The National Board of the American Civil Liberties Union has instituted two pilot studies into law and law enforcement concerning civil rights and sex practices. These studies are to lead to a national report on citizens' rights in these areas, suggesting needed law changes and directions for ACLU policy in defenses of cases where citizens' rights are violated.

The Southern California and Indiana chapters have been selected to do the investigations, compiling of information, and writing of the preliminary reports.

On April 1st, a meeting on Sex and Gender was held by the So. Calif. ACLU. This is one of the first in a series to determine the legal rights and infringements of law as regards homosexuality.

A beautiful attorney's home in a fashionable part of No. Hollywood was the setting for this meeting. In attendance were responsible representatives from the ministry, education, psychiatry, and the homophile community. Darryl Glied, president of the Tavern Guild, and Bill Beademp, president of SIR, attended as representatives of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual of San Francisco.

Only in such a setting does the fabulous atmosphere of Los Angeles become fully realized. While engaging in the intensive dialectics of law, morals, and individual right, I could observe across the patio in another wing of the house, a very beautiful teenage girl dressed in a bright blue smock that just covered her vibrant torso, doing the twist. Sitting opposite me, across the large danish-modern conference table, which was padded and covered with white leather, two transvestites successfully interpreted the roles of well-to-do business women. One transvestite was very attentive to the lesbian on his right, offering cigarettes, lighting them, engaging in casual

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At the recent panel discussion on crime and punishment held at the Temple Baptist Church in Stone town Police Chief Tom Cahill, Professor Joseph Lohman, dean of criminology at the University of California, and George T. Davis, an attorney, discussed problems of law enforcement.

The Police Chief complained that his men were being "handcuffed by the courts". He said that making arrests was a difficult business and that getting a conviction was even harder since the courts are much too lenient. Mr. Cahill nevertheless assured his audience of about 100 people that his men "never treated an accused criminal brutally or used coercion to obtain a confession."

Professor Lohman was of the opinion that police are not immobilized by the courts and that the 9 Magistrates' Rules enacted in 1912 in England protects the accused.

There has been some recent controversy about judges supposedly treating accused persons like naughty children, slapping their wrists, and letting them go, which has resulted in the loss to the police departments of fine men like the inspector who with 15 years service recently resigned because of this.

VECTOR, however, hopes that the majority of our policemen are sufficiently dedicated to their jobs that they will not "quit" because of dismissals, acquittals, or short term sentences imposed by the courts, which we believe for the most part are eminently fair.

It is just as important not to have a police state as it not to have a state based on crime; somewhere between these two extremes is a state based on justice where all men are equal before the law and which we, as members of a democracy, like to believe we are achieving.
One of the strongest deterrents to action is excessive criticism. People need to be liked, not just chastised. Contrariwise, only in an atmosphere of critical attitudes can one find the climate wherein a self-assured, healthy, point of view can mature. As with eating, too much food is unhealthy, too little food means undernourishment. The healthy amount of needed criticism for people and organizations varies according to constitution and activity.

We need an aware evaluation of all persons, even the Godly, and we need sincere, honest criticism that allows a healthy objectiveness. This must extend to self-evaluations of homosexuals and homophile organizations.

The reason I mention this is because some of our members have strongly disagreed with me for not allowing enough open controversy between groups. I have advocated homophile unity and I am an avowed opponent of factionalism. But I also believe that criticism is necessary. What I am objecting to is the use of criticism as a tactic to gain an end; something to destroy, to pervert honest disagreements, to cover inanity. These types of insidious acts must be opposed at all times. I personally abhor persons who would be so dishonest as to play games as despicable as these. I realize that intent does not insure results, but one of the criterions of evaluating criticism must be the sincerity with which it is given.

To engage in constant approbation when you have basic honest disagreements destroys growth as much as constant criticism. Knowledgeableness makes people more likely to accept an idea or program that is critically self-evaluated than an idea that is presented in glowing terms. The flippant, shallow and superficial selling standards applied to soap and cigarettes are not acceptable when applied to standards of living.

Realities must be presented factually, honestly and honestly. The acceptance or rejection of ideas is not a matter for manipulation; it is a matter of cogency.

Most importantly, everyone must remember that he must balance his acceptance and rejection of all things against whether he will meet with acceptance or rejection.

Scholarship Announced by D.O.B.

The San Francisco Chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis, Inc., have announced that the award of the Blanche M. Baker Memorial Scholarship will be made this summer for the academic year and will be in one of the following classifications:

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Urban Exploitation Seminar

On Monday, March 22, 1965, members of SIR addressed a group of 20 ministers of all denominations as a part of the 1965 Urban Exploration Seminar held under the auspices of the Glide Foundation. The President of SIR, Mr. Beardemphl, the Secretary, Mr. Forrester, and Mr. Robert Walker, a member, presented a series of short introductions which were followed by panel discussions.

After the afternoon session ended, SIR entertained three ministers who constituted a special task force. On Tuesday, SIR took the same three ministers to visit DOB headquarters and then to a meeting of the Tavern Guild where the problem of bar harassment was discussed.

On the whole, results were excellent. Rev. Ted Macilvenna, President of CRH, extended his compliments to SIR for a job well done.
**LEGAL COMMITTEE**

**Question:** The persons who were recently arrested at a local club were charged, among other charges, under an ordinance with having dressed as members of the opposite sex. The judge ruled that the ordinance had been superseded by a statute and he dismissed this charge. What is an ordinance and a statute and how do they apply here? What is the importance of the ruling?

**Answer:** Ordinances are laws enacted by cities or counties and have no effect outside of the city or county enacting them. Statutes are laws enacted by the State Legislature and apply to all parts of California.

San Francisco Municipal Police Code, Section 6500 (an ordinance) provides that "It shall be unlawful for any person to appear in public, with intent to deceive, in the dress, clothing or apparel not belonging to or usually worn by persons of his or her sex." Section 650b of the Penal Code of the State of California (a statute) in part provides that "A person......with intent of accomplishing any lewd or licentious purpose, whether such purpose is accomplished or not, personifies any person other than himself......(shall be) guilty of a misdemeanor."

Several years ago a woman, a Miss Lane, was convicted in Los Angeles of having violated a local ordinance which essentially prohibited sexual acts between unmarried adults. She promptly appealed to the Supreme Court of California. One of the grounds of her appeal was that no state law prohibited sexual intercourse between a man and a woman, neither of whom was married to the other or to anyone else (had either been married to someone else, the crime of adultery would have been committed). The Supreme Court agreed and held that because the Legislature had enacted a variety of laws regulating sexual conduct, the state preempted the field of sex legislation and no city or county could enact additional laws on the subject.

In 1962 the appellate department of the San Francisco Superior Court determined that the local ordinance quoted above was invalid under the Lane decision. The result of the ruling is that absence of a lewd or licentious intent (which if present would constitute a violation of state law), it is not against the law for a person to wear clothing of the opposite sex.

**DISC PARTY**

"If you want to have a good time, go to a SIR party" was the usual remark around town after Saturday, March 19's successful discotheque party sponsored by SIR and held at a private home in San Francisco. Food was furnished by the hosts while other refreshments were provided by the guests. The party was a la discotheque (dancing to records), so popular this season with the Jet Set. The turnout was excellent and all present seemed to enjoy themselves. Another party will be scheduled soon.

**DINNER GROUP MEETS**

The dinner group met Saturday, March 27th. Host was Bill May assisted by Wayne Hunter. The group decided that minimum donations per person would be $1.00 and that ten persons would be the maximum allowed for any seated dinner. The group plans to hold one dinner a week with a maximum of ten (at option of the host) at each. Next planned dinner is April 10th and those not attending the March dinner will be asked first. "Round Robin" planning will be maintained with each member being contacted about every four or five weeks. Dinners are also planned for April 17th and May 1st. Refer any questions regarding dinner group activities to MANJADE.

**C.R.H. PROTESTS MARDI GRAS POLICE ACTION**

In the latter part of January the Council on Religion and the Homosexual sent a letter to Mayor John F. Shelley asking for an explanation of the police action at the Mardi Gras Ball on New Year's Eve. No explanation was forthcoming and the Council then sent a letter to the U.S. Attorney General's division on Civil Rights asking for a full investigation of the matter. Copies of this letter were also sent to Mayor Shelley, President Lyndon B. Johnson and Vice-President Hubert Humphrey. The Council recently received a personal letter from Vice-President Humphrey acknowledging receipt of the request and assuring the Council that the matter would receive attention. Later an acknowledgment of the request was also received from Mayor Shelley, but with no comment.

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SEX SEMINAR SUCCESS

On March 21st the President and Secretary of SIR, along with trustees of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, attended a Seminar on Deviate Sexual Behavior at the UC Medical Center. The seminar was moderated by Dr. Bernard L. Diamond, and the afternoon session, which dealt with homosexuality, consisted of a series of addresses by prominent professional people.

Dr. Jack B. Lomas discussed the psychodynamics of sexual inversion. Dr. Clarence A. Tripp discussed "Who Is a Homosexual," expressing the general viewpoint of what may be called the Kinseyian-statistical school. Dr. Evelyn Hooker discussed "The Homosexual in the Community." And Drs. Gerald Feizen and Alex Finkle discussed physical disorders associated with homosexual activity. A panel discussion was then held during which the doctors answered questions from the floor. The area generating the most disagreement among the panel was the curability of homosexuality. Dr. Albert Ellis indicated that cure is both possible and desirable. "There are no happy homosexuals," he declared. Dr. Tripp and others were more concerned with the adjustment of the homosexual in his society. Dr. W. Pomeroy pointed out that claims of cure of homosexuality still awaited scientific unbiased observation under statistically valid methods, that the methodology was not yet clear enough for definitive pronouncement.

Dr. Hooker noted the strong similarity between the heterosexual and the homosexual in most areas of living and indicated her belief that there are many useful and well adjusted homosexuals in our society.

BASKET AUCTION

A number of SIR's handsomest members will pack colorful picnic baskets for the Basket Supper Saturday, April 24th. The baskets will be auctioned and anyone lucky enough to get one will have the pleasure of eating it with the fellow who packed it. Those unfortunate ones not lucky enough to get a basket will nevertheless find plenty of delicious food on the buffet table. Each person attending should bring along a bottle of his favorite beverage and a pair of serviceable dancing shoes. For more information, call MANJADE.

D.O.B. BRUNCH

S.I.R. was well represented at the St. Patrick's Day Brunch given by Daughters of Bilitis at Bradley's Corners, Carl and Cole Sts., Sunday March 21st. The food was excellent and the Daughters made everyone feel at home that a large number of S.I.R. members crowded around a back table and talked for hours. Bradley's Corners had better put in more tables when the Daughters give their next brunch.

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The Gordian Knot

by Bill Beardemphl

Note: Section II, paragraph 3 line 9 should read: An interrelation of persons signifies our appraisals of life and necessitates an idea of objectiveness.

(conclusion)

If we are to live awarly, and fulfill concepts of being, we should be about necessities of life-fulfillment and dispense with superficialities that needlessly block our way. When we are deterred falsely, as Alexander when confronted with the ocluded Gordian Knot, then we should react as Alexander and expeditiously dispel the impediment to our goals.

In our age, the difficulty arises in determining what is uselessly keeping us from living fully, and finding the ways to dispel nonessentials. A contemporary, mature, valid attitude necessitates considering other legitimate attitudes and our relation to these positions. Stress must then be given to achieving desired results of actions, individually and organizationally.

An application of the previous ideas can clarify our thinking. Analogically, eating can be developed from the position ocluded by different authorities. Intricate arguments on purposes of consuming food may be made. A moral ethic of need for nourishment as the solitary purpose may be argued against a sensual ethic that food is primarily experience. The issues can be confused scientifically from both points of view by creating a complete healthy nourishment intervenously, on the one hand, against a psychological argument of proven need of eating physically to establish emotional health, on the other hand. Or eating may be referred to as a social grace as opposed to gluttony, or both of these later positions may be tempered by a mean between that tends to inoffensiveness. I am sure that the reader can develop the outrageous hilariousness of philosophical positions if he has managed to consume this much of these articles.

The confusion of choice and direction creates strange reactions. Recently, Jean Paul Sartre refused the Nobel prize stating that he would loose stature as an individual and heap up by being called as M. Sartre, Nobel prize winner, instead of simply M. Sartre. His choice was NOT this at all, but was a choice being referred to as M. Sartre, Nobel prize winner, or M. Sartre Nobel prize decliner.

The pursuit of civil rights has produced unusual misconceiving of concepts and approaches. Civil disobedience is effective only when stimulating sympathetic passions. The Free Speech Movement was effective when it moved the Academic Senate of the University of California to act on their behalf, and because FSM caused the student body to exercise beliefs through group actions and community. The FSM was ineffectual in reactions that caused people to cut off money to U.C. and that created added legislative regulations against student activities. The purpose of action must take into consideration the resultant reactions of concerned persons. Surely, the students want the University to continue, also results that lead to destroying the institution are not desirable. Changes taking away liberties and adding regulations are also self-defeating.

The realization of lack of finality and a continuing life process makes methodology to become primary; results become means to ends as mankind goes on and on. We must be concerned with methodology to achieve intent. Actions can achieve the opposite of what is being sought; civil disobedience can add to established regulations. To oppose and limit regulations has taken destruction of governments so inclined. Civil disobedience can lead to what has been called victories for individual rights, but in reality usually creates new law that needs new interpretation with greater enforcement machinery. In consequence the control over individual expression is strengthened not weakened, and results prove self-defeating. What good is it to act intelligently if the results of your actions are such that they produce a negation of purpose. It would be better to act stupidly and produce desired reactions.

Herein societal standards are useless, us trying to be considered as individual activities. The moment of truth arrives when the group striving toward a change, practices change by acts of civil disobedience. An agreement ends activity and brings everyone back to the realization that societal standards are necessarily regulatory; all changes mean nothing and might just as be the opposite unless implemented as actions.

Another confused instance is the striving for civil rights for negroes. We have examples throughout our countries history of suppression demonstrated against a long list of immigrant, religious, and ethnic groups. Now we have black negroes trying NOT to be the symbol of social persecution. Our history contains the success stories of these groups being assimilated into the "norm" of social structure where they take a self-righteous place, of being the oppressors instead of being the oppressed. The negroes are traveling the same road, only it is bumpier because of the nature of the reasons for their being put into minority group status. What is required is a new societal rationale that does not allow minority groupings. The solutions being pursued are not solutions at all. The Gordian Knot here is that which keeps men committed to the pursuit of necessity and needed corrections of symptoms while allowing the underlying disease to create similar situations throughout our history.

My definition of a Gordian Knot mentality is that approach which does not confront individual or social circumstances usefully, because it entangles itself in concepts of an immediate fashion that does not allow an approach to the basic needs of nature and life fulfillment. All of the pious papal pronouncements, sacra-
mental scientific statements, pontifical political propaganda, sanctimonious scriptural scriptures, have historically oracled a deific educational knot concealing its ends, that is made from the bark of the tree of imperfect knowledge, and now binds a yoke of overwhelming superstition to an ancient cart that has brought social homogeneity to rule over mankind. This sacred monument is firmly rooted amidst the ruins of past glories and bars the true dominion of individual fulfillment. Contemporary man must develop an evaluation of experiences that can cut away the mental entanglements of our age that limits the individual to lead a life of frustration and worthlessness through misdirected actions. The need is a social ethic for individual fulfillment. Our need is for a homosexual ethic.

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remarks of private views, etc. which was rather disconcerting to my own psyche, being only homosexual.

All in attendance proved well-informed, vocal leaders in their fields. This adept committee demonstrates a competent professional attitude, a high mental caliber, and a refreshing directness that promises effective results in a short time. ACLU has always been a highly respected legal institution and is again demonstrating their beneficial service to all Americans by their defense and preservation of our basic tenets of individual rights as guaranteed through our heritage and Constitution. Our hats are off to them.

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Bowling - Meets every Thursday evening. Finally won against D.O.B. Next will meet the Coits. Growing fast. Will have to have more lanes soon.

Tennis - Meets Sunday morning. Will start again as soon as weather permits.

Hiking - Last hike (9 Hikers) was along McClure Beach. April 3rd hike from Muir Woods to Stinson Beach. Other hikes planned for April 18, May 1, 16, & 29.

Theatre - Recently went to Finnochio's. Will attend the Noiseyev dance performance.

Camping - Next to Big Sur on April 10th.

Poker - Meets Tuesday nights at 7:30.

Art - Meets Sundays at 2:00.

Conversation - This group is now Three. Two meet on Friday evenings at 8:00 P.M., and one meets on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Any questions concerning the above should be directed to SIR. Dial MANJADE.

Music - Meetings announced by chairman.

C.R.H. PANEL

A panel discussion on the general topic of homosexuality was held at the S.F. Theological Seminary in San Anselmo on Friday evening, March 12th. The panel was arranged by Bert Marion, editor of the Seminary's publication, Challenge. Arnold Come, professor of systematic theology, was moderator and presented a paper on homosexuality from a theological point of view. Del Martin, treasurer of D.O.B., presented a paper on Male & Femaleness. Don Lucal presented a paper on some Psycho-Sexual Aspects of Homosexuality. This was followed by a general question and answer period from the audience of some 120 persons, and the rest of the panel, which included Bill Beardenphl, Phylis Leon, Rev. Dr. Clarence Colwell and his wife, Ruth. After the formal presentation, the students had an opportunity to corner each of the panelists and to discuss further various aspects of homosexuality. Mr. Marion stated that this was the best received panel program in this series at S.F. Theological Seminary, which is a Presbyterian school.

The same panel will present this identical program to two other groups in the bay area in April. The groups are: the Bay Area Ethical Culture Fellowship, on April 11th, and the Unitarian Single Adult Group of the El Cerrito Unitarian Church, on April 23rd. Call Phylis Leon at Glide for details if you are interested in attending.

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