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SEVEN COMMITTEE is the name of a new Mattachine project group which held its first planning session at a membership meeting of the Society at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel on Feb. 27th.

Interest groups, fund raising projects, concerts and entertainments, special celebrations and so on are among the events they are already at work on. Watch for something coming up on April 1st--All Fool's Day--15th anniversary of the founding of the organization.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH was a traditional Daughters of Bilitis function at which their friends are urged to wear something green and be on hand for food and fun. This year is the 8th Annual, we think, since it seems that it was started in 1957. Date is Sunday, March 21st, 11 AM-3 PM, at Bradley's Corner, Carl & Cole Sts., with a $1.50 donation going toward the plateful of food you will be served.

QUARTERS FLY BY, and its been three months since SIR beat the drum on "Check 33." That's the gimmick, they say, this month--get a blood test and cut down on the statistics the bigots say, this month--get a blood test and cut down on the statistics the bigots say, this month--get a blood test and cut down on the statistics the bigots say, this month--get a blood test and cut down on the statistics the bigots say, this month--get a blood test and cut down on the statistics the bigots say, this month--get a blood test and cut down on the statistics the bigots say, this month--get a blood test and cut down on the statistics the bigots say, this month--get a blood test and cut down on the statistics the bigots say, this month--get a blood test and cut down on the statistics the bigots say.

SPRING IS PICNIC TIME and the Tavern Guild bravely leads the parade with a bang-up event promised for Sunday, April 25th—all day in the country somewhere, with tickets available now. Everything is included—with food and beer, fun and entertainment, contests and prizes. Transportation on the share-the-ride plan will be announced, along with the location now being selected. You remember how these outings were like to compound and distort. If your physician is too busy, remember the public health service is in business. And, should it happen you don't know what's being talked about, check someone. You're not circulating. You may be dead and not know it.

Tavern Guild Auction Series Completed Mar. 1; Total Neat's Two Grand

Benefit Auctions which ran a seven-week course in Tavern Guild bars netted almost $2000 for Mattachine Society and Daughters of Bilitis. 524 Union, The Male, The Trap, Golden Cask, Blighty, and Rejevous held the auctions from which proceeds went to Mattachine, and one at Romeo's was for D.O.B. As the council on Religion and the Homosexual. Somewhere close to $700 was taken in.

Sporting (or sprouting) a new BEARD, Michelle's appearance as master of ceremonies was played straight, but with no lack of luster and laughs. The whiskers, it seems, got started sometime around Mardi Gras at New Orleans.

Michelle introduced Walter Hart who belted out three songs in the style of Sophie Tucker with such realism that some thought it was more like the Red Hot Momma herself singing in person and in drag rather than an impersonation.

J. J. Van Dyke, now also bearded since he has a leave of absence from the Finocchio cast, followed Walter's roaring applause, and kept the pace at a lively double entendre to the delight of the community, but sometimes to the dismay of a dining-room section of some 12 preachers who weren't always with it, but valiantly trying to understand as they tipped glasses of ginger ale. J. J., no mean Phyllis Diller impressionist, rocked his audience with sly digs at the Establishment, the Constabulary (three of whose heads could be seen standing in the doorway enjoying it all), and the institutions—all of which seem to resist work of the CRH with a vehemence equal to Selma's sheriff.

But his maddest treat was a quivering rendition of an old folk ballad (English I think) which Bill Plath helped him to find. In several plaintive verses rapt with innuendo, "Nobody Loves A Fairy When She's Forty" brought down the house, and by this time, even the ministers understood.

With entre'act introductions and credits, Michelle noted that the CRH was a joint effort which had unified the homophile community and which was enlisting an interest from the majority community unlike anything before as concerns understanding the homophile. While many are amazed that it should be this way, nevertheless many realize that elements of the City's Power Structure had made a real contribution towards unification of the gay people—through their harassment and intimidation tactics.

Following applause when the names of CRH ministers attempting to march to Montgomery were read off, Rev. Ted. (Continued on third page)
LAWs GOVERNING PRIVATE SEXUAL CONDUCT ARE BEING CHALLENGED AND IF SPE WIDE TO GROW, \THERE IS A REAL RISK OF CHANGE MOUNTING. IN TURN THIS MEANS THAT POLICE POLICIES OF HARRASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION OF HOMOSEXUALS ARE ON THE WAY OUT.

This trend is noted with approval of a growing body of responsible and informed behavioral scientists, ministers, academicians who do not know that homosexual, as such, have only limited civil rights and that ARE a problem in a society which rejects them. But more than ever they are calling for change which will permit homosexuality and all adults to have sexual freedom in private. They are calling for an end of ancient anti-sexual attitudes which permit indiscriminate and capricious law enforcement, chaos and corruption.

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INVERSION TOPIC CAPTURES INCREASING ATTENTION
IN NEWSPAPER ARTICLES IN VARIOUS CITIES ACROSS U. S.

Believe it or not, San Francisco, which has so often lately called itself the gay capital of the nation (which it isn't) remains as one of the major cities whose newspapers haven't yet seen fit to do a definitive series of articles on homosexuality.

But the wagon is picking up riders elsewhere—with Denver and Washington, D.C., among the latest, Miami, New York, Kansas City and Hollywood had gone the route before—all without revealing much truth and sense in their perpetuation of ancient myth, outmoded attitudes, and bigoted bias.

Yet on the desk of a major San Francisco daily are the pages of a pretty good story on the homosexual in our midst. It if sees the light of print, some editors will have to change their minds and policies.

During the past week, two 5-part series of articles on homosexuality have been received from—Washington (D.C.) Post and Denver Post. Each has similarities of good and bad, but the Washington cove- was far superior—exceeding in many ways the LIFE article of last summer.

Despite an effort not to do so, the drivel of sensationalism was flogged unmercifully in Denver before the writer got down to some facts. His efforts at objectivity came through now and then, but the emotional bias of his Catholic-dominated paper prevailed to the very end. Nevertheless the ill wind blew some good, if only for the eight gay bars in the capital of the Rocky Mountain Empire. For those in the 11-state region who thought there were only two such places, they now know exactly where to find all of the gay watering spots, and this will no doubt result in an increase in business. Who knows, we may even hear of a Tavern Guild organization springing up there before long, since the reality of the situation is an open book now. Oddly enough, Denver police stated outright that they preferred the gay bars to continue operation since it eased problems that would mount otherwise. This, it seems, is still news to the police and liquor authorities in cities like New York, Chicago and San Francisco, where the game of open-and-shut gets played with apparently increasing viciousness.

Calling its series “Those Others,” the Washington Post was about as realistic and objective as might be expected even from the responsible media of the homophile press. The articles, it began, could not have been written five years ago. But now that the subject was more open, they had to appear. Posed were troubling questions facing society: Are homosexuals born or conditioned? Is the expression of homosexuality a crime or a disease, a choice, or a natural thing for some? Are homosexuals on the increase, and if so, what threat is facing us? Can it be treated, and if it can, should it be? Are present laws unnecessarily harsh and punitive? Should the law reach into the bedroom of all adults? Should homosexuals be fired from the government? Should they be cashiered out of the armed forces in disgrace? Are they greater security risks than the average human being? Is homosexuality here to stay? Can it be prevented?

To these probing questions came astonishingly intelligent answers. Gist of the reports hold that society's attitudes and laws must be changed; whether we like it or not homosexuals in large numbers are in our midst, they are human beings, and if we abolished all of them today they'd be back tomorrow in all their varieties—from the embarrassing swish to the multitude no one ever recognizes. And without them, our nation, our culture, even our government, industrial and business worlds, would be poorer rather than better off.

New words to an old song are these. Now will a San Francisco editor who has created a wall between a writer and his readers dare to let his public see some light into dark corners that confuse us all?

And if the series gets into print, will he let the letters from readers express realistic criticism? Or will he do like the Denver Post which received more than 200 letters from homosexuals, with critical and encouraging opinion, yet it printed not a word of any of them?

Such policies make one wonder how genuine freedom to read really is, when we see disgusting censorship applied by the very bulwarks which should uphold that freedom. And perpetuation of the old wives' tale that the general readership isn't ready for it smacks insultingly that the press is determined to keep its public at the 12-year intelligence level rather than improve it. Hardly an acceptable judgment in the atomic-space age when the frontiers of men's minds need exploration so greatly.

A Lent With Sex is the subtitle of a series of discussions to be given at St. Aidan's Church, 101 Goldmine Drive, San Francisco. This program will be held each Wednesday during the Lenten season at 8:30 PM. The actual title of the course is “Toward A New Morality.”

The program at St. Aidan's is open to the public with a donation requested of one dollar. The topics on succeeding Wednesday evenings, starting March 3, are: The Problem of Sexuality, The Origins of Sexual Behavior, Sexual Development, Homosexuality, A New Morality Needed, and The Counsellor and the Counsellor.