Soirée on New Year’s Day
Will Benefit Church Council

How to turn a money-raising problem into a spectacular fun event will be demonstrated on New Year’s Day evening when six San Francisco organizations jointly stage a benefit for the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, and technically under the latter’s sponsorship. It is to be a “New Year’s Mardi Gras Costume Ball,” a dance with costumes and informal dress, with two bands and two floors of California Hall at 625 Polk St. Refreshments will be provided. There’s a $5 donation required to get in. Time is from 9 P.M. on. But be certain of the date—it is NOT New Year’s Eve, but the evening of New Year’s Day. That’s a long, long weekend anyway.

Clergyman representatives of the Council have been busy making arrangements, and it goes without saying that one hotel after another turned them down—none seemed to want anything like a repeat of Halloween at the Hilton. Thus some citizens outside of the community learned first hand the pressures which vague but powerful forces apply against some of the minority groups. One hotel, in fact, couldn’t permit the ball to go on there even after they had consented to rent space for it, because “we forgot we are re-finishing our ballroom floors on that day.” On New Year’s Day at triple time pay? Please.

Anyway the place, date and time are set. Once again “kindred spirits” will gather for fun and purpose and it will be something not to miss.

A small army of ticket sellers will be at work now up to New Year’s Day to help make the ball a success. Members of The Coits, Daughters of Bilitis, Mattachine Society, Society for Individual Rights, Strait & Associates, and Tavern Guild of San Francisco will be ready to exchange your donation for a ducat. Representatives earn a dollar for their respective organizations for each ticket sold.

So there it is—another private party for adults only for a public benefit. Play it cool and have fun!

Because of a lot of confusion and questions about photographs arose at previous costume balls, the sponsors have agreed on the policy that cameras will not be permitted except by persons specifically authorized to take photographs. One or more “official photographers” will be assigned to this task.
Sociology recently blasted many of the myths about sex offenders that the Crown Prosecutor reminded the audience of in a recent high-profile trial. With some high-profile cases, other myths are presented, according to Gerhard Falk of the State University and other institutions.

"We must educate the public about such offenders," Falk said. "It is impossible to predict their future actions when they are not convicted of a crime."

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Falk called for fewer convictions and enforcement of laws covering deviant acts, as well as a decrease in the number of people being brought to trial for the same crime. Ultimately, he said, there must be a change in the way society enforces laws and laws themselves.

Other myths he addressed included: Sex offenders are usually not repeat offenders; minor offenders do not go unpunished; and they do not panic after the sexual act, and not a part of the sexual act itself. Calling for fewer convictions and enforcement of laws covering deviant acts, he said, would decrease the number of people being brought to trial for the same crime.

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The visitors expressed thanks all around to San Franciscans for their fine reception. And for all good humor and apparent glamour expressed by this author, "brooklynist, female impersonator and former male admirer," no one, it seems, got the idea that his was a good business to go into. Marlowe made no secret that he has in the past declared his income sources in complete candor to internal Revenue, but he didn't urge anyone to start a call house.

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Sartre is back in town from New York.... Tavern Guild plans to stage another series of Mattachine auctions beginning in January and one for Daughters of Bilitis... LaVonne Cummings and Harvey Lee talked over days gone by with Ken Marlowe the other night, opening a visit Marlowe had made to see them at Finocchio's the evening before... Incorporation papers for Council on Religion and the Homosexual were finalized at an open meeting Dec. 8 at Glide Fellowship Hall.

You won't want to miss this grand event. Get your tickets now. Just send cash, check or money order to The Mattachine Society, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco, Calif., 94105. Make checks and money orders payable to either Mattachine Society or Council on Religion and the Homosexual.

Don't be left out. Ticket sales are limited to 1500 and no tickets will be available after December 28. And absolutely no tickets will be available at the door. YOU MUST GET YOUR TICKET NOW.


The Council on Religion and the Homosexual is composed of members from the homophile community and clergymen of various denominations. The Council has many plans for action projects in the coming year. These projects will be directed towards fighting for civil rights for the homosexual in the community and in the nation. The Council is not another organization but an action group composed of all the various organizations now in existence.
How Increasingly Offbeat
The Lively Arts Become!

BOY-GETS-BOY HOLDS
EVER INCREASING CHARM

From a woman came this letter to the New York Times: "I used to scorn those corny plots in fashion yesterday, boy-meets-girl. Then boy-loses-girl. Then boy-gets-girl (hurray!). Today I fear nostalgia's near. The new plots bring no joy. It's boy-meets-girl. Boy-loses-girl. And then it's boy-gets-boy." Her little rhyme does characterize a growing trend as society changes its attitudes and the playwrights, dramatists and novelists herald that change in their works. Examples; in a film version of "Goodbye Charlie" from 20th-Fox, Debbie Reynolds is the reincarnation of a lecherous man, and as a sexy female with a masculine mind she ogles and pinches other ladies in the plot. That's not enough—she romances with Pat Boone, who turns out to be an effeminate multi-millionaire with a grotesque mother complex. Tony Curtis, an old hand at playing the transvestite (remember "Some Like It Hot"?) plays a shnock role, all of which sets straight sex-back twenty years, said a reviewer. Then in Joe Orton's play, "Entertaining Mr. Sloane," coming to New York soon from England, it is reported that the sexual mores expressed in that comedy include much to raise eyebrows. A woman rents a room to Mr. Sloane, age 19, seduces him, and then her brother seduces him. Hanky-panky continues when there are indications of seduction between brother and sister. But there's a murder and an ending that satisfies the sister, so advance notices tell us. Another example: Booth Theater on Shubert Alley in New York is now host to a "smash" 3-character play that goes under the title of a 3-letter word, "Luv," by Murray Schisgal. Pure Marx Brothers comedy, it spoofs self-pity, homosexuality, suicide, despair and love and marriage. Finally, a Hollywood columnist recently did a piece on Elvis Presley, the "Money Man from Memphis," and told how Col. Tom Parker, Presley's business director, sits in an office with pink teddybears and stuffed animals perched on the chairs. And not far away, the star protege is hard at work on a sound stage. "Between takes Elvis is quickly surrounded by several members of what is known on the set as the

'Memphis Mafia.' These are the muscular, hard-eyed young men from Tennessee who live with Elvis, and accompany him wherever he goes, warding off the voracious teenagers and thereby preserving his privacy," the columnist notes.

 Freedom doesn't come for nothing, and it carries no blanket guarantee unless we work at it. That's why Mattachine Society, since 1950, has become a leader in solving socio-sexual problems—with a program of Education, Research and Social Service which reaches out to benefit every adult in our society. Mattachine REVIEW (completing its 10th year) commands respect and prestige second to none in its field; Mattachine spokesmen have appeared before many university classes, church, civic and public health groups; aid to research has been extended to uncounted disciplined researchers in the behavioral sciences; many thousands of persons have attended Mattachine's public forums and have heard and seen the many radio and television programs in which the Mattachine has participated and in many cases originated; more than 3000 men and women each year are helped by Mattachine's social services; numerous professional persons and public and private agencies benefit from the helpful liaison contact with the Mattachine, and in turn these benefits are passed on to the public in the form of enlightened social action.

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