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- Preamble, SIR Constitution

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WASHINGTON STATEMENT

By W. E. Beardemphl

The purpose of the conference is for organizations and selected individuals dedicated primarily to the improvement of the status of the homosexual, to formulate, plan, discuss, coordinate, and implement strategy, tactics, ideologies, philosophies, and methodologies for the improvement of the status of the homosexual as a homosexual.

The conference will provide for the expression of contributions that may be made by individuals and organizations whose activities are, though not primarily involved with the problems of the homosexual, relevant to the crucial problems that face the homosexual community.

Understanding that only a free exchange of worthwhile ideas can eliminate intergroup strife, the conference will allow for open communication in the homosexual community. The conference will stimulate and encourage the formation of new homophile organizations with the ultimate goal of establishing a legitimate homophile movement on a national scale with an organizational code of ethics. Inter-group projects and cooperation will be encouraged on all possible levels.

Believing that the problems facing the homosexual are only one facet of North America's restrictive sexual ethics, the conference will recognize the study of sexuality in general with particular emphasis on homosexuality.

The conference will consistently work to expose the "sexual sickness" that pervades our society and offer meaningful answers to the wide range of problems forced on homosexuals. To be effective, this conference must articulate and respond to the needs of America's homosexual community. The conference, while presently consultative in nature and function, shall consider itself to be a duly constituted continuing body, having the power, with the concurrence of the delegates, to make rules and establish criteria necessary for the orderly transaction of business and the furtherances of its goals.

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National Conference Establishes Purposes And Procedures

By W. E. Beardemphl

The North American Homophile Conference convened in Washington D.C. on August 17, 18, & 19 for some hot, muggy sessions. The meeting was ably presided over by the chairman, Rev. Robert Crome of San Francisco and the secretary selected by the conference was Doug Sanders of Vancouver.

After the usual high spirited exchange of views that always mark such meetings, action and agreement were consummated on many constructive programs. It is good to note that each conference has achieved a personality of its own with this get-together basically being a working business meeting held in a campus atmosphere, at the George Washington University. While the seminars extensive publicity and community involvement of the San Francisco conference were missing it was again a pleasure to meet with unorganizational observers from the community at large who were inspired to try their hand at forming an organization as occurred at the Kansas City Conference when Phoenix was started. These young men are forming a broad based, democratic membership society that could work along side of the existing professional group already there. We wish them good luck.

Of outstanding importance was agreement upon a statement of purpose of these National Conferences which is printed in full in this VECTOR.

Establishment of a credentials program for the conference was the longest and hardest fought battle of the three days. The most lasting constructive effect of this conference to the homophile movement shall be realized by the resolving of this area of procedural practices and standards.

Other policy statements were outlined on: "...that this conference calls upon Congress to reconsider those provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act which order the exclusion and deportation of homosexuals. "That this Conference calls upon the Post Office Department to cease harassment of homosexual citizens. "This Conference calls upon police departments in U.S. cities to cease their all too prevalent practice of enticement and entrapment of homosexuals for the purpose of morals arrests." "We reaffirm the individuality of a person and the right of the individual to choose his own destiny in the manner dictated by his conscience, being always considerate of a similar right held by others. "We declare that each person has the right to just and equal treatment before the Establishment and that one of the reasons for the existence of the Establishment is the protection of this right. "We believe that laws exist for the protection of the individual, but if a person believes a particular law to be unjust, then that person may attempt to change that law according to legally established methods."

Reorganization of the National Legal Defense Fund to implement National involvement in the important work of this Organization was recommended, and will be instituted shortly.

For the purpose of attacking the legal problems confronting the homosexual, and in order to make the most effective use of resources available, the following aspects will be handled by the cities here named.

Washington--Legal questions involving the Federal Government, civil service employment, military service, immigration laws, etc.

Chicago--All legal questions involving police and local administrative practices.

San Francisco--National legal defense fund legal test cases.

New York--Legal reform and legislation."

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Due to the National Conference in Washington, D.C., the President's Corner will not appear this month, but will resume next month.

With apologies we here reprint the last paragraph of Delegates Relax

By W.E. Beardenphl

One of the best times ever had by the delegates to any Homophile Conference was at the gracious lawn party hosted by Dr. F. Kameny that was held after all the business sessions were over.

The conference in Washington presents a challenge to all participating organizations. The age has arrived for positive action, and it is my hope that the leaders assembled will spend these valuable days making long-range plans and taking immediate action on current problems facing the movement. The internal bickering, the differences in methods used, the personality clashes and the tiresome worries about recognition and credentials must all fade into the background if the D.C. scene is going to show the world we are responsibly making progress in our fight—not for special privileges, but for basic human rights.

4. As soon as you are well onto the Freeway, get into the LEFT lane, and stay there. Watch signs. You do NOT want Key Bridge, Virginia, Rosslyn. You DO want Canal Road, MacArthur Blvd., Chain Bridge.

5. Take the Freeway to its end (about 0.9 miles.) At the traffic signal at the end of the Freeway, turn LEFT onto Canal Road. If you find yourself on a bridge going over the Potomac, then you have gone astray. There is a large traffic circle at the Virginia end of the bridge. Turn around, come back, turn LEFT as soon as you are safely back into Washington.

6. Get into the LEFT lane of Canal Road, immediately. After 0.5 miles the road will fork. Bear LEFT, out across the oncoming lane, and remain (thereby) on Canal Road. Do NOT go to the right, up the hill. (If you err here, turn sharp LEFT at the traffic signal which you will encounter almost at once, onto MacArthur Blvd. Take MacArthur Blvd. 2 miles to the next traffic signal, which is Arizona Ave., turn RIGHT, and pick up the instructions at 9. (b) below.)

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THE BAR TOUR

By Tequila Mockingbird

Rarely do we have an establishment of the scale and magnitude of Leonarda's open for our pleasure and entertainment. We first became aware of Leonarda's with their ad in last month's VECTOR. The ad sent us scurrying to our city map to find out just where Leland Avenue is. It turns out to be across the street from the Schlage Lock Works on Old Bayshore Highway, less than eight minutes from downtown.

Once we got there we found Leonarda's to be a large, spacious dinner house with a big parking lot behind it. With such an abundance of parking to start the night off right, we entered the bar. Leonarda's bar is an intimate, tasteful place, seating maybe twenty or so persons at the bar with approximately the same number seated at tables and booths near a huge fireplace. The bar is another room nearly as large, containing a piano bar and additional tables, and beyond that, the dining area begins.

The dining rooms at Leonarda's are structured so that any part or all of the area can be closed off for private parties. The dining area can comfortably set up to one hundred and fifty people, although an intimate group of eight can feel quite cozy in one walled-off section. The decor is tastefully modern, and the menu is traditional, leaning heavily on Italian favorites. For those of you who like raw beef, the Steak Tartare is superb. The conservative crowd (and they already do have a crowd) is mixed, both boys and girls, with most of them already old friends. The convenient location between the city and the peninsula promises to make this huge, yet intimate new dinner house a favorite meeting place for our community.

On the way back to reality a stop at the Highlander is warranted. This old beer and wine establishment at 17th and Vermont, which had been known as Nellie's "Tapa-Kega-Bru" for years had taken on a new look as well as new ownership. Newly decorated in red, black, and white with Scottish overtones, the place glistens and sparkles as never before. Fun and games are featured in the big back room with two pool tables, a bowling machine, a piano, and a group of people having a ball. The Highlander pushes for and gets a brisk brunch business and even features a Bloody Mary made with Saki.

Beer and wine bars seem to be making a comeback in our town, while very popular in Southern California, they had nearly disappeared from the local scene. Two more B/W locations that merit your attention are the Underground (the one with the big, hard-to-read psychedelic ads) on Eddy Street and the I-Do-No on 18th Street off Castro.

The Underground is a big, roomy, dark cavern of a place about a dozen or so steps down from Eddy Street near Jones. It's hard to see how these people stay in business. Selling their beer at 15 cents a glass on the weekend and following it with a buffet implies that they love their customers more than their bank account.

Those big black and white question marks that you see on bar walls and in Vector ads promote our third beer and wine location of this column. The I-Do-No Club has been around for a number of years, but only recently has it spruced up and come out for business. Quite a bit of cleaning and redecorating have gone into the new I-Do-No to make it a favorite hang-out of the Castro Hill or Rhinestone Heights set.
THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT
WATCHDOG OF LIBERTY

by Evander Smith

Title 18, United States Code-1461 has been used by the post office and other Federal agencies to harass individual possessors, publishers, and vendors of pornography.

The statute prohibits the mailing of obscene material as well as advertisements for such material. An important memorandum decision, No. 4-67 Crim. 15, construing this statute was rendered July 26, 1967, by United States District Judge Earl R. Larson, District of Minnesota, Fourth Division. Defendants Spinar and Germaine are publishers who mailed "Male Nudist Portfolio" photographs of nude males both bound and unbound and a movie film, "Blackie & The Pirate," and many, many other suggestive and colorful titles. All items named in the 29 count indictment, except "Blackie and The Pirate" are the same in that they depict the figure of a sole male, completely nude, in some, more than one male nude figure is presented, but, in general, there is no activity of a sexual nature. While the genitalia is exposed, in most instances the model's penis does not appear to be in a state of erection. The issue before the Court is whether or not the materials are obscene.

As formulated by the United States Supreme Court, the legal definition of obscenity contains three basic elements all of which must be present before material can be adjudged obscene: (a) the dominant theme of the material, taken as a whole, appeals to the average person's prurient interest in sex; (b) the material is patently offensive because it affronts the contemporary standard of the national community relating to the description or representation of sexual matters; and (c) the material is utterly without redeeming social value. Sex and obscenity are not synonymous. Where sex or nudity is treated in a manner which appeals to the average sexual interest, there is no obscenity from a legal standpoint.

The evidence showed the publications named in the indictment were designed for and primarily disseminated to male homosexuals. There was evidence that the material might stimulate a homosexual to masturbate or to seek contact with another male. However, the expert testimony, including a government witness, was that homosexuals are no more prone to seduce an unwilling partner than heterosexuals, and may be even less so. Further, there was testimony that the average homosexual is not paedophilic. The Government's theory was based on the proposition that because the average person does not tolerate homosexuality and considers homosexual behavior morbid or shameful, and that material published by the defendants is therefore obscene.

The court analogized between the effect which female girlie or nude magazines have on the average heterosexual male and the effect which the materials here have on the average homosexual male. Both stimulate sexual arousal and sexual interest, but appeal does not descend to the level of prurience. The Court said, "There is no substantial difference between exposure of the female breast and exposure of the male penis."

The Court felt "Blackie and the Pirate," whose two characters were completely nude, might be regarded "as humorous or 'high camp' by the homosexual group."

The Court in discussing the demands of the Constitution stated that "The rights of minorities expressed individually in sexual groups or otherwise must be respected. With increasing research and study we will in the future come to a better understanding of ourselves, sexual deviants and others."
Dear Madame Soto Voce:

I have a problem! My second wife (ex) keeps dropping in to see me and spends hours, which upsets my husband considerably. Also, my husband is jealous of the time I spend visiting my children by my first wife. As if this wasn't enough, my lover wants me to leave my husband and go live with him and his wife. What should I do? Now?

Over Involved

Dear Over,

Your problem reminds me of what happened in one of my rare ventures into modern opera. I was chosen to sing the lead in a very avant-garde 12-tone opera called "Norah of New Orleans," by an angry young composer named Jimmy Gromm. The opera was to premier in a rather...a...interesting spot called Boca Chica, Mississippi. A few days before the opening most of the cast came down with dysentery. Mr. Gromm's spirit was crushed by the news. The director then persuaded me and a few of the other healthy cast members to sing the parts of the sick singers. If that wasn't bad enough, the plot would make Die Rosenkavalier look simple by comparison! I sang Norah, a shy post-Civil-War southern belle who is a victim of the times and ends up in a brothel run by a demented madam, named Billie Mae Birdhimmel (also played by me) who thought she was the abdicated Empress of Holstein. Norah loves Beauregard Clapstadd Pickett Lee Pinkley (tenor) an impoverished planter living in a dilapidated manse in which he is driven to rent rooms out. His star boarder is a slick Yankee carpetbagger named, Ben Butler Maze (same tenor) who Norah (me) also loves and Mad Billie Mae (also me) is trying to poison. Billie Mae (me) accidently poisons the maid, Eva Sue Smith (me) and she dies dramatically after her big solo, "I don't know nufin 'bout birfin' cops."

Well, anyway, the plot goes on and on but the problem developed as I (and the tenor) got into playing so many parts at once, running off stage, coming back with half a costume change, sometimes only switching a wig and a fan, that the strain confused us so badly we messed up line and part after part. The Boca Chica Opera House ran with hysterical

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WASHINGTON--One of the most difficult philosophical issues posed by the law is whether society should have the right to punish individuals for private conduct—even though not injurious to others—merely because it violates generally accepted moral precepts.

A decade ago in England, a royal commission under Sir John Wolfenden encountered this dilemma in a study of the country's harsh laws against homosexuality. Its conclusion:

There must remain a realm of private morality and immorality which is, in brief and crude terms, not the law's business.

In line with this principle the commission recommended the abolition of laws against homosexual acts committed by consenting adults in private.

This touched off a national debate between backers of the Wolfenden report and those who argued that society must have the right to preserve the social climate and moral values that its members approve—even if it means punishing people for conduct that injures no one but themselves.

Last week, England seemed on the verge of resolving the controversy in favor of the Wolfenden view.

ENACTMENT IS LIKELY

The House of Commons voted, 99 to 14, to repeal criminal penalties for homosexual conduct by men over 21 (lesbianism has never been condemned by English law). Since the House of Lords has twice approved the change, prospects for enactment are considered very good.

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The San Francisco Health Department reports a rapid increase in the incidence of hepatitis in the city. As reported in the Berkeley Barb of Aug. 18, "Hepatitis in the Haight is up by 300%, according to David Smith, director of the Hip Medical Clinic." This is considered epidemic proportions. The Clinic requested funds from the S.F. Health Department to treat this epidemic and provide convalescent beds and special diets for hepatitis patients, but the city won't call it an epidemic so they don't have to grant funds. Well, what is hepatitis actually, and how does one catch it?

Hepatitis, meaning inflammation of the liver, has become one of this country's major communicable diseases. In epidemic form it occurred in the armies of Napoleon; it was prevalent among the soldiers during the Civil War in this country. In the First and Second World Wars it was an important problem because of the long period of time needed for convalescence from an attack of the disease. In fact, during the Second World War more than 300,000 U.S. soldiers were hospitalized because of infectious hepatitis, and on the Italian front at times both our troops and the Germans were rendered essentially ineffective because of it. This disease has been known by other names such as camp jaundice, field jaundice, infectious jaundice, yellow jaundice, and catarrhal jaundice.

Hepatitis, with over a thousand cases occurring every week, is now ranked third among the communicable diseases reported to the U.S. Public Health Service.

Infectious hepatitis is caused by a virus and is most common among children and young adults. Serum hepatitis is another liver disease also caused by a virus, similar to but not identical to the virus of infectious hepatitis. Serum hepatitis is usually more severe with a higher mortality rate of 6-12% compared with the rate of 2-5% for infectious hepatitis. (Serum hepatitis is transmitted by blood transfusions, by the injection of other blood products, and by needles and syringes which have not been adequately sterilized.) Infectious hepatitis usually comes on suddenly and ordinarily starts with general indisposition, which is followed by symptoms such as loss of appetite, headache, low-grade fever, nausea, abdominal discomfort, constipation, fatigue, and an indefinite feeling of being sick. Sometimes skin eruptions and also joint pains occur, but this is unusual. Usually, after a few days the yellow coloring of the skin and of the whites of the eyes, known as jaundice, appears; not all patients, however, show jaundice. The disease is also characterized by light stools and elimination of dark urine. This stage of the disease, which lasts a variable length of time, is followed by a period of prolonged convalescence frequently lasting several weeks or months. Many unrecognized cases of hepatitis are frequently diagnosed by laboratory studies.

The virus can be found in the stools and in the blood of infected persons. It is spread primarily through intimate person-to-person contact, possibly thru respiratory spread or from blood transfusions as previously mentioned, but most frequently through the intestinal-oral route, e.g. r----g during intimate sexual relations could be a factor. It is reported that the disease is often spread thru contamination of food and water by intestinal discharges (seepage from a cesspool or septic tank located within reach of a water supply has been known to cause an epidemic of infectious hepatitis.) Outbreaks have been traced to various foods, including clams and oysters harvested illegally from beds unapproved by the U.S. Public Health Service because of contamination with human sewage.

The incubation period of the virus is long and variable, from 10-40 days, commonly 25 days. Clinical experience suggests the greatest communicability from a few days before to a few days after onset, usually not exceeding seven days.

Personal cleanliness and community sanitation, such as proper sewage disposal, provision of safe water supplies and food sanitation, are useful methods for controlling the disease. It is certain imperative that you report any symptoms to your private physician or nearest clinic for treatment or care as soon as possible. The best treatment employed today by doctors for hepatitis is rest in bed, a high-calorie diet rich in carbohydrates, moderate protein, and low fat, little salt, and plenty of fluids. Gamma-globulin is sometimes employed by physicians as a way of giving passive immunization. The prospects for an effective vaccine appear very encouraging for the future.
RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE

By Jim Skaggs

Beginning with the first Wednesday in September the Religious Committee meetings will be held at 7 o’clock on the first and third Wed’s. of each month, immediately prior to the closed and open meetings. Any individual who is interested in any aspect of the religious community and its involvement in the homophile movement is invited to come and assist the committee with its new program of activities.

The joint committees (Religious and Community Services) are progressing towards the first plateau of its objective: visitation and hospital services. If anyone has any information concerning a S.I.R. member in the hospital or in need of special assistance in this or a related area, please call S.I.R. so that the committee may act promptly in this matter.

Sunday, Sept. 10, at one P.M. is the date for the next "Sunday Brunch" sponsored by the HOST CORPS. With the special assistance of co-chairmen Schoel Blum and David Stahlman, the Host Corps is expanding its activities into many new areas with remarkable success. Remember: THE HOST CORPS STILL NEEDS YOU!

The Chairman of the Religious Committee recently hosted a group of 20 Stanford University students at the S.I.R. Center. With the aid of the Public Relations Chairman and other interested S.I.R. members a complete and honest attempt was made to orient the students concerning the basic philosophy of S.I.R. and the nature of the homophile movement.

The Religious Committee is preparing a brochure containing names and addresses of understanding clergy, physicians, lawyers and other professional services. If you have any information that would be of help to the committee in compiling this information, please call S.I.R. or 921-4917.

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7. Continue on Canal Road for exactly 2.3 miles, to the first and only traffic signal which you will encounter on Canal Road (which will remind you of a country lane.)

8. The traffic signal is at Arizona Ave. Turn RIGHT onto Arizona Ave.

9. (a) Go up hill for about 0.3 miles to the next traffic signal. This is MacArthur Blvd. (b) Cross MacArthur Blvd., continue on Arizona Ave. for two blocks (counting on the LEFT.) The first is a VERY long block. The second is a short one. This is Cathedral Avenue.

10. Turn sharp LEFT onto Cathedral Avenue.

11. Go about a block. The house is the first brick home on the left which is set well back from the street, after a long row which are close to the street. Park at your own convenience.

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(Paid Political Advertisement)
PAL JOEY, a stranger to the Bay Area, opened Friday, Aug. 18th at the S.I.R. Community Center for a double header weekend run to an opening night capacity audience. The cast gave a good accounting of themselves with the Rodgers and Hart musical numbers.

Joey, played by Ken, came over the footlights to captivate the audience. Vera was well received by the audience even though her singing voice was not quite ready for the musical stage. Fortunately, the show was held together by two contrasting musical numbers, featuring the raucous voice of Gladys Bumps assisted by the bumping and grinding chorus in "Terrific Rainbow," and the florid voice of Louis the Tenor, and the lavishly costumed chorus in "The Flower Garden Of My Heart."

Agnes and Ludlow stole the show in the second act with "Plant You Now, Dig You Later." Melba came on to the roars of the audience with "Zip" and because she accidentally sprained her ankle during the dress rehearsal, she performed the only strip in the world done on a chair with a cane. Linda gave a beautiful, but weak-voiced performance.

The lavish but cumbersome sets, which the musical called for, seemed difficult to work with on the stage and made the scene changes overstraining.

PAL JOEY, a rather dated musical in both dialogue and staging, was an adequate show on the S.I.R. stage. The Production Committee had many problems with the show. During the second month of rehearsals they were left without a director because of tragic circumstances that befall Bruce Givens. Fortunately, with the aid of the cast, Charley Davis did his best to whip the various "personalities" into a somewhat "total show." Individually, some of the cast were excellent. Together, they were rather like sandpaper because of the antiquity of the play's score and dialogue.

It may have not been the greatest smash in San Francisco, but it was nevertheless very entertaining.
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"No, Mona... Mattachine Inc. of San Francisco is NOT Santa Claus"
by W. E. Beardsmore

Our last Open Forum questioned homosexual organizations. Are they worthwhile, detrimental, or just there? After four years of exhaustive work in leadership in one of these groups, I have had a lot of experiences I could pass along but I am always told to keep my cool and everything will work out all right. Well, it just hasn't happened that way. I am fed up with some of the B.S. that is going on.

For a long time a few homophile persons have worked very hard to bring about groups that will better the societal position of homosexuals, while the great majority of homosexuals have apathetically acquiesced or complained that nothing was being done by these groups. And contrary to "Goebbels-like" pamphlets that other homophile publications print, some groups have been organized as vehicles for personal glory, business profits, and exploitation of homosexuals.

Many of us in leadership roles have been sickened by some of these "societies" which pass themselves off as benevolent Non-profit groups working for homosexual rights when they are in fact leeches on the homosexual community. Existence is difficult between these two extremes of the do-nothing bitch who moans and complains on one side and the evil organizational hustler on the other side. But try working in such a situation to bring about a positive constructive group. The socially caused hang-ups of individual homosexuals and uncompromising societal opposition embroils worthwhile organizations in many diversions that tend to destroy and cloud the desired goals.

S.I.R. and T.G. receive a desperate phone call of impending scandal and loss of civic support for a very worthwhile group here unless we could figure out a way to stop homosexual acts in a garden that was part of their property. A locked gate was continually broken open, personal warnings were given many times and posted warnings were torn down and ignored. A policeman had stationed himself in plain clothes in the area gathering necessary facts and the crackdown was apparently ready to commence. The leadership of S.I.R. and T.G. met with the person in charge and with our police contact in a private meeting. The situation was studied and immediately a different kind of lock was installed, with a new flood lighting system for the garden. The problem ceased. A good civic project was saved.

I think the contrasts and parallels here demonstrate some of the needs and disasters of organizational work. We all know these problems exist but they can be solved in intelligent ways without destroying the individual lives. Homosexuals have been placed in a precarious social position. It ill behooves some homosexuals to turn upon their own kind.

Even here, organizations such as S.I.R. and T.G., recognize their limitations. A symptom was treated while the underlying cause still remained in the community. Sure

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This month I decided to let the readers of VECTOR write to the Open Forum on any subject of interest to them. With many problems in the world today certainly, the homosexual has his opinion about them, thus, "The Homosexual Speaks."

LOCK ME UP!
Letter To U.S. Supreme Court:
In reference to your recent decision regarding the deportation of an alien because, in your opinion, his homosexual behavior is, per se, psychopathic, I should like to take the strongest exception to your contention.

If this were true, then how can we deal with the estimated fifteen million functioning homosexuals who are not aliens, and who are residents of the United States?

As for me, I should have to forget the six years I spent in the U.S. Navy, separating with an honorable discharge, my college education, the properties on which I pay an aggregate tax of over $500 a year, my job from which the Government gets $700 a year, and my numerous endeavors in society. I should have to commit myself to the Napa State Mental institution and become a ward of the State.

Under such conditions, so would my 15 million brothers in this country, all of whom under your latest decision, would be unfit to "serve society" have to also commit themselves to mental institutions.

I hope you observe that I say, "commit themselves," because indeed, no one else could commit them, because the bulk of the homosexuals living and functioning in this country are never social problems.

I hope that you will see fit to better educate yourselves on the nature of homosexuality, and should a similar case ever come before you, that you will be better equipped to deal with it.

STOP, THIEF!

What I am going to write about is to me the lowest form of life that exists. Some of those who read this will realize that I am speaking of them. Those to whom it does not apply, well, I hope, help me to find a way to remove the others from our midst.

I am speaking in particular to and about the scum that makes a habit of stealing from S.I.R. and its members. The numbers of petty thefts that have occurred, as well as some large ones, indicate that there are in all probability several of these inveterate thieves among the working members of S.I.R. To me this makes it even worse.

To consider that anyone would steal is bad enough. To consider that they would steal from their friends and from the group that is doing everything in its power to make life a little more bearable for them is beyond conception. Words fail me when I try to express my contempt for a person who involves himself in the work of S.I.R. and then when no one is looking, will turn around and steal money or valuables from the Society.

It has reached the point that I have to advise everyone who wants to leave something for safe keeping, that the only way it will be safe is for them to keep it on
their person. Every day something is stolen, a cash box is broken into, money is missing, private papers are removed from office desk. In order to provide some security for theseers, etc. in the office, I have had to purchase a desk and build cabinets for the members of the Board of Directors with locks on each director's section.

If nothing else happens first, this is the type of thing that will eventually destroy S.I.R. More than one person who has devoted many months and, in some cases, years of work to S.I.R. now have nothing to do with it. The members of the Society because they feel that it is worthless to work to make money to pay the expenses of S.I.R. and then have people steal it. It makes no difference whether it is $5 or $25,000. It is the same thing.

.....Pat Kelly

UNCLE SAM NEEDS US?

We of the homophile community are all aware that the Federal Government will not allow homosexuals to enter or remain members of the Armed Forces of the U.S., nor hold any federal job.

It has become apparent to me that the only time our government has any use for us is when we have something to contribute that they want or they have a war they want us to die in, (World War II). And we must not forget that we have to pay our taxes, but when it comes down to being an active part of government or military life, then they say NO! we have no further use for you.

I personally feel that if my government and its military have no use for me, then why should I be forced to be a part of it even in so small a way as paying taxes to support it. I would do all in my power to defend my country, but only for myself and the masses, not for a bunch of political bigwigs who are narrow-minded and two-faced enough to say "Discrimination based on race, color, C R E E D or national origin shall be illegal," and then practice the highest discrimination on the homophile community.

So I say where is the government's and military's sense of right? I challenge them to call themselves (in any sense of honesty) true Americans, who are willing to give everyone his fair chance that is granted to every AMERICAN by the Constitution. The right to participate and belong to a government that is supposed to be "of the people, by the people, and for the people," a statement I might add that does not say "strange people" but simply "PEOPLE!"

.....Swabby

FREE LOVE

All sex u a l legislation should be repealed, not merely laws concerning private sexual acts between consenting adults. Sex has nothing to do with morality. There is nothing sacred about sex. No act is moral or immoral per se because it is a sexual act.

Rape should be punished under assault and battery laws without a separate and unjustly severe set of penalties which can include death. Prostitution should be legalized, restricted only by health regulations. The human body is not obscene. Let people walk around naked and have sex in the park if they care to. Sex is a personal affair, not necessarily a private one. There should be no censorship of any kind because there is nothing dirty about sex.

Sex education should start in kindergarten, birth control information, pills and contraceptives should be available to everyone, and abortion should be legalized.

Adult-child relations are not necessarily immoral, although they may be, not because of the sexual nature of the act but because of a disregard for the health and welfare of the child. As such the child can be protected under child welfare laws and no specific sexual legislation is needed. Let us get rid of this ridiculous idea that sex is harmful to children. Sex is good for everybody; sex is not sinful. It is morally neutral. An immoral act may include sex, but it is not immoral because of its sexual aspect, and every law which is based on the idiotic ideas that sex is either holy and sacred or dirty and evil must be abolished.

.....Army

THE HOMOSEXUAL VICTIM

Several years ago television station KRON gave a program on homosexuality. During that broadcast, Officer Nieto made a statement on the percentage of crimes here in the city that involved homosexuals. What Officer Nieto failed to mention was the fact that the homosexuals involved were victims, not perpetrators of the crimes.

I am certain that many homosexuals have been involved in unfortunate situations. Indeed, there is hardly a day that goes by without mention of a robbery, beating, mugging, theft, attempt at blackmail or even murder.

S.I.R. is very concerned about this criminal activity and the fact that so much of it goes unreported and unsolved.

The blame is also ours, the homophile community. The police cannot arrest a criminal they don't know anything about, and they cannot solve a crime that has not been reported or has not been truthfully reported.

We are very pleased that Capt. Lingafelter, Deputy Chief of Inspectors of the S.F. Police Department and Capt. Barca of the Central Precinct had agreed to address S.I.R. Their very presence was testimony to the fact that the police department is not concerned with prosecuting sexual acts between consenting adults in private. What they are very much concerned with is the violence that so often accompanies those acts. It is hoped that S.I.R. members will be made cognizant of the problems in bringing this sort of crime to an end here in San Francisco.

.....Jim Foster

RELIGIOUS POSTURE.

Homosexuals had better reconsider their atheistic posture. Some persons have scoffed at the thought that they are incapable of developing their full potential and thus in need of a higher authority as a model for patterning their lives and as a source
Now he can't agree, how can I be expected to follow what any church advocated? is the agnostic's usual response when confronted with personal belief. However, in responding with this circumlocution, he provides a positive statement concerning religion. First, he admits that most people are interested in religious experience; thus, it is not just the whim of a minority. Second, he defends himself in terms of the errors of others rather than confronting the spiritual challenge.

St. Thomas Aquinas, who is often regarded as the theological father of Christian, stresses the necessity of faith in accepting the religious experience. For the individuals who are unwilling to accept the authority of Scripture or revelation, the Christian can demonstrate that "what faith teaches is not impossible, and the argument from authority based on human reason is the weakest, yet the argument from authority based on divine revelation is the strongest."

History is a positive factor in the evaluation of God. Although a great variety of ideas concerning religion are present in the world, upon closer scrutiny one may discover most differences to be superficial. The truths of love, righteousness, goodness and rendering service to fellow men are present in all major religions.

The challenge to the homosexual is negative rather than positive. He must not revolt simply for the sake of revolution, now should he blindly accept religion.

Perhaps much of the confusion and doubt concerning the validity of religion could be clarified if the Christian himself could return to the 2 basic Augustinian principles, "faith and revelation." First acceptance of scriptural revelation, and second, maintaining an open mind about interpretation of scripture so that scripture "not be exposed to the ridicule of unbelievers and obstacles placed to their unbelieving."

Man is a composite creature of emotions, intellect, physical desires, and spiritual needs. To be a total individual a person need not succumb to the traditional uptight; however, he must carefully examine the old before discarding it in favor of a fashionable novelty.

Jim Skaggs

MAKE IT BIGGER!

It is amusing to me to realize how little our readers know about the logistics of VECTOR. When they are told that it was impossible to print the next issue, picture, wisecracks or gries, they reply, "Well, why not make it bigger?"

I am sure they say this innocently, not knowing that to increase VECTOR means to increase it at least 8 pages, which increases the production costs immeasurably. This increases the mailing costs, since 8 additional pages flips the scale and sends us into a higher postage bracket; this multiplied by the more than 1000 VECCTORS which are mailed monthly, represents a lot of loot which we do not have.

It would help greatly if each person who wishes to submit an article for VECTOR will do so between the first and tenth of each month, preceding the date of the publication in which he wants to see his copy.

Henry Babbitt

THE "YOUSHOULD"

In the 2 years I have been involved in S.I.R. activities I hear more and more people of the Bay Area Homophile Community, sitting on their fat complacencies, acquire a permanent and constant impediment of their speech. If you listen, you can hear it, too. Whenever they speak about S.I.R., the two words, "You Should" are repeated so many times when they suggest one grand scheme after another that you suddenly hear these 2 words as one--YOUSHOULD. Part and parcel of this speech impediment is the fact that their speech becomes absolutely void of the words, "we should," and you never

hear an "I WILL." I have heard the slothful whine of these "youshoulds" for so long, that as soon as I hear "youshould," my hearing tunes out, and my mind wanders to the things I've got to do that are a concrete aid to S.I.R. and the movement, and I just see the their lips move.

An irked "I WILL!"

THE WORLD IS A FLOWER!

It is unfortunate that we have many members who feel that S.I.R. should not maintain a closer liaison with the "flower generation." It seems to be the usual case that the people screaming the loudest have no idea of what "flower generation" means.

These persons seem to be caught up in a wonderful world of color tv, new furniture, and bigger cars. Being a "plain-clothes flower" for the past 26 years, I think this feeling of living has a stronger base on which to stand than our mass-produced gods which we are flooded with daily. It is much more enjoyable to FULLY appreciate the sound of music, leaves rustling in the wind, and a crackling fire, rather than wasting one's life only to find he has a shiny gas eater and 300 gilt mirrors and a house full of "Four Brothers" furniture.

Perhaps these persons should take another look at life and the fantastic movement about them, rather than be displaced in both the appreciation for sight, sound, and touch as well as not fulfilling their daily buying quo.

A "Bored" Member

NEXT MONTH'S OPEN FORUM

By its very name S.I.R. respects the individual and his "rights" in all aspects of his life. Paramount in the homosexual's life pattern is his citizenship and his right to vote according to his own conviction. With this in mind and with the important local election in November, VECTOR dedicates the October Open Forum to the "Homosexual In The Political Arena," and invites its many readers to write their views on this timely subject. Address all mail to: VECTOR OPEN FORUM, S.I.R., 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, California, 94103.
Food seems to be a universal denominator of human existence. The more one tries out other persons' tastes and experiences different eating habits, the more one learns about people. It was with this in mind that I eagerly accepted a hippie communal family's invitation to partake of an American tradition; a picnic in the park.

Eighteen of us, carrying assorted packages containing our reparte, headed down Haight St. and ended at Golden Gate Park. One young man with flowing hair and long robes directed the tribe thru some thick vines and greenery, down to a secluded glen, near the edge of a tiny, lily, padded lake. He asked all to be seated and began the dinner by reciting a short poem on real love. His beauty seemed hidden by his ugly robe, and the question kept going through my mind as to why he had to go unkept and wear such worn and dirty sackcloth to preach on love. After this preceptive discourse on man, the food was abundantly spread before the company. Large bowls of boiled rutabagas, turnips, parsnips and other exotic vegetables, somewhat cooled by the long walk and sermon, surrounded a huge old pottery casserole which was filled with a concoction that was triumphantly announced as "Timothy's Truculent Tripe." The aroma that filled the air as the lid was lifted was astounding. The combinations of spices used in the dish overwhelmed the usual tripe odor. I was interested.

Strange to say that as the food was being served, the crowd somehow decreased to fourteen. I noticed that the plate of food given to myself was indeed colorful. The main dish contained a great bit of hominy grits, and a quantity of pimientos, carrots, and unpeeled eggplants. Somehow, it did not appeal to my bigoted tastes. In fact, I discreetly threw my portion of tripe under a stunted, imported Japanese Pine tree that I'm certain was planted in the park by a hunchbacked rabbi, rationalizing that the tree needed that strange nourishment more than I. I declined to ask for the recipe for "Timothy's Truculent Tripe," and so I shall not be able to include it here.

However, the leader soon hushed the assembly that had become somewhat carried away by a heated discussion on the purgative powers of tripe and hominy grits. As the silence came upon us, a wispy, and faint sound seemed to go, "Tripe Toe Through the Guano." Coming to our ears. As the sound came nearer and nearer, I could distinguish the words sung to an old familiar refrain that seemed to go, "Trip Toe Through the Guano." Coming to the throng through the bushes and high grass was an Ophelia-like girl who was carrying a large plastic water container. She placed this heavy load in the center of the group and announced to one and all that this holy vessel she bore contained all of her latest batch of "Hysterical Water." The reaction of the picnic crowd was one of glee. My hopes, having spiritual frenzy, that this was indeed the elixir of God.

The drinks were passed and the effect of the refreshment was indescribably unusual.

Then, Ophelia began to recite wise aphorisms she had learned from the ancient Indian guru that passed this divine recipe on to her. My memory is clouded as to all she said, but I do remember her saying: "Disobedience of self produces miracles;" "though Saints may forgo many bodily functions such as sex, they still must breathe and sometimes eat and have their bungholes unstopped." There were many other quotations equally as wise.

It was only with luck that I awoke later clutching Ophelia's plastic bottle. All the others had left, and Ophelia was tugging at me trying to get back her bottle, as she said. I told her she could have it only after she told me her recipe for this elixir. After swearing me to secrecy (in that state I swore quite easily) she gave me the following:

**HYSERICAL WATER**

Take seeds of wild parsnip, betony, and roots of lovage; of each two ounces; roots of single peony four ounces; of mistletoe of the Oak three ounces; myrrh a quarter of an ounce; and castor half an ounce. Beat all these together, and add to them a quart of a pound of dried millipedes. Pour on these three quarts of mugwort water, and two quarts of brandy. Let them stand in a closed vessel eight days, and then still it in a cold still pasted up. You may draw off nine pints of water, and sweeten it to your taste. Mix all together, and bottle it up.

With a wonderful product to bottle and sell! I can just see an advertising campaign with the slogan: "Be one with the universe in joy and love: drink "Hashbury Hysterical Water.'"
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The Homosexual's Case (Cont. From Page 1)

Law reformers in the United States could never score a oneshot legislative victory of this magnitude, since morals legislation is a matter for each state to decide. But about a dozen legislatures are quietly moving toward consideration of Wolfenden-type repeal laws within the next couple of years, and the climate for change appears promising.

The shift in attitudes dates back to 1948, when the Kinsey Report showed that there are more homosexuals in the United States than most people had thought. Professor Kinsey found that at least 37 per cent of the men he interviewed had had at least one homosexual experience. This and other findings about the sexual misbehavior of American males led him to conclude that "if the existing laws were to be vigorously carried out, we would almost all of us be in jail, guarded presumably by females and eunuchs."

One reason why the laws are largely ignored is that they are archaic and difficult to understand. Many of the Victorian-minded legislators who passed them couldn't bring themselves to consider the subject closely, so they cribbed heavily from ecclesiastical law and even from the Bible.

The situation has prompted the American Law Institute to recommend, in its model penal code, that the states repeal their laws against homosexual behavior between consenting adults. Under the A.L.I. view such conduct would be punishable only if it involved solicitation in public.

Illinois became the first state to adopt this model code provision in 1961, and although the idea has not spread to other states, it has been accepted calmly in Illinois.

CHURCH OPPOSITION

In the past two years, legislators in New York and Wisconsin have considered making the same change and have shied away. Determined opposition from the Roman Catholic Church did the trick in New York, and in Wisconsin the proposal became a political issue when the Young Democrats favored the idea and were labeled "homocrats" by the state's Republican Governor.

Yet officials of the A.L.I. believe that the recent adoption of the model code's liberal abortion law provisions by California, Colorado, and North Carolina suggests that many legislatures-resuscitated by reapportionment are ready to update other archaic laws involving sex.

At present the legislatures of 14 states are moving toward consideration of the model code: California, Connecticut, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Texas. "Many may decide that the action taken in the House of Commons is not for them. But others may decide that regulating such private conduct is not the province of the law, and that, as the North Carolina Supreme Court recently wrote in an opinion, putting a homosexual in prison is "a little like throwing brer rabbit into the briar patch."

SUPERVISOR
TERRY FRANCOIS
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We tried to tell Assemblyman John Burton, and we even held up the August issue of VECTOR for two days waiting for his advertising copy which never came, forcing us to go to press late, and without his advertising copy, thus, resulting in his defeat at the polls on Aug. 15th, by Judge Milton Marks, who now becomes San Francisco's senatorial representative in Sacramento.

Burton needed less than two percentage points to win; VECTOR could have delivered between twenty-five and thirty thousand votes, had he not chosen to ignore the importance of S.I.R. and its official publication, VECTOR. Mr. Burton told a mere quorum audience at the last membership meeting that he did not want US to "love him to death", indicating his lack of knowledge of the impact that the local gay community could have on any local election. Let this be a fair warning to the several candidates running for city and county office later in November. VECTOR and S.I.R. can deliver a plurality vote to candidates who will recognize that we are now a concerted force, determined to gain our "individual rights" just as any minority group has a right to enjoy under the Bill of Rights.

Delegates to the National Planning Conference in Washington made their travel and hotel reservations with Norman Forrester, of the EXECUTIVE TRAVEL PLANNERS, and when some of our delegates saw the spectacular view of the bay and the city from the magnificent offices of TRAVEL PLANNERS high up on the 19th floor of the Hartford Building, some of them preferred to just stay at home and spend their vacations in this beautiful spot with a view. Norman Forrester has been everywhere and done everything in the world of travel and thus, he is able to plan any travel with experience and knowledge of what you can expect in Amsterdam, Moscow, Rio de Janiero, Honolulu, or Sausalito. He's got the kind of intimate hotels and "pensions" that we are looking for right at his experienced fingertips, and usually knows the first name of the manager and the bell captain.

EXECUTIVE TRAVEL PLANNERS sounds expensive but when you realize that reservations through them do not cost you a single penny more, you appreciate what a bonus you get for your travel dollar when you call Norman Forrester at 981-2484, and let him arrange everything for you. Don't travel ANYWHERE without first contacting Norman for that little "extra" bit of information you'll be glad he told you about.

What with all the town excited over THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE and so many of you planning to arrive in a costume of the gay 20's, I'm sure you'll want a lovely picture in full living color taken in your MILLIE costume, either at the Orpheum Theatre or at the COLEMAN COLOR STUDIO in San Mateo. Mr. Coleman is a prize-winning, long experienced color photographer and will be set-up in the Orpheum lobby for the convenience of our many costumed friends attending S.I.R.'s special burgundy showing of THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE. I hear there isn't another antique or classic automobile of the 20's left available for September 24th because so many of you have already chartered them in which to make your theatre arrival. Did you know there will also be so many motorcycles arriving, that the Pinkerton-guarded spot reserved for them on Hyde Street will resemble the front of Mr. B's on Saturday night. Have you been there lately?

If you find yourself in the vicinity of Sacramento, give yourself a treat and visit the YOLO BATHS in Bryte, which is a suburb of our state capitol and is easily reached from the old highway if you turn off just 2 miles before you get to the bridge. Actually, the YOLO BATHS is on Sacramento Avenue where the popular HIDE AND SEEK is located.

Are you thinking of opening a bar or restaurant? If you are, one of the first things you should do is contact A.A. VENDORS at 11 Pearl St., and make a reservation for one of their brand new juke boxes and cigarette machines. Richard has the very latest cigarette machines which can even dispense the new 100 mm. extra long cigarettes which are so popular. His new stereo juke boxes which are modern and attractive produce "real presence" sound, and Richard is an authority on speaker placement, so that there is never a blast of sound at any given spot. You might call Richard at A.A. VENDORS and discuss the phase of your projected operation well in advance of your planned opening.

We were amused at the number of people who called Bill Plath to congratulate him on the opening of the OPERA HOUSE ANTIQUES. Of course, THE OPERA HOUSE ANTIQUES is not a Bill Plath enterprise, but those of us who know Bill associate him with the San Francisco Opera and merely assumed that this was his newest venture. The "Bill" of Bill, Dick and Paul of the OPERA HOUSE ANTIQUES is another "Bill" and you should visit this corner of Hayes and Gough Streets. By the way Paul, of this trio, will no doubt be seen in a forthcoming S.I.R. production, as he is a professional actor. OPERA HOUSE ANTIQUES has many lovely antique pieces, moderately priced, and if you are decorating a tired old Victorian, you'll find many pieces of "just right" furniture available at the OPERA HOUSE ANTIQUES, which will spruce it up attractively. When you visit our friends and advertisers, tell 'em you saw it in VECTOR—that's GAY POWER!
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MOVIE REVIEW:

"Echoes of Silence"

By Larry Carlson

An extraordinary new film, "Echoes of Silence," arrived in the Bay Area this month. Winner of the Special Director's Award at the Pesaro International Film Festival of New Cinema in Pesaro, Italy, June, 1966, this poignant film opened a two-week run at the Cedar Alley Cinema in San Francisco Friday, Aug. 18th. The film with incidental music and no dialogue is written by Peter Goldman, assisted by Riva Fairfeld and Michael Sheridan.

Echoes of Silence - these are the faces in quest of a thread of sensitivity, suffering souls, wandering in search of forgetfulness, or in pursuit of a ray of light. Goldman uses neither script nor plot, and the film is built on characters involved and from the most intense moments of their existence.

Beatniks Miguel, Stasia, & Maria are beats only as seen from the viewpoint of a pseudo-patriotic peon that becomes immediately apprehensive by the mere sight of an approaching guitar, and yet remains all too complacent towards all kinds of corruption tolerated by those in high places. It is not a sociological document nor a slice of life nor a series of exemplary portraits. We know these people well because they remind us of what we were, what we could have become and what other adolescents are and will become: lonely, wandering, and lost.

In one sequence which contained some subtle overtones of Lesbianism, we find Stasia and Astrid putting on each other's make-up in a small Greenwich Village apartment; a copy of Swan's Way by Proust lies on the table.

In one of the most extraordinary of the sequences, two boys come home after a frustrating Saturday night, mop for awhile, and then prepare for bed. Viraj, a sensitive homosexual, reaches towards the other who balks him; the long fingers ride out again and again, determined to explore the other's rougher arm. Here, without false rhetoric, are the grain and the fiber of life as it frequently tends, quietly and unobtrusively to be lived, and yet, at the moment when the fingers of the two boys finally meet, it is possible to feel with a shock that no two people ever touched before. (This is the only sequence in the film without accompanying music.)

For me this film without dialogue was more eloquent than the polemic theatre, more lyrical than a romantic and passionate poem, more piercing than a sad ballad. Sequences of Broadway at night and of Times Square (the final scene where Miguel "continues to wander") are not so easily put aside or forgotten. Echoes of Silence is one of those films that one lives, not being content merely to look at it.

Emblems
Now Available

This is S.I.R.'s membership identity patch, which is available at the office to any S.I.R. member. It is fabricated in black, white and gold and can be applied to cloth or leather material. If you are a S.I.R. member, get a membership patch and wear it with pride. It will identify you to the other 1000 members of S.I.R.

Millie Has Arrived

S.I.R. is giving San Francisco's first GAY-LA premiere with a showing of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" on Sunday night, September 24, 1967, at 7:30 PM at the Orpheum theater in S.F. When the intermission rolls around, all of the guests will partake of free Bathtub Burgundy and enjoy a 1920's fashion show being given by the Fabulous Laura. See all of the gay old styles of the 1920's. The fashion show will be climaxxed by a spectacular wedding dress as worn in that time period. David (ON THE LEVEE) Kelsey, the popular organist, will play the pipe organ before and after the show.

After the movie the real fun starts. The judging begins, and what a panel of judges it will be - five of San Francisco's most famous luminaries. One judge alone is worth the price of admission. The contestants will parade across the stage to compete for silver prizes. The categories will be; most lavish - 1st and 2nd places; most authentic - male and female; most comical - male and female; and last, but not least, Miss Modern Millie. Costume dress is optional. Style will be, what else, the 1920's. Tickets are $5.00 for reserved seats. Stop by at the center and purchase your tickets now, or mail a check for the number of seats desired and your tickets will be mailed the same day. Join S.I.R. and walk into the Orpheum on the "Red Carpet of Glamour."
S.I.R's Place in
The Political Arena

About ten years ago during the campaign of Russell Wol- 
den vs Christopher for Mayor of San Francisco, TIME Maga-
zine gave the homophile community total credit for the 
defeat of Wolden and the 
election of Republican Chris-
topher. The reason for the 
defeat of liberal Wolden was 
due to a caustic remark made 
by him a few days before the 
election against the homo-
phile community of S.F. As we 
often remind everyone, "DON'T 
MESS WITH MONA!"

On Aug. 2, Mr. John Burton 
was granted the unprecedented 
privilege of addressing the 
S.I.R. closed meeting, at 
which he fielded questions 
from the audience leaving the 
impression that he was our 
candidate; unfortunately, our 
closed meeting was attended 
by a mere quorum and not the 
neary 1000 members who make 
up S.I.R.

On Aug. 3, the VECTOR Busi-
ness Manager called Mr. 
Burton's office and talked to 
his secretary, Suzy, who took 
our message and promised to 
pass it on to Mr. Burton. The 
pages of VECTOR were offered 
as a media for soliciting the 
votes of our thousands and 
thousands of readers, most 
all of whom would certainly 
have voted for Mr. Burton had 
they understood his stand on 
the "Model Penal Code." It 
was impossible to reach the 
Assemblyman personally.

Subsequent calls to Suzy 
revealed the fact that Mr. 
Burton desired to advertise 
in VECTOR, but had so little 
time to prepare his copy. It 
was suggested that an already 
printed page-size-filler be 
given to us as an insert in the 
Aug. VECTOR. On Saturday, 
the 5th, we had still not re-
ceived any "insert" from Mr. 
Burton, nor did we receive 
the courtesy of a call from 
Suzy saying that he did or 
did not want to use VECTOR to 
solicit the votes of S.I.R. 
members, subscribers, and the 
thousands of members of the 
homophile community of S.F. 
VECTOR was put to bed late 
because of our waiting for 
Mr. Burton's copy. TIME now 
concedes that the homophile 
community in S.F. has done it 
again. They believe that if 
Mr. Burton had solicited the 
votes of the thousands of ho-
mophiles in the city, he 
would have been the "shoo-in" 
candidate he was considered 
to be before the election. 
Again we say, "DON'T MESS 
WITH MONA!"

Commencing almost immedi-
ately, members of the politi-
cal committee will have com-
pleted their instructions 
from the Registrar of Voters, 
and equipped with registra-
tion books, pens, table and 
chair, will go out into 37 
local bars, restaurants, book 
stores, and every other place 
where they will register ev-
everyone they can, especially 
members of the homophile com-

A candidate in a former 
election wrote us a beautiful 
letter thanking us for the 
25,000 votes we gave him in 
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With the accelerated effort 
we intend to make from now 
'til election, S.I.R. should 
be able to deliver a minimum 
of 50,000 votes from among 
the ranks of our 90,000 local 
population. It will be the 
aim of S.I.R.'s Political 
Committee to make sure that 
everyone of that 90,000 is 
REGISTERED TO VOTE this Nov-
ember.

We invite every reader to 
watch eagerly for the October 
issue of VECTOR, which will 
give you an introduction to 
the numerous candidates for 
Board of Supervisors, and a 
comprehensive article on the 
candidates for Mayor of San 
Francisco. If you are not now 
registered, we urge you to 
register and get all of your 
friends to register. THIS 
WILL BE AN IMPORTANT ELECTION 
for every member of the homo-
phile community. Our politi-
cal candidates' night will be 
at our Open Meeting, Oct. 4. 
Be sure and plan to be pres-
Mme. Soto-Voce (Cont. from page 9)

laughter! The composer was set to jump from his fourth floor penthouse suite in Boca Chica's smart Skyscraper Hotel when the critics' reviews came to him. They loved it! They said he made operatic history. "Norah of New Orleans" became the first 12-tone modern comic opera!

Small Activities (Cont.)

like to convene those interested on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 8:00 P.M. (S.I.R. Center) and we can discuss what we feel this group should be. A.C.T. will offer us a total of 35% off on season tickets if we go as a group. They are offering 5 types of season tickets: 8, 12, or 16 plays. Mike, of the Art Group, (8 P.M. on Tuesdays) tells me they are looking for new art-

Washington Conference

Two committees of future significance were set up. The first will be a preliminary study committee for the purpose of exploring the feasibility of a conference-sponsored program aimed at monitoring sex education programs including schools, colleges, and teacher training programs with respect to treatment of homosexuality, and changing the content of such programs dealing insufficiently or unfavorably with homosexuality.

The second committee will study existing liquor laws of all states and publish these in a pamphlet with a model liquor control law that will indicate an updating of existing laws towards a more equitable enforcement and control in this area.

No Mona... (Cont. from Page 15)

the "hungry ones" just moved to other spots for their activities, but what about these public cruising, public sex hang-ups? It is here we approach the problem through personal contacts and open honest discussions, as in our Open Forum, of just what is happening. It is here that S.I.R., T.C., COITS and other meaningful groups provide alternative outlets through other activities and through meaningful personal contacts. The problem is big but it will never be solved unless

In closing, Mr. Involved, don't try to play too many parts at once or you too may end up as a comic opera yourself, only I suspect the joke will be on you. Pick the role (or few roles) you like the best and play them well. Then you can become a great star in your own plaisir d'amours.

I Will, You Will, They Will

The estates of three San Franciscans valued each at more than $10,000, for which there are no known heirs, are now in the hands of State Comptroller Houston Flournoy.

Two of these San Franciscans were or should have been members of S.I.R., however, none of them were married and left no wills or known heirs, therefore, we might surmise that all three would have been pleased to name S.I.R. to receive the residue of their respective estates, had they been properly approached and appraised of the need the Society has for these funds to promote the aims of S.I.R. Instead of hominy grits and Sunday brunches, our Corps could make the needs and aims of the Society known to our senior citizens, petitioning them to make a will with any of the members of our legal committee who will gladly advise them how they can will their estates to the Society provided the Host Corps will set up an administrator and board of trustees for the Society.

Every day more and more opportunities arise for the Society to aid someone and some cause pertinent to the aims of the homophile community, but the lack of funds makes this impossible. Instead of being able to do positive things, most of the work horse members of S.I.R. are busying themselves raising money necessary for our mere existence. Expenses like rent, salaries, light, heat, taxes, travel expense, office expense, postage, printing, are essentials and should not have to be met by a constant string of productions, dances, fairs, dinners, shows, and other fund raising events.

Everyone is urged and requested, especially our senior citizen members, to make a will and remember the SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS.

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