"POCKET LAWYER" READY

A first printing of 10,000 of SIR's "Pocket Lawyer" is in the process of distribution. We are arranging a second printing of 10,000 on depletion of the first.

Expenses to some extent on this project were defrayed by a $150 contribution from the Tavern Guild.

5,000 Pocket Lawyer's are presently in Tavern Guild Member bars, but all local homophile groups have been given copies for distribution so that they are readily available to members of the community.

Additional copies are available at SIR's office, and members may obtain packets for distribution to their friends.

The information contained in this pamphlet can save everyone who uses it hundreds of dollars and a life of misery.

It is felt that the preparation of this pamphlet has been one of the most important projects SIR has undertaken to date.

THE COURTS ARE TO BLAME?

It is with increasing despair that we find our appellate and supreme courts the subject of unwarranted censure by the press for doing what they, the third and co-equal partner in our tripartite form of government, are charged by the Constitution of the United States to do - protecting the individual rights of all citizens accused of the commission of crimes. Without the courts to protect our rights, we would have no rights at all. Period. It is therefore with a great deal of pleasurable relief that we occasionally come across an editorial such as that published in the San Francisco Chronicle a few Sundays back praising the courts and upholding their decisions in, for example, the Dorado case.

In looking for causes of these ordinarily unfounded attacks on the courts, we can isolate several factors. The most important one, no doubt, is the fact that courts have no machinery (public relations staff, etc.) for countering the attacks made on them, and therefore they become fair game for all and sundry - the scapegoat of every petty official caught with his hands in the cookie jar. Whatever the complaint against him, such official blames the courts for all his troubles and usually, whether pertinent or not, cites impressive statistics to show that crime is on the rise in the Golden State. (Statistics of this nature which are dependent on an incredible number of almost imponderable factors, are seldom reliable and their main use is to get increases in operating budgets and authorization to employ more personnel.)

Attacks such as the above should, of course, be sloughed off - or, at least examined with a very critical eye, and this is what we urge our readers to do especially in the months ahead as election time approaches - which might bring quite a deluge of such attacks.

There can be no doubt that law enforcement is a serious problem riddled with a great many difficulties which cannot be traced in origin to a single cause. What is required is a whole new concept in penology and a good starting point would be the complete revision of the penal code, excising therefrom all crimes that do not involve the immediate protection of life and property. But then that is another subject.

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP CLOSED MEETING

The next Membership Meeting of SIR will be CLOSED and members, to be admitted, will have to present their membership cards.

Time: 7:45 p.m.
Place: Fellowship Hall
Glide Church, Ellis and Taylor Streets
Date: Wednesday, September 8, 1965

This meeting, as the closed meeting of August 5th, will be devoted to further discussion of policy and the formation of a special committee to draft SIR's directives.

The August 5th policy meeting has been acclaimed SIR's best and most productive, and the September meeting (Cont. on page 7)
Oppression demands that the oppressed defend themselves. Whatever the rationales advocated by disagreeing factions, conflict eventually arises when conditions of oppression are believed to constitute an outrage to the nature of the individuals oppressed. Certain questions must be faced. In social rights movements, is violence, such as recently erupted in Los Angeles, inevitable? Will the eventual recourse of the homophile revolution be a similar blood bath?

I do not believe it will, but I find many among our movement who are forcing all homosexuals towards this end. To me, in our age, the revolution that advocates and perpetuates violence. Such an ugly, destructive, chaotic melee is based on the failure of the leadership to understand and cope with the problems at hand. This is the failure of the "establishment" more than a failure within the movement's leadership, but both are at fault.

The significant revolutions of man that have decided issues and have established permanent change and justice have been without blood and carnage. The intellectuals revolt in France prior to 1962 that changed the approach of that country in North Africa and Viet Nam is a recent example. Ghandi's revolution that freed India from England was not predicated on violence. The early Christian revolution succeeded only because it was not based on conquering by the Sword.

So who and what are the forces of paranoia and open physical violence organizing in San Francisco's gay community? Must these types become the leaders of the homophile community, or will they be unified with all other homosexuals to produce bloodless change in our status? These are important questions that homosexuals in San Francisco must answer. We must not be intimidated by these sadistic cowards who fling vicious sarcasms of cowardice at others. People who perpetuate violence believe they have no chance in this world, that everybody is out to get them, and that hate, fight and kill is the only way to achieve their ends. This is just not so.

The homophile revolution will be one of important change for the better when it applies itself objectively to discovering and using universal truths. We must face up to these difficult tasks in a reasonable fashion.

In the final analysis, the social man has only three choices: He joins with others and helps direct society, or he supports people who will direct society as he believes necessary, or he lives outside society and pays the awful price of playing the role defined by that society as criminal.

It is my earnest hope that the homophile movement confine its actions within the framework of social responsibility.

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Books

by James H. Ramp

EACH IN HIS DARKNESS

Julian Green, Pantheon, 1960. Translated from the French.

A tenuous story concerning one Wilfred, a doubtfully devout Catholic young man, who pursues prostitutes feverishly. He is unwilling to explain or defend his religious beliefs. His handsome young cousin, Angus, falls in love with him, and Wilfred wishes to respond but does not know how. Max, a psychopathic character, also loves Wilfred, and their strange friendship is one of mutual torment which ends tragically.

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HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Have you ever noticed the fundamental similarity between the basic policy of the left-wing communists and the right-wing reactionaries? The communists insist that any rights of the individual must yield to the greater rights of the State. The reactionaries insist that the rights of the individual must yield to the greater rights of society. Is there a difference between these beliefs? Under either the individual would have no rights at all.

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FOR MEDITATION

One can have no greater and no lesser mastery than that which one has over oneself. —Leonardo da Vinci.
POLITICAL COMMITTEE by Nancy May

At the open membership meeting in July, the Political Committee chairman announced that political candidates will be invited to speak to SIR. Since that time, we have received notice from The Council on Religion and the Homosexual that that group also wishes to invite candidates for public office to its meeting.

Because SIR is not having an open membership meeting in September, the candidates' first opportunity to face members of the community will be at the September 21st meeting of The Council on Religion and the Homosexual.

It is of the utmost importance that this meeting be well attended and consequently the Political Committee urges every member of SIR and every reader of VECTOR to be present. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary, which, as most of you know, is a very large room. We hope that it will be full.

This year has brought a markedly increased interest in politics among the members of the community. Several organizations have volunteer deputy registrars who will be registering voters until the close-off date on September 9th. Among the represented organizations are Daughters of Bilitis, Tavern Guild, Mattachine Society, and, of course, SIR.

At a night class recently held by the County Registrar, your Political Committee chairman was delighted by an attendance of twenty-five people.

We will be inviting the candidates to our open membership meeting in the month of October.

Again, we wish to urge everyone to attend the open meeting of The Council on Religion and the Homosexual to be held in the Sanctuary on September 21st at 7:30 p.m.

We hope to have recommendations regarding the candidates' attitudes available by the middle of October.
**ECHO - ECHO**

Dick Leitsch, East Coast Homophile Organization Coordinator, has informed SIR of the interesting program that has been prepared for the conference to be held on September 24-26th in New York City. For the first time, auxiliary social events, including a cocktail party and a showing of avant garde films, are to be held. The program will include such world wide authorities in the field of sexology as Dr. Ernest van der Haage, writer Paul Goodman, Dr. Isadore Ruben, Dr. Hendrick Ruitenbick, Dr. Tripp of the "Kinsey Institute," and many others.

Members of SIR are planning to attend this meeting and if there are additional members who would like to join a group to New York, call SIR's office. The conference promises to be a big event in the homophile movement. Further information may be obtained by writing ECHO, 1133 Broadway, New York, New York 10010, or phone 212 WA 4-7743.

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**LABOR DAY CAMP OUT**

SIR's camping group will be going to Lake Pillsbury in Mendocino National Forest about 150 miles from San Francisco over the Labor Day weekend. This area will provide fishing, swimming, and hiking. We will take our horse shoes and our volleyball for the energetic.

Each person must arrange his own transportation unless arrangements are made in advance. Pots & pans for cooking will be furnished but bring your own bedding and food.

"We are lovers of beauty without extravagance and lovers of wisdom without a loss of manliness." Pericles, 430 B.C.

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POLICE MEETING ON "HOMOSEXUALITY"

On August 10th at the Franklin Junior High School, Geary and Scott Streets, the San Francisco Police Community Relations Committee presented a meeting, in a series of four, on homosexuality.

The committee's purpose is to minimize racial and minority group tensions and to promote impartial law enforcement and cooperation between the police and the public.

A film from KRON TV titled "Homosexual" and a lively exchange between citizens of the community and police officers was the order of business.

Lengthy discussions of the January 1st Mardi Gras Ball, religious teachings on homosexuality, and participation by the homophile community in the overall problems of civil rights for all individuals highlighted the evening.

It was pointed out by the officers and citizens alike that homosexual law enforcement and civil rights are part of the overall problem of San Francisco's minority groups. "We must all work towards a better San Francisco together," was a constantly recurring theme.

Lt. Dante Andreotti is in charge of the Police Community Relations Committee which now represents the Golden Gate Park, Northern Station, Potrero, and Ingleside precincts.

SIR has asked to be put on its mailing list in order that we may be informed of its future meetings.

BOWLERS NEEDED

SIR's Bowling League has a few openings for Bowlers on Monday evenings. You need not be experienced. This is your opportunity to join in the fun. Call MANJADE for further information. The League opens Monday, September 13th.

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RECEIVES AWARD

Reverend Ted McIlvenna, President of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, was presented with the Prosperos' award of merit for "making Religious leaders aware of the Homosexual community, and specifically as the instigator of the dialogue between Religious and Homosexual leaders which has now been enlarging the concept of both groups to sexuality itself". The award was presented by Mrs. Norma Keller.

The Prosperos give three awards each year. Two are given to members of their student body and the third is awarded to anyone in the United States who, the members feel, "has contributed to outstanding progress in all facets of man's search for himself".

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RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Research Committee is studying the factors which are most commonly found in satisfactory inter-personal relationships. We need people who have been successful in establishing a relationship of this type and people seeking such a relationship to be interviewed for this project. If you would like to participate, call MANJADE for details.

FOR MEDITATION

Let not your rage or malice destroy a life - for truly, he who does not value life does not himself deserve it.-Leonardo da Vinci.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

(Cont. from page 1)
NOTICE

Candidates for the office of supervisor in San Francisco have been invited to attend the September 21 meeting of The Council on Religion and the Homosexual.

Everyone is urged to attend. We have been working on voter registration and now we can determine for whom we should vote.

This meeting will be held in the Sanctuary of the Glide Memorial Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Coffee will be served after the meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

SIR'S SUMMER BOWLING LEAGUE

SIR's summer league ended last month with trophies going to one of each group represented in the league. 1st place team was the Untouchables from SIR, 2nd place team the Fun IV from the Coits and in 3d place the Tygers from the Daughters of Bilitis.

SIR's new league begins the first Monday after Labor Day expanding from 10 lanes to the capacity of 22 lanes. A few openings are still available. If interested, Call MANJADE now.

SADY HAWKINS BAWL

The Sady Hawkins Bawl allowed SIR members and their guests a wide range of experiences from the lethal kickapoo joy juice to the rice throwing of the "Super Delux" one dollar wedding of "Maryin Sam".

Refreshments offered were beer, hard and straight cider and that ever popular kickapoo joy juice. This bubbling fuming elixir was in constant demand throughout the night.

One of Dog Patch's loveliest ladies was there in a striking knit of blue wool with an orange sash. Her accessories were a brown paper bag purse and white tennies. The men, not to be outdone, showed their excellent taste in fashion for men. Some of them even had their clothes altered at the party in order to keep up with the rapidly changing styles. Several left the ball more strikingly attired than they were when they arrived.

The big events of the evening were the race and the marriages by "Maryin Sam". Eight couples crossed the finish line. Four chose the 25 cent "Cheapskate's Kwiky Neddin", and four chose the one dollar "Super Delux". Unfortunately, times being what they are, none lasted the entire evening.

In the tradition of Dog Patch affairs, a boisterously good time was had by all.

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**CRH “A BRIEF OF INJUSTICES” PUBLISHED**

CRH’s “A Brief of Injustices,” the compilation of which demonstrates the close cooperation that is possible among homophile organizations, is now being distributed. The idea for this publication originated in the membership of SIR, and the first drafts were written by members of SIR under the direction of Mark Forrester, who, in large part, must be given credit for this document. The rewriting was done by Don Kuhn of the Glide Foundation. The masters were typed by Phyllis Lyon of the Daughters of Bilitis. The printing was by Dorian Press which is associated with the Mattachine Society. Money for the project was provided by the Tavern Guild. Basic distribution of the first 2000 copies to selected professional members of the community at large is being made by SIR.

Additional copies are available at the offices of Citizen’s News, Tavern Guild, Council on Religion and the Homosexual, Mattachine, Daughters of Bilitis, and SIR.

This important document was covered in detail in the News Call-Bulletin of Monday, August 16th. A reading of the “Brief” is a must for all informed persons.

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**GREATEST SHOW**

SIR is planning San Francisco’s biggest and greatest show to be held Saturday, October 30th with an array of guest stars. All tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis in advance by SIR members.

Seating capacity forces us to limit the number of tickets to be sold. Donation is $5.00.

For further information, call MANJADE.
BULLETIN BOARD

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THE SIRPORIUM A SUCCESS

The SIRPORIUM is a going success. To make this issue of VECTOR, we can report only two days of operation - more than enough to cover our first month's rent! We can sell used goods to members only, until a proper permit is obtained. Meanwhile the prices are being kept exceptionally low, and a real cornucopia of bargains is waiting for SIR members.

SOFAS, two piece sectional, modern, foam rubber, needs recovering. Straight lines, easy for amateur upholsterer. You can hardly buy the rubber for one cushion for the $5.00 price.

REFRIGERATOR, Salvador, big modern, top freezer, only $35.

CLOTHING, 16' of pole space jammed with shirts, jackets, sweaters, trousers, walking shorts, Halloween gowns etc. Some very nice, some very common.

The SIRPORIUM is open from 1 to 6 PM every Saturday and Sunday. Bring your friends to look around too. Coffee & cookies are served.

Donations of your sellable discards and consignments of your arts and craft work are still wanted. Bring in what you can or call the SIRPORIUM at 386-9937 (FUN-Y-YES) or call MANJADE and we will arrange a pickup.

We also need your help as a clerk, repairman, pickup driver, and/or merchandise pricer. Let us know if you are interested in this nice way to meet nice people.

The future plans for this project are the subject of wild speculations; repayment of capital, larger premises, branch premises, paid manager, better community relations, paid help, special department etc. All SIR members are invited to the Co-op Trustees meetings, every Tuesday at 8 PM at the SIRPORIUM. Come and bring your ideas and help make YOUR store a GREAT store.

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