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Homophile Movement Policy Statement

Written and adopted by the Western Regional Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations held April 21-23, 1967 at Los Angeles, California.

Since the homosexual community is composed of all types of persons, we feel that the movement ought not be constricted by any limiting concept of public image. The homosexual has no reputation to protect.

It is true that the image that an organization projects inside the homosexual community may affect the support it gets from that community. But we would support the right of individuals to do what they want and should educate the homosexual to accept himself as a homosexual and to accept all other persons.

We assert the right of individuals to be what they are and do what they wish so long as it does not infringe on the rights of others.

One purpose of homophile groups is to explain the various alternatives open to the individual and the possible consequences of such alternatives, and to help individuals achieve full personhood.

We do not feel that drag, sado-masochism, and other aspects of sexual behavior can be summarily dismissed as necessarily invalid expressions of human love. As human beings and as homosexuals, we have a special interest in understanding all sexuality.

A Great Success
W P C H O

G.M.

Humor and goodwill abounded as delegates from 18 homophile groups gathered at historic Methodist Lodge in the Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles, Calif. on April 21 to hold the 3 day meeting of the Western Regional Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations. Some house rules such as "NO SMOKING OR DRINKING" much to the chagrin of some of the delegates limited the activities usually associated with the gatherings of the clan.

Rev. Alex Smith of the Methodist Church chaired the meetings. His ready wit, warm friendship, and leadership ability contributed greatly to the success of this conference.

Attending from S.I.R. were Dorr Jones, President; Bill Beardemphl, VECTOR Chairman and Founding President; and George Mendenhall, Public Relations Chairman. George Mendenhall was selected as the conference secretary. Also from San Francisco were representatives of the Tavern Guild of S.F.; Daughters of Bilitis; Vanguard; The Council on Religion and the Homosexual; Mattachine S.F.; Letterman Club and Strait and Associates (which withdrew from participation after an opening statement.)

Other organizations represented were Southern Calif. Council on Religion and the Homophile; Association for Responsible Citizenship of Sacramento; D.O.B. of Los Angeles; PRIDE; Tangents; Prosperos; Pursuit; Circle of Loving Companions; and the National Legal Defense Fund. It was obvious from the start that a willingness to get down to brass tacks was the spirit of the delegates at the conference.

"Sociometrics," the science of using the established power structure through interpersonal relations to further causes electrified delegates. Rev. Ted McIlvenna of Glide Methodist, San Francisco, illustrated how groups can work into the network of power in society and influence change. Later the conference urged the national conference, meeting in August, to make Sociometrics a major agenda item.

The conference decided to apply for an educational booth again at the California State Fair in Sacramento, and also at the Los Angeles County Fair; endorse C.R.H./L.A. in setting up a counselling center in that area; ask groups of the conference to evaluate the value of their professional referral services; promote seminars on homosexuality for persons in professional public agencies.

Attempts to aid the creativity of the national conference in August were made with resolutions that asked that body's credentials committee to accept anyone who is properly sponsored, regardless of dress or sexual practice and recommend that the national conference, in part, be set up on a "work shop" basis that was successfully used at this regional conference.

Delegates set up a committee to finalize another Western Conference sponsored by A.R.C. in Sacramento, that would follow the national conference.

Police harassment and raids on bars and private homes continue in Los Angeles up to publication of this issue of VECTOR. The L.A. Conference unanimously voted for a press release "deploring the harassment of some units of the Los Angeles Police Department, in flagrant violation of the rights of the homosexual citizens" and pleaded again for a face-to-face dialogue with the police to discuss the matter.

Possibly the most important long-range value of the conference is the unanimous acceptance of the delegates of a Homophile Movement Policy Statement. We are printing it in full above.
THE DEVELOPMENT OF SEXUAL CHOICE FOR THE ADOLESCENT IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

by Frank J. Howell

The enterprising anthropologists of the twentieth century like Margaret Mead and Ruth Benedict have faithfully documented their findings of life in primitive cultures. One of the really provocative observations has focused on adolescent sexual development. The young people in these areas do not experience the pseudo-disease known as "adolescence" which is said to be a development of the eighteenth century. The bridge between childhood and maturity is short and direct. Thus the dilemma of holding sexual appetites under control is bypassed in these societies. The attitude of parents toward such expression is relaxed and matter of fact. Sex play is permitted among the young.

Certainly conservative minds are alarmed whenever suggestions are made which favor transplanting the curious practices to western institutions. A calm evaluation of the scene would suggest such fear to be naive. Nevertheless it would seem that certain tendencies could be appreciated and the implications awarded more than passing scrutiny by those who profess to analyze and regulate our moral scale of values. But such efforts can only be appreciated on the ragged edges of contemporary social history. The conception that man's desires and inclinations flow along an incredible and vast plateau is still a novel consideration. While today's parents usually realize sex play is common among the young, they still cling to Billy Graham's notion that teen days are holy days and adolescents should be seen sublimating and not creating delicious scandal in the image of their parents. This frame of reference does not take account of developmental psychology. Unlike the medieval image of children existing as small adults, the subtle investigator notices that children often do not embellish their experiences with grownup moral equations such as this or that "ain't nice". The pleasure principle has not yet put on sheep's clothing. Hence the child is first attracted to homosexual adventures. He enjoys body contact and is vitally aware of the mechanics involved.

Hordes of vehement and self-assured social critics fail to comprehend one compelling fact. The male child must first succeed as a homosexual before he can enjoy the fruit of the heterosexual world. For this constitutes his first childhood experience and he must pass through it in fine fettle.

Today's adolescent is informed in no uncertain terms (or is he?) that such warm glows of ecstasy must be delayed for the next several years. This circumstance leads to attempts by the young to employ devious means of gaining erotic release, i.e. masturbation of an experience with associates of the same sex. Christian culture makes no allowance for this development. The Greeks took an entirely different view. When the Grecian boy reached puberty his parents arranged for a slave boy to serve as his sleeping companion. In this fashion libidinous energy was harmlessly drained off and life proceeded as usual. Later, in adulthood, the same individual gravitated further toward the conventional heterosexual mode of living.

Social scientists are swiftly approaching a fresher, less inhibited conception of man's preferences and leanings. Sexual desires are viewed as lying along a finely graded scale ranging from heterosexuality to homosexuality. But neither of these terms is misleading. For the human animal is bisexual in nearly all respects.

The upheavels in contemporary clothing styles mirror this coming realization. Psychiatrists view the fashion changes with shrieks of for-boding, i.e. Robert P. Odenwald, The Disappearing Sexes, New York, Little, Brown, 1969. They plead that the individual's sense of identity will evaporate if such gray, ambiguous genders are allowed to reign.
to stalk the social landscape. But a less frightening conclusion can be reached by the civil libertarian. He beholds further avenues of personalized sex expression unclogged by the enema of calm rationalism. If a deviate mode of dress or manner is genuine, one can perhaps assume the persons ego is secure and not at stake.

Thus, society may find it wiser to embrace the bisexual continuum rather than strain the either/or complex. Perhaps todays young people can evolve a self enhancing sexual choice without being pushed around by a culturally conditioned panic button. The adolescent needs to explore all facets of his existence. It would seem he is unable to make an intelligent decision if he cannot experience first hand the depths of involvement with his own sex. Then, if he so wills, he can simply slide further down the bisexual continuum from wherever he happens to be. Our country in view of a high divorce rate and similar disasters, is ill-equipped to make the choice for him.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

by Pat Kelley

This month shall witness the initiation of a new method of presenting the Secretary's Corner. This column will be used for items of general interest concerning the Society and its meetings. An additional space will be used in the Gold Sheet for the Secretary's remarks to the membership. This change is due to the increased circulation of VECTOR and the fact that I feel my personal reports to the membership is not of interest to those who are not members.

At the last closed meeting, Constitutional Amendments were passed that make the recall of a Director or Officer both easier and give this power to the membership. Previous to this time, it was nearly impossible for the membership to recall a Director and only the Board could recall an Officer. Under the new procedure, the Board may suspend a Director or Officer while recall is in progress.

The powers of both the Vice President and the Chairman of the Membership Committee were enlarged. This will streamline some of the operation of the Corporation. Jim F. was elected to be the Chairman of the Community Services Committee. Some of you will remember Jim. He was Chairman of this Committee once before and made it one of the largest and most effective committees in S.I.R. We look forward to this Committee once again becoming a major factor in the community.

The Open Meeting on April 25th was highlighted by two speakers. Rev. Smith spoke on the firing of Dr. Fort and said that this was the first open move by the ultra conservative elements of the city to get rid of those persons with a liberal outlook on the problems faced by the Continued on page 12
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by Chuck Thayer

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By Dorr Jones

Spring should be a time of great beauty, not only an awakening in nature but in human spirit! What happened? The dark, cold winter may have passed, but left behind a colder set of values...so instilled in some persons that even a lovely spring cannot penetrate the shells which prevent love and communication. These weeks are filled with anguish over a questionable war, a state-approved murder in San Quentin, tax-wasting trials over posters, films and books, the persecution of a doctor who has intelligently and sympathetically served the needs of hundreds of people with special problems, but refuses to fit into a narrow, political box within the health department, a nightstick-minded core of police officers banded together with a sunset-minded Grand Jury who would will the end of the community relations unit with its humane approach, preferring the old and ineffective methods of force. For a "city that knows how" reputation, there have been serious breaches of justice and frequent harassments in the Haight-Ashbury area, not to mention the long standing problems of unequal law enforcement in other minority sections of the city.

On and on the list could be extended to attitudes and actions which should respect basic human rights and dignity, but constantly attest to man's inhumanity to man. The Episcopal Diocese has taken a stand on the treatment of homosexuals and is to be commended (along with the United Church of Christ) for endorsing the goals of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, making a financial pledge to this work, and issuing strong statements favoring law revisions and protesting police entrapment. A.R.C. of Sacramento had a most successful panel on homosexuality (with nearly 500 persons in attendance), and since then I have addressed a gathering of Baptist ministers and a large group of San Francisco State College students. People fear what they do not understand, and then often attack. Hundreds of persons were (and will be) reached and attitudes changed through these public exposures to a way of life shrouded in mystery, and such educational confrontations should be a principal goal of this organization.

If we stand secure, then we're in a position to consider the problems of others, whether it be support for the Diggers, Dr. Joel Fort, or the Police Community Relations Department. Could our approach really be "SIR LOVES YOU?"

---WELCOME---

Society Advocating Mutual Equality, Rock Island, Illinois; The Dallas Council on Religion and the Homosexual; Circle of Friends, Dallas; Florida League for Good Government, Miami; Student Homophile League, Columbia University, New York City.

An impressive list of new organizations indicating the burgeoning growth of the national homophile movement and increasing concern for the rights of America's homosexual citizens.

SIR extends to all of you our very best wishes for your success!
Attention all sewers! You can stop trying to thread your needles at least until next month. Your instructor Tommy Brown has been drafted...by the Productions Committee to help costume for their 3 one-act plays.

Bill Plath is now my Sub-Chairman. He is also our "chef extrodinaire of the Tuesday and Thursday night dinners. These dinners, by the way, have an interesting history. They were originally planned to augment the Physical Fitness Group but as the group died out, the dinners remained as a service by Mr. Plath to S.I.R. members and guests. Now it has been re-incorporated as a S.I.R. small activity called the S.I.R. Dinner Group. This is not to be confused with the Gourmet Group that you all saw (and responded so favorably to) on the Small Activity Interest Sheets. The formation of this group will be (dramatically) announced at the May open meeting.

The new snow in April more than made up for a messy March, but due to the quantity of it, the Spring Carnival date was changed to April 22nd.

With two extra weekends to carry on, the SIR Skiers went to Reno and skied Slide Mountain. The new snow made for exciting skiing and the weather was beautiful! Several new skiers joined the group and after cocktails and dinner, all decided to attend the "Mad Hat Party" at Dave's V.I.P.

Darrell and Jon made a sensational entrance dressed as Snoopy and the Red Baron--vintage flying helmets, goggles, and sparklers for machine guns...the weekend was a huge success!!

And then there was "The Donner Party" at Donner Summit -- the skiing was fantastic, and so was the Saturday Night Dance at the V.I.P.

On Sunday several of the V.I.P.'s joined the group at Boreal Ridge and soon had everyone agog! What with drinks from the portable bar and music from a tape recorder, the sun deck resembled an alfresco V.I.P.

Unfortunately, The VECTOR deadline is on the eve of Spring Carnival, so the report will have to appear next month. However, it can be reported that many magnums of champagne and large quantities of caviar are being chilled, costumes are being prepared for the costume ball on Saturday night and the award for "the sensational SIR Skier of '67" is ready to be presented at the champagne brunch on Sunday! Ski Heil!!
**Bowling**

The enthusiastic response to the S.I.R. originated Bowling League has forced us to expand to two nights, since the bowling alley can't build any more lanes to accommodate us.

The summer league begins this month and SIR members and friends are urged to join in the fun. The regular league will continue on Monday nights. We have some openings on both nights. The Monday night league will continue to have 110 bowlers and Thursday nights will have 55.

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**SIR Center Swings**

SIR's first Open House on Sunday, April 16, from 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. drew an overwhelming response of 2,000 persons. The first anniversary celebration of the Community Center opening featured an uninhibited stage show, produced by John Simo. A staging of the San Francisco 1906 earthquake, complete with falling bricks and pillars, climaxced by a "Jeanette MacDonald" swinging over the rubble and singing "San Francisco" brought down the house.

After the show, many visitors remained for a dance and to continue socializing and finding out about the activities and functions of SIR.

Fred Hardt's Community Center Committee had painted the Center and built a new portable lounge area. Chuck Thayer, Publications Chairman, had created a large photo-information display, as well as gathering and stacking the cartons of printed information that was available in the Board Room. The Social Committee, under Jack Miller's direction, served free hot dogs, beer, coke, and operated the dance. The information area was manned under the direction of Jim Graham, Membership Committee Chairman.

The Public Relations Committee was pleased to learn that since the Open House over 100 new members have joined SIR.

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It would take a great deal more space to tell of all of the many S.I.R. functions and activities that are directed by the membership democratically through committees. A brochure and other information will be sent to those writing Membership Chairman, S.I.R., 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94103.

HOMOSEXUALITY IN THE AMERICAN MALE

by J. Foster

In the wake of numerous television programs and radio shows, it was inevitable that sooner or later one of the recording companies would present a record on homosexuality. PROBE records has done just that with the recording entitled Homosexuality In The American Male.

The jacket blurb states, "This album brings you words where there has been silence." Well, hardly, In the past few years we have been subjected to a barrage of information on homosexuality from the press, television, radio and the national magazines. Granted, most of this has been mis-information, half-truths and downright lies.

This album, available now at most record stores at $2.97 a copy, does attempt to present the subject through a series of interviews with homosexuals, not all of whom are medical patients, imprisoned or maladjusted in other ways. The recording presents a fair and impartial cross section of all homosexual with one important omission. Seemingly on purpose, they neglect the work and goals of the homophile organizations, which are becoming increasingly important in the lives of many of us.

A favorable comment should also be made on the excellent narration by Robert Jennings. Time and time again he successfully exposes the fine grey shadow area that is often lost between the black and white of the experts. It was with tremendous satisfaction that I listened to his treatment of Dr. Albert Ellis' wilder statements.

All in all the record is a good one. Although it often re-instates the pathos, frustration, and apparent meaninglessness found in the lives of many of us, it also presents the world of the homosexual who is able to function successfully and contribute in a meaningful manner to the world around him.

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Chere Madame,

I worship my worldly lover who is many years older, infinitely articulate and surely knows more about the mechanics of human communication. However, he is gargantuan and an inveterate cuddler. Once bliss fades, I prefer an isolated, reposeful section of our creaky bed. Not he. Squashed, I have proposed we resort to twin beds. He weighed the matter (not himself lately, alas) and declared it would sever all soul relationship. His argument just left me crushed.

Meanwhile, many a night I feel so ironed-out I have to rise and take to my knitting! I surely love this portly soul, but Madame, in all kindness, what can I do to equitably deal with this problem?

Sleepless

Dear Sleepless;

I too once had this problem with my fourth husband. He was a full girthed baritone who also maintained an absolutely crushing nocturnal relationship with me. I remember we were doing a tour of the Mid-West Music Capitals when the problem became worse and worse. I was in the middle of singing the Ange Adorable love duet in a gala performance of Gounod's Romeo et Juliette in Alma, Nebraska, when the answer was revealed. Being exceptionally bright as well as beautiful and talented, it came to me that my pudgy baritone husband was so possessive of me because he felt insecure in his romantic and emotional possession. It was all so suddenly clear. I was younger than he, beautiful, and was being embraced by tenor after tenor, and, as opera plots often go, spurned baritone after baritone. He was so possessive of my physical nearness when we slept because it reassured him of our feelings toward each other.

In closing, Sleepless, do as I later did by making your lover feel more loved when he is awake and out of the bed. I am sure in no time he will feel less insecure and require less "total touch"...... and, as the Sandfairy says in Hansel und Gretel, "May happy dreams be with you through the hours you sleep."

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Chere Madame,

I worship my worldly lover who is many years older, infinitely articulate and surely knows about the mechanics of human communication. However, he is gargantuan and an inveterate cuddler. Once bliss fades, I prefer an isolated, reposeful section of our creaky bed. Not he. Squashed, I have proposed we resort to twin beds. He weighed the matter (not himself lately, alas) and declared it would sever all soul relationship. His argument just left me crushed.

Meanwhile, many a night I feel so ironed-out I have to rise and take to my knitting! I surely love this portly soul, but Madame, in all kindness, what can I do to equitably deal with this problem?

Sleepless

Dear Sleepless;

I too once had this problem with my fourth husband. He was a full girthed baritone who also maintained an absolutely crushing nocturnal relationship with me. I remember we were doing a tour of the Mid-West Music Capitals when the problem became worse and worse. I was in the middle of singing the Ange Adorable love duet in a gala performance of Gounod's Romeo et Juliette in Alma, Nebraska, when the answer was revealed. Being exceptionally bright as well as beautiful and talented, it came to me that my pudgy baritone husband was so possessive of me because he felt unsure in his romantic and emotional possession. It was all so suddenly clear. I was younger than he, beautiful, and was being embraced by tenor after tenor, and, as opera plots often go, spurning baritone after baritone.

He was so possessive of my physical nearness when we slept because it reassured him of our feelings toward each other.

In closing, Sleepless, do as I later did by making your lover feel more loved when he is awake and out of the bed. I am sure in no time he will feel less insecure and require less "total touch".... and, as the Sandfairy says in Hansel und Gretel, "May happy dreams be with you through the hours you sleep."

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T.G.S. F. Auction Series is Another Success
by B. Plath

The eighth series of Tavern Guild Auctions is coming to a brilliant close. With only two more auctions to go, Guild Members wish to thank all of their customers for making this series the great success that it has been.

Some of San Francisco's outstanding stage personalities donated not only their time and talent, but literally the clothes off their backs. Gay San Francisco loves them all the more for it.

Readers still have two opportunities to become a part of this auction series before it becomes history. The newly reopened Trapp will host an auction Tuesday, May 2d, and the grand finale of the auction series will be at Jackson's on Monday, May 8th.

The money raised by this auction series has been responsible for the creation of a Gay Community Chest Fund which is under the administration of the Tavern Guild's Board of Directors. Many of the positive action projects that you will be reading about in the daily papers, will have been funded in part or entirely from this auction money.

The ever busy Tavern Guild Brownies are already getting their summer picnic plans in order. Dates and locations will soon be selected. Watch for posters in your bars and, of course, up to date information in VECTOR.

Secretary's Corner
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Mr. Herb Kutchens of the O.R. Bail Project spoke on what this service could mean to the minority groups of San Francisco. He also expressed the feeling that there was a real threat from the ultra conservative elements of the city.

The meeting was then adjourned in order for those present to take a tour of the proposed new Community Center.

QUOTES without comment

Posted HOUSE RULES for the WE BOYS-J.O.C. LODGE where the Western Regional Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations met:

No smoking, dancing, card playing or alcoholic beverages allowed in the house or the grounds.
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**Drag is it rab, despicable, ivine?**

by W. E. Beademphl

Society's exaggerated concern for clothes fetishes has always been a source of wonder to me. Some people abhor new clothes; some can't tolerate the "hippies" colorful dress, insisting on conformity to the approved social norm and suffering any discomfort it may entail. SIR members, presumably a liberal-minded group, seem to find "leather" more acceptable than "drag," and our first Open Forum found nearly all responses rationalizing why--whatever that particular writer does--is all right. Few tried to explore individual NEED and FULFILLMENT with any objectivity and most overlooked the warped social standards that are at the heart of the problem.

The first "hang up" that revealed itself in these letters was our group's acceptance of the concept of "social acceptability." It goes something like this: "WE MUST CONFORM! We are no different than heterosexuals except in sexual preference. We will gain social acceptance ONLY when we conform to conventional dress and societal standards." I have heard these "baby-boys-must-wear-blue -and-baby-girls-must-wear-pink" arguments until I could vomit--green.

Society has placed the homosexual in a social situation in which he just doesn't fit. The homosexuals' attempt to "fit"--to find a "role"--often leads to a clothes fetish. (I am not a "normal" man; therefore, I must be part woman; therefore, I must wear women's clothes.) Or, the revolt may be against the homosexual being told he must be a "man." In both cases, we see an attempt to assume a role--an IDENTITY--through clothing, that will be understood and accepted by society as society itself defines "understanding" and "acceptance."

Dress can communicate on a much more profound level than the current "I am a 'male'; I am a 'female'" level. Drag can be used effectively as a cry for pity and compassion for the wrong that society inflicts against some of its members. But, more importantly, it can go far beyond this expression into a wonderful world of creative art that will bring pleasure to all who will open their eyes and see. Dress can be an art form of great discipline, giving expression to personhood and joy to others. Let us, as homosexuals, devote our talents toward bringing about this GOOD society.

Another "hang up" the last Open Forum illustrated was the "I want a REAL man" syndrome. (I hate "nellies," dig "butchies," et al.) In this group we find those who either endure the discomfort and drabness of "acceptable" male dress or those who develop super-masculine fetishes. Personality development always appears stunted to the point of non-existence or dominating and boorish. Very seldom is one able to find a developed human being under all the trappings.

But let's not miss the point: it is SOCIETY and its warped concept of "sex-role-playing" that has robbed many homosexuals of their personhood. The problem is created by the individual's search for a "niche" in this warped social perspective--an IDENTITY. In this sense, drag--in all its forms--becomes a plea for pity and compassion and the total negation of the self-acceptance and assertion all individuals must develop. And, from this point of view, why is the "drag dress" problem uniquely homosexual?

Why must MALES wear "men's" clothing and FEMALES wear "women's" clothing? What is the connection between what you WEAR and what you ARE?

In societies, like ours, where sex identification is excessively delineated into feminine and masculine "roles," personhood and interpersonal relations are destroyed and compensated for by exaggerated fetishes. A healthier social environment would be one in which dress was regarded as "costume" suited to the particular individual wearing it and void of its most blatant sex-identification functions. Most anthropologists and sociologists postulate that feminine-masculine role-playing is unnatural and socially imposed.

We are in the middle of a social revolution. One of our liberal politicians, Assemblyman Burton, has called the "hippy" movement "destructive." I agree. But, "the times they ARE a-changin'" and perhaps what is being destroyed MUST be destroyed--the sex role identification of dress is ridiculous and deserves destruction. The "hippies," in this instance, show maturity and logic in dispensing with this inhibiting social claptrap.

The mature homosexual wants, as much as any person, the freedom and right to develop his personhood in a reasonable and just societal situation. No person should be made to suffer the indignities of being dehumanized by a self-righteous, dictatorial society.

We are on the threshold of developing a world where man's life necessities will be fulfilled and there will be leisure time to develop more fully personhood through art and life experience. This social order will demand diverse expression. We must not enter it afraid or repulsed by the different or unusual.

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There seems to be a controversy of attitudes and opinions by homosexuals living in the Bay Area on this subject. Everyone knows that many places exist, not only in San Francisco, but also in Oakland, Berkeley, Marin, down the peninsula, and the Russian River resort areas, where one can drift into a number of notorious public places famous for quick sex-action "in situ." Be it a public tea-room, a park area, a reputable glory-hole, the last row of a theatre, a department store or shopping center john, a cliff-side landscape heavily laden with bushes and trees and well-worn paths where many have passed, or a once notorious truck stop of the Livermore Valley--they all present the same feature--readiness to contacts for quick sex acts. Do these individuals cast a bad reflection on the remainder of the homo- phile society when seen in the eyes of heterosexuals who happen to be in the area where this sex action may be in public view? Is it right to criticize where one has sex, or is it your own perogative to decide for yourself where, when, and with whom you perform this act. Some of the following letters written to the Open Forum on this subject may be enlightening.

"As I see it, the tearoom and theatre homosexuals come under four general headings. First, we have the masochists who are thrilled by the danger involved. Some authorities insist that these people are in the majority. I am inclined to doubt that. Of all the homosexuals who discussed their habits with me, only one admitted that he went to tearooms because of the danger involved.

Second, we have the fellows who don't know that there are other places where contacts might be made. Many of these fellows are novices. They gradually learn about the other places, however, and many of them overcome the tearoom and theatre habit entirely. Still, others in this group go through their entire lives not knowing about the other places. This is usually due to the fact that they cannot force themselves to talk to anyone about their homosexuality.

Third, we have the fellows who find it almost impossible to make out in the other places. Tearooms and theatres are the only places where they have any success, so they continue to go there in spite of the smell and the danger of being arrested. There are some mighty pitiful men in this group and the group seems to be a very large one.

Fourth, we have the closet queen who doesn't want to associate with her sex partners. She doesn't want her partners to know where she lives. She doesn't even want them to say hello to her when they meet her on the street. I have known so many of these frightened people! I marvel that there are closets enough in the Bay Area to house them all. They must live three and four to a closet!

It is not likely that an organization like S.I.R. could do much of anything for the masochists, but I feel sure that it might be very
helpful to the tearoom and theatre people who come under the other headings. For one thing, if a fellow is busy doing volunteer work for S.I.R., he doesn't have much time to cruise the tearooms and theatres.

......Charlie Davis

"O.K., here goes--no self-respecting homosexual in his right mind should condone sex in public places, but let's face it, it's fun. (Face what? Never mind!) The danger adds to the adventure. The hunt, the cruise, the rendezvous, a great little game. Then more likely than not, "instant sex." That's it. No real friendship and only the most fleeting sort of love resulting more in satisfying it, so an obsession develops: more, more, MORE! Such a ridiculous pathetic way to live, like a G.I. dog who doesn't belong to anybody and wanders aimlessly about seeking favors from everybody."

......Old closet, bush, and bath queen.

Restrooms, or tearooms if you prefer, were intended to serve one purpose. Nothing would seem more disgusting to me than to carry on in such a place. If one is so sick that they have to resort to this kind of activity, they deserve what they get, and that's to be arrested. I firmly believe that more strict laws should be made regarding this. Why is it so difficult for some people to take their tricks to the privacy of their own home? Probably because they feel their trick will rob them or something to that effect. If that is the case, being that they can't trust the one they want to carry on with, then they should go elsewhere and find someone who is sincere and won't have to be feared. .....Monte

"My feeling is that one should not throw stones while one lives in glass houses. The homosexual is attacked from all sides, so who is to criticize the park cruiser, the bar fly, the Marky, St. hustler, the bath habitue, or even the couple who have a home and keep dogs. We ultimately are recognized for what we are, faggots or queens, whichever term is most offensive, that is what we are, and it matters little how we get our sex!"

......B. Fehrer

"Sex in public places in my opinion would not be 'responsible action by responsible people'.

......Ron W.

"I don't think an article of this type is necessary for the simple reason that everyone is very much aware of sex in public places, so why write about it in our magazine. We as homosexuals have enough problems, without writing articles of this category in VECTOR. If we intend for VECTOR to be a publicly accepted magazine to sell to the public, let's not put articles of this type in to remind those people who read it that these types of things are happening: many would like to put this out of their thoughts, especially the 'straight' people."

......Mel

"Sex in a public place to me is as about as bad a display of poor manners as is possible whether homosexual or heterosexual. Let's keep sex private and in private places."

......Anon

"Call me what you like--adventurer, pervert, or slob--some of my best tricks and thrills have come from public episodes. The excitement that the danger of being caught in the act makes it all the more exciting for me to pursue it further. I'm not interested in having a ridiculous "love Affair" with some hair burner and taking up "housekeeping". I'd much rather solicit the momentary services of some stud in the bushes and finish it right there; this is more thrilling to me, and the more dangerous the better I like it. The more I can get, the happier I am, whether it happens in a head through a glory-hole, or dilly-dallying around in the bushes with four or five guys at a throw."

......Butch

"As a person near 40 years of age, I have enjoyed sex in public places for most of my life. My friends tell me do it because I want to get caught; part of my masochism. I won't attempt to analyse it. One thing has always baffled me. I have been arrested several times in places where with a little effort by the police the owner of the establishment could have eliminated largely the Temptation. "Glory holes" in some locations have existed for months or even years while numerous arrests have taken place. Lights are kept dim, enclosed areas are not opened up in places where public sex takes place. I know of one Long Beach head that has had the same gloryhole in the same restroom for at least 20 years and arrests are still made there nightly. If this is not deliberately trying to increase the police's arrest records what is?

Although I practice sex in public, I try to do so in secluded spots where no one but those involved will be exposed to what I am doing. All to often, however, I have been aware of how easy it would be to eliminate these spots if the management or the police did a little "crime prevention" by lighting or construction."

......E. Barlow

"Have homosexuals lost all their sense of morality? Society would certainly cast doubtful acceptance of heterosexual sex in public places, so why would they condone homosexual sex practices in public? Is it hard enough trying to get the heterosexual society to accept the homophile community at large, but it is doubtful whether they ever will when these sorts of practices, especially when brought to public attention in newspapers about the arrests of these people, don't contribute much to the homosexual group as a whole. There are many of us, probably a greater majority, who desire to live our lives as respectable citizens making useful contributions to society and maintaining a conduct which is expected of all adults--both heterosexual and homosexual. Being a public nuisance by public exhibitionism is not going to help the acceptance of the homophile community. For those who must have continual sex Caught.

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OPEN FORUM (Continued)

and involve themselves in orgies, if they so prefer, there are numerous places in the city where they can accomplish their deeds, such as a steam bath for example, where these acts are acceptable play for all and out of public view, namely, society's view. When the homosexual personality can present himself to society as a meaningful individual and can maintain the moral conduct expected of any individual in society, then perhaps people will begin to take a more acceptable view of him as a person, and not some sort of "strange one" who has nothing better to do with his time than to spend it in a public john engaging in acts within the view of non-appreciative and non-accepting heterosexuals who will not condone this type of behavior and conduct. Here's to keeping sex out of the parks and out of other public places and putting it back into the bedroom where it was originally intended to be-in PRIVACY.

E.L.K.

NEXT MONTH'S TOPIC

The topic for next month's OPEN FORUM will be, "DOES God Bless the Queens?" Readers are invited to comment on the compatibility-or LACK of it-betwenn Christianity and homosexuality. Do you feel welcome in church? Send your letters on, "DOES God Bless the Queens?" to VECTOR: OPEN FORUM, 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, California, 94103.

"The Women" Were Truly Lavish

--B. Plath

By popular demand, that grand group of thespians, the COITS, once again trod the boards of the little theatre off Market Street. The show, of course, was a repeat of their great success, "The Women," by Claire Boothe Luce. Both the cast and the show were a big change from the previous performances—all for the better. Their original production of a few months ago has been rewritten and re-dressed. New scenes have been introduced, giving those glamorous actresses, Jane and Olga, a more fitting podium for their talent—their bar scene was superb.

Gene Boche's new sets were very lavish. Who could forget his use of stark black and white in the final scene, or Crystal Allen's wonderful sunken bathtub. Costumiers, Joe Urban and John Pesch, showed us a seemingly never-ending array of gorgeous fabrics, furs and jewels, displaying a talent in their field seldom seen on local stages.

The histrionics of the veteran performers were highly polished and smooth. Some of the new members of the cast, however, need a bit more experience.

The two outstanding scenes, the pie-throwing bitch fight in Reno and the drunken bar episode, brought forth roars of laughter and well-deserved applause from the capacity audiences of all performances. The nimble dialogue of Michelle and Mavis as "Sylvia Fowler" and Edith Potter" sparkled and crackled as never before. Ed as "Olga" romped fleefully through the entire show in perfect dialect. Larry as the beautiful "Mary Haines" did credit to a difficult role. He was thoroughly believable and had the audiences' sympathy throughout the play. Peter as "Crystal Allen," the villainess of the play, vacillated between acidity and saccharine sweetness. Bill as "Lucy" and Sarah as the "Countess" perfectly rounded out the frantic Reno scene. Kitty as the brassy "Miriam Aarons" was the best of the newcomers to this production. Zelda's winning characterization of "Little Mary" was retained from the previous production. Of course, none of this wit and sparkle could have been possible without the able direction of A.J. Esta, and to him all credit for this wonderful show should be given.

Credit, too, should be given to the entire COIT organization for staging a benefit rehearsal with proceeds going to Citizens' Alert. The COITS have continued their reputation for well-organized affairs and we look forward to their future events.

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Would you believe that someone suggested a byline for this column; ROSEMARY SAGE --- Phew.

And the papaya I bought for breakfast today was a freak. It had a completely formed papaya inside where the seeds should be making it all but inedible. I can tell that this isn't going to be my day, that is if the rain ever stops long enough for me to go out and be aggravated by today.

I'm reminded of a recipe that may prove useful to some closet types.

"Marrow Of Leopard"

A timid person is advised to sustain himself with the following.

Take a good quantity of leopard's marrow, soak it in goat's milk and abundant white pepper, and eat it on toast.

Medulla pardi bibita mirabilis est.

Now that we are ready to face the world bravely, try this.

"Pie Of Bull's Testicles" (From the book of Bartolomeo Scappi, private cook to His Holiness Pope Pius V.)

To make a pie of bull's testicles, take four of them and boil them in water and salt. Strip them of the membranes that cover them. Cut them in slices, sprinkle them with white pepper, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg.

Prepare apart a mince of lamb kidney, gravy, three slices of lean ham, a good pinch of chopped marjoram, thyme, and three cloves.

Prepare the pastry for the pie. Then begin to make a layer on your pie dish with the ham, then a layer of slices of testicles, sprinkle well with the minceme, and so on. Add, before shutting the pie, a glass of wine. Put it in the oven and serve hot.

By the way, bull's testicles are hard to come by; in our humane, liberal civilization, nearly all bulls are eunuchized. Is this a word? It could be a lovely last name; i.e. Louise Eunuchized.

OMELETTES

I like omelettes. Whatever foods you have left over can be chopped up, heated in butter, have beaten eggs added and formed into an omelette for breakfast, lunch, brunch or even supper. Why don't more Americans learn how to make omelettes and use this quick and easy cooking technique to brighten their lives? All vegetables, cheese, meats, fish or poultry can be used to make an extensive variety of combinations for omelettes. Even sweets can be used to make fantastic deserts. Once I lunched on a cold asparagus tip omelette served with vinaigrette dressing that was superb.

The first requirement is the right pan. The size should be 8" across at the top outside edge with flat sides that slant to a smaller bottom. This is to help form the omelette and to slide it out of the pan easily. I would like to dispense with all the iron and steel pans formerly used for eggs and see good teflon pans used in the future. The best reason is that you have to use the right heat or you will ruin the pan as well as the omelette.

Large omelettes are too difficult to make, so always make single portion ones. It also looks and serves up better than large ones that have to be cut up into portions. So this means 3 eggs beaten well (about thirty seconds vigorously) with a fork.

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Thyme continued.
The addition of a little water (a tablespoon or less) somehow improves the texture of the omelette and the time it takes for the eggs to mix together.

Now place a large tablespoon of butter in your pan and heat it until it just barely begins to turn brown. The fire must be moderate: not too hot, not too low. Remember all cooking takes experience over the range. Practice makes perfect and is essential. Omelettes are easy to make once you have mastered the tricks of cooking them. Pour the beaten eggs in the pan and lift the eggs or stir them with a fork until the eggs are the right consistency. I season the eggs at this point with a pinch of salt and pepper.

To dry an omelette is distasteful to myself, but I have seen some who like them this way. Two things to remember are that shaking the pan back and forth while stirring helps a great deal. Also you'll find eggs can be stirred without scraping the bottom of the pan. Scrapping the pan causes sticking. When the eggs are the right consistency, let them set for about 10 seconds, then move the omelette up the slanting side of the pan, by lifting the handle until the omelette reaches the top edge. You will see this forms a natural hollow in the center where you add your filling. Fold the top edge of the omelette towards you, covering half of the filling and the edge nearest you over the other part of the filling. The omelette will naturally become pointed at the ends. Let it set a moment, turn the omelette on the plate by placing the plate upside-down over the pan and turn pan and plate over together. When you develop more skill in handling omelettes you'll be able to flip them right out on the plate.

That is the basic way to make omelettes. The whole operation takes about two minutes at the most. It is much easier and quicker to do than to write it down. I'm certain after practice you'll be able to make an omelette in less time than it took you to read this.

The fillings are as various as food itself. They can be added as above or many fillings such as meats and vegetables can be heated in the pan first, then the eggs added on top of them. Cheese, tomatoes, etc. must be added after the eggs are set as described above.

Now back to the kitchen.
the voices of dissent are swirling and hidebound conservatives everywhere are anxietying. The mid-Victorian lies prostrate and the new morality is proclaimed, chiefly in negative terms, as the next logical stage for twentieth century man to progress toward. But the coming evolution has not been adequately defined. Hugh Hefner and like-minded advocates continue to spell out a provocative but shallow philosophy. Perhaps we feel like passengers in a jet airplane prepared to zoom down the runway but we have no clear destination. The edge of a threatening moral frontier is approaching. If this generation follows Moses, we will not break our stone tablet from anger, but because of a nervous uncertainty. How do we replace the old system? To be precise, with WHAT do we replace it? A vague, amorphous wilderness awaits us.

What are we free to do now?


The crystallization of the new insight occurs in the remarks of a cab driver who explains that "there are times when a man has to push his principles aside and do the right thing." Fletcher utilizes this quote to demonstrate that dogma does not possess the final answer. Each problem demands to be examined on its own peculiar merits. Nothing should be rejected out of hand. Fletcher feels there are times when the end can justify the means. He bears his beliefs out with examples contained in an appendix. He has obviously rocked the ethical boat and the resulting implications push the inquiring mind further into unorthodox pastures.

Dr. Lars Ullerstam confronts us with a "Sexual Bill of Rights for the Erotic Minorities." This young Swedish doctor recognizes that the homosexual is the king of the deviates, so to speak. He alone has succeeded in gaining any sort of toleration. But even the invert has a strenuous field to till. The other members of the erotic minority (sadists, exhibitionists, and assortments) are at the mercy of what Ullerstam calls the "erotic elite." The obvious majority seems to relish the task of keeping this type of non-conformist in line. Ullerstam argues forcefully that such individuals need some socially approved outlet for their particular sexual adjustment. After viewing the problem in the framework of puritan conflicts with pleasure, he devotes several chapters to each of the groups constituting the sexually dispossessed. Reform of the sex laws and regulation of pornography also receive their due.

In summing up, Ullerstam issues a battle cry for all "deviates" to unite and join the struggle for freedom of expression. He answers the opposition by pointing out that being sane is even more meaningful than acting naturally. The consequences of heterosexual intercourse are really objectively more dangerous when measured against the possible harm wrought by alternate modes of physical action. The act of birth can create untold misery or happiness. Homosexuality and its kindred acts, as the doctor points out, are fairly private and so are the results. This book originally appeared in Sweden in 1964 and the following year in France. Best sellerdom was the outcome. Unfortunately, sales in this country have not equaled foreign reception.

The Fletcher and Ullerstam mixture may create a catalyst that might shake even the foundations of the Playboy Philosophy. The gay life could no doubt benefit from the resulting fallout.
Occasionally we depart from our format of case law to inspect a supporting facet. The lawyer is the foundation which supports our truly magnificent judicial system. Just as the courts are constantly under attack by various viewpoints, the lawyer, too, is subjected to unwarranted and spitefully inspired vituperations.

Fair evaluation is welcomed by all honest searchers for the truth. The Tragedy of most criticism is that it emanates from ill informed or deliberately distorted minds.

The responsibility the lawyer has to humanity may be described in the following sequence: (1) integrity to himself; (2) professional integrity to his client or the cause he gives his legal expertise to; (3) the legal profession itself; (4) the public.

Volumes could be written on this list and probably healthy and honest differences of opinion would exist. In order to help our readers appreciate some of the problems confronting the lawyer, we will digest a portion of the Canons of Professional Ethics of the American Bar Association. These guidelines are not, even in their entirety, meant to be definitive.

"It is the duty of the lawyer to maintain towards the Courts a respectful attitude, not for the sake of the temporary incumbent of the judicial office, but for the maintenance of its supreme importance...."

"It is the duty of the lawyer to undertake the defense of a person accused of crime, regardless of his personal opinion as to the guilt of the accused; otherwise innocent persons, victims only of suspicious circumstances, might be denied proper defense. Having undertaken such defense, the lawyer is bound, by all fair and honorable means, to present every defense that the law of the land permits, to the end that no person may be deprived of life or liberty, but by due process of law".

"The lawyer owes entire devotion to the interest of the client, warm zeal in the maintenance and defense of his rights, and the exertion of his utmost learning and ability, to the end that nothing be taken or be withheld from him, save by the rules of law, legally applied. No fear of judicial disfavor or public unpopularity should restrain him from the full discharge of his duty..." (Emphasis added by author.)

"It is the duty of a lawyer to preserve his clients confidences. This duty outlasts the lawyer's employment and extends as well to his employees...."

"...The announced intention of a client to commit a crime is not included within the confidences which he is bound to respect. He may properly make such disclosures as may be necessary to prevent the act or protect those against whom it is threatened."

If our readers study the listed canons they will begin to appreciate why lawyers are so serious in the execution of their profession. The practice of law is a sacred trust which has the potential for good and evil built into it.

A lawyer with personal and professional integrity will not hesitate to incur disapproval from the hoi-polloi. Lawyers of the high caliber, are the moulders of your life through the courts. The Judiciary acts only when a bold and imaginative application of the law is presented to it by a lawyer.
An Open Letter To All Homophile Organizations

Dear Friends:

Many fine men and women in positions of leadership in our numerous homophile organizations and service groups have come increasingly to see the need to join their efforts by coalition in pursuit of their aims and goals along common fronts of similar but independent endeavors.

The increasing awareness, by an ill-prepared public, of homosexuality in its midst is already giving rise to those ominous opposition which often crystallize in acts and legislations inimical to the well being and healthy morale of our total society. Such blind oppositions ever threaten piecemeal destruction of nonunified minorities, making yet more urgent the call to homosexual organizations to band together lest they be picked off one by one.

Yet in our movement toward one another as organizations, even though we have mounted with the most cautious optimism and with very few expectations, we are appalled by the depth and extent of fear and mistrust of one another that appears the moment we try to join forces. The young and idealistic among us are filled with this with angry despair, while we who have engaged ourselves in homophile organizations over the years dissipate our energies in futile plays for power alternating with bouts of stagnant self-pity and apathy.

Such behaviours ill befit those in whom the disasters and failures of so many bright-eyed endeavors ought to have ripened into wisdom and serenity, with clearer perception of our goals and hopes and a richer knowledge of how to bend means to purposes.

We elders have not yet perceived that we must release ourselves from servile adulation of the now shoddy and worn self-images on which we have lavished our energies over the years. The heart of our Movement's present difficulties is that we elders, old now, are but wickedly wise...merely once vital, are now grown monstrous, blind and destructive.

What defects the reach for unity in Homophile Movement is neither the passion and impatience of the young nor the seeming reluctance and lack of response of the middle groups. It is rather the persistence, unabated, in us—the elders—of those pathetid gaults and fears that took root in our generation under the terror of the McCarthy, anti-homosexual inquisition—the paranoia, the unreasonable suspicious of everyone and everything and the inflation of the ego that mounted, in compensation, in those who dared in such times to move forth in opposition. We, these elders, who yet possessively grasp at positions of power and influence in the organizations, have become the real enemies of unity. The young of today are not as we were—they are far closer to one another; much more ready to extend the hand of fellowship. The middle groups meanwhile suffer in silence the anguish of our obscene struggles with one another, yearning for the day when they will break loose from our strangle-hold.

It is time we elders realize that we need not be such monsters. It is a very short step to one's mirror to see that we are in fact, only old aunts, wrinkles and bald pates and all. It is a very short step to get to where we truly are—moved on to the position of service—where not our old resentments, not our outworn concepts, our now shoddy idealisms, our timidity, which are in the main all we have had to show as the product of our experience but the work, the work's the thing. Truly, we elders have little else left but to offer all that we are, all that we know, in the service of others.

Yet this alone is not enough. In utmost humility, we must make prodigious amends. This letter is being written to commend, for your most earnest considerations, the anonymously proposed document Continued on page 25 see: Hay letter.
MONDAY - MAY 1
Sirporium Workshop
525 Hayes St. 8pm
VECTOR Committee 8pm
TUESDAY - MAY 2
Legal Committee 5:30 pm
Art Group 8pm
S.I.R. Dinner Group 7pm
WEDNESDAY - MAY 3
Closed Membership Meeting
8pm
Membership Committee 7pm
THURSDAY - MAY 4
Esperanto 8pm
Productions Committee
Stamp & Coin Club 8pm
S.I.R. Dinner Group 8pm
FRIDAY - MAY 5
Conversation Group
1256 Page St. 8pm
SATURDAY - MAY 6
Record Hop Dance 9pm
SUNDAY - MAY 7
Membership Committee
Workshop 3-6pm
Hiking Group
Oak & VanNess 8am
MONDAY - MAY 8
Sirporium Workshop
525 Hayes St. 8pm
Ballroom Dancing 8pm
TUESDAY - MAY 9
Board Meeting 8pm
Art Group
S.I.R. Dinner Group 7pm
WEDNESDAY - MAY 10
Community Center
Committee 8pm
THURSDAY - MAY 11
Social Committee 8pm
S.I.R. Dinner Group 8pm
Esperanto 8pm
FRIDAY - MAY 12
Conversation Group
1256 Page St. 8pm
SATURDAY - MAY 13
Record Hop Dance 9pm
SUNDAY - MAY 14
No Scheduled Activities
MONDAY - MAY 15
Sirporium Workshop
525 Hayes St. 8 pm
Ballroom Dancing 8 pm
TUESDAY - MAY 16
Art Group
Ways and Means
Legal Committee 5:30 pm
VECTOR Committee 8 pm
S.I.R. Dinner Group 7 pm
WEDNESDAY - MAY 17
Open Membership Meeting
Membership Committee 7 pm
THURSDAY - MAY 18
Public Realitons 8 pm
Productions Committee 8:00 pm
S.I.R. Dinner Group 8 PM
Esperanto 8 pm
FRIDAY - MAY 19
Conversation Group
1256 Page St. 8 pm
SATURDAY - MAY 20
Spring Dance with Band 9 - 2
Conf. on Privacy, S.F. State 8:30 am
SUNDAY - MAY 21
Membership Committee Workshop
3 - 6 pm
MONDAY - MAY 22
Sirporium Business Meeting 8 pm
Ballroom Dancing 8 pm
Bowling Banquet

TUESDAY - MAY 23
Board Meeting 8 pm
Art Group
S.I.R. Dinner Group 7 pm
Gourmet Group 8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY - MAY 24
Community Center Committee 8 pm

THURSDAY - MAY 25
Social Committee 8 pm
S.I.R. Dinner Group 8 pm
Esperanto 8 pm

FRIDAY - MAY 26
Conversation Group
1256 Page 8 pm

SATURDAY - MAY 27
Record Hop Dance 9 pm

SUNDAY - MAY 28
Hiking Group 9 am
at Market and Van Ness

MONDAY - MAY 29
Sirporium Workshop
525 Hayes St. 8 pm
Ballroom Dancing 8 pm

TUESDAY - MAY 30
Art Group
Legal Committee 5:30 pm
S.I.R. Dinner Group 7 pm

WEDNESDAY - MAY 31
Community Center Committee 8 pm

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EDITORIAL

Editor;
I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you and the staff of VECTOR on the last two issues. I cannot offer anything except high praise for all of you. It is beautiful, colorful and very interesting to read.

For the first time in many months I sat down and actually read the whole magazine. It was great. Keep up the good work and I will be looking forward to my next issue.

R. Shackett

Dear Editor and Members,

After being a member of S. I. R. close to one year, I want to complement you on such very exceptionally good work, also sticking to a very good cause, and doing something about it.

The "Vector" has sure improved and the committees are really going head on, doing something of great value to our cause.

R. Swenson

S. I. R. isn't like so many organizations I have seen in the past, starting something and then dying out. I am quite sure S.I.R. shall grow and grow due to the fact that there is cooperation and sincere interest. At the same time it is being proved that we can do something constructive and worth while.

Please tell other members, who just pay dues, which are highly appreciated and helpful, to take S.I.R. more seriously and not so much for granted, and try to get to the meetings a little more often.

Keep the good work up, you are doing an excellent job.

R. Swenson

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed the "Drag" article - since I have appeared as Candy in several bars as the attraction. I do agree with the most objectively stated statement of "Mike". I was angry with "Anon" protesting men should be men - being what we are makes us feminine and masculine, some run from masculinity others from femininity within. We all are what we are, so this cat calling is really silly in that it shows someones fear most plainly, of himself.

Something that wasn't mentioned was that not all impersonators and drags are feminine - some are butch. So this role of masculine/feminine is unique to the beholder as it were. I'd rather see someone I love walking down the street rather than someone playing the role of stomping butch or super nelly fruit. Both are equally phony and have stero typed themselves to such a degree - well they are what they are and we should not knock our own.

Candy

S. I. R.'s saturday night dances are a... Gas!

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(accompanying) which is an open recital of ways of the spirit that should never have had to be stated, being as they are the inmost guides of men and women of true maturity and integrity, in whom they lie too deep for words.

But unless we elders will drink the bitter cup of contrition by making an open espousal of, and giving our deepest inner allegiance to, the principles set forth in the accompanying document, we shall live to see our dreams, and the dreams of those far worthier than are we, wrench ed and defiled beyond belief by counter forces of bigotry and unreason.

....Henry Hay

A PROPOSED CODE FOR A COALITION OF HOMOPHILE ORGANIZATION.

PREAMBLE:

This document is in two parts. It consists of a summary and reminder of the purposes of our several organizations as they might relate to a proposed coalition of homophile organizations. It proposes, secondly, a set of ethical guidelines which we will need to enable us to cooperatively work together.

Section I:
PURPOSES OF ORGANIZATION--(Educational Purposes)

1. For too long we have accepted the opinions, the poorly authenticated studies, and misdirected inquiries of psychiatrists and others who argue that we are sick and, by implication, weak or evil. Only a few people in the scientific fields have found more rational ground for discourse and they are too seldom heard. It shall be our purpose to encourage research in the creative and constructive aspects of homosexuality while at the same time endeavoring to enlighten our fellow homosexuals who may be victimized by the idea of sickness.

2. To discover unequivocating words and phrases for ourselves by which to clearly articulate what we have always known about the meanings and values of homosexuality, and to teach one another potential of homosexuality as a basis for a creative way of life.

3. To provide our non homosexual fellow men and women with a clear understanding of these meanings and values and to extend to them their right and responsibility to aid us in making this contributive aspect still more truly and widely recognized.

Social Purposes:

1. To enable homosexuals to establish and maintain for themselves in our society, space for living in which to work and play as free citizens.

Reform Purposes:

1. To join with our fellow citizens to reform the laws which harmfully restrict the civil rights of all men and women in the sexual realm.

2. To expose and correct the prevailing social mores which in the area of administrative and social codes harmfully restrict homosexuals in their right to employment and advancement.

Purposes of Organizational Coalition:

While we rejoice in the wide range and diversity of character and purpose marking our organizations, and the individual persons they comprise, we nonetheless seek, through coalition of our organizations, to further those aspects of the diverse aims and purposes which we can recognize as common to us all. We define coalition as a friendly and trusting collaboration of our organizations with each other in specific

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projects of common-front or united action.

Section II

Ethical guidelines in our action in coalition:

Because we recognize that real and effective action in coalition is absolutely impossible without trust and confidence in one another, we whole-heartedly pledge our- selves, both as persons and as organizations, to be guided in our work by the following principles:

1. Each to respect the integrity and the underlying purpose and aims of all the others, withholding neither constructive criticism nor well-earned praise for the acts of others taken in pursuit of those aims.

2. Never in the spoken word nor in any of our publications to attack the character or the motives of those with whom we disagree, but always to restrict our criticisms solely to the argument or action with which we disagree.

3. To freely grant the right of any group or organization to choose not to participate in a course of action adopted by the majority, when that right is claimed before the course of action is crystallized and the reasons for the claiming of the right to refrain are candidly stated.

4. To present at all times to the non-homosexual community a true picture of ourselves as joined in a common front.

5. In working with one another to discover and implement specific courses of action in coalition, to strive wholeheartedly and speedily to reach a level of agreement in regard to the action at issue. In order to do this we renounce, as far as is humanly possible, the inevitable desire that it be our plan that is exclusively adopted and our ego that is thereby gratified.

6. That we pay particular attention to our various publications and seek in all instances to have them conform with the ethical standards of responsible journalism, both in the areas of reporting and editorializing.

7. In asserting our purposes in Education and Reform we accept that an open and frank confrontation of the general public by ourselves as acknowledged homosexuals is essential to our goals, and we charge all support fully those who to the ends of action in coalition, can and do accept the hazards of such exposure. But such a role is imposed on no one and toward the secret or partly secret groups and organizations among us the freedom not to participate in public action is freely granted.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

If any man can be acclaimed as the founder of the "homophile" movement, it is Henry Hay. He is the founder of the first homosexually concerned organization in the United States which became known as Mattachine, Inc. We are proud to reprint the above letter and proposal.

To Trip By

And out of sleep if one arm I place exactly gently across your sleeping chest and you remain aware neither of east nor west through all me shall resound this half-embrace this awareness of all beauty confessed in one body of the very human race concurrent with which across your slumbrous face all benisons mine come hovering down to rest and ours now this ecstatically quiet being together as perhaps no one else enjoys in just this way and at this time you static I dynamic and I mean by it awakening sometime to come bringing knells to Nirvana and ending to this rhyme

POLITICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

by E. Hedricks

A First Amendment judicial review bill to endorse the First Amendment by allowing a judicial review of Federal grants to church related institutions, is now before the congress.

The bill would make it possible to bring a test case into court concerning the constitutionality of grants or loans for denominationally owned and controlled institutions.

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The bill is S3 in Senate and H.R. 1198 in the House.
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