CANDIDATES
NIGHT AT GLIDE
by Nancy May

At the September 21st meeting of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, five of the candidates for office on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, spoke to over 250 people in the Glide Memorial Church Sanctuary.

The five who accepted the invitation extended by CRH were Jack Morrison (incumbent), Robert Scrofani, Robert Gonzales, Dorothy Shind- (Cont'd. on page 6)

NEW YORK CONFERENCE HERALDS FUTURE NATIONAL COOPERATION

On Friday evening, Sept. 24th, the East Coast Homophile Organization opened its 3rd annual conference at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel in New York City. During the next two days, a brilliant series of lectures took place that created the most extensive delineation of the homosexual's position in our society that has ever been made.

The program of lectures included the following: "Is There a Place for the Homosexual in the 'Great Society'?" by Dr. Isadore Rubin, Ph.D., the managing editor of 'Sexology Magazine'; "Anticipations, Legal and Philosophical" by Gilbert Cantor, Attorney with ACLU and CORE; "The Management of Relationships" by Dr. Clarence Tripp, instructor in psychiatry at the Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn; "Dangers of Psychoanalysis" by Dr. George Weinberg, author of the book 'Personality Change' and many other outstanding speakers.

Tapes of all lectures are being sent to S.I.R.'s office; and will be available to members for reference work, along with original trans-

script of the complete 1964 Echo Conference, and all other literature presented at this conference.

Leaders of the homophile groups from 12 states were in attendance. From San Francisco, Ewander Smith representing the Tavern Guild, Neal Secor representing the Council on Religion and the Homosexual and William Beardsmepl representing S.I.R., addressed the conference. (Cont'd. on page 6)

NOTICE
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be an open membership meeting Wednesday, October 20th, at the Glide Memorial Church, Ellis & Taylor Streets at 7:45 p.m. Candidates for the Board of Supervisors have been invited to speak, so members should tell all their friends and make it a point to attend this very important meeting.

GRACE CATHEDRAL PICKETED

Sunday, Sept. 26th, saw a memorable combination of an expression of the right of free speech with spontaneous interest of a varied number of individuals who were concerned with the practices and teachings of Christianity as they relate to the every-day problems of life in the urban community.

The cause was the abolition of the Rev. Canon Robert W. Cromey's position of director of urban affairs of the Episcopal Diocese and the effect was the picketing of the Grace Cathedral, the spiritual citadel of the Episcopal diocese. Canon Cromey is well known to readers as a supporter of civil and individual rights. Many readers probably remember his arrest in the Cadillac sit-ins on auto row during the year 1964, along with some other members of the clergy. Canon Cromey has been interested in the plight of the individual in urban communities, and has actively urged involvement of the church in urban life problems. He is on the Executive Board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and is also on the Board of Trustees of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual.

It was felt by many individuals when the announcement appeared in the S.F. Chronicle of the abolition of Canon Cromey's position as special assistant to Bishop James A. Pike in the capacity of a director in the urban affairs that the stated reason, poor financial position, was not the accurate reason. It is interesting to note that Bishop Pike had left for a six-months absence only a few days before. One can speculate whether the action taken in regard to Canon Cromey's position would have been taken by the Diocesan Council (a 28 member body composed of both laymen and clergy) had Bishop Pike not been absent.

Well dressed and orderly pickets appeared before the entrances to Grace Cathedral at about 10:30 AM and at one time it was estimated that between 40 and 50 individuals were picketing, carrying signs and passing out leaflets. The leaflets which were distributed to the church-goers and to others spelled out the reasons for the demonstration. The leaflets stated that the individuals were demonstrating because they felt the Church must read and respond to the signs of
President's Corner
by Bill Beardemphl

One of my strangest lessons as a child was caused by an older bully who picked on younger and weaker children. Once he got me down and sat on me so that I could not move. Then he took one of my hands and forced me to poke myself in the eyes with my fingers. The pain became incidental to the emotional anguish of being forced to injure myself.

Many times, now, I find the return of similar feelings of frustration. I am not always quite sure what “social bully” is forcing me, by the use of emotional, mental or law backed physical force, to injure myself. I do have strong feelings of unjust treatment and wish to strike back. But when anyone dares to stand up and the “big lies” of confusing political dialectics are shouted loud and often. The individual appears to be free only so long as he adheres to being led down a very narrow path.

This situation is caused by sophisticated public relations techniques that subvert persons into acting against their best interests. Questionable methods of group manipulation and human reaction control are being used by our “leaders” to determine actions.

It is with anger that I view manipulators of actions and words, who attempt to steer towards selfish ends other persons’ works. I found recently that the words “responsible” and “respectable” were misapplied in relation to actions and proposed projects by persons who were trying to manipulate others to injure themselves and frustrate needed fulfillment.

To me, it is clear what our SIR motto, “Responsible Action by Responsible People in Responsible Ways” means. We wish to act with dependability and trustworthiness and we wish to have response to others. By nature, a person who is responsible has response to other persons. Those who do not have response to peoples’ needs are not responsible. The same intrinsic implication exists in the word “respectable.” A respectable person respects others. People who play the game of selfish manipulation of others, without compassion and understanding, cannot be responsible or respectable.

All these premises may be clearly outlined, but the historical question still unanswered is “How are persons supposed to react to an unbearable situation?” The enigma of many past “Watts” episodes is very real and apparent. How many similar episodes must mankind endure?

winter BOWLING LEAGUE

SIR’s winter bowling league started off in a big way with over 90 people showing up to take part. The group meets every Monday at 8:30 p.m., and although completely filled up at present, it needs people to act as substitutes when regular bowlers are absent. The group has the complete alley with its 22 lanes now, and everyone seems to be having a good time. It is believed that this is the first bowling league of this type—another first for SIR.

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FLORIDA MATTACHINE POLICY STATEMENT

In reply to a request from SIR, the President of the Mattachine Society of Florida, Inc., wrote a comprehensive statement of the viewpoints and objectives of that organization. Although too long to be published verbatim, the statement contains the following extractions:

"Other than two radio interviews, we have sought no general publicity. To have done so, would have created public resistance [to proposed laws] and would have endangered our lobbying position during the legislative session. We believe that after the laws have been revised at the state level, we will have a better chance to ask county and local governments to revise their laws to omit unconstitutional and prejudicial restrictions aimed at homosexuals. Once these laws have been changed, or struck down by the courts, it will be easier to sway public opinion and we will then begin looking for widespread publicity to assist us with educational and social service matters.

"The inevitable growth of the movement will lead to an increase in organizational problems that will be primarily centered around matters of policy. To help prevent this, leaders of the movement must bury personal grudges and not allow their organizations to engage in cutthroat competition for members, or unnecessary publicity. If we have differences of opinion, we must settle them through prival collaboration or meetings, and not air our grievances with one another in print, or in public.

"With one or more homosexual organizations in each of the 50 states, the need to prevent conflicting purposes, policies and actions will become a matter that can be rectified only by amiable negotiation. So that each organization can maintain its individual character and yet function effectively as a strong link in a strong chain, the individual organizations of the homophile movement must weld themselves together into a national organization; a national conference of homophile organizations.

"The national organization should define matters of national goals and policy only, leaving state policy to the organizations within a state and local policy to organizations within a city. The primary purpose of such an organization should be to encourage the formation of new organizations and to act as a national clearing house for information between the member organizations.

"It is toward this unity of goals and for effective action, that we of our Society dedicate ourselves to all those who may benefit from the successful fulfillment of the goals of the homophile civil rights movement."

SIR'S AUCTION

SIR's auction was held on September 12th at the Dial bar with all proceeds going to SIR. The auctioneer was SIR's good friend, Jose, who explained the glamorous history of each item before it was sold. So many items were donated, however, that not all could be auctioned. The remaining items were taken to the SIRPORIUM, where they may now be purchased.
THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT - WATCHDOG OF LIBERTY
by Evander Smith

We carried an editorial in our September issue discussing the responsibility our judiciary has under our form of government. That editorial pointed out the protection and rights accorded all citizens accused of crimes. It is axiomatic that when the rights of the most lowly, detestable, vile and obnoxious person are violated then the floodgates are opened for the discrimination of other minority and unpopular individual(s). Axiomatic, yes, but a truth which has to be guarded and fought for daily.

In this issue of VECTOR we are beginning a series of landmark court decisions. These case synopses will reveal to our readers the necessity of the blind-folded lady called the judiciary in our government. You will be amazed at how often she, supposedly the weakest of the trilogy called American Democracy, must strike down the efforts of the Legislative and Executive to abuse your inalienable rights.

An excellent beginning is the recent California Supreme Court decision, People v. Dorado. This case exemplifies the vigilance which the courts must maintain over our rights.

The defendant was convicted for violation of a statute subjecting a prisoner serving a life sentence to the death penalty for maliciously assaulting a fellow prisoner with a deadly weapon. The assaulted prisoner died without naming his assailant(s).

The San Quentin prison officials and the District Attorney's office conducted an investigation. The defendant was interrogated by various officials. Admissions were made by the defendant and he in fact gave several confessions to the authorities which were used against him. This investigation by the government was conducted without any notice being given the defendant that he had any rights which he may choose to protect; he received no admonition of any kind whatsoever.

The defendant was tried, convicted and sentenced to death. On appeal, the court held that the defendant's confession could not properly be introduced into evidence because the authorities had not informed defendant of his right to counsel or of his absolute right to remain silent, and there was no evidence that he waived these rights.

Among the many eloquent recitations of justice, the court stated:

"[A] Constitution which guarantees a defendant the aid of counsel at ... a trial could surely vouchsafe no less to an indicted defendant under interrogation by the police in a completely extrajudicial proceeding. Anything less ... might deny a defendant 'effective representation by counsel at the only stage when legal aid and advice would help him.'"

"[I]f the police have not effectively warned him of his absolute constitutional right to remain silent, the accused has been denied 'the Assistance of Counsel' in violation of the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution as made obligatory upon the States by the Fourteenth Amendment'.... and ... no statement elicited by the police during the interrogation may be used against him at a criminal trial."

"Defendant here had the constitutional protection of an absolute right to remain silent; the prosecution could not introduce into evidence defendant's confession unless that right of silence were waived; in the absence of knowledge such waiver requires warning, but the officials gave no warning here."

In the above opinion, which we endorse, the court was protecting two constitutional rights, to wit: the right of an accused to legal counsel and the right he has under the Fifth Amendment not to have to testify against himself.

Sirlebritiy Capades of 1965

SIR's most ambitious social event is now in full swing. The SIRLIBRITY CAPADES OF 1965 will be presented on Saturday, October 30th, at 8:30 sharp. We have a terrific line up of talented people who will put on a never-to-be forgotten show. Headlining the entertainers are the ever popular Franklin, Jose, Mavis, Michelle, and many, many more. We are borrowing the talents of various little theatre groups for our director, set and costume designers, lighting and stage crews. We have a popular band to provide the music and many of the better bars are donating their best bartenders to help us serve the best drinks in town. Souvenir programs that will include autographed photos of our stars will be given to all those attending the show. The theatre has a limited seating capacity and consequently tickets must be sold on a first come basis. Tickets are available at the SIR office and at the SIRPOR-IUM. No tickets will be sold at the door. We expect a sell out, so get your ticket now and join in San Francisco's first SIRLIBRITY CAPADES. All proceeds go to SIR's building fund.
ECHO Conference
(Cont. from page 1)
ence, along with other attending representatives. A folio, explaining aspects of SIR, was given to all persons in attendance; and was well received and highly complimented.

During the conference a meeting of leaders was instituted and chaired by SIR's President that led to an agreement to hold a national meeting in Kansas City on February 19th and 20th with from 1 to 3 representatives of all homophile groups invited. The basic purpose is to be a working seminar for exchange of methodologies and ideas concerning homophile organizational work. Other national needs will be discussed.

The 1965 ECHO Conference provided the meeting ground for the largest national gathering of homophile leaders ever to take place and has stimulated homophile exchange and communication across our country. All 5 members from SIR who were in attendance were greatly impressed as to the usefulness of this meeting and all feel that future national gatherings shall bring us closer to the results we are striving for.

CANDIDATES
(Cont. from page 1)

er, and Donald Morgan.

The candidates were each allotted time to present themselves and their platforms. Following the presentation, they answered questions from the floor. The questions most often asked were: "Would you be in favor of a Police Review Board" and "Would you be available to the homosexual and his problems after you are elected."

Only one candidate, Jack Morrison, answered the first question with an unqualified yes. The other candidates felt that the problem of controlling police brutality could be met by expanding the present three man Police Com-

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LABOR DAY BRUNCH

SIR's brunch, held on the
September 5th-6th Labor Day
weekend, was a tremendous suc-
cess. The Dial bar furnished,
free of charge, all the pan-
cakes, eggs, potatoes, ham,
bacon, sausages, and coffee
for over 240 people. The most
impressive part of the brunch
was the person who served it
- the one and only Jose, the
former "Nightingale of Mont-
gomery Street". No one could
really understand how one
person could serve so many
guests and at the same time
clown and carry on with each
customer. There were a few
people who were brave enough
to ask for ketchup with their
eggs, but will probably not
do it again, at least, not
when Jose is serving. SIR
wishes to thank the Dial and
Jose for making the brunch
the wonderful success it was.

CITIZEN'S ALERT
NEEDED NOW

At the September 15th
meeting of the Citizens' A-
alert, those present adopted
the Planning Committee's re-
port on the structure of the
organization.

The committee recommended
that the officers consist of
a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman,
Treasurer, and Secretary.

Five committees were rec-
ommended as follows:
1. Roster Committee to
obtain facilities and staff
an office;
2. Information and Liai-
son Committee to gather facts
and keep files;
3. Action and Referral
Committee to solicit profes-
sional help;
4. Committee on Education
and Distribution of material;
5. Public Relations Com-
mittee to handle press state-
ments.

Since the meeting on the
15th of September and the
time of this writing, four
cases of alleged police bru-
tality have come to the at-
tention of SIR. More people
interested in the prevention
of this problem are needed by
the Citizens' Alert to help
make it successful. Especial-
ly needed are professional
people, including lawyers,
doctors, photographers, bail-
 bondsmen, and ministers.

The time and place of the
next meeting can be obtained
by calling the Glide Memorial
Church, or by dialing MAN-
JADE.

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GROUP NOTICE

The Wednesday afternoon
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meeting at 495 Grandview, a-
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A TWO-SIDED COIN
by Mark Forrester

Recently schools of psychology and psychiatry have developed which espouse the theory that homosexuality is an illness, disease, aberration, or worse, a psychosis. While data and criteria for such contentions seem to engender wide disagreement among the professionals, the idea that homosexuality is a disease which can be cured is beginning to take hold. To many it would seem as if an improvement in status is thus conferred on the homosexual, who is now, according to some scientific opinion, no longer a criminal to be punished by the law, but rather a sick person to be cured by a doctor; not just any doctor, but a well-trained, well-paid doctor.

Coincident with this development is a parallel attention of these same scientists to finding cures for this "disease." While traditional efforts such as psycho-therapy and so on, have never demonstrated an appreciable rate of conversion of overt homosexuals to a heterosexual behavior pattern, new schools of "reconditioning therapy," developed in England and popular with some American psychologists, like Dr. Hadler, have claimed cure rates of over 70% in cases where the patient volunteered for treatment. The method of cure hinges on associating painful and unpleasant stimuli with homosexual sex objects, and pleasureful and euphoric stimuli with heterosexual ones. Shock treatment, use of nausea-producing drugs and other types of treatment have, supposedly, permanently cured the homosexual guinea pigs of their disease by making the object of their preference the center of territorially unpleasant sensations.

One can immediately see that there is likely to be small comfort in being labelled sick rather than criminal. Instead of arrest and commitment to a penal institution, the homosexual may be psychologically examined, and after diagnosis, be given the choice of jail or taking the cure in some pleasant ivy-covered institution with its shock rooms and the ubiquitous purveyors of health and well being who run them. As homosexuals are discovered in our society, the problem will be to locate and cure them as quickly and completely as possible. How long this "cure" lasts can as always be left to speculation. Laws to this effect, for the protection of society and the welfare of the poor degenerate himself, will no doubt eventually be enacted. We have worked hard obtaining our rights under the law. Now perhaps we had better start considering medicine as well as law if we mean to maintain our individual rights.

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The twelfth annual conference of The Mattachine Society, Inc., was held on Saturday, August 28th, with only a handful of persons present to hear the outstanding speakers.

The Very Reverend C. Julian Bartlett, Dean of Grace Cathedral, was the featured speaker. He discussed "The Church Involvement in the Civil Rights Movement."

Dean Bartlett stated: "There are real issues before us today. The racial struggle, the problem of the re-examination of all our attitudes about sexuality... Whenever any law violates the selfhood, the integrity, the personhood of an individual, that law must be so changed as to bring about justice, mercy, forgiveness, and redemption."

Rev. Williams said that we must constantly be aware of the fact that as a group becomes organized it tends to become dogmatic and to lose the spirit of its purpose. Therefore, within that group there must always be a force which calls the group back to its inception, its authenticity, a force that will remind the members what they are about. He added that the past hinders us, that the reason we cannot respond to the now is because we cannot make decisions. We spend too much time talking about what we could do rather than making decisions to do something now.

Attorney Evander C. Smith was the third speaker on the program and told of a group of people involved in the Civil Rights struggle who have no ethnic grounds or religious beliefs in common; in fact, the only thing its members have in common is a certain interest in life. Mr. Smith stated that this group has contributed leaders in society throughout the ages, but it has been persecuted and prosecuted. While one would think the members of this group would be cohesive and stand united, they in fact practice a great deal of discrimination among themselves. He was, of course, speaking of the homosexual. He pointed out that the members of this group should accept the responsibility of voting, be concerned with getting rid of all unjust laws, and stand up and be counted, although they should not criticize those who cannot. He further stated that too many are willing to let others accept the responsibility of making changes. He concluded by saying that if a person is not able to identify himself, for whatever reason, with the homophile community, he should at least discover the way that he can best fulfill his responsibility to that community.
A Problem and a Saving Act

(A Review)

by Bill Beardemphi

The problem of being Negro I have largely ignored, just as I ignore Christians who make denominationalism an issue. So I went to see Dutchman and The Toilet by Leroi Jones, which have been appearing at the Marine Memorial Auditorium, solely on the basis of the homosexual theme of the latter play. I left with a completely different interest.

The dramatic experience of the two plays was unimportant to this viewer; the first being contrived and unbelievable, the second being mundane. The acting was adequately handled but was not outstanding. Paul Winfield is the only performer that I should wish to see again. I found lack in the staging and scenery of the first play, the second was professional. Neither was outstanding. After the performance, I was left with consideration of the intellectual content of the script which, to me, is not the point of attending theatre. But, in this case, it is a fascinating consideration.

The first obvious defect or strength, considering your point of view, of the writing is that it is written by a Negro living in New York. The scenes are not on a subway and a high school but a New York subway and a New York high school. The situation in the Dutchman, that of a large, handsome, intelligent, strong Negro young man being teased and tempted into exposing his inner feelings by a white, somewhat slight, high strung, nervous blonde street walker, who knifes him to death, is outrageously contrived. Here is the worst weakness of the script. But the analogous symbol of the white man as viewed by Jones as a tempting, purposeful

Books

by James H. Ramp


where who intentionally over-concerns herself with destroying Negroes, who "Lies a lot, That's how she controls things", amazes this "white reviewer. I have never heard or experienced such over-concern about being Negro by a white person; it never has mattered that much to the people I know. It does follow that such a conception of Negroes would lead to the verbally expressed hatred and frustration of the Negro reaction in this play and eventual explosions, as in Watts. As with any concept expressed in such colored terms of bigotry, an extension to universality is just not possible. But there is an important message, a desperately important Negro conception that must be understood at this time. If it is not understood and is rationalized away or ignored, we are in for a long period of hell. If you want your mind yanked out of its smug concepts of "more white than Negro" you can see the saving act of the second play, the saving act of love is a homosexual act. This pleased me, I must admit.

To quote the Chronicle: "Succeeds where most novelists since Thomas Wolfe have failed. He carves a huge piece out of the heart of New York, and it has life, power, beauty and truth."

A blockbustor about immorality in a small town." Rape and seduction of the innocent. Procurement of mental patients for sexual use and abuse. Murder, sex and suicide. If you like this sort of fare and have a cast-iron stomach . . . .

SPEAK NOT EVIIL. Edwin Lanham. Saga of Sagamore, a 300 year old town in New England. Chiefly to do with the corruption of high school students with drugs, liquor, nude photography and seduction by an evil woman. Carrying theme is the attachment between a newspaper editor and a lawyer-politician. A slow starter, but worth reading.

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PICKETS
(Con't. from page 1)
the time and that this required of
churchmen a style of life in which
freedom and responsibility were
paramount. The Church, the leaf­
lets went on to state, must be in a
position to deal with critical is­
ues affecting the needs of human
beings and must be involved with
persons at all levels of life.
Churchmen who can give guidance to
the constant need in this time for
institutional definition should be
endorsed by the Church, the leaf­
lets spelled out, and then made de­
mand that the action taken with re­
gard to Canon Robert W. Cromey be
seriously reconsidered.

The picketing continued until ap­
proximately 12:30 PM and at that
time the pickets left their sta­
tions. The conduct of the pickets
was exemplary and this was borne
out by the statements of the spe­
cial police detail assigned to ob­
serve the picketing.
The newspaper accounts of the de­
monstrations did not do justice to
the individuality of the action but
by innuendo gave the impression
that the picketing was an organized
effort. That the demonstration was
successful can be attested by the
fact that the publicity attendant
has focused community attention on
the unfortunate action of the Dio­
cesan Council resulting in abolition
of the important position. Canon
Cromey was filling. It is a conso­
lation, however, that Canon Cromey
has stated that he will pursue his
course of conduct as an individual
notwithstanding the abolition of
his position as a special assistant.
It should be noted that the Rev.
Cromey is the vicar of St. Aidan’s
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