounds, and we are caught in our porphyry tombs, I shall turn and whisper to you 'Robbie, Robbie, let us pretend we do not hear him.'"

The prosecutor (Sir Ralph Richardson) and Phyllis Calvert as Constance Wilde are strong in supporting roles, and Robert Morley's own son, Wilton, plays appropriately enough Wilde's son Cyril (but why did they leave out his one year younger brother Vyvyan?). Whether we wish to view Wilde, as "the lord of language," or a "corruptor of youth" he remains one of the truly great figures in English literature, and let us hope that the great interest this film has evinced, is an indication that Oscar Wilde as the scapegoat for the periodic fury of British "morality," is finally being recognized as the literateur he always wanted to be known and remembered.

Another article, by Jack Parrish, discusses Oscar Wilde, The Author. It begins on the next page.
OSCAR WILDE, THE AUTHOR
Comments by Jack Parrish

The British film Oscar Wilde is playing to capacity audiences at the Presidio Theater. The general response is that Robert Morley plays the chief role superbly and that John Neville does a fine job of acting, but is a little too old to be completely convincing as Lord Alfred Douglas.

Because of his public martyrdom, Wilde is virtually the only figure of modern times whom everyone has to acknowledge as a homosexualist. That side of Walt Whitman's nature can be ignored or glossed over, can be dismissed with Edward Fitzgerald, or tactfully ignored with Tchaikowsky. But Wilde's deviation is blatantly, nakedly there and cannot be ignored, no matter how much one wishes to. For most people he is The Homosexual in a way that no other known homosexual is.

It seems a pity that he is the only important person of this type of whom most people are aware. He is not a good person for homosexuals to identify themselves with nor was he typical of the species, as some heterosexuals seem to think.

He admittedly was a brilliant man and one of the greatest wits in the history of English literature. However, he was also lazy, something of a poseur and dabbler and inclined to live on the surface of life. While there is no other play like "The Importance of Being Earnest" in the English language, his other plays are completely conventional in their plots and characters and are only noteworthy for a few of the epigrams to be found in them.

With the exception of "The Ballad of Reading Gaol" and one or two other poems most of his poetry is highly derivative and characterless. Only a few of his stories are on the level of "The Birth of the Infanta" and "The Happy Prince." It was not that he lacked the ability to do more work of a better quality as that most of his life and gifts were frittered away on unimportant matters.

Bernard Shaw once commented, and it is hard to disagree with him, that if it had not been for Wilde's unfortunate tragedy he would only have been remembered as a wit, in the style of Congreve. There have been many far nobler homosexualists than Wilde, persons who were greater and more conscientious artists and who lived more in accordance with their concept of right ideals. Unfortunately, however, it is Wilde who is paid attention to by both heterosexuals and homosexuals and not they.

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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-
Executive Director of The Northern California Service League of San Francisco, gave a talk on the "Problems of Rehabilitation."

"The Northern California Service League," Mr. Silver explained, "is a social service agency in San Francisco which is working with misdemeanor and county jail offenders, both in the institution and after release." The offender, he explained, faces both psychological and physical problems because of his "brush with the law." He said it is the job of such organizations as his to bring this point home to the public. Also the responsibility of the community to provide adequate help to those who have problems and want this help to complete his rehabilitation back into the community, must be brought home. He pointed out that here Mattachine can help in educating the community to its responsibilities.

The greatest of the offenders psychological problems is the feeling of rejection. The destructive influences to self-confidence, initiative and resourcefulness that the jail experiences produce also have to be overcome by the individual. These are problems that the social workers deal with. Concrete problems like loss of job, how to account for arrest record on employment applications, bonding, etc., are problems directly connected to the education of the public but which the social worker must cope with also in dealing with the offender. Mr. Silver pointed out that the Service League's work is not popular with the public just as Mattachine has found that bringing better understanding to the public about people with variant behavior is not popular. He further pointed out that the two organizations have a basic common element in being dedicated to the principle that people, no matter who, are human beings, with all experience, weaknesses and needs of humanity.

The Luncheon Program

Dr. Harry Benjamin, who spoke to SFAC in July, was the featured Luncheon speaker. His talk "The Seven Sexes of Man" was based upon a paper of his soon to be published in SEXOLOGY. Before reading the paper he said that he wished he were on the panel discussion later that afternoon. Changing or improving the sex laws had always been topmost in his thoughts. "It seems to me that," he said, "laws are being enforced that are as far removed from modern thoughts and modern science as perhaps a horse-and-buggy from a jet plane. But such is evidently one of our heritages perhaps partly from the Puritan Pilgrim Fathers." He quipped, "wouldn't it have been much better if the rock had landed upon them?"

The seven sexes Dr. Benjamin outlined were: (1) chromosomal or genetic (2) anatomical also referred to as body or somatic (3) legal or nursery (4) endocrine or hormonal (5) germinal (6) psychological and (7) social which includes the sexual variant, sex of assignment and sex of dress. The first of these, genetic, is determined at the moment of conception and is immutable. All the others are changeable to some degree or another. These sexes are expected to work in great harmony but in true life they don't always. In his closing statement Dr. Benjamin played up this fact by saying, "Our sexuality is one thing that has to be without fault and must function in strict conformity with customs and laws, otherwise there is either the priest who invented sin or an artificially created crime."

The Afternoon Panel

Mrs. Molly Minudi a Lawyer, moderated the panel which discussed "Our Outmoded Sex Laws." The panelists included A. Phillip Burton and John O'Connell, California Assemblymen; Dr. Joseph Andralia, Psychiatric Social Worker, Dr. David W. Allen, Psychiatrist; and Mrs. Bernice Engle, Research Worker.

Mrs. Minudi read from the State sex laws and had each panelist comment upon them. Inconsistency and cruelty were apparent in most all of the sex laws. Some were clearly unenforceable. Dr. Allen pointed out that punishment not only fails to deter crime but actually in some cases increases it—to some the threat of retribution only heightens the thrill. Assemblymen Burton and O'Connell both were in agreement that the laws need to be changed but said this couldn't be done until public opinion were altered providing a favorable climate for this change. No assemblyman would come out for the laws now for fear of retaliation at the polls.

Awards Banquet

The highpoint of the day for Mattachine people is the Awards Banquet. This year's Member of the Year is Director of Public Relations Curtis Dewees of New York. A special Award of Merit for creative writing went to Rolland Howard of Denver. Other Awards of Merit went to Isadore Rubin of Sexology, Rev. Robert Wood, author of Christ and the Homosexual, the editors of Real-Life Guide, Washington Post, and Morris Lowenthal, San Francisco attorney. Honorary Membership was conferred upon Floris van Mechelen of I.C.S.E.

Mrs. Molly Minudi was the featured speaker at this Banquet. Her talk centered around how to set up a committee, similar to England's Wolfenden Committee, to study California's Penal Code and to make recommendations for changes where needed. She further brought up questions that should be considered by such a committee. In the latter part of her talk she gave advice as to what one should do if they are arrested. Her talk received a standing ovation at its conclusion.

The Business Meeting

SUNDAY and MONDAY, Sept 4 & 5—The annual business meeting ran into the second day. Probably the most important changes in the constitution and by-laws made at this meeting were: to change over to a delegate type system to be made in the convention business meetings. Each area council would have one voting delegate for every 5 members. New membership requirements was the other change to be made. It is now necessary for a new member first to have attended at least three activities sponsored by Mattachine before he can become a member. Harold Call, Donald Lucas and Henry Foster were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Tony Segura of New York was newly elected to the Board also. Boston was chosen as the Convention site for the 1961 Convention. Mattachine also decided to start a book service within the next 6 months.

And so in the very early hours of Tuesday, Sept. 6 the Convention activities came to a close with the first semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The Convention had proved to be a long one but many important things were done which will affect Mattachine's operation in the future. (George G. St. John)
October 4, 11, 18, 25, Tuesday evenings — Therapy Discussion Group. Time: 8:00 p.m. Place: Area Council Lounge 693 Mission St. This group is moderated by Dr. John G. Shrock and is a limited attendance group. You must make reservation first by calling DO 2-3799. ***

October 7, Friday evening — Public Discussion Forum. Speaker: Mr. Robert Meyer of Mexico City, Topic: Historical and Current Homosexuality in Latin American Cultures. Time: 8:00 p.m. Place: Area Council Lounge. Menu: see story on page 6 for details.


October 28, Friday evening — Newcomers Night Dinner Party. Time: 7:00 p.m. Place: Area Council Lounge. Menu: see story on page 6 for details.

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Tuesday evenings — Therapy Discussion Group.

November 4, Friday evening — Public Discussion Forum.

November 18, Friday evening — Regular Monthly Business Meeting.
PUBLIC MEET TO HEAR ABOUT VARIANTS IN LATIN AMERICA

Mr. Robert Meyers from Mexico City will be the featured speaker at the Oct. Public Discussion Forum on October 7th at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held in the area council lounge, Room 309, 693 Mission Street. The title of his talk will be "Historical and Current Homosexuality in Latin American Cultures."

VENUS CASTINA

Reviewed by Jack Parrish

A new addition to Mattachine's library is a reissue of C. J. Bulliet's Venus Castina, first published in a limited edition in 1928. The book is a study of female impersonation in Europe and America from the days of earliest Greece down to 1928 and is, according to the author, a description of the worshipers of Venus Castina through the ages— "that goddess supposed to respond with sympathy and understanding to the yearnings of feminine souls locked up in male bodies."

Bulliet wrote at a period when the studies of Havelock Ellis and other pioneers in his field were just beginning to be known in this country, so he has some excuse for his mistakenly regarding homosexuality, transvestism and effeminacy as synonymous. However, he has a bad habit of "assuming" too much with insufficient evidence to support his assumptions. He also lacks a bibliography and makes a few extreme errors, such as attributing the 17th century comedy The Rehearsal to Sheridan. Sheridan wrote and was performed nearly a century later, and the play is by George Villiers, the Duke of Buckingham.

However, the book presents a great deal of material not available elsewhere, the chapter of the male actors of Shakespeare's feminine roles covering a subject not usually gone into in books on his plays. At this period, as Bulliet points out, the playing of feminine parts by men was so much the custom in England that when shortly after Shakespeare's death a group of French actors and actresses were imported from across the Channel the ladies were hooted off the stage. One writer of the time calls them "Monsters" who were "unwomanish and graceless."

The English use of female impersonators explains much not usually made clear about the Elizabethan theater, as with the Shakespearean heroines so often traveling disguised as men. Some of these actors had remarkably varied histories. One of them, Nathaniel Field was a famous Desdemona in his early days and later became a great Othello.

Bulliet also has a certain native shrewdness despite his constant linking up of homosexuality with effeminacy. In the introductory first chapter he comments that the most attention has always been paid to men who wear feminine attire. Examples of women who have worn men's are not uncommon but there is no noted instance of a woman making a living as a stage performer by impersonating men. This would seem to indicate something very basic about European-American sexual inhibitions and taboos. Perhaps this fact exists because the psychological restrictions against men imitating women are so much stricter than those of women imitating men? So that consequently there is more shock-impact and titillation for the public in the latter than the former?
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December 2, Friday evening—Public Discussion Meeting. Speaker: Dr. Morris Peltz, instructor Langley Porter Clinic, U.C. Hospital. Topic to be announced. Time: 8:00 p.m. Place: Area Council Lounge, 693 Mission St. This meeting open to the public.

December 6, 13, 20, Tuesday evenings—Therapy Discussion Group. Time: 8:00 p.m. Place: Area Council Lounge.

December 8, Friday Evening—Regular Monthly Business Meeting. Time: 8:00 p.m. Place: Area Council Lounge.

December 16, Friday evening—Regular Monthly Business Meeting. Time: 8:00 p.m. Place: Area Council Lounge.

December 17, Saturday evening—December Party. Time: 8:00 p.m. until 2:00. Place: 1700 Diamond St. $1.00 will be made at the door. All members and friends of Mattachine and Daughters of Bilitis are invited.

EDUCATIONAL GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Mattachine Review makes an ideal gift at Christmas or any time of the year!

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A WIDE RANGE OF VIEWS AND OPINIONS WILL SERVE TO MAKE THIS A TRULY REPRESENTATIVE DOCUMENT. ATTACH EXTRA PAGES IF YOU WISH TO EXPRESS YOUR IDEAS AT GREATER LENGTH.

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   c. Legal codes
   d. Scientific theories
   
II. Are laws being widely enforced by “extra-legal” methods?
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DECember BUSINESS MEETING MOVED TO THE 8Th

The December Business Meeting of San Francisco Area Council, previously scheduled for third December Friday, has been moved to Thursday December 8. The Chairman moved the date up because many had indicated plans to be out of town or other reasons they couldn't attend a meeting at the regular date. There is also the Annual Christmas Party which is scheduled the 17th which would have been the next day.

There will be much important business to transact at this meeting so plan to be there and make your voice heard. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Area Council Lounge, Room 309, 693 Mission Street.

DON'T FORGET ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY THE 17Th

SFAC Mattachine's Annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday evening the 17th. Everyone who plans to attend is asked to bring an inexpensive (less than $1) gag gift. There will be a Santa Claus (?) to pass them out. He is supposed to make an appearance about 1:30 a.m. to distribute the gifts.

The party will be held at 1700 Diamond Street from 8:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. Muni Bus service brings you within a block of the place. Take a streetcar up Market to the Twin Peaks Tunnel (Market and Castro Streets) and transfer to No. 35 Eureka Valley and get off at 28th and Diamond Streets. Walk one block south on Diamond and you'll be at 1700.

See you there and remember to bring a gift.

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The REVIEW for November/December will be distributed to newsstands and subscribers sometime early next week. Some articles that appear in this issue are: Civil War Heroine (story of a woman who lived and fought as a man), Entrapment Backfires (account of blackmail attempt), Can The Homosexual Love Affair Last?, plus several others and regular features such as Book Reviews, Readers Write, etc.

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January 6 (Friday) — Public Discussion Forum: Speaker: Miss Marie Angell, Psychiatric Social Worker with S.F. Health Dept. Topic: Anxieties Faced By Homosexuals Seeking Aid From Public Health Services. Place: Area Council Lounge, 693 Mission St. Time: 8:00 p.m. This meeting is open to public.

January 10, 17, 24, 31 (Tuesdays) — Therapy Discussion Group. Time: 8:00 p.m. Place: Area Council Lounge. Moderator: Dr. John G. Shrock. Charge of $2 is made for each 2 hour session. Reservations must be made in advance by calling DO 2-3799.

January 20 (Friday) — Monthly Business Meeting. Time: 8:00 p.m. Place: Area Council Lounge. This meeting open to members of San Francisco Area Council only.

MARIE ANGELL OF S.F. HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO BE JANUARY PUBLIC DISCUSSION SPEAKER

Psychiatric Social Worker at the S.F. Health Dept., Miss Marie Angell will speak at Mattachine Public Lectur series. The meeting is to be held this Friday evening (January 6th) at the San Francisco Area Council Lounge, Room 309, 693 Mission St., at 8:00 p.m.

Miss Angell received her training at the University of California at Berkeley and has a Masters Degree in Social Welfare. Her position with the S.F. Health Dept. is unique. She is the only Psychiatric Social Worker assigned to a venereal disease control section within the health service. She sees all minors and any adult with problems. They are referred to her by other members on the staff of the health service.

Miss Angell's talk this Friday will cover the anxieties faced by a homophile when he is forced to seek aid from public health agencies. The average homophile is loath to admit source of contact when seeking treatment for venereal infection. Overcoming these fears, gaining the persons confidence, and learning the source of contact, is a job faced by the health service personnel. The fact that San Francisco's clinic is rated one of the best in the country shows that they have been successful in overcoming these fears.

Venereal infection through homosexual contact is now rated a prime source. By State Law the records of the health service are completely confidential. They cannot be brought into the courts and are not open to law enforcement agencies. All State clinics offer protection against disclosure to any other agency about a patients source of contact. The clinics do not disclose to an individual listed as a contact by the original party, who gave their name.
In addition to veneral disease control, Mrs. Angell will discuss other functions of the Public Health Service and some of her duties connected directly with her position as Psychiatric Social Worker.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR PARTY TO BE HELD IN LATTER PART OF JANUARY

At the time this special Newsletter goes to press, arrangements are being made to hold a party in January. It will be held in the latter part of the month and if it can be scheduled, a special announcement will be mailed to all Newsletter subscribers living in the Bay Area.

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February 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tuesdays)—Therapy Discussion Group Meetings. Moderator: Dr. John G. Shrock. Time: 8 to 10 p.m. at Area Council Lounge. A charge of $2 per session is made. By appointment only—Call office at DO 2-3799.

February 11 (Saturday)—Valentine's Party sponsored by S.F.A.C. Place: 1700 Diamond Street. Time: 8:00 to 2:00 Plan to attend!

February 17 (Friday)—Monthly Business Meeting. OPEN TO MEMBERS ONLY! Place: Area Council Lounge. Time: 8

February 19 thru 26—Prosperos Open Classes. Place: Jack Tar Hotel. For complete information see ad on page 4.

March 3 (Friday)—Public Discussion Forum: MARK THIS DATE DOWN SO YOU'LL HAVE EVENING RESERVED FOR PROGRAM. Program details will be announced in March Newsletter.

March 17 (Friday)—St. Patrick's Day—Monthly Business Meeting. OPEN TO MEMBERS ONLY! Place: Area Council Lounge. Time: 8:00 p.m.

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AREA COUNCIL VALENTINE PARTY COMING UP

Members and friends of San Francisco Area Council are reminded to mark the date of SFAC’s Valentine party, to be held on the evening of February 11 (next Saturday). Place and arrangements are the same as for previous social functions which are held primarily to raise funds for the Society’s work here.

DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS IN NEW OFFICES

Offices of Daughters of Bilitis recently moved to new quarters in San Francisco at 1232 Market Street, suite 108. A new telephone number has also been listed for this organization: Underhill 3-8196. Remodeling of the building for other purposes caused DOB to vacate the former quarters on O’Farrell Street for this new location.

ONE INSTITUTE STIRS INTEREST OF PARTICIPANTS

The recent 7th annual Mid-Winter Institute of One, Inc., held in Los Angeles January 27-29 created a lively interest among the approximately 50 people participating in the sessions. This year, for the first time, committee groups were assigned sections of a topic, “The Homosexual Bill of Rights,” to discuss and present in draft form. That an actual draft was made is significant, it seems, considering the nature of the topic and some of the individual reaction to it. This reaction centered mainly in the implication seen by many that the topic itself was a call for special privilege or license, which, of course, it was not.

Most outspoken opposition to the “bill of rights” idea came from representatives of Daughters of Bilitis. Full discussion of the position taken will probably appear in future issues of THE LADDER as well as in publications of One, Inc.

Attorney Herbert E. Selwyn and Research Psychologist Evelyn Hooker of UCLA made the Sunday afternoon banquet a memorable occasion with their reports on institute observations and problems facing the homophile. At a Saturday evening reception, “Hank’s Marionettes” and Spanish dance interpretations by Tony Reyes delighted an appreciative audience.

EMPLOYMENT COUNSELING ACTIVITIES ADVANCED

At the February discussion forum, a professional employment counselor outlined the presently going project of aiding individuals in finding employment in suitable fields. This is becoming one of the local area’s foremost projects. This is a two-fold project; first, since the number of persons seeking work has multiplied of late; second, since the counselor is faced with greater difficulty in finding job openings where individuals who often lack skills are acceptable. Reports of job openings, therefore, are earnestly sought to help make this valuable no-fee service meaningful in the fullest. As an example, some 60-plus job referrals have been made in the Area Council office here since Sept. 1, 1960. During the same period there were 25 referrals to professional help, and almost 90 referrals for legal aid.

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SAN FRANCISCO GROUP HEARS HEALTH DEPT. SPEAKER AT JANUARY MEETING

The speaker at the January 6th Public Discussion Forum was Miss Marie Angell, Psychiatric Social Worker, of the San Francisco Health Clinic at 33 Hunt Street (known to some as the "Hunt Club.") This clinic is the major venereal disease control center in San Francisco.

Miss Angell gave a short but informing talk on the problems of the man or woman who has just discovered that he or she has contracted some venereal disease. He is anxious about so many things: he is physically sick, also he must worry about his job—his friends—his family. Then he must worry about how the disease was contracted.

Mr. "A" (The man with the venereal disease) probably has very little information about sex and probably is quite unstable emotionally. But he goes to the Health Department ("Hunt Club"). Here he receives prompt diagnosis. Moreover it is all confidential and there are no raised eyebrows about how he contracted the disease. He is just asked about his sex contacts, since the more cases found and promptly treated the better for Mr. "A" and all the public. The best part of it, is that all treatment records are confidential, the books of the "Hunt Club," as with all venereal disease control clinics in California, are open to no one, not even the police.

At the clinic he receives no moral lecture and there is no effort made to arouse any feeling of guilt. The clinics are interested in only one thing: to treat the disease and moreover to stamp it out.

THANE WALKER OF THE PROSPEROS TO CONDUCT SERIES OF CLASSES AT JACK TAR HOTEL IN FEBRUARY

A series of Open Classes, presented by The Prosperos and taught by Thane Walker, will be held at the Jack Tar Hotel, February 19, 21, 22, 24 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m., on a contribution basis.

Mr. Walker, arriving from Hawaii for this series, is a renowned authority in the science of Thought Power, having taught and counseled, especially for youth, for over thirty years both in America and abroad. He is co-founder of The Prosperos, and Dean of The Prosperos Academy in Honolulu, a non-profit educational program dedicated to producing militant, informed, stable personalities which will lead in the fight for the preservation of peace and individual freedom.

The Prosperos, in recognition of outstanding contribution to this aim, presented its most coveted yearly award to Reverend Robert W. Wood, for his book, Christ and the Homosexual. This award was presented at the Annual Assembly held in Cincinnati last Sep.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Yes, for a lot of our members, it's renewal time. January is a big month for renewals which is a carry over from the time when all memberships expired on January 1st. But more to the point—if you are one of those whose renewal month is January and you haven't as yet done so—DO IT NOW BEFORE YOU FORGET—and we'll be around for another year together!
February 24 (Friday)—Special business meeting. OPEN TO MEMBERS ONLY. Place: Area Council Lounge. Time: 8:00 p.m.

February 24 (Friday)—Special speaker: Mr. Arnold Furst, author and hypnosis expert, speaking on use of hypnosis. Further information on page 2. Place: Area Council Lounge, 693 Mission Street. Time: immediately following special business meeting (about 8:30 p.m.) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Plan to attend.

March 3 (Friday)—Public Discussion Forum. Speaker: Mr. Schneidewin of the California Youth Authority, speaking on the rehabilitation work of his agency on behalf of parolees. Place: Area Council Lounge, 693 Mission Street, Room 309. Time: 8:00 p.m.

March 4 (Saturday)—S.F.A.C. party. Place: 1700 Diamond Street Time: 8:00 to 2:00. Further information on page 4.

March 17 (Friday)—Monthly Business Meeting. OPEN TO MEMBERS ONLY. Place: Area Council Lounge. Time: 8:00 P.M.
A WORD ABOUT FUNDS — AND HOW THEY ARE SPENT

February 24th — this coming Friday evening — is the date of a special business meeting of the membership of San Francisco Area Council, called by unanimous vote of those present at the regular February meeting held on the 17th.

Business matters at the special meeting should require only a short time to accomplish. Therefore, a special educational feature has been arranged. At very short notice, we have prevailed upon Arnold Purst, world famous author and lecturer, to give us a short lecture on the modern uses of hypnosis.

Hypnosis has been in the news lately because of several bills which are being introduced this month into the California legislature in an effort to control its use. And since it has been accepted by the American Medical Association as being of some value when used properly by professional therapists, many of us feel that we would like to know more regarding its limitations and practical uses, especially to those who have personal sexual problems.

Arnold Purst was the co-author with Dr. Lester Kasha of a medical textbook, "Case Histories in Hypnotherapy," and has had much experience in using hypnosis for various psychological disorders. He will describe some of his original concepts regarding the rapid induction of hypnosis and will have a question and answer period for the benefit of those who want to gain information which will relate to their own needs.

At the present time, Arnold Purst is traveling throughout the United States with a course of study in Sales Presentation that is based upon the same psychological principles which are used by the hypnotist. He is an interesting speaker with a varied background, and this should prove to be a most interesting session. We regret that we could not give more advance notice to this program, but Arnold Purst was in Sacramento last week to see some of the state Senators and will be in San Diego next week for a series of lectures and we felt it wise to take advantage of his offer to speak for our group at this time.

(SPECIAL NOTE: Although the business meeting is open only to members, guests and friends of the Society are welcome to attend that part of the program where Mr. Purst will appear. Those non-members arriving before his part of the program will be seated in an adjacent office until the business session is completed.)

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I. ATTACHINE SOCIAL EVENT SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Members and friends of the Society are invited to attend another of the popular Mattachine socials to be held at Steve's home on Saturday evening, March 4th, 8–12 p.m. Your support of these functions is solicited, because as fund-raising efforts, they provide the means whereby the Area Council is able to cooperate with the National office in making a wide range of valuable services available to the public.

The social services, as most Newsletter readers know, comprise the following:
1) Legal referrals to those requiring such services; 2) Referral to professional therapists and clinics when indicated; 3) Employment counseling and referrals, and 4) Group Therapy projects for those seeking answers to personal problems.

An increasing number of adults are calling upon the Society for these helps. The social events make the social services possible. Won't you, your wife, and friends please help make this one another success?

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Week of May 1st—Daily from 10 a.m.—REVIEW WORK SESSION, Office, 693 Missions Street.
Friday, May 5, 8 p.m.—MONTHLY PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUM, 693 Mission St.,
Room 309

SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST: Beginning May 1st, Californian Hotel,
Lectures by Dr. Thane Walker of Honolulu, sponsored by The Prosperos
(see inside).

While no social events have been scheduled for May, these will be re­
sumed soon. As many members have noted, Mattachine's March 4 party was
visited by Alcoholic Beverage Control Department officers and a charge
was made: Selling liquor without a license. One man was arrested. At
his trial on April 4th, he was found guilty, and the matter was re­
solved with a suspended $100 fine and a one-year probation to the court.
The fact that ours is only one of many groups who use such means to
raise funds is not important; but the fact that this procedure will be
handled in the future so as not to violate the law is important.

In calling for a special fund to defray the expense which this arrest
and charge caused, a total of $140 has been received. But the amount
still needed to cover all costs is $152.65. Will you help out? Here is
the data:

| Item                  | Amount  
|----------------------|---------
| Confiscated liquor   | 87.65   
| Bail Bond            | 105.00 
| Attorney Fee         | 100.00 
| TOTAL                | 292.65 
| Contributions Received | 140.00 
| BALANCE NEEDED       | 152.65 

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SATURDAY May 6
1:30 PM
SUNDAY May 7
1:30 PM

The Master Teacher said, "Know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free".
INTERIM COMING NEXT WEEK

Copies of the new INTERIM will come out next week to explain the new Mattachine setup as ordered by the Board on March 15, along with the reaction of the membership to it. There will be letters from individual members of all former area councils, reaction of the area council groups, and a report on what these former area councils elsewhere are doing. Amplified for all are the reasons why the action was taken, and a statement by the Chairman on what the future holds.

SOME MEMBERSHIP GAINS NOTED

While the "active membership" of the San Francisco region has dropped, a gain has been noted in subscribing members during the past few weeks. Applications filled out and partial dues payments made by some coming into membership on the installment plan, mean that close to ten new members will be enrolled before the end of the current month.

WATCH FOR KQED-TV PROGRAM

"THE REJECTED", a 75-minute television documentary featuring Dr. Margaret Mann, Dr. Karl Bowman, District Attorney Tom Lynch, Attorney Morris Lowenthal, Dr. Edwin BrafF, Dr. Norman Reed, Attorney Al Bendich, Bishop James Pike, Rabbi Alvin Fine and many others should be scheduled for KQED within the next few weeks. The documentary was written by John Reavis, Jr., after a great deal of research which he began last November. In March KQED took movies in the Mattachine office which were used to introduce a 3-man panel discussion by Society members. Altogether almost 15 minutes were given to Mattachine expression on the program. It is possible that many U.S. educational television stations may present this outstanding and comprehensive documentary on the subject which calls for a change of law and an understanding of homosexuality. Watch for it.

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San Francisco Area Council Newsletter exists no more, but a continuation of it as "MATTACHINE NEWSLETTER" begins with this issue, which incidentally marks the eighth anniversary of this publication. Future issues of MATTACHINE NEWSLETTER will appear on a "from time to time" basis. Purpose will be to inform persons interested of the events and activities of the Society held at San Francisco under the auspices of the National organization. Thus the newsletter will not attempt to duplicate material in Mattachine REVIEW and INTERIM, since all members receive these periodicals. However some announcements will be duplicated for additional promotional value, and for the benefit of some Newsletter readers who get no other Mattachine publication.

After a summer of activity busier than usual on the home-office front, but one rather devoid of educational programs, the swing back to public programs of significance is opened with the Society's Eighth Annual Conference, Sept. 1-4, at Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco. Main day's activities this year will be as usual—the discussion forum and addresses on Saturday (Sept. 2nd). The program schedule, theme, and outline of activities for the four days appear elsewhere. Please get reservations in early and don't miss the opportunity to share with organizational leaders in similar fields the search for answers to the pressing problem of finding jobs and economic security for those in our midst who have had records from jail, prison or the armed forces.
Daughters of Bitlits, Inc., San Francisco, has extended an invitation to Mattachine members and friends to attend a cocktail hour on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 443 Zooet St. The time is 4-6 pm.

An announcement in this issue lists the date and time for the KQED television program, "THE REJECTED," a presentation of National Education Television. It will be seen on Channel 9 on Monday evening, Sept. 11, from 9:30 to 10:30 pm. Don't miss it.

Social Service Referrals at New Peak

Arrests of individuals with charges of sex offenses have brought a peak volume of requests for legal services, bail bondsmen referrals, etc., to Mattachine in recent months. In mid-August, a raid and mass arrest at the Taybush Inn, San Francisco, saw 103 persons charged with one or more misdemeanor offenses, principally that of being present in a disorderly house. As this is printed, this matter is still in the courts. A majority of those arrested appeared in court on August 15, asked for continuance to obtain counsel, entered a plea of not guilty, and asked for a jury trial. Municipal Court Judge William O'Brien set the date for their next appearance on August 18, at which time the jury trial dates will be set.

Television Show Transcript Booklet in Process

Under joint arrangements between Pan-Graphic Press and National Educational Television, a 32-page transcript booklet of the spoken text of the program, "THE REJECTED," is now on the press.

This will be a publication similar to that of "THE HOMOSEXUAL IN OUR SOCIETY," a Pacifica Foundation Radio program produced in 1957 at KPFA-FM, Berkeley, and broadcast over that station (three times) and later over KPPK, Los Angeles and WBAI, New York, FM stations included in Pacifica's operation. This booklet sold for 1.00, and the same price will be charged for the TV program transcript.

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Kappa Radio Program of Special Interest

"THE MALE HOMOSEXUAL" is the title of a panel type program recorded in Montreal and scheduled for broadcast by KPPA-FM, Berkeley, at 11 pm on Saturday evening, August 19. The station can be heard on the 94.1 FM band.

Three speakers on this program addressed the recent World Psychiatric Congress in Canada. They are Clifford Scott, staff member of the Canadian Psychiatric Institute; Irwin Stengle, professor of psychiatry, Sheffield, England, and Dr. Edmund Bergler of New York, former assistant director of the Freud Clinic in Vienna.

Causes, treatment and "cure" of the male homosexual is the main topic of the program. Many Mattachine members and friends will remember Dr. Bergler as the psychiatrist who has written several books, among them, "HOMOSEXUALITY—Disease or Way of Life?" and "ONE THOUSAND HOMOSEXUALS."

In the first book listed, Dr. Bergler contends strongly that homosexuality is a disease and curable. Mattachine Review in May 1957 took him task for that claim, therefore the Society and its magazine got prominent mention in the second book listed, in which Dr. Bergler discussed and claimed complete cures for many of the 1000 homosexual patients of his.

Thus the program should be very interesting, because Dr. Bergler's contentions are not all shared by any means with many of his professional colleagues in the U.S. today.

Rehabilitation Group Hopes to Establish San Francisco Office

When Hal Call spoke to the California Society for Employment and Rehabilitation at Modesto, Calif., on August 2, he learned from Executive Director James Goodrich that this new organization expects to establish offices at San Francisco and Los Angeles in the near future. Already many contacts have been made with correctional institutions and officials in rehabilitation work, as well as with labor unions, employers and other social service agencies throughout the state, and a response is coming forth that is gratifying: the CSER is finding jobs for offenders.

Call addresses the organization on problems faced by sex offenders and veterans with less than honorable discharges (a topic which is also a theme for the Mattachine 1961 conference mentioned elsewhere). At the meeting, Call was named a member of CSER and appointed to the post of Publications Advisor.
Vice Case to Test Public 'Tolerance'

The weekend raid on the Tay-Bush, one of San Francisco's wide open "gay" spots, has become the focal point for an attempt to gain public tolerance toward homosexuals.

The Mattachine Society, a national organization dedicated to public education of the problems of homosexuality, has thrown its support behind the 98 persons facing charges in connection with the raid early Sunday morning, The Examiner learned yesterday.

In addition, other established "gay" places throughout the country have offered aid in a fight for the right of sexual deviates to meet in public without "persecution" by police.

103 ARRESTED

The police raid on the after hours cafe at Bush and Taylor Sts., resulted in 103 arrests, including 14 women.

All appeared for arraignment on misdemeanor charges in Municipal Court here yesterday. Five won dismissals on the plea that they were strangers from the East without prior knowledge of the character of the place.

The others either entered not guilty pleas or asked for time to consult with their attorneys. Trial dates will be set Friday for the former. Those yet to plead will return to court Aug. 22.

Robert Johnson, 27, proprietor of the Tay-Bush, was arraigned on three alleged violations of State, police and health codes. He pleaded not guilty.

Johnson acknowledged out of court that his place, a club open from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., was recognized as a gathering spot for homosexuals.

"But that doesn't make it a 'disorderly place,'" he said. His position was that deviates have the same rights to meet publicly as any other persons.

AIDS PATRON

He denied the arresting officers' allegations that men were dancing together or kissing. He said the place was so jammed that it was impossible to move about without a certain amount of body contact.

Johnson arranged ball for many of his customers and provided legal counsel for those who desired it.

The Mattachine Society, whose headquarters is in San Francisco, arranged for an attorney to represent the group and agreed to act as "custodian" for a defense fund to help fight the case.

Harold L. Call, a society officer, said the society has also agreed to take care of the cost of printing briefs in the event the defendants are convicted and must appeal to a higher court.

Mattachine Society's forthcoming Eighth Annual Conference at San Francisco on Sept. 2 (Saturday) will bring this problem into a sharper focus, with commentary and suggestions from a number of experts. And, it is hoped, with reports of significant accomplishments from some agencies responsible for helping these people who are handicapped jobwise.

One of the most pressing domestic problems today is employment. And among those experiencing the most pressing squeeze in the vice are sex offenders, veterans with less than honorable discharges, and others just released from correctional institutions.

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But a lot needs to be done in examining and defining the problem, with a view to pinpointing exactly those pressures, policies, attitudes and resistances which make it so difficult for the unemployed sex variant or offender to be accepted on a job, and to hold it once it may be revealed that the individual has a "police record" background.

So many questionnaires and investigations reveal information which is so often gathered and presented so as to make the person unacceptable on all but the most menial tasks. A prevailing attitude among so many employers is that anyone who has had a scrape with the law in civilian life or who has been discovered to have homosexual tendencies while in the armed forces is a fiend, a second class citizen, and/or certainly no one to be employed.

Can we afford this attitude which results in such a waste of manpower? Can we cast aside this body of creative talent, technical skills and administrative capacities on the basis of these old notions? And can we continue to be guilty of giving only the most meager lip service to the humanitarian concept of rehabilitation for these people?

Telling an offender, or these veterans who are stigmatized with any of a number of "bad" discharges to "go get a job and straighten yourself out" is one thing, and so easy for various authorities to pronounce. But his getting a bare subsistence kind of job is quite another. Too often the despair, discouragement, rejection and the poverty itself combine to thrust these many deserving people right back into the web of law, courts, correction and so on all over again.

We say these people deserve a chance—but how can they get it? That's what Mattachine hopes to explore at its annual meeting this year. Be there and offer your ideas, won't you?
EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE: PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Program planning for the Eighth Annual Conference of the Mattachine Society is going forward now and will appear in the earlier September issue of the REVIEW. The event will be held Sept. 1-4 at San Francisco. Social services, employment and rehabilitation of offenders will be the principle theme. Speakers will come from a number of organizations and public agencies concerned with this work, particularly as it relates to homosexuals, veterans discharged under certain conditions, etc. A serious examination of the prospects for job security for these people will be made on an afternoon panel program.

Here is the tentative PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, Sept. 1, 9am—5pm: Open House in the Society's offices, 693 Mission Street. 7-11pm: Reception with Refreshments for members and guests.

SATURDAY, Sept. 2, 9-11am: Registration, Ballroom, Whitcomb Hotel, 1231 Market Street; see fee schedule below.
12-1:30pm: Luncheon and Featured Address by James Goodrich, Executive Director, California Society of Employment and Rehabilitation, Modesto.
2-4:30pm: Four-Part Panel Program and Discussion Period.
6:30-7:30pm: Cocktail Hour.
8-10pm: Annual Awards Banquet; Featured Address.

SUNDAY, Sept. 3, 10am—12noon and 2-3:30pm, California Room, Hotel Whitcomb, Reports Session by Officers and Directors of Mattachine Society; Commentary by spokesmen of One, Inc., and Daughters of Bilitis, Inc. (Luncheon, 12-1:30pm optional.)
3:30-4:30pm: Annual Meeting of Board of Directors; Election of Officers; Adjournment.
MONDAY, Sept. 4. Special Events Day—Program to be announced. (Optional)

Conference fees this year are reduced from previous annual sessions, with a view to making it possible for more members and friends to attend. They are:

Saturday Sessions—Entire Day  12.00
Morning and Afternoon Sessions Only  3.00
Luncheon Only  4.50
Awards Banquet Only  6.50

These fees do not include cocktail hour on Saturday. It should also be noted that luncheon on Sunday and any necessary nominal fees for the special events day (Monday) will be extra.

Advance registration is urged at the earliest possible time so that adequate arrangements can be made. Fees should be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Donald S. Lucas

What can we do to put real meaning in the finding of jobs and rehabilitation of sex offenders and veterans with less than honorable discharges?

This question will be the main topic examined on a special day-long program at the Ninth Annual Conference of the Mattachine Society, Inc., to be held on Saturday, Sept. 4 at the Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco. The public is invited to attend.

Details and discussion of the Conference, including other events planned for Sept. 1-4 appear on pages 2 and 4 of this issue. Read them carefully—and join us in another public forum for public service.

Mattachine Society, Inc.

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Homosexuality ... FRANKLY DISCUSSED

Research discloses that there may be as many as 15 million adult male homosexuals in the U.S. today. Shall we accept them in society, or will they continue to be...

"THE REJECTED"

MONDAY EVENING—SEPTEMBER 11 9:30-10:30 pm

HOUR-LONG TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY

INTRODUCTION by JAMES DAY, Manager, KQED

FEATURED ON THE PROGRAM:

DR. MARGARET MEAD, Anthropologist, psychologist and author, New York
DR. CARL W. BOWMAN, Psychiatrist and former director, Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute
DR. ERWIN BRAFF, Director, YO Clinic, U.S. Public Health Service
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Homosexuals in America today...millions upon millions of them...a few satisfied with their condition, many of them desperately unhappy. This program will present a wealth of scientific knowledge, studied opinion and arguments calling for acceptance on the one hand and continued repression on the other.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE: A RECAP

Representatives from six states were present September 1-4 inclusive to participate in the various activities of the Eighth Annual Conference of the Mattachine Society, Inc., held at the Hotel Whitcomb and in the national headquarters at San Francisco. Included were spokesmen and representatives of One, Inc., Daughters of Bilitis, Inc., and Hollywood Assistance League. Dr. Thane Walker, dean of the Prosperos School, Honolulu, was banquet speaker following which Awards of Merit were read for John W. Reavis, Jr., who wrote the script for the television program, "The Rejected," and Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Des Moines Register and Tribune Syndicate medical columnist.

Dr. Mark Bailey, San Francisco, was elected to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting. Officers named were Harold Call, president; Dr. Bailey, vice president; Donald Lucas, executive secretary, and Conrad Bowman, treasurer. Call continues as director of publications and editor of Mattachine REVIEW. Board terms of Dr. Wallace Moxey, Curtis Dewees and Gonzalo Segura, Jr., were continued.

Ranking among the highest of Mattachine programs dealing with current problems was the Saturday panel discussion on "Emplo-
ment and rehabilitation for offenders and veterans with less-than-
honorable discharges." Moderated by Donald Lucas, panelists included
five leaders with great experience in dealing with this difficult
dilemma faced by releases from various local and state correctional
institutions, and job placement for veterans, etc. They were:

Joseph R. Roman, western director for seven states for Division of
Action Program, of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency;
Mrs. Lilian D. Stedick, secretary, Allied Fellowship Service of
Oakland; Robert Gilbert of the Adult Probation Unit of Marin County;
and formerly executive director of the San Francisco Council on Alco-
holism; Jan Marinissen, rehabilitation secretary of American Friends
Service Committee, San Francisco; and Charles Ivan, selective placemen-
t interview division, California State Department of Employment,
San Francisco.

Speakers hit upon some of the major barriers faced today by
offenders, releases and individuals otherwise handicapped as pros-
pective employees because of imperfect records when they declared
that California was still one of the most punitive of all the
states; and furthermore that psychology which labels these people
as unworthy for employment is a massive and statewide thing. This
condition, Roman said, is in direct contrast to what has happened in
some other states—namely Washington and Wisconsin.

Newspapers and other mass communications media do not concern
themselves with the job aspect of rehabilitation for releases.
Persons in correctional work generally do not press for the pros-
pective parolee to have an opportunity to actually interview a pros-
pective employer. Instead, the attempt is made, feebly, it seems,
to request an employer to take the parolees for a job—sight unseen.
It seldom works.

A call was advanced to start a widespread and penetrating program
of education directed toward employers, labor unions, etc., and with
it the more important aspect of informing these groups and individ-
uals about the talent and manpower available in the releases leaving
correctional institutions. Here, it was pointed out, the Department of
Corrections was at fault.

A further conclusion was that various agencies, such as Allied
Fellowship, probation units, American Friends Service Committee,
Matson and other private groups and public agencies working in
this field should coordinate their work more closely; using the
Bay Area Corrections Clearing House facilities, to make greater
accomplishment in job placement.

However, the State Department of Employment's role in such co-
operative venture would be one of non-participation, since its
policy is strictly delineated.

The 3-hour program was taped and will be played at a future
date to be announced.

WHERE TO WATCH "THE REJCTED" MONDAY NIGHT

For members and friends without a TV set, arrangements have
been made to have two sets tuned to Channel 9, KQED at 9:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 11, so that the program, "The Rejected," may be seen.
This will be at 966 Pine St. Please arrive earlier than the hour
of the program.

DOB CANCELS SEPTEMBER GET-TOGETHER

The previously announced "get-together" cocktail party sponsored
by DOB, to which Matson members and friends have been invited,
had been canceled, because of a lack of facilities. Two addresses
have been announced for the party. However, the householders
offered the place have moved, we learn, and the event canceled off for
the present.

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND CLOSED OUT

Since court action for persons arrested in the Tay Bush affair
was concluded for the most part on Sept. 6 at Municipal Court in
San Francisco, the legal defense fund for which Matson has been
custodian has been utilized (as we go to press) to pay the attorney,
(as far as it went), and for small expenses incurred in promoting
it. Response to the project was not world shaking as of Sept. 6,
a total of $394.48 had been collected and deposited to this special
fund account. At an early date—probably in the next issue of this
newsletter—a detailed accounting of the receipts and disbursements
of this fund will be published and mailed to those contributors whose
name is known. Matson expresses gratitude to those who helped
on this, and makes clear that utilization of the fund is being made
ONLY for those people from the public involved, and none of it for
the owner of the establishment involved.

Resolving the case on Sept. 6, Judge Andrew Ryan dismissed
charges against all but a very few persons (5 or 6). These entered
pleas of guilty in all but two cases, and were fined amounts up to
$100 and got up to three months' probation to the court. Two cases
will be handled separately and at jury trials. Owner of the res-
aurant pleaded guilty to permitting dancing without a permit and
operating a disorderly house. He was fined $400.
TREASURER'S REPORT: GLOOMY BUT SOME GAIN

Fellow members and friends of the 38th Annual Conference of the Mattachine Society, Inc., my report this year as treasurer is, as usual, rather gloomy.

Total cash receipts for the fiscal year 1960-61 were $34,053.24, an increase of $862.70, or 6.08%, compared with last year's 22.95% increase. The total disbursements were $15,108.47, an increase of $870.46, or 6.11%, compared with last year's 24.39%, which indicates that we have reduced expenses by 18.28% in the past year. Our total accounts receivable are $1,222.70, a $163.24 increase or 15.41%, merchandise inventory $7,652.00 for a reduction of $2,005.00 or 20.76%. Furniture and fixtures remains the same at $1,239.30. The book value of our library is $2,597.30, an increase of $101.00 or 4.03%. Total accounts payable is $2,593.82, an increase of $1,063.61 or 69.51%. Sales tax payable is $14,22, an increase of $2,60 or 22.38%. The Mattachine Society, Inc., capital account is now $8,926.05, a reduction, or net loss for the year, of $2,963.20 or 24.92%, compared with the $776.52 net loss last year of 6.13%. The surplus account - value of donated assets for the year is $1,177.30, a $101.00 increase or 9.38%.

In order to be more specific, I will itemize a few of the larger income and expense accounts in order that you will have a better understanding of where the money is coming from and where it is going. Membership dues were $1,684.50, $451.00 or 21.12% less than last year; Mattachine Review subscriptions $2,590.80, $564.20 or 17.88% less; single copy sales $232.85, $119.90 less or 33.99%; newstand sales $3,732.75, a $697.00 increase or 22.94%. Donations for the year were $6,150.25, an increase of $2,070.22 or 40.74%.

Under Expenses, the Mattachine Review was $5,677.26, an increase of $764.02 or 16.02%; postage $772.41, a decrease of $174.11 or 16.39%; office supplies were $388.00, $751.76 less or 56.11%; salary expense $1,576.00, a $366.00 increase or 22.40%; rent $1,050.00, $202.50 more or 13.89%; and telephone expense was $201.06, $72.00 less or 26.30%.

I truly hope that with the renewed and constant efforts of all of us during the coming year we can reverse this trend and have a sizeable net gain next year, rather than a net loss.

—0. Conrad Bowman, Jr.
Treasurer

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MATTACHINE SOCIETY; INC.
BALANCE SHEET
August 31, 1961

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DOB HOLDS "RETREAT" SEMINAR

Eleven San Francisco members of Daughters of Bilitis, Inc., joined an equal number from Los Angeles at the midway point near San Luis Obispo for a Labor Day Weekend series of conferences. This meant that for the first time in years no actual DOB members showed up at the annual Matchmachine conference.

Upon returning, Ladder Editor Del Martin stated the weekend conferences marked a high point in DOB efforts to improve organizational matters, establish policies and coordinate projects. The number attending made it possible for the organization to take over an entire motel for the confab.

BUSINESS MEETING A RECORD FOR BREVITY

Eighth Annual Conference Board meeting, the official business meeting of the year, was the shortest on record for Matchmachine, and thereby a relief to the officers as well as to the members. It lasted about 40 minutes. In contrast, the membership business meeting of a year ago was on for more than 20 hours, and filled some 454 pages of minutes. Minutes this year were transcribed onto stenotype by Charles Brown, but there was no expense involved this year, since the stenotypist donated his services.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: PROOF OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Although to many statistics are a bore and do not seem to make much sense or would appear to require a lot of time and effort, in actuality statistics are very important. For an organization such as ours they are even more important. Statistics present an accurate and specific record of what has been done and a forecast of what can be expected in the future. This report is composed almost entirely of statistics and very interesting ones at that. They relate to referrals, mail received, telephone calls and time spent on problems of individuals. The executive secretary saw 642 individuals during the past fiscal year, spending 207 hours of time with them. These are broken down as follows:

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<td>Office supplies</td>
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Telephone calls were received from 721 individuals. Many of those calls take a great deal of time and others are mere routine calls. The time involved is not recorded on these.

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In regard to the amount of mail received in the office, as stated previously these figures refer to items of mail which require some attention of one kind or another and exclude all mail which does not need attention. There were 1328 items of mail received as follows:

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As of August 31, 1961, we had 370 Review Subscribers and 292 members. It is interesting to note the many countries that are represented here: U.S. 320 Review subscribers, 227 members; Review sub-

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MATCHMACHINE NEWSLETTER published by the Matchmachine Society, Inc., 693 Mission St., San Francisco 5, Calif. Issued monthly
There was a drop in the number of actual paid subscriptions to the Review from the previous year. From 365 as of 8-31-60 to 311 as of 8-31-61. Members also took a drop from 309 dues paying members as of 8-31-60 to 217 as of 8-31-61. Although as respects both members and subscribers it was noted that this drop occurred in the first few months of 1961 and that in the past two months there has been a steady increase.

Also of interest is the matter of Donations and Contributions. One might normally assume that these would come from a great number of individuals; however, here are the statistics for a period of 4 years and 8 months. During that period we received donations from 353 individuals. Many of these have made regular donations while others have made but one. Following are figures showing the amounts of money these individuals have contributed during this period; a total of $15,368.99.

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(It should be added to this report that the referral statistics above are those of the executive secretary only, and do not include many of the referrals, telephone calls, time spent answering questions on individual problems, etc., handled by others in the office. Also not included are statistics for many bail bond referrals handled through Mattachine auspices at San Francisco.)
VOTER REGISTRATION A CIVIC PROJECT

An authorized registrar of voters for the City and County of San Francisco will be present at the offices of the Mattachine Society, 683 Mission Street, on Saturday afternoon, March 31, from 1 - 5 p.m., and on Monday, April 4, 10 - 10 p.m., to accept new registrations, and change, registrations from those who have moved since the previous election last November.

This registration period is to qualify voters for the primary election coming up June 5. Persons registered previously but who did not vote in November, 1961, must re-register. Other qualifying provisions for permitting valid registration are: 21 years of age, a resident of California for six months, a resident of the County since March 5th, and a resident at one's present address since March 15th.

Ellen Stewart, director of the League, said that any of the League's services is provided at any time prior to the deadline, April 12th. Mattachine is interested in this non-partisan project, and urges all to register and vote for candidates of their choice as a civic responsibility.

ONE, INC., SEEKS NEW LOS ANGELES LOCATION

News that the present 235 S. Hill St. location of One, Inc., in Los Angeles is to be razed has recently come on the scene. One, Inc., an organization of religious leaders, is seeking a new address. Recently the League announced that a new location had been found, but the deal was not closed, so a new address is still being sought by the June deadline for vacating present premises.

HOLLYWOOD ASSISTANCE LEAGUE CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

First anniversary of Hollywood Assistance League was marked recently in Los Angeles with a program at which Charles Duria, director of the counseling section for the Southern California Division of the Department of Employment for California, was speaker.

Mr. Duria discussed the employment situation and job-finding problems of the "social variant." He pointed out that instability on the job, moving from one address to another, and other manifestations of a 'sick' society were the principle problems faced by many. Also, on the program were songs by a popular "singing artist" who utilized the voice of Judy Garland.

NEW OFFICE TYPEWRITER

Following the theft of a privately-owned typewriter last November from Mattachine offices (the machine was found with two others and a tape recorder, and two were involved), a new typewriter was purchased by the Society in February. It is a used IBM Executive model, utilized for that purpose by the League. At present the type writer is loaned to a religious organization, the St. John's Mission, which is the League's present landlord, and its purchase was made, since, the League publicized that a new location had been found, but the deal was not closed, so a new address is still being sought by the June deadline for vacating present premises.

OFFICE CLEANUP AND STORAGE PROJECT PROGRESS

A project to clean up, inventory and store back issues of Mattachine REVIEW (of which some 25,000 copies are on hand) has been completed by Don Lowes. More than 10,000 copies are in "dead storage," uniformly boxed, counted and labeled. Another 4000 copies are in "permanent future file," stored for future bound volumes. And still another 5000 copies are shelved in the "current use" section for immediate access.

Of the more than 50 different issues of the REVIEW published since January 1955, there are six unavailable except in the "future use" category. But if still more editors are on the earnings more than 100 copies in stock of each available issue, however this figure becomes minimal when one considers that most of these copies are the result of unsold newsstand returns. Any magazine making distribution arrangements with the League is requested to return all copies of issues more than three years old, to the League, since it was publicized that a new location had been found, but the deal was not closed, so a new address is still being sought by the June deadline for vacating present premises.

Another cleanup has seen the periodical section of the library put into the best shape ever. And with the publication of a number of forthcoming and workable file system for Mattachine REVIEW and other publications which will greatly facilitate work and expedite replies.
GROUP THERAPY SESSIONS MAY BE SCHEDULED

If enough interest is shown, a new series of group therapy sessions by a San Francisco psychiatrist may be scheduled in the weeks ahead. The doctor who will be in charge can be reached by calling the office (Douglas 2-3799).

SOCIAL SERVICE GAINS CONTINUE

Calls for social services at the Mattachine office have continued at an even higher pace in the early months of 1962, but with a noticeable changing trend. Legal referrals sustained somewhat, and the number of those seeking employment increased. There is still a lively parade of individuals involved with the law, however, with an average of one person per day calling for information or a referral. About the same average number of personal visits at the office were noted as those seeking jobs. Some bankruptcy cases were handled, with referrals to other community agencies who are able to provide lodging and meals.

Another increase in social service activities has been noted whereby there are more referrals to Mattachine coming from parole and probation officers in the Bay Area and from staff doctors in public mental health facilities in Northern California. The increased number of persons with personal adjustment problems who are being sent to Mattachine from these channels has prompted the revival of the monthly discussion forums and other activities which will permit the people with acute problems and concerns to evaluate them with others who have had these concerns and progressed out of them in understanding, adjustment and development.

MEMBERSHIP PLOPS ALONG WITH GAINS NOTED

Supporting Mattachine membership has been increasing in numbers since the beginning of 1963, and stands at 226 as of March 31st. This is a slow gain from a low of 216 at the end of 1961.

Worthy of mention are several new trends noted. The rate of renewal is up, which means that fewer one-year-only memberships are coming in, to be dropped when expiration date is reached. And the number of supporting memberships from authors, doctors, ministers and other professional persons is growing, along with a gain in support from other institutions and public agencies in the fields of correction, education, and mental health.

Another aspect of support developed within the past year by the secretary is the pledge system of financial support. At present, monthly pledges have been made which now total $1000 per year, or about 15% of the annual Mattachine budget. These donations, together with lump sum donations ranging from a dollar upward, now account for more than a third of the Society's income.

Income in the present fiscal year (which began Sept. 1, 1961) has not reached the all-time high of a year ago, but the prospects are such that the current fiscal year will probably set the record. It must in order to meet the budget.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The previously announced discussion forum to have been held on Thursday evening, May 10, has been cancelled after the small attendance present at the April program.

DOB CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS NEAR COMPLETION

Program arrangements for the second national convention of the Daughters of Bilitis are almost complete. The public part of the session will be held on Saturday, June 23, at the Hollywood Inn, 6724 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood. Registration for the full program is $12.50 and advance registrations should be made to DOB at 1232 Market Street, San Francisco 2.

Jess Stern, New York, author of "The Sixth Man", is a featured speaker. Dr. Thane Walker, dean of the Proseros Academy, Honolulu, will address the banquet. Others on the program are Rev. Rol-lo Bons of the Episcopal Church and Mrs. Suzanne Prosin of San Fernando State College. Theme of the conference is "Potentials---The Lesbian in Society."

NEW OFFICES FOR ONE, INCORPORATED

As of May 1, One, Inc. moved to another location in Los Angeles. The address is now 2256 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles 6, telephone REPUBLIC 5-3252. New quarters give One twice the floor space of the old Hill St. location, and include the entire second floor of a 2-story building. Moving required six men two days and no less than six huge commercial vanloads of stuff had to be transported.

MEMBERSHIP SCORE UNCHANGED

April membership gains were slim indeed: net increase was 1, making the total 226 compared to 225 in March. A look at the April financial recap would almost indicate that the single membership was the only financial transaction of the month (although of course this is far from the case). Nevertheless, receipts dropped considerably from the average of the fiscal year.

Mattachine Society, Inc.
693 Mission Street
San Francisco 5, Calif.
NEW REVIEW DISTRIBUTOR IN LOS ANGELES

Staff of One, Inc., which had to go back into the magazine distribution business after a commercial distribution agency closed operations, has also agreed to handle the Mattachine Review in the Los Angeles area, providing production of both magazines is synchronized so that both can be delivered and picked up at one time.

EXHIBIT AT STUDIO GALLERY

An exhibit of oils by Gordon Kotecki has been hung in Lloyd Clark's studio Gallery, 4507 Shattuck Ave., Oakland (where Shattuck and Telegraph meet at 45th Street) and will continue on public exhibition through June 1. Lloyd and Marguerite Clark have announced that the gallery will be open Monday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m., and to 9 p.m. on Thursdays. This showing is of interest to news letter readers.

"VICTIM" COMES TO LARKIN SCREEN

Dainie Knickerbocker of the Chronicle wrote an excellent review of the British film, "Victim", which opened April 23, at the Larkin Theatre for an extended run. The topic of the movie, homosexual blackmail, makes it an event of major importance for newsletter readers. Dirk Bogarde, portraying the barrister who must face-up to soul-searching decision regarding his own propensities, gives an outstanding performance. "Victim" was discussed and reviewed in the February 1962 issue of INTERIM.

STANFORD FORUM ON CONTROVERSY

Acceptance of homosexual expression as a normal behavior pattern for some people was called for by Mattachine President Hal Call on April 20 when he addressed a forum of Stanford University students on a program called "Controversy." Seventy-four men and women were present to hear Call advocate changes in the law (as in Illinois) and a realistic approach to sex that is devoid of the shame and guilt so often found.

Many of Call's remarks concerned the evidently increasing homosexual incidence, but this was described as more a matter of greater awareness, knowledge and opportunity, along with a generally greater sexual freedom, rather than any actual percentage increase of homosexual orientation in the population. Topics covered included the law, employment, venereal disease, and the operation of the Mattachine Society. An hour of lively questions, reflecting a serious academic interest in the subject, followed the address. Mr. John Howard, director of the weekly "Controversy" forum, presided.

AUTOGRAPH PARTY FOR "CIRCLE OF SEX"

An autograph party marking the publication of "The Circle of Sex" will have Gavin Arthur as guest, and will be held from 2 to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 26, at 4908 California Street, San Francisco. Refreshments will be served. Copies (autographed) of the book will be available for 2.50. Everyone invited,

"REJECTED" SHOWN ON TV IN PHOENIX

It has been reported that the National Educational Television production, "The Rejected," has been shown in Phoenix. The station presenting it received many letters asking for a re-run of the program, we are told. Tucson, Portland and San Francisco are three cities which have recently presented the program.

APRIL DISCUSSION FORUM NETS SMALL AUDIENCE

Reviving the regular monthly discussion forums on April 12 was not initially a spectacular success. Only 11 persons were present to hear a reading from advance proofs of parts of the manuscript of the forthcoming book, "The Homosexual Revolution." However this small group had considerable interesting comment to make on several parts of the text, particularly those portions which dealt with the author's attitude about police and law enforcement.

As a result of the meager interest, the discussion forum previously announced for May 10 will not be held. But watch the newsletter for announcements of future programs of interest. They will be scheduled from time to time, but due to the heavy load on the office staff, it will be necessary for a committee to be formed from the membership to plan and execute these programs. Any volunteers?

"HOMOSEXUAL REVOLUTION" ARRIVES

The new book which Mattachine has awaited all spring, "The Homosexual Revolution" by R. E. L. Masters, arrived on May 1 (no date and title coincidence intended by Julien Press). The author, who was educated in philosophy and came by way of his philosophical studies to the psychological research in which he is presently engaged, will see another volume of his completed by the same publisher this summer—"Forbidden Sexual Behavior and Morality." This latter is an objective re-examination of perverse sexual practices in different cultures and the only book in the English language which examines forbidden practices in sex and the "morality" which governs them. He asks for a saner and more sensible sex code, based on the wealth of scientific data now available rather than on primeval taboo and dogma deriving from superstition and hypocrisy. Price is 5.00. Price of "The Homosexual Revolution" is 5.50.

MATTACHINE REPRESENTATIVE TO APPEAR ON L.A. TV

Mattachine President Hal Call has been scheduled to appear on the 90-minute Ben Hunter Show over KTTV, channel 11, Los Angeles, on May 12. The program will have four speakers who will discuss "Homosexuality from the Sociological Viewpoint." Other participants will be Hon. Richard Hayden, Judge of the Los Angeles Municipal Court; Paul Rowe, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, Los Angeles State College, and a representative not yet named who will speak for Daughters of Bilitis.

The program, which begins at 11:30 and runs until 1 a.m., has a large following in spite of its late Saturday hour. It has been concerned with a number of controversial topics. This is the second time homosexuality has been the subject.
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I believe that my book, if it has any effect at all, will do you much more good than harm in the long run. It is always possible that there will be an initial tumult. But those who were your enemies before will not think any the worse of you; while those who are not your implacable enemies may be moved to protest the many violations of your fundamental civil and human rights that I have cited in the book.

Astonishing details of the constructive and (sometimes) ridiculous efforts of the groups which comprise the "homophile movement" in America today, Says Donald Webster Cory of this book: "To say that no one can be well informed about homosexuality in the U. S. from this time on, without reading this book, is to say the obvious."

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Radio: Taboo Is Broken

‘Live and Let Live’ on WBAI Presents Homosexuals Discussing Problems

By JACK GOULD

SUNDAY night’s discussion of homosexuality was handled with candor and tact on radio station WBAI, the frequency modulation outlet supported by the subscriptions of its listeners. The ninety-minute program was by far the most extensive consideration of the subject to be heard on American radio, and it succeeded, one would think, in encouraging a wider understanding of the homosexual’s attitudes and problems.

The eight homosexuals who participated in the taped roundtable covered such matters as their sexual drives, the patterns of their social and professional existences and the prejudices they encounter in heterosexual society.

Since the program, entitled “Live and Let Live,” was intended to give the homosexuals an opportunity to be heard without interruption, there was no challenge to their viewpoints. Perhaps on occasion the subject could be explored with somewhat more penetrating questions. One area left hanging was the matter of a civilized legal approach to homosexuality, particularly in the distinction to be drawn between cases limited to consenting adults and those involving minors.

But from the standpoint of broadcasting, the chief significance of the evening lay in the illustration of the value of the independent station’s catering to a specialized following. Such a station, knowing the composition of its audience, can offer subject matter that, if addressed to coast-to-coast masses of all ages, might pose difficulties for a network.

Not only WBAI but also many independent stations financed through advertising are playing a very considerable role in wiping away old taboos in the arena of discussion. And in each instance the result has demonstrated that the contemporary public seems ready to accept almost any subject matter so long as it is presented thoughtfully.

HOMOSEXUALS AIR THEIR VIEWS HERE

Radio Station Lets 8 Appear in Panel Discussion

By MILTON BRACKE

Eight male homosexuals discussed their attitudes and their problems in an unusual one hour and fifty minute program broadcast here last night by WBAI-FM, a listener-supported radio station.

It was believed to be the first time that the subject had been presented on the air by homosexuals in this area.

The program, which had been previously taped in a West Side residence, will be repeated tomorrow at 2 P.M.

The discussion included the views of the participants on their relationship to the heterosexual community and on the relative difficulties of other “minorities.”

Six panel members gave ages ranging from 21 to 27. Their jobs included an electronics technician and a sportswear designer. It was suggested that interior decoration and hairdressing employed many homosexuals.

One speaker hailed the “liberalism” of a social worker who took a boy who “wore make-up” out of high school and enabled him to study hairdressing. The boy is now making $125 a week at the age of 18, it was said.

Another speaker said that Yorkville has been the scene of violence stemming from homosexual encounters, but, he said, the incidents did not get into the newspapers “because the real estate speculators don’t like this.”

Another held that homosexuals were not harassed to the degree that certain other groups were. For example, he said, Puerto Ricans on the upper East Side “are beaten near to death by policemen rather often, and nothing is ever said about it in the papers.” He added: “These people are ostracized for reasons which are even more incomprehensible to me than [those applied against] the homosexuals.”

The panelists seemed to share the view that, generally, “homosexuals have a very strong moral fiber and a very definite set of rules.”

News Developments Bypassed

There were no references on the program to news developments on homosexuality in recent years.

For example, nothing was said of the 1967 report in Great Britain of the fifteen-member Committee on Homosexual Offences and Prostitution. Known popularly as the Wolfenden Report, because the committee was headed by Sir John Wolfenden, Vice Chancellor of Reading University, the report urged Parliament to tighten British law against prostitution but to ease it with regard to homosexuality.

As to the latter, the report said that when practiced privately by consenting adults, it was a matter of morals and not of law and should no longer be regarded as a criminal offense.

In 1959 Britain effected far harsher penalties for streetwalking and soliciting, but the Home Secretary, R. A. Butler, indicated that it was not ready to ease the law against homosexuality. On June 29, 1960, the House of Commons rejected by 213–99 a motion to liberalize penalties against male homosexuality. The problem has come increasingly into the open in Britain since World War II.
which cannot be overlooked. At the Manhattan Society for Mental Health, Dr. Maurice Linden told of a question asked him at a PTA meeting not long ago by an anxious young mother: She was worried because her husband could hardly wait to get home from work to play with their 7-month-old son.

For millions of years, homosexuality would have been intimidating. She would have been better off to have followed her own instincts and not never attended a mental health lecture or read an article on child rearing.

HOMOSEXUALITY AS A TELEVISION TOPIC

Western audiences had more than average glimpses into the topic of homosexuality in the past few months.

On May 12, over KTTV, Los Angeles, the Ben Hunter show, "Argument," was devoted to the subject as a social problem. For 90 minutes a late Saturday night audience saw and heard Municipal Court Judge Richard Hayden and Sociology Professor Paul Rowan of Los Angeles State College representing the professional expert side of the discussion. Mattachine President Harold Call and Miss Jaye Bell, president of Daughters of Bilitis, represented the viewpoint of the organizations working on behalf of understanding the homosexual. Little argument developed—all favored change of law to permit consenting sex acts in private, and all favored the currently developing understanding attitudes toward sexual freedom.

On June 29, the Paul Coates Show over a number of TV stations presented Terry, president of the Los Angeles Chapter of Daughters of Bilitis, and Dr. Fred J. Goldstein, Los Angeles clinical psychologists in an interview.

Scope and function of DOB were told, and Coates expressed surprise that the membership was so small—Terry estimated it between 125 and 150 women.

Monday, July 9, was the date of a program over KTVU, Oakland, featuring three psychiatrists on "Doctors' News Conference." Drs. Karl Bowman, David Wilson and R. Bellamy. All are affiliated with the University of California. Dr. Wilson is a psychiatrist and attorney, lectures on criminology at the University, and handles psychiatric matters for the Berkeley Police Department. Dr. Bowman is professor emeritus and was director of the Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute. Dr. Bellamy teaches psychiatry at the School of Medicine.

Two newsmen and a moderator directed the questioning, and here again with considerable unanimity the homosexual was shown not to be the menace to society he is so often defined to be, but rather the attitude of society had created the menace myth and perpetuated it. Anti-sexuality, as exemplified in religion and our highly unenforceable criminal codes was a problem to be tackled, the panel agreed. Homosexuals are criminal and neurotic and disturbed as personalities only to about the same extent as any other segment of the population, aside from the fact that their own sexual direction makes them criminals per se, and this factor contributes much to their guilt feelings and other manifestations of personality imbalance.

Altogether the three programs represented more and more breakthrough in the "conspiracy of silence" on the subject, and presented for general audiences facts and observations which were authoritative and rational. In no case was the homosexual presented as other than a human being seeking to find and fulfill his or her rightful place in society.

HAVE YOU JOBS TO LIST?

The stepped-up frequency of calls from persons seeking employment prompts Mattachine Society to ask all newsletter readers to please call in to the Secretary any and all job openings known to them. From two to five persons per day have lately been seeking employment. Many of these have skills and experience in restaurant work, office work, as vehicle drivers, etc. No printed list of the jobs to be filled will be made, however screened applicants will be referred to the appropriate openings.
MATTACHINE FINANCES: SOME GAINS MADE

Receipt of a trust fund check in July gave Mattachine a boost when the outlook for continued operation was grim indeed. Income for the current year, while not far behind the same date a year ago, has fallen short of meeting the minimum current operating expenses, leaving the Society with considerable indebtedness. For 10 fiscal months of 1961 (ending July 31, 1961) income was $14,122.49. For the same period this year (including actual income to July 19, with an estimate to include July 31, 1962) the figure is $13,469.12. This indicates a rounded figure income drop of about $650 in the ten months. Appeal has followed appeal in most Mattachine publications recently, but the result has been only fair. Most notable drop in income has been through the channel of voluntary contributions, evidence that money in the general economy is tighter.

Nevertheless Mattachine's social services continue at high level, as a result of an increased number of persons seeking aid and referrals. Calls for employment and legal assistance continue to lead, with inquiries for counselling, etc., following. Many job seekers have just been released from the armed forces or a correctional institution. Most persons seeking legal aid have just been involved in an arrest.

Most noted accomplishment in the current year has been the development of a pledge system of income by the secretary. Response to this particular appeal for support has resulted in a little over $200 per month being pledged. To facilitate collection of these funds, makers of pledges receive monthly statements and make payments in business reply envelopes just as they pay any other monthly bill.

ACTIVITIES AHEAD: NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Principal activity scheduled in the weeks ahead is the 9th Annual Conference scheduled for Saturday, August 25, at the Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco. Here is the tentative program schedule (with some speakers yet to be confirmed as we go to press):

Saturday, August 25th, 1962—JACK TAR HOTEL—Van Ness at Geary, San Francisco
9:30 a.m.—El Dorado Room
Registration
Address of Welcome and Report of the President, Mattachine Society
11:30 a.m.

ADDRESS: Dr. Edgar C. Cumings, Associate Director, American Social Health Association, San Francisco: “Progress in Venereal Disease Control.”

12:15 noon—El Dorado Room
LUNCHEON

2:00 p.m.—El Dorado Room
A Decade of Progress in the Homophile Movement

Research: Evelyn Hooker, Ph. D., University of California at Los Angeles
Law: Al Bendich, Attorney and Lecturer in Speech, University of California, Berkeley
Armed Forces and Government Employment: Richard Schlagel, Researcher, American University, Washington, D.C.

DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY

6:00 p.m.—Cocktails
7:30 p.m.—Telegraph Hill Room

NINTH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Featured Address: “Changing Attitudes Towards Homosexuality,” Karl M. Bowman, M.D., Director Emeritus, Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute, University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco

Fee for full day’s activities will be $13.00 per person.

Fees for the sessions will be as follows:

| Sessions and Luncheon | $7.00 |
| Sessions and Dinner | $9.00 |
| Luncheon Only | $5.00 |
| Dinner Only | $7.50 |
| Sessions Only | $5.00 |
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Mattachine annual conferences have long marked a high point in the Society’s educational program and have presented to the public a wide representation of prominent personalities whose work
and attitudes call for enlightenment and understanding of the realities of human sex behavior. The 1962 conference will be no exception. Advance registrations are requested. Please send to:

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SEPTEMBER
22—Annual Meeting of Board of Directors,
   693 Mission Street, 2:00 p.m.

OCTOBER
12—Social, Mattachine Members and Friends,
   968 Pine, 8:00 p.m.
20—Orientation Meeting, New and Prospective
   Members, 693 Mission Street, 2:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER
10—Discussion Forum, topic and speaker to be announced, 693 Mission St., 2:00 p.m.
EVENTS PLANNED FOR FALL SEASON

After what has been called Mattachine's most successful and impressive annual conference (see current INTERIM for detailed report) Mattachine has decided to "step up" once again its activity schedule during the autumn months.

Three events have been scheduled: a social on October 12, an orientation meeting and report on October 20, and a discussion forum on November 10. Interest shown at these events will determine the policy for future activities.

Because a number of new members and others interested have inquired about Mattachine's purpose and function in recent months, an orientation meeting, to be held on a new basis in order to permit it to conform with all legal requirements, will be held on a new basis in order to permit it to conform with all legal requirements. Refreshments to be served will be limited to food and soft drinks, but alcoholic beverages will be furnished and consumed by each individual concerned on an individual basis. In other words, bring your bottle. Attendance will not be open to the public, but limited to members and their invited guests, with each member responsible for the guests he or she invites.

At the November 10 discussion forum, it will be determined if a Saturday afternoon is the practical time to present another in this series of programs. Tentatively scheduled (but yet to be confirmed) is a Central California psychiatrist whose professional methods and approach to homophile adjustment problems will be an inspiration to all, whether "troubled with themselves" or not.

FIGURES LOOK IMPRESSIVE

The $32,000-plus figures which appeared on Mattachine's August 31st balance sheet (see current INTERIM), but what all is not so good. Gross income for the fiscal year showed a slight drop over 1950-51, but net income showed a slight gain for the period. Expenses, however, exceeded the receipts, and the administrators are eager to get the books and the story. 

In essence, the fiscal story of Mattachine today is painfully simple: The organization gets its income one cent at a time, from the sale of volumes, two of them devoted to physique photographs and one to drawings, when Customs notified them that the materials had been ruled obscene under Sec. 305 of the tariff act. Dorian determined to fight the action in the courts if necessary, and forthwith notified Customs not to destroy or return the volumes. In the meantime, the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington on June 25th delivered a significant decision which knocked down a Postoffice ruling that three U.S. physique magazines were obscene. Customs then reviewed its ruling on the Der Kreis books, which was overturned, and the books were now classified as "admissible importations." (A more complete story on this appears in October Mattachine REVIEW and in September ONE. It will also be covered in detail in the forthcoming DORIAN BOOK QUARTERLY.)

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DESTINATION FROM A HOMOSEXUAL

The following commentary from a self-admitted homosexual member of the Mattachine Society, prepared originally for the Mattachine REVIEW, but something which the editor believed more suitable for an "in-group" publication such as INTERIM, is interesting because it gives one an insight into the writer, and reflects attitudes found frequently in the homophile world. More than that, however, it may be indicative of some trends in thinking which deserve criticism, and change as well, in order to achieve a more unified and understanding world. Certainly, one would think, the attitudes, thoughts and actions queried below are not exclusive to the homophile world for the most part, although they may be a penetrating mirror of that world. What do you think? INTERIM editors would appreciate your comment to the following by Tom Wilson;

WHY?

Have you ever stopped to wonder why you are made as you are? Why you are attracted to members of your own sex—instead of to the female of the species? Why, to you, the most beautiful work of art in the world is Michaelangelo's David? Why would you rather listen to classical music than go to Yankee Stadium? Why would you pass up a Western to see "A Man for All Seasons"?

Why are you still a bachelor and will never marry—in the conventional sense. Why are you married, albeit to another guy? Why do you read Gide instead of Hemingway and Gre? Why do you stop at the newsstand and pick up the New Yorker instead of Sports Illustrated? Why do you go to the opera but seldom to Madison Square Garden?

Have you ever stopped to wonder why you dress as you do? Why you always like to be neat and seldom, if ever, wear a hat? Why you like to wear long, rather than big heavy overcoats? Why you like a dash of gaiety in your colors and dislike black and brown? Why you like fags (cigarettes, that is) but seldom, if ever, smoke cigars or a pipe? Why, unless you are the exception, you prefer a man who is clean shaven to a lover with a mustache or a beard? Why you invariably prefer a short and happy life to a long and dull one? Why the spirit of adventure and the deep desire to visit foreign lands flows in your blood?

Have you ever stopped to wonder why you go where you go? Why, if you are a New Yorker, as I am, you prefer the Museum of Modern Art to attending a football game? Why you love to stroll in the Village and prefer Fire Island to Coney Island? Why, for you, Manhattan begins and ends east of Fifth Avenue, not west? Why you prefer to see your movies at the Art Houses rather than at the Music Hall or the Paramount?

Have you ever stopped to wonder why you love the things you do: youth, beauty, art, music, literature, drama, adventure, clothes, luxury, love and more love? Why you hate the things you do: old age, loneliness, cruelty, ugliness, ignorance, intolerance, puritanism, and, most of all, hate itself? Have you ever stopped to wonder why you read the Mattachine REVIEW instead of the NATIONAL REVIEW? Why you prefer Cory and ONE magazine to Bergler and TIME? Why? Why? Why? Why? Why?

There is no need to spend thousands with a psychiatrist (you'll only get rid of your g-i-l-t!). No need to wonder if you hated your mother—or your father. No need to be puzzled or maladjusted. No need to go through life in a haze. The answer is very simple: You're gay and you always will be... because your Creator made you that way. He, in his infinite wisdom, knew what he was doing... and no amount of psychoanalysis can undo His handiwork. You are a part of the fulfillment of God's Grand Design and the mere fact that you love your fellow man is no crime in his eyes. Do not concern yourself with what may be "right" or "wrong"... only with the truth!

Stop asking yourself, "Why?" and you'll get more out of life as a homosexual and as a human being.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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4—Group Discussion (with Gertrude Rothman, M.D., Ph.D.) 8 p.m.
11—Group Discussion (with Dr. Rothman) 8 p.m.
15—Orientation Meeting, Playing of Sound Tape of Previous Radio Broadcast, 2 p.m.
18—Group Discussion (with Dr. Rothman) 8 p.m.

JANUARY

8—Group Discussion (with Dr. Rothman) 8 p.m.
MATTACHINE SPEAKER AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

On Wednesday, December 12, Harold Call, Mattachine Society president, will be a guest lecturer at the University of California, to appear before a class of senior students in the Department of Criminology. There are 30 students in the class.

In November, Dr. Joel Fort, professor of the course (Criminology 118) extended the invitation for the lecture, and invited the Society to make available to students copies of Mattachine informational literature which described aims and purposes of the organization, and included the transcripts of radio and television programs on which Society spokesmen have appeared. Topic of the lecture will be "Is There a Place for the Homosexual in Society?" It will be held in Room 7, Leuschner Hall, on the Berkeley campus.

THE REALIST PUBLISHES WBAI TRANSCRIPT

The complete transcript of the WBAI - FM (New York) radio program, "Live and Let Live," broadcast in July and later on two other Pacifica Foundation network stations in San Francisco and Los Angeles, was published recently by The Realist, magazine of freethought criticism and satire. The 90-minute program was printed in three instalments—in issues 36, 37 and 38 for August, September and October 1962.

Randolfe Wicker of the Homosexual League of New York laid preparations for the program with a representative from the radio station who acted as moderator. It opened with a usual formula: a discussion of what is the Mattachine Society. Wicker stated that the organization was 98% homosexual, a figure that the San Francisco headquarters would dispute. Actually, no percentage figure describing the extent of homosexual membership is possible. At the present time the Society's approximately 225 members include some 16 parents, some of whose sons or daughters also belong; in addition a large number of members are persons in professional fields where the interest is closely related to Mattachine's sex behavior concerns.

Nevertheless the eight professsed but anonymous homosexuals on the program launched into a lively and thoroughly realistic discussion of many aspects of the life of the homosexual male. For the most part, this was told in terms of the outlook of the 24-30 year age group from which almost all of the spokesmen came.

The program attracted rather widespread attention in the press, most of it favorable, or at least not condemnatory. However, Jack O'Brien, columnist for the New York Journal-American lined himself up a week in advance of the initial broadcast—dead against it. "WBAI wins our top honors for scraping the sickly barrel-bottom, WBAI announces, a bit proudly, it will give 'eight young homosexuals' equal time to tell their perverted side of the admittedly sad but certainly sinful story because WBAI believes 'in the right of minorities to be heard'. This lower-decisions approach followed the approach to the station's bubbleheaded brass of a fellow bearing the card of 'Public Relations Director, Homosexual League of America' (sic)... Is that a union?"

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At any rate, readers wishing to have a printed transcript of the program should place orders by mail to The Realist, 225 Lafayette Street, New York 12, N. Y., enclosing $1.05.

MATTACHINE REVIEW PRICE INCREASE COMING

Recent issues of the REVIEW have carried the announcement that effective January 1, 1963, the subscription and single copy prices will be increased. Annual subscriptions in the U. S. will be 7.50 per year, foreign subscriptions 9.00. Single copies will be 75 cents.

In the meantime, however, there's a chance to order up to three years of subscriptions at the old price of 5.00—which means that 15.00 mailed before January 1 will buy what will cost 22.50 thereafter. The increased subscription price will not affect the price of the annual membership fee of 15.00. As always, the REVIEW subscription is included with all memberships.

As Americans have known keenly for the past two decades or more, increased costs have dictated the price increase. Eight years ago magazines of up to 48 or 52 pages cost as little as 21 cents to produce. In 1958, issues of 32 pages could be produced for about the same price per copy in the quantity required. But to-day, a ragged magazine of 2500 copies costs about 25 cents per copy, and postage for mailing it, including a heavy self-sealer envelope, is about 10 cents more (based on the new postage rate coming on January 7, 1963).

Thus the price to readers was inevitable. However, to offset much of the increase, the staff has determined to improve the content of the magazine, expand the scope of regular features, and add some new departments. Newsletter readers who are not REVIEW subscribers should subscribe now—the value was never greater.

BERKELEY UNITARIANS HEAR HOMOSEXUALITY DISCUSSED

On Friday, November 9, Mattachine President Harold Call was featured speaker at a regular monthly session of the Berkeley Unitarian Fellowship, with a lively and interesting program following a pot-luck dinner at 7 p.m.

Call was introduced by Constance Barbour, M. D., Berkeley psychiatrist. Critique of the discussion was led by Leslie Blaze, Ph. D., clinical psychologist. About 30 men and women were present.

Prejudice against homosexuality was the discussion subject. Call pointed out that this prejudice might largely be the result of ignorance of sexuality in general, and particularly in regard to the legal codes of today and the reasons the present laws were enacted.

In closing, Call quoted a British Anglican Bishop who called the treatment of homosexuals today utterly medieval and unworthy of a civilized, let alone a Christian, country. This Bishop has called for a change of laws (along sound lines already proposed) and also a change of attitude toward homosexuals.

"America is engaging today in a colossal waste of manpower by indulging in the perpetuation of old anti-sexual and anti-homosexual
prejudices," Call declared.
"Since there seems to be no cure for homosexuality, it may be
that we'll have to admit it is an aspect of nature... and we may have
to learn how to put it to better use."

DR. GERTRUDE ROTHMAN SPEAKS WITH MATTACHINE GROUP

On November 10, Dr. Gertrude Rothman, M.D., Ph.D., spoke
before a small group gathered in the Mattachine office. Besides hav­
ing all the necessary formal qualifications, Dr. Rothman has traveled
widely, having studied in Berlin and Rome and lived in New Zealand,
and above all, is possessed of a warm personality and intense interest
in the problems of homosexuals. On top of all this, Dr. Rothman is
one of the few people in America who studied at the Institute for Sex­
ual Research in Berlin and was acquainted with Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld.
Dr. Rothman told some anecdotes about Dr. Hirschfeld and offered
her services free of charge to the Society, by way of renewing
the group therapy programs which Mattachine has until recently, spon­
sored; however, she prefers to call them "Group Discussion."
However, it was felt by the group at hand that the discussions
would be of more benefit if an admission fee of $1.00 per session
were charged to those participating, and Dr. Rothman suggested that
the money collected go to Mattachine.
It has been some time since Mattachine has had the services of a
psychiatrist or psychologist available for such a project although many
have expressed their interest. Among the benefits of group discussion
is (besides being able to air one's own problems) hearing other per­
son’s problems discussed under the guidance and discipline of a psy­
chiatrist, and we consider ourselves fortunate to be able to take take
advantage of Dr. Rothman's offer to lend us her professional training in
this project.
It was agreed to schedule the meetings for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday
nights, beginning with the first Tuesday night in December and contin­
uing thereafter. We urge all those interested to attend. Donations will
be $1.00 per meeting.

SOUND TAPE PROGRAM SCHEDULED

After the response shown at the October 20 presentation of the
sound tape of the Los Angeles KTTV program, "Controversy," pre­
sented in the Mattachine library, another such recording will be played at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, December 15th.
Depending upon the preference of a majority of the group present,
the subject will be drawn from a number of recorded selections in
the growing Mattachine sound tape library.

OLDEST MATTACHINE PUBLICATION

Mattachine Newsletter, having reached issue No. 102 with this
dition, is the oldest publication in continuous existence within the
Mattachine Society. First appearing in August 1953 at San Fran­
cisco, this newsletter has appeared since on a generally consistent
monthly schedule, although there were only four editions during 1962.
Two of these covered quarterly periods, and two of them were for
2-month periods. The plan is to maintain monthly or bi-monthly
schedule in the future, with INTERIM continuing on a quarterly
basis for the membership.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 12 (Tuesday) 8:00 p.m. —Group Discussion (with Dr. Rothman)
April 6 (Saturday) 2:00 p.m. —MATTACHINE REPORT—What Has
Mattachine Been Doing? Informal talk for members and friends
by staff member.
April 9 (Tuesday) 8:00 p.m. —Group Discussion (with Dr. Rothman)

Dr. Gertrude Rothman holds an M.D. and a Ph.D. from Berlin, an
M.D. degree from Rome, is licensed as psychologist in California,
and is an active member of the World Medical Group Therapy Organ­
ization and other professional associations. She practiced in New
Zealand and was on the Psychiatric Staff of the New York Hospital.
Her practice extends over twenty-five years.

MATTACHINE GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Dr. Gertrude Rothman

Homosexuals, like all human beings, are exposed to stress sit­
uations which need not necessarily be connected with their sex-life.
Difficulties may be related to their family, their job, their boss, or
financial situations. The Mattachine Society, establishing monthly
group discussions, intends to offer interested individuals an oppor­
tunity for discussion of such individual problems.
I have offered my assistance free of charge and, as expected,
participants have showed varied reactions: Some doubted my quali­
fications, expressing astonishment that discussions in an association
such as the Mattachine Society were to be established by a female. The reason why a female group therapist was deliberately chosen was explained: homosexuals tend to be either overly submissive or antagonistic to a therapist of the same sex. Such emotional attitudes would be adverse to a neutral interpersonal relationship, as is desirable in group discussions. Contrary to the desire expressed by some participants for guidance and discipline, I deliberately maintained a rather passive, non-directive attitude.

Some of the participants were reluctant to discuss their private life in front of a group and displayed reactions of suspicion and hostility to each other; one individual even expressed threats of physical violence and sexual acts. A woman given individual interviews free of charge in which Don Lucas greatly assisted and showed great understanding and kindness. It was resolved that participants would pledge to keep in which Don Lucas greatly assisted and showed great understanding and kindness. It was resolved that participants would pledge to keep all matters discussed strictly confidential. Colleagues and students of mine offered to assist occasionally in the discussions. The Mattachine Society will offer such facilities monthly, every second Tuesday.

Various factors have been found responsible for the development of homosexuality. Whereas Magnus Hirschfeld expressed the opinion that the sexual instinct may express itself in many different ways, Freud considered homosexuality to be the result of either constitutional-hormonal or environmental factors. He did not regard it as a disease. His followers, especially Sullivan, Thompson and Rado, assumed that in a permissive culture many individuals would tend toward homosexual activities. Carpenter viewed homosexuality as representing another sex, intermediate between the male and female, and the Wolfenden report and Kinsey publications took the position that deviation from heterosexuality cannot be considered a disease. Hooker supported the concept that homosexuality was not necessarily a symptom of pathology.

Minimal attention was given to these theoretical orientations in our group and individual discussions; our air was to get insight into personality and dynamics of behavior and to assist participants in any difficulty they may have encountered in their everyday life. We were led to the conclusion that the majority had some difficulty unrelated to homosexuality, and some individuals were not well adjusted to the life of a homosexual: many participants complained of lack of stability in their relationships which led to frequent change of partners. When some participants stated in front of the group that they had no problem whatsoever, I pointed out that it would take some time to develop mutual trust, confidence, and cohesion in the group.

In individual sessions one participant revealed that repeated severe punishment administered by his father whom he admired, led to masochistic components in his sex orientation. The individual's mother had died at his delivery, and the boy wanted to replace her in his father's heart. He had seen the likeness of his stepmother in his young son. Unusually severe punishment alternated with close tenderness. He embraced the son passionately and begged him to replace his mother and to fill the emptiness of his heart. The father saw the likeness of his lost wife in his son. The father's heart. The father's heart was damaged to the healthy development of the individual.

NOTE: All matters discussed with Dr. Rothman are kept strictly confidential. These topics of discussion are published to promote better understanding. The material is presented and disguised in such a way that the individual cannot be identified.

TOUGH'S 'QUEER CHARGE' FALLS FLAT

James Sundstrom, 36, Washington, D.C. hairdresser, won a victory on March 7 in the Court of the District of Columbia. His prosecution of another man who had assaulted him and called him derisive names resulted in a conviction of the assailant before a jury.

District Attorney Anthony Latham, prosecuting the case for Sundstrom, had misgivings about pushing the matter because of the accusation made by the assailant that Sundstrom had made "indecent advances" to him. This Sundstrom vehemently denied in court, and in his presentation of evidence, Sundstrom did admit his lifelong homosexual orientation. Attorney for the defense cried that Sundstrom was using "United States Courts as though he were a 'shunned woman,'" and ranted for the judge to dismiss the matter. But the judge stated firmly to the defense attorney: "I have no desire to develop and make up salacious charges. This is not a trial in which I must act as any other citizen. There is no law against being a homosexual. It is not a crime."

It required only a few minutes time to arrive at a verdict of guilty for the assailant. And his troubles aren't over: there was still a warrant against him for a child support matter; further, he had had a
previous brush with the law. Today, he is possibly a little wiser about holding open season upon people he doesn't like, expecting to be cleared by accusing his victim of "sexual deviation."

MATTACHINE CLINICS IN LOS ANGELES

Trustee Dane Mohler, Jr., of the Los Angeles Mattachine Society, Inc., reports that plans for setting up Mattachine VD clinics in the Los Angeles area are progressing fine. Because of recent attacks on "sex deviates," and because of bad publicity in some areas of the homophile press in the past few months, the problem of reaching individuals who are possibly infected with venereal disease has increased. Use of public health service clinics has been questioned, albeit without factual foundation.

To meet the challenge, Mattachine officials and public health staff personnel conferred, with a decision to use volunteer medical services and to operate one or more week-long testing clinics in various parts of Los Angeles area from time to time. Initially, the testing stations will operate for one week out of every three months, with the locations to be advertised by various available means to the public. Operating procedure is simple: An individual comes to the clinic where doctors volunteering service take blood samples for syphilis serology. The individual does not give any name or address, since the purpose of this testing is to provide assurance of non-infection without identification of the individual tested. Instead, the person tested is assigned a number. Two weeks later the person calls the Los Angeles Mattachine Society, OL 5-9865, states his number identification, and learns the result of the test. If infected, he will be instructed to immediately seek treatment from his private physician or at a public health clinic.

Health authorities in the Los Angeles area are hopeful that this project facility for VD testing will serve a purpose in Los Angeles needed now because of the fear (unfounded) that information given to health clinics may not always be confidential. This situation, insofar as can be learned, is more rumor than real, nevertheless the belief exists.

Other Los Angeles Mattachine Notes: After resignation of James Kepner, Jr., who was named initial chairman of the organization there when formed on Feb. 16th, the Board of Directors elected John J. Belanger to fill the post. Belanger has had affiliation with Mattachine Society dating back to 1954 and holds Mattachine goals in highest esteem. John Eccles is vice chairman and John Murphy is secretary-treasurer, which gives the Los Angeles organization a committee of "Johns." But it is not to be confused with a committee of the same name in Florida, headed by Assemblyman Johns, which is investigating sex deviation in that state! Kepner's resignation, accepted with regrets, came because he is a full time student, also holds a full time job, and in addition is working on a special project which requires considerable reading and research. Finally, two issues of the new Los Angeles Mattachine Newsletter have been issued (available to persons who write for it at Box 42, 806 South Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles 35) which outline various important accomplishments made in the less than a month period of operation of the present organization. Details of re-forming a Mattachine in Los Angeles appear in March Mattachine REVIEW. All southern California residents interested are invited to support this new Mattachine affiliate in its important work in a community where more than average hostility and bigotry are manifest today.
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GROUP DISCUSSION AND PHILOSOPHY CLASSES CONTINUE

Every second Tuesday evening (July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, etc.) Dr. G. Rothman's moderated "Group Discussion" sessions will continue at 8 p.m. in the library at 693 Mission Street. Anyone is invited to these forums, both to contribute to the discussion and to learn about the concerns of others. A one dollar donation is expected.

On each Saturday afternoon, 2 p.m., Instructor C. David continues with his classes on aspects of the philosophy of Aristotle. There is a dollar fee for one-time class auditors; otherwise the course, which began about a month ago is set up with a special fee that covers the entire 9-week series. The schedule takes the classes into mid-August.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLANS ADVANCE

Mattachine's 10th Annual Conference, which this year will be held in connection with a similar conference of the Los Angeles Mattachine Society, has been set for August 17 and 24. Programmed differently than in previous years, the conference will be held in two cities on Saturdays a week apart.

The August 17 session at Los Angeles will feature speakers on the psychological approach to homosexual problems; venereal disease and public health concerns; civil rights, the police and the law; political pressure groups and their activities, and a history of the homophile movement. A speaker of outstanding interest will address the conference after an annual evening banquet. Various displays will cover areas of additional interest.

Fees for the Los Angeles Mattachine Conference will be:
- Afternoon Session Only 1.00
- Dinner and Evening Program 3.00
- All Events—Afternoon & Evening 4.00
- Entire Session, per Couple 7.00

At San Francisco the program will begin at 1:30 p.m. on August 24 with several guest speakers of interest, break for a discussion period late in the afternoon, recess for cocktails, then resume with an annual awards banquet in the evening and conclude with a program of outstanding merit. Fee schedule for the San Francisco conference will be:
- Afternoon Session Only 3.00
- Dinner and Evening Program 8.00
- Entire Day's Events 10.00

At this date the place where the conferences will be held has not been announced. August REVIEW and newsletters will carry this announcement, as will a special issue of INTERIM, to be issued early in August.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Advance reservations are urgently requested. While a close affiliation between The Mattachine Society at San Francisco and Los Angeles Mattachine Society exists, persons attending either or both conferences should send reservations and fees in advance directly to the proper offices:
- Los Angeles Mattachine Society, Inc., 806 S. Robertson, Box 42, Los Angeles 35, and/or
- Mattachine Society, Inc., 693 Mission St., San Francisco 5
At San Francisco, the Mattachine Society will arrange for housing overnight guests upon advance request. In both cities, additional low cost housing is available and will be arranged upon request. Between San Francisco and Los Angeles, Western Airlines and Pacific Southwest Airlines offer a combined total of about 40 flights daily each way on weekends at amounts from about $12.50 to $14.25 each direction, with flying time of about 55 minutes by PSA, 90 minutes by Western. At airlines terminals in Los Angeles, Burbank and San Francisco, limousine service from baggage port to downtown is about $1.20. At San Francisco, Greyhound Bus has frequent service via the terminal to downtown for 45 cents.

HOMOSEXUALITY A PANEL TOPIC ON KGO RADIO

On July 1, Jim Dunbar inaugurated his first daily afternoon radio show over KGO with a 30-minute panel topic on homosexuality.2 He designed a revamped format for KGO's daytime radio programming. Dunbar came from Chicago's WLS to initiate an afternoon "variety gabfest" in which the listener is actually the featured performer. People listening in simply call the station, and without name identification go on the air to talk about a topic they choose with the announcer. Each day a controversial subject is introduced, with one or two "experts" on hand to answer questions from people phoning and to make comment upon the subject the subject that will be of general interest. The program is supported by the Max and Mary Auerback fund. The Auerbacks are San Francisco psychiatrists and former chairman of the committee on psychiatry of the California Medical Association, and Hal Call, president of the Mattachine Society.

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But once again, it needed to be raised from the "mud and dirt" to the proper and natural expression that it is by acceptance of attitudes which may mean discarding many of the old myths created in reaction and perpetuated today by law and by hype.

Announcer Dunbar's introduction to the topic was a recorded telephone conversation with a self-admitted homosexual named Jack. Jack stated that while he had taken therapy, he accepted his condition, did not wish to change, and felt no severe recrimination. He added that while he has dated women and still does when the occasion calls for it, he preferred to mix socially with persons similar to himself. Jack felt offended when he heard homosexuals called "queer," but didn't let it upset him.

He attributed his own homosexual orientation to being an only child with a domineering and possessive mother, and a father who was disinterested except to view his son as competition for the mother's affection.

One woman who phoned in to the program was strongly concerned that adults do not provide a healthy sex education for children. She took a dim view that either schools or parents could or would provide it in the near future.

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After a highly successful all-day session in Los Angeles, the second half of Mattachine's 10th Annual Conference takes place on Saturday, August 24 at the "Backstage German House" in San Francisco, opening at 1 p.m., and running into the evening. Six addresses are scheduled for the San Francisco conference.

At Los Angeles on August 17, up to 100 persons were present in the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel to hear three lively afternoon talks and discussion, and 92 persons attended the evening banquet.

Los Angeles Mattachine Society Chairman Dane Mohler presided. In the afternoon he introduced Attorney Frank Wood, Democratic Club Chairman Shelly Conrad, and Mattachine President Hal Call.

Frank Wood, whose law firm won the important case in California Supreme Court which forbids illegal search and seizure such as police used in spying in private toilets, discussed "Civil Rights, Arrest and the Homosexual."

Describing how laws written to make offenses of certain acts committed by anyone were enforced almost exclusively against a small group within our citizenry, Mr. Wood pointed out how those most likely to be caught should proceed in their defense. He emphasized the keeping of one's sexual activity a private matter, but realistically realizing that many male homosexuals are "enticed into propositions" by police, he outlined a set of steps to follow if arrested and charged. Be polite, do not resist arrest, and say nothing more than your name, he advised. If asked persistently for information, Mr. Wood suggested that everyone should state simply that "I do not wish to answer that question until I have spoken to my attorney and he has advised me to answer it."

Mr. Wood has been scheduled to appear as after-dinner speaker at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, where he will present essentially the same talk to the Mattachine audience at San Francisco.

Mrs. Shelly Conrad of North Hollywood, affiliated with one of the Democratic Clubs of San Fernando Valley, told the assembly about what was involved in making an organization effective. It takes organization, work and money, she said. Group effort is more meaningful than the voice of the individual, but groups are in turn made up of individuals and are only as strong as the individuals who make them up. Immediate action—such as in opposing bad legislation—is mandatory by groups and the individuals in them. Moreover, she stressed that members of a group who develop differences of opinion should not resign from a group, but work out the disagreements within the group. The importance of "being inside" was significant, she said. This carried so much more weight than being on the outside looking in when a disagreement is concerned.

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Circumstances made it necessary to move the appearance of Harry Benjamin from banquet speaker to the conclusion of the afternoon program. Dr. Benjamin, renowned endocrinologist and expert on transvestism and transsexualism, is also on the board of editorial consultants for Sexology magazine, and is well remembered for having addressed two previous Annual Mattachine Conferences. His paper deals with "Aspects of Homosexuality and Transvestism," and as a presentation of much of the material he will submit as a chapter on the subject for the forthcoming, Encyclopedia of Homosexuality, which Donald Webster Cory in New York is editing. Some startling facts are in store for those who hear him, and there are thought-provoking observations included which may be significant in research findings in the future. Most certainly, Dr. Benjamin will clear the air with answers to a lot of ques-

...tions about the compulsion to dress across the sex line, and tell why.

W. E. Dane Mohler, Jr., Chairman of the Los Angeles Mattachine Society, has had experience in legal work, as well as in projects of social action. In a short seven months he has headed a revived and new, but independent Mattachine in Los Angeles, with a record of accomplishment in a section of the state where powerful pressures are at work to take sexual behavior and its regulation deeper into the Dark Ages. Mr. Mohler's leadership against the tyrannical legislative proposals from Southern California in the past session of the California Assembly was instrumental in keeping many unconstitutional and police-state laws from getting out of committee.

Ted McIlvenna, a research sociologist, is also a minister to young adults. His work in San Francisco over the past year has embraced a penetrating study of how young adults who come to a big metropolitan community relate to it and establish themselves productively in it. Recently, in connection with other religious leaders, he was instrumental in preparing a directory of community services for young adults which was published by the United Fund. Mattachine Society was one of the agencies listed. Mr. McIlvenna will tell how his research has disclosed the manifestation of homosexuality as a problem in the lives of many young adults who move to the big city from the less highly urbanized areas.

Wallace de Ortega Maxey, a Universalist minister and author, now has two works in print which discuss the conflict of man's being a spiritual creature on the one hand and a sexual being on the other. Man Is a Sexual Being has sold 75,000 copies. A month ago his second book, Castratement: Living Dangerous Freedom, was published after being delivered as an address in the "Mattachine Lectures in Contemporary Thought" series in May of this year. His address, like his book, will deal with aspects of self realization in a world which seeks to limit individual expression and reduce the people to mediocre mass conformity instead. Freedom to love, freedom to think, and freedom to read are among the topics concerned.

Almost three years ago, Gavin Arthur's book, The Circle of Sex, appeared and with it was a new picturization of the infinite variety in human sexual makeup, treated as a circular continuum instead of the conventional dichotomy or linear diagram. Since the book appeared, Mr. Arthur has had considerable constructive criticism and many new thoughts on his approach to the creative sexual force in mankind, which he tells with great humor and insight.

Frank C. Wood, Attorney from Los Angeles, has been mentioned above in connection with his address to LAMS on August 24. Because this outstanding attorney has handled many criminal cases which have unusual application of the law, and particularly in the field of so-called "sex crimes" and "morals...
offenses," his message is one of direct concern to anyone who feels that such laws are discriminatory and largely unenforceable. At the Los Angeles conference, listeners had many questions to ask Mr. Wood, and therefore a question period is planned after his remarks on Saturday evening.

KPFA TO MAKE CONFERENCE SOUND TAPES

KPFA-FM, Berkeley, Pacifica Foundation radio outlet in the Bay Area, will make tape recordings of the principle addresses of the Mattachine's 10th Annual Conference for use in future radio broadcasts over the station and stations WBAI, New York, and KPFK, Los Angeles, affiliates. Dick Woodworth of the station staff will handle equipment for the recording. Everyone attending the conference is asked to remain mindful of the fact that radio tapes are being made during the program.

ATTENDANCE FROM ALL OVER

Los Angeles Mattachine Society's conference resulted in attendance by a number of persons from a distance, and a number of persons who have long been active in Mattachine and similar organizations in Southern California.

All members of the Board of Directors of the Mattachine Society except two were present: Hal Call, Dr. Mark Bailey, Conrad Bowman, Dr. Henri Lormier and Rolland Howard, all of San Francisco, and Dr. Wallace Maxey of Fresno were introduced. Don Lucas and Harry Bateman were the absentees, and they, with Dane Mohler, LAMS Chairman, complete the national board. Associate Editor Lewis Christie of Mattachine Review was there, with three others from San Francisco.

Representatives from cities such as Detroit (two representatives, one of whom is a psychiatrist), Denver, Phoenix, Seattle, San Diego, and many Southern California communities were present. The Prosperos of Newport Beach was present with a delegation; likewise Dionysus of Orange County, Calif. Others represented One, Inc., and Daughters of Bilitis. The total attending dinner was 92, largest known Mattachine banquet audience.

ECHO CONFERENCE HOTEL CHANGED

A notice in the current DOB newsletter from Chicago states that the East Coast Homophile Organization (ECHO) conference, to be held in Philadelphia on Saturday, August 31, will be held in the Spruce Room of the Drake Hotel at 15th and Spruce Streets. Speakers scheduled include Dr. Albert Ellis, Dr. Wardell Pomeroy (formerly of the Institute for Sex Research of Bloomington, Ind.) and Donald Webster Cory—all now of New York. Lectures for the day and the evening banquet will cost $15. Miss Jaye Bell, national president of Daughters of Bilitis, San Francisco, will attend with other representatives of Eastern DOB chapters, Mattachine groups in Washington and New York, and Janus Society of Philadelphia. Over the same Labor Day weekend, the American Psychological Association is holding its national convention in Philadelphia.

COMING: A SHORT STORY BY JAY LITTLE

Of the hundreds of readers of the two famous Jay Little novels (Somewhere Between the Two and Maybe Tomorrow), many have asked when is this popular author's third book coming out. The answer is: Before very long, we hope. Right now, Jay is writing on it, and while much work remains to be done on the manuscript, he has submitted the opening chapter as a short story, complete in itself, to Mattachine REVIEW, which will publish it in September. As yet the book is untitled as well as unpublished, and in his note to us the author has declared that he is open to comments about his characterizations and the setting for the story.

Thus to all loyal "Jay Little Readers," here is the word: Watch for the story in September, "Ray and Chris—A Lovers' Meeting."

MONTHLY THERAPY DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE

The second Tuesday group discussions moderated by Dr. G. Rothman are continuing with active interest and at present will be held on September 10, October 8, and so on. They are held at 8 p.m. in the Society library, 693 Mission, with a dollar contribution from those present. Everyone is invited to attend.

QUARTERLY SEMINAR SESSIONS COMING UP

Answering requests for more educational programs, plans are in work for reviving the "Mattachine Seminar Series" this fall. First of these sessions, similar to the annual conference, will be scheduled for early December with a Saturday afternoon and evening program, including dinner. If interest warrants, the sessions will be staged with different programs and speakers every three months or so throughout the year. First such program, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7, will be keyed to public educational and service activities of the Mattachine and how to achieve the required support for them.

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CALCULATION OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

8--Group "Therapy" Discussion, Dr. G. Rothman, Moderator, 8 p.m. Library, 693 Mission Street (Donation $1.00; open to Public)

19--Project Committee Meeting, Charles David, Chairman, Library, 2 p.m. 693 Mission St.

26--Public Forum, Address by George Brammer, psychologist, "On the Origin of Emotional Problems," 2:00 P.M., Mattachine Library, 693 Mission Street, Room 309.

NOVEMBER

12--Group "Therapy" Discussion

16--Public Forum, Program to be announced

DECEMBER

7--Afternoon Seminar and Evening Dinner Program, Place and details to be announced.

MATTACHINE PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUM COMMITTEE

Would you like to become a member of a committee whose function would be to plan an itinerary for the Public Discussion Forums? This committee will comprise an important part of Mattachine's educational program. There is much to do, but the work will be of interest to those who take pride in accomplishment and who enjoy meeting and working with other people.
We should like to limit the size of the committee to about ten members, therefore, if you are interested please call the Mattachine office, DO 2 3793 now. The first committee meeting was held in the Mattachine Offices, 693 Mission, Suite 304, on Saturday September 21st at 2:00 p.m. to plan the Forum for October.

The second meeting of the committee, under the chairmanship of Charles David, will be held in the Society's offices on Saturday afternoon, October 19th, at 2:00 p.m. Any newsletter reader interested in participating with this committee's work should be present.

MATTACHINE PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUM

Mr. George Brammer will be the guest speaker at the first of a new monthly series of the Public Discussion Forum sponsored by the Mattachine society. Future Forums will present a few outstanding authorities in the fields of history, communication, psychology, philosophy, medicine, law, criminology and other fields related to specific areas of human behavior. These speakers will discuss the theoretical developments in their fields. For the most part, however, the lectures will be given by persons locally engaged in occupations that deal with human behavior and will have a practical slant.

In his lecture Mr. Brammer will discuss the origin of some of the emotional problems that are faced by modern man. The subject matter will be drawn from his years of experience as a counselor of adolescents suffering minor and major emotional disturbances.

Following his lecture Mr. Brammer will discuss a discussion in which members of the audience may ask questions and in general discuss issues of common interest. A free exchange of ideas will be encouraged in which persons may question either the speaker or other members of the audience. Those who enjoy a good debate should be prepared to ask and answer questions.

Seating accommodations have been provided for about twenty persons. If you wish to be seated, please come early.

The Public Discussion Forum will be held in the Mattachine Offices at 693 Mission Street, Suite 304, Saturday, October 26, at 2:00 p.m. There will be no admission charge but a free will donation will be requested.

Refreshments will be served.

NAMES IN THE NEWS: Ken Burns of Los Angeles, national chairman of Mattachine from 1953 to 1955, was a September visitor...Charles David heads Mattachine's new San Francisco Project Committee, with preparation of the newsletter, arrangement and presentation of the monthly discussion forums, and other public relations tasks among its assignments...Jim Ramp, poet and fiction writer, has joined the regular staff as assistant editor of the REVIEW and secretarial aide to the officers...Reelection of officers for the Society took place on August 25 at a Board meeting, with the same names appearing on the lineup again; Hal Call, President; Dr. O. M. Bailey, vice president; Don Lucas, executive secretary and O. C. Bowman, Jr., treasurer...Les Fischer of Los Angeles has joined the mechanical staff as trainee pressman and bookbinder. He is remembered as one of the three Mattachine representatives who appeared on the NET television program, "The Rejected."

TWO-PART TENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mattachine's Tenth Annual Conference marked a departure from those of previous years in that it was held on two successive weekends in two cities. At Los Angeles on August 17th and part of the conference was presented at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel with three afternoon speakers and an evening address by Dane Mohler, Jr., chairman of the host Los Angeles Mattachine Society. Attendance reached 70 and 53 were served at the dinner. This was reported in detail in the September newsletter.

One week later, at San Francisco's Backstage theater restaurant, more than 70 persons were present in the afternoon to hear five speakers, and 53 were present for the dinner.

Dane Mohler was scheduled to lead off the program with a discussion of "New Frontiers of Mattachine Social Action," but because of a late arrival he was heard at mid-afternoon. He had flown from Los Angeles to San Francisco in a private plane, made the arrival here as scheduled, but was delayed in obtaining a rental car at the airport--thus having to wait eleven miles away from his destination longer than it required--him to fly the distance of about 400 miles.

However, Sociologist Ted McIlvenna, who is conducting research in addition to his work as religious minister to young adults, led off the program with his paper on "Social Setting of Young Adults in San Francisco." He scored the great lack of facilities in metropolitan communities to aid the young men and women who come to the city in large numbers, often with no known friends, and with little more than a one-way bus ticket. Young women particularly find it difficult to obtain jobs and suitable, wholesome housing and living situations. The problem of homosexuality arises frequently among these young people, because older homosexuals are often the only persons who will extend a helping hand, but this isn't always the most desirable kind of assistance for them, he said, Mr. McIlvenna cited a situation where several young adults--the oldest was 22--had taken a house with only one of them having an assured income. Money received from the parents of another was used, he said. A one-day observation of the single woman who was occupying a room in the house when food was needed in the household. A great need for adult interest and guidance exists in situations of this kind, he said.

A step toward assistance of young adults has been taken by a committee under sponsorship of the United Fund, Mr. McIlvenna reported, with the preparation of a directory of community organizations and agencies providing services for this particular age group. Civic and public service groups and agencies, guest houses, recreational facilities, employment sources and other social service agencies are listed. Included among them is the Mattachine Society, providing "referral and counseling in psycho-sexual problems."

Wallace de Ortega Maxey, author of "Castrametation: Living Dangerous," in Freedom, gave some pointed observations of the threats to freedom which plague our society today. Foremost was his list of the many techniques employed to deny an individual freedom to read; they all boil down to censorship and nothing else. He hit upon the idea that...
to many, freedom meant that one is free to do as someone else dictates, and warned of the loss of liberties as bigoted do-gooders hacked away at the rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

A humorous interlude came when "man-about-the-world" Gavin Arthur told of his plans to expand and revise his book, "Circle of Sex." He recalled his own mother's experience in Paris at the turn of the century when she remained friendly with Oscar Wilde after almost everyone else avoided him because of the stigma attached to the scandalous trial and imprisonment he withstood.

But the outstanding part of the afternoon, perhaps, was delivery of a paper on "Aspects of Homosexuality Among Transvestists and Transsexuals," by Harry Benjamin, M.D., of New York. Here the noted sexologist traced the psychical threads of connection between individuals caught in the "in-between" of the sexes in a report which will be included in a forthcoming work, "Encyclopedia of Homosexuality," edited by Donald Webster Cory, and to be published soon in New York. This marked the third time Dr. Benjamin has addressed an annual Mattachine conference.

In the evening, Mattachine President Hal Call announced awards of merit for the committee of the Society of Friends in England which prepared the magnificent "Towards a Quaker View of Sex," and to Gaeton Arthur told of his plans to expand and revise his book, "Circle of Sex." He warned of the loss of liberties as bigoted do-gooders hacked away at the rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

PSYCHOLOGIST GEORGE BRAMMER JOINS STAFF

George Brammer, San Francisco psychologist, has joined the staff of professional counselors for the Mattachine Society. This marks the first time to our knowledge that a psychological consultant has been available on a regular schedule through the offices of the several organizations similar to Mattachine.

Mr. Brammer has received both his A.B. and A.M. degrees at Stanford. His graduate study was taken at the University of California.

Mr. Brammer spent two years as a case worker and psychologist in California reformatories. He worked for 25 years as an employee of the San Francisco School Dept.; a counselor for young adults. He has been a visiting lecturer at the University of California over a period of twelve years.

Mr. Brammer will be available for consultation in the Mattachine Offices by appointment.

BLACK CAT APPEAL CASE GOES TO SUPREME COURT

Appeal in the drawn out action of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Department vs. Sol Stoumen of the Black Cat, famous Bohemian cafe and bar at 710 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, has now reached the California Supreme Court.

On Sept. 23, a petition for hearing of the case in the Supreme Court was filed by representatives of Lowenthal & Lowenthal, attorneys for the appellant. The case has been under way virtually ever since California's current ABC law came into effect in 1956. Allegations are that several Black Cat patrons propounded ABC and local police officers for unlawful sex acts. Since charges were made some six or more years ago, the case has gone before ABC hearing boards, Superior Court in Marin County, and to the District Court of Appeals, and in all of these judges have ruled in favor of Alcoholic Beverage Control officials.

In the DCA action which began in June, 1962, a 444-page opening brief was prepared through Pan-Graphic Press to open the case. This was followed in June 1963 with a 234-page closing brief. In August the court ruled against the appellant. This meant that Attorney Morris Lowenthal once more had to carry the appeal to the Supreme Court before the Sept. 23 deadline, so once more a brief was prepared to petition the court to hear the case. Although Mr. Lowenthal left for Europe on Sept. 10 before the brief was completed, he sent additional copy from Montreal and Paris so that with the required indices and appendices a third volume--362 pages--was prepared by Pan-Graphic and completed only hours before the filing deadline.

Many who remember that the Black Cat won a Supreme Court case in 1954 (which litigation began in 1948) wonder why the place is again--or constantly--in the courts. The answer is simple: The 1948 case saw the old Equalization Board (which administered alcoholic beverage licenses at the time) in litigation to revoke Stoumen's license. This failed, and the Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional parts of the old law. The new law was written the same old unconstitutional provisions. Thus persons such as homosexuals to congregate in a public bar or restaurant, but California politicians, not to be outdone by this, passed another law creating the Alcoholic Beverage Control Department in 1955, and in the new law written the same old unconstitutional provisions. Thus another action against Stoumen (and actions against countless other bars, mainly "gay bars") began again. As a "friend of the court," Mr. Lowenthal the Valerra case (arising out of the old "Last Chance" bar in Oakland) in 1959 and was instrumental in winning a favorable decision, but certain "dicta" written into the decision by one Supreme Court justice killed the effect of the decision.

Thus the need remained to continue to press the Black Cat case in order to score against unconstitutional provisions of the current ABC law.

It is no secret that high officials in the ABC department are particularly and specifically dedicated to revoking gay bar licenses, because it is their stated position that they believe the operation of such places to be against "public health, safety, welfare and morals." This also means that they hold patrons of non-gay bars to a higher standard of conduct than they hold patrons of non-gay bars, as proved by the frequent use of ABC agents in gay bars acting as ordinary patrons, but who, nevertheless, overtly invite solicitations for sex acts that are illegal by the penal code. Almost never (except in rare B-girl or prostitution situations) do they attempt to incite patrons to solicit them in non-gay bars.

As bar owners and the public already know (these matters have been covered in the press in San Francisco) this has come to mean that so-called gay bars which operate with a clientele alleged to be predominantly homosexual are prime targets for license revocation, and because the "criminal acts" (solicitations) are apparently easy to obtain under enticement conditions, then the average life of a gay bar has come to be something like 24-36 months. Some time ago an ABC announcement stated
that something like 14 gay bar licenses had been revoked within an 18-month period in San Francisco, and actions were pending against 22 additional bars, most of them in the same category.

But over the years Stoumen of the Black Cat has stood firm on his ground at great personal expense (the three briefs mentioned here alone cost over $6,000 to print). Within a few months, if the court decides to hear the case, another decision should be forthcoming—a decision which is not only of greatest importance to every owner of licensed premises in California, but also a decision which will state whether or not persons of varied sex orientation have a right to assemble in public palces and be held to the same standard of public conduct as required of all ordinary or average adult citizens.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER REVIEWS MAILED AT SAME TIME

September Mattachine REVIEW, now on the press, was late because all productions facilities of the printer were turned toward preparation of the Supreme Court brief discussed above. This makes its appearance too late for newsstands. Therefore it will be held and mailed in a few days with the October issue, also almost complete, to save postage and mailing costs. Those who purchase the REVIEW On newsstands will have to send 75¢ to the Society for the September copy.

PROJECTS IN PREPARATION

From the 10th Annual Conference come a project for Mattachine Society's educational activity which greatly broadens the organization's "social action" program. The organization's "social action" program for "social action" programs in the Los Angeles Mattachine Society) announced at the conference that he had obtained official registration as a spokesman authorized to appear before legislative committees and testify about the value of proposed legislation.

Interim, so that all members and subscribers will know the full operation and scope of the work contemplated.

From the Department of Sociology of the University of California has come a call to Mattachine to furnish a speaker for a closed-circuit television program discussing pertinent aspects of homosexuality for general audiences of men and women—in church groups, among students, and on radio and television programs—has provided crystal-clear proof that Mattachine's great challenge lies in pointing up these conditions to greater public—parents, students, professional persons, public officials, and so on. Already marked success has been noted, and literally hundreds of new friends of the Mattachine movement have been enlisted, once they learn that Mattachine concerns apply not to just a few 'other people,' but to themselves as well. And most profoundly it has been indicated that the vast majority of men and women—most of whom have had no homosexual experience—have, nevertheless, engaged in sexual activity which they knew religion and law frowned upon, so the burden of guilt is upon them with the knowledge that they, too, are deviates. Such archaic notions have no place in modern society.

PUBLICATIONS ON VENEREAL DISEASE AVAILABLE

Long considered unpleasant and hush-hush, venereal diseases are today coming out into the open and can be talked about. But this progress toward an open point of view still has many stigmas and drawbacks, and moreover a massive ignorance surrounds the diseases as far as the average adult is concerned.

We know that syphilis and gonorrhea are the two principal venereal diseases, and that the former sometimes shows up with a little sore and the latter in males at least is often indicated present with a urethral discharge. But these indicators are not always easily detected in all persons. Medical examination, including smear cultures and blood tests can detect the presence of the diseases.

But if these outward indicators aren't detected, and if treatment isn't received, and if the indicators go away, does an infected person still have the disease, and can he still infect others? Furthermore, at what stage is syphilis infectious? If syphilis reaches the "latent" stage, is it still dangerous? Can it be cured then?

These and dozens of additional questions are asked and answered in a group of publications made available to the Mattachine Society from the American Social Health Association. Three items make up the packet: "VD—The Menace," "Some Questions and Answers about VD," and "Everyone Should Know." They are outstanding, with the possible exception of a little unnecessary moralizing in the first listed folder.

Newsletter readers may receive the three publications upon request, with enclosure of 25¢ in coin or stamps. Simply Address the Mattachine Society, Inc., 689 Mission St., San Francisco 5 and request the "VD Information Packet."
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