KINSEY STAFFER TO SPEAK AT AUGUST 29 MEETING

John Gagnon, research sociologist at the Institute for Sex Research (the Kinsey Institute) Bloomington, Ind., will be the guest speaker at CRH’s open meeting Tuesday, August 29, at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Glide Methodist Church, Taylor and Ellis Streets, San Francisco.

The Institute is currently involved in research on male homosexuality, the sexual habits of college youth, and a study on the effectiveness of sex education.

A short business meeting will also be held.

CANDIDATES NIGHT

As it has for the past two years, CRH will again hold a Candidates Night. Co-sponsor with us will be Citizens Alert, Inc. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, September 21, in the Sanctuary at Glide Church.

Plan now to attend this important meeting and to bring your friends. We hope to fill the Sanctuary. This will be your chance to ask candidates for mayor, supervisor and sheriff what their feelings are about homosexuality and the role of the police.

DON'T FORGET SEPTEMBER 21!

Recognizing the need for additional communication beyond the practice of relying on regular and special membership meetings, the Board of Directors has authorized the printing of a Newsletter. It is the present thinking of the Board that the Newsletter will be mailed on an irregular basis when there is a need for such communication, rather than on a fixed schedule.

Also, I should like to remind the members that the Board welcomes suggestions and careful consideration is always given to ideas submitted by members or other interested individuals. The Board of Directors meets on the third Tuesday evening of every month and has always had a policy of welcoming visitors and guests. If you should like to attend a meeting call Phyllis Lyon (771-6300) for time and location. If you desire to present an idea to the board please first discuss the subject with an officer or member of the Board so the matter may be included on the agenda.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ORIENTATION WANTED

Many of us feel that the most important and valuable work which CRH does is conduct of the numerous orientation meetings arranged through the Orientations Committee. Such opportunities to meet with interested and open-minded people to discuss the whole realm of sexuality, with special emphasis on homosexuality, has been a significant and fruitful educational program. It has had many extremely important results: the San Francisco Chronicle editorial of July 6, 1967, calling for reform of sex laws; the endorsement of the goals and work of CRH by the United Church of Christ (both regional and national) together with their contribution of $3,000 to CRH; the stand of the Episcopal Diocese of California calling not only for law reform but also for cessation of discriminatory practices in social, economic, and administrative situations.

If members know of groups, small or large, which might want to discuss human sexuality with knowledgeable and articulate individuals on either an abbreviated or extended basis, the officers and Orientations Committee will be happy to follow up your leads. It is difficult to locate opportunities to hold orientation meetings and your suggestions for such opportunities are desperately needed. Such groups need not be church groups but can include any others as well.

NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

In June our president, The Rev. Dr. Clay Colwell, submitted his resignation because he was leaving the city. Clay has been of immeasurable value to CRH in the past year and a half and it was with deep regret that the Board accepted his resignation. We wish him and his lovely wife, Ruth, all the happiness and success possible in their new post at Manhattan Beach, Calif. (We suspect the Southern California Council on Religion and the Homophile is rather happy over our loss.)

Subsequently the Board elected The Rev. Charles H. Lewis as president. Chuck, who has been with CRH since its inception, is pastor of the North Beach Mission, a Lutheran experimental ministry. We are most pleased to have someone of Chuck's capabilities and sensitivities as our president.

Since Chuck was treasurer of CRH it was necessary to elect someone to fill that post—that someone being Robert Walker who was CRH's first treasurer. Del Martin is now secretary since Bill Beardemphl resigned that post at the beginning of the year. Phyllis Lyon is vice president.

In April the Board of Directors enlarged the number of members of the Board from 15 to 21. At this time 20 of the seats are filled. The current membership of the Board, other than the officers, is:

The Rev. Ted McIlvonna
Bill Beardemphl
Charles Street
Donald S. Lucas
William Flath
Mrs. Gloria Cooke
Victor Des Marais
Dr. Joel Fort
The Rev. Jan Marinissen
Edward Kesting
Stan Hunter
Harold L. Call
Herbert Donaldson
Mrs. Emogene Kuhn
David I. Clayton
Mrs. Ann Bullwinkel

The following amendment to the By-Laws has been proposed and will be voted upon by the Board at its September 19th meeting. The proposed amendment will add a paragraph to Section II of the By-Laws. Said paragraph will read as follows:

14. Any director who shall fail to attend three successive meetings of the Board shall automatically be deemed to have resigned his position as a member of the Board of Directors, and shall thereafter be dropped from the record as a Director and the secretary shall notify said Director of the action taken; provided, however, that if said Director furnishes to the Board in writing, within 15 days of the mailing of the letter of notification, an excuse and explanation for his absence, the Board may, by majority vote, permit said Director to retain his position as a member of the Board.

PUBLICATIONS

Since the founding of CRH some 2-1/2 years ago, the Board has been aware of a critical shortage of brief material which would be suitable for printing in pamphlet form for wide distribution. The office has many requests for informative material on virtually every aspect of homosexuality and there is a real lack of material brief enough and accurate enough to give out upon such requests. Various statements have been in the planning stage for some time, and some are nearing publication. If you feel that you can write a brief essay or have knowledge of material which might be reprinted (without copyright infringement) the Board is eager to give consideration to your material. Suggested subjects cover every area. For example, "Sexual Demystifying," "So You Think You're a Homosexual," "Advice to Parents or Families upon Discovery of a Homosexual in the Family," etc. Publications should meet the needs of people at various levels of awareness—introductory information as well as more sophisticated material for those who are more knowledgeable and enlightened.

Publications currently on hand at the CRH office include:

The Church and the Homosexual by Rev. Donald Kuhn
A Brief of Injustices
Homosexuality: A Contemporary View of the Biblical Perspective by Rev. Dr. Robert L. Trease
Four papers dealing with religion and the homosexual .25 each
The Tenderloin Ghetto .65
A reprint of two research studies on the Lesbian 1.50

Also available are materials from various homophile organizations. If ordering by mail, please add 5% California sales tax and $2.50 to cover postage and handling.

The Dilemma of the Homosexual in the Armed Forces

Part of the Board meetings for the last six months or more have been concerned with the circumstances and processes surrounding the discharge of individuals from various branches of military service for reasons involving either homosexual acts or homosexual tendencies. The Board is most anxious to have contact with individuals who have been discharged under such circumstances (including persons now being processed or who expect to be processed for discharge in such a manner). In addition to helping to document illegal and unjustified practices, information concerning such individuals would lead to substantial legal and moral aid for them. If you have knowledge of anyone experiencing a discharge for homosexuality you are urged to discuss this with an officer or Board member.
FAIR EMPLOYMENT FOR HOMOSEXUALS

Alice Kavanagh, chairman of the Glide Memorial Methodist Church Task Force for Fair Employment Practices for Homosexuals, has announced that her committee is in the process of documenting cases of employer discrimination against homosexuals. CRH members and friends are asked to report any cases they know of where a homosexual was discharged from his or her job or denied employment on the basis of his sexual orientation.

The FEPH Task Force intends to bring pressure to bear on civil service and private industry in San Francisco where such discrimination is found. Please note that this is a San Francisco project and data is needed at the local level only at this time. Contact Phyllis Lyon, 771-6300, if you have any information.

HELP WITH ADDRESSES

If you receive this Newsletter and are not at the address shown on the envelope, please furnish us promptly with your new address as well as the one used for this mailing. Returning the corrected envelope would be ideal. If you no longer wish to be on our mailing list please return the envelope with your request to be removed noted thereon.

To increase our mailing list we would appreciate your sending us the names of any friends, ministers or professional persons you think would like to receive notices of our meetings. Thanks.

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AND—while you have your checkbook out how about a donation to your own CRH. Checks, payable to CRH, in whatever amount will be lovingly and warmly received. Send to 330 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Robert S. Walker
Editor