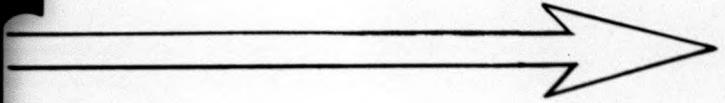


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May 1965

## COMMUNITY HOUSE PROPOSED

### THE NEED

There is today in San Francisco no place available to the Homosexual in immediate need of an accepting, loving environment.

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### GUILD PICNIC

Sunday, April 25th marked the first large organizational picnic of 1965. The site selected was on Angel Island, accessible only by boat.

Credit must be given for the good idea to hold the affair so close at hand and still furnish a secluded spot for an enjoyable time.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the boat ride to the Island. The trip over and back was well worth the reasonable donation asked.

An amazing abundance of fried chicken, potato salad and ice cold beer kept everyone contented right up to the time the last person left for San Francisco. Credit must also be extended to the weatherman who provided the clear, bright, warm day. With these basic ingredients for success and the talented crowd in attendance, what else will suffice but a bigger and better time on the next picnic. We have been led to believe that the next Tavern Guild outing will feature an exciting, new concept in picnics.

Fortunate is the homosexual who has always had understanding and accepting family or friends to support his need for meaningful personal relationships. Most of us have at some time in our lives had a need for friends with whom we could be our whole selves but have found ourselves alone. Fortunate, indeed, are the young

### SIR CAMP-OUT

On Friday, April 30th, a group left San Francisco for Big Sur. They arrived about 1:00 Saturday morning and were joined by other groups all day Saturday. A total of 38 people were gathered for this occasion.

Most people spent the day hiking in the hills or on the beach. Jade Cove was nearby and many beautiful rocks were gathered and packed home.

Each person or group prepared their own food as they became hungry and a camp fire was going most of the day and night for roasting hotdogs and marshmallows.

As is usual on the first camping trip of the year, many of us were not entirely prepared. Those who did not have enough equipment found the nights quite cool and we were happy to welcome the morning sun.

Many new and close friendships were established over this weekend, and we are all looking forward to the next camping trip. See you then.

attractive homosexuals whose attributes garner concern and attention. Less fortunate, however, are the old, the infirm, the unattractive. Theirs can be a life of separation and hopelessness.

In his rejection by society, the homosexual can become the most selfish and self-centered of persons.

Too often our homosexuality estranges us not only from the larger human community, but also from really meaningful relationships with other homosexuals. How common it is for us to see other homosexuals only as objects of sexual interest.

The charity, compassion, and love which is within all of us needs to be challenged. We will all become better persons by getting outside of our own small world and by giving of ourselves to help others.

### THE PROPOSAL

It is proposed to establish a Community House to serve the homosexual community of the Bay Area. Community House will assist the individual homosexual in finding his own place in the larger human community. It will do this as a residential hostel by providing a wholesome community living environment. It will do this as a community center by providing to both residents and non-residents social services such as individual counseling, group therapy, employment preparation, and shelter, food, and

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## President's Corner

by Bill Beardemphl

On the May 1st weekend, I was one of the lucky 38 who enjoyed the SIR trip to Big Sur. A camping experience, after one year of complete involvement with our organization, was like a spring breeze that gently refreshes the house after having the windows and doors shut all winter. It was wonderful to sleep under a sky crowded with an abundance of stars and contemplate nothing but where one could possibly place one more shining dot without running into those already there. The next day when I climbed to the top of an ageless rock crag and listened to the wind and looked at the ocean, I remembered back home in the Olympic Mountains and again felt the awe of mystery attached to concepts of eternity and creation. So be it, was my only thought as the Monday trip back included a gloriously exotic brunch of a rich spice raisin cake and Cafe Nepenthe at that fabulous restaurant, and a late lunch on Monterey's old fisherman's wharf. I ate fresh Salmon, (the others had cracked crab) French bread heavy with sesame seeds, crisp salad and a pleasant bottle of dry Semillon. Life can be good.

It was on returning to San Francisco that I realized how shocking is the "camp" of this city with les "grands Napoleon" d'une "petite guerre". The question involved is individual functioning, how a person is stimulated or inhibited, and with what is a man to be concerned. When I see the "blue nose" critics destroying others lives, the problem becomes just what is to replace what the moral brigades are destroying. When I hear those persons who evangelically shout at others to find ethical values while they are engaged in the most debauched immoralities, the question becomes one of practicing of livable ethical values. When I watch persons create controversy merely to

stimulate a situation in which they may gain advantage, then the question becomes what stimulates living accomplishments. Criticism without compassion, dehumanized moral evaluations, controversy just for controversies sake, does not stimulate creative activity but misdirects persons to destructiveness. While we must have a compassion for these adult children who act out the pose of men, over-stressing and misapplying definitions of manliness, humanness, purposes, accomplishments and morality, we must be certain to put these people in correct perspective and assign them to the category of children. Mature development must finally be weighed in terms of human compassion and intellectual objectivity. We must apply these terms of reference to the homophile community also. Those who speak of the need for a fresh breeze to blow throughout the homophile movement are the same persons who do not know what constitutes a fresh breeze.

We are attempting to build a sound organization based on reliable organizational concepts. With this in mind the Board has approved of the issuing of the Directional Report '65, that was originally written for Board Members, to be given to all members of SIR. This is to inform the members of what SIR is about and the many problems there are in physical setup, communication, time, help needed and the many other problems that we all feel the membership can help work out. The Directional Report will be available starting with the next membership meeting. We hope that all members get a copy, read it and enter into our organization actively where they feel most qualified.

### ARE YOU INSURED?

Did you know that an ACLU membership card, as part of your identification, can mean less harrassment of you on the part of the vice Squad if they stop you on the street?

## Conversation Group

What is a homosexual? What factors caused him to be one? What are his problems...with his family, community relations, employment, church? A dozen members of SIR chewed over questions like these in a special conversation group session on April 30th.

They were participating in a tape-recorded panel discussion conducted by a student from San Jose State College as his term project for a mental hygiene class.

The moderator, a close friend and former college roommate of a SIR member, requested permission to conduct such a panel discussion, claiming that it would present an unique opportunity for members of the homophile community to give outsiders an inside view of life and problems in the homophile community. SIR members, after considering the request at an earlier discussion group, agreed to participate.

Unfortunately, the session started rather slowly, as the moderator, who was accompanied by his wife, had not prepared his questions with the care usually taken by leaders of SIR discussion groups. Also, some SIR members felt somewhat inhibited by the presence of two non-members of the homophile community.

Eventually discussion livened up, and possible topics for further discussion came to light.

At the end of the evening, the moderator expressed his thanks to SIR members for their cooperation and participation, adding that members of the homophile community seem to have much the same problems as the general community.

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# Speaking Out

by Nancy May

I have been asked many times by members of the Society for Individual Rights and by many other members of the general community, as well, why I, an Innocent Bystander, so to speak, have become so interested and involved in the problems of the Homosexual. I have sometimes wondered this myself.

My first concern was the result of my belief that the problems of any person not given Equality of treatment guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States are my concern. I am by nature an idealistic person who believes that whenever the rest of society persecutes any individual or member of a minority group, this is also my problem.

When I first heard about the Homosexual Revolution, I was heartened by the presumption that the Homosexual could be organized to help himself. There are so many ways he can do this. By teaching the Heterosexual that he is not so different. That he is not the child molesting deviate that they conceive him to be. That he is not the seducer of innocent young people. The first approach I hoped would be used would be that of educating the general public that he is not to be feared.

Secondly, I had hoped that he could show the public that he has the same general interest in public affairs that his counterpart in the Heterosexual world has.

I had hoped that he show the public that he wishes to police himself, in terms of helping to prevent the spread of venereal disease and the spread of the conception of the stereotype homosexual racing about in semi-transvestic garb (not that I deny a person his right to dress as he pleases, but in the best interest of the Homosexual he should either justify and stand up for this right, or "play it cool"). I had hoped that the homosexual would be able to institute a self-help program for its own people, in order that they would not be forced to seek help in the rather cool Heterosexual world. I saw a glimmer of this in the idea of a Halfway house and I have seen an interest for this in the projects expounded by the Community Services Committee of SIR.

Lastly, I had hoped that the Homosexual could somehow manage to help the poor blundering psychologist in understanding him. The problem of studying the Homosexual has been great. One of the most significant reasons for this is, that the psychologist usually bases his studies on the people who come to him for treatment. Often these are the most disturbed representatives of the community, as their patients from the Heterosexual community represent the most disturbed people of that side of society.

There are almost as many theories about what causes Homosexuality as there are homosexuals. I, for one, am not as concerned about the causes of a person's sexual orientation as I'm concerned about the problems the orientation bring.

These are the reasons I joined SIR. I am proud to be involved in this most important civil issue. A lot could hinge on the Homosexual attaining the above goals. When one minority group gains anything from the majority group, you find that a greater battle has been won than you started out to fight.

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**LEGAL COMMITTEE**

Question: If the defendant in a California court wishes to waive a jury trial, does the government prosecutor have any discretion in the matter?

Answer: The California Constitution, Article 1, section 7, provides that "A trial by jury may be waived in all criminal cases, by the consent of both parties, expressed in open court by the defendant and his counsel ...." The theory is that the guarantee is essentially for the defendant's benefit, and he may refuse its protection by an effective express waiver, provided that the prosecutor consents. The prosecutor's consent is essential although it is rarely withheld.

The only time the prosecutor objects to a jury waiver is when there are co-defendants. If one of these co-defendants refuses to waive a jury trial then the prosecutor will object to any of the other co-defendants waiving a jury. This is logical in that it forces all properly joined co-defendants to stand trial together.

The question remains whether waiver by the defendant (assuming there is no co-defendant) concurred in by the prosecutor assures one of a court trial without a jury. One court case, without extended discussion, held that it does not: "While a defendant charged with a felony has a constitutional right to trial by jury, it does not follow that he has a constitutional right to be tried by the court without a jury. In the absence of authority to the contrary, we are of the opinion that the provision of the Constitution for waiver of jury trial does not take away from the trial court its power to require that the cause be tried by jury."

(Questions to the Legal Committee will be answered in this column-Ed.)

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## Are You A Grasshopper ?

by Pat Kelley

I am sure you all remember the fable about "The Ant and the Grasshopper". Which one are you? As you may recall the ant worked all summer storing up food for the winter months while the lazy grasshopper spent his time in play. When the winter arrived, the grasshopper had no food and was reduced to begging in an attempt to live.

We have the same problem in SIR. Many of our members and guests are available to enjoy some activity every night, but the number that are willing to include a few hours work a month are all too few.

We have a great organiza-

tion and an even greater potential. We cannot, however, continue to grow, either in our social activities or our projects of community services without more workers. I doubt that there is a single committee that can not use more people. Indeed many committees are almost unable to function due to the lack of interested persons.

No matter what area you are interested in there is a committee that is now working in that area, or at least would be if only they had some help.

The whole truth is that unless we are willing to work, as well as play, many of our plans will have to be discarded.

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<b>23</b> <del>1965</del> <b>30</b>	<b>24</b> 214 days till Christmas HOW ABOUT THAT? <small>1960 Walt Whitman 1964 Fred Allen 1960 Johnstone Reed</small> <b>31</b>	<b>25</b> TAVERN GUILD MEETING THIS AFTERNOON  <small>1960 Ralph Waldo Emerson 1964 school for gardeners opened</small>	<b>26</b> IF YOU CAN DANCE YOU WON'T BE A WALL FLOWER!  <small>1960 Al Jolson 1961 Empire State</small>	<b>27</b> HEY! WE HAVE SOME 200 GAME BOWLERS  <small>Amusement Day 1964 America Showcase 1967 Golden Gate bridge opened</small>	<b>28</b> DECISIONS! DECISIONS! WHICH CONVERSATION GROUP TONIGHT?  <small>1964 Thomas Spinkholts</small>	<b>29</b> SUNBATHING TODAY  <small>1790 Rhode Island 13th state 1960 Massachusetts 26th state 1790 Patrick Henry 1960 Gabe Negro 1967 John F. Kennedy 35th Pres.</small>	

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## Summertime Will Be Showtime

After the last membership meeting and the wonderful skit presented by Dolph, everyone has been eagerly looking forward to the announced musical Variety Show slated for this summer. The Army decided that they needed our director more than SIR did, and drafted him with undue haste. This unexpected turn of events caused the Board of Directors to react immediately by appointing "Michele" Artistic Supervisor and Production Coordinator for the show. He graciously accepted the post. We are now in the process of negotiating for a new director.

The major auditions were held April 18th with additional auditions the following week at Bradley's Corner. 10 very talented performers were selected from the overwhelming turnout.

A technical director has been appointed who called a preliminary meeting and has formed a stage crew.

The basic material for the show has been selected. A final date will not be announced for the show until the new director has been appointed.

### BIG BASKET OF SUCCESS

"...going once, going twice ... SOLD for \$25!" Thus went the big basket of the evening amid gay guffaws. An idea gone good was SIR's dance and dinner of April 24 when about 100 gentlesirs danced to the profit of \$300. Late in the evening, the well-packed baskets of 15 were bargained for helped along by an amused and amusing auctioneer. Thanks to the intense planning of the Social Committee, the records spinned, the beverage flowed, people got acquainted and the multitudes were fed. Another dance is planned for May 22. Success is imminent.

# Ray MORTZ ART SHOW

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### COMMUNITY HOUSE PROPOSED

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clothing to those in desperate need.

Community House will help meet the need of those in our community who need an accept-

ing, loving environment. Community House will help meet the need of those in our community who, although secure in their own lives, need to look outside of themselves and reach out to help others.

The Community House idea proposed is very similar to the YMCA idea at the beginning of the Y movement.

We should hesitate to characterize the Community House proposed here as a "Half-way House." The purpose of the house is not to reform or rehabilitate or to cure problems, such as addiction to alcoholism. If there is any change in the person who is served by Community House, it will be a self-willed change brought about as a result of contact with the larger community and of meaningful personal relationships found with others.

The present concept is an extension of Mark Forrester's idea for a homosexual Half-way House, as expressed by Mr. Larry L., new assistant chairman of the special committee set up by the Board of Directors to investigate the implementation of the larger aspects of this idea. It is hoped that the special projects being set up in the Community Services Committee will help lay the groundwork for the concrete reality of the Community Center.

## HIKING

The poison ivy's blooming and everyone's talking about the weather, so why not up and out with the decrepit-intrepid hikers of SIR some a.m. soon? Just 2 more hikes this season: a jaunt May 29 thru Tamalpais country and... June 13 plans the big Spring Hike with a ball-day trip to Pinnacles Nat'l Monument for a breezy squeeze thru the caves area and on up over the High Peaks Trail to your utter fufundoing. For details, phone TULOR-16, ask for Lon.

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## C-R-H BENEFIT

The benefit drawing for the Council on Religion and the Homosexual which was run by SIR to help offset the expenses from the January 1st Ball was held as scheduled on April 19, 1965, during our membership meeting.

A guest did the drawing of the winning receipt numbers. The winners were: Color TV set was won by Harry Messina of San Francisco, the Color Polaroid Camera was won by Ray Barker of Anchorage, Alaska, The Champagne was won by a member from Oakland.

Total contributions received were \$1,400, Expenses were \$700, profit was \$700.

The Board of directors of SIR passed a resolution to pay part of the court costs of the two persons involved. The CRH will be asked to pay the balance.

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# A Nation of Sleepwalkers

### F-L-A-S-H!

The Excursion Group will make an excursion to Stanford University Saturday May 15th by bus. We will meet at the Air Line Bus Terminal at 9:00 for those who want to breakfast. Leave at 10:00 and return to the city by 5:00 that afternoon. Bring your own lunch. Tickets are \$2.00 and must be purchased in advance. For tickets and further information, call Gordon Barton at Jo 7-1128. This should prove to be an interesting trip.

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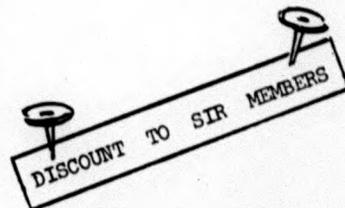


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### D.O.B. Answers

April 16th, three Daughters of Bilitis members answered questions for one of SIR's Conversation Groups that was discussing the topic "Lesbianism". The dialog between the girls and boys was so interesting that the girls invited the boys to attend the DOB's Gab and Java Meeting on April 30th. This meeting was most successful with 24 boys and 23 girls asking and answering questions. The boys and girls got so much better acquainted that one boy actually asked a girl for a date. What they will do on that date is the mystery of the age.

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