

President's Corner

by Bill Beardemphl

The most important problem of SIR's organizational work has been finances. I found in Kansas City that this area is the primary concern for all homophile leaders; and amongst our membership is some misunderstanding about our accounting and fund structure. With these things in mind, I feel a review of our fiscal structure and policies is in order.

The cash in the bank for SIR is near \$5,000 at this time. This good accounting can be directly attributed to our past Treasurer whose excellent work, control and value received from every penny spent is remarkable. His honesty and dedication must be praised. Our present Treasurer is following the same high standards.

We have a monthly working budget based on monthly income that must be adhered to. Presently these average about \$1,300. Our special FUNDS, such as Sirporium and Building, constitute most of our monies in accounts and must be used only for their specific intended purposes.

Income is largely derived from social functions, VECTOR sales, and membership fees. Tied in and essential to our success is the volunteer time and labor of our members. Our policy is one of getting money for goods or services rendered. No donations are solicited, but they are nevertheless gratefully received if offered.

Spending is controlled through a system of checks by an elected Ways and Means Committee that reports feasibility of expenditures over \$50 and then votes by the Board or membership. This approach has allowed SIR to move ahead with fiscal responsibility and still spend what we have to accomplish the most that we are able.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

THIS 'N THAT ... Friends & fellow members, thank you for the title of Secretary... Elections are over & the new officers & committee chairmen are hard at work integrating new ideas with old. Speaking of meetings, your new Vice-President & VECTOR Business Manager (one & the same) graciously welcomed the fledgling board members as they convened for the first time - t'was a pleasant surprise for all.

CUDS UNCHEWED TIL NOW ... The election results are tabulated in the (1) mimeo'd copies of the minutes of the last meeting ... And I add & repeat that (2) periodic news releases to VECTOR will be part of my work, (3) the Secretary's corner will be a regular feature of VECTOR, (4) a reading file is available in the office, (5) replies will be made to correspondence, and suggestions addressed to your Secretary will, in turn, be presented to the Board with a reply ASAP.

SHOTS IN THE DARK ... Big buckets of bouquets - or by the basketsful, if you prefer, to the Social Chairman & his committee for the Sweethearts Ball, the best ever. Incidentally, they could use some additional help in the future, for I saw volunteers and other committee chairmen working late to clean the hall after the ball (oh, well - sometimes things like that slip out). It is also a pleasure to extend hearty congratulations to ASK of Sacramento on their new publication - truly a credit to them and the homophile community at large. It was nice to see some of ASK's members at the ball ... As they said, first they were two or three, then four, and so on. Good wishes to them as they continue to grow.

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY ... Read where Dr. Lohman, a noted speaker, reminded a group of listeners that the problem of marijuana "lies less in the weed & more in the existence of harsh laws against it" ...

And it made me think that the observation is equally applicable to the homophile community. J.H.

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In accordance with Constitutional Amendment #4 Passed February 2, 1966, the following amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws are submitted for mailing to the Membership 30 days prior to the meeting of April 6, 1966.

1. Membership Resolution 2, Article VII, Section 2 shall be amended to read: For the purposes of Board Voting 9 (NINE) affirmative votes are required for the passage of a resolution.

2. Section 1: Membership Resolution #8 dated March 15th, 1965 is hereby revoked.

Section 2: Henceforth the Membership fee shall be \$10.00 per year for both voting and non-voting memberships which shall include a subscription to VECTOR. Voting Memberships shall be issued only to persons living within 50 miles of San Francisco. No-Voting Memberships shall be issued to those persons living more than 50 miles from San Francisco or those who are unable to attend meetings or take an active part in the Society. All memberships sold prior to the effective date of this resolution shall remain in effect until their normal date of expiration.

3. For the purposes of voting a quorum of the Board of Director shall be 65% (SIXTY FIVE PERCENT) of the total Board.

LETTERS

(Letters submitted for publication must be directed to Editor, VECTOR. Letters addressed to SIR, its Board of Directors, or individual board members or editors will not be considered. Letters must also contain the name, address, and telephone number of the writer, or they will not be considered. The writer's name, however, will not be published if he so requests in his letter.-Ed.)

Illegal Signatures

"Editor: I have been told that it is against the law to write letters to newspapers under someone else's name. Is this true?"

"Concerned"

Ed: Yes. Penal Code section 480 provides: "Every person who signs any letter addressed to a newspaper with the name of a person other than himself and sends such letter to the newspaper, or causes it to be sent to such newspaper, with intent to lead the newspaper to believe that such letter was written by the person whose name is signed thereto, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

Pen Pals

"Editor: ... I wish you would...give the addresses of some of your members since we cant meet personally we could at least be pen pals...."

"Sincerely"

Ed: VECTOR does not have access to membership lists. These are kept strictly confidential and may not be published anytime, anyplace, or anywhere. The names of persons published in VECTOR (and this does not include addresses and telephone numbers) are those only where we have been given written authorization by the member to use his name. Should you be willing for your name to appear in VECTOR, you should fill out the authorization which may

Sweethearts' Ball Huge Success

Topping the topless dancers, the waltz and watusi reigned at the annual St. Valentine's commemorative dance sponsored by SIR in North Beach on February 12, 1966. A turnout of 350 celebrants filled the auditorium to capacity. Music was provided by The Symbols, who played a variety of dances, ranging from modern swims and frugs to old-fashioned, but enduring, foxtrots and waltzes. So vigorous was the dancing that at one point the manager warned that the plaster was beginning to crack on the downstairs ceilings. An appreciative reception was also given to the topless eye-stoppers from the Copper Lantern, who performed several choreographic numbers.

The dance, which was organized and arranged by SIR's Social Activities Committee under the chairmanship of Gordon Barton, was presented this year under the theme, "Sweethearts' Ball." According to the chairman, over \$1 thousand was grossed from ticket sales. During the evening, President William Beardemphl gave a brief talk on the objectives and activities of SIR and invited the nonmembers present to examine the SIR publications and brochures distributed at the doors. Soft drinks, mix, and beer were provided free of charge throughout the evening.

be obtained at the SIR office. This authorization will be transmitted to us for our files. We might add that we are, in the absence of such authorization, prohibited from using members' names, even in news stories.

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THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT WATCHDOG OF LIBERTY

by Evander Smith

With this issue we begin a series of three installments. The first two installments are California cases and the third a Federal case. Alexander Pope's admonition was never more true than in this field of law when he said: "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing." Consequently, we implore our readers not to try and make this a do-it-yourself project until you have studied the cases in this series.

Bielicki et al. v. The Superior Court of Los Angeles County (1962) 57 Cal.2d 602, affirms the Federal and California Constitutional protection against unlawful search and seizure.

The defendant petitioners were observed committing "the infamous crime against nature" [anal copulation] through an aperture or orifice which had been cut or bored into the partition which divided their respective toilet booths. They were observed at night by a Long Beach policeman who was viewing the action through a pipe (13" long, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 inches in diameter) which had been installed through the roof of the building over the two toilet booths.

The policeman on the roof gave the signal to brother policemen on the ground who entered the booths and placed petitioners under arrest. The case does not explain how entry was obtained. It is important for the reader to appreciate that there were doors on each of the two stalls. No warrant had been issued either for the search of the premises or for the arrest of petitioners.

The Court stated that the officer's clandestine observation of the then unknown occupants of the toilet booths by means of a pipe in the ceiling constituted an unreasonable search. The officer climbed upon the roof to observe, an area most assuredly not open to the public, therefore no member of the public could have seen the petitioners as they were within the confines of toilet booths.

"Authority of police officers to spy on occupants of toilet booths - whether in an amusement park or a private home - will not be sustained on the theory that if they watch enough people long enough some malum prohibitum acts will eventually be discovered."

Immediately after the above decision wherein the California Supreme Court unanimously issued a writ of prohibition to restrain the trial court from proceeding to try petitioners, the case of *Britt v. The Superior Court of Santa Clara County* (1962) 58 Cal.2d 469, was heard. Here, the facts were as follows: (1) free toilet booths in a department store; (2) three walls and a door; (3) partition between booths 8 to 12" above the floor; (4) policeman stationed in false ceiling above the two toilets looking through two vents; (5) motion picture equipment and radio transmitter used by policeman to gather evidence and summon assistance from other officers; (6) the two defendants performed the "act of copulating the mouth of one person with the sexual organ of another"; (7) act committed by means of space beneath the partition; (8) no search warrant had been issued for search of the premises.

The court stated: "Man's constitutionally protected right of personal privacy not only abides with him while he is the householder within his own castle but cloaks him when as a member of the public he is temporarily occupying a room - including a toilet stall - to the extent that it is offered to the public for private, however transient, individual use."

"And while the act committed ... might have been visible - at least to some extent - had the officers been observing from a public common use portion of the rest room, the fact remains that he was not so stationed and the subject evidence was not so obtained; but rather, it was discovered solely by means of

the ... impermissible search, and hence was inadmissible under the settled law of this state." Writ of prohibition issued.

These two cases with their unique facts unequivocally prohibit spying by the police from a vantage point not ordinarily used by the public. Certainly the public does not get upon the roof or in a false ceiling. But in our next issue we will examine subsequent cases the facts of which distinguish them from the law here.



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These informal discussion meetings (participants need not talk unless they wish to do so) meet every Friday at 8:00 p.m. For further information, dial MANJADE.

DOB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The San Francisco Chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis, Inc., takes pleasure in announcing the Blanche M. Baker Memorial Scholarship.

The award will be made this summer for the academic year, and will be in one of the two following classifications:

(1) Any woman 21 or over attending an accredited college or university (full or part-time) who has a grade average of "B" or higher and plans to major in one of the following fields: anthropology, education, journalism, law, medicine, political science, psychology, sociology, or social welfare.

(2) Any woman 21 or over attending a vocational or trade school which will enable her to increase her earning power.

Request applications from the San Francisco Chapter, Daughters of Bilitis, Inc., San Francisco, California. Phone: 285-4275.

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ADOPT STATEMENT

thus far have indicated that findings of homosexual undesirability are based upon opinion, value judgments or emotional reaction rather than on scientific evidence or fact.

"A substantial number of American people are subjected to a second class citizenship, to the Gestapo-like "purges" of governmental agencies and to local police harassment. It is time that the American public re-examine its attitudes and its laws concerning the homosexual."

The statement was adopted by the following organizations, representing homosexuals in all 50 States:

Citizen's News (San Fran-

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cisco); Council on Religion and the Homosexual, Inc. (San Francisco); Daughters of Bilitis, Inc.; (San Francisco, New York City, Chicago); Janus Society of America (Philadelphia); Mattachine Society of Florida, Inc. (Miami); Mattachine Midwest (Chicago); Mattachine Society of Philadelphia (Philadelphia); Mattachine Society Inc. of New York (New York); Mattachine Society, Inc. (San Francisco); Mattachine Society of Washington (D.C.) (Washington, D.C.); One, Inc. (Los Angeles); One, in Kansas City (Kansas City); Tangents (Los Angeles); Tavern Guild of San Francisco, Inc. (San Francisco); Society for Individual Rights (San Francisco).

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BOOKS

by James H. Ramp

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The best approach to this book is through newspaper reviews.

Chicago American: "Isherwood at his best? [Question mark is mine.] A haunting quality which never seems to leave the reader. A single day and night in the life of a college instructor....a homosexual college instructor.. ..well paced and populated with well defined characters. The style - one moment sheer gossamer, the next graphic earthiness - is flawless."

Fresno Bee: "Marvellously engrossing story, skin tight in the intimacy of self, the warmth and simplicity and terrible honesty." [Nonsense]

Nashville Tennessean: "In this new novel Christopher Isherwood ... makes his leading character a sexual devi-

ate. [When did he do anything else, says I?] He has provided a sharp contrast with the NORMAL man and yet he has been able to show that all people experience the same emotions and face similar crises, no matter how they differ in normality and perspective. [You wanna bet?]

Jim Ramp - VECTOR. Isherwood writes to make money, not to justify or explain homosexuality. He would have his readers believe that George, his pitiable college instructor, is representative of us all. Thus he pleases heterosexual readers who wish to believe we are pitiable - if not criminal.

The book is recommended only for those who want to be heartily angry.

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Phone MANJADE

Bill Beardemphl Re-elected SIR President

Pledges "Honest Deal" as Homophile Goal

An honest deal for homosexuals, declared SIR President Bill Beardemphl, is the goal for which the members and other homophile organizations must work to achieve in the coming years. Speaking before the annual election meeting on February 2, 1966, at which he was overwhelmingly elected to a second one year term, Mr. Beardemphl stated that the important task before the Community is to obtain the same rights enjoyed by other citizens - in business or work, in social activities, and in private life. "It is our job to see that it comes about," the President told the members who attended.

At the marathon meeting, which lasted until 11:45 p.m., the membership, in addition to electing officers, selected nine new Committee Chairmen to serve on the Board of Directors, chose four members for the Ways and Means Committee, enacted five constitutional amendments, passed four By-Laws, and ran out of coffee!

Mr. William May was elected Vice President. In his pre-election speech, he proposed that an information brochure be prepared for distribution to new members, explaining SIR's internal organization and describing its activities and special committees. He also advocated an informal meeting where members of the Board of Directors would be available to answer questions by the membership, with the objective of establishing better communication between the "rank and file" and their elected representatives.

A new Secretary was also elected on a platform which included publishing full reports of monthly meetings and distributing mimeographed copies of the minutes to all members. He suggested publication of a quarterly magazine, and setting up "recruiting tables" at meetings to enlist greater participation in SIR's committees and special projects. In addition to the foregoing, the membership elected a new Treasurer.

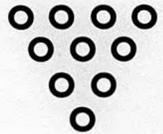
Constitutional Amendments: The Constitutional amendments (1) provide that no elected official shall hold a paid position during his term of office, (2) require that proposed amendments be sent to members 30 days prior to voting and eliminate the provision that amendments can be enacted only at annual meetings, (3) require special elections to fill Board vacancies, (4) require Board approval to dismiss employees, and (5) created four new standing committees whose chairmen are members of the Board of Directors. The new committees are the Sirporium, Community Center, Small Activities, and Public Relations. The amendment increased the number on the Board of Directors to sixteen.

By-Laws: The adopted amendments to the By-Laws reduce a quorum to 75 voting and sustaining members, require that the minutes show the number of yeas, nays, and abstentions on all votes, permit a sub-chairman to report to the Board in the absence of a committee chairman, and "resolve" that all Board committees shall meet with their chairman at least 12 times a year.

SKI CLUB OUTING

February 25, 26 & 27 to Heavenly Valley (South Shore of Lake Tahoe)
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	7 Bowling	8 Art Group Bridge NRA Social Committee Sirporium Trustee Board Meeting Ski Group	9 Swimming Membership Committee	10 Model R.R. Club Pinochle	11 Conversation Groups Poker	12
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**CRH PROPOSES
MEETING ON
THE HOMOSEXUAL
AND THE DRAFT**

The Board of Trustees of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual would like to propose a project of vital concern to be undertaken by all homophile organizations throughout the country simultaneously. The issue is: "The Homosexual's Response to the Draft Call - A Moral Dilemma."

On a pre-arranged date all homophile organizations would hold mass meetings of the Town Hall type in their local areas to raise the issue. Speakers should include members of the military, the selective service board, the clergy, the legal profession, and the homophile community. It is possible that similar activity could be sparked on college campuses on the same day and that cooperation could be obtained from the Methodist Young Adult Project and students in the seminaries. Such a meeting would focus national attention on this very crucial issue facing every homosexually oriented male between the ages of 18 and 26.

A proposed date for such a meeting would be Saturday, May 21st, which is before the close of the current college semester. This allows almost three months to get the program in gear and properly publicized.

Should such program be favored by the homophile organizations, they should also consider follow-up programs. Statements of and attention to the problem, while helpful, are not enough. More must be done. Perhaps a consensus report of the outcome of these meetings could be published with the endorsement of many groups and not just homophile organizations. The report could then be distributed to U.S. Senators and Congressmen, as well as to various administrative officials and public agencies. The document could delineate

SKI CLUB SNOW BOUND

Chains were in and skiing was out for members of the SIR Ski Club who were temporarily snowbound in the Sierra Nevada Mountains over the weekend of February 5th. Nine members of the club arrived at Dodge Ridge, near Sonora, California, Friday evening for their second outing of the season, and spent a full day of skiing Saturday. Although the weather was overcast, there was no wind and conditions were generally excellent. During the morning, the chairman gave instructions to three beginning skiers who, by afternoon, were using the ski-lifts on the smaller slopes.

Saturday evening, however, the weather closed in. As a result of a heavy snowfall, which continued through the next day, Sunday's skiing was considerably delayed while members unshoveled their cars and installed tire chains. High snowdrifts and low visibility combined to make skiing unsatisfactory, and by noon, most of the skiers decided to return to San Francisco.

One of the objectives of the club, according to the chairman, is to encourage SIR members who have never skied to take up the sport. Beginning skiers may rent a complete ski outfit, including boots, skis, and ski pants, for a weekend from any of several San Francisco ski shops for about \$6.50.

A weekend ski trip to different resorts is planned for every three or four weeks during the winter. The next trip will be to the Lake Tahoe area. Interested persons may obtain information by calling 673-6390.

the need for remedial legislation regarding the draft status and treatment of homosexuals in the armed services. Continuing pressure should then be exerted to assure that Congress take appropriate action.

CRH feels that such a program would not only unify efforts of the various homophile groups, but would also be effective in accomplishing the reforms we all seek.



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OPEN MEETING REPORT

Newly-elected officers and committee chairmen were introduced to SIR members and guests by President Bill Beardemphl at the sparsely attended open meeting on February 16, 1966. The meeting was held at the Bethany Methodist Church at Capp and 21st Streets. President Beardemphl urged the membership to write Governor Brown to protest the proposed introduction of the Dorn Amendment at the current special session of the Legislature. He also announced that members henceforth would be notified by mail of each meeting in the hope of having a larger attendance.

Following President Beardemphl's introductory remarks, the new chairmen reported on their committee activities and described future projects.

Community Center: The proposed location for the Community Center on 17th Street did not prove satisfactory, according to the chairman, and the committee is still searching for a suitable building to lease or purchase. The Community Center will serve as the new SIR headquarters, providing space for administrative offices, recreational facilities, and committee and membership meetings.

Community Services: The Community Services Committee was described as one of SIR's most productive units. As examples, the chairman cited the fact that the Sirporium and Community Center Project, both now independent committees, originally began as community services projects. Among the present activities of the committee are the SIR blood bank, the V.D. educational campaign, and a housing file.

Sirporium: The Sirporium, which is licensed to sell second-hand merchandise to the general public, is one of SIR's steady income-producing activities, and recently, passed the \$50.00 mark in gross sales per day. The Sirporium, which is located at 525 Hayes Street between Octavia and Laguna, relies on donations of used goods by SIR members and others in the

Community for its inventory. The chairman also announced plans to start an "arts and crafts" center, possibly located in the Haight-Ashbury district, which would sell handicraft, paintings, and other art works by members of the Community on a consignment basis.

Political Committee: California's gubernatorial candidates will soon receive a series of letters drafted by the Political Committee to elicit their position on problems of interest to the Community. Responses, if any, will be published in an election brochure. The committee has also started a file on municipal and judicial officials, based primarily on newspaper articles, which will be used as a guide for SIR recommendations in coming elections.

Publications: The Publications Committee, which is responsible for all published matter, except VECTOR, will soon acquire the facilities to handle all of its printing requirements. The committee also manages the SIR library, and is presently cataloging and indexing its books. The committee is in need of artists and layout men, and typists to help with the cataloging.

Religious Committee: One of the four new committees established at the annual election meeting, the Religious Committee is still "getting organized." According to the chairman, projected means of "tangling" with religious issues will include seminars and weekend retreats.

Small Activities: This committee coordinates and represents the smaller SIR activities, such as the conversation groups, hikers, bowling team, camping group, model railroaders, ski club, and three card-player groups. The chairman stated that the committee is looking for suggestions and leadership for additional small activities.

Social Activities: This group, which sponsored the successful Sweetheart's Ball on February 12th, plans three more dances this year. Other projects include another Sirlebrity Capades, a talent-show, a bay cruise, and pic-

HELP WANTED FOR PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publications Committee of SIR is charged with preparing and printing all material for SIR; the maintenance of the library; the compiling of a clipping file of articles from newspapers and related sources of material of interest to the members of SIR; the design and printing of all posters; the printing of all forms needed by the Corporation and many other duties.

To fulfill these duties properly, it is necessary to have an active committee. The following are needed:

1. Artists to design posters and covers for brochures.
2. Typists to prepare copy for printing.
3. Proofreaders.
4. Someone to organize and maintain our clipping file.
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TOWARD A POSITIVE VIEW OF THE FUNCTIONING HOMOSEXUAL

by Frank J. Howell

The recent furor in gay circles over the Time Magazine essay, "The Homosexual in America" (January 22, '66) has emphasized the bizarre and specious concepts the public holds regarding homosexuality. Members of the homophile community are rarely viewed in an area of gray. No moderate area is supposed to exist. The obvious extremes are depicted as representing reality. Society has finally focused its attention on the lavender world, but always with predictable results. The general semanticist and his warnings that the "maps are not the territory" and "cow (1) is not the same as cow(2) or cow(3)..." go largely unheeded. Naturally this is true whether one talks of negroes, cowboys, or any image that invites the instant stereotype.

How did this dilemma come to pass? Why has the homophile world allowed itself to be used? The individual in our century has come to feel alienated from himself as well as his friends. The homosexual is injected with a double dose of this emotion. He has been informed of his abnormality and undesirable traits so often he now believes they must be so. The established institutions perpetrate the silence about love between men in order to keep the homosexual isolated from his sexual peers. Thus, historically the various homophile organizations have emphasized not the nurture of homosexual life itself, but the civil right to be homosexual. References to the intimate aspects of this life are toned down in favor of more noble sounding phrases such as "sexual freedom."

An effective case for this method of strategy can be driven home in a highly meaningful fashion and is no doubt correct at this stage of the game. But no one dares to examine the gay life for its own sake. The tone set

is usually negative or full of urgency about how to outwit the police powers for another decade. Even homosexuals themselves frequently do not ponder a positive approach. They merely hope to be tolerated. But what is there in this mode of living that is pleasing and satisfying? Is sexual release the only case that can be expounded; or the negative thesis about the failings of the opposite sex? What emotional, social, and psychological value is present? Why do these people become attracted to one another?

On the few occasions when the above factors are examined, the temporary character of these relationships is strongly apparent. (Valid exceptions do exist, of course) But generally lovers are together only a few months at best. If this type of loving is desirable, then why do these people usually go their separate ways? Is homosexuality to be regarded as agreeable because the relationship can be hastily dismantled when both partners are disenchanted? Is the homophile community expected to sing praises to the instability and temporal elements present? Is the individual a homosexual because he possesses a genuine liking for being so, or is this the result of feeling trapped and being in need of a second best mode of living? Why not marry and rear children instead? If the gay way is so wonderful, why don't we spell out why this is so?

But how often are these existential questions honestly faced? The dynamics of the intense, lasting homosexual union (and some do exist) desperately needs investigation.

The non-straight world must do more than merely reply that not having the burden of children and a nagging wife is a real blast. Naturally this short-circuits a lot of worry and gives us the ability to be mobile. But if

the homophile philosophy can offer nothing but this bit of homespun sophistry we are in for a rather unprofitable struggle with the reactionary segments of our society. The unspoken, but deeply felt assumptions that are the foundations of our way of life cry out for rigorous examination and sharpened expression. Can we outline these positive affirmations and intuitive feelings for all to contemplate?

The time has probably come for the bewildered homosexual to arise from the church altar or the analyst's couch and shape the environment and his destiny by his own will and actions. This would seem to constitute existential philosophy in its finest hour.

For far too long the heterosexual world has persisted in chanting Biblical verse or the theories of Freud. But it is swiftly being deprived the comfort of these exhausted shibboleths. In an age of sexual ambiguity that is rapidly leading to conspicuous bisexuality, the homophile segment must seize the opportunity of forcing our elders to stare a new and bolder reality in the face.

S.F. BRANCH NLSU

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Kansas City Conference

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funding; other topics discussed were membership, types of organizations, directions, new organizations and their stimulation, and printed in-group attacks.

A direct result of the conference was the formation of a new group, tentatively named "One, In Kansas City."

There was some press coverage. The Kansas City Star sent a reporter and photographer and published an article. A local TV station made a news filming of two delegates selected by the Conference.

The delegates agreed on another conference to be held in San Francisco on August 25-27, 1966. There will be a general hosting by all organizations in this area. August 23-24th are set aside as connected days for holding workshops and other programs. The conference will tie in with the DOB convention to be held on August 20-22. Reverend Dr. Clay Colwell, president of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, was named coordinator for the conference which will follow similar operational lines as the Kansas City conference. Recognized homosexual organizations are authorized to send one delegation each consisting of up to six men. Three of these will be voting delegates and the other three non-voting delegates.

The success of the Kansas City conference, in large part, was due to the able chairmanship of Dr. Colwell. The homophile community is, indeed, very lucky to have such a brilliant organizer on its side.

SIR's delegation to the conference was led by President Bill Beardemphl who made the following comments:

"The feeling of cooperation and unanimity that came out of the conference was heartening. All delegates must be praised for their hard work and dedication. A surge forward on a practical basis for national accomplishments has started. Attitudes of looking for methods we may achieve was evident with dedication to be responsive to the needs and desires

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of homosexuals.

"Last August I found myself leading a SIR delegation to ECHO to accomplish a national conference, and we came home with unified commitments from most national groups along these lines. In Kansas City I found many delegations who had come with specific proposals and who went away with national agreement. The change in directions is apparent. For many years we heard about what should be done with no one addressing himself to accomplishing tasks. The movement was talk. The turning point has now been reached; organizations are applying themselves to goals, specific, immediate and realizable. I feel that we are now on the road to accomplishing our desires."

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