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DR. JOEL FORT HEADS NEW SPECIAL PROBLEMS CENTER

An outstanding facility in San Francisco was developed in December for the people who have problems in social adjustment, when it was announced that Psychiatrist Joel Fort, M.D., would head the city's new Center for Special Problems.

Located on the second floor of 2107 Van Ness Ave., the project combines the former Adult Guidance Center and agency for rehabilitation of alcoholics. Under the new expansion, there is now an out-patient clinic providing psychiatric counseling by professionals and qualified master social workers. All of this is a part of the public health services.

Dr. Fort, director of the center, has served in a number of capacities in professional fields, for public agencies, in research and in the academic world. He was formerly on the faculty of the University of California School of Criminology, where he was instrumental in presenting lecturers on such topics as narcotics addiction, prostitution, homosexuality, etc., for graduate

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SUCCESSFUL 1966 NEW YEAR'S BALL HELD WITH NARY A RIPPLE TO SPOIL THE SCENE

If you had not been present on both occasions, it would be difficult for most of us to picture the difference in police attitude and a relaxed good time at the two "Mardi Gras" costume balls, comparing the one of 1965 with the recent one held on January 1, 1966.

With some 550 guests at the CRH-sponsored ball a year ago, there must have been altogether some 55 police officers of all kinds present—doing everything possible to harass the guests; create a show of force, and spread fear among all concerned. There were some arrests.

Yet this year, with almost 300 people present, only one known member of the police department showed up. What was a "big deal" a year ago, and apparently something to be suppressed, had evolved into a "so what" situation a year later. What many had known for a long time—the fact that those who make up the "gay community" are human beings and citizens of San Francisco—was ultimately realized by those who are in charge at the Hall of Justice.

Whereas police took almost everyone's

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VOLTA GE IN A LOADED CIRCUIT: Audiences howled with laughter when Big Jimmy of The Cashews wore his toplitless top at a recent show at the Gilded Cage on New Year's Eve. Meanwhile, Jim, Al and Jimmy continue as a triumphant trio at the Fantasy where their act is so well received they keep piling in at the foibles of lovers-the world over, and often they interest both men and women artists they mimic never guessed possible.Same can be said of the clever original and pantomimed work of Charles Pierce and Ro Danto and his band (the Beverly Hillsbillies) on the Cagestage every night. Local residents, it seems, show special delight in discovering these two outstanding presentations, an unnecessary excuse, because so many of us have seen the varied shows many times anyway.

SOFT P E A C H S P O T L I G H T S also shine upon a number of others: On January 9th, the show opens Selena with a new production of the same name, moving his ever-popular andCyclic counseling and other pro­fessional services? Chances are, you will never have a Test to under many of these techniques-are most vie­nerable at a time when the bars seem to pour more beer than anything anywhere, especially the beer the late night loganberry wine over the rocks. This lat­ter drink tastes more like something from a soda fountain than a liquor. And any those who know it, it has a wallop you don't get from cranberry juice or soda pop.

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SEATTLE'S SEASON SWINGS REGARDLESS OF THE RAIN

Seattle, "Queen City of the Pacific Northwest" will keep the party going all week, any day, but let no one kid you—it's deadl Yus on a Sunday.

With a community that has seen enough to get stuck in the mud, which is so abun­dant at this time of year, the bars seems to pour more beer than anything anywhere, especially the beer the late night loganberry wine over the rocks. This lat­ter drink tastes more like something from a soda fountain than a liquor. And any those who know it, it has a wallop you don't get from cranberry juice or soda pop.

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Headlines toward homosexuality, pro­vision is made for such declaration prior to induction at two stages—a before the local selective service board, and b) after induction to the military service, by this selective service board. Selective service spokes­men state that such information, if de­clared, is confidential in all respects (even from the FBI), unless the regis­trant gives permission for the selective service people to reveal the information. Significantly, however, the selective service board cannot permit selective service or armed forces medical personnel to break this rule of confidentiality. It is the position of the selective service that even if facts that the registrant ever becomes de­lignet with the draft board during his

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This means that homosexual individuals would almost invariably be willing to go to a medical or psychiatric examination prior to induction, because the homophile community, which is the largest, is the one which can cause the most damage during his service, therefore, petition which pervades so vividly at Hall­town. One of the Hargaves special guests got permission, took off his hat, took a leaf out of the local bars, and was very happy about it.

In mid-evening, "Empress" Jose de San Francisco toward solving mental health problems of its citizens. In addition the the Sunday Times, Dr. Fort as director marks a new milestone in bringing a highly trained professional man and staff to a point within reach of troubled persons who might not be able to obtain perceptive help and under­standing as human beings are because they are often in lower economic brackets.

With the increasing technique of the center in handling patients, Dr. Fort recently described it thus:

"A first interview is aimed at diagnostic evaluation, followed by psychological testing for information about the patient and his special problems. Then comes a med­ical and psychiatric evaluation, one or two orientation lectures over a two-week period. Following that patients are seen for six intervals for counseling which results in individualized treatment or referral as indicated, and later placement is one of many group psycho­therapy situations aimed at vocational placement when needed. Examples in the program is placed on de­velopment of human values in the minds of the individual so that he may function productively with others in his environment with increased self-esteem-factors which will lead to efforts to improve personal and inter-personal re­lationships.

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TWO CRH SPEAKERS TALK AT U. OF CALIF. FORUM

In December, Canon Cromey of St. Aiden’s Episcopal Church and Mark Forester from the Society for Individual Rights gave a talk, sponsored by the Campus Sexual Freedom Forum, at the University of California at Berkeley. The speakers represented the Council on Religion and the Homosexual of San Francisco.

Canon Cromey described his view of the homophile community as a group of human beings which have been cast out of our larger society. He explained that homosexuals have traditionally been ostracized because their activities were considered sinful or acts against Nature but that in more recent times homosexuality has come to be looked upon as a sickness or disease.

He stated that the attitude that is currently gaining acceptance is that it is irrelevant whether or not homosexuality is sinful or a disease; the important consideration is that homosexuals are, first of all, people and should be treated as such. He spoke of a new morality in which it is recognized that moral choices are not made in the light of the law and that the responsibility for making moral decisions rests with the persons involved.

Canon Cromey also described the goals and activities of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual. He suggested that the Church will eventually take the form of a number of councils, such as this one, which are made up of clergymen and laymen and which investigate areas of special interest or concern.

Mark Forester, following Canon Cromey, indicated that in order to promote change in a social organization, it is necessary to

BAR OPEN AT DAVE’S RENO WESTSIDE MOTEL

A new cocktail lounge, modern and on the “plush side,” has been opened by the management of Dave’s Westside Motel in Reno.

Plans for development of the new facility include the addition of a fireplace cocktail area and other attractions for the convenience of motel guests.