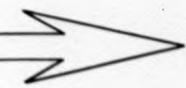


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SIR ENDORSES ATTORNEY GONZALES

FOR SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR

by Nancy May

On October 20, 1965, The Society for Individual Rights held its Candidates Night to hear the candidates for election to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors speak. Out of a possible 20 candidates running for five vacancies, seven of them accepted our invitation. Of these seven, Mr. Boas and Mr. Morrison cancelled at the last minute because of prior commitments. Mr. Morrison sent a message to us stating that although he could not attend our meeting, he would like to meet with the governing board of the Society to discuss any problems we may have. We received no word from Mr. Boas.

The first candidate to speak was Miss Dorothy Shinder. Miss Shinder is 51 and has never been married. She has been lobbying in Washington, D.C. for a tax break for single people. If Miss Shinder were elected to the board of supervisors it is our fear that she would be distracted from this important issue. We

wish her success in getting this reform before our representatives.

The second speaker, Mr. Chris Boreta, is the manager of one of our city's "topless" night clubs. We felt, from his remarks, that he would have empathy with our problems. When asked about the Dorn amendment [see Editorial], Mr. Boreta replied "This is the most vicious piece of legislation ever attempted in the State of California". He also stated that if it got onto the ballot that he would see that an opposing initiative also got on if he had to go into the streets at 10 cents a signature.

Mr. Samuel Kline, the third speaker, said he felt that the men in City Government are not spending enough time running the city. He promised that he would be in his office five days a week. He also offered to donate any money not spent for his campaign to the church.

Mr. Robert Gonzales, who spoke at both the Council on Religion and the Homosexual and SIR's Candidates Nights, has shown great interest in our problems. He has interviewed others who are interested in the homosexual's plight and has also addressed SIR's Conversation Group. We feel that this man is sincerely interested in minority groups which, heretofore, have not had a voice in the city's policy making.

Mr. Jack Morrison, while he could not speak at the SIR meeting, sent his apologies.

His views, expressed at the Council's Candidates Night were very liberal and were well received at that meeting. We felt that his stand for a Civilian Police Review Board showed courage. Mr. Morrison is the only incumbent who has spoken to the homophile community, and it is our view that he is the only one worthy of our consideration for re-election to the Board.

Mr. Robert Scrofani, our last speaker, has proven to be sympathetic to our problems, as well as to those of other minorities. When asked for his opinion of a Civilian Review Board, he replied that he felt that Proposition G, which would increase the Police Commission from three to five members would help give a fairer review of cases brought before it.

We feel that Mr. Scrofani would sincerely try to help any member of any minority

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Watch for the special reporting of this star studded show that was a smash success October 30th. A review, complete with extensive picture coverage of the show will be published by Vector.

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President's Corner

by Bill Beardemphl

We are living in a time of protest. No one can deny that.

Persons at all times during man's history have been concerned and have attempted to change their conditions in ways they thought to be for the better. We are not different nor are we doing things that have not been attempted before. What causes a difference in our present condition from times past is a knowledge of extinction. In previous times, the unfortunate dead could be buried and the living could carry on to correct mistakes that had been made. Now, the wrong mistakes can mean the end of mankind. We know this. A nervous sense of extermination shadows our actions. We are face to face with the unpleasant fact that we can be on the eve of destruction.

I find this has caused in many Americans a deepening introspection and a need for answers that could wait in previous times. Just solutions to social relationships can no longer wait for tomorrow. Man no longer lives as a process of mankind; he can be the end in a real sense. The time for correct decisions is at hand. The time to think in terms of eons has run out.

Justice, liberty, equality, freedom, and the other phrases politicians have misused, must take on an applied real meaning in our lives. The mistake of our governmental leaders of manipulating persons by giving false meaningless public statements is beginning to backfire.

An acceleration of this process is noted in the complete incapacity of our politicians to supply a sound rationale to replace the rationale of the 15,000 anti-Vietnam War marchers at Berkeley. In this instance, the heroes of democracy and patriotic American indignation who attacked the marchers were the Hells Angels. They found support from an

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EDITORIAL

DECLARATION OF DECENCY HOAX

One of the most pernicious measures ever foisted on the California public is presently being circulated by petition with the hope that it will find its way to the ballot in November, 1966. Authored by a Los Angeles supervisor and going under the deceptive name of Declaration of Decency, the proposition has but one oppressive goal - to overturn the California Supreme Court decision of *In re Carol Lane* which struck down a Los Angeles ordinance - a law that made it a crime for unmarried adults of the opposite sex to have sex together! The measure seeks to restore to the cities of this State the power to enact all the laws they please in the area of sex - and in every other area in which they choose to legislate. The sponsors of the bill point out that their purpose is to enact far more strict laws than the State has done.

When one considers that the State has enacted dozens of laws outlawing almost every type of sex act there is (procreation between spouses married to each other excepted), including many acts taking place between a man and his wife in the very sanctity of their bedroom, it is terrifying to contemplate what additional acts the cities are so determined to make criminal. Declaration of Decency, indeed!

So far the measure seems backed only by various supervisors (including one from San Francisco!) and some of the police departments in the State. Being so obviously a police measure intended to oppress minority groups, it is also probably backed by the several authoritarian groups as well. Knowing the tremendous amount of money it takes to get the necessary signatures to get a measure like this on the ballot, we are more than a little concerned about who is putting up the money. We certainly hope no public funds are being used. The backers have

announced that they expect two million signatures on the petition, and because it masquerades under the name of "decency", it's possible that their goal will be achieved.

The bill is an evil one that will affect every man, woman, and child in the State of California and, of course, it will affect the homophile community. It will affect it in this way. Suppose we should succeed in getting the State to repeal its laws to remove the criminal sanctions on sex acts between consenting adults in private. This is what we eventually hope to achieve. But should this new measure be enacted into law, then every city could turn right around and re-enact every law repealed by the State and could go right ahead to enact dozens, if not hundreds, more. Instead of being up against just one set of laws, we would find ourselves facing 600 to 700 varying sets occurring in dizzying variation. Our position would be disastrous. As would be that of the heterosexual.

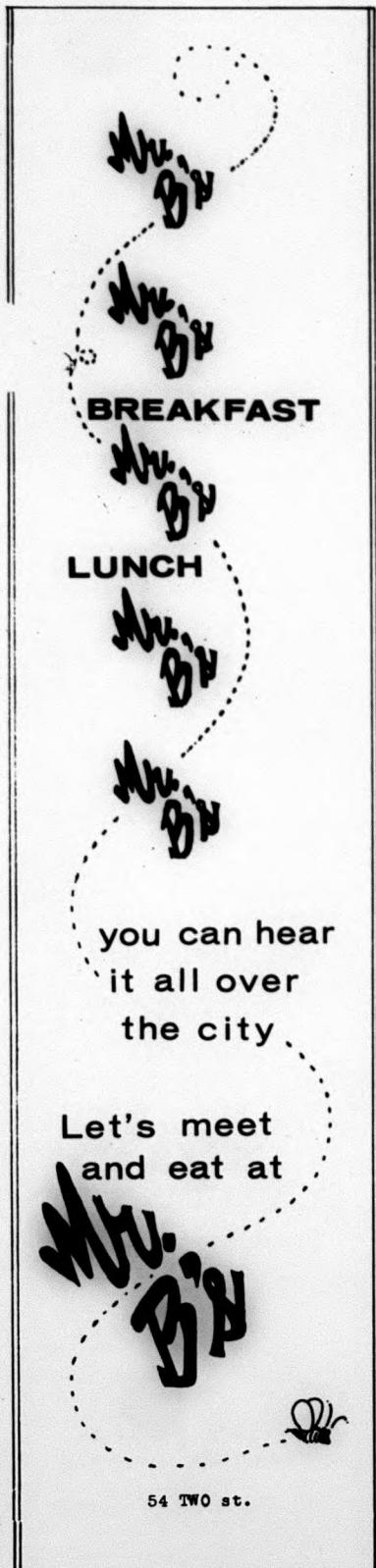
We therefore urge every reader to campaign against this measure and to awaken his friends and acquaintances throughout the State to the terrible hoax that is now being perpetrated under the name of decency.

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CITIZEN ALERT GOALS & PURPOSES READY

The following statement was agreed upon at the October 14th meeting of Citizens Alert:

"The purpose of Citizens Alert is to establish an organization and procedures to be used to collect, analyze and channel to responsible governmental and social agencies accurate and reliable reports of police misbehavior, including brutality, intimidation, harassment and the unequal enforcement of the law, to establish other means for constituting remedial action as may be necessary, to alert the general public, and to educate individuals in their rights and obligations as citizens.

"Recognizing that unequal enforcement of the law, based on income, color, national origin, sexual identification and minority status, exists, Citizens Alert has been formed with the realization that the law enforcement bodies, local and national, need the full cooperation of all citizens to attain the high standards necessary in the role of law and order."

The By-Laws were discussed at length and approval was voted by the membership. Gateway, 366 Eddy Street, has agreed to let part of their facilities be used as the headquarters. Telephone service and installation for the first month of operation will be donated by the DIAL Answering Service. Gathering of professional persons who will be used for referrals is proceeding well and it was announced that now is the time to start getting volunteers lined up for the office. Anyone wishing to help with this project can leave his name with MANJADE and we will forward it to Citizens Alert. It was also reported that some organizations have voted endorsement of this program, and others are contemplating such a move. Endorsing organizations are:

POLICE REVIEW BOARD NEEDED

President Bill Beardemphl's letter to Mayor Shelley, reprinted elsewhere in this edition, identifies a desperate situation in our community. More and more we find evidence that the police department is usurping the powers of deciding the interpretation of laws and what shall be the moral standards. Evidence is piling up that unethical practices of law enforcement by the S.F. Police are becoming very apparent to every citizen. No matter how the police squirm and rationalize, there is a growing demand from responsible citizens that police function as Peace Officers and stop emulating the S.S. squads of Hitler's Germany.

The "Big Lie" of public relations techniques now being employed by the L.A. Police and being copied by the S.F. Police, are detrimental to honest law enforcement. The latest "copy act" by Chief Cahill, the Internal Affairs Division to investigate malpractice, is another attempt at political whitewash. Nowhere is this more dramatically pointed out than in the So. California ACLU 67 page report delivered to the McCone Commission on the LAPD and its image in Watts, as reported in the Los Angeles Free Press of October 15th.

The local press is becoming full of stories of police malpractice. It has been re-

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Freedom House, CORE, Bay View Community Center, and Rank and File Labor Union. A committee was formed to plan mass community meetings in various neighborhoods to inform the public about the purposes and use of this group. Since the original plan for such a group came from SIR, a resolution that SIR endorse Citizens Alert will be presented for consideration at the next membership meeting.

ALINSKY SAYS "ACT"

by Mark Forrester

On September 10th, Saul Alinsky, the respected and provocative radical social organizer from Chicago spoke on burning civil rights issues before an audience of more than 1,000 citizens at the Benjamin Franklin Junior High School.

The gist of his talk, sponsored by the Council for Civic Unity and other local groups, was that new techniques must be discovered to maintain the thrust of the civil rights movement; techniques which dramatize the issues, and effectively "continue to confuse and demoralize the establishment". "Nothing is worse than doing nothing," he said.

Alinsky, founder and director of the Industrial Areas Foundation and considered one of the most effective organizers of minority groups in the country, also stated that the real way to attack problems of poverty, inadequate schools, civil rights, and prejudice, is through the development of the resources of the minorities concerned, both in terms of leadership, and money. Through hard work, developing indigenous leadership, ingroup fund raising and cooperation, he said, "minority groups develop the best means for securing their goals, getting power the establishment must recognize". Such organization must become "mass based", drawing its strength, leadership, and funds from as many small minority groups as possible.

Among the broad spectrum of issues he discussed were the status of the current civil rights movement, and the need for new appraisals of technique. Old methods, he said, no longer work, "because the establishment is rapidly learning how to deal with them." "You can't be nice about it because the only way you can be sure your opposition will live up to its agreement is by making them do so."

On Watts he made a start-

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ling observation: "The big question is not 'Why?' but, rather, 'How come it took them so long?'"

He made it clear that every means of "demoralizing and confusing the power structure" should be judged on its success or failure rather than on so-called principles of right and wrong. "It is a fight," he said, "and being decent just isn't effective." As it has been used in other cities and situations, Alinsky's methodology involves all sorts of action, from economic boycotts, the use of publicity, pickets, political organization and pressure, legal action in the form of malpractice suits against the police, economic self help programs, indeed, any program confronting the establishment with the reality that formerly subservient and disunited groups are now working together and are determined that "change will come."

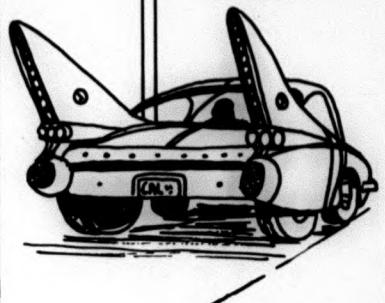
Mr. Alinsky indicated that non-violent demonstrations might well be an effective new technique to impel the establishment to recognize the rights of minority groups. No doubt many people who heard these remarks were astonished at what was said, yet in his distinguished career, Saul Alinsky has proven that these techniques are most effective in assuring that all Americans share in the benefits of our system of government.

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THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT - WATCHDOG OF LIBERTY

by Evander Smith

The U.S. Supreme Court in *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965) is a "first" which will engender controversy for eons to come. Connecticut had an anti-sex control law which prohibited the use of "...any drug, medical article or instrument for the purpose of preventing conception...". Also, anyone who "...assists, abets, counsels...shall be punished as...an offender."

The defendant Dr. Estelle Griswold, a professor at Yale Medical School, violated the sex control law and was convicted and fined. The conviction is the one now reversed.

This decision is truly destined to become a landmark in American Jurisprudence. It is the first case since our Constitution was framed to use the Ninth Amendment as the basis for striking down a state law! This fact is a harbinger of good news in that the Supreme Court acknowledges the individual's freedom to associate and privacy in one's associations. Hopefully this principle can be expanded into privacy for relationships beyond the heterosexual relationship blessed by marriage; can it protect a heterosexual love tryst also. Quaere: why not an individual; why not two beings who happen to be of the same gender?

It would be a gross oversimplification to say the Connecticut case is the definitive word on private acts presently; that is why we say the case is a harbinger only.

This decision has a number of splits within the Court. There are several separately concurring opinions and two separate dissents. With this background of superfecundation paternity, it is no wonder the decision is pregnant with something for everyone.

The decision discusses six of the Amendments, but for brevity we will deal only with the "newly discovered" Ninth, which provides: "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

The Court states: "The association of people is not mentioned in the Constitution nor in the Bill of Rights." "...the state may not...contract the spectrum of available knowledge." "We deal with a right of privacy older than the Bill of Rights..." "...marriage...is an association for as noble a purpose as any..." "...the Ninth Amendment shows a belief of the Constitution's authors that fundamental rights exist that are not expressly enumerated in the first eight amendments and an intent that the list of rights included there not be exhaustive." "...right of privacy is a fundamental personal right..." "...it is difficult to imagine what is more private or more intimate than a husband and wife's marital relations." "Where there is a significant encroachment upon personal liberty, the State...(must show the law to be) necessary, and not merely rationally related to, the accomplishment of a permissible state policy."

Connecticut counsel argued that "preventing the use of birth control devices by married persons helps prevent the indulgence by some in such extra-marital relations." The Court stated, "The rationality of this justification is dubious..." and went on to point out that disease preventing devices were widely distributed in Connecticut to single people as well as to married couples.

Finally, it should be said of the Court's holding that it in no way interferes with a State's proper regulations of sexual promiscuity or misconduct. As was stated in an earlier case: "'adultery, homosexuality and the like are sexual intimacies which the State forbids...'"

Justice Black's and Stewart's separate and concurring dissents are not covered here.

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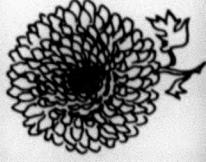
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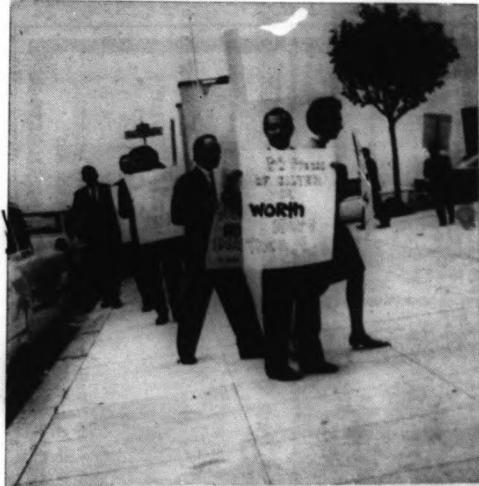
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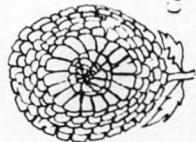
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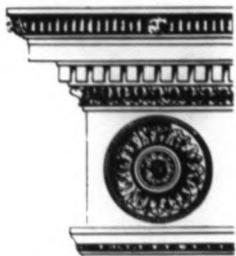


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by James H. Ramp

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"Here, for the first time, in a book that does not apologize nor beg for understanding. It leads an attack upon the very heart and substance of our scientific and ethical judgments by an analysis and exposition which claims that homosexuality is neither against the laws of nature or of God, nor is it an indication of mental aberration." My first reaction to the title was one of irritation, because I believe homosexuality needs no defense per se. There has already been too much emotional - even hysterical defense. Not so in this magnificent refutation of social taboos.

In a chapter dealing with commandments in the Bible, Benson shows how most of the commands of God are obsolete, and people do not find it necessary to obey them. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah was a terrible warning to all fornicators. An old wives tale conveniently ignored by all in modern times. Except those who wish to believe the mythical cities were inhabited only by homosexuals, and that God's curse was laid upon all homosexuals. Forever and ever, Amen!

Intolerance is the warm puppy of the ignorant.

Discussing the psychological arguments against homosexuality, the author quotes a statement made by the scientific committee of the World Federation of Mental Health: "It is clear that no single act should be taken out of context and no single criterion of behavior should be used in the judgment of mental health." The author shows it is possible to label any behavior pattern as being against the laws of God and nature. Equally, it is possible to label any behavior pattern as neurotic or psychotic. Does every pattern that differs from the majority automatically become deviant? So say the militant he-

terosexuals.

Benson contends that man can be either homosexual, heterosexual or bisexual; the choice is his. To assert that exclusive homosexuality is a perversion, while exclusive heterosexuality is "normal" is . . . to recognize the norm of sexuality as being a created, value-laden concept. Created by heterosexuals to force others to recognize their false values.

The following letter was received by Mr. Ramp from the author of the book In Defense of Homosexuality:

"Your letter gave me a much needed lift. My desire was to write a book that would place in the hands of every homosexual a weapon, an offensive weapon that would enable him to reply to the accusation that homosexuality is a disease, against the laws of God or nature and an ethically indefensible social activity. I expected homosexual leadership to see that this book was more than a mere defense...a textbook to guide the perplexed.... Many newspapers including the Los Angeles Times, have refused to advertise it.... The homosexual question will never be resolved until the heterosexual accepts him as normal. The Community leadership must get our arguments before the heterosexual world of influential people viz: the judges who sentence homosexuals...."

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To attain our goal, we need the cooperation of every one, members and non-members. We have found the most effective way of getting people interested in SIR is by talking about the organization, what we have done and what we hope to do. Only YOU can make our organization what we all want it to be - the best and most effective homophile group in the United States. Bring your friends to our next meeting, and talk about SIR to your friends.

WHO KILLED THE STORY?

by Nancy May

Like most people who attended the recent Candidates Night held by SIR, I was anxious to see what comment would be made by the San Francisco newspaper(s). No mention was made in either one.

When the papers were asked why they did not report the event, they replied that they felt that to connect the politicians with homosexuals

would be "the kiss of death" for them, politically.

Did the politicians who are so anxiously asking for our votes prevent the papers from printing this story?

Did the papers really feel so concerned about a handful of politicians that they sat on this news event?

Or are the papers afraid that the homosexual is getting a little too much favorable coverage lately?

Who killed this story, and why?

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who came to him.

Mr. Donald Morgan, who spoke at the Council's Candidates Night, said that he was against "bussing" children from district to district for school. He is also against personal property taxes.

These seven candidates, then, are those who have earned our consideration because they have recognized the homophile community and have shown courage in facing all political issues.

Following the last speaker at the October 20 Candidates Night, the Political Committee took a poll of those present. Those receiving votes were Mr. Gonzales, Mr. Boreta, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Scrofani, and Miss Shinder, in that order. Mr. Gonzales was the overwhelming favorite, and consequently won the endorsement of SIR for election to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. We also endorse Mr. Boreta and Mr. Morrison.

SIR feels that only the two most controversial propositions need comment. We are in favor of Proposition A, but would like very much to see a change in the administration of the San Francisco General Hospital. We are opposed to Proposition B. We can see no reason to spend \$29,000,000 for projects only one of which is worthy, the renovation of the opera house, and that can be done for \$6,000,000.

CONVERSATION GROUPS DISCUSS HOMOSEXUAL ROLE IN SOCIETY

SIR's largest conversation group, consisting of 30 to 35 persons, meets every Friday at Jim's house, with Chuck acting as moderator. Topics discussed cater to a wide variety of tastes.

At the October 15th meeting, SIR's Pocket Lawyer was discussed and many questions were asked about arrests. On hand to answer these questions was Mr. Herb Donaldson, a local attorney.

The group has had many outside visitors, including several college groups, who are interested in learning about homosexuality. Visitors are welcome, but they must be over 21 years of age and they must obtain permission to attend through the SIR office.

The guest of honor at the October 8th meeting was Reverend John Moore. He answered questions on religion and the homosexual in the church. Many such discussions have been held with Father Golder, Canon Crommey, and Catholic Theological students.

The other conversation group, meeting at Jack's and Bob's home, is exploring the various facets of homosexual life.

A psychologist and a psychiatric social worker who frequently attend these meetings have stated that the therapeutic reaction from the conversation groups is better than group therapy or clinical analysis for the homosexual.

The groups provide an excellent way to release emotional tensions and to gain insight into the problems of homosexuality in our society.

NOVEMBER HIKING

Two hiking trips are scheduled for November. They are the Golden Gate Bridge hike, on November 7th, and the Huddert County Park hike on November 21st. For further information, dial MANJADE.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MAYOR SHELLEY

The following is a substantial reprint of President Bill Beardemphl's letter to Mayor Shelley.

"Dear Sir:

"A most grievous situation has come to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Society for Individual Rights. They have directed me to send this letter advising you of the situation and the position of this organization.

"The September issue of the San Francisco Police Association Notebook carried the following story:

"POLICE BRUTALITY"

"The San Francisco News Call Bulletin of August 31st contained a most heartening statement by Superior Court Judge Elkington regarding alleged police brutality. It is about time some judge had the fortitude to deal with this most misused term. To most police officers brutality is heinous and avoided as a homosexual would be; it was most gratifying to read the judge's statement of clear truth."

"The article disavows acts of brutality by a minority of police, but at the same time casts serious doubts upon the police's integrity to deal with homosexuals by stating 'brutality is heinous and avoided as a homosexual would be'. Does this then set the homosexual apart in the police mind for special consideration, thereby letting the bars down to the point that acts of brutality by the police towards homosexuals are permissible? We feel that it does. In fact recent acts of brutality by the police towards homosexuals bear out the truth of this double standard of law enforcement.

"We find that such an irresponsible statement by the San Francisco Police Association is an incitement and gives license to the individual officer to engage in harassment, brutality and discriminatory law enforcement practices against citizens of San Francisco. Such an offi-

cial published statement proves beyond any doubt that the present policemen, hired by us, cannot, by their own admission, enforce and uphold the law in an equal and just manner. They are in effect, putting all persons publicly on notice that they will not enforce our laws equally and with justice. This public stand by the San Francisco Police Association proves beyond any doubt that an elected citizen's Police Review Board is called for and is desperately needed.

"The police have the duty and responsibility in our society of protecting all citizens, including homosexuals, on a fair and equal basis. Every citizen has a right to this protection. If the police can set up moralizing standards as to which persons are going to get protection and which persons are going to be discriminated against, then there is no justice possible in our society.

"There are many ways that the S.F. Police Association Notebook can aid in promoting justice instead of destroying justice. If they wish to do a service to the American heritage of liberty and equality, then why don't they publish things like "The Catholic Advisory Committee Report on Homosexuality"? I am enclosing a copy for your records.

". . .
"We wish to keep you informed as to what will influence the stand members of our community take when election time rolls around.

"Sincerely,

SIR SKIERS

A pre-season meeting of those interested in skiing will be held on Tuesday, November 16th, at 8:00 p.m. Pre-season conditioning, new equipment and techniques will be discussed. Call 673 6390 or MANJADE for location of meeting.

COLLEGE PROGRAM GIVEN

Over 200 San Jose State College students crowded a lecture auditorium to hear a special program entitled "Homosexuality and The Law", presented under the auspices of their psychology department. Dr. Bruce Olgivie, well known professor of psychology, moderated the Thursday, October 21st evening program. Appearing as guest speakers were Reverend Dr. Clay Colwell of United Church of Christ, Mr. Evander Smith, attorney, and Mr. William Beardemphl, president of SIR. While law enforcement officials were invited to appear, they all declined. The two hour program was well received, and a lively question and answer exchange followed the talks.

The presentation was taped for TV broadcasting over Channel 11 in San Jose. A copy of the tape will be made available for a special playing for members of SIR and their friends.

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President's Corner
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extremely conservative Republican element who declared them to be doing what every other red-blooded, manly patriot of this country wanted to and should do.

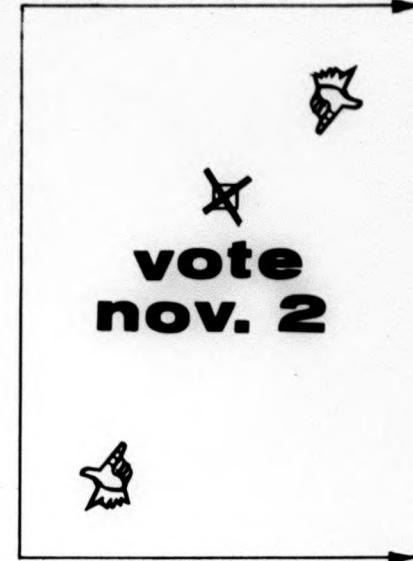
How dare any of our leaders call anyone else sick when their only overt backing for their rationales comes from such neo-Fascistic groups? The old saying about birds of a feather flocking together had better not be valid in this case. The sight of President Johnson mouthing the same public statements as Tiny, chief of the Hells Angels, strikes this observer as very disheartening. The arising picture of Johnson and Tiny marching forward together, backed by troops, to conquer pacifists, is indeed a sickening spectacle. How far from reality have we strayed?

The other recent impressive miscalculation came from liberal Republican Senator Kucel who, during his past election campaign, was falsely accused of having been arrested for a homosexual act in Los Angeles by two policemen. Kucel vehemently chastized the pamphlets for instructing young men on how to avoid the draft by declaring themselves to be, among other things, homosexuals. What kind of poetic justice has brought the creators and advocates of idiotic laws on homosexuality full circle to decry the application of their own laws? The pendulum in our pit has a sharp blade and a wide swing, indeed.

The moral is obvious. False witness gives credence to opposing views.

Police Board
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ported to us that for the first time in 20 years in San Francisco a judgment was awarded by a jury against a policeman charged with brutality. On September 27th, in Judge John Bussey's Superior Court, in the case of Phillips vs. O'Connell, attorney James Herndon successfully concluded four years of difficult work to win for his client a \$1,000 judgment. The prohibitive cost, time, and investigation necessary to bring such cases to a just conclusion again demonstrates the need for another method whereby citizens can get a fair hearing for grievances. Our position is clear. We must support such constructive approaches to this desperate area as the Citizen's Alert and we must work for enlightened enactment of an elected Police Review Board.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The SIR open membership meeting will be held:

TIME: 7:45 P.M.
PLACE: Glide Church,
Fellowship Hall.
Ellis & Taylor.
DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 17

This open meeting will feature a special program by the Membership Committee.

The closed membership meeting will be held Wednesday November 3rd; call Man Jade for location.