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W.E. Beardolph

On Tuesday, October 17, election for San Francisco's official family began to take on a drama for the homophile community that only lacked Jiminy Cricket and the white horse to save Jean Arthur. It all began with Joe Alloto and Co. creating an unusual 1920's scene at the Tavern Guild meeting of that day, that still has the gay community reeling with laughter. After requesting time to address this body of homophile business leaders, when some local politicians are still saying that such actions as courting the homosexual vote is the kiss of death politically, Mr. Alloto failed to show up at what turned out to be the largest gathering in Tavern Guild history. In his place he sent Mr. Dave Jenkins.

Mr. Jenkins was introduced, a pianist hired for the occasion stepped to the elaborate piano bar with its lava rock and plastic flower decorated waterfall and pool and played "San Francisco." At the podium, Mr. Jenkins identified himself as the labor coordinator for Joe Alloto's campaign, longtime friend of Harry Bridges and other presidents and an official of the International Longshoreman's Workers Union. He said he "knew our community's problems intimately" and then spoke on everything and anything but our community's problems.

After side-stepping some embarrassing questions, Mr. Jenkins retired and Mr. Jack Morrison unexpectedly walked to the podium. Mr. Morrison immediately electrified the audience with his dignity, poise, and experienced knowledge of San Francisco. He received a standing ovation as he left.

The Alloto circus, breathing heavily, continued with an announcement that a lavish buffet was paid for and provided for the Tavern Guild members to enjoy, by none other than Mr. Joe Alloto himself. A lavish and delicious buffet it was, with chafing dishes of Beef Stroganoff and rice pilaf, surrounded by an array of beautiful salads (including Kidney Bean Salad as featured in last month's March of Thyme) and platters of cold meats and cheeses.

On Wednesday, October 18, the "kiss of death" campaign continued at the S.I.R. Center when 482 homosexuals listened to 27 politicians, many who are front-running incumbents, court the endorsement of the homophile community. By this time it looked like Alloto bowed out from needing homosexuals to vote for him and the rumor at his headquarters was that the "gay albatross" must be hung around Morrison's neck much as this same group of politicians tried to hang it on former mayor George Miller's head in the Wolden Mayoral campaign. After all, it was Alloto's money that got Wolden his assessor's job; look it up and see for yourself.

Mr. Morrison is now carrying his message to the homosexual populace and daring this political "kiss of death" in his mayoral campaign. He attended the CRH political night, the Tavern Guild meeting and now the S.I.R. Candidates Night and has captured an overwhelming endorsement, almost unanimous, in the straw poll that was distributed at the S.I.R. meeting.

Now the question has become real and pressing as to the political muscle of the homophile community in San Francisco. Can a candidate offer a sound and positive program openly facing the realities of today and get the backing of the gay community through votes and more votes on election day? Hopefully there is a unified political awakening among San Francisco homosexuals that will stop the unjust and illegal attacks on our lives. Half of the candidates in this race appeared before S.I.R., believing that there are votes to be had, and that there is a political power that must be respected in the Homophile Community.

The Speakers in order of appearance were:

EMIE W. LEE (Supervisor):
“What you do is your own business, unless you do it in public.”

JOE CHANEY (supervisor):
Expressed sympathy as belonging to a similar ostracized minority.

BILL BILLINGS (Mayor):
“No, I am not kidding and don't you ever forget it.”

DOROTHY SHINDER (Supervisor):
A perennial advocate of tax reform for single persons.

GARRET CHAN (Supervisor):
"Here I am world, accept me. All Chinese have been kept down for 25 years, now all minorities' individual rights must be obtained."

DAVID BREMAN (Supervisor):
Against spending city money.

John McFeely Jr. (District Attorney):
“You must organize politically, and vote to protect your human rights. My first gambling arrest will be the Archbishop of the Catholic Church.”

ED STEIN (Supervisor):
“Pleased to be at the first candidates night where the audience outnumbered the candidates.”

Mr. Stern expressed concern about persons in our society who labor under social disabilities - race, old age, sex, poverty. We all must face and solve these problems. Against Vietnam War.

JANET AKENS, Assistant District Attorney representing John Ferdon, incumbent (District Attorney):
“We must enforce the laws. We do not interpret them.”

DAVE JOHNSTON (Sheriff):
Pointed out that since he started running, that the incumbent sheriff has desegregated the county jails. Read a letter from an inmate to him citing many injustices at San Bruno jail including great discrimination against homosexuals.

JOHN RORDAN (Supervisor):
For implementing President's Crime Commission report, uniform enforcement of laws, Penal Code as existing in Illinois. Believes San Francisco should have its fair share of Federal and State assistance, which has never happened.

BEN MAXWELL (Mayor):
As a member of a minority, he doesn't like being shoved around.

HERBERT STEINER (Mayor):
Against capitalist society.

LOUIS VASQUEZ (Sheriff):
Will donate 10% of wages back to city and county to lower taxes.

GEORGE LOOBY (Mayor):
Believes all the front-runners for this office will only repeat wishy-washy administrative policies of Shelly.

CHARLES CLAY (Supervisor):
“Homosexuality is not a problem. Society is a problem. A man's sexual right is his private affair and not the business of the law.”

BILL BAYMA (Supervisor):
Not for changing tax structure.

BILL NEWSOM (Supervisor):
For Proposition P. “Law enforcement is not for upholding the establishment.”

JERRY MILLER (Mayor):
For draft resistance and legalizing marijuana.

DONALD BRUCE (Supervisor):
Married 3 times and will marry again after election.

JOE BEEMAN (Supervisor):
"Is no man's man." Supports Model Penal Code. Law must not regulate consenting sexual conduct for adults, for Prop. P. Voted against 29 million dollar tax windfall to business, Board of Supervisors should set a climate of tolerance because they cannot change sex laws according to Supreme Court
ruling.”

ARTHUR SHERIDAN (Supervisor):
“S.I.R. and other groups like S.I.R. will realize their ideals only when they become politically active.”

DEAN BENDER (Supervisor):
“With the 60 or so candidates running, voting will be like playing a pinball machine. I am going to vote for just one person, myself.”

TOM ROSS (Supervisor):
For underground utility wires and tree planting.

QUENTIN COPP, speaking for Jack Ertola, incumbent (Supervisor):
Voted NO on Panhandle Freeway. No comment on Proposition P. Voted against Billboards in Civic Center area but doesn't know why Ertola violated this ordinance by having a billboard in a restricted area.

JACK MORRISON (Mayor) (Is an incumbent Supervisor):
“We must have an early end to unjust war in Vietnam.” Believes in “strong civilian control of police department.” He will appoint members of minority groups to Police Commission. “Acts between consenting adults should be taken out of the sphere of law.” He cited his votes on many ordinances as proof of helping “promote San Francisco toward being one of the world centers of culture.”

TERRY FRANCOIS (Supervisor, incumbent):
cited a good record. Wishes a re-structuring of Police Community Relations department so that it will do what it was originally intended to do. Wants the gay community to know that “a friend of your Community is on the Board of Supervisors.”

There was a surprise appearance of the noted Dr. Carlton Goodlet, Chairman of the California Negro Leadership Conference and the man who ran for governor in the June ’66 primaries, receiving about 140,000 votes at that time and coming in third out of the five candidates. He is internationally known as a worker for peace, a world traveler meeting with peace workers. Mr. Goodlet spoke out against Proposition A, and appealed to the homophile community against this proposition. He said, “Only Jack Morrison has responded unequivocally to the demands of S.F. racial minorities that they may be granted membership on the five-man public utilities commission.”

Proponents for Proposition P, the Pease issue encouraged those present to vote yes on this issue.

Though Mr. Dobbs and Mr. Alioto were both invited, neither made an appearance nor did they send representatives. Mr. Dobbs has not responded to any communication from the Political Committee of the Society for Individual Rights.

A straw ballot was conducted at CANDIDATES NIGHT and those endorsed by the Homophile Community were:

MAYOR — Jack Morrison (almost unanimous);
SUPERVISORS — 1 — Ed Stern (more than two thirds), 2 — John Riordan (more than half), 3 — Joe Beeman (more than half), 4 — Bill Newsom (almost one-half), 5 — Terry Francois (almost one-half), 6 — Dorothy Shinder (one fourth), 7 — Charles Clay (one fourth).
SHERIFF — David Johnson (more than two thirds).
DISTRICT ATTORNEY — John McFeeley Jr. (more than one half).

The real drama of electing San Francisco’s official family will soon unfold. How much will the political muscle of the Homophile Community be able to influence this “Kiss of Death” campaign?
MORALITY and LAW
by K. Arnold

“The function of government is not to enforce majority morality — even in a democracy. Its function is to prevent harm to others.” This is the conclusion reached by Mr. Robert N. Harris, Jr., in a short but expository discussion of the function of government in the enforcement of morality, appearing in the latest issue of the University of California at Los Angeles Law Review (“Private Consensual Adult Behavior: The Requirement of Harm to Others in the Enforcement of Morality,” 14 UCLA Law Review 581, 1967). The conclusion necessarily includes the lesser proposition that homosexual conduct between consenting adults in private is beyond the legitimate concern of government.

Mr. Harris introduces his discussion by inquiring as to the sorts of conduct which society may justifiably punish. He presents the views of the English jurist, Lord Devlin, and those of John Stuart Mill and H. L. A. Hart. Devlin’s view is that government is justified in enforcing public morals on the ground that all immorality (whether or not enjoyed in private) is a crime against society. Mill’s view is that government should exercise its power only to prevent harm to others and only when such harm, if any, is not consented to by the person on whom it is inflicted. Hart agrees with Mill subject to the modification that government through its criminal law may prevent physical harm whether such harm is consented to or not. The author defines this latter view as “a form of physical paternalism.”

Mr. Harris is of the opinion that the third view is better than the first but that the second is better than the other two. He recognizes the uncertainty (semantic difficulties) inherent in the term “harm” which he defines with the aid of hypothetical cases. He also discusses, and quite properly rejects, the view that one legitimate use of the criminal law is to provide “moral education of the population.”

A most intriguing part of his discussion to those whose minds are legally oriented is that which propounds various legal arguments which might conceivably one day be used to persuade the courts to strike down as unconstitutional those laws defining as crimes any kind of sexual behavior between consenting adults in private. Briefly stated, his arguments are that such laws (1) violate the doctrine of separation of the church and state embodied in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution because they are, in effect, enforcing CHRISTIAN sexual morality; (2) violate substantive due process guaranteed by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments because the state cannot show a secular, or social, harm resulting from such private acts; and (3) violate the individual’s right to privacy which is in the process of being secured by court interpretation of the Ninth Amendment (that is, the right of privacy is a common-law right, which, by the Ninth Amendment, is secured to the people).

Mr. Harris has clearly and dispassionately demonstrated that present laws against homosexual conduct in private between consenting adults are philosophically unsound, morally reprehensible, and quite probably unconstitutional. His discussion is enlightened and his arguments sound. The article is highly recommended reading to all those seeking a deeper understanding of the philosophical views which have produced anti-sex legislation and those which will eventually, it is hoped, bring about the repeal of such legislation.
PLANS SOAR FOR '67 CAPADES

BY BILL BEARDENPHL

"The 1967 Sirlebrity Capades is on the way," announced its production Chairman, Gene Boche. The largest turnout ever for auditions has given a lift to this show that promises to surpass any show the gay community has produced so far. Sirlebrity Capades has been noted for introducing the unusual and fabulous to the stage. The first and second capades established first-rate, sensational gay theater productions in San Francisco which many groups have since copied but the original is still the show of shows.

Selected as the overall director and musical director has been Bob Turner; Choreographer will be John DeLeon; costumes will be designed and supervised by John Pesch; sets created by the fabulous Gene Boche; and lighting by Jack Perpich.

Watching the rehearsals, I got the impression that a cast of hundreds will be on stage. Madame Soto Voce will return to the stage for this gala affair after an absence which has left her fans anguished. Her form at rehearsals has been such that reveals a great musical temperament.

Laura is establishing a new image of theatrical ability with a fantastic southern impersonation in a production number of great imagination.

Michele's production has everyone agog and I won't reveal that surprise which looks like a certain show-stopper.

What with everything from Spanish dancers to Go-Go dancers, from a sentimental clown to a giddy Eloise, from parodies of Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy to the highlights from the Fantastics sung by an exciting new voice discovery, this reporter was overwhelmed with an array of established favorites and exciting new stage personalities.

I, for one, can hardly wait. Tickets are already available at the S.I.R. Center and I would advise an early purchase if you plan on attending. The dates are December 9th and 10th, Sat. night and Sun. matinee for the show of shows.
Facts On The Prostrate Gland

By Larry Carlson

The prostate gland, which is present in the male only, lies at the neck of the urinary bladder and completely surrounds the urinary canal, about one and one-half inches from the bladder entrance. It reaches full development at puberty, when it is the size of a horse chestnut and similar to it in shape. Its nearness to the rectum and bladder is significant — disturbances of the gland are intimately associated with disturbances of both the rectum and the bladder.

The secretion which the prostate manufactures is necessary to give movement to the male sperm which are the reproductive elements of the seminal fluid. Without the addition of healthy sperm cells do not move, and consequently reproduction cannot take place, and the man is sterile.

Disturbances of the prostate are numerous and frequent. The predominate disturbance is congestion of the prostate, which causes an enlargement. This is only transient and occurs often in young men long before they reach the so-called "prostatic age," which is about the fifth decade of life, when a large number of men have a true enlargement of the gland. Inflamed prostate glands or prostatitis is not uncommon in men. The enlargement of the gland is due to too much blood in its structure; this enlargement with its accompanying symptoms is only transient, disappearing with simple conservative treatment and removal of the cause. This congestion may be caused by mechanical irritation or, as is the case more frequently, by sexual irregularities. Any constant force or pressure on what is called the "perineum" — area between the legs just above the rectal opening — may cause prostatic congestion. This is seen in men who are in the saddle for long periods daily, such as cattlemen, and in office workers, who are seated for many hours each day.

Prostatic congestion may also be produced by any abnormal disturbance of the sex function, which may be overindulgence or underindulgence and, most important of all, long periods of sexual excitement without completion of the act. In marital life, this latter is often the case where offspring are not desired, and the unhygienic practice of withdrawal or "coitus interruptus" is indulged in.

Accompanying an inflamed prostate gland there is often an urgency or frequency of urination. When the desire to urinate is felt, haste is necessary or there is loss of control of the bladder. Discomfort is constant over the bladder region, which is the lower area of the abdomen. In addition, there may be, and often is, a urethral discharge, which resembles an acute gonorrheal infection, but which on microscopic examination shows definitely it is not; associated with this there is often burning or discomfort on urination. Finally, the inability to have satisfactory sexual relations will manifest itself. This combination of symptoms, especially when the last mentioned occurs, will cause the man to seek professional counsel.

When there is stagnation in the rectum — constipation — increased fermentation occurs, and the bacterial which are normal for the normal lower bowel find their way through the rectal wall into the prostate, thus setting up an inflammation. Prompt removal of the cause or relief of the constipation will get a prompt restoration to normal.

The first consideration in the treatment of an inflamed prostate gland is the removal of the cause. Sexual relations should not be indulged in until all symptoms disappear. If there is considerable discomfort, a few days' rest in bed will be helpful. A hot sitz bath two or three times a day is necessary. After the acute symptoms have disappeared, gentle prostatic massage is indicated. It is much preferable to employ a specialist for this, as it requires experience to massage the prostate gland correctly.

Occasionally prostate glands will become enlarged; the actual cause of this condition is unknown. It is especially likely to occur in men who had frequent inflammation of the prostate in early life. Enlarged prostate is a true tumor formation, and a certain percentage become cancerous. The symptoms that are present are usually very typical. They begin with frequency of urination during the night. At first the patient may have to get out of bed to urinate only once or twice. This simple condition may exist along for 2 or 3 years; then frequency occurs also during the day. Work and pleasure are interfered with. Pain gradually develops which at first is a burning sensation, soon becoming cramp-like at the end of urination.

If the urine is examined at this time it will be found to contain some pus and not infrequently blood. If at this time treatment is instituted, usually the severe symptoms will subside, but the frequency will persist, which means that the condition is not cured. If relief is not obtained or not sought complete retention of urine occurs, the patient cannot void any urine and, unless relieved by the passing of a catheter, he will suffer intensely and much damage will be done to the kidneys by the urine backing up into them from the overfilled bladder. It is quite evident that early treatment is very necessary, and that many men, if treated at the beginning of their urinary difficulty, will be spared a progressive discomfort and certainly any operative procedure.

In the recommended method of treatment, regulation of the bowels is important, and so are hot sitz baths and massage. The patient should have daily bowel movements. Suppositories are frequently employed to reduce the inflammation; these suppositories, frequently of belladonna, ichthyol, and cocoa butter, can be made up by a druggist and should be kept in the refrigerator, and they should be lubricated with cold cream, vaseline, or "K-Y" before use. One should be inserted immediately before the sitz bath. It is advised that the patient see his doctor once or twice a week for gentle prostatic massage.

Although 25 percent of men past fifty years of age have prostate enlargement, only a small percentage of these really need any surgery. The eager and continued on page 19
This column is being dashed off and I am in quite a dither, I have just returned from my second trip to Minnesota in two months and then, on my return, I had hosted the Board of Directors of S.I.R., for their retreat. In the process I have lost a laboriously done report by Jim Skaggs on the Discussion Group. They had scheduled the entire month of November in topics and plan to use the concluding Friday of each month on a religious topic (check with the S.I.R. Secretary for the subjects). Also, while I am on the Discussion Group, I am announcing an additional discussion group at my home. 856 Page at the same time and day as the original group at 1256 Page (8:00 P.M. on Fridays) starting November 10th. The popularity of this small activity has made the group so large that, after discussion with Jim Frooks, the other host, we feel two smaller groups would give the more timid discussor a chance to speak.

In the interests of centralization, the Bridge Group has been moved to the S.I.R. Center (83 6th Street) at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoons.

The Hiking Group, early risers that they are, are meeting Sunday, November 19th at 9:00 A.M. at Market and Van Ness. To solve the mystery of where they are going, call Paul at 346-0167.

The Poetry Workshop (second and fourth Wednesdays at 8:00 P.M. at the S.I.R. Center) has really taken off. I am personally thrilled by the enthusiastic turnout (over 20 last time) to this group, Bill Beardemphl and I have discussed the possibility of using this group as a screening agent for further fiction and poetry inclusions in VECTOR.

The final decisions will have to be worked out with Robert Duncan and his Poetry Workshop group but big things are in store for this group.

Again I cannot stress too emphatically the importance of having people realize that all small activities are open to ANYONE interested in that area and you do not need to be personally asked to join. S.I.R. is your organization, make it work by using it.

The S.I.R. skiers are already making plans for a lavish snow season. Some of the skiers water-skied during the summer, but now everyone is looking forward to the first snowfall.

Several S.I.R. skiers met at the 5th annual Ski Show in October to view the new fashions and equipment and to get into the mood of the coming season.

There was something for everyone at the show—a delightful ski ballet, ski movies, interesting displays, fashion shows, a charming bar and an exciting group of fellow ski enthusiasts!

S.I.R. skiers’ pre-season get-together will be held on November 25th. For further information call Jon at 673-6390 or Darrell at 626-7646.

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BARRY GOLDSWATER vs. LBJ

In 1964, Americans voted -2-1 for the man who promised he would not involve us further in Vietnam.

Yet, Mr. Goldwater recently said about President Johnson's present war policy, "It is the position I advocated in my campaign and he is following it almost to the letter."

Having voted against this "Goldwater position" once before----against expansion of this war----the majority of Americans are left with a frustration unequalled in recent memory. For despite our vote, we've had to watch helplessly while all this has taken place:

1. A half million young American boys have been sent to Vietnam. Almost the population of San Francisco. 15,000 of them have died there. 45,000 have been wounded.
2. Many times more Vietnamese have died; most of them civilians. And the country of Vietnam has been ravaged beyond repair.
3. Last year, 30 billion dollars went to wage the war. That's 2 million dollars an hour! Meanwhile, relatively inexpensive programs to correct the terrifying situation in our cities failed for lack of funds.

Now, in a new burst of enthusiasm for present policy, the Administration is still pushing hard to collect 10% more income tax from each of us. (So, a man earning $5,000 a year would have to pay about $300 toward this war.)

Do you like this war so well you want to pay 10% more to keep it going a little longer?

4. Many of the country's most respected men----most of them former supporters of a limited Vietnam involvement----have suddenly acknowledged their disillusionment and warned that we may soon find ourselves at war with China, and perhaps Russia, and that would mean World War III.

Despite these objections, the war gets bigger every day.

WE ARE TOLD, "WE MUST CONTINUE FIGHTING!"

We are told we are fighting to assure democracy for the South Vietnamese.

But if we are there to support the "true aspirations" of the Vietnamese, why does their army refuse to fight; leaving Americans to do almost all of it? Why do thousands of Buddhists and students rust? Why do peasants support the Viet Cong? Why is there such dislike of Ky and Thieu? Why was the election called worthless by the official election committee of the South Vietnamese assembly?

The answer is painfully clear: South Vietnam's former ambassador to the U.S. admitted recently, "80% of the South Vietnamese would rather the Americans would go home."

Yet President Eisenhower has written, "I have never talked with a person knowledgeable on Vietnam who did not agree that had elections been held (in 1956) possibly 80% of the population would have voted for Ho Chi Minh."

Then, we must ask this: Whose "true aspirations" are we defending?

WE ARE TOLD, "WE MUST FIGHT NOW, OR LATER"

It is a bluff enough assumption that we must either fight now, or we will have to fight later, in defense of a nearer ally. But almost every American ally----the very countries we say we are defending against a future holocaust----are convinced we are wrong about this. They feel that the war is part of a struggle against hundreds of years of colonial domination and that the holocaust we wish to avoid is actually more likely because of our policy. We agree.

Other sincere people say, "however we got into this mess, we must support our boys." It's as though somebody wanted to leave them stranded without any help. We suggest bringing them home, where there's no chance they'll die miserably in some swamp.

One more thing. Some say they hesitated to vote Yes on P because it says "immediate withdrawal," and so it does. Still, though, who can withdraw a half million men in a day?

The basic question is whether you agree with the sentiment against the war more than you disagree with a word; whether Prop. P expresses your feelings more closely than bombing people does. Have you ever agreed totally with a candidate you've voted for? All right then. We're all in the same boat.

NAGGING DOUBTS

With all these nagging doubts, it is little wonder this is such an unpopular war. Even among those who back the Administration, most do so with only, say 51% of themselves.

Yet this low level of enthusiasm, combined with an election victory based on promises not to wage war, are seen, somehow, as a "mandate" to carry on one of the bloodiest, most costly, and most dangerous wars in history.

Mr. Johnson's assumption of Americans' interest in such an expanded war is like a babysitter burning your house down because you said it was all right to build a fire.

Until now, all attempts at expressing feelings against the war have failed. Disagreement is passed off as "spinelessness" or "lack of resolve."

But it is our feeling that it's a braver thing to admit one's error than simply to proceed, stubbornly, "further into the bog" as the Y. Times put it.

Mr. Johnson will not hear of such a thing, and so Americans are left at a level of despair and feeling of loss of contact with our government that is unsurpassed in American history. The vote of a major urban population, opposing the behavior of Washington, cannot be so easily ignored. Therefore, 22,000 San Franciscans petitioned to place the question on the ballot.

It is with the hope that the people will no longer be ignored on questions of war and peace that we urge you to vote: stop the killing, stop the war. Vote Yes on P.

The above members of the San Francisco Community urge you to VOTE YES ON 'P'

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years McKinney
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Mike Newton
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Bill Plath
Mike Roberts
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Guy Strait
Ed Streeter
David Stallman
Joseph Simoneau
Maurice Swartz
Chuck Thayer
Oscar Vil
Douglas Victor
Is it possible for a homosexual to live successfully within his own "family circle?" One's connotation of a family circle may be variable, e.g. some would think of their parents and immediate family, whereas some might rather refer to their "gay" family circle such as their lover or "sisters" in passing. It is the former of these to which this month's OPEN FORUM is devoted.

Can the homosexual make an effective adaptation 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 necessarily 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 in these surroundings?

I would imagine that the greater number of homosexuals living in the San Francisco Bay Area are living away from their families, either in apartments of their own, or have established residence with other homosexuals in the area. It would be extremely interesting to see how many homosexuals in the area are "native Californians" whose families reside here in the State. I would venture to guess that the greater number are from other parts of the country or world. It is with these individuals in mind that we dedicate the following letters re: "The Homosexual In The Family Circle."

TO TELL OR NOT TO TELL?

Dear OPEN FORUM (with apologies to "The Bard"): To tell or not to tell — that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of an unknowing family, or to take arms against a sea of taunts, and by declaring, end them. How many of us have faced this problem at some time in his life? Most, I suspect, and there is neither an easy answer nor a general rule that can be followed.

Many people I have known have told their family and the vast majority of them have been glad they did, feeling they had a better relationship for having done so. Others do everything in their power to keep their family from knowing and are equally sure this is the best way.

I think that in all probability both groups are right. The crux of the question is not an abstract moral principle but a practical situation depending on widely differing individuals and relationships. Where one family may try to understand, another may accept but not understand while a third may reject completely.

In only one case is there a rule and that is never declare oneself in anger. Too often the homosexual, particularly the younger one who hasn't fully accepted himself yet, will strike out either in anger or through being hurt and declare himself, blaming it on the parents. Although his action may seem to him justified, it can do little but further complicate an already too complicated situation.

It is never a step to be taken lightly or in haste; every aspect should be considered, especially as to how much a surprise this will be to the parents or family for their shock will almost certainly be in direct proportion to their surprise. However, if after serious thought on the subject one feels he should tell his family, then by all means do so, and a better relationship will probably ensue.

BY LARRY CARLSON
ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER

The homophile will interact well with his family if his fundamental relationship with them is close and characterized by a rapport of an extremely accepting nature. If such a link does not exist, then it is perhaps wise for the individual to maintain a discreet distance between himself and the close relatives. Traveling home for Christmas and similar events can often underline the already strained feelings. If his brothers and sisters are married, they will constantly discuss and refer to their respective husbands and wives, and children. The homosexual sees himself as the leftover cog in the wheel. He has nothing in common with these people.

It's no one's fault. This is simply the way things have turned out. One or two brief visits a year is no doubt sufficient.

What role should he play? He is probably like a close friend of the family rather than a relative. It has been pointed out by more than one historian that in the previous century in this country the old maid aunt or the bachelor uncle was acceptable and picturesque. Nothing was inferred that made the single individual feel out of place. But contemporary mores have placed so much emphasis on marriage and family as THE ONLY ROAD to healthy and sane fulfillment that one is almost forced to wear the "Mark of Cain" where the wedding ring usually fits. We have virtually outlawed the single state in America. For many, particularly the girls, marriage is the central goal in life. But after marriage, what? Why can't we herald the return of the single adult relative to the family? He can often offer good advice to the youngsters in the family.

Remember, absence really does make the heart grow fonder. The homophile needs to be placed in a situation where he is not forced to compete with his relatives (particularly brothers and sisters). The family should not dominate every facet of life. He must let all concerned know that his personal life is fulfilling in its own right. No life can ever be completely fulfilling, but we are always forced to sacrifice in some department.

Frank J. Howell

MY REAL FAMILY!

Before I start, there are a few things I would like to get "straight." I, like many of us, have no family per se. Can any active homosexual truthfully say they enjoy a close family relationship? I say no to nine out of ten of us.

I've been without family, friends, or hardly a reason to live for the past two years. Well, much to my amazement this July I had an occasion to be in a city that is second in my heart only to San Francisco, which is Monterey. While I was relaxing, I was introduced to "MY REAL FAMILY!" Behold, right before my eyes lay the June issue of VECTOR. The caption on the cover was just more than I could pass up: "God and the Gay." I was intrigued and very interested, so as soon as I got home, I wrote to this place on Sixth Street called S.I.R. Well, I could hardly wait for a reply when finally, it came...a whole envelope of pamphlets, a VECTOR, and all the information plus a warm, friendly letter. After reading all the material twice, I was hooked. Here was the very thing I'd been looking for my entire gay life.

I want to be part of S.I.R.'s heart-beat, as this organization is truly my family. As the years pass, I hope I can give of myself in any and all ways that I can to "my family." So, "c'mon in, members" and join my love affair. S.I.R. loves you. Let's show how much we love S.I.R. and become involved, Support and participate!

D. H.

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In our society one may well find a brother, sister, or parent who refused to communicate on grounds of one's sexual orientation. Though the thought is dismaying, nonetheless one must consider that this is the reason for lack of good will. Then the absence of this same reason may give birth to another reason not socially stigmatized.

Robert Cole

A HAPPY HOME

I know that everybody's family relationship is different, but I've heard so many guys blame their being gay on unhappy parents, a domineering mother, or a sister who received all the attention, that I would like to tell about my family.

I grew up in a happy home, My parents will soon celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary, and although they have had their problems at times, they have always been very much in love. I have a sister eight years older than I am, (no brothers) with whom I am close but never jealous of. She is married with six children, and I am very fond of my brother-in-law, and my nephews and my nieces.

Perhaps my childhood wasn't an exciting one, certainly there were no great emotional problems, but from the moment my body first became aware of sex, I have been solely oriented towards men. I don't blame this on anyone, for to me there is no blame, because homosexuality is natural to me. And I am glad!

"Jackie"

SECURE INDEPENDENCE AND THOUGHT

Every young adult, male or female, regardless of sexual orientation must establish for himself a family circle in order to secure independence of thought and action in his life.

I encourage gay "marriages" and am of the opinion that the partners of this union should establish strong ties with partners of like unions in order to maintain a "family circle." The role of the individual in such a family circle will well be one natural to him, and the pitfalls of gay existence may well be avoided.

This individual may then co-exist rationally with the parental family circle on an independent basis, that is, "I maintain your home life, you maintain your home life, and with respect of the individual family circles, we relate."

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VECTOR SURVEY

VECTOR is still receiving the "survey sheets" we circulated a few issues back, and we are now tabulating the results. We hope to have the survey results presented in the December, 1967, special Christmas issue.
GAY POWER

By Cindy Claire Lewis

Are you ready for Christmas?... Would you believe that it is almost upon us?... Actually, we haven't given it a single thought, until we started receiving invitations in the mail for Christmas dinners, cocktail parties and open houses and we haven't even had Thanksgiving Day yet. It seems that each year we get an earlier start on the Christmas Holidays, and if we live very many more years, the Christmas Holiday "spirits" will become a year-round event.

A few people have called to reserve space in the December issue of VECTOR, saying that they refuse to go through that Christmas Card mailing bit, complete with zip codes, so they are taking space in VECTOR and therein they are wishing ALL of their friends the best of Holiday wishes. It seems to us that this is a very practical thing to do, because no matter how many cards you send out, you are sure to miss or completely forget someone. With a lovely Christmas card reproduced in VECTOR and your name signed thereto, you cover a wider group of friends than would be possible through the mails. And, it would also be a sort of Christmas present to S.I.R., too... Remember all of the profits from VECTOR go directly into the general fund of S.I.R.

If you want to give a real fine gift to someone this Christmas, may we suggest that you look over the "package deals" offered by Norm Forrester at Executive Travel Planners... Did you know that you can give a round-trip air ticket from New York to Paris, with use of an automobile, and 20 nights hotel accommodations for as little as $320.00...

Wouldn't it make your "one and only" very happy if there were two such envelopes in a Christmas stocking, one for each of you? Actually, it's no more than staying at home, when you get down to it... Call Norman and ask him to tell you about more than twenty-five such exciting "package" trips he has to offer. Actually, we would like to have you along when we escape to Club Mediterranee of the South Seas... two glorious sun-filled, flower-bedecked, lazy weeks in Tahiti... for only $555.00, including all air transportation from San Francisco...

This is the last time we will have to remind you to be sure and get to the polls and vote. If we are to show the strength of GAY POWER, it will require that you see that not only yourself, but every eligible person you know gets to the polls on November 7th and casts his vote for the candidates which are the most liberal to our situation in the community. It's one thing to do a lot of talking about GAY POWER, but unless we produce concrete proof of our voting strength, we might as well realize that we will not be regarded as second-class citizens, and treated as such. Under the banners of S.I.R., and THE TAVERN GUILD, we have made great strides; no one in his right mind five years ago would have ever believed that the homosexual community would be given the opportunity of holding a "gay-la premiere" at the Orpheum Theatre, or our annual Beaux Arts Ball at the Palace of Fine Arts... let's not lose these social gains which spell out the prelude of social acceptance in a society of co-existence... Hold that line and fight for more acceptance by VOTING for our candidates on November 7th.

The boys who own ACCENT ON PETS, plan to move to new, larger quarters, and since these boys have been consistent advertisers in VECTOR and our various play programs, we like to think that we have played some role in adding to the success of this unique pet shop. Actually, VECTOR and S.I.R. play programs could have played only a minor role in this success story. The real reason for the success of ACCENT ON PETS is the owners themselves, They are the most considerate and sympathetic shop owners we have run across in a long time. They are never too busy to discuss the problems or needs of your pets or yourself, and usually your pets' problems are the result of your own. ACCENT ON PETS has not only kept up with the pace of avant-garde shops, but have surpassed them by carrying pet lines which are exclusive to their shop. Mr. B's continues to serve "leatherburgers" to the majority of coffee-house goers every Friday and Saturday nights. If you don't know what a leatherburger is, come to Mr. B's any weekend, after the bars close, and discover for yourself, but we can tell you that the name "leatherburger" has nothing to do with the quality of the meat served on Mr. B's delicious sandwiches. This may be hard for you to believe, but Mr. B's has received the "GOLD CUP AWARD" for the excellence of his freshly-made coffee. Not many hotels, or fine restaurants can boast of receiving such an award. Why not try Mr. B's for lunch any day from Monday to Friday when you are in the vicinity of 2nd and Market streets. You'll see many of your friends there, too.
Editor:
I am the general editor of ARENA THREE (the only British homophile publication to date, barring the twice-yearly "MAN AND SOCIETY" published by the Albany Trust) and feel it is about time I wrote to you.

I am writing a feature article on your publication for our next issue, as I am deeply impressed by the great strides you've made in a comparative short time, and particularly by your layouts and the astonishing amount of advertising support you get — a most spectacular achievement. And as, apart from the technical brilliance, the text is really well worth reading, I think this makes VECTOR just about unique. No, maybe this is typical English understatement. It is 100 percent unique, and inspires me a lot.

We are, ourselves, embarking on an effort to attract advertisers — this was never possible before, but now the law has been reformed here the chances are rather better. In among the paid ads, I want to include some free ones for deserving bodies like the Albany Trust, the new Minorities Research Trust, etc. and would be happy to run a quarter-page ad for VECTOR in the near future if you would let me have copy.

In your June issue you quote Dr. D. J. West, and you may like to know that he is on the Consultative Council of the new Minorities Research Trust (of which I am Chairman); Dr. Stanley-Jones, whom you also cite, was for a time a medical consultant to the original ‘Minorities Research Group’ (which became the M.R. Trust recently). He attended an M.R.-organized meeting at ‘The Gateways’ (the famous old-established London girls’ club in Chelsea) last winter, and profoundly shocked some of the ladies present by proposing that Christ was homosexual. This was some months before Canon Montefiore started a theological Irish fight by making the same suggestion over here, a fight paralleled only, I should say, by the medieval dispute over how many angels could dance on the point of a pin.

I will now sit back and await the next issue of VECTOR — it is the only U.S. publication I unwrap with real enthusiasm.

ESME LANGLEY

Editor:
I disagree most strenuously with the sanctimonious tone of T. M. Edwards' letter in your August issue. He proclaims himself a John Bircher and takes offense at the Hippies.

In addition to maligning the flower children, he presents an essentially phony picture of the gay community. I have always said that the right-wingers are our worst enemies, and if we identify with conservatives in a pitch to look respectable, we are merely deluding ourselves. When the chips are down, you find amazingly few friends among the rightists. Mr. Edwards would probably get himself crucified if his Birchite associates learned of his sexual inclinations; his Hippie friends, if any, could care less.

The Hippies have a lot to teach us about plain humanity and brotherly love. They have seen the rottenness of organized society and had the guts to drop out. The Birchites are too busy deluding themselves politically and laying up their treasure here on earth to worry about human qualities. Verily they have their reward.

Let us always remember that we are human beings and homosexuals before we are Americans or political partisans. If we live as, brothers to all men we realize this and see that peace is the gift of those who live it, and is alien to those neo-fascists who pile up riches while children die of hunger and Ameri-
**POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

Readers of VECTOR may be pleased to note that the Political Committee of the Society for Individual Rights has up-upped and awayed its activity during the pre-election months. Monthly meetings became weekly meetings, hours devoted during a 7-day period became week-day loads, and a representative of Pol Com was engaged in active work of the Committee at least 15 consecutive hours of every single day during the month of September and such endeavor will continue during the month of October.

The Official Registrars of Political Committee registered 279 voters up to the final date of closing.

A letter of invitation to Candidate's Night 1967 was sent to every registered candidate of each elective office. In these mailings were the Policy Statement of the Society and the Political Policy Statement of the Society.

A separate mailing was sent to each candidate in which was enclosed a 5-page Political Questionnaire, drafted by the Political Committee to determine the knowledge and standing of candidates in relation to individual rights of the homosexual.

The San Francisco Gay Community has been saturated by VOTE OR PERISH Posters and buttons as well as S.I.R. Candidates' Night leaflets.

Officers of the Tavern Guild worked closely with S.I.R. to insure successful distribution of the word.

Political Committee members worked actively for candidates committed to the Homophile movement and members of the society contributed unfalteringly their time and efforts to aid in the November election endeavor.

Letters of invitation to Candidates' Night were sent to all Homosexually-geared organizations in the Bay Area to solicit their membership response.

The Political Committee conducted special mailings, telephone-ins, and street campaigning to further the VOTE OR PERISH aim of this election.

In order to strengthen the homophile movement of California, we have begun to establish lines of coordination with the more than 15 other homophile organizations in this state.

We have contacted Congressman Phil Burton to urge him to positive action in his battle for passage of Bill HR8179, which would give an income tax break to single persons.

Reorganization of the structure of the Political Committee has been discussed and a complete file of records have been set up by the Secretary of the committee. A librarian has been appointed to finalize the political dossiers and to control the growing political library.

We wish to thank the many members and friends of S.I.R., who have worked in this election campaign. A special thanks must go to the officers and members of the Tavern Guild of San Francisco whose positive attitude and will and cooperation emphasize what our movement may accomplish when we rise above personal inter-reactions and focus our interests on our continuing goals.

The Political Committee is Active. Join an action Committee.

George Coffmann

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**RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE**

By James Skaggs

HOST CORPS PRE-ELECTION BRUNCH: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 at 1:00 P.M.

With the excitement and interest in the air over San Francisco's Fall elections, the Host Corps invites all S.I.R. members and guests to its Pre-Election Brunch on the first Sunday in November. Each person attending is requested to bring a covered dish as his ticket of admission.

The October Brunch discussed two topics of vital interest to S.I.R.: Celebrity Capacities and the Structural Reorganization Committee.

With almost unprecedented enthusiasm, members and their friends continued the controversial discussion concerning the organization and the problems of the Board of Directors and its relation to the membership long past the allotted two-hour limit. It was also announced that the Host Corps will be hosting the 1967 Sirlebrity Capades by supplying waiters and ushers for the performances.

With a special mailing to 200 Bay Area Churches, the Religious Committee has completed step one of the religious education — visitation program. Early in November interested S.I.R. members will be visiting various churches and church groups for the purpose of acquainting them with the aims and goals of S.I.R. and the homophile movement.

If you are interested in any of these activities you are invited to join the Religious Committee which meets regularly on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the S.I.R. Center.
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**NOTE:**
- DO NOT FORGET! GO TO THE POLLS ON TUESDAY, NOV. 7 AND VOTE!!
- Social Dance 8:00 P.M.
- Skiers 7:00 673-6390 Or 626-7646 David Kelsey's Organ Recital at Calif. Hall at 8:00 P.M. Social Dance
Most municipalities have an ordinance which gives the police the power to stop the citizenry and interrogate him. The names of such ordinances are unimportant, they serve the same purpose. No single class of laws have been stricken down more than these. The courts have repeatedly found many of them unconstitutional.

The case of the City of Cleveland v. Constance Forrest, 223 N.E. 2nd 661 is a typically bad ordinance. The case is unique in that a municipal court judge had the temerity to so declare the ordinance. Too often the lower court judges pass the issue on to the higher courts for such decisions.

The defendant was observed by the police as she crossed a street and waited at a bus stop for less than five minutes. During this time, a passing automobile stopped and a woman OTHER THAN the defendant had a brief conversation with the occupants. As a bus approached the stop, the police apprehended this other woman and placed her under arrest. During the apprehension of this other woman, the defendant boarded the bus with the others at the stop. The police followed the bus forty-four blocks. Then they boarded the bus; forcibly removed the defendant; and transported her to City Jail. She was booked just before midnight on Wednesday, September 29, 1965, for "investigation." On Friday, October 1, 1965, LATE IN THE EVENING AFTER THE COURTS HAD CLOSED, the defendant was charged as a "suspicious person." The police stated they "suspected" the defendant of making her living through some criminal means; although the defendant was legitimately and gainfully employed, The defendant refused to obtain her release by signing a "suspicious person waiver" which would admit being a suspicious person and release the police from any liability for the false arrest.

The defendant stood trial on the above facts for violating the following ordinance:

"Whoever...is found wandering about the streets, either by day or by night, without being able to give a reasonable and satisfactory account of themselves...shall be guilty of a misdemeanor...."

The trial judge found the ordinance to be in conflict with the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States which provides in part:

"...nor shall any State deprive any person of... liberty...without due process of law."

The Court, in declaring the ordinance unconstitutional stated what would or would not be a "reasonable and satisfactory" explanation in any given set of circumstances can be a fascinating question. THE ORDINANCE PLACES THE BURDEN UPON THE CITIZEN OF JUSTIFYING HIS PRESENCE ON THE PUBLIC STREETS. Any citizen may desire to maintain his purpose for being upon the public streets a matter of privacy for business, personal, or family reasons. This offends the right to silence guaranteed by the Fourth and Fifth Amendments as applied to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The purpose for the elevation of these amendments (4th, 5th, and 14th) to constitutional dimensions was the horror expressed by our Founding Fathers at the practice of European Princes of incarcerating their subjects at the whim and caprice of the sovereign. This practice has been copied and improved upon by despots of every hue. These Amendments place a shield between the sovereign and the citizen. They shield the citizen from being seized by police without probable cause. They are akin to the Great Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Our readers are cautioned that their local vagrancy, stop-and-frisk or whatever name you call it by, may, too, be unconstitutional.
ASK MME. SOTO-VOCE

Mme. Aida Soto-Voce is now a semi-retired star of the opera and concert stage who, during the apex of her career, was the romantic toast of three continents. VECTOR is honored to have her on our staff to answer your questions on "Matters of the Heart." Address all correspondence to Mme. Aida Soto-Voce, 83 6th Street, San Francisco, California, 94103.

Dear Mme. Soto-Voce:

My lover is a very handsome and charming man and unfortunately that is hindering him at his work even though he works in San Francisco's financial district where appearance is so important. The big bosses admire his ability to apply his looks and charm to their company's advantage but the slightly older and slightly higher-up men are engaged in subtle sabotage, talking behind his back, belittling his work, etc. His immediate supervisor, who used to be the "fair-haired" boy of the company is particularly spiteful. My lover thinks I am just saying this because I am partial.

Madame, I'm afraid this sabotage is going to shake his self-confidence, yet I find it difficult to make him believe people at his work would be so vicious.

Sincerely,
Wanting Help

My dear Mr. Help:

Your problem clearly reminds me of a situation that arose early in my career when I was touring with the Upper Peninsula Opera Association. I was performing a rather full schedule (as Mathilda in Guillaume Tell, as Valentine in Les Huguenots and, of course, Salome in Salome). The problem arose, not with me but with a young and lovely starlet named Rita Laurence (she was cast in the part of Zerlina in Don Giovanni). The problem arose not with me but with a young and lovely starlet named Rita Laurence (she was cast in the part of Zerlina in Don Giovanni). It seemed she was befallen with one unexplainable "accident" after another. Also in Don Giovanni (playing Donna Anna) was an ingratiatingly ageing diva named Marsha Gorowitz. I was not aware she bore Miss Laurence any hostility until one day when we were playing Don Giovanni in Gay, Michigan and Miss Laurence had asked Miss Gorowitz' personal make-up artist to help her adjust her eyelashes. Madame Gorowitz burst from her dressing room and told Miss Laurence, "When you are as big a star and drawing card as I am, then you, too might have the company pay for your own make-up artist."

Miss Laurence, being the nice type, was stunned by the outburst but did recover her wits long enough to reply, "I'm sure if the U.P. Opera Association ever held onto me as long as you've been able to hold onto them, and if I didn't look any better than you do now, I'm POSITIVE they would pay for a personal make-up artist for me!"

Miss Laurence then burst into tears and ran to my hotel suite. She told me she had suspected Mme. Gorowitz of sabotaging her by such pranks as sneezing powder in her flowers and itching powder in her costumes, etc., but couldn't imagine why she acted the way she did.

I told her Mme. Gorowitz had been around for many years and her drawing ability was more rooted in audiences' habits than their tastes. Mme. Gorowitz was smart enough to know that an audience seeing her and an obviously more attractive and talented female star in the same opera would soon become acutely aware of her own faded glory and she would soon be playing smaller parts in smaller towns than Gay, Michigan. I told Miss Laurence to always be on her guard for Mme. Gorowitz' pranks and eventually they will both be playing with different companies in the same town on the same night and the sizes of the audiences would be her revenge.

In closing, Wanting, have your lover read this column and let it demonstrate to him that people are much more likely to hate you for what you are and not for what you are not. As I can well tell you, beauty and charm are as much a burden as an asset. Be aware of this fact and people's reactions will be a lot easier to understand.

Mme. Aida Soto-Voce

PROSTATE GLAND
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radical surgeon will disagree with this statement, but many years of experience as reported in numerous authoritative journals and periodicals have proven that the majority of men who have symptoms of prostatic disturbance causing bladder disturbance can be kept in comparative comfort for an indefinite number of years. Why the stress on conservatism? Because more than half the cases of true enlargement are associated with inflammation, so that the enlargement producing the obstruction to free urination can be greatly reduced by simple measures and surgery avoided. There is no doubt whatever that too many men are operated on unnecessarily for prostate gland enlargements.
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By Mike Smith

This month URBI ET ORBI (to the people, for the people) will review DRUM.

DRUM magazine is published monthly by the JANUS SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

The cover is a physique photograph in beautiful color. In addition to the gorgeous cover there are four other black and white physique photos placed in the magazine; no frontal nudes although all copies of DRUM mailed to subscribers and members contain a special supplement of frontal nude photographs.

On the first page of each issue is their credo: "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, no matter how measured or far away." (by Henry David Thoreau)

Each issue has a column called "The Issue." This column gives the entire publication a brief rundown and special articles to read.

Their column called "News" covers articles of interest from throughout the world. Sample news items were:

Occoquan, Va.: "District of Columbia's Department of Correction has called for a $565,000 special dormitory to house the homosexual population... Prisoners... would be supplied a barracks of their own..." How interesting.

Lake Milton, Ohio: "Sheriff... has 500 feet of motion picture film and other evidence... to make 25 arrests of men suspected of frequenting a roadside park for immoral purposes."

In one news article, the Dallas Express stated: "... recent discovery that there are homosexuals in Dallas." That's a discovery! The most astounding statement in the same article: "Once a person enters this 'neutral' world (homosexuality) he becomes addicted to this way of life and oftentimes becomes addicted to something else — narcotics."

Each issue carries some fiction. Of particular notice was one titled "Little Lamb, Who Made Thee" written by Phil Andros, a hustler. A larger number of his stories have been published in AMIGO and EROS, both of which are banned here.

Their book review column is very good in that it covers three or four books.

Price is 75¢ each issue, $7 a year for subscription (12 issues). Send all requests for subscription to Janus Society of America, c/o Drum Magazine, 34 South 17th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103. Membership to the Society costs $10 a year and includes a subscription to Drum.
By Tequila Mockingbird

The annual Hallowe'en Ball is certainly the big topic of conversation current in the bars throughout San Francisco. Posters are on bar walls and bartenders are selling tickets right along with drinks. This ball at the Palace of Fine Arts will certainly be the biggest and finest in the city's history.

We are sure that after this party, the Palace will be known to us as the "Imperial Palace" because we will have crowned a new Empress there.

Speaking of Balls, Jackson's sixth anniversary was a most impressive one. Jackson's has had an excellent reputation as a restaurant for many years and has a record to be proud of. The many beautiful flower arrangements sent by well wishers were overshadowed by the stunning buffet table. Host Don Cavallo was justifiably proud of the whole affair, including the pianobar floorshow directed by pianist Johnny Earl.

When Tom Stuart first started talking about the "Osaka Oakies" I thought he had invented a dirty new drink but it turns out to be a western combo from about as far west as you can get. Tom says that he will only be able to have this group about six weeks. They already have a national tour booked for them, and won't be able to stay at Bradley's Corner longer than that. The "Osaka Oakies" perform at Bradley's on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and lovable Jan Jansen appears every Thursday and Saturday night. Unlike many other bar proprietors, Tom always seems to be at his bar which is, of course, smart for business.

Another smart business personality is Dori, the proud den mother of "Club Dori" out on Presidio near Sacramento. Good drinks, good food and good prices have resulted in good customers for Dori and her associate, George. Her well-behaved customers come early and stay late because of the excellent treatment that they receive at her bar.

The newest bar in the community is the "Water Hole." It is located between those two great bastions of culture and fine music, the "Opera Club" and the Opera House. More specifically, on Fulton between Franklin and Gough. This is Bob Peck's new bar with flocked wallpaper and subdued lighting. Skilled bartenders are ready to prepare pre-dinner cocktails, opera intermission drinks, or the late night variety. Foot traffic between the Opera Club on Gough Street and the newly-opened "Water Hole" less than a block away has been brisk.

"Old Man Mose" may be dead, but not Haight Street. True the heavy flow of traffic is gone, and most of the jazzed-up flower vans have returned to Texas and the Carolinas, which is just fine because now we can find all the parking spaces we want right in front of, and near to, THE GOLDEN CASK. The Flower Children who remain in the Haight-Ashbury just don't have cars, and those who do, can't afford the price of the parking meters, so block after block of parking space is available. We can remember when the football season created a Sunday parking problem near the GOLDEN CASK, but since the invasion of the flower children to the area, no football enthusiast would be so foolish as to dare to buck that line of flower children which has invaded the end zones of Kezar Stadium. The fact that there is parking space available now near the CASK belongs in Ripley's "Believe It or Not!"

Next month's bar tour will report on some of the other new bars such as "The House of Harmony" on Polk Street, "Off the Levee" on Bryant Street and "Poop-sies" on Grant Avenue, plus some of our old standbys.

EDITOR'S COMMENT ON THIS ISSUE

Dorr Jones, President of S.I.R., has turned in his resignation effective as of October 20th. The staff of VECTOR has been saddened by this necessary decision on his part which was reached because of his health. Our hopes go to him for a speedy recovery. We have printed his last column in the fashion that he has requested.

It has been necessary that this issue be limited in size, so we may bring it to you on schedule and to insure a larger edition for December. Some features had to be cut, but they shall resume in the next issue in their regular fashion. Thank you for your indulgence on this matter.
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