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Crumley stated that "there is NO LEGAL SEX release for the homosexual" so his officers are justified in entering gay bars in plain clothes to observe and converse with patrons in order to "catch" them in illegal acts.

"Raging" bars is not done, the captain explained, but it may appear that way because when a number of uniformed officers enter and start making arrests they are following-up on earlier observations by plainclothesmen.

Many of those present, aware of the large number of arrests in L.A. this year, questioned police practices. It was stated that homophiles are physically abused by officers, engaged in "gay" entrapment conversations by plainclothesmen, not informed of their rights and then later faced with false police reports. Crumley denied this but said that if specific charges were made he would talk to the officers involved and "re-train" them.

A long history of L.A. police mistreatment of the homophile was outlined in a 1965 UCLA LAW REVIEW. The officer, who frequently called those present "homo," called THIS REPORT A DIS­ TORTION OF THE TRUTH and chastized UCLA for not allowing prior censorship of the report by the L.A. police. He added that HE HAD NOT READ IT.

This S.I.R. correspondent was invited to attend this meeting by PRIDE President, Jerry Joachim, and was most favorably impressed by the newdynamic

leadership in this organization. Its broadened program and new publication, "ADVOCATE" shows great promise.

This meeting, arranged by PRIDE, was side-tracked a minute when your S.I.R. reporter emotionally accused the vice squad in Hollywood of "using the homosexual" to justify their existence because there isn't enough crime to keep the squad busy otherwise. Crumley did not answer this charge and the chairman calmed down the S.I.R. man.

Los Angeles gay bar arrests exceed those in San Francisco many times over. Why? The captain replied that the "tone is different" in L.A. where more complaints are received from churches, merchants and civic groups. San Francisco was called a more "traditionally liberal seaport town" which even tolerates "Finocchio's and B-Girls." (!?)

This writer was raised in L.A. and it is true that the John Birch Society atmosphere down South does not exactly encourage the understanding or toleration of anything! Los Angeles police are a reflection of what happened in World War II when a mass migration from the rural mid-West and the southern states created a gigantic small town, devoid of the sophistications expected in a metropolitan city.

PRIDE is to be commended for setting up this meeting... a big FIRST for Los Angeles. One, Tangents, Pursuit, Omega Delta Nu, Daughters of Billitis, and other "gay" groups were well represented.

President Joachim won one concessions from Captain Crumley. In the future, if a policeman observes a questionable act at a PRIDE dance he will refer the matter to the management rather than make an on-the-spot arrest. IN LOS ANGELES, THIS IS PROGRESS!!
One of the most important papers presented at the Washington conference (NPCHO) was given by Mr. Austin Wade, in his own clear way of explaining legislative facts. I have known Mr. Wade for eleven years, and he has been a source of information to New York Mattachine since the inception of the organization, but never was he in better form than at this August meeting. He gave a complete review of the Wolfenden law reform in England, the Illinois legislation, Model Penal Code and President's Commission on Crime... with highest praise for the recommendations contained in the now-famous and respected article which appeared in the U.C.L.A Law Review. He spared no emphasis in telling those assembled that the real problems we face are not so much concerned with actions of consenting adults in private, but in the risks involved in arranging such private affairs! In brief, it's of no benefit to have the law's assurance of safety in privacy if you aren't allowed to ask someone to share this with you, and this cannot be done without the danger of being arrested for soliciting! Thus, proposed legislative changes currently being considered may only continue the hazards in different forms, unless we demand revisions.

I have never understood this vague catch-all we hear called "soliciting." I refer you to my column of April, 1967, in which I express constant amazement at the inability of persons to use a firm and simple NO to that which does not interest them. This applies to everything from selecting a partner for sex, to looking at pictures or reading books. As long as force is not used, everyone should have freedom in making choices. I have no sympathy for the "men" who become weak-kneed at the mere mention of homosexuality. Persons secure in their own sexual identity have no fears and realize there is more to being a complete man than preoccupation with feminine conquests, baseball records and excessive drinking. It's no secret pend on the daytime business of married commuters, and statistics from a recent, reliable study show that married men make up 59% of the "tearoom cruisers." I think this is great for them (and for their contacts), if they can accomplish it all in a trouble-free manner. All I ask is that they be honest with themselves and fully realize what they're doing... not to return from happy lunch hours to denounce homosexuals in office conversations or defend the vicious tactics of police entrapment in gay bars! What is this fear which makes men accuse others? What is wrong with asking another to enjoy sex with you? — Or to look at works of art or read books which may arouse sexual interests? God gave us free minds and bodies to love! One might also ask what kind of society allows poorly-educated policemen to act as judges? I, for one, am filled with disgust at the controls over harmless human behavior, especially when enforced by persons with limited knowledge. We pay the ABC to give us fair amounts of liquor in our drinks... not stand in judgment of our friendships. Police are hired by us to direct traffic and solve serious crimes, and should not be given the power to arrest adults who might decide to ask other adults to share their love. If the majority of police haven't heard about Fonteyn & Nureyev, you can be reasonably sure they also haven't read the Kama Sutra! It's about time we stopped playing games and started using the pressures of taxes and votes and voices to better select and control those we employ, instead of giving them carte blanche powers over situations which do not require police supervision.

Heterosexual bedtime requests are made every day in chic Montgomery Street bars, but few arrests are made. What if the beautiful secretaries were males?

New York is enjoying a golden era of justice under Mayor Lindsay, for he has taken a stand against entrapment and job discrimination involving "sexual orientation." San Francisco has recently been quite free, due to an enlightened administration and a humane Police Community Relations Unit. — But these periods of human understanding can only last as long as the current decision-makers are still in power! We need these reforms permanently recorded in the law books! Chicago and Los Angeles are perfect examples of cities where justice doesn't blend with freedom. Even dear old U.C. in Berkeley has had its problems with campus police playing the boots or tennis shoes game with students. Mr. Wade couldn't be more correct in his plea for a positive plan of action to put an end to such harassments. Consentual acts by adults in private will eventually come to all states (though some of us may not live long enough to see such victories!), but what kind of freedom is it if you're arrested which suggesting a private place?
Since my last month's column started with comments about an enormous organ filling a theatre, this month's column will start with something else dear to the hearts of many of us — food. The Gourmet Group will be having an organizational meeting on November 8th in the S.I.R. Community Center. The reason I feel I must include, and elaborate on, the announcement is to allow time for people to arrange their schedules to fit this activity into their already busy (S.I.R.-oriented) social calendar and if I waited until the November issue of VECTOR it would be too late. Anyway, the group meets on Wednesdays when there is NOT a membership meeting and they alternate homes for the groups for two months and then reconnoiter and go out again. Anyone interested in this (mobile) Gourmet Group please call Bill at 756-8869.

The Poetry Workshop, chaired by Robert Duncan, has really gotten hold of itself and is an active, enthusiastic, and good-sized group. (They also meet on Wednesday when there is not a membership meeting.) I attended one of the first meetings and particularly enjoyed the readings of the poems of Cavaety. The group will also work on perfecting their own compositions. Hopefully, after a period of time the group can pick out the works of their own that they think are best and, through the Publications Committee, we will publish a pamphlet. Join up now and maybe you can end up Poet Laureate of S.I.R.

The Men's Glee Club will suspend operations so that all and any persons interested in singing can help out in the chorus for the upcoming SHRebraity Capades 1967.

Again, as always, check the calendar for Hiking, Art, Bridge, and other Small Activities.

"N.Y.P.D." Premiere — Homosexual Extortion

On September 5th, ABC inaugurated its new half-hour TV series N.Y.P.D. with an episode entitled "Shakedown."

The scene is set with the apparent suicide in a hotel room of a "Mr. Prescott," between 40 and 45 years of age, no identification — real name "Weems," Chicago business man, married, dismissed from the Navy in 1943 for homosexual tendencies.

Lt. Mike Haines, who learns from a confidential informant that Gaffer, about 40, a construction foreman, is being blackmailed for homosexuality, sees a possible link between the two cases. Though understandably reluctant to do so for fear of revelation, Gaffer agrees to cooperate with the police in their determination to break up the extortion ring. The gang operates in the familiar manner: a "chicken" contacts a homosexual in a bar and goes with him to a hotel room where later his partner, posing as a police officer, breaks in and threatens to arrest the homosexual. But for a price he agrees to let the guy off. With Gaffer's cooperation, a trap is set, and the extortionist is caught.

The moral of the story: Stop hiding. Just stand up and say, "OK, I'm different. So what?"

CBS in its poll on homosexuality made in December of 1966 discovered that 21% of the American public describe their reaction to homosexuality as one of "confusion." This suggests, the CBS report concluded, there is a definite need for open discussion of homosexuality. Perhaps "Shakedown" is ABC's way of bringing up the subject for public discussion.
The registration drive is over and will be reported in the next issue.

We are now putting all our effort toward the November election. "Vote or Perish" posters are being put in various establishments; "Vote or Perish" buttons are being distributed at the S.I.R. Center and T.G.S.F. bars. The "Vote or Perish" project is a cooperative effort of S.I.R. and T.G.S.F. Letters of invitation for Candidates Night and questionnaires have been sent to the Candidates.

It is extremely important that we have a well-attended Candidates Night. Please inform your friends, even if they happen to be S.I.R. members.

Remember these dates:
- WEDNESDAY, October 18th, Candidates Night
- TUESDAY, November 7th, Election Day

Volunteers are wanted for the Political Committee.

REMEMBER:

Vote or Perish

ON POLITICAL POWER

Our political strength can be estimated and measured in a number of ways. Answer these questions, then guess.

There are approximately 300,000 registered voters in San Francisco, 1/2 male and 1/2 female. How many of these are homosexuals? How many of these can we reach and how many of these can we influence?

How many people can we get to register voters? How many people can we get to work actively in politics? How many people can we get registered to vote? How many homosexuals will actually vote?

What kind of attendance will S.I.R. and CRH have at their Candidates Night? How many volunteers can we get to work on the campaign staff of the candidates we support? How much money can we contribute toward their campaign expenses?

By not being honest about our strength we only hurt ourselves and the candidates we support.

VOTE OR PERISH

What do we mean by "Vote or Perish"?

If you don't vote, it weakens the representation for your point of view. If many with your opinions and views don't vote, there is no representation of these views.

If you don't vote — don't complain about some bar being closed, maltreatment by the Police, dance permit being denied or revoked, mandatory commitment to mental institutions for "treatment" and "cure" of homosexuality, etc.
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THE Bar Tour

By Tequila Mockingbird

Remember the days when you were a “new face” in the bars? Well, you can once again be a new face and at the same time discover a whole batch of new bars just by crossing the Bay Bridge. Berkeley and Oakland offer a wealth of untapped material for the bar goer who is willing to exert himself. Most of the East Bay gay bars have beer and wine licenses, but this is of little consequence to customers intent upon being with a congenial crowd.

One of the best bars across the bridge is “Volume I” in Berkeley. Easy to find on San Pablo at Chaucer, this tasteful bar offers a 99-cent special dinner to the early crowd. The warm, friendly personality of Bob, the bartender, blends well with the candlelight against the raw brick walls.

Down San Pablo from the “Volume I,” is Trader Vic’s which has excellent food, but a rather stuffy bar. Across the street from Trader Vic’s, however, is a place that has stuffy food and a swinging bar. This is the “Golden Horsehoe” on San Pablo and 65th Street. Kathy, the owner, is equally adept at trading stories and shooting pool with her friends, which includes everyone who comes in the door.

Both “Barrys” at 14th Street and Webster, and “Club 7” at 14th and 22nd Avenue, are full liquor bars. “Barrys,” a downtown bar, gets a sizable downtown type crowd of heavy drinkers. “Club 7,” with its bouncy bartenders, gets a younger, more attractive crowd. The place has a kind of private party atmosphere that is very difficult to acquire. “Kelly’s,” at the corner of 10th Street is an intimate, congenial bar with loads of parking.

One evening being only so long, we missed getting to a number of important places. We look forward to visiting the “Carnation,” “The Chalet,” “Lou and Rae’s” and others in the near future.

If you aren’t up to an East Bay tour, and are intent on a more extensive drive, the new “Gilded Cage” in Monterey merits your attention. The young owners of the place have adapted the campy furnishings of the old Gilded Cage to a new and convenient location behind the State Theatre. Possibly by the time this gets into print, the Cage will have live entertainment in its basement.

Seeing “Vote or Perish,” and “Check 33” posters all over the East Bay or “Millie” posters as far away as Monterey brings home the fact that San Francisco bars aren’t the only ones that feel a sense of commitment and responsibility to their customers.

Thanks, and congratulations to all of the bars in the city that cooperated so beautifully on the voter registration. Wonderful civic spirit!

By Mike Smith

Many people have expressed a desire to know what other publications and organizations are doing around the country and around the world. Starting this month VEC70R will include a monthly article reviewing other homophile organizations and publications. Each month we will deal with a different organization and try to relay to our readers just what they have done to help or hinder the homosexual cause. We will review publications and report what they have to say of importance to other homosexuals.

This month we will be reporting on “The PHOENIX SOCIETY for Individual Freedom.” They originate in Kansas City, Mo. Their publication, naturally, is called “The PHOENIX.”

After looking through the issue available to me I noticed the great similarity to VEC70R. The format is a little different but the articles cover almost the same material that is covered in VEC70R.

One thing that I did like about “The PHOENIX” was a page they devoted to its readers called “Individual Expression.” This was done in each issue for anyone who wanted to submit material for publication. Also, another thing I enjoyed was at least 2 or 3 cartoons of the gay life. Their bar tour column was very similar to ours.

The most interesting article of the magazine, in my opinion, was the “Current Events,” a column of varied sub-Continued Page 34
The Community Services Committee's "T.I. Project"

The T.I. PROJECT began with the desire to provide to men being discharged from military service, the opportunity to share the responsible attitudes and social environment which S.I.R. has developed and fostered in its three years of existence. Without such guidance and the association with healthy-minded, self-confident homosexually-oriented people, a tragically high proportion of these discharges may suffer an agonizing period of adjustment and self-acceptance, following punitive action by the military which labels them as "unfit for service," quasi-criminals and, by direct implication, inferior persons. Of course S.I.R. completely rejects these stigmas.

From the genesis of the T.I. Project, S.I.R. now has a team of members available to meet with, counsel and assist servicemen facing discharge or who have recently been discharged. Depending on the needs in each individual case, our resources include professional and educational counseling, legal aid, employment assistance, religious and personal problems referrals, local area information and plain, old-fashioned hospitality. S.I.R. has outlined this program to local military authorities with whom we maintain close liaison, and their response holds promise of increasing cooperation in contacting individuals who can benefit from such association.

S.I.R.'s leadership in this area of social service has recently attracted the interest and involvement of other local groups, including the Economic Opportunity Council, the Tenderloin Committee, C.R.H., Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation and the A.C.L.U. Each of these organizations has occasion to deal with various problems of discharges, and an effort is currently being made to provide interested groups with knowledge gained through S.I.R.'s program. Such groups also are potential resources for help in their various fields of concentration.

In support of the T.I. Project, a comprehensive survey questionnaire has been developed by the Community Services Committee, with the assistance of several academic sources. The present questionnaire is a greatly refined version of the embryo form published in the June Gold Sheet. From the analysis of this survey, which is the first research of its kind to our knowledge, we expect to be able to learn a great deal about the impact and effect of military discharges on the personal lives of the individuals concerned. This will be of value in counseling discharges and may also provide the basis for a rational approach for a protest against present military regulations regarding homosexuals in the service.

The importance of this survey cannot be over-emphasized. Its success will depend on the response received. Our delegates to the N.P.C.H.O. held last month in Washington, D.C., distributed quantities of the questionnaires to homophile leaders from all over the United States. We confidently expect to receive many replies. However, we know that many ex-servicemen who were discharged for reasons connected with homosexuality are residing in San Francisco today. We are, therefore, issuing an URGENT PLEA that members and readers obtain and submit these questionnaires, and urge all their acquaintances to do so, too. The survey is COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL. Questionnaires are available at the S.I.R. office, or will be mailed upon request.

Two other outgrowths of the T.I. Project are substantially completed: due to the energetic and excellent work of two of our professional members. An essay has been written on the subject of the homosexual in the military service. This will be made available to A.C.L.U. chapters, military authorities, legislators and other homophile organizations and publications. In addition, a pamphlet is being published to inform draft-age homosexuals of the administrative and legal entanglements surrounding the dilemma of whether or not to reveal their homosexuality to the selective service and the military. This pamphlet, when published, will be available to the clergy, college campuses and other contacts with this age group, as well as through the S.I.R. office.

Every S.I.R. member and every other person interested in contributing to the improvement of the inequities existing in the military services, with regard to homosexuals, can be a part of this program; by completing a questionnaire, if he was discharged for pertinent reasons, or by volunteering his time to help the committee, or by urging others to lend their support, and by distributing and publicizing the materials published as a part of the T.I. Project. ... Don
C.R.H. & C.A. HOLD CANDIDATES NIGHT

Talk about Gay Power and Political Power, with an attendance of a little over 100 at the peak, including candidates... makes you wonder.

The following did not attend the meeting and did not answer the invitation to speak: Alloto, Carberry, Casey & Dobbs.

The following candidates attended the meeting: for supervisor: Joe Chaney, Yolan Garrett Chan, Tom Rose, Joe Beeman, Terry A. Francois, Charles Clay, Ed Stern, Dorothy Shinder and John Riordan. For mayor: Bill Billings and Jack Morrison. For sheriff: Dave Johnson. For district attorney: John H. McFeeley, Jr.

The Candidates speak:

MAYOR
Bill Billings: "we should legalize 'houses of harlotry.' If prostitution were legalized it would cut down crime.

Jack Morrison: He will be running a person-to-person campaign. He talked about equality and a just society and a new era in S.F. On law enforcement he stated the legislature should pass something similar to the Model Penal Code. On laws regarding sex acts between consenting adults in private, he stated we should have laws like Illinois and Great Britain, and as Mayor he would not remain silent on vital issues of this nature and would present a resolution to the legislature that they reform the Penal Code.

SUPERVISORS
Joe Chaney endorses Model Penal Code.
Yolan Garrett Chan — for individual rights.
Terry A. Francois — He worked toward the establishment of the Police Community Relations unit. Endorses Model Penal Code.
Charles Clay — He is for rent control.

Ed Stern — He stated he is not against "Crime in the street, but for justice in the City." He also said crime in the street was a racist argument and that everyone should be able to live a life of dignity and self esteem.

Dorothy Shinder — She wants tax reform and equal taxation for single persons. She stated if the Catholic Church were taxed it would mean $300 million less that single persons would have to pay in taxes.

John Riordan — Stated he would try to implement recommendations made in the President's Crime Commission Report. He is for the Model Penal Code and would recommend a resolution to the legislature that it be passed.

Joe Beeman — He would abolish the present redevelopment agency and discourage the use of autos in the city.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
John H. McFeeley — stated to cut down crime we should start at the top, with tax cheaters, arrest police for using excessive force in making an arrest, stop the gambling at the Catholic Church. He also stated the only qualification the present D.A. had was twenty years representing the Catholic Archbishop of S.F.

SHERIFF
Dave Johnson — He would reform conditions at the County Jail.

MORRISON AT CRH

Jack Morrison was the only major candidate for Mayor that appeared. Jack Morrison, supervisor since 1961, is known as the leading spokesman on the board for the conservation and preservation of the environment of San Francisco.

He opposed a plan for a freeway through Golden Gate Park and originated the Sunday auto ban at the park to return the park to the people.

He was chairman of the committee that recommended the 40-ft. height limit for buildings on the northern waterfront. He was the spokesman for billboard control and ran his last campaign without any. That might explain why you might not see any "Morrison for Mayor" billboards.

He has the highest attendance record of any supervisor on the board and is the only non-moonlighter.

He has a bachelor's degree from Cornell and a Master's from Stanford. He is a member of the A.C.L.U.

He has denounced the State Senate's Un-American Activities sub-committee as "undemocratic, corrupt and irresponsible" and urged its abolishment.

Jack Morrison was the only incumbent supervisor that spoke at S.I.R. & CRH in 1965 at Candidates Night.

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VECTOR — OCTOBER 1967
by- Prissy Popular

To the names of Rodgers & Hammerstein, A.C.T., S.I.R. Productions, and Ron-Mor, San Franciscans can add the name of Camptown Players who presented their initial production of Big Me, starring the versatile and talented "Mavis" as a waning star in the Hollywood firmament who refused to relinquish her physically appropriate title of "Big Me."

Sharing the stellar spotlight is Gene Pelligrini, who gave as professional a performance as has been seen on the gay circuit in a long time. His long list of professional credits classifies him as a professional who will be sought after by other theatrical producing companies. His performance was believable, humorous and entertaining, under the able direction of Jim Johnson, who himself is no stranger to the theatre, or "Big Me" since he played in the original New York production as "Mammy" in the thoroughly entertaining "Blown With The Breeze" sequence. Jim Johnson's understanding of the entire original script, was evident in his direction of every member of the cast.

No less than fifteen costume changes for Mavis during the evening, kept the audience in constant anticipation. The chorus line stole the scene in their superb antics in the "Operating Room" in costumes associated with serious surgery, but laughable throughout.

If you hear someone whistling "Peter Is A Nellie* it's because this catchy tune and the choreography which accompanied it, was the hit tune from "Big Me." If cut on 45 rpm records and made available it would be welcomed on juke boxes in every S.F.T.G. bar. If there was one weak moment in the entire production it was the TV Station sequence in Act II. However, even this was high camp and satirical to that type of program on which celebrities are interviewed for publicity value.

Too high praise cannot be given to the "Gentlemen of the Chorus" who in their spectacular costumes danced and sang as entertainingly as could be expected from any professional company.

Whereas the ever-popular, diminutive, exciting, glib and attractive Mavis was the star of the show, the spotlight was shared with every member of the company although their respective names were not programmed. This added to the total enjoyment of a well-produced, professionally presented performance, more of which this reviewer will look forward to in the not-too-distant future.

Camptown Players is a new name in the San Francisco Bay Area, but after this initial smash hit performance of "Big Me," other local producing companies will have to move over and make room for Jim Johnson and his enthusiastic and talented company of performers.

Only the proximity of "opening night" and VECtor's press date, prohibits listing the names of each cast and production member, all of whom deserve mention.

VECTOR would be remiss if it did not mention the fact that it's wonderful advertisers saw fit to support the Camp­town Players.

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RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE

By Jim Skaggs

The Host Corps September 10th brunch had thirty-two attending, bringing covered dishes varying from fruit salad to meat loaf (the special highlight was a cake provided by Jim Frooks). Many new members were acquired for the Host Corps as a result of the day's activities. Don't miss the next Host Corps Brunch at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 8th.

Two new projects are being planned by the Religious Committee. The first is a dialogue on religion and homosexuality which intends to pursue a depth study of the subject with the ultimate goal of publishing the findings of the group.

The second project involves a participation in visitation programs to various churches in the San Francisco area. At the invitation of a particular church, members of S.I.R. will attend the worship service in a group and will be available for discussion and orientation following the service. Any person interested in either of these projects is requested to give his name to the Committee by October 15th so that initial arrangements can be made.

Religious Committee meetings are held at 7:00 on the first and third Wednesdays of each month (immediately prior to the membership and Open Meetings.)

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THE SIRPORIUM COMMITTEE

By Robert Koch

The store is open 10 to 5 daily, and receives donations from members and other interested parties, and sells them to the general public. Any type of article can be found from time to time in the store, and we are continually in need of persons who are able to fix furniture, appliances, TV sets, hoses, ad nauseum.

Remember: you do not have to be a member of SIR to work on the Sirporium Committee, nor need you be a member of the committee to work with the committee. Feel free to drop in any time, 10 to 5, to buy, chat with the manager, or work on articles that are in need of repair.

Persons interested in any aspect of the Sirporium such as opening the new store, repairing, selling, smiling, or whatever, are invited to call Ben at the Sirporium Market 6-9752; or contact me through the Center office.

Thank you,

Robert H. Koch

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Hemorrhoids, which are sometimes referred to as "piles," are a special case of varicose veins. They are swollen veins located just inside, just outside, or across the walls of the anus. Two out of three adults have, or have had, them. They are frequently associated with individuals in sedentary occupations. The mere presence of hemorrhoids means little. The problem is to keep them from becoming annoying or seriously infected.

Piles frequently are caused by constipation, by pregnancy, or by tumors in the pelvis which interfere with the circulation of the blood in the rectum. If they protrude beyond the skin — the muscle which controls the lower opening of the alimentary canal (anus) — they are called "external piles"; if they do not, they are termed "internal piles." It is never safe to assume that bleeding from the rectum is caused by piles. Cancer or some other disorder may be responsible. A physician must always be consulted to make the diagnosis.

External piles appear as bluish swellings or little lumps which project from the rectum and anus, interfering with walking and with the bathing of the parts. They are sometimes exquisitely tender and painful when inflamed. They may bleed when the bowels are moved. In the course of time, piles become more projections or fringes of flesh, and cause no trouble unless they become irritated through uncleanliness or other reasons.

The treatment of external piles may be summed up in great cleanliness — washing the parts thoroughly after each movement of the bowels. In addition, rest in bed, if the soreness is great; application of cold water or powdered ice in a rubber bag, or of hot poultices, and of various drugs are part of the treatment. Among the drugs are witch hazel, with which the parts may be water on going to bed. If this is ineffectual, extract of cascara or compound licorice powder may be taken at night.

By Larry Carlson

In the beginning, patients with internal piles feel as if the bowels were not wholly emptied after a passage. Sometimes there is difficulty in urinating, and there are also pains in the hollow of the back and in the thighs. There is often pain during movement of the bowels, and blood follows the passage. Later, blood may be lost at other times, and the loss may be so great as to cause pronounced paleness and weakness, in some cases. Itching at the anus is a frequent occurrence. Mucus and pus (matter such as comes from an abscess) may also be discharged. Loss of sexual desire and power is frequently experienced. There may be associated external protrusions.

If the pain is very severe during and after a passage, it is probable that there is present a fissure or a crack in the flesh, or an ulcer at the exit of the bowels which needs surgical attention. It often happens that piles come out during the bowel movement; in this case, they should be thoroughly washed, greased, and pushed back. Sometimes this is impossible, although after the patient lies down for a while, applying an ice bag or cold water, the mass may shrink so as to admit of its return. When a large mass is thus protruded and cannot be returned, and becomes nipped by the anus muscles, it becomes inflamed and is very painful.

The treatment of internal piles frequently employs the use of a hot sitz bath in the morning, for about 15 minutes. (A sitz bath means sitting in the tub which contains just enough water to cover the buttocks. The legs should be drawn up; thereby the water-heat is concentrated on the rectal opening (anus), where the piles are protruding.) A medicated suppository, well lubricated, if inserted into the rectum twice daily before the hot bath, will often relieve the condition and may cure it, provided the constipation is controlled. Rectal suppositories have proven helpful in many cases. Any druggist can make them, and many are commercially available, such as Preparation H. They do not need a doctor's prescription as they contain no opium.

If there is no relief, usually surgery will have to be performed. Ointments may be introduced into the bowel with the finger; injection treatment given by a physician is the best and quickest cure for internal piles. When bleeding arises from scratching or irritation of external piles, there is little to worry about. The bleeding from internal piles may appear more alarming. The problem is to be sure that the cause of the bleeding is hemorrhoids and not any other more serious condition of the lower bowel, such as an early signal for cancer. For this reason medical examination at an early date is advisable.

Itching is the chief complaint associated with hemorrhoids. It is usually brought on by misguided efforts to relieve it, namely, violent scratching, over-treatment with salves and ointments, and intemperate use of cathartics or laxatives to self-treat constipation. Itching is often the result of secondary infections superimposed on the varicose veins, particularly fungus infections similar to those found in athlete's foot.

There are only two reasons for carrying out an operation for the removal of piles, which is called a hemorrhoidectomy; profuse and recurring bleeding, and uncontrollable protrusion. Slight and occasional bleeding is not of great importance, but when a person loses great quantities of blood at every action of the bowels, his health soon begins to suffer. He becomes anemic and appears pale, and the anemia gets steadily worse. Under these conditions, the sooner an operation is performed, the better. As long as the protrusion can be reduced, and does not recur until the next clearing of the bowels, it is only a nuisance and can be tolerated for the time being.
All of you have been wondering what has happened to those very popular S.I.R. dances along with the Miss Universe Dance of Sept. 3rd. Well, here is the dope as it happened.

On August 17th, the beat officer stopped in to check if we had applied for our dance permit that was required under the new city ordinance. This was the first we had heard of it. We immediately made application. One of the requirements of obtaining the license is an inspection by the building, fire and health departments. On August 25th the inspectors arrived for their inspection of the S.I.R. Center. They informed us that we had many items that were not up to code and that these would have to be cleared up prior to obtaining a dance license.

Their main objection was the stage and the way it had been made permanent rather than portable. We had one of two choices, either bring it up to code or rip it out. Since it would cost at least $6,000 to bring it up to code it was decided to remove it.

Well, at the permit hearing on Sept. 5th we were informed that the stage must be removed prior to any permit. They were going to put the hearing over at least one more week when Evander Smith told them that we had a social affair scheduled for September 9th. Deputy Chief Nelder then said that if we could pass the necessary inspections by Thursday, he would grant a temporary permit for Saturday and have the full hearing on September 12th.

At 3:30 p.m. Pat Kelley made a few calls and with the assistance of Joe Simoneau, Fred, Bill T. and Marve, the stage was ripped out by midnight. After the Closed Meeting on Wednesday, several members stayed to assist in the removal of the lumber and trash from the Center to prepare it for the inspection the next day.

The inspection was held and passed with a few minor things to be done as soon as possible in the future. When Dorr Jones and Evander Smith appeared at the hearing to get the permit, they were told that the clearance had not yet been received from the Building Inspection Department. At our request, a temporary license was issued for that Saturday.

At the Saturday Dance, the policeman on the beat, after checking with his superiors, informed us that until we had our final permit, there could be no alcohol on the premises. We asked everyone to check their bottles and the dance continued.

Dorr and Evander went down for the second Tuesday to obtain our permit. Once again there was a delay caused by the vacation of an employee of the Building Inspection Department. A temporary license was again issued. We had our second dance on Saturday without drinking.

On September 19th, the third Tuesday, we finally received our dance license.

A question of the legality of liquor being on the premises of S.I.R. was raised. Evander is now preparing a written legal opinion for the Board of Directors covering this.

Please bear with us until this is all settled. We know that you are impatient, so are we. Where a matter of law is involved there are usually delays.

Until we work out all the problems, join us at the dance anyway. It is certain that there is nowhere else that one can have as much fun. If you want to dance till midnight then hit the bars, fine. Most of the bars do not really become busy until after 11:00 anyway.

We are now without a stage and with a larger dance floor. As most of you know, we need both and then some - so let's all get together and start working on the New S.I.R. Community Center wherever it may be.

... Ron Warren
Political Policy Statement

S.I.R., though primarily not a political organization, must have a political aspect for the effective accomplishment of its goals.

S.I.R., believing in our democratic heritage, affirms the rights of the individual. To reaffirm individual pride and dignity, to eliminate the public stigma attached to human self-expression, to accomplish effective changes in unjust laws concerning private relationships among consenting adults, S.I.R. declares publicly and affirmatively, a policy to support candidates, propose laws or abolishment of laws, campaign actively, and work in various ways to accomplish these goals.

S.I.R. shall not give of its support to any individual, group, organization, or political party for any purpose other than those purposes which work to the furtherance of S.I.R.'s goals.

S.I.R. shall not affiliate with any political party or political front organization, nor shall S.I.R. integrate into its organizational structure any political faction.

S.I.R. shall remain autonomously politically involved, such involvement being on a single-purpose basis, that purpose being to further the goals of S.I.R.

This political policy report is in no way meant to conflict with Section 9, Article I of the Constitution of the Society for Individual Rights which states, "There shall be clear, concise provisions for representation of all points of view."

New Center Project

It becomes increasingly imperative that we find a new community center for a number of reasons. We have more than outgrown our facilities and our present location leaves much to be desired.

The board has directed that a new committee be formed to investigate procuring a new center.

All those knowledgeable in real estate and those interested in participating on this committee are urged to attend Friday evenings at 8:00 at the Community Center.

With this being a new column in VECTOR, we hope to initiate a report commentary on happenings in the arts in San Francisco and the Bay Area. We will try to give lively reports on the visual arts, theatre, and music. We will not write reviews as such but give a brief description of the new, controversial, and experimental.

With the first column I should like to introduce you to an extremely worthwhile experience in the field of electronic music.

AUDIUM, 309 Fourth Avenue in San Francisco featured last Friday the most complete experience I have ever had in this type of forte.

As they say in their program: Sound and its travel through space has attracted limited interest among composers. This is due primarily to physical limitations of the musician and his control of the sound environment. With the advent of electronic means, the spatial positions which sound defines, can take on a new importance.

In the rendering of this expanded sound world, AUDIUM introduces the tape performer and defines a new relationship between composer and audience.

The current presentation is a realization of an environment with implications of plasticity. That is, the programming equipment was designed to accommodate the needs of a new environment and more nearly allow a complete control of the sound continuum. It brings to the listener a closer personal participation in auditory experiences.

AUDIUM, 309 Fourth Avenue, San Francisco.

Concerts: 8:30 P.M. - 10:45 P.M. Friday. Compositions by Stanley Shaff; Programming equipment and performance by Douglas McEachern.

Seating 139 persons in the round in total darkness. No one admitted after performance begins.

So to all the electronic music buffs...don't miss AUDIUM. It's excellent! (Definitely not for the "Victorian.")
VOTE FOR AN ACTIVE EMPRESS

SHIRLEY WAS IN THE CAMELOT GROUP
SHIRLEY WAS IN THE BOY FRIEND
SHIRLEY WAS IN FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL
SHIRLEY WAS VERA IN PAL JOEY
SHIRLEY WAS AT MILLIE

* WATCH FOR SHIRLEY AND HER GALAXY
AT THE TAVERN GUILD HALLOWE'EN BALL

SHIRLEY VOTE SHIRLEY
President's note: It is with pleasure that I announce the appointment of F. H. P. on August 24th as our correspondent in Washington, D.C. He may also be the founder of what we hope will be another S.I.R.-type organization in that city. We met at the N.P.C.H.O., and plans were discussed at a meeting the following week. Mr. (soon to be Dr.) P. is personable, intelligent and sensitive. . . quite capable of great accomplishments. I welcome his "Lafayette Square" column in VECTOR and shall look forward to his continuing monthly comments.

. . . Dorr Jones

This column originates from Washington, D.C. It will keep VECTOR readers abreast of events in the Nation's Capitol which bear on homosexuals whether these occur in the Congress, the executive bureaucracy, the bars, or elsewhere. It will offer commentary on the homophile movement and otherwise reflect the viewpoint of its author.

Through the auspices of S.I.R. I was afforded observer's credentials at the National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations held here between August 17-19, which raises my first point of criticism about the Conference. Except for the West Coast delegations, in particular those representing San Francisco, the prevailing mood at the Conference was one of keeping "outsiders" out. As delegates from S.I.R. and the Tavern Guild can tell you, there was precious little publicity among either the gay population or the press about the Conference. It was dumb luck that I met Bill Plath and Jim Foster in a local gay bar and learned to my astonishment that a conference of homosexual organizations was meeting here.

This raises a legitimate question. Was it necessary to maintain such a cloak of secrecy around the Conference? The rationale behind this decision was that the press would distort the Conference proceedings in its reporting and—get this—the gay organizations would invite disaster by opening the doors to the "motley horde." Preposterous!

Washington has an articulate and radical non-Establishment paper published by the American Free Press. This weekly regularly prints the news that the cowardly established press refuses to handle. It has in the past published well thought-out and sympathetic pieces on homosexuals. Had it been invited to attend the Conference, there is no doubt in my mind that we would have received feature-length coverage. But then, we would have been reaching the "motley horde!"

The concerted effort to keep the proceedings of the Conference clandestine was the most serious error made by the leadership. It should not be repeated in future conferences. We need publicity. Those in positions of power must be made aware that homosexuals are organizing to claim basic legal rights. We have been hiding in the bars for too long. The movement has been muddling along now for 18 years. Let's get on the stick!

The policy of "closed doors" culminated in an incident that can only be called disgusting. Dr. Joel Fort, well-known to you in the San Francisco area, was scheduled to speak before the Conference on the upcoming National Forum, which will deal with the sexual revolution in this country. He brought with him as guests to our conference a program director with National Education Television and one of the foremost literary critics and advocates of erotica in the United States, Leslie Fiedler. Two members of the credentials committee took it upon themselves to "bounce" these guests from the Friday afternoon session. Though this was within their power, the entire episode was tactless and distasteful. It demonstrated failure on the part of the Conference to set an intelligent policy for handling guests and of the credentials committee to implement the power given it in some sensible fashion.

This entire piece of stupidity could have been avoided if the committee had appointed one of its members to post himself at the door and to explain to non-delegates wishing to attend Conference proceedings that clearance would first have to be obtained and would they please wait in the hall. Their names could have been obtained and announced to the Conference, either by the committee member or the person sponsoring them as guests. The Conference could then have made a decision. I cannot imagine any intelligent person barring Leslie Fiedler from the Conference. Instead, a good friend of the movement was insulted, as were his distinguished guests. Such miserable public relations are harmful. A little prethought and simple courtesy could have prevented what occurred.

Fortunately, S.I.R.'s president, Dorr Jones, brought the matter before the Conference and amendments were made with Dr. Fort; but the damage had been done.

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The Political Arena

By Larry Carlson

By its very name S.I.R. respects the "individual" and his "rights" in every aspect of his life. Paramount in the homosexual's life pattern is his citizenship and his right to vote according to his own conviction. The homosexual's political convictions should be of definite interest and concern here because of the growing strength of the homophile movement, and because the eyes of other homophile organizations across the country look for guidance and direction to this citadel, San Francisco. 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."

SEXUALITY NOT ISSUE

Might I make a simple observation? "The Homosexual in the Political Arena" is no different than the heterosexual, the bisexual, or the asexual. Though to some the overriding issue may be "homosexuality" to me, the ever-present issue is one of conservative responsible citizenship PRESCINDING from sexual persuasion.

I have no more respect for the homosexual who neither votes, nor serves in the uniform of his country, than I do for the heterosexual who is likewise derelict. If a homosexual runs for office, it should be on the basis of his political convictions — not his sexual choice. Too, if a person takes an active role in civic affairs, no matter how well known he is for his sexual conduct, it should be no deterrent.

Once again, as in the other times I have corresponded with your magazine, in each of the above I can speak from first-hand experience. I, therefore, find your topic something of a non-sequitur, except as a balm for those who use their chosen way of life as an excuse for not fulfilling their civic duties as a Responsible American. With due consideration,

... Thomas M. Edwards

POLITICAL HINDRANCE ASSAILED

It is interesting to note that the American/English word "politics" comes from the Greek word "politikos" which means "of a citizen."

Should homosexuals be involved in the arena of politics? The answer is found in further questioning. Should Catholics, Irish, bankers, Episcopalians, Jews, laborers, women, tall men, Masons, longshoremen, Protestants, or others be involved in the political arena?

"We, the people" is an all-inclusive phrase. The present attitude and harassment of the homosexual does not establish justice, does not insure domestic tranquility, does not provide for the common defense, does not promote the general welfare, and does not secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves nor to our posterity.

Present laws and continuing harassment, in effect, makes for injustice, disrupts domestic tranquility, imposes on the common defense of citizens, hinders the general welfare, and perverts the blessings of liberty to homosexual citizens. As citizens, as patriots, as those dedicated to the proposition of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and as homosexuals, it is not a right, but an imposed duty to enter the arena of politics. The cry of freedom and the demand for liberty is neither a new cry nor a new demand, but it certainly is a continuing one. Let us so continue.

... Robert Cole

AIM FOR POWER

I believe the homophile groups have no choice but to enter the political arena. The lesson to be learned from the Negro Civil Rights Movement is readily apparent; in order to achieve any type of social or legal objectives in a democratic society, you must have POWER. Without this vital element those individuals in control will not be willing to listen to any arguments or attempts at persuasion. Efforts to achieve change will constantly be hampered. The powers that be will not do anything that isn't required. Certain demands must be made. Chiefly this POWER consists of money and large numbers of individuals backing a cause. Thus, we can see that "gay power" is no mere slogan!

... Frank J. Howell

WE DO HAVE A FUTURE

Many of us are not affected, really, by religious, aesthetic, or sometimes even commercial matters, but each of us is affected, willy nilly and perforce, by politics. As a member who grew up during the "thirties," this general idea (along with concomitant "financial" overtones) persists in my thinking, and it is with some "elderly" delight that I see it working in our organization, and it is quite clear that political involvement does work. I am convinced that much of the progress we have achieved on a...
VOTE AS INDIVIDUALS

Here are a few of my thoughts on the "Homosexual in the Political Arena." The political arena covers a rather broad area, and the spectrum of political activity spans from the most active, the candidate for political office, to the most passive, the act of voting.

Of these two polar activities the first is denied the known or even suspected homosexual. If the name of the game is to gain public office through a vote of the people, the homosexual had better forget it.

The passive role of voting is one of the few rights not denied us. Each of us should exercise that right. We should vote as individuals, however, not as members of S.I.R. or any other group. Each of us, though, must vote as a homosexual, since that is what we are.

A discussion of the two poles of political activity leads into the middle ground of the political arena — that of organizations and their political activities. We may, of course, belong to the established political organizations. However, if we are known to be homosexual, our chances of having any influence within the organization is nil. The unknown homosexual may on the other hand be in a position of considerable influence. He is, however, on the fringes, and frequently is reluctant to push too hard in those areas where we most need reform.

An obvious problem in trying to gain support from those in the established political organizations is the feeling: "My God, if I support that, they will think I am queer or something." Actually, I would think that the more sure a politician was of his heterosexual orientation, the more freely he could support the cause of justice for us.

Though I advocate that we not vote as members of S.I.R., but rather as individual homosexuals, I feel that S.I.R. can play a vital and needed role in the middle ground of the political arena. And further, this role should be supported by us, the members of our homophile community registered and out to vote.

The next important political activity is the ascertaining of the true position of candidates on those issues of vital importance to the homosexual. Even more important is the further ascertaining of the degree to which he is willing to give public and political support to his stated position. Once S.I.R. has the facts, they should be made known to our community. In a general sense I don't think S.I.R. should endorse specific candidates for election. For one thing it could be the "kiss of death" and further if their positions on the issues are clearly presented, then each of us can weigh these with the candidate's position on other issues and vote as we see best.

We, as an organization, should take the leadership in drafting legislation and other policy positions that will secure for us justice in our society. In this area we must temper what can be supported in OUR theory for a free society by what we can reasonably expect to be accepted by the society in general. It does no good to argue a radical position such as: S.I.R. should not be subject to laws; all sex is good, be it public or between an adult man and a young boy; etc. Every time we go off on this bent, outside of our own circles, the more remote is the day when even modest revision of the law can be effected.

Having worked out proposed legislation or other matters for political action, we as an organization should lobby to see that these matters are properly presented to those in public office who are in a position to support them. This is a rough thing to do; it takes a lot of guts. Few will do it.

The next area of political activity appropriate for S.I.R. is that of putting our case before the people of the other world. Here we must present ourselves as responsible community-minded people. We must show ourselves to be honest minority working to free ourselves from the shackles of persecution and unjust laws. Here again we must not fall into the trap of being tied to causes that are not germane to ours. It could not possibly help us to become identified with B.S.K., Power, War/Peace, Hippie, and other issues. All it would get would be: "Did you know damn queers are in with .... group?"

In closing I might add that it is damn easy to say S.I.R. should or we should do this and that. On the whole S.I.R. does very well in the light of how few of us are helping. How active are you? If each of us were more active in the political sense as discussed above, the day of justice for us under the law would be closer than it is. Thanks.

Robert S. Walker

2000 VOTES AIN'T HAY!

One of the responsible obligations of a homophile organization is to have a concern and to take appropriate action in the political arena. For most gay organizations this is a new idea, and it is therefore difficult to keep this concern and action in a proper perspective.

The ACLU admonishes its members that if they are adults they should contact their representative in the legislature that they terminate all communication. Even if you cannot get your representative to see it your way on a particular bill, by presenting an inflexible posture you must not prevent the chance that on some other day he can and will vote the way you desire. I believe that S.I.R. could benefit by remembering and following this advice.

One of the weaknesses we seem to exhibit sometimes is that we exaggerate the facts. While S.I.R., in my opinion, unquestionably has considerable influence among voting citizens, this influence is not as great as is sometimes to exuberantly stated. Nothing causes others to lose confidence in your capabilities faster than to exaggerate wildly. Soon enough the truth will be known to both you and the politicians and if S.I.R. has a questionable influence then it would do us no good.

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Dan

In closing, I would like to remind the readers of the Open Forum topic for the November issue of VECTOR which will be "The Homosexual in the Family Circle." Can there be an effective adaptation by the homosexual to life with his family? Should a homosexual make his parents aware of his activities, or should he live a dual life? Must a homosexual leave home rather than have his family discover his true identity? If a homosexual is "known" by other members of his family, can he still feel comfortable around them and make a successful adjustment? What are YOUR OPINIONS on this subject? The deadline for Open Forum copy for the November issue is October 16th, 1967.

The Open Forum Topic for the December issue will be "Alcohol — A Gay Problem?" Does alcohol pose any greater threat to the homosexual than to the heterosexual? The deadline for December Open Forum is November 8th. Mail all answers to Larry Carlson: VECTOR OPEN FORUM, 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, California, 94103.

Richard Amory seems to have done it again. His previous book, SONG OF THE LOON, looked like a classic on several counts, and SONG OF AARON is perhaps even better.

SONG OF THE LOON was written as a point-for-point correspondence to the Spanish pastorals of the 16th Century (which makes it on one level outrageously funny, as Amory undoubtedly intended), but SONG OF AARON is framed as a standard Western, with the difference, of course, that all the cowboys are gay.

The story revolves around the old police practice of entrapment. The hero, a cowboy named Aaron Buckthorn, has gone to the town of Las Nubes hard on the trail of the varmint responsible for the entrapment and subsequent death of his old buddy; in the process he meets and falls in love with a ranch owner named Avispo, and comes to see that mere revenge is childish.

Quite apart from some of the most poetically sensual prose are hard-headed ideas that should be constantly kept in mind by homosexuals. The villain is NOT a heterosexual, but a latent homosexual who refuses to face it — precisely the type that feels most threatened by homosexuality. The ordinary heterosexual could not care less.

The author also devotes considerable attention, in both novels, to the seldom-discussed problem of promiscuity. His answer seems to be a qualified disapproval, surprising in view of the fact that his heroes get in bed with practically everybody in sight. His point is, however, that promiscuous sex without love is meaningless on one hand, and that a jealous, possessive handcuffing of one partner to another is not really love on the other; the ideal relationship seems to lie somewhere in between, as when Ephraim, at the close of LOON, goes sprinting off through the Oregon woods for a summer of dalliance, but fully intends to return to his partner in the fall. Amory's ideas regarding love, especially in SONG OF THE LOON, could bear further analysis.

Amory is also one of the few authors who can introduce a Negro or a Mexican into his novel in such a way that their race is simply taken for granted, which is as it should be. We know, for instance that Nate is black and therefore somewhat interesting, but he ends up being merely another cowboy, another human being. His Indians may be something else — as he says himself in the foreword to LOON — they are Spanish shepherds transplanted to the Northwest after having been painted a “gay, aesthetic red,” which sounds like a disclaimer made in order to keep from getting scalped by the real variety. The fact is, however, that Bear-who-dreams and Tsi-Nokha still have brown skins and are portrayed as being desirable; the egalitarian spirit, the essential democracy of the gay world is simply taken for granted by Amory, and it is a wonderful thing.

One rather misses the elaborate jokes of LOON in SONG OF AARON. There is nothing to equal, for example, the twenty-page build-up to a spoof on Whit-tier's Snowbound; no villanelles, no ovil-lejos. But Amory's erudite jokes are there, nonetheless. Las Nubes is surely Aristophanes' Cloud-Cuckooland, and San Angel de los Metiches (Holy Angel of the Meddlers) has to be Los Angeles. One or two other jokes, particularly in his songs, will possibly get him in trouble since they deal with contemporary personalities, so they will have to remain unexplained. These songs, by the way, are singable, as: I have discovered. Try the "Ballad of Old Swinger" to "Sweet Betsy from Pike!"

All of this puts Song of Aaron way ahead of the swarm of pathetic little stories that all seem to be about the restless yearnings of some teenager named Craig or Byron or Regal who has a perfectly miserable time of it until this sensitive, understanding ballet dancer named Alexei comes along — you supply the ending. SONG OF AARON is a mature novel, utterly lacking in self-pity, written with wit, insight, and intelligence.
GAY POWER
By Cindy Claire Lewis

Needless to say we were somewhat flattered when Pat Michaels used our column as the subject of one of his night time radio programs; but to wake up on a Sunday morning to find that none other than the world-famous columnist GUY WRIGHT of the San Francisco EXAMINER had selected GAY POWER and VECTOR as the subject of his total column, had us flabbergasted. Perhaps we can now say "We've arrived," when no less a columnist than GUY WRIGHT considered us worthy of presenting to "his half million readers. Regardless of our acceptance, we promise not to get the big head.

We would like to belatedly give credit to Mr. Michael Greer for the "Don't Mess With Mona" line and if you haven't caught Michael's act at the PURPLE ONION, you have a great treat in store for you. "Don't Mess With Mona" is the copyrighted title of Michael's fabulous nightclub act, and he's a real "pro" to not haul us into court for having pilfered it. When you see him as the Mona Lisa, you, too, will be using that famous line, "Don't Mess With Mona."

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When you take that HASHBURY TRIP advertised in VECTOR, may we suggest that you look in on ONE MIND across the street from the GOLDEN CASK. A collection of better-than-average paintings, photographs, drawings, and water colors are displayed in the front gallery, at very modest prices, while in the rear of the store is a craftsman making wonderful things out of leather; he'll tool you a proper-fitting garment, or leather accessory and if you want a black glove, leather sheet or bed spread, he can have one ready for you in less time than you'd imagine. In any event, you'll find it interesting to case this new shop which is ONE MIND with us.

If anyone in the East Bay (that's Oakland and Berkeley, etc.) runs into Tequila Mockingbird please give her carfare and send her home to the Opera Club where EVERYTHING was red brilliance for the opening night of the San Francisco Opera. LILY PONS doing the Jewel Song from FAUST on the JUKE BOX is not less disturbing than Denmark's answer to Peggy Lee, doing a German Version of Edith Piaf's French hit "Mi Lord." At least it's the one juke box in town that does not have the ODE TO BILLY JOE.

Last month was the "Month of the Openings" and we are as proud as the proverbial peacock to know that VECTOR played a major role in making all of the openings a huge success. Either VECTOR readers are curious or just "first-nighters," but hundreds of them were evident at each of the openings. CONGRATULATIONS to LEONARDIA'S, The Opera Club, and the HIGHLANDER and I hope to see all of you at these places during the rest of the year.

We take off our hat, bow low, and say Mea culpa, mea culpa; because we loused up the PALMER HOUSE ad last month. Actually, we thought at first that Naomi had flipped her wig when we read her copy with a wrong date on it for Columbus Day, so we proceeded to correct it with the aid of our trusty almanac and the advice of the editorial staff; it turned out that we were wrong on the date, the day, and I'm surprised we didn't change the occasion to St. Swithin's Day, we were that much "off base." Naomi, (she's not the one with the black evening gown and false eyelashes in the kitchen) has decided to establish an annual record festival and what that is all about you will have to come to the PALMER HOUSE and find out for yourselves. I know it will be a gas because all of our Rhinestone Heights readers tell me they will be there. And to get them out, it's got to be fabulous.

During the past week, as a member of the team of deputy registrars, we filled so many books of new and change-of-address registrations, that we were complimented by the people down at the Registrar's Office. Now, all we've got to do is to get EVERYONE out to vote on election/day, and already a campaign is under way to accomplish just that. We need every member of the community to support our candidates both by contributing to their political campaign which is deductible from income taxes, and by voting. Next month's VECTOR will give you a pretty good idea of what we are up against, but it will also give you our political committee's recommendations and we hope and pray that everyone will vote accordingly. Regardless of everything else, this is the one concrete way we can demonstrate "GAY POWER."
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The United States Supreme Court in Camara v. San Francisco (87 S. Ct. 1727) is an example of the beauty of the organic U.S. Constitution. Again it is the Fourth Amendment which is used to protect the citizenry from the overzealousness of our employees — the government.

The American Civil Liberties Union provided its most capable Constitutional lawyer, Marshall W. Krause, to handle this far-reaching case.

San Francisco’s code provides for authorized municipal employees to enter without a search warrant upon private property to inspect for fire, health or safety violations. Mr. Camara refused the warrant-less inspectors access to his apartment. Thereafter, he was arrested.

The defendant, on appeal to the highest court of the land, sought a Writ of Prohibition to stop his trial. The court in granting relief stated:

“The Fourth Amendment provides that ‘the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause supported by Oath or Affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.’”

The court allowed to the fact that the purpose of this Amendment is to safeguard the privacy and security of individuals against arbitrary invasion by governmental officials.

“The right of officers to thrust themselves into a home is a grave concern, not only to the individual but to a society which chooses to dwell in reasonable security and freedom from surveillance. When the right of privacy must reasonably yield to the right of search is, as a rule, to be decided by a judicial officer (a judge) not by a policeman or governmental enforcement agent.”

Again the citizen is protected by the Judiciary from irresponsible legislation and its enforcement by the other two branches of our government.

Are We There?

“The probation officer faces a real dilemma in the investigation of an adult homosexual. On the one hand, he realizes that any discussion of the defendant’s problem with the wife or employer may lead to the destruction of those respective relationships; yet, on the other hand, he realizes that without their help and understanding, there is little, if any, chance of re-establishing the defendant as a useful member of society. Some probation officers have evidenced their belief that the chance of reintegrating the defendant as a functional citizen should be taken at the cost of the possible consequences of exposition.”

Footnotes, UCLA Law Review Vol. 13, No. 3 March 1966

In George Orwellian terms (1984-style) “functional citizen” is newskink, newspeak, and quite right. A citizen who is functional is most likely one who has been reintegrated into the society. If that reintegration means that the individual must bear the cost of possible consequences of exposition, that chance must be taken. If we must destroy one’s nature in order to make one a good citizen, i.e., a functional citizen, then that nature must be destroyed. AT ANY COST. At least, from the George Orwellian 1984 point of view.

ARE WE THERE? You, Homosexual, are you perverse? Is it unnatural for you to view the brawny lad with a delightful eye? Are you going against YOUR NATURE when you express yourself sexually? Some are confident that non-aryans must be destroyed. Others are righteous in their belief that Negroes should be “shipped back to Africa.” And there be those who look to my very (and basical) nature and choose to “reintegrate” me. Can you not see oh Superior, oh Appellate, oh Supreme Court? I AM THAT I AM.

My hunger for food, my thirst for water, my desire for "homo" sex is MY NATURE. Laws do not quiet my appetite. Prison will not quench my thirst, reintegration will not appease my sexual nature. I be that which I be. Please burn all the witches, dismember all the heretics, destroy all non-aryans, build barbed wire fences around all the cities, then, my country, confiscate my innards. But only then.
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Dear Mme. Soto-Voce:

My lover and I are always fighting about politics. He is a conservative Republican who owns a beauty shop and I am liberal Democrat. He is particularly opposed to my being involved in any political activity and especially in S.I.R. He says that if I become involved in anything political and get MY name and HIS address in the paper I’ll ruin his business.

Madame, what am I to do? I love him but I have the courage of my convictions, too.

Sincerely,

...Political Exile

Dear Mr. Exile:

I found myself in the same delicate situation several years ago when I was beginning my career with the Ashland Avenue Ideal Opera Company in St. Paul, Minnesota. I had just received a handsome offer to be the guest vocalist at a huge Progressive Party rally in Yahoo, Nebraska. (Robert M. LaFollette and Burton K. Wheeler would be the featured speakers). My manager at the time was a Conservative (Reactionary) Republican of gelatinous spine named Jerry Willy-Gillyer. He felt the best way to run an opera company was to never offend anybody and the best way to do this was for him, and the staff, to never express a public opinion on anything other than the opera. He knew I was a Progressive and my family were "Bull Mooses" from back in Teddy Roosevelt’s day. He felt that the Ashland Avenue Ideal Opera Company would be shaken to its (uncertain) foundations if I were to be seen and publicized as appearing in public with so controversial a political identity. He said, "Why the next thing you know the Republicans and Democrats will both boycott our opera company and only Progressives will attend." I called him a Washy-Washy Jackass to his face and told him so few Democrats, Republicans or Progressives even knew our opera company existed and it was time somebody did something to put it "on the map" before it sinks completely into a medium-grey oblivion. I refused to dignify him by resigning but instead I dashed off to Schuerman-Manheimer’s Department Store where I bought an enormous picture hat covered with peonies and a bright red liberty crepe dress and I was off to Yahoo, Nebraska.

Well I showed him, the Yahoo Post newspaper later said: "Whether Mr. LaFollette and Mr. Wheeler ever get elected or not may fade from memory, but the fair citizenry of Yahoo will never forget the striking appearance and astonishing voice of the great vocalist Mme. Aida Soto-Voce of St. Paul’s Ashland Avenue Ideal Opera Company." When I returned to St. Paul, Mr. Willy-Gillyer greeted me with mixed emotions. He was upset because I had successfully done this but pleased that because of it, my next 6 performances (of Humperdinck’s Königskinder) were a sell-out.

In closing, Political, the possibilities of your getting your name and address in the paper for political activity with S.I.R. or anybody else are fairly slight.

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LAFAYETTE SQUARE
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My second criticism of the Conference relates to the petty in-fighting which wasted precious time at the sessions. When a group of egotistic "bitches" congregate together, one must expect a certain amount of hair-pulling and jostling. At times, however, it got completely carried away. Opposition to resolutions was often predicated on such flimsy basis as distaste for a word used in a resolution. Come now! This is not at all necessary nor intelligent.

I must confess that I came away from the Conference with a bitter taste in my mouth respecting the ladies' organizations therein represented. Too often they seemed to oppose resolutions for no other reason than that the male organizations supported them. I am thinking in particular of an amendment to the Statement of Purpose for the Conference which simply noted that the homophile movement was part of the general sexual revolution in this country. How one can seriously oppose such an obvious fact escapes me. It behooves the movement to tie itself to groups like the Sex Forum, the Kinsey foundation, and also to the general sexual reformation. They can help us and we them - a classic quid pro quo.

The girls could not see this - and why? Search me. Their statements of opposition ran the gamut from silence to "I am opposed to this resolution, amendment, etc." Well, Hell, tell us why! I was hard-pressed to discern one articulate statement of opposition from them. If they have good reasons, let's hear them. They remind me of some Southern politicians in this town.

Finally, a third criticism of the proceedings relates to the what-can-only-be-called, obnoxious treatment meted out to Mr. Austin Wade. Mr. Wade attended the Conference for the purpose of drawing our attention to the dangers inherent in Wolfenden legal reform. Now it happens that Mr. Wade is associated with New York Mattachine which happens to stand outside the collective effort of the Planning Conference. Certain elements within the Conference decided that Mr. Wade's association with New York Mattachine precluded his right to address the Conference. Petty rubbish if you ask me!

Surely New York Mattachine is being juvenile in its opposition to the efforts of the Planning Conference but one piece of stupidity does not call for another. As it was, the Conference came close to totally alienating Austin and perhaps ruining whatever influence he might have exerted to draw New York Mattachine into the collective effort (some, I understand, prefer that they remain where they are).

When permission was finally granted to him to speak, Mr. Wade presented a cogent analysis of the real dangers attendant with Wolfenden reform (which this column will discuss another time). His talk was one of the more worthwhile things to emerge from the three days of meetings and a refreshing change from the parliamentary bickering that constituted the bulk of Thursday and Friday's activities.

On the positive side, the Conference did provide a forum for exchange of opinions and for setting in motion some worthwhile projects. I personally look forward to the suggestions of the Committee on Sex Education, the new project on legal reform, the strengthened efforts of the National Legal Defense Fund, and the study on military draft and homosexuals.

The contacts which I made with S.I.R. and the Tavern Guild, with the Revs. Cromey and Lewis, and with Dr. Kameny of Washington Mattachine have stirred me to involvement with the homophile movement after ten years of applause from the sidelines. In the future I hope this column will bring news of greater activity in the Washington area on behalf of the homosexual. Other tidbits to look forward to in the near future are: a report on Dr. Kameny's efforts to alter Government discrimination against homosexuals by the military and the Civil Service; happenings on the Hill which will affect homosexuals; an interview with the famous Guild Press; and efforts to involve the clergy of Washington in establishing improved relations between homosexuals and the churches.

JOHN RIORDAN
For S. F. SUPERVISOR

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Member, S. F. Social Services Commission; Member of the Board of Directors of the Council For Civic Unity, United Nations Association and Recreation Center for the Handicapped.

PROGRAM: As an attorney will seek to implement recommendations of the Presidential Report "The Challenge of Crime in a Free Society" and endorse the Model Penal Code; alternative sources of income to soften the impact of A.B. 80 and work to provide community facilities for the mentally ill.

Committee to elect Riordan (partial listing):
Darwin B. Jones
Dr. Z.L. Goodby
Richard Bancroft
Mr. Hermann Gellhaus
David Fager
Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Kahn

Gerald D. Marcus
Mrs. Nancy Krieger
Franklyn K. Brann
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Alan Merlenu
Dr. Arthur Calman
Hans Feilbisch
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Alan Wang

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On my recent trip to Washington, D.C., I verified newspaper reports that are contrary to the rumors being spread at the Religious Committee's Sunday brunches. I visited the White House and wish to assure all our members that Lyndon Johnson is President of the United States, not Barry Goldwater. Tek - Tek - such a terrible way to brainwash your committee, Jamey. Therefore it is not true that the President's favorite dish is "Hominy Grits and Tuna Casserole DuBarry." In fact, the real President's wife, Lady Bird Johnson, won't allow hominy grits in the Executive Mansion, declaring: "Th' yuh fuh pore wite trash." Well! I have all the information in this month's column on good authority from one of the official White House Marines, private first class. I trust this man implicitly, though I cannot reveal his name because of his sensitive position. We held a long conversation and became very good friends; in fact, he is now a subscriber to VECTOR.

One interesting aside on this 6'2", rugged-featured, muscular young man that might interest readers of this column, is that the other marines call him "The Hat." His buddies on duty with him teased that he loved the service so much he even slept with his hat on. But when we were alone he told me the truth. It seems that he didn't dare take off his hat in front of the other guys or his true position would have been revealed. He really was a C.I.A. agent watching the President's Marines, but he also had recently finished a long job amongst the Hippy anti-war groups. Being the C.I.A.'s authority on the love generation, he might be transferred back at any time, so he had been ordered not to cut his hair. The last thing he could or would take off was his hat. BUT, I finally coaxed him into revealing his hair — after bolting the door to the room and drawing the shades. When his hat came off, his long golden locks hung in beautiful curls to his shoulders and set off his handsome face gorgeously. I certainly would recommend to all the armed services a return to days of early rugged America when all men who were men wore long hair into battle. The sight was a revelation. I do think that "The Hat" secretly revealed in his hair the way he shook it and combed it after he relaxed sans the hat. But thyme marches on and I must tell all you cooks the favorite dish of our President as revealed by the C.I.A., to me, in private, first class — I mean first hand. The Chief Executive relishes "Kidney Bean Salad" and orders it served at all official barbecues. Remember, you read it here first.

"The Hat" described in detail the many ceremonies of the barbecue but the procession of the "Kidney Bean Salad" is something to behold. Bearing covered dishes of meat loaf and fruit salad, 32 selected Texas female virgins precede a 7-foot colored butler who carries the silver salad bowl on his head. The maids make a large circle of their 32 covered dishes on the table and the butler places the Kidney Bean Salad in the center. This is the signal for the barbecue to commence. The barbecue is over ONLY when all the Salad is gone. Since all politicians, both domestic and foreign, are briefed on this protocol, and since no conferring begins until after the end of the barbecue, it is wisely stated that "Today's statesmen are full of beans."

The following recipe is from the President's kitchen, cut down in size, of course, to allow for your making it at home.

KIDNEY BEAN SALAD

3 cups cooked kidney beans
1 cup chopped sweet pickle
5 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
3/4 cup diced celery
1 cup mayonnaise
Lettuce

Drain beans; add pickle, eggs and celery and toss together lightly. Add mayonnaise and blend. Chill thoroughly. Serve on shredded lettuce, garnish with egg wedges. Serves 8.

Some persons have argued on the merits of the above recipe stating that the egg or celery or pickles should be eliminated. Others have said that French dressing should be used instead of mayonnaise. Others have added onions or garlic or mustard or horseradish or various combinations. And each who argues the point at length probably is making it the right way, accounting for persons' variations in taste and conditioning. But the President has declared the above recipe to be the only correct right way to make "Kidney Bean Salad." Therefore right has been established.

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The Discussion Group
By Jim Skaggs

"The National Homophile Movement," "Permanent Relationship," and "A Rutgers University Survey of Homosexuality," have been key topics of interest in this past month's discussion groups. Proposals for the month of October include:

--Are Homosexuals Really Different from Heterosexuals?

--The Transsexual Dilemma:

--Sado-Masochism and the Gay World.

--The Younger Homosexual.

The S.I.R. Discussion Group meets each Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at 1256 Page Street, Apt. I. One of the longest running S.I.R. activities, it has also been one of the most influential in verbalizing and articulating many ideas of importance, particularly to our locality.

CURTAIN CALL

The entire first week of October will be "audition week," for all new 1967 SIRLEBRITY CAPADES which promises to be a showcase of new talents.

Under the able chairmanship of GENE BOCHE, who was appointed to be in charge of this year's production, many of the "old pros" of former years, have indicated their intention to participate. Gene is now interviewing several prospective persons with the idea of selecting the most experienced and capable director possible.

This notice then is "FIRST CURTAIN CALL". If you are a magician, singer or dancer, instrumentalist, high-wire artist, acrobat, stand-up comic, or mime artist, please make your appearance at the S.I.R. Center during the first week of October and schedule a time for an audition.

SIRLEBRITIES CAPADES 1967 will be presented the weekend of the second week in December, provided anyone is still speaking to anyone else.

IN MEMORIAM

While fulfilling an engagement in Marin county, the ever-popular but aging Vivacious Vivien suffered a heart attack and passed away. While no Liberace at the keyboard, Vivacious Vivien enjoyed the deafening applause of her faithful followers when she played "Running Wild" which was some sort of a signature song for this tiny but energetic artist.

Millie (Cont. from P. 5)
Mr. Dave Kelsey, played memory tunes of the 20's on the four-manual Robt. Morton thousand-throated pipe organ, one of the very few left in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Success of the evening is due largely to the untiring efforts of Kevin Macre and Ron Warren who tauted the tickets and made all the arrangements for San Francisco's FIRST Gay-la Premiere.

The San Francisco Tavern Guild Presents
The Annual
Beaux Arts Ball
Sat., Oct. 28th
Details at Your Favorite Tavern Guild Bar
Letters to the Editor...

Editor of Vector:

As a member of S.I.R. I personally should like to object to the manner in which this program, "Thoroughly Modern Millie," is being held.

Is it necessary for mature adult homosexuals to turn every social occasion to a "fairyland costume event with prizes for the Best-Tressed and Dressed Drag Queen?"

How much nicer it might have been to have only the movie — no public hoopla where San Franciscans can come and once again view "our worst image."

Imagine the good that might have been done if the event had been publicized as a S.I.R. event benefiting the United Crusade — or some similar needy charity.

When will the Homophile Organization trying to improve our image begin to do so and stop acting like sophomoric children?

Dear Mike:

hmmmmm...

W.E.B.

Dear Editor:

When will you take a positive stand against the terrible over-masculine "supermen" that parade around in leather and other ugly dirty clothes?

These immature, underdeveloped neurotics are creating a very detrimental image for the homosexual community.

Let's all dress neatly in shirts and tie.

...A responsible homophile

Dear Responsible:

hmmmmm...

W.E.B.

Sirs:

If possible I would like this letter to appear in the editorial column of Vector.

A few days ago a friend of mine committed suicide. The flood of thoughts rushing into mind is overwhelming, but this much stands out clearly: the suicide in my opinion was a result of adjustment problems with the hate-laden super-straight world around him.

And of course the usual question: had I done my part to show this person that someone cared? Apparently not.

And now I would like to ask you, S.I.R., did you do your part? The person in question was not a member of S.I.R., and yet I feel the question can fairly be asked: S.I.R., did you do your part? Please answer this question in a defensive manner and explain how it is that you could not be reasonably expected to have been able to help this man. Rationalize away the responsibility you have as the world's largest homosexual organization. Rationalize away concern over such sorry suicides! Prove nothing could be expected of you!

When I attend this man's funeral in the next few days, as I'm standing above the coffin, I will again ask myself whether or not S.I.R. should be an activist organization or just a social club! Have fun! While others die?

...R.D.H.

Dear Mike Newton

... Mike Newton

...W.E.B.

Dear R.D.H.:

While many volunteers in S.I.R. are very concerned over the problems facing the individual homosexual, the only answer we have found is self-acceptance and open personal relationships. We can only open doors; we cannot force persons to enter.

W.E.B.

Dear Responsible:

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W.E.B.

Dear Editor:

Although I was shocked at the behavior of Mr. Call, I was equally shocked to see you using names in an article that would have been just as effective if the culprits had remained nameless.

I was present at some of Mattachine's beginnings, when I at that time resided in S.F., and didn't become a member because of their excessive puritanism. I believe that if we can honestly expect the straight community to tolerate us, we must learn to tolerate the least lovely of our own community. The fact that many of them make the job of winning straight acceptance more difficult is our challenge and only only we can solve internally.

However, public wrist-slapping, no matter how deserved, is a luxury the Gay Community cannot afford.

To give Mattachine and Call credit: they were pioneers, when it was hard to be a pioneer. Many of the tools used today to involve clergy, law, psychiatrists, and government in our struggle, were forged by Mattachine. Even today the D.S.I. case, which enlarged all our liberties, was won by D.S.I. thru M's sole aid, according to D.S.I.

Also, Mattachine and their ally Daughters of Bilitis are the only organizations which seem to have had any success at going national and even they, nationwide, are not strong.

Since Mattachine began I've seen organizations come and go. I'd high hopes for "One," but just a simple bitch fight seems to have undone them.

Today you are the bright hope; but from the tone of some of your letters and articles a weak one.
Out of a potential 90,000 in your city, 1,000 members isn't many and 3,000 subscribers countrywide isn't much.

If the Washington Conference is to be anything more than a lovely shell, you and Mattachine must work together and I suggest each of you form a liaison committee, whose job would be to find the means of effective cooperation. What our community doesn't need is a dozen locally biased, under-financed, frustrated, weak, high-sounding little sewing circle organizations. We need national organizations with both brains and muscle, working enough together to present a united front in the areas of vital importance. It's nice to be pure and to hold the one and only Holy Grail, it's more fun to be effective!

Sincerely,

...Mitch

Dear Dr. Elias and Mitch:

I carefully selected an analogous incident that should not be construed as an attack upon Mr. Call, whom I consider my friend. This incident was extensively publicized by Mr. Call at various large gatherings, at S.I.R., T.G.S.F., etc. What I was doing was discussing ideology and methods of homophile organizational approaches. Hopefully it was constructive to most readers as intended. Your two letters are the only ones disapproving this article. However, I do wish to state that there are many documented examples that I HAVE been presented that COULD be construed as an attack upon The Mattachine of San Francisco and Mr. Call had I printed them. My discrimination has not faltered, I do not have the time, inclination or space to waste on such things. I presently have no hostility to Mr. Call or Mattachine. They are a thriving agency and I wish them continued success.

I honestly and openly disagree with your evaluations in your letters and with the present approach ofMattachine of San Francisco to the problems confronting individual homosexuals. I am also certain that Henry Hay, the founder of Mattachine, would also disagree with you about Mr. Call because he has said so, to me, many times.

Only with the advent, in the last four years, of a new kind of societal involve-ment of homosexuals (as accomplished by S.I.R., Tavern Guild and other like groups), have social conditions begun to be changed in S.F. In most other parts of the country the conditions are abominable. In my opinion, the D.S.I. case has been large step backwards. In my opinion, the National Homophile Conferences are a big step forward and I am proud to have been the person who went to the final Echo Conference in New York City and brought them into being.

Mattachine is not a national organization. All chapters of Mattachine Inc. were dissolved by Hal Call shortly after he took over. The groups that use the name in other cities are all independent, autonomous groups.

We are trying and do appreciate your letters believing that they are offered in a constructive way as, hopefully, are all the things we are doing in Vector and S.I.R.

I could not agree more that we must be united and effective, but we also must allow for open honest disagreement on ideologies and then find the best possible compromise solution.

...William E. Beardemphl

Bill Beardemphl:

I am very perturbed over the review in the September Vector on the Pal Joey production for which we worked so hard. We were trying our maximum best to put on a good show for our audiences. We have tried before (The Three One Acts) to do the best we possibly could, and we end up with a terrible review. No, all of the productions the committee does aren't up to par, but what the hell do you expect of non-experienced amateurs?

Just like the other committees of S.I.R., we didn't have enough help or people at auditions. I think it horrid to review some of as being raucous, weak, and having voices that were not ready for the musical stage (even though it might be true). Just remember, "Critte" C. Thayer, the S.I.R. Stage and Production Committee are not off-Broadway or even Geary Street. These were everyday working people with no theatrical experience who tried our damn best to put out a good show for others. We didn't want anything out of it, for we had all the fun and laughter (as a reward) during rehearsals. Also remember the voices you de-graded were men playing female parts. Better luck next time. Otherwise, congratulations on a very good Vector, I really think it is the best in the thirteen months I have received it.

..."We Tried"

Dear "We Tried":

Of course we must not forget the hard work that was put into the "Pal Joey" production by the cast, the behind the scenes crew, and the around the scenes crew.

As with every committee in S.I.R., the productions committee is open to constructive criticism as well as praise. The "Joey" review was constructive as well as factual. Anyone attending a performance whether our own group or another at "Joey" ticket prices should feel that they had fun and had gained an evening of entertainment upon seeing the performance. As the review stated, there were many problems with the show that made it even more difficult to present. However, persons attending do not realize this and these problems must be solved before performance. When any committee in S.I.R. speaks for the organization, be it spoken, printed or performed, the receiver knows only what is put before him.

...C. Thayer
CONTEST

It’s time to get out the quill and scroll, and cameras and get busy! VECTOR is sponsoring two special contests for the special “Christmas Issue,” namely, a short story contest and a photography contest. A prize of $25.00 will be awarded for the most original fiction short story submitted. The story is not to exceed 1500 words, can be on any subject, and must be typed in double-spacing. The winning story will be published in the December issue of VECTOR. The Photography Contest will award a cash prize for the best black-and-white photograph submitted of a costume from the Halloween Ball held this year. Entries will be judged by a special committee of VECTOR, and the decision of the judges will be final. The winning photos will be published in the December issue. Entries must be received no later than November 10, 1967, to be considered. All submitted entries become the property of VECTOR and will not be returned. Mail all entries to VECTOR, 83 Sixth St., San Francisco, California 94103. Remember, the deadline is November 10th, so get busy now and get those entries in.

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There’s a lot of talent among the KOALAS who are known for more accomplishments than tree climbing as their name would imply. The KOALAS sponsor the annual Winter Carnival among many other “runs” each year and so successful are their events that San Franciscans vie for invitations and bids to them. S.I.R. extends its congratulations to the KOALAS for bringing home its “Achievement Award.”

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Thirty-Three

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Politics is not a dirty word. Dirty people only try to make it so. Justice, equality, liberty, the right of the individual are not lost words in a lost world. Lost people only fall to grasp their meanings. The thirty-three-year-olds are not lost. They are hungering first, they are fighting first, they are hanging on. And RIGHT shall prevail.

Truth is a two-edged sword. Even law recognizes truth. But truth must be presented. Politics, unsullered and unsullied, is a vehicle for truth. Justice, liberty, equality. THE RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL, are words with meanings that can be achieved politically. But only if those who seek same participate politically. Go 33, Go political.

Robert Cole

Mme. Soto-Voce

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If the customers in your lover’s beauty shop are silly enough to couple YOUR political name with his ability to curl hair and leave him, then he is well rid of them. Try to convince him that an intelligent interest in politics is one of the greatest indices of social maturity. Also tell him an ostrich with its head buried in the sand makes a very good target.

...Aida Soto-Voce

Urbi et Orbi

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Of all the articles in the issues I had to study the one that was by far the most astounding and interesting was written in support of the “STUDENT HOMophile LEAGUE” of Columbia University in New York. This is the only homosexual organization that I have heard of formed and actually recognized on the campus of a university. The SHL was started by students, and campaigned for 6 months and was finally recognized by the school officials as an active student organization.

The Vice President’s assistant at the University stated that “no amount of pressure from alumni or others would try to induce the committee to change its mind.” This, in my opinion, is a real step forward.

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