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A society conscious ballet world was shocked when the San Francisco police added another faux pas to an ever growing list of inanities by arresting and jailing Dame Margot and Rudy at a party July 11. Never will we blab the open secret in Our Community about the true nature of the religious athletics practiced at 42 Belvedere. Come on fellas--I thought the police were selected for their intelligence.

We will say that Dame Margot never lost her composure and acted off stage adeptly as the "Queen of the Fairies" she has played so well on stage. And Rudy, whose athletic prowess offstage is even more astounding than his formal performances of ballet, never faltered in living up to the meaning of his lapel button reading "CAMP". The Corps de Ballet that supported this pas de trois, (Margot, Rudy, and the police), in rooftop extravaganza contained some of Our Community's most notable entertainers and bartenders.

So we must join with the Royal Ballet and the John Birch Society to ask the community to support our local police. But may we add a S.I.R.-ism to this motto and add the word "responsibly".

Let us return to what we advocated 3 years ago in our relations with the police. We first confronted the police by acting out our rights openly, as homosexuals, always within the bounds of legality and allowed the police to react. React they did by their Jan. 1, 1965, raid on the New Year's Ball which case was also thrown out of court.

Then we advocated a homophile "alert organization" to watch individual police and their questionable tactics and make files on such acts for official presentation. This group evolved into a Citizen's Alert. These and similar efforts, along with newly established Police Community Relations contacts, are still aiding the homophile community.

We are now confronted with an increasing crime rate, much of which is outrageously perpetuated against homosexuals. The police are busy on rooftops chasing ballet stars or are adamant in some cases and unable in other instances to meet the need of protection of homosexuals.

Maybe the time has come for us to reconsider another proposal we advocated 3 years ago. Let us consider setting up a homosexual citizens protective force. The money and direction would come from homophile organizations in San Francisco. We would set up one uniformed person who could answer our community calls and complaints and work in ways with the police to aid in apprehending individuals who commit crimes against homosexuals. As the need and effect of such service grows, we could expand the force. This could be a valuable service to insure the rights and protection of our community. Such a force is legal and there has been ample precedence set for such community sponsorship of supplementary citizens police. Three years back, the Jewish community in New York set up such a force for its protection in certain districts.
The August March On Washington

On August 17th, 18th and 19th homosexual leaders from throughout the United States of America will "gather at the river" (the Potomac) in our Nation's Capitol for the National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations. For some of us it will mean another battle in a long, long war! I've seen many of the warriors come (really!!!) and many more drop out during my thirteen years of involvement with the cause, but there has been a steady kind of progress in spite of numerous doubts, problems and persecutions.

Homosexuality has become a very "in" subject and the interest is increasing daily. Men trembled in the fifties, but now, in the sixties, we are featured in the theatre, films, recordings, books, television, and radio programs, national magazine articles and even art exhibits, many of which take an enlightened approach. There will always be the panic button-mentality, so old and tired, but I find hope in the growing number of persons who try to understand our way of life by knowing individuals involved and by carefully comparing reality to the vast amounts of available fiction. University students are joining the country's hundreds of thousands of informed persons. They are the voters and decision-makers of tomorrow and have shown an amazingly high degree of interest in obtaining the facts on all areas of sexual communication.

The Reverend John Wesley, founder of Methodism, had a long life in which to observe human nature and come to the conclusion that there exists "invincible ignorance and prejudice"! Examples of such persons are very much alive in 1967, and find their own orgiastic levels by only thinking of varied aspects of human behavior in terms of sickness and sin! These are the same types who would believe all Russians are evil, that marijuana is completely without merit, would have restrictive ideas about love-making being proper only for child-producing and might even hesitate to admit that Jesus Christ accomplished his beautiful life on Earth and died a Jew, not a Catholic or Protestant! They would spend hours reading books by Dr. Edmund Bergler, and Dr. Albert Ellis and actually believe such men! I shall leave them to Wesley's category! England, ten years after the Wolfenden Committee was formed, has finally made the great legislative change required to take acts of love between members of the same sex out of the criminal courts, so long as such acts are between adults...consenting and in private. Heaven has to watch over pairs of teenagers who might wish to express their love, but at least one step has been made in a humane direction. The Model Penal Code of the American Law Institute, the Report of the President's Commission on Crime, and news of a recently-formed committee to study California's laws, together with the statements of support for the Council on Religion and the Homosexual issued by the United Church of Christ and the Episcopal Diocese all attest to the attention being given the injustices suffered by homosexuals and to the dedicated participation of some of our heterosexual brethren.
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THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT -
WATCHDOG OF LIBERTY
by Evander Smith

Many people possess hardcore pornography for pleasure. The laws of many states, true to our nation's puritan background, make it a crime to knowingly possess an obscene book, artistic picture, film, dildo, or simulated vagina, etc. The California statute on this subject has recently been dealt a blow by the State Supreme court in the case of In Re Klor 64C.2 d 816.

Mr. Klor was visited by 3 Los Angeles policemen for the "purpose" of arresting him for an overdue parking ticket! While in his home they conducted an enthusiastic exploratory search which turned up some unedited lewd movie film which he had taken. The lady models on film made some sexually suggestive signs. No one ever suggested that the defendant intended to sell or distribute the completed film, not that he had done so in the past. His only "crime" was that on September 4, 1964, he had in his possession the offending artwork. He was for that imprisoned until freed by a writ of habeas corpus on July 7, 1966. The working of California's law is:

"Every person who knowingly sends or causes to be sent, or brings or causes to be brought, into this State for sale or distribution, or in this State prepares, publishes, prints, exhibits, distributes, or has in his possession with intent to distribute or to exhibit or to offer to distribute, any obscene matter is guilty..."

The court found the statute does not penalize mere preparation of obscene material; but that the dissemination or intended dissemination of obscene material constitutes the punishable evil. Therefore, if possession without intent to distribute does not violate the statute the mere preparation, without such intent, cannot do so. The statute proscribes the importation into California of such obscene matter only as is intended for sale or distribution; the omission of such qualification upon domestic production would create a legislative inconsistency.

The Court quoted Mr. Justice Jackson who observed:

"We can have intellectual individualism and the rich cultural diversities that we owe to exceptional minds only at the price of occasional eccentricity and abnormal attitudes. When they are so harmless to others or to the State as those we deal with here, the price is not too great."

The Court found there to be no constitutionally punishable conduct in the case of an individual who prepares material for his own use for such personal satisfaction as its creation affords him. The Court acknowledged that it must move in cases of this type with utmost caution, that it treads in a field where a lack of restraint can only invite defeat and only impair man's most precious potentiality: his capacity for self-expression.

HAPPY THIRD ANNIVERSARY

It was a "bubbling" happy crowd which attended S.I.R.'s third birthday party, Sunday, July 23rd.

The Social Committee outdid itself with the decorations in the Center. Bert created a magnificent three-candle arrangement with flowers and greenery and tiny multi-colored balloons. This was arranged on an attractively lighted stage with our gold curtain backdrop.

President Jones made a brief but important speech pointing out that S.I.R. can boast of 951 members.

The 300 members who attended agreed that this was a grand birthday party, and we are sorry if all of our members didn't attend. They missed a "beauty".
By Tequila Mockingbird

On Sunday afternoon, the 9th of July, San Francisco's bar people turned out in force for the matinee of "Ready Or Not, It's Me," starring one of the Tavern Guild's honorary members, Michelle. For some months, owners, managers and bartenders of most of our better known and more popular bars had been vying with each other for choice tables for this production.

Michelle, ever popular with the bar crowd, was made an honorary member of the Tavern Guild in appreciation of her efforts at many of the Guild auctions. In the same manner that Michelle has always supported bar functions, the bars turned out in force for her show.

The Gilded Cage was well represented with Charles Pierce, Rio Dante, Sabu, along with other members of the crew at the Cage. Theirs is an excellent show and should not be missed. Adjacent to this table was big Jimmy and the rest of those wonderful nuts known as the Cashews and at a table behind them, the rest of the Fantasy staff presided over by Robbie looking quite browned after his vacation in Hawaii. Sitting in front of this aggregate was the Rendezvous contingent, mothered by that charming grey haired Valentino of the upstairs set, Hank. Next to Hank's table the Baj group, ably hosted by Ken, held forth. Directly in front of the Baj group sat the 524 troupe, looking like the wrath of God. After hours parties are catching up with them. The remarkable achievement of the afternoon was the Hawaiian Princess of the Dalt Club getting Clifford into a shirt and tie for the event. This extravaganza almost equaled the show on stage which was the best thing Michelle has done to date. Hopefully, there will be repeat performances. The city is still humming some of the show-stoppers. The original cast album is due to be released soon.

In addition to the above bars there were so many other bar people present that afternoon that it must have been difficult to get a drink anywhere in the city.

At the conclusion of the show, people left The Village thoroughly Michelle-shocked. Many of them went down to the Nevada Club on Eddy Street to catch Geneva's Sunday jam session. Geneva's ample voice fills the Nevada Club and spills out onto Eddy Street, luring customers into the place. Still others went over to The Trapp, also on Eddy Street, in search of their favorite bartender, Uncle Billy. They were disappointed to find that Billy is in paradise. More specifically, Uncle Billy is working in a restaurant called The Pink Gazebo, in Paradise, California. That's just outside of Oroville. We all wish him luck up there.

The Cashews scored a fantastic success at The Hide And Seek in Sacramento, (Bryte) on Sunday, July 16th. The hosts, George and Pat, are planning to attend Pal Joey here in the city and we hope that they and the gang that comes with them have a wonderful time that weekend.
Do the names Olive Borden, Claire Windsor, "Fatty" Arbuckle, or Bessie Love mean anything to you? Well they can. They can mean fun on Friday nights when the newly forming Silent Movie Group meets to go out to the Avenue Theater to watch the campy and great Silent and early "talkie" films. Learn what an extravaganza a Busby Berkeley musical can be; let Dorothy and Lillian Gish well tears in your eyes; have all this fun in a group by calling Don at 344-7906 or leave word at the S.I.R. office that you would be interested in participating.

There is now blooming a new area for the creative types. The poetry Workshop Group has its first meeting at 8:00 P.M. on August 9th and meets on Wednesday when there isn't a closed or open membership meeting. Robert Duncan, a well known published poet will be acting chairman of this group. The group will work on composition and reading.

The Men's Glee Club has changed its meeting dates from Fridays to Tuesdays alternate to board meetings (usually 1st and 3rd and an occasional 5th Tuesday, if the month has one). There were a number of people who thought Friday was a bad night and so, by request, it's been moved to Tuesdays. We were sorry to have the passing of our Tuesday and Thursday Dinner Group but Bill Plath, my sub-chairman, is going into the restaurant business on his own and will be unable to prepare and serve the dinners that were so well received by all who came to them. I hope to get this group re-activated as soon as I can get someone who is willing to tackle the task. Lauds and Honors to Bill Plath and Dick for all their work which made the dinners a success.

Don't forget our "old faithful" groups that go on and on. The Art Group, Hiking Group, Swimming Group, Bridge Group, Ballroom Dancing Group and others that all try to help create areas of specific interest where the community can meet and, hopefully, kindle new friendships.

There comes a time in the homophile movement when we must put down the banner of battle for our cause and relax in an activity that we are interested in and just have an inexpensive and informal good time. Join one of the small activities groups for that needed change of pace.

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RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE

by James Skaggs

Schoel Blum has been elected Sub-chairman of the committee.

HOST-IN: introduce a friend to SIR: be INVOLVED....these were the keynotes of group discussion at the HOST CORPS' July involvement HOST-IN at the SIR Center on Friday evening July 28.

Thirty SIR members and guests aided guest speakers Rev. Cecil Williams and Father David Barr in making the first Fellowship Brunch a great success.

The Community Services and Religious Committees have formed a coordinating group of members to define and organize the various special assistance services which might be offered to members. The first step in this direction is the compilation of a list of registered nurses. Anyone who would like to be active in this activity, may give his name to either committees.

The Religious Committee is preparing a brochure of sympathetic clergy, physicians, psychologists, and other individuals who might assist SIR members with special problems. To submit information call SIR.
T. I. PROJECT

In the June Gold Sheet, members who were discharged from military service under conditions other than honorable were requested to complete a questionnaire relating to personal problems of adjustment and employment as a result of their discharge. The response from members was disappointingly small, but even from these few replies, we can discern some significant patterns which will be of value in counseling servicemen being discharged currently.

We wish to thank those who did volunteer information, but we badly need a much larger cross-section of experience for the result to have any statistical significance. Individual identities are completely protected.

A greater response to our survey would permit us to analyze the results, not only as an aid in counseling, but also to publish the findings in a professional form, which would be of great interest and value in other sociological studies and military justice reform efforts. These are expressions of interest from the Kinsey Institute and the American Civil Liberties Union.

The second aspect of the project is gathering information on the investigative and judicial procedures used by military authorities, such information is not widely available. This knowledge would make legal defense more effective and prevent injustices and violations of civil rights by the military.

Rather than publishing another questionnaire in Vector, we are designing a more refined survey to be completed during a personal interview at which time we can answer questions which you may have.

We URGENTLY request EVERYONE, S.I.R. member or not, who was discharged for reasons connected with homosexuality, to leave his name and phone with Don Ravey, the Community Services Committee, or the S.I.R. office, so that we may arrange a private interview.

HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND COOPERATE IN A MEANINGFUL WAY TO COMBAT THE MANY INJUSTICES PERPETRATED DAILY AGAINST YOUNG MEN UNDER THE STERN CONTROL OF THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. You may also learn valuable information about YOUR rights, even years after discharge.
Dear Mme. Soto-Voce

I am really in a rage at my lover. He is a compulsive liar. What I mean is he lies all the time—even when it is not necessary. If I ever get into a conversation with any of his friends or business associates, I'm always putting my foot in my mouth by saying something that destroys some fable he has told them. Then he gets upset with me for messing up his lie. When I ask him why he lied in the first place he only tells me it is to improve his image.

Madame, I can't just sit wordless when we meet someone he knows. How can I solve our problem without dissolving our relationship.

Hope Fading

Dear Hope

Your problem reminds me of a situation that arose when I was on Concert tour with my third husband. We had just played a Lieder concert to the Lieder Lovers of Lesbia, in Lesbia, New Mexico. I had just caught him at a whopper of a lie that he was a great tenor of noble English birth who was the favorite singer of the Khedive of Egypt until he met me, a struggling starlet in Minnesota and abandoned his career to help me in mine. I told him, "Dear there is nothing wrong with being from Irish-American parents from New York. You're a published and accomplished ichthyologist! Why you're one of the nations leading authorities on seabottom earthworm movements too."

He agreed this was all true but he felt he lacked glamour in his profession. He felt I and my profession had this. Well, what could I say—it was true. Then the solution came to me. I remembered what an elderly Italian spaghetti manufacturer named Enrico Sforzando once said to me when I was touring the provincial opera houses of Italy. If you can't be truthful at least be colorful." I then embarked on a project of taking on interest in Ichthyology. You should have seen me at all those lectures. I haven't been able to look at a fish since then. But during that period I did help him build up confidence in himself and his lying cut down. We were really building a healthy relationship based on opera and fish (and worms) until one day he slipped on a bar of soap and drowned in three inches of water in our bathtub.

Anyway, Fading, apply yourself to his interests and you might cure or at least cut his lying, he might be trying to bolster up a weak self image. Convince him that whatever dull profession he is in is interesting and important to you.

CRH ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Rev. Chuck Lewis, Lutheran minister, was elected to succeed Rev. Colwell on July 18, 1967. Rev. Lewis is currently a Mission Developer at the North Beach Mission, and he made the following statement to VECTOR: "I am grateful for having been elected and recognize the responsibility of this office, particularly in view of the significant contributions of Rev. Colwell."

"I am interested in developing research, both biblical and sociological, in relation to contemporary standards of society."

"I am aware and deeply grateful for the support and contributions made by homophile groups toward the CRH in the past."
BEING HIP IS A VERY OLD COOL

by W.E. Beardemphl

What was not too surprising was the homosexual reaction to the hippie scene in our last Open Forum: i.e., indulgence of youthful idealism, compassion for human foibles and respect for personhood. Of course we have the few who always shake their head in disapproval and complain about what the youth are doing; by and large these persons are just complaining about their own unfulfilled youth. However, what would be disturbing to the homosexual community is the reaction of the hippie community to homosexuals. As a group, hippies place homosexuals in the same bag that the overall established community does. Studying the hang-ups of hippies, we find their respect of Alan Ginsberg must always include the conscience placating, "I really don't care who you have sex with." We find their "high priest" Tim O'Leary, claiming LSD cures homosexuality and if a person still refuses not to be normal after LSD, then the hippies should be gib about the whole scene and allow homosexuals their own "tribes" but completely separate from the heterosexual "tribes". Or re-read the lead article in the July VECTOR and contemplate these hip but hackneyed ramblings about love and lust, the job about homosexuals being parts of societies and reactionary forces who do not know about art, etc. "Like wow"—just what history books have these persons been reading?

I do feel that we must start from the same beginnings with hippies that we have had to do with the overall establishment. In truth, the hip community is part and parcel of the western culture establishment; it is just a societal variable upon a very old theme. On the plus side for hippies, we have their overt disgust with war as a social necessity, their distress over the loss of personhood in a giant social machine. On the negative side we have their ostrich-like escapism from reality through use of various stimulants, drugs, and narcotics; their inability to understand the social organization and its needs; and their intellectual irrelevance to today's and tomorrow's human potentials by reverting to an immature, primitive religious mysticism.

Like it or not, hippyism is a fad that hopefully will not destroy those involved in its grip. This expression of today's youth is an attempt to compensate for the outrageous lack of our overall social educational processes which are not geared to understand or meet the human personal needs of individuals. This is the same problem with which all racial minorities must come to grips, and the same societal inconsistency that the homophile community must face.

Book Review


Bishop Pike's latest effort deals with the practical applications of situation ethics and is composed chiefly of seventy-four brief case histories that leave the final solution to the judgment of the reader. Pike comments on each case and also includes some additional material on various types of morality and the importance of acting with responsibility and maturity in complex human relations.

Several of the cases involve sexual conflicts. One especially interesting section is entitled, "Healing With Eros," which points up instances when sex can be beneficial, not destructive.

The material would no doubt be provocative and stimulating for S.I.R. discussion groups.

(Please note that this is the same Bishop Pike whose wife has just filed for divorce charging extreme mental cruelty. -- Ed.) Cont. page 24
What is a homophile organization? At present there are many groups in this country that would fall into this category such as S.I.R., various Mattachine Societies, Pride, Phoenix, D.O.B., Tangents, C.R.H., Tavern, Guild, and many others. S.I.R. is an organization formed from within the Community working for the Community. By trying to give the individual a sense of dignity before himself and within his Society, it answers the question of how we can maintain our self-respect. S.I.R. is dedicated to belief in the worth of the homosexual and adheres to the principle that the individual has the right to his own sexual orientation so long as the practice of the belief does not interfere with the rights of others.

This month's Forum deals with the various homophile organizations of America. Are they constructive or destructive? Do these organizations tend to create an ingroupness that will cut us off from the community at large? Should their purposes be social, social-service, political, or what? Should all homosexuals be encouraged to join an organization of some type? Below are some of the replies of our readers.

Homophile groups can serve as a spark that will bind isolated individuals into a potent weapon and a political force. This will come about only if those persons who are fond of socializing will temper this desire with a willingness to work in the political and legal areas. But if a round of "bitch fights" dominates the organization, the homophile community will merely succeed in making a public spectacle of itself. This will only confirm the popular stereotype of emotionally unstable types in the gay world who are too self-centered to communicate effectively beyond themselves.

An ingroupness will probably not occur if enough effort is made to spread the responsibilities among a widely representative group at the grass roots level. We should emphasize our common interests and always remember that only the homosexual and his organization can effectively look after his interests. The straight world will never do this. We must not allow ourselves to become too dependent or beholden to the outside world. They will not give the homosexual his basic civil rights on a silver platter. This does not mean however, that homophile groups will cease to continue reaching out into the larger community to establish deeper communication. We desire a meaningful dialogue with the straight world but we are not willing to surrender our central identities in order to achieve integration.

The political purposes should receive first consideration although social activities certainly have their place. I feel we are first and foremost a civil rights group. But another primary purpose of S.I.R. should be to grapple with the alienation the individual homosexual experiences between himself and his fellow man. There are too many manipulative, superficial relationships in the gay world that are based on short-term gain. This is why the host corps
and the conversation groups are significant at this point. I believe the majority of homosexuals would find at least some benefit to joining a homophile group. If they are afraid to participate, at least they have the satisfaction of knowing their money is helping the cause of homophile freedom.

...Frank J. Howell

To quote from the dictionary, an organization is (in paraphrasing): a unified group of persons systematically organized for some purpose; and again from the dictionary: homo (same) and -phile (liking), so that a homophile organization has been created for purpose of enlightenment to the general public, with the additional purpose of providing a social outlet and meeting place for its members. In this context, an organization (such as ours), is definitely constructive, but only as long as it achieves its twofold purpose. We are unique, in that we are the largest and fastest growing homophile movement in the city, and in the country. We have the ability to prove to our community that we are an asset to that community, plus being an asset to ourselves. Also, because of our dual role, we are showing to non-members that we are an organization that practices what it preaches, and therefore are an excellent organization to join, and in which to take an active part, thus indirectly, taking voice, the formation of the community in which we live. Also, an organization such as ours, with its numerous activities, is a good means for meeting people that can broaden our own points of view, provide us with friends for other activities, and insure us a place for relaxed, free, and unguarded recreation.

...Jan D. Durbin

I do not believe that S.I.R. is organized in such a way that it can make economical and practical use of the manpower and finances which are available to organized homophile objectives. It is the basic objection or organizational functioning of S.I.R. to which I object. These are the same objections I made a year ago when after five months of almost futile weekly meetings of the procedures and grievances committee, it became obvious that efficient operation of the organization was impossible unless the basic approach to organizational structure was radically changed.

It is my opinion that few members of S.I.R. have had extensive experience with other membership organizations. I do not believe any of the previous officers, except Dorr Jones, have had the kind of basic training which is necessary to distinguish between the kinds of problems which are purely homophile in nature and those problems--and these are the bulk of the thorny ones--which are common to every membership organization in the U.S. in the 20th century. Also, I think that we fail to recognize that homosexuals, and S.I.R. members in particular are victims in the 20th century and act and react as such, and after that they are homosexuals trying to bring organization to a previously unorganized group.

What S.I.R. desperately needs is leadership which has some practical knowledge of the functioning of membership organizations. I think it will become mandatory that any persons who desire to become or continue as leaders in S.I.R. or other homophile organizations participate actively as an officer or board member in other volunteer membership organizations, if for no other reason than that this is the only practical way of learning the ins and outs of American group structure. Any person who has served a few years as an officer or board member of A.C.U., Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimist, an individual church, a country club, N.A.A.C.P., Young Republicans or Democrats, etc., is by reason of this experience able to separate those problems which are organizational in nature from those problems which are homophile in nature.

There is a certain value in numbers alone, even if members don't participate in just the way you would desire. For one, it is impressive at city hall. Also, it makes possible the turnover of a large number of bodies, which is also impressive at city hall. Internally within the community it maintains a substantially closer communication among homosexuals than would be possible in any other way--in the mailings as well as the personal contacts at social and membership events. Finally, it provides a vehicle for keeping a substantial number of our minority currently and accurately informed on important situations--harrassment, legislation, political candidacies, religious developments, etc. This organized vehicle provided by S.I.R. or any other organization is far superior to the grapevine which is erratic and erroneous, sometimes missing you completely, sometimes giving you false information.

My chief concern about S.I.R. is the failure to successfully spread the burden of leadership at a future date. One of the first responsibilities of organizations which are enduring is that they continually train replacements for high leadership positions.

...Robert S. Walker

A homosexual no matter how integrated into the heterosexual society is alienated from that society by virtue of the fact. If he belongs or does not belong to a homophile organization, he nonetheless must feel a sense of security that such does exist, in the case he may find himself seeking refuge or help. Such an organization is constructive to the individual homosexual. To the homosexual community it may be destructive. Society has oppressed homosexuality for a long time. The emergence or existence of a homophile organization necessarily provokes the wrath of society. This provocation may lead to more suppression and oppression to the homosexual community or it may lead to a general revolt and era of enlightenment. It is the direction of the particular homosexual organization that will determine its accomplishments, constructive or destructive. Such direction can be social, integrative, or actional. Most homophile organizations tend to create islands
of refuge which refuse to communicate to civilization. S.I.R., by its constitutional nature, cannot do this. It is an integrative movement. It is a part of society, a part which recognizes that society and demands recognition. S.I.R.'s record and history is evidential of the fact. The purpose of homophile organization should be: "The reaffirming of individual pride and dignity regardless or orientation; the eliminating of the public stigma attached to human self-expression; the accomplishing of effective changes in unjust laws concerning private relationships among consenting adults; the giving of real and substantial aid to members in difficulties; the promoting of better physical, mental and emotional health, the creating of a sense of community; and the establishing of an attractive social atmosphere and constructive outlets for members and friends." (Preamble to Constitution of S.I.R.)

I urge any and every man or woman who is by nature a homosexual to join S.I.R. Ignore the mandates of society, the declarations of the church, the unjust enactments of the law and search your own self. If you find your nature to be homosexual, then stand not alone. If we can, united, change that wrong adjective of "perverted," though not for twenty years, it will be changed for the unborn generations of homosexuals, which we shall not procreate. In S.I.R. you will find self expression in multi-directions.

The September Open Forum is entitled, "The Homosexual Speaks." There is no general theme. Any reader may write to the Forum about any topic, idea, or controversial issue he feels is important and should be expressed to the readers. Take this opportunity to express your ideas on the subject that is most important to you. See Gold Sheet.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
by George Mendenhall

"Public relations" means wearing a S.I.R. button, telling friends about us, passing around a VECTOR magazine or brochures. It is also the work of many fine committees that bring us the successful dances, the new Host Corps, the Pocket Lawyer, the city-wide V.D. campaign, the personable contacts by Office Secretary Pat Kelley, S.I.R. registrars getting people to vote, the extensive Small Activities program and the crowd-pleasing stage shows. P.R. should be a daily job of every member of S.I.R.
"It was one of those once in a lifetime experiences, real gourmet cooking." How many times have you listened to such a description of that grand dinner party? This last week I had to nod my head in agreeable wonder, clack ohs and ahhs over Jiminy Cricket Skallywag's gossamer trip to dinner at THE Bishop's palace.

ARE YOU READY?
"The piece de resistance," quoth Jamey Wags, "was flown in from the Rhine River." "The Rhine!" responded I, aghast.

Skally devastated me with, "a gorgeous five foot eel." He continued unabashed, "Would you believe it was served whole on a long--LONG one on each end of the long ornate sterling silver piece. When they reached THE Bishop, they quickly lowered the tray, as if by some well rehearsed plan, for the presentation. I thought they would spill it, but they didn't. The gorgeous eel was surrounded with baked tomatoes that were hollowed and filled with rice pilaf mixed with green peas, and large artichoke bottoms filled with soubise, and bouquets of parsley. It was gorgeous. They even added a touch of humor with a small golden halo attached over the eel's head. And it tasted divine. I gorged myself on two helpings of long lengths."

I couldn't resist asking James if he got the recipe for this master piece from THE Bishop's chef. Of course, he had and so I print it here for you so you may cook your next Rhine River eel just as it is done at THE Bishop's palace.

**EEL A LA DEL SIGRO**

A BIG EEL IS NECESSARY, from which you remove the inside. Wash well and skin, leaving the head attached to the skin. Put the skin in vinegar and water, and leave it there till you have done the next operation.

Boil the flesh of the eel in water together with a slice of lemon, a piece of celery, a small carrot, and a few cloves. When you see that it can be detached from the bone, take it out from the water, let it cool, and then bone it being careful not to break the bone, which you put aside.

Now pulp the flesh in a mortar, together with a few blanched almonds, a spoonful of sultana raisins, a pinch of sugar, one of cinnamon, and some finely chopped aromatic herbs, pepper and salt.

Take the skin out of the infusion, dry it well, and put it first on the board. Make a layer of the pulp inside it, place in the middle the bone and cover it with the rest of the pulp. Roll it up and stitch it, seeing that it gets the same form of the eel as before. Brush it with olive oil all over, place it on a baking dish, and cook it in a hot oven till the skin is crisp.

Serve hot after having sprinkled with sugar and cinnamon.

After such a sumptuous repast, only classic entertainment would suffice. I understand that THE Bishop showed the very classic silent film on the evils of sin and the triumph of God over man: "The Feast at Gonor Rhea," directed by Creole DeFille, starring Ginger O'Regano, that Irish lass of class, and Basil Bayleaf, the sweetheart of every flapper.

**DRESSING THE SALAD**

People keep referring to French dressing and everyone seems to mean a different concoction. Basically all salad dressings are oil and vinegar with various spices. When eggs are added, the dressing becomes thick, depending on the amount of egg. Therefore, salad dressings can be created to your own taste and mood. If you will remember the above and the approximate limits of proportions. One part vinegar to four parts oil is the oiliest dressing possible, one part vinegar to one part oil is the greatest proportion of vinegar possible to use. Nearly all French dressings call for one part vinegar to three parts oil; the kind of oil and vinegar can vary to suit your taste. Salt, pepper and mustard are usual spices for such dressings. Remember, beating eggs or egg yolks first and then adding the oil and vinegar while continuing beating, creates mayonnaise, or a thick French dressing, depending on the amount of egg to the amount of liquid.

An addition of paprika creates an orange colored French. The "salad dressing" on grocer shelves is usually a roux-thickened cooked sauce with oil and vinegar and spices added in the fashion of mayonnaise. Nearly all spices, garlic, onion, lemon and the like are used to your taste. There are arguments as to the addition of sugar to dressing and if it pleases your palate - DO IT!
Make ticket reservations for Pal Joey.

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BY CINDY CLAIRE LEWIS

Last month, a yakity-yak interlocutor communicator on a new small Oakland radio station, who felt he had better do something about his ever-declining listener-rating, telephoned the S.I.R. office and challenged any one of our members to be interviewed by him at the outset of his nightly talk program.

It was decided that two of the S.I.R. group would be taken on by the not-too-well-informed communicator. He was confident that if anything would boost his ratings, a live interview with an admitted male and female homosexual member of S.I.R. would do the trick.

Too bad this new communicator did not give us time to build up an audience. Just think what 90,000 to 120,000 gay listeners would do for the "Hooper" of a newly-arrived communicator on a small upstairs radio station in Oakland.

We are especially pleased and thankful, however, to this powerful little "five-watter" that their communicator elected to choose GAY POWER as his target for attack. With all of the more controversial articles in last month's VECTOR, which could have turned out to be real ammunition for the announcer, (if he were more clever), he picked on this column and attempted to link the homosexual's idea of GAY POWER with that of Stokley Carmichael. Try as the communicator did, to associate S.I.R.'s GAY POWER with violence, pressure groups, and all the other nonsense, the result was that he just didn't know what was meant by our use of the word "GAY POWER" and naturally, he made an even bigger fool of himself, before his handful of listeners, some of whom telephoned and gave him a lesson in tolerance, social studies and human rights.

S.I.R. is always willing to be helpful, so if this new little station in Oakland, (and their new employee), wants to assure itself of at least 90,000 to 120,000 listeners some evening, we'll assist it in planning a full hour's program with competent persons well versed in the subject of homosexuality. The station can advertise the program in VECTOR (see our published space rates), and we will set a nominal fee for our member's appearance on the program. Our brand of GAY POWER will get 'em more listeners than their less powerful little "five watter".

Have you been to CASTRO GULCH lately? After stopping to compliment the incomparable MICHELLE on his most excellent night club review, we stopped in at ACCENT ON PETS. For a while we thought we were in Tiffany's or Shreeve's, until we looked up and saw Val and Clay. We had been attracted to the exquisite display of colorful, bejeweled pet collars. Yes, they have them for cats, too. These pet collars, many with matching leashes, are so beautiful that you can wear them yourself when your pet is not on display, and you'll be the best dressed person at Jackson's. As elegant as these fine collars are, it is...
difficult to believe that the boys have them priced from as low as $1.95 upward to the sky. They come in all colors imaginable, from rhinestones to rubies, and some are mink-trimmed and have semi-precious stones, so you can have your pet's birthstone fashioned into the collar. If you have been looking for a "special gift" for someone who dotes on his pet, I can think of nothing more perfect than one of these exquisite collars from ACCENT ON PETS.

Right smack dab across the street, Dan and Troy have opened an intimate men's shop called THE VALET. Now this isn't the ordinary men's shop. THE VALET carries a fine selection of men's perfumes and colognes, as well as fine Italian knit sweaters and finely tailored slacks.

Right now the VALET has an "introductory" sale going on, and you would be doing yourself a big favor to stop in and try on some of their exquisite sport jackets before they are all sold out. THE VALET has moderately priced all of their items. When you go in, ask the boys for a whiff of some of their fine colognes.

Last Sunday we finally got over to the SUNDAY ANTIQUE SHOP expecting to be there just a moment. After saying "hello" to Vic, (who is probably the most knowledgeable person in the area on authentic antiques), we found ourselves examining a genuine Ming Dynasty bowl. (I didn't dare touch it).

It was like "old home week" at the SUNDAY ANTIQUE SHOP, so many of our friends dropped in while we were there. We spent at least two hours visiting and looking over all of the interesting items, some of which are sheer "high camp", however, Vic and the SUNDAY ANTIQUE SHOP deals mainly in fine authenticated pieces especially Meissen and Limoges.

Vic also does a large wholesale business all over the world, so if you are an antique dealer and looking for something special, come in or write to Vic and let him know in what you are interested. And by the way, please be sure to mention that you saw his ad in VECTOR. That's GAY POWER.

Because of the ever-increasing popularity of VECTOR many persons are collecting our back issues. Already some issues are selling for much more than the original price. ADONIS on Ellis Street in San Francisco has a fairly good supply of back issues of VECTOR, but not all of them, so if you are interested in a back issue, drop in and see what's available. While you are there, you will be entertained by one of the largest collection of "interesting" books, pictures, magazines, art objects and sculptures from Italy and Greece as well as wall plaques in alabaster relief.

We'll see you next month with another report of our wanderings to the stores of our advertisers. Grrrrrrrrrr--that's GAY POWER.

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FIVE S.I.R. DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Here we go....Off to Washington, D.C., for the National Planning conference of Homophile Organizations to be held August 17, 18, 19.

Thirty homophile groups have been accredited and several persons are to attend as individuals: (Richard Inman, Ted McIlvenna, Clay Colwell, Thane Walker, Mr. Cursen, John Lassoe, etc.). Rev. Clay Colwell is unable to serve as chairman because of health. Fr. Robert Cromey, (Episcopal St. A d i a n s Church, San Francisco), has been elected to that position.

The Society for Individual Rights elected Dorr Jones, Jim Foster, Bill Beardemphl, George Mendenhall, and Larry Littlejohn as delegates with Bob Binkley as first alternate.

S.F. will be well represented at the National. S.I.R., the Tavern Guild, and others will be there. IT IS FELT THAT THIS CONFERENCE COULD BE A TURNING POINT IN WHAT THE "HOMOPHILE MOVEMENT" WILL BE IN THE FUTURE.
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LETTERS

The following comments were taken from a letter addressed to the members of the Board of Directors of S.I.R. We reprint them here because we feel that the charges leveled against this publication should not go unanswered by its staff.

"The Supreme Court has just ruled that a homosexual is a psychopathic individual under the meaning of the Immigration and Naturalization law. What has S.I.R. done about this? Have they added another drag or junkie poetry column to their paper? Have they instituted another simulated, high school type forum in the paper? I have in this matter and almost every other similar issue written to these organizations and courts and legislators identifying myself as a S.I.R. and ACLU member and expressing my opposition when it was called for and at other times, expressing gratitude for a favorable decision for our basic rights. Perhaps the board should subscribe to the magazine DRUM and see what VECTOR should accomplish. If the members want recipes, they should buy a cookbook. If they want to read advice for the lovelorn, Ann Landers and Abby certainly provide much more variety and scope and the columnists never, at any time, use the newspapers as resume sheets for past, pompous, alleged glory."

A.J.B.

Dear A.J.B.

S.I.R. formulated and help ed establish the national Legal Defense Fund which gave money to bring this case to the Supreme Court. We have aired the Boutitier decision thr oughly in VECTOR and continue in many constructive ways to bring pressure on politicians in the areas where it counts: i.e., votes, money and electioneering.

Your letters to politicians and form answers mean zero. S.I.R. got this in the beginning, now it gets personal visits and commitments from politicians.

Drags, religion, sex in public and many other areas have become serious hangups for many homosexuals because people like yourself will not allow the problem to be aired and constructively examined.

If you have ever found a practical "recipe" in one March of Thyme column, I'll personally kiss your foot. You've obviously missed the whole point. That column is an extended innuendo on the foibles of mankind as seen through the eyes of an aging "39 year old cook." with a section of practical suggestions as how to improve your food preparation techniques--no recipes.

Madame Aida Soto Voce is elegant slapstick camp and I think you missed the point there also.

We sorely need your writing ability on the VECTOR staff to attack the enemies of the homophile community, or is responsible grinding out of good productive results to meet a deadline too much for you?

Incidently, check VECTOR circulation since the change in format and content to include more varied writers and articles. Furthermore, the overwhelming majority of our letters are complimentary.

Ed.

Dear Editor:

I feel you have downgraded your image - and no doubt thereby have lost support by using your "Hippie" format in the July issue.

Employing a word most alien to my vocabulary, let us put the record "straight." Homosexuals and hippies are not one in the same. In fact, most responsible persons of any sexual, political or economic persuasions, deplore the abuse and the license which one finds employed by the flower children. They have turned legitimate protest into chaos - they have wrecked irreparable havoc upon the legitimate business community of the Haight-Ashbury (14 businesses have closed in the past year and one half, and 8 more are attempting to relocate) - the rise in Venereal Disease, and allied socio-medical problems is alarming from any point of view; and finally they have contributed nothing but a damaging image to a City which has always been colourful, and cosmopolitan, but Cont. on next page
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which has always stood for respect for Authority and responsible civic attitudes.

To identify the homosexual community with any adjunct of the hippie mentality is as gross a distortion as identifying all Bircher as anti-Semites. There may be a few "gays" in the Haight Street scene, and there may be a few "kooks" in the Birch Society, but, for the main, the bulk of responsible adults in both are ashamed of the harmful image created by an irresponsible few. I speak first hand being both a homosexual and a Bircher, and I for one am speaking out against any equation which your July issue might have created as between the "homo" and the "hip."

T. M. Edwards

Dear Mr. Edwards:

A Chronicle survey shows 45 percent of "Hippie" males engaged in homosexual experiences. We do agree, homosexuals and hippies are not the same, but they are what is happening. -- Ed.

BOOK REVIEW cont.


In case anyone feels he is experiencing more than his share of troubles, then seriously consider reading Mr. Brown's tale. Young twenty year old Roy Clark feels he is a female soul trapped in a male body. He longs for a sex reversal and the chance to change his name to Wendy. Our hero faces a terrifying existential dilemma. He abhors the male body but cannot tolerate the thought of a male making love to him unless his own biological identity is altered. What is he to do? If he expresses this desire by stealing panties from the neighbors clothes line, his father beats him and his sister is skilled in playing on any guilt feelings he may have. The sexologist he consults refuses to sanction an operation. Endless frustration is the only future that stretches before him.

The basic plot contains little more than the above turmoil. But the intense, searing agony of Roy Clark remains with the reader long after the book is put down. Brown has literally rammed us under the skin and psyche of the depressing world which Roy Clark inhabits. The first person narrative style forces us to live his joy at succeeding in walking down the street dressed as a woman. As a man he is pittance sized and insignificant. As a woman Roy (or Wendy) glows and dominates the world.

The cool, hip observer will not rush to Denmark after having known Roy, but he will carry the agony of the boys suffering about with him for years to come perhaps he will feel the pervading spirit of those who attempt to reach out in a genuine desire to really know the spiritual insides of a fellow human.

The Olympia Reader, Maurice Girodias (editor), Ballantine Books, New York, 1967, $1.65.

The infamous Olympia Press of Paris is no more, but the spirit flows on in the paperback edition of the original Grove Press imprint (priced at $12.50).

The volume offers the curious outsider the opportunity to encounter a balanced and vigorous serving of full blooded erotica exerted from the underground.

The full crew is on hand: Story of O, Naked Lunch, the experiences of Henry Miller and Jean Genet, the inflamed visions of De Sade, the subtle prose of Lawrence Durrell and others. Does this type of writing arouse sexual passion? Let it be here faithfully recorded for future generations that such heady stuff does heat the blood to a rich boil. This declaration tempts us to move onto the more fertile question of whether or not erotic arousal is bad in itself. (But this would require another complete article at least!)

Let the reader find out for himself which of the varied selections tends to leave him in a non-rational state. We mustn't stand accused of pandering to base emotions! Let the simple conclusion stand that The Olympia smorgasbord has something for every taste.

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UP-TO-DATE Directory

With this issue we are commencing a directory of bars and businesses throughout the country where you will be cordially received, and where YOUR business will be appreciated.

Until now no directory of GAY BARS has been able to keep up with the mortality rate of bars. VECTOR has decided that it will list the name and address (and in the case of motels, the telephone number), of any business which wishes to be included. Because we are a monthly publication, VECTOR's directory will be UP TO DATE.

The cost of listing your bar or business is $50.00 per year for twelve issues, or $30.00 for six months, payable in advance.

VECTOR is conservatively estimated to be read by 87,696 persons, in bars, Turkish and steam baths, libraries, resorts, and in private homes throughout the country. VECTOR readers travel and will appreciate knowing where you are in your city. WRITE TO: Up-To-Date-Directory, S.I.R., 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, California. If you would like to sell VECTOR in your city, write to us for special wholesale rates.

Below listings will eventually be placed in alphabetical order by cities:

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FIRE PIT, 1915 Fifth Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.
CAPTAIN'S TABLE, 5538 North 7th St. E., Phoenix, Ariz.
BROWN JUG, 111 E. 13th Street, Little Rock, Ark.
FRAN'S PINE LAKE LODGE, Old Hwy. 99 at Ashland, Fresno, Cal.
GUS & DORIS, 4010 White Ridge Rd., Fresno, Cal.
THE SEA HORSE, 1786 So. Coast Highway, Laguna Beach, Cal.
WHITE HORSE, 6547 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, Cal.
THE GILDED CAGE, 202 E. Scott St., Monterey, Cal.
VIEUX CARRE, (Russian River) Guerneville, Cal.
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