BUSINESS PROMOTIONS in the pubs are coming faster than ever. Scarcely a bar alive hasn’t announced one or more special events to keep the crowds coming. Some are mentioned elsewhere, but there are a few more that should be noted: Toolbox movies on Sept. 26th will see three GGRC films, “Whatever Happened to Baby Jane,” “Always on Sunday,” and “A Roman Spring at Mrs. Stone.” The Trapp’s first anniversary hits on Sept. 28th with a celebration...Romeo’s has a benefit brunch on October 10th, half to SIR, half to DOB, 10 am until 2...Missouri Mule sprang a second anniversary on us Sept. 14th which we didn’t get to note previously...There’s a DOB brunch benefit at the Dial on Sept. 26th from 11 to 3...Fifteen-cent brew at midweek on evenings, and afternoons on weekends is becoming commonplace (for instance the Big R has it Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings 8 to midnight). Banjo bands and nickel hotdogs, chicken a-go-go, pizza, spaghetti, Ronnie Scalair (we misspelled the name of this popular Fantasy entertainer last time), topless boys in a swinging show (Grant Avenue is changing)...Mavis as host and Franklin as a hostess. “all of (Grant Avenue is changing)...Mavis as host and Franklin as a hostess...all of these and more are going on. EVEN, MATTACHE gets in on the benefits...from a recent auction at the Dial (another followed for SIR), and at a prevue opening of the Cheque Room (on Sept. 16th) held in advance of the full Grand Opening on the 18th. A LIVING MADNESS is the orchestra booked for the Coits’ next all-day outing on October 3rd—a barbecue and funfest, with swimming, picnicking, dancing and outdoor sports. Dozens of couples attended the recent Coits function and raved...next one promises equal facilities, food, fun and beer, but the donation ups a little to seven bucks. BUT ANOTHER PICNIC...also on October 3rd (wouldn’t rain be a disaster?) is scheduled. Bay Area Lettermen will go by chartered bus to Santa Cruz leaving 86 Golden Gate at 8 a.m. Donation of five dollars in advance includes transportation, food and beverages. Sign up for it at the club headquarters on or before...

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A NEW BOOK WHICH WILL STIR THE ROARING BLAZE OF CONTROVERSY...

IN DEFENSE OF HOMOSEXUALITY

Almost misleading is the title of a new book, "In Defense of Homosexuality," by R. O. D. Benson which arrived recently from Julian Press. Although it is an eloquent statement for acceptance of homosexual behavior as one way in which some people choose to lead their sexual existence, it is in a greater sense a defense of sexuality in rational terms instead of the irrational attitudes which have surrounded it for centuries. Irrational thinkers who disapprove of sex come in for devastating attack with calm and cool arguments which put all forms of consenting sexual experience among thinking adults in a new light. Thus among the valid choices people can choose is homosexual experience. Old myths such as “crime against nature” are exploded. Crime against nature, the author holds, is only that which men’s minds choose to label as such. Illogical thinking prevails. Using one measuring device which declares homosexual expression is a crime against nature would perform, if carried out logically, prevent us from eating cooked food, halt the practice of circumcision and other surgical procedures, stop administration of sedatives to kill the pain of childbirth, put an end to shaving and haircutting, or deny us the chance to ride in an airplane. All of these, while not regarded as “crimes against nature,” are nevertheless unnatural modifications man has chosen to make in the control of himself and his environment. Biological truths (such as “man cannot fly”) are circumvented when a “need” arises. Personal values and judgments are applied when we change other things (100 years ago the belief was predominant that women should suffer in childbirth to atone for the sin of Eve). In these things, each person, or groups of people, create their own hierarchy of values acceptable to everyone. Sexual pleasure, says the author, should be determined by the person or persons con...
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speakers have pointed out, the project is NOT a "watchdog" move to handicap law enforcement in any sense, but rather an aid to better law enforcement by intelligent, effective and humane police work.

So often denied publicly by politicians, officials and police in the charge that brutality and harassment exists. However reports of it from persons in minorities who claim they have been victimized. Oddly enough, "Citizens Alert" cannot be at a about the same time Gov. Brown chastised the Los Angeles police chief for the Watts riot, and a San Francisco attorney filed a number of charges against San Francisco police for brutality-seeking damages of several million dollars. Already on the docks of our courts are adding to the famous spectacle (at least seven such cases) where charges of false arrest, maltreatment, and so on are specified, and the amounts sought in those cases exceed $5 million. Thus there are citizens seeking redress where they believe improper procedures were applied to them.

Along with these developments came another: Voter registration officials noted that in the registration period ending Sept. 9th, a greater number of deputy registrars at large were at work certifying voters than ever before. Could this be protest bearing in another form which the "power structure" needs to heed? Elections may tell.

Not long ago one of the founders of the bastion of non-violence at Indiana University was addressing a group of recruits at a police academy. He said he wasn't so worried about someone making a sex proposition to him, and didn't need so much police protection to save him from it. Instead, he was much more worried about someone stealing his car, and hoped the police would put more emphasis on preventing that.

SNCC SPEAKER AT GULD

A recent speaker at San Francisco's Tavers Gold was Tom Ramsey, a project director for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, who outlined his organization's work in civil rights matters. He stressed that reports of bad police work in some neighborhoods of San Francisco were under investigation and indicated SNCC aims toward working with others to help solve such situations in the community.
DEFENSE OF SEX
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We are in many other things the Bible would consider sin, and not limited in legitimization but wishful thinking to satisfy a theoretical pleasure and a man achieve complete natural foods equally (or even more) nutritious than ice cream and prepared cereals? But who wants to limit us to raw sugar, whole milk and corn?

Moreover we change the directives of the Bible when we wish. This fact alone can cast some doubts upon the alleged sex acts must be prescribed or proscribed as the Bible says. We don't put adulterers to death any more. We don't force a surviving brother to copulate with the wife who has no son when the husband who dies is the brother of the other. We don't hold to Old Testament commandments about not eating seafood, cows, sheep and goats, or the blood of any flesh. Then why not accept this as a way of accepting change in sex as we are in many other things the Bible would regulate? And why, even if some groups would regard certain sexual, entertainment, drinking, smoking, etc. practices as sin, must we let the church impose laws upon us through the state which label certain sex practices as criminal? Not because of logic, to be sure. And not because of rational thinking.

Turning to the psychologists and behavioral scientists who regard some sex practices as abnormal or pathological, here again Author Benson clearly shows that we are confused by fact and theory, with the resulting attitude being someone's "observation," "attitude," or "opinion." The bromide, "science says," is a lot of nonsense. Science doesn't speak; only scientists do.

Benson points out that fundamentally the non-rational is the base upon which our logical and scientific constructions rest. He describes the role of the non-rational in mathematics, in science (how long did we take science anyway?) and in ethical hypothesis (and in other areas. Even culture, he says (and proves) is the expression of the non-rational. So he takes the non-rational as an aid to seeing the question of homosexuality more clearly.

His chapter topic sounds scary: "Modifica­tion of the Non-Rational by the Non- Rational." What is that?

Well, it happens all the time, he says. To obtain empathy from the heterosexual about the situation of the homosexual, he says we should appeal to the person's sense of justice. Regardless of what he conceives of justice to be, no person wants injustice dealt to him. So this emotional lever is a start in causing the majority to call a halt on unfair treatment of a minority.

On and on this lucid exposition with Benson pointing his microscope of human reasoning on the area of so much confusion. For the homosexual, the book will serve as a first step toward his unshackled freedom.

Comment from a Homophile Spokesman....

Our Greatest Problem:
COMMUNICATION

We hear much about communication with the heterosexuals. Let us use our power in a concerted effort where it can our aims be achieved but for far more important, in fact, a possibility to the achievement, with the very worthwhile aims, is the necessity to communicate within our own people. It has been said the homosexual world can never get together because the thread that binds them, sexual proclivity, is too weak to encompass the millions of different individuals, of varying backgrounds, education, and finances that comprise it. HOG- WASH! Certainly not everyone's aims can be achieved nor can everyone's desires be fulfilled...there has never been a group in all of history with over three members where either happened...but, and especially today when sexual freedom is reaching towards heights unreamed of a few decades ago, there is an opportunity never possible before to stride forward. It is not the purpose of this newspaper to provoke either bigger and better homosexuality, nor the expansion of homosexuals. It is, however, our dedicated aim to promote acceptance, legal and social, of private sex behavior among consenting adults. This cannot be done by any long-voiced, raised intermittently here and there and it can and most definitely not be done by whining. It must be done without communication amongst ourselves.

Numerically and financially we are an enormous powerful group. Let's make use of that power, let's work together towards a goal and let's stop whining about isolated cases of ill treatment, of police brutality, of extortment, and other little items that most homophile publications see as a first step toward his unshackled self-recognition and to his emergence as a whole person. For the heterosexual it will pave the way to a time when he will no longer waste his energy in hating and being fearful of people who do not sexually behave in an arbitrarily identical fashion.

(Bureau of Homosexuality is available from Dorian Book Service, 50 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, at $5.95.)

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CANDIDATES' NIGHT

SPECIAL NOTICE: The public is invited to hear the program of "Candidates Night" (mentioned elsewhere in this issue) at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Glide Methodist Church, Ellis and Taylor Streets, on Tuesday, September 21st. Business meeting of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual will begin at 7:30 p.m.

P.S. "The Incomparable T.C. Jones"

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Sept. 26th, says Jim Allen who's staging this for club members and their guests.

Allen also seeks those interested to sign up for a bowling team now forming.

DEAN JULIAN BARTLETT'S address at the 12th annual Mattachine Conference on August 28th was a delineation in depth of Biblical interpretation of the position of the church as a force in society, and therefore an institution which has no choice but to be in the midst of social change. This talk by the Dean of Grace Cathedral will become an article in a forthcoming religious magazine. Others on the program—Attorney Evander Smith and Rev. A. Cecil Williams—rounded out a fine presentation of comment on current struggles for rights of individuals and recognition of their worth as human beings.

TEN-DAY STAND of T.C. Jones due at the Geary on the 29th will recall other stints by this respected artist in San Francisco. Do some recall a prolonged engagement of T.C. at the old New Belle? Or at Ann's 440? Or much later at the Gilded Cage? Many of his friends do remember, these and other times: T.C. in "New Faces," and with a previous concert-impersonation show on the stage, on TV with Ed Sullivan and others, and even in films where he was cast as a twist on the distaff angle.

Welcome back, Mr. Jones!

FOR THOSE WHO CARE ENOUGH to wear the very best, sewing and shopping is reaching a high pitch as the calendar points unmistakably toward "Witches Christmas" (Hallowe'en) on October 31st—only some 40 days away. Are the buses being chartered? A good guess is yes. Will there be a Beaux Arts Ball? You'd better believe it. Will some of the bearded sports shave for a one-night role? They're ready. Last year, as many recall, The Chronicle on November 1st almost flatly stated that City Fathers gave a green light to red velvet as the unconventional costumes turned out in such overwhelming numbers on this one night of the year. It can be great fun, and a spectacular scene in good taste if all concerned make it so. We can hear law enforcement people saying, however, that this doesn't mean unlimited license. Are you ready?

COMBINED ADVERTISING department of the city's newspapers seems to have hit hard at some categories in the classifieds. What's happened to some of the very personal services under "Situations Wanted" shouldn't be hard to guess. And so it goes...

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