REGULAR MEETINGS of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual have attracted increased attendance. Many have asked how to reach the Council. It's address is 330 Ellis Street, telephone PR 1-1792. Rev. Ted McVenna, director of the Young Adult Project of the Glide Foundation, is the newly-elected Council president. Other officers are Donald Lucas, vice president; Robert Walker, treasurer, and Del Martin, secretary. In addition the Board of Directors includes Rev. Clarence Colwell (United Churches of Christ); Canon R. W. Cromey (Episcopal); Rev. Louis Durham (Glide Foundation-METHODIST); Rev. Charles Lewis (Lutheran); Rev. Cecil Williams (Glide Foundation-METHODIST); and Jan Marinesen (American Friends Service Committee); Harold Call (Mattachine Society); Guy Strait (Citizens News); William Beardemphl (Society for Individual Rights); Mark Forrester (S.I.R.); Phyllis Leon (Daughters of Bilitis) and Darryl Glied (Tavern Guild of San Francisco). Information about public meetings may be obtained from the officers and directors, or from the Council office upon submitting a postal request to be added to the list for such notices.

SCORES OF ATTORNEYS rallied to the defense of the three lawyers arrested at the New Year’s Benefit Ball, including many members of the bar from cities up to 100 miles from San Francisco, reports Evander Smith, one of those charged.

LETTERS PUBLISHED in San Francisco newspapers after the ball ran something like 12 to 1 in protesting the police action which observers termed as harassment and intimidation, as well as invasion of privacy. Another interesting note: Many ministers who had indicated interest in the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, but who had been “on the fence” about involvement in the Council, were firm in declaring their attitude henceforth. They have learned about how police and politicians treat minorities and abuse the law for convenience of the

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BENEFIT AUCTIONS HERE AGAIN! The first of another series of benefit auctions sponsored by Tavern Guild of San Francisco will be held Monday, January 18 at the 524 Union, starting at 9 p.m., with a glittering array of “merchandise,” and guest auctioneers known to almost everyone. Funds derived will benefit Mattachine Society and Daughters of Bilitis organizations, making continuation of their work possible. Other places and dates of auctions are as follows: Mule, Jan. 25; Trapp, Feb. 1; Romeo’s, Feb. 8; Golden Cask, Feb. 15; Bligh’s Bounty, Feb. 22 or 23 (this last date is to be decided, since the regular Monday evening is a holiday), and the Rendezvous on March 1.

‘After the Ball Was Over…’

What Really Happened

At the Mardi Gras New Year’s Ball held January 1st at the California Hall, the Council on Religion and the Homosexual and the cooperating homophile movement organizations were treated to the most lavish display of police harassment known in recent times.

Estimates of 10 to 55 uniformed and plainclothes police officers, including inspectors, photographers and at least one captain were on hand from 9 p.m. until the Ball closed at 1 a.m. At the Ball were more than 600 guests.

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The Year Ahead: A Forecast

The New Year ahead will be a significant one in the sexual revolution now under way in the Western Christian world not so much in itself, perhaps, as much as it will mark the advent of a decade of progress in mental health in which the behavioral scientist will be heard. This means that ever more steadily the forces of Victorian prudery and bigoted ignorance will have to give way to the truth about man’s behavior and laws and repressions affecting human sexuality will begin to be relegated to the discard of the Dark Ages where they belong.

Ever-increasing pressure from society as a whole and from many organized

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groups within it will call for a new examination and evaluation of realities which will be made unanswerable in the months of 1965 and the decade which will follow. Old, discredited details of man’s essential nature will be weighed and thrown aside as they are found wanting.

Prominent in the pioneering projects which will seek to bring a greater enlightenment and freedom for people, especially in the English-speaking world, will be the so-called organizations which make up the recognized “homophile movement” in the United States, England and Canada. Some of their recommendations, along with recommendations of the American Law Institute, will become reality in our legislatures in the near future. Specifically this refers to changing law so that it is no longer criminal for two consenting adults to engage in private sexual expression of any kind so long as it does not involve force or harm.

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Crowding in the Western world—while not yet reaching the serious proportion as it has in other countries—will cause us to examine old standards of morality, marriage, sex, and population control. The day of the state’s requiring a hold by words in the next decade, and we shall hear a lot about them in the near future. With the council. This appointment was made last August, and made necessary by the departure of Bishop Jones Pike, and a call for revision of penal codes and sex laws will continue in states such as New York, and get under way in the next year. Specifically this refers to changing law so that it is no longer criminal for two consenting adults to engage in private sexual expression of any kind so long as it does not involve force or harm.

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CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL HUMANS

In the year ahead we shall discover, however, that homosexuals, like other human beings, have legal and civil rights, and when they behave reasonably, they will be treated as any other person. This is a beginning and not the end of the fight for the recognition of human values, the upholding of civil liberties, and the extension of human rights to all persons. And as the struggle goes on, we shall find that the struggle is not only for the homosexuals as a whole, but that the struggle is for all human beings.

The struggle for human rights is a struggle against prejudice and ignorance, and the constructive rebellion against ancient sexual prejudice will serve to bring a greater freedom and useful application of the sexual capacity of mankind for the benefit of all adults. A recognition of the basic "sameness" of human beings must result, and as this becomes manifest it will become ever more evident that those who now attack homosexuals and others with varied sexual expression will be put on the defensive and they will be pressed to prove their point and that their objections are worth listening to, and that the "sickness" they decry is in others and not in themselves.

Then we shall begin to learn once and for all that ignorance does not equal knowledge, that a lack of understanding does not equal ignorance, and that satisfaction with various human love relationships does not equal degeneracy. These absurd and invalid equations will disappear as human beings learn not to fear the sexual instinct, but to use it as well.

AFTER THE BALL... WHAT REALLY HAPPENED

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The police had prepared a 90-minute presentation on the law, conducted by Dr. Larry Leon, the president of the San Francisco Police Officers Association. This presentation will be submitted to the City Council, and its coming to public view at an early date.

Police actions, as we have seen, were not limited to arrests. The police department, by the use of a highly publicized campaign against the ball, was able to bring about a widespread public awareness of the issue. This awareness will continue to grow, and the police will be able to use this awareness to their advantage in the future.

And so, as we look back upon the events of the past year, we can see that the struggle for human rights has made significant progress. The recognition of the basic "sameness" of human beings has begun, and as this becomes manifest, the struggle will continue to grow. The struggle for human rights is not ended, but it is well on its way.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITHOUT GETTING INVOLVED?

BE AMONG THOSE PRESENT AT THE FORTHCOMING SERIES OF

BENEFIT
AUCTIONS

Scheduled for Monday Evenings, starting January 18th at a number of your favorite places...and for which you are requested to contribute items of value which you don't need, so that they may be sold to the highest bidder for cash!

BENEFIT AUCTIONS are a public service project of the Tavern Guild of San Francisco in cooperation with Community Organizations which work on behalf of us all. Proceeds from the auctions will be donated to Mattachine Society and Daughters of Bilitis.

BRING "STUFF" FOR SALE IN ADVANCE AND BE THERE!

GUEST AUCTIONEERS - FUN - ENTERTAINMENT

AUCTIONS START AT 9 P.M. ON EACH DATE LISTED AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

January 18--524 Union  
January 25--Mule  
February 1--The Trapp  
February 8--Romeo's  
February 15--Golden Cask
  
February 22--Bligh's Bounty
March 1--Rendezvous