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S.I.R. SABOTAGED

BY W. E. BEARDLEPHIL

The San Francisco homosexual community proved on November 7 that it is composed of political masochists. Two out of three of those that reside in this never-never land voted for persons who would accomplish harm to them as individuals. A study of the returns by precinct shows that between 15,000 and 20,000 votes were cast by homosexuals as recommended by the homophile community. The rest let personal greed and a phony facade of power influence them.

Credit must be given to Joe Alioto and company, who demonstrated awareness of all the weaknesses in man. The rationale that influenced more homosexuals than any other was that it was impossible for Morrison to win so do not throw away your vote. The slogan "A Vote for Morrison is a Vote for Dobbs" created the difference that elected Alioto in our community. The negro community broke ranks over a truckload of dollar bills with Alioto buttons attached being distributed to all negro children in San Francisco. I wonder how many persons are appalled, as I am, over the baseness of persons' reactions to political popularity.

So we must face some very unpleasant facts. A mayor, a district attorney, a sheriff, and 5 out of the 6 elected supervisors, persons whom we opposed, are controlling the city. Only one person we supported was elected as supervisor. While the homosexual community may like to ignore what has happened, the politicians will not forget so easily. So fasten your seat belts, friends, the next two years should prove to be rough.

What is so very surprising to me is that talking privately to persons in the homophile community, in leadership roles, I find that more votes were cast by them for Alioto and very questionable candidates than were cast for our friends. If this is true of those "in the know," what could we possibly expect of our community at large. We are not unified politically and we shall have to realize that we have been split wide open.

In this election we did not deliver any more votes than we did for Mancuso or for Gonzales in previous elections. The difference lies in that we influenced a more diverse group while losing many of those that had been supporting our position previously.

The obvious reaction, noticeable in our relations with our police contacts from the very first political

polls, has become very apparent in the lack of communication that has developed since the election. The sabotaging of the leadership and their work in S.I.R. by the homosexual community is accomplished. We now have to re-evaluate our position and tactics and proceed to the use of different methods.

The truth that every homosexual that cast a vote for either Dobbs or Alioto, cast a vote against S.I.R. has been driven home to us all. What difference to you as an individual would either Dobbs or Alioto as mayor be

Parries & Thrusts

Members have expressed an interest in news that affects homosexuals. It is with this in mind that we institute this new feature in VECTOR. We wish to cover events that are from around the world as well as the local scene. The emphasis shall be on those items, with comments when necessary, that are vital to the well-being of our community.

TRENTON, N.J. — The supreme court of New Jersey ruled 7-0 last month that "well-behaved homosexuals cannot be forbidden to patronize taverns.

"Though in our culture homosexuals are indeed unfortunate their status does not make them criminals or outlaws," the high court said in reversing revocation of a Newark tavern license and the suspension of licenses for two other taverns.

"So long as their public behavior violates no legal prescriptions they have the undoubted right to congregate in public," Justice Nathan Jacobs said in the opinion of the court. "And so long as their public behavior conforms with currently acceptable standards of decency and morality they may...congregate within licensed establishments, such as taverns, restaurants and the like."

The cases arose from disciplinary action taken against the three licensees by the State Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for permitting apparent homosexuals to congregate on their licensed premises, citing an ABC rule prohibiting lewdness, immoral activities and foul, filthy, indecent or obscene language or conduct.

Jacobs noted that proceedings aimed at the congregation of apparent homosexuals have not been based on specific and individualized charges of lewd or immoral conduct but rather on general charges that by permitting

in your day-to-day existence? Or don't you see the point yet between ultra-conservative Tweedle-dum and reactionary Tweedle-dee?

The opportunity to cast a large vote for a considerate mayor who would have given concern to all segments of the community is past. What political role will be play in the next two years?

The problem is one where the unvoting, or politically masochistic homosexual individual is going to suffer much more than the organizational homosexual. So be it.

such congregation, the licensee had allowed their places of business to be conducted in such manner "as to become a nuisance."

The Division contended that mere congregation of apparent homosexuals in taverns was contrary to public welfare and, therefore, could be reasonably prohibited under its wide police powers.

OTTOWA — But in Canada during November, the Supreme Court of that country found the laws against homosexual acts in private to be such that the individuals involved could be held in detention for life as a dangerous sex offender. The dissenting Chief Justice said the 3-2 ruling makes every practicing homosexual in Canada liable to life detention.

The ruling dismissed an appeal by Everett George Klippert, a 40-year-old mechanic sentenced in 1965 to an indefinite period of preventive detention. He was arrested at Pine Point, North West Territory.

The argument before the Supreme Court, heard last spring, centered around the criminal code definition of a dangerous sexual offender as "a person who by his conduct in any sexual matter has shown a failure to control his sexual impulses, and who is likely to cause injury, pain or other evil to any person through failure in the future to control his sexual impulses or is likely to commit a further sexual offense..."

Klippert was convicted on four counts of gross indecency involving homosexual acts between December of 1964 and August of 1965. He was sentenced to three years but this was later replaced by the indefinite detention.

These and previous convictions all stemmed from private acts with consenting adult males. There was no

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suggestion of violence, although Klippert admitted being a homosexual for 24 years.

Klippert's lawyer, Brian Crane of Ottawa, contended that the criminal code definition was aimed solely at persons who constitute a danger to others. He said it could not be applied to homosexual activity carried on privately with consent.

Justice Gerald Fauteux said in a majority judgment the code's reference to further sexual offenses is an "alternative element" to that of the danger of injury to others.

Reviewing precedents on the defining of law, Chief Justice John R. Cartwright concluded that the code's reference to "further sexual offenses" must be read as relating to danger.

"If the law is as interpreted by the courts below, it means that every man in Canada who indulges in sexual misconduct... with another consenting male and who appears likely, if at liberty, to continue such misconduct, should be sentenced to preventive detention, that is to incarceration for life," Cartwright said.

SAN FRANCISCO — Closer home, a traveling Britisher, Anthony Grey, Secretary of the Albany Trust of London, addressed 200 persons in the Glide Memorial Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall which was sponsored by the Society for Individual Rights and other groups here. "Counseling a homosexual toward giving it up is 'utter rubbish,'" according to Mr. Grey, an activist in the British sexual reform movement.

Condemnation of the homosexual means that the homosexual is "being made an outlaw by one's most personal possession — one's ability to bestow affection," Grey said. "It's a must human dilemma. The homosexual has had no deep relationship

as a child and he is unable to achieve one as an adult — he hasn't learned how.

"His family, his friends, his church, his community, instead of helping him, reject and despise him, or would if they knew. The need for openness with parents and friends is one of the prime needs in most homosexuals."

The British law was changed in July to allow homosexual alliances between consenting adults. Grey was instrumental in getting the new law passed.

He pointed out, however, there are still sexual acts in England that remain punishable — those involving assaults, offense to public decency and endangering the morals of the young.

"One would have the impression that in the United States 95 percent of the people are sex criminals and the other 5 percent are probably liars," said Grey.

Under the spectrum of American sex laws, he said, "you have a very different problem from us, you have as much legal concern for the heterosexual act as you do for the homosexual act. We had only one form of behavior to remove from the criminal law."

SEATTLE — The plans for the Western Regional Homophile Conference on December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd are well under way in Seattle. This conference is being sponsored jointly by the Dorian Society of that city and by the Association for Social Knowledge, Vancouver, B.C.

A magnificent job of public relations is already under way by the active groups in the Great Northwest. The SEATTLE MAGAZINE, a slick publication of the quality of the NEW YORKER, has devoted much

of their November issue to homosexuality. Their cover is of a young man wearing a business suit looking much like anyone who works in any business office. He is introduced as a homosexual. The "lead-in" article starts as follows:

"Few subjects stir such strong feelings as homosexuality. The popular view is that it is a perversion threatening the very fabric of society; rampant homosexuality, you hear it argued, has caused the downfall of civilizations. On the other hand, some societies have been remarkably indulgent toward the condition — ancient Greece is the most obvious example. In this country, a new tolerance has recently emerged, and in few places is this tolerance more apparent than in Seattle.

State law explicitly forbids homosexual conduct, even between consenting partners, and yet the law is rarely enforced by the Seattle police. This tolerance policy has attracted an ever-increasing homosexual population — informed observers estimate the number as high as 50,000.

This month, a convention of homosexual organizations based from Los Angeles to Vancouver, B.C. is scheduled to take place here. Seattleites, though, would make a big mistake to expect an invasion by easily identifiable "queers" and "fairies." Many male homosexuals simply aren't like that. The article beginning on the next page, by a free-lance writer who has closely studied the subject, reveals what they ARE like."

I heartily recommend this issue of SEATTLE MAGAZINE to our readers.

SAN FRANCISCO — While the nation buzzed about an alleged "homosexual ring" in Governor Reagan's administration
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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

KEVIN MACRE

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS MUST MARCH ON:

For the members and friends of S.I.R. who are unaware of prior events, Dorr Jones resigned from office effective October 20, 1967. Following the provisions of our Constitution I became President to officiate the remaining three months.

To say that Dorr Jones will be missed is an understatement. He opened many doors with personal contacts which had been heretofore closed for many years; specifically political, police and many judicial contacts. Dorr will long be remembered for the many years of work he has given to all homosexual causes, and especially to our organization.

I have three months to serve. I realize my responsibility as President. I campaigned for the Vice-presidency on honesty and sound fiscal responsibility, which remains my platform for the remaining term of the Presidency.

S.I.R. must be tightened into a more cohesive civic-minded organization. I intend for these next months to be more militant. Too long we have had good ideas brought fourth at a meeting and they were discussed and tabled into obscurity. Our ad for the Chronicle and Examiner is a prime example. For two years we have been discussing it. I have submitted the ad and it has been turned down. Now I will call a press conference with the local

R.I.P. DEMISE OF THE "LAVENDER" BARRACKS

Barracks Number 196, long known at Treasure Island as the "lavender" barracks, is no more. Though no commemorative ceremony was held, its official demise occurred at the beginning of October. For a number of S.I.R. members and for many of their friends the barracks' passing will bring to mind moments of high drama and humor as well as feelings of anger, despair, and frustration.

Henceforth, naval personnel being separated for homosexual reasons will be billeted with other discharges. Apparently the Navy no longer feels it

clergy and then seek justice in the courts by securing an injunction. The prejudice of the heterosexual world can clearly be seen. Since we are a chartered organization by the State of California, we, as any other organization have a right to advertise if we so choose. Our next step, should the injunction fail, will be to picket the newspapers.

I have insisted that the chairman of each committee act in a mature fashion to keep committee business in committee so the board will be better enabled to act on the major issues at stake. Any committee chairman who does not have a FULL FUNCTIONING COMMITTEE will be asked to resign IMMEDIATELY.

I am working diligently on the S.I.R. Speakers Bureau to further publicize our organization to the heterosexual community.

I would like to appeal to the "once a month" members to come to the center and volunteer their talents. S.I.R. is a MEMBER-oriented organization. If you wish a core of fifty people to run your organization, then DON'T volunteer.

The board of S.I.R. can better serve you by your informing them of your desires. Write to me personally with your suggestions or come and speak to me personally.

I intend to shorten membership meetings and stimulate new ideas for a more stimulating S.I.R.

I trust that these next few months will make some members say "Things have been accomplished." Cooperate with me and especially with the Board of Directors to further the aims for which S.I.R. was originally founded.

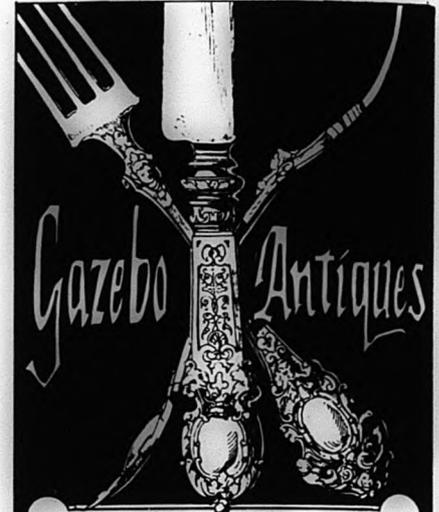
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necessary to segregate homosexuals as a means of protecting them from the righteous wrath of their heterosexual brothers or in order to prevent them from contaminating men with normal sex drives.

The compelling reason for the change appears to be more one of economy than of philosophy. It has become too expensive and impractical to maintain separate facilities for the few men now being discharged as homosexuals. For some years about 300 men have been annually discharged from Tre-

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Defendants Acquitted in A.B.C. Inspection Case

On June 10, 1967, a non-profit organization known as PRIDE held a private party and dance in a hall rented for that purpose in Hollywood. Admission was by invitation only with a donation required. Only members of the organization and their invited guests could attend. The officers of the organization obtained a one-night special beer license for the purpose of being able to sell beer at the function that evening. During the course of the evening, two plainclothes vice officers from the Hollywood Police Department visited the premises at separate times without revealing their identity and attempted to enter; in each case they were informed it was a private gathering and they could not enter. Shortly afterwards, they returned together and identified themselves as members of the Los Angeles Police Department. The officers claimed admission to the premises at that time under Section 26755 of the Business and Professions Code; the two defendants, who were stationed at the door with the responsibility of making sure that only invited guests were admitted to this party, denied that the officers demanded admission at this time.

In any event, the two defendants were arrested shortly afterward, charged with violation of Section 25616 of the Business and Professions Code, to wit, failure to allow officers to inspect premises licensed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Department, in violation of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act. Attorney Thomas Hunter Russell was retained by each of the defendants, and filed and argued a demurrer in their behalf in the Los Angeles Municipal Court. This demurrer cited two landmark cases handed down by the Supreme Court of the United States on June 5, 1967; *Camara vs. San Francisco*, 18 Lawyers 2d 930, (see VECTOR, October 1967, p.23) and *See vs. Seattle*, 18 Lawyers 2d 943. In these two cases, the Supreme Court of the United States held that defendants cannot be convicted under a statute or ordinance for failure to admit public officials to inspect premises unless those public officials have obtained a search warrant from a magistrate through competent means of due process. The demurrer was overruled.

After a series of delays during which time defense counsel consid-

ered the possibilities of obtaining a Writ of Prohibition, thus suspending proceedings in the case, the two defendants were brought to trial on October 9, 1967, in Division 32 of the Los Angeles Municipal Court, The Honorable Julius Title, Judge. The prosecution contention was that these defendants actually refused admission to the Police Officers after they learned their identification; the defendants and defense witnesses were prepared to testify that they offered to allow the police officers to inspect the premises after they had obtain the identification of said police officers. Through a series of pre-trial conferences, however, the main issue of the cases became a question of law rather than fact, with Mr. Russell relying heavily on the United States Supreme Court decisions in *Camara* and *See*. At the conclusion of the prosecution case the defense rested without presenting evidence in order to obtain a ruling on the legal questions involved. In a precedent-setting decision, Judge Title acquitted the defendants, stating that the inspection provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act were apparently unconstitutional in view of the two decisions of the United States Supreme Court cited by defense counsel.

The effect of Judge Title's decision, although not binding on any other court, inasmuch as this decision was rendered in the trial court only, may be precedent-setting and far-reaching in scope and effect. This, taken to its logical conclusion, would indicate that police or public officers may not inspect premises simply because they have a license to do business, or an Alcoholic Beverage License or a permit from the Los Angeles Police Commission or any other sort of permit. There must be a search warrant issued by a magistrate before a public official has an absolute right to inspect premises, unless, of course, there is some probable cause to believe that a felony is being committed on the premises. Since search warrants are not issued without proof of probable cause on the part of the party seeking the search warrant, the decision of Judge Title may herald the end of legally-sanctioned invasions of the individual's private domain by police and other officials.

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Alcohol is a poison to living tissue. In reasonably concentrated solutions it will destroy plant, bacterial, and animal life. This is a serious indictment of something that we use as a beverage. But we might answer that other ingredients of our diet, such as salt, iodine, and even water itself, are deadly poisons if taken in sufficient quantities. The difference is that, whereas these substances in proper amounts are essential to life and rarely if ever are used to excess, alcohol supplies no nutritional need and is frequently taken in toxic quantities.

Even small amounts of alcohol produce definite and measurable effects upon the body. Alcohol is generally thought to be a stimulant; this is entirely erroneous. The feeling of exhilaration is the result of the DEPRESSANT action on the higher brain centers, the ones which control restraint. With inhibition and restraint removed, a feeling of exhilaration results of the effect of the alcohol is supplemented by the stimulation of companionship or activity. Larger quantities of alcohol paralyze one nerve center after another and eventually lead to unconsciousness.

It is interesting to note that the psychic phenomena which follow the ingestion of alcohol are mentioned by some of the world's literary masters. In Shakespeare's OTHELLO (Act II, scene 3) Cassio says: "O God! that men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains; that we should, with joy, pleasure,



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revel, and applause, transform ourselves into beasts." Alexander Pope writes in his translation of Homer's ODYSSEY (Book 14, line 250): "And wine can of their wits the wise beguile; Make the sage frolic, and the serious smile."

Nervous control and motor coordination are definitely reduced by alcohol. Moderate amounts of alcohol interfere with attention, concentration, memory, judgment, and reason. Speed of performance is slowed and errors increase.

The effect of alcohol depends largely on the amount that accumulates in the blood. This, in turn, depends on several factors: the concentration of alcohol in the beverage, the rate of oxidation and elimination of alcohol, the rate of drinking, the presence of food in the stomach, and the size of the person. Although the possibility of addiction must always be considered, the greatest danger of alcoholic beverages lies in the relationship of drinking to activities to be engaged in by the person using the alcohol. After-dinner drinks may be perfectly harmless if no important activities are undertaken; whereas the drink taken before driving a car, running machinery, or performing any task that demands accurate decisions or mental acuity may be dangerous.

Among the physiological effects of alcohol is a dilation of the blood vessels, resulting in a flushing of the skin and a sensation of warmth. This action can be serious if the person becomes exposed to cold. Chilling then occurs because of the sudden and marked loss of heat of the blood which is brought to the body's surface by the increase in blood flow in the dilated blood vessels of the skin. The increased perspiration which may accompany drinking alcoholic beverages enhances the loss of heat. After moderate amounts of alcohol there are no significant changes in the blood pressure; high concentrations, however, depress heart action.

As a medical and health problem, alcoholism is exceedingly widespread and serious. It has been said that there are over 70 million persons in this country who use alcohol and of these over 5 million can be called "excessive drinkers," i.e. persons who drink too much for their own good. (And what about the overwhelming consumption of alcohol per capita in the San Francisco Bay Area?) Of these, perhaps some three-quarters of a million can be designated "problem drinkers," persons for whom drinking has become a serious illness. For one-half of these problem drinkers, drinking is a symptom of the illness rather than a cause; for the remainder, the trouble starts with drinking — some with social drinking and others with compensatory, occupational, or situational drinking. There are, of course, many millions of "social drinkers" and "moderate drinkers."

Some persons find that alcoholic beverages add delectability to a dinner, stimulate the appetite, engender conviviality, and afford release from care. But when all the facts are assembled, most of the entries concerning alcohol are on the debit side of the ledger. It produces certain specific diseases, lowers physical and mental efficiency, weakens judgment, and destroys discretion. But, you say, these are the results of excessive amounts of alcohol — the result of intemperance. What about its occasional use IN MODERATION? On this point we have less definite information. It may be entirely harmless. Certainly there is no specific evidence that it is deleterious. BUT CAN ITS USE BE KEPT OCCASIONAL AND MODERATE?

OUTSIDE of "NORMAL" SOCIETY

By Geoffrey Moorehouse
Manchester Guardian

LONDON: Seven weeks after the Sexual Offences (No. 2) Bill became law, Neville, who is homosexual and living alone, feels that some small sense of shame has been lifted. John and Eric, who have been together for the past 20 years, reckon it hasn't made a ha'penny's worth of difference to them.

And at the Albany Trust, with a respectable record of help for homosexuals behind it, they say that if the act implied a social revolution this was only because it was the very first move toward legality and most of the battles are still to be fought.

The blow that has been struck puts in the clear two consenting adults over the age of 21 so long as they stick to the privacy of their rooms. It means that John and Eric don't need to worry about being blackmailed any more or about visitations from the police. Not that this seems to have troubled them overmuch in the past few years.

But, then, they have been living what they would call normal lives. They haven't gone pubbing and clubbing, and what they call "screaming queers" seem to annoy them as much as they do conservative peers.

They are men without problems, unlike Neville, who still has to find the partner he badly wants. The Act hasn't made it easier, he thinks, to do that. Basically he still finds it difficult to declare himself for what he is. He could do so in one of the London clubs that homosexuals frequent, but they are too florid for his taste.

In any other social gathering he is still worried by his self-consciousness at being homosexual. He doesn't know whether the people in his office recognize him and so he is conscious of a tension in every conversation with them; waiting for it to turn to

sex, when his choice is between keeping quiet — and therefore risking identification — and talking in a way that is unnatural to him.

He doesn't see how things can be improved by legislation — unlike the reformers, who are quite clear about the way ahead.

The legislation they want to see now would make the man-man situation entirely comparable to the man-girl one. It would, for a start, reduce the age of consent — and they swiftly point out that the Latey report has made immediate nonsense of the 21-year-old limit.

Until Britain moves in these directions, the Albany Trust expects its own casebooks to remain full of individual problems like those of Neville, and worse. There were 38 of them last month and most of them told similar stories of men living in isolation, fearing their tendencies, always being on guard against others finding them out, wondering whether they would lose their jobs, gradually shedding friends and not making new ones.

They say that although an occasional doctoral thesis might be written on an aspect of homosexuality there is still no sign of it being seriously studied at a university research level. One sociologist suggests that a profitable line might be taken into the psychological effects of a physical cure.

And the implications of cure are what lies at the heart of the thing. This is what separates the reformers — who argue that the only sexual offenses should be those involving assault, indecency and minors, and should apply equally to males and

females — from the rest of society and its conceptions of normality.

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A Word To The Wise

Reading the above article brings home the fact that though the possibility of change in bad laws exists, the probability of existing attitudes of society evolving is remote.

We who reside outside the "conceptions of normality" have developed our own community with mores and morals, rules and regulations, facts and facets applicable to our way of life.

We must realize that the sexual offenses (No. 2) bill, and any similar American legislation will not make a big difference in our contemporary society. What such laws will accomplish immediately (notwithstanding the greater accomplishments in the long run) is a more appreciable legal atmosphere in which our own "tender" society may effectively aver our own administration.

Therefore, homosexuals, take heed. The Society for Individual Rights is one of the major administrative organs in our "state within a state." If you fail to join into participation with the administration of your society, then the administration of the greater society will enjoin you! Take your place in the society in which you belong. Fear, intimidation, harassment is not a necessary evil. Freedom of expression is a God-given, man-born right. Know your rights.

The Legal Committee of S.I.R. conducted an organizational meeting on the 13th of November. New members are requested to join. All lawyer members of the Legal Committee are automatically members of the Legal Advisory Council (LAC), a sub-committee of the Legal Committee.

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VECTOR: A RE-CAP

This issue marks the beginning of VECTOR's fourth year of publication. A review of the last three years as they have been recorded in these pages month by month, reveals an exciting new approach to social revolution as applied in man's sexual sphere. The changes are astounding. Sometimes the gaps between the conservative, establishment moralists and those liberal persons willing to find acceptance and respect for the rights of all individuals causes me bewilderment. One glaring case regards the two papers in San Francisco that have overlapping classified ad departments. The policy for placing ads is written and discussions regarding acceptance are based on what would be in the interests of the community. We still find that a homosexual society, S.I.R., cannot place a want ad in either paper, but VECTOR is read by the most popular columnists on the staffs of both papers, and consequently many good articles have appeared in THE CHRONICLE and THE EXAMINER, not only quoting our publication, but listing organizational credit of our address. This means that we have to gear our future approaches to react towards changing official policies

The same holds true of all "Establishments". While we have not broken the barriers down in establishment politics, the breaches in these bastions are beginning to show.

Homosexuals are still a "dirty" political pawn as witnessed by the outrageous Reagan, Pearson controversy. Reagan and Pearson have both been proven public liars before; the public couldn't care less, but headlines were made when homosexuality entered the picture. Both Regan and Pearson have had to retreat and state

that they were not trying to ruin those "poor unfortunates". If you read the statements of both men you will see that neither could care less about individuals as long as THEY make headlines. The average reporter is forcing the issue as to the difference whether a person in the political arena is homosexual or not if he is THE man for that job. Hopefully, these reporter's many contacts with legitimate homosexual organizations are beginning to pay off.

Other cracks in our society's unspoken conspiracy against homosexuality are appearing. The San Francisco Public Library has taken out a subscription to VECTOR. We are now available to all persons who use the Library. Is this another first?

The AMERICAN LITERARY ANTHOLOGY asked VECTOR to submit their complete year's publications for consideration for inclusion in an Anthology of American Literary Magazines.

This is much more than we had expected in such a short time.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, the citadel of "all (?)" the news that's fit to print, had an extensive article on Sunday, November 12, in their magazine section, dealing with homosexuality. VECTOR, as the publication of the largest homophile group in the United States, was included in what, I feel, was one of the best contemporary articles ever written on homosexuality.

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THE Bar Tour

By Tequila Mockingbird

"Which gay bar should I go to?" This is one of the most commonly asked questions at S.I.R.'s Community Center. The answer to this question can't be given by others. You have to answer it yourself.

Our bars are important to the gay community and we should be selective in our patronage. The bars give us a chance to be "with our own kind" in a social atmosphere. They permit us to develop friendships that are necessary to all people regardless of sex preferences. Many of these casual friendships develop into lasting, permanent partnerships. The gay bar offers the lonely homosexual a feeling of security and of belonging somewhere. In most respects the gay bar is the equivalent of the corner bar that his neighbors patronize.

Unfortunately, the behavior of SOME customers in SOME gay bars is unacceptable to everyone, gay or straight (whatever that is!). Many of us lead a Jekyll and Hyde sort of existence with properly proper behavior in the office all day and wild abandon all night. Surely gay people who accept their homosexuality as a part of their total personality are consistent in their behavior whether in their office or their club.

In many cases, bad bar manners develop because of greedy or insecure bar owners. They promote licentious behavior in bars as a gimmick to draw business into their establishment. The Jekyll and Hyde establishment turns out in droves to these bars and financially it is quite successful... for a short time. Then

when the policed reaction has set in all of these pill-popping, groping Hydes become self-righteous indignant Dr. Jekylls once again and bitterly complain that the police are harrasing the homophile community and that their rights are being violated. The right to grope? The right to traffic in narcotics? The right to have sex in public? Sure, these are rights but they go hand in hand with some other rights. The right to get arrested. The right to be convicted of a felony. The right to lose a good job or a lifetime career. These rights and the rights mentioned above are a package deal and can't be separated. Only the most witless among us could consider such rights.

A great majority of our gay bars insist upon proper behavior and good manners in their establishments. THEIR promotional gimmicks are good drinks, low prices, and wholesome entertainment. That's why some of them have been in operation for so many years. Their patrons have a sense of security in these places, knowing their reputations are not on the line. These bar proprietors have a sense of responsibility to their customers and will not jeopardize their licenses or their customers' good names just to make a fast buck.

The choice is yours to make. If you want to patronize these tacky bars and coffee houses don't be surprised if the boom is lowered upon you. Remember, just being a patron of an establishment where misbehavior is condoned by management can get you arrested.

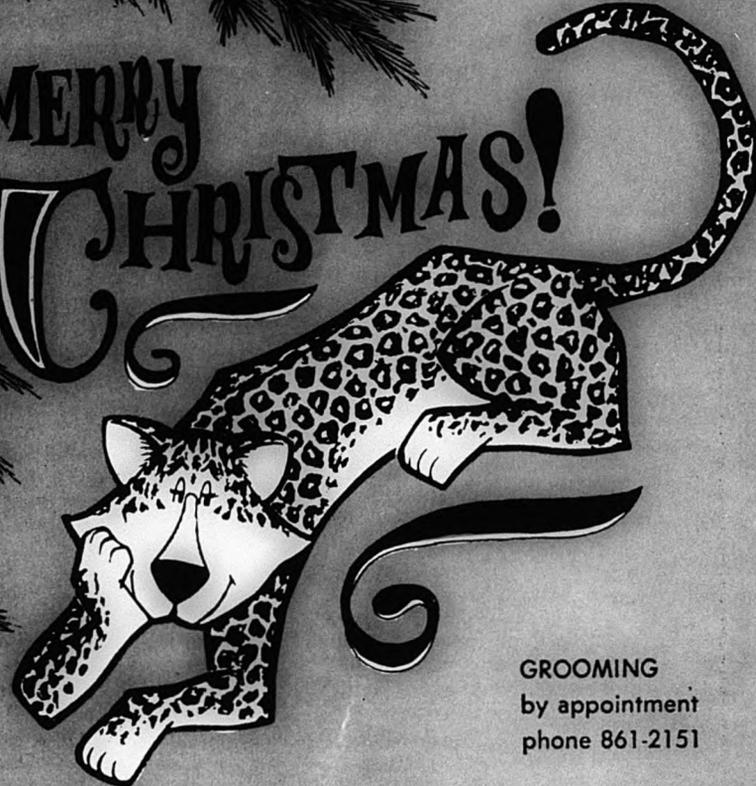
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More and more we find the once banned subject of homosexuality as a theme in films is becoming a popular subject for American movie makers. Several films concerning homosexuality are in production, and they are not being made solely by exploitation-film companies. Many are top-flight films, as evidenced by the current Warner Brothers-Seven Arts release, "Reflections in a Golden Eye". The John Huston film, derived from an early novel of Carson McCullers, depicts Marlon Brando as an Army officer who is a latent homosexual. He is married to Elizabeth Taylor but is more interested in a private who enjoys cavorting nude in the forest.

Such a situation would have been banned under the self-censorship code of film czars Will Hays and Eric Johnston. The code declares:

"Pictures shall not infer that low forms of sex relationships are the accepted or common thing. Sex perversion or any inference of it is forbidden." Also banned were such words as "fairy," "nance" and "pansy."

Such specifics were swept away with the new production code, promoted by Jack Valenti as one of the first acts in his post as president of the Motion Picture Association. The provision now states:

"Illicit sex relationships shall not be justified. Restraint and care shall be exercised in presentations dealing with sex aberrations."

It was under the new code that such films as "Reflections in a Golden Eye" could achieve a seal of acceptability - with the proviso "Recommended for mature audiences." Actually the homosexual theme has been injected into several films in recent years, though not in such explicit terms.

In 1961, William Wyler remade "The Children's Hour," which he had filmed as "These Three" in 1936 with no reference to the Lesbian theme of the Lillian Hellman play. The second version portrayed Shirley MacLaine's affection for Audrey Hepburn.

In both "Advise and Consent" and "The Best Man," the homosexual background of political figures was used as a possible basis for blackmail. In "The Haunting," Claire Bloom and Juliet Harris figured in a Lesbian relationship, and there were hints of homosexuality in such films as "Tea and Sympathy," "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "Suddenly Last Summer" and "The Group," in which Candice Bergen played a Lesbian.

European film makers have been unrestrained by production codes, and they have long dealt with homosexuality in such films as "La Dolce Vita," "A Taste of Honey" and two features about Oscar Wilde. The underground movie makers have poured forth a flood of homosexual films.

Such influences, plus the liberalized morality of these times, have prompted Hollywood film makers to seek franker treatment of homosexuality. "The Fox" promises to be one of the most outspoken of the new films. The Warner Brothers-Seven Arts release features Sandy Dennis as a girl in love with Anne Heywood. One scene features a kiss between the pair.

Robert Aldrich is preparing "The Killing of Sister George," which was a hit on the London stage, less so in New York. The plot concerns a British Broadcasting Company radio actress who lives with a young, simple-minded woman.

Twentieth Century-Fox is now filming "The Detective," which concerns the murder of a homosexual. The film stars Frank Sinatra.

Warner-Seven Arts has announced the future production of "The Well of Loneliness," the 1928 novel of Lesbianism by Radclyffe Hall. It will be produced by William Dozier, late of "Batman." The same company is shooting "The Sergeant," concerning the homosexual relationship of two American soldiers stationed in Europe. It stars Rod Steiger and John Philip Law.

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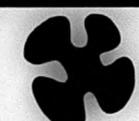
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There is a close relationship between the way an individual perceives himself and his behavior. Persons troubled by sexual problems tend to have three related feelings about themselves. First is a feeling of worthlessness or not being deserving of love. The second is a sense of resignation or belief that one is not responsible for what happens to one. The third, a reflection of societal attitudes, involves the idea that all sex, "deviant" or otherwise, is bad or dirty. A person who feels this way about himself is very likely to expect trouble in his relationships with others and society. And trouble is likely to happen.

When something becomes true because it is believed true or is expected, the self fulfilling prophecy is in operation. The notion that one is unlovable or incapable of love can result in behavior that discourages the establishment of a relationship based on mutual respect and love. This then proves to the individual that he is indeed unlovable or incapable. For example, a young, homosexual comes to mind. His personal relationships were particularly short lived. He seemed to be attracted to rather unstable persons. But even when he did become emotionally involved with more stable people, he provoked them by being overly dependent or aggressive. This usually insured the speedy breakup of the liaison. When he became depressed by his feelings of worthlessness, usually incidentally after the breakup of a relationship, he turned to sex with casual pickups. What he "learned" from his experiences was how "bad" he was. What he didn't seem to understand was his role in influencing the outcome.

The question arises as to how self concept ideas develop. At the risk of over-simplifying the issue, it appears that our expectations of ourselves are reflections of the expectations of persons important to us. It is interesting, for example, that many patients indicate they had their first sexual experience after their parents had accused them of promiscuity. Children in the process of growing up normally exhibit many kinds of behavior. It does not seem unreasonable to suppose that parents and others, according to their own perceptual needs, might identify and label certain behavior thus helping to create in the child the characteristics attributed to the child.

In the opinion of many, traditional psychiatric thought with reference to sexual problems in general and homosexuality in particular, may be overly pessimistic. One patient reported he had been told he had "castration anxieties" and an "unresolved Oedipus complex". This frightened him and reinforced his notion that nothing could be done to assist him. Focusing on problems in interpersonal relationships and role playing, I believe, makes the patients conflicts more accessible to help.

The patient with the depreciated self value generally does not need reminders of what society might see as his faults. In fact he amplifies them and orients himself around them. There is a need to help a person accept his positive qualities. This

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Dear Mme. Soto-Voce:

My lover has a big problem; he never seems to believe in planning ahead. If we go to a play or opera he never buys tickets until the last minute and we have frequently had to change our plans to another activity. The topper happened the other night when we were supposed to take his boss and the boss' wife to an elegant restaurant and upon arrival we discovered he hadn't made reservations and we ended up (in formal attire) in a cheap hamburger shop where the boss' wife shattered a cap on her tooth with a bone fragment in the hamburger.

Madame, how can I get him to plan ahead? He says he is so busy he never has time to make all sorts of bothersome arrangements.

Please advise.

Frequently Stranded

Dear Frequently:

Your plight of being stranded without properly planned arrangements couldn't help but remind me of what happened when I and a number of other major opera stars were to gather together in a small southern town and have a songfest. The town chosen by our entrepreneur (a rather curt-mannered woman with dyed red hair named Eugenia Pettania) was Tupelo, Mississippi. The gala affair was to be called the Tupelo Grand Song Fest and tickets were being sold all over Dixie. Since air service was unknown, and there were too many train changes to go by rail, I and a few of the other stars loaded our baggage into my own twin-six Packard and drove.

You can imagine my surprise, after that trying trip, when we arrived and discovered Mme. Pettania had neglected to finalize arrangements for the beautifully restored but incomplete Lee County Swine Exhibition Palace, which Mme. Pettania had found to be an ideal setting for the magnificent Song Fest.

The main "flies in the ointment" were a W. S. Ronson, the largest and wealthiest hog breeder in Missis-

issippi, and Ginny-Mae Fesco, a hat-chet-faced manticore whose two main claims to fame were as a political meddler and as champion hog-caller of Lee County. It seems that they were absolutely opposed to our giving a performance of operatic selections and art songs because by doing this we would destroy their image and thus their city's chance of being named "The Barn Dance Capital of the World."

I remember what an embarrassing scene it was for all of us as we stood on the steps of the Tupelo Court House and listened to those people carry on trying to deny us the use permit for the building. It seems that Mr. Ronson, who had been the biggest single contributor to the restoration of the Lee County Swine Exhibition Palace held a lot of sway with the permit board. Mrs. Fesco was the most vocal of the two and was threatening us with everything but a baby-buggy blockade to prevent us from tainting the all-American homespun image that she was trying to preserve in Tupelo. I can remember her standing on the steps of the courthouse in her checkered calico dress and orthopedic oxford shoes and saying, "We ain't-a gonna ruin that lovely buildin' havin' all you citified Yankees puttin' on airs and singin' strange things in fernig tongues!"

Shirley Braunschweiger, a rather flashy diva from Dallas who was standing next to me, said, "I'll wring Mme. Pettania's neck! I spent a fortune for a glorious costume to wear to sing the big aria of the Queen of the Night from The Magic Flute and she blew the whole thing by not getting the permit signed and sealed before these two hicks got wind of what was coming off and started throwing their weight around." Wilhelm VonPlotz, the president of the Tupelo Grand Song Fest took over from the confused Mme. Pettania and as a last-ditch effort tried to buy our way into the Lee County Swine Exhibition Palace by offering to donate the proceeds in excess of expenses toward completing the construction of the pig pens and ceiling mosaics. Their hopes, however, of becoming the "Barn Dance Capital of the World" could not be compromised. The permit board, of course, denied us use of their precious building and we were without a place to perform. The town was piling up with ticket holders and they wanted a performance (or Mme. Pettania's - and Herr VonPlotz's -

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GAY POWER

By Cindy Claire Lewis



Are you ready for another Christmas? Frankly, it has only been a short time since we took down that tired old mistletoe and put away the gold Christmas tree balls which hung in scalloped design in our dusty bay window. We haven't even had time to bring our Christmas Card list up to date and here it is time once again to do it all over again.

We'll bet that ninety percent of the people we know do just as we do and leave their Christmas Shopping until December 24th. Then they get into high gear and breeze through the stores, laden with gaily-wrapped boxes and with martini in hand, complain about the crowds of shoppers and the inefficiency of the "extra" holiday help. On Christmas Eve, while decorating the tree, they will make a fervent promise to do their Christmas shopping next year — in August.

Well, if you are one of those who left his shopping 'til the 11th hour, then maybe we can help you. Last week we toured the shops of our wonderful advertisers and made a hypothetical list of persons for whom we selected a hypothetical gift and we'll pass it on to you as a guide for your late Christmas shopping.

THE VALET SHOP in Castro Gulch has just received a shipment of handsome suede-front sweater-jackets and these took our eye. The rest of the garment is 100% virgin (ooops!) wool and the tailoring detail, design and fit is so exquisite that we selected one in natural leather color for Chuck, our very talented art director. To sweeten the box and to gain extra points with Chuck, we selected a bottle of subtle BRUT Men's cologne, and the boys at the VALET SHOP gift-wrapped them in a lovely holiday box. (We're sure he'll find out anyway, so we may as well tell you that these beautiful suede-front jackets sell for only \$9.95 and that's a bargain for such fine quality as these sweaters are). You can wait until December 24th if you will, but if you do and the VALET SHOP has sold out of these garments, don't blame us. Try and shop as early as possible. The VALET SHOP also has many other fine things that would be perfect gifts for that special someone on your Christmas list.

You know how stuffy and proper our editor is. . . well, we finally found just the gift for him. It was hanging on a wall at the OPERA HOUSE ANTIQUES and the minute we saw it we decided that this was for our own Bill. It is

an entire set of sterling silver serving pieces, which are so exquisitely designed that the boys at OPERA HOUSE ANTIQUES had them displayed on a background of mulberry velvet and framed in gold rococo. It will be a perfect gift for Bill, since he first tests all of the fabulous recipes which he presents each month in his MARCH OF THYME column. While at the OPERA HOUSE ANTIQUES SHOP, we saw many handsome and delightful pieces of period antiques, so if you want to give yourself a Christmas present or get one for a maiden aunt, go to OPERA HOUSE ANTIQUES and enjoy a most pleasant hour browsing among the goodies.

What do you give an Opera Star? And an admitted broken-down old one at that. Well, believe you me it was not easy, until we stopped in at JEBE CAMERA SHOP out on Mission Street and there it came to us. What could be more appropriate than a super-eight movie camera complete with projector and screen, so that as she fades away from the public, she can record her memories of the great Opera Houses in which she starred. Madame Soto-Voce is an avid traveler, filling as she does every recital engagement she can get from Rotary Club, PTAs, and Moose Lodges throughout the country.

Unfortunately, when Madame Soto-Voce was thrilling audiences in Chittling Switch, Texas; Moth Wing, Idaho; and Nowhere, Montana, motion picture cameras were not available to the amateur, but now she will be able to photograph these great palaces of culture and screen them for her host of admirers during the winter months of her retirement.

WALT JEBE showed us several movie camera outfits all at very attractive prices, and we settled for one which had a ten-second delay on the release button, which will permit Madame Soto-Voce to take "movies" of herself. Or at least she can start the camera rolling and then get into the scene herself, as the camera is poised on a sturdy tripod. What a wonderful gift this will be for our delightful, if fading, star of yesterday. JEBE's has many photographic gifts for the advanced amateur or the hard-shell professional. JEBE's may be a little bit out of the way on MISSION, but it will be worth your time to avail yourself of Walt's superior photo-finishing as well as his attractive prices on cameras and projectors.

Exhausted, after so much shopping we stopped in at the RITCH STREET

HEALTH CLUB for some relaxing exercise and had almost given up on a suitable gift for our Assistant Editor. When we entered the steam room for the third time, there amid the warm, refreshing vapors the thought came to us that here is the tailor-made gift for our own assistant editor.

Without delay, we dashed into the showers and then to the desk where the friendly manager told us that indeed, he sells gift certificates to the RITCH STREET HEALTH CLUB — in demoninations just like money. You can buy ONE, TWO, FIVE, Ten or more as a season ticket for the club, and as an extra bonus these season tickets will admit two persons on any day or night from Sunday through Thursday. Can't you see Larry's eyes bulge with delight when he finds a gaily decorated envelope with his gift certificates to the RITCH STREET HEALTH CLUB, on Christmas morning, in his open-work net stocking.

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We were hurrying down POLK STREET the other day and stopped in at the CASUAL MAN, whose beautiful ads have graced the back cover of VECTOR for lo! these many months. It was like entering into a proverbial fairyland of Christmas colors and exciting new and original things to wear.

One of the very attractive young stylish models at the CASUAL MAN was wearing a white turtle-neck pure
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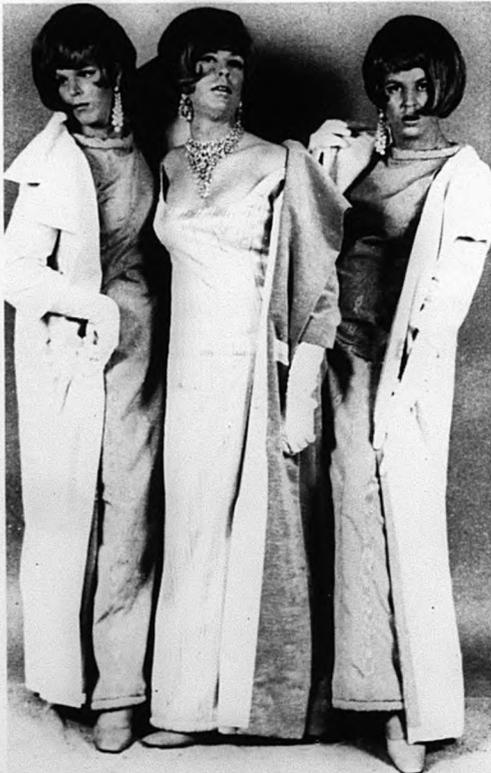
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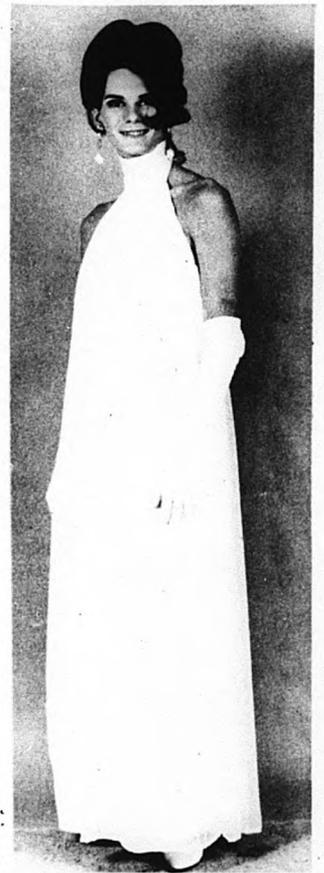


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**SMALL
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BY PERRY GEORGE

This month I did NOT lose the list given me by Jim Skaggs of the subjects chosen by the Discussion Group at 1256 Page St. for the five Fridays in December. They are: 1. Travel; 2. Western Homophile Planning Conference; 3. The Structural Reorganization of S.I.R.; 4. Joint Christmas party; and 5. Religious Topic. The fourth Friday subject does need a little clarification. By "joint Christmas party" we mean the discussion groups at 1256 Page and 856 Page will be having a simultaneous and interchanging get-together with cookies, chatting, and probably a little carolling. Speaking of the Discussion Group at 856 Page (my house), after the people arriving get over the initial shock of discovering the place is lit by gas lights, the groups dig into the discussion subject at hand and are going full crescendo at the 11:00 windup time. We try to keep this group a bit more casual and schedule the subjects only one week in advance. (Check with the S.I.R. office secretary for subject.)

If you have been wondering what has happened to the Art Group (Figure Drawing), it has died only a temporary death and will be resurrected after the first of the year. (The column is getting to look more and more like the Religious Committee Report.) Anyway, watch this column next month for time and location.

Our new Social Committee Chairman will be chairing a Games Night on Tuesday at 7:30 at the S.I.R. Center. Since it is difficult to get a big enough group for chess only, poker, Monopoly only, etc., we feel by putting them all together in one lump on one day a bigger (consolidated) crowd will generate more fun for all. (It is also nice to have another Board member chair on Small Activity at the S.I.R. Center because then he can open and close the building without my help).

Again, I encourage everyone to check the VECTOR calendar for all the small activities. Join the hikers on December 19, play cards on the 12th, etc., and bring your friends along even if they are not S.I.R. members. Remember we need all the members we can get and the more participating members we get the greater is the power, influence and value of S.I.R. to the whole community.

**Smash
Preview!**

by W.E. Beardemphl

Since the open membership meeting at the S.I.R. Community Center on November 15, everyone in town is talking about the fabulous Sirlebrity Capades that will be held December 9th and 10th. Gene Boche, the producer, introduced the director, Bob Turner, who presented a brilliant cameo from the show that literally brought down the house.

From the opening chorus, the audience was captivated, Grady Clark, a newcomer with a bass voice that thrills, sang "Try to Remember" from The Fantastics. Mel Stone did a lively bit from "On a Wonderful Day Like Today," then "The Duncan Sisters" gave an exquisite and marvelously-received version of "I'm Following You" complete with a vocal imitation trumpet that brought back the twenties. The tears of reminiscence and laughter came quickly to eyes of all. This cross-section of the performance proved again that the Capades will always be a gateway for vital new talent in our community.

Representing those stars returning to the stage, Madame Soto Voce sang in a dramatic voice that rang through the auditorium, a section from "Pansy Faces." She was assisted by her special pansy chorus.

As a wind-up, the Chorus returned with a robust and masculine version of "Wagon Wheels" and "That's Entertainment." The audience was absolutely overwhelmed at how marvelously Bob Turner was able to bring forth such a full-voiced chorus.

After the performance, Madame Soto Voce said to this reporter that despite the DEAFENING applause at the conclusion of this program, she will quickly recover her sensitive musical ear and as usual, have no pitch problem on opening night.

Looking at the sales and reservations I would strongly urge you to hurry if you plan to attend. Ticket sales have been fabulous.



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THE NEW arts

BY CHUCK
THAYER

One of the most comfortable, atmospheric, after-hours clubs; THE BIG BASKET at 1588 Market Street, will be launching a new series of improvisational theatrical experiments. This club is owned and operated by a couple of our members.

WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOLFF is listed high billing. This version will be the acid-tongued original uncut script. The staging is extremely unique in that there will be none. The production will be a surprise to the evening's patrons and will include in its cast of characters, the audience itself. As you may well know, this club has a very mixed gay clientele. So every performance will be different.

The experimental company calls itself THE POTPORRI J'TAIME. Shortly after "WOLFF" there will also be born POTPORRI J'TAIME NATURALE which will encompass the field of modern dance backed by psychedelic rock. The staging will be out-of-doors at a specified location to be announced.

A fashion show done in a Beardsley-esque manner will begin the season, Sunday, January 7th at 3:00 PM. Fashions will be shown in flying colors of high Art Nouveau. The series should itself prove to be a "pot-porri" of sound, light and personalities mingled with the smell of coffee and sandwiches.

Some of the future productions to look for will have a central core of clown-white actors improvising moods, places, things and situations bathed under black light, and improvised in such a manner for good audience feed-back.

After or before the "bar" you will certainly enjoy an evening of fun and theatrical excitement. Perhaps for some it will be an interesting educational introduction to an experimental step into tomorrow's theatre.

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Last week I witnessed an experience of total documentary. THE WAR GAME is total reality of what could and would happen by the year 1980, unless total disarmament is begun NOW. It deals with a nuclear war, before, during, and after in Great Britain, centralizing around the town of Kent. Through a series of power plays by the United States and the Soviet Union, a nuclear war is triggered.

London is evacuated in five categories; for women, children under eighteen, the aged and crippled. All the men are left. The evacuees are shipped to outlying areas like Kent and forced upon the residents for care and feeding.

A nuclear missile headed for an airfield forty-nine miles away explodes mid-air. With the brilliance of

the explosion, eyes are melted, the atmosphere hits a temperature of over 800 degrees, fires and explosions rip the city. The firestorm begins. The firestorm is caused by rapid acceleration of huge fires gaining impetus as a hurricane and burning oxygen at such a rate that only carbon dioxide is left. Full power of the storm is seen when Watkins films the injured climbing out of a hospital truck and sinking to the ground, dying of asphyxiation. As the storm subsides, Kent is left with less than half its population. As a result of the deaths, bodies are burned in the streets since there is no manpower left for burial.

The injured are placed in three categories: 1. those that are slightly injured, 2. those burned less than fifty percent, 3. those that are burned over fifty percent or injuries beyond physical help. These souls are shot by the police.

As weeks pass, food is rationed, riots break out and soon a state of complete lethargy is noticed in the populace. Since there is no future no one cares about the present.

Rats begin to infest the town. As a result of almost no medical help and no medicine, plague, scurvy and other diseases long since conquered break out. The law of survival begins to come to the surface of civilized man as his animal instincts take effect. At this point the spread of radiation begins to take its toll.

On this point the film ends.

It is the most powerful documentary I have ever experienced. The film was made for the B.B.C. but the government refused it air time. It was felt the film would cause "unneeded alarm." Watkins screams through his media that the only way to be prepared for nuclear holocaust is complete disarmament by all countries of the world, NOW.

The film is not geared at sensationalism but qualified each phenomenon of horror, upon actual facts based on the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and the fire bombings of Hamburg in World War II.

The film is ended by mentioning that by 1980 over 23 nations will have nuclear missiles, any one of which could trigger the destruction of the world.

Whether or not the viewer be "hawk" or "dove," this documentary is an educational look at nuclear warfare. It should be required viewing for every citizen of the world.

Excellent beyond belief.

Black and white, approximately 90 minutes in length.



OPEN FORUM

alcoholism

BY LARRY CARLSON

Alcohol is definitely a habit-forming drug. Many persons are able to take small amounts at irregular intervals for years and then stop taking it without difficulty. Others find that one drink leads to another with increasing frequency until addiction becomes firmly established. The mental processes, the craving, and the depravity of alcoholics are very like those of drug addicts. In fact, Charles Jackson's portrayal of a drunkard's mind and soul in *THE LOST WEEKEND* is reminiscent of De Quincy's *CONFESSIONS OF AN ENGLISH OPIUM EATER*.

At some time in life everyone is confronted with the question: What shall be my attitude toward liquor and what course shall I follow? It has been well said that "the most important thing about liquor is that it shall be unimportant."

On most college campuses a few years ago it was decidedly the "smart" thing to drink. Today this is much less true, and most students consid-

er drunkenness something to be ashamed of. Some persons who drink to excess do so because they are miserable and hope to escape the realities of life; others because they are trying to compensate for feelings of inferiority by demonstrating that they can "drink with the best of them"; others because they wish to be good fellows and believe that one drink after another is the way to do so; and still others — and most habitual drunkards belong in this group — because of an inherent weakness of character. None of these reasons for excessive drinking is consistent with good mental health.

Many do not care for alcoholic beverages; others for economic, social, or personal reasons decide to forego them. Still others are unable to keep the use of alcohol within the bounds of moderation. If, on the other hand, the moderate use of alcohol adds materially to one's pleasure or happiness; if its use can be a pleasant occasion instead of a controlling habit; if "one can sip the cup but not drain it"; if it can be kept one's servant instead of becoming one's master; then it may be used with little if any danger to health; then it may be worth the cost; and then and only then can it justifiably have a place in one's life.

This problem is certainly true for heterosexuals as well as homosexuals. However, does alcohol pose any greater threat to the homosexual than the heterosexual by virtue of the social pressures placed upon him in modern society? This month's *OPEN FORUM* is dedicated to this premise, and here are some of the responses of our readers.



A SEXFUL SOUSE?

To assume that excessive consumption of alcohol is exclusively a "gay" problem is pure poppycock. I will admit that certain drawbacks in homosexual society breed a more-than-normal consumption, i.e., social activity among homosexuals almost automatically requires bar-hopping.

It is understandable that a lonely person in a bar will drink more than those who are among friends or are members of the omnipotent "clique." Loneliness (and other factors of melancholia) are often the incentives for another "shot." But certainly it is unrealistic to maintain that a homosexual's drinking problems exceed those of a heterosexual under the same conditions. From this standpoint, I fail to see the connection between sexuality and alcoholism.

There are those who will undoubtedly disagree with the above opinion, label it "crass" and "insensitive" to the alcoholic problem. Let's face this problem logically and forget the trite, emotion-charged arguments that usually accompany such a debatable subject. The logic of this problem clearly dictates which stand to take, and, unless someone can change this opinion by way of examples, my thesis shall be the same: There is not necessarily any connection between sexuality and alcoholism.

... R. L. Black



DANGER TO THE LONER

Social drinking is an absolute necessity to the homosexual. Some few gay individuals maintain a strong and active homosexually-involved life with the absence of alcoholic beverages. The vast majority are not so free from liquor.

I neither condemn nor condone the practice of social drinking, though I am positively aware that a great many homosexuals become habitual drinkers and subsequently, alcoholics.

I am convinced that the sexual nature of the homosexual is so intense that it supercedes the prevailing drive for drinking. Inebriation is common in the gay life, yet such always seems to be linked with and overcome by sexual relationships.

The problem of alcoholism directly affects the "loner" more than it does damage to actively gay persons. Our homosexual societal structure is patterned in such a manner that one not aware of the rules, laws, and mores regulating our society may well find himself given to much drinking and at a loss for contactual relation. Desperation, common to many in our fold, leads directly to alcoholism, suicide, or both.

Alcoholism is never a HOMOSEXUAL PROBLEM for when it is, it is superceded by the problem of BEING a homosexual.

I sincerely feel that most homosexuals who become alcoholics are those that refuse to admit to their homosexuality.

... Robert Cole

PREVENT ALCOHOLISM

The good fellowship, sociability and pleasant stimulation associated with the use of tea, coffee, tobacco, and alcohol make difficult an unprejudiced consideration of their influence upon health. The fanatic depicts them as insidious poisons which undermine character as well as health. Commercial interests portray their use by superb physical specimens of young manhood, implying in some instances that their use is essential to the full enjoyment of life.

The following is a quotation from the National Institute of Mental Health of the National Institutes of Health, "What You Should Know About Alcoholism," U.S. Public Health Service Publication 93, rev. 1954.

"If we can help our children to grow up to be mature and stable adults, able to handle the problems of living satisfactorily and without undue worry, we have a chance to cut down very considerably the number of people who become alcoholics. Alcoholism develops more frequently in those whose personalities along the way from infancy to adult life were repeatedly subjected to severe stresses and strains by events in their lives... There are thousands of stresses which children experience repeatedly throughout their development which can have a serious effect upon their ultimate happiness and stability. Fortunately human nature has great powers of survival, but some are better able to take things than others.

"Our greatest resource for preventing alcoholism as well as mental illness and behavior problems which indicate less serious mental and emotional disorders is to help our children grow up to the fullest extent of their abilities, secure in our affection and understanding."

... E. L. K.



SOCIETY IS TO BLAME!

It is not reasonable to accept any point of view other than a recognition that alcoholism is a problem with many homosexuals. Alcoholism is a problem in our society regardless of sex orientation or any other way you care to sort us out.

The point can be argued whether or not there is a greater density of alcoholics among homosexuals than among heterosexuals. Though I rather hate to say so, I am sure that we

more frequently end up as alcoholics than do our straight cousins.

It takes a most unusual person who can be a homosexual in our society and not have emotional and mental health problems. The guild of being what others about you consider loathsome, the strain of leading a "double life," the trauma of exposure, etc. all have their impact on the personality of the homosexual. These crippling blows of our society are, I believe, the primary cause of our alcoholism.

There are other causes also. They include the dependence on the bar as a social meeting ground, the usual absence of any home life and the resulting terrible loneliness that mounts as you grow older, and the lack of purpose in the lives of too many of us.

It can be seen then that the problem of our alcoholism is tied in with the general problem of being a homosexual in our society. In this regard the stated objectives of S.I.R. (re-affirming our individual pride and dignity, elimination of public stigma, changes in unjust laws, aid to members, promoting better health, creating a sense of community and providing social outlets) represent the best broad attack I know of on the problem of homosexual alcoholism. Should any reader want to help with this problem, he can start by ACTIVELY WORKING to achieve these objectives. Very best.

... D. F. Hering



Starting off the New Year, 1968, the January OPEN FORUM will feature a special topic, that of "PORNOGRAPHY" — vice or virtue? Send in YOUR OPINIONS on this subject as soon as possible to Larry Carlson, VECTOR, 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, California, 94103. The deadline for copy for the January, 1968, issue is December 15, 1967. And may the writer of this column wish each and every one of you a "MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON!"

SKID ROW

DEC. 11

Hundreds of S.I.R. members, their guests and the greater community meets at S.I.R. on Monday night, December 11 for the Southern Station police-community relations program.

"SKID ROW . . . and Alcoholism" is the subject. News media will attend and KRON-TV will present its superb documentary film from Assignment Four on the problems of Skid Row.

Panel members from the area, welfare and police will speak. Questions and answers and audience discussion will be welcome.

This is the FIRST opportunity S.I.R. has had to demonstrate to the community at large in a public meeting its interest in broad community problems.

The program begins at 8PM and is arranged by the Public Relations Committee. Refreshments will be served.

NEW CELLULOID RATIONALE

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In their search for new themes to treat on the screen, the film studios may be overlooking one question: will homosexual subjects sell to the mass audience?

Whereas underground films about homosexuals have prospered in New York, San Francisco and Hollywood, their box-office appeal has proved negligible in most other cities.

The producers are faced by a hard economic fact: homosexual films offer no chance to recover costs by sales to television, at least not under present standards of broadcasting. That may prove to be the biggest deterrent against any large outbreak of homosexual subjects.

BEHAVIORAL PERCEPTION

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may take much time, effort, and patience but the rewards are great. When a person sees himself as a basically worthy individual he begins to question the idea that what happens to him is entirely out of his control. Thus self respect and a belief that changes can be made lead to responsible community activities. Coincidentally that person may find his relations with others more enduring, compatible, and fulfilling.

VECTOR: A RE-CAP

(Continued from Page 11)

gradually find we change ourselves into more worthwhile persons.

There is an intertwining of our perceptions of ourselves and our behavior, with our perception of others and our reaction to persons. "The self fulfilling prophecy" of sociology has many nuances that can, when understood, be used for our betterment. With these principles in mind, it is again the time to review and re-evaluate where we have been and where we are going.

The future holds many possibilities. Our directions must take cognizance of the bastardly social upheavals over war, race and religion, but we must not become embroiled in these controversies as organized homosexuals. Therefore the facade, or the reality, if you wish to call it that, of our organization being viewed as a responsible, wealthy, politically potent, unified, legally sound, extensive, socially conscious group that is dedicated to our cause, must be promoted without compromise. Tomorrow is our lives and we must see that tomorrow is better.



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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

SHERRY RECEPTION PLANNED

Carl Driver

There will be a sherry reception from 5 'til 7 on Tuesday, December 12th (immediately preceding the Small Activities Committee's first games night). The reception will be in honor of new members and all members are invited.

These receptions will continue on a monthly basis always being held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

The dances are back on a regular Saturday night schedule, hours 9 to 2. The Conference Room will be set up for cards should anyone care to play. There will be a dance contest most nights with 3 prizes and Bill Plath of the Opera Club has donated a bottle of Champagne to be given as a door prize each Saturday night.

Plans are being laid for an integrated series of parties over the Christmas holidays to be known as "The Gayest Season." Tentatively, the first affair will be a dance Saturday, December 16th where everyone will be asked to "Bring a Friend's Ball." There will be a trim-a-tree party held in conjunction with the Community Center Committee and the annual Christmas reception on Sunday afternoon, December 17th. This will be for members only but guests will be welcomed at all other functions. Caroling in lieu of a dance contest will highlight Saturday night, Dec. 23rd dance. Dinner will be served Christmas day in the Center. There will be no dance Saturday, December 30th but a New Year's Eve Ball the next night, Sunday. It is hoped that a performance of the play "The Cage" dealing with life in a San Quentin cell and written by an ex-inmate, may be held at the center on either the Friday before or the one after Christmas.

Plans are being worked out to hold a concert at the Center early in the New Year.

I would like to stress again that it is my conception of the duty of the Social Committee to put on varying functions for the membership and anyone who has suggestions is urged to attend the Committee Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month or call me at SU 1-1570 or 673-8260.

May your holiday be both Merry and Gay.

C. M. C. CARNIVAL HELD

BY W. PLATH

When S.I.R. was but one month old it held its first big dance at California Hall. Since that time California Hall has been host to most of the other big homophile organizations that hold large-scale functions.

The first Sunday in November witnessed the biggest gay event ever held in this historic old hall. The California Motor Club's second annual carnival hosted between 2500 and 3000 people over a period of nine hours.

The booths and concessions were far more varied than last year's carnival, with mouse races, a VD information booth, pie-throwing, leather crafts, posters, books, records, greeting cards, wheels of fortune, hot lunch and hard liquor. All these and many, many more events and booths helped to make this a memorable occasion.

Regrettably, the bar closed early. Police, making a routine check of the event, found the bar improperly licensed. After a brief and amicable conference between police and C.M.C. leaders, the motor club asked the bar caterer to close his concession. Cans of soft drinks appeared within fifteen minutes and the carnival continued without any other problems.

We have the California Motor Club to thank for another well-planned, organized carnival.

Halloween Ball Also Held

The big Halloween Ball finally came off. After much blustering and screaming on behalf of the White Citizens Council of the Marina and others who regard the Palace of Fine Arts as their own private front lawn, the ball site was shifted to the much more hospital and comfortable Whitcomb Hotel (now called the San Franciscan Hotel). Management there was gracious, courteous and helpful. The ball was the Tavern Guild's greatest success to date with slightly less than 1000 people in attendance. Hollywood notables and international celebrities were present. We regret the absence of one of our biggest boosters, Mr. Herb Caen. As in the past, there were many lavish prizes. The climax of the ball was last year's Empress, Bella, crowning Shirley as the new Empress of San Francisco. Costumes were more extravagant than ever before with many pageants ranging from the all-white splendors of Fantasia's group to the ghouls bearing a coffin containing a vampire. Despite the fact that the liquor was free at three busy bars the overflowing crowd drank in moderation. Drinking was only incidental. Pageantry and spectacle held the crowd's attention. We wish to note without comment that in the Empress contest, Walter Johnson received only one vote.

BY W. PLATH

1st Visitation a Success

BY JIM SKAGGS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS — YOU ALL!

The Host Corps will be "hosting" the Sirlrebrity Capades performances Saturday and Sunday, December 9th and 10th, serving as waiters and ushers. Host Corps members will be volunteering to help make the '67 Capades the most successful in S.I.R.'s three-year history.

Two festive occasions, both of which emphasized the author's world-famous Southern cuisine, marked the pinnacle of Host Corps culinary success during the month of November. The Pre-Election Brunch, and the Thanksgiving Dinner added greatly to the creation of the new ACTION — INVOLVEMENT atmosphere at S.I.R.

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in fashionable Diamond Heights was the setting for the first Visitation Program sponsored by the Religious Committee. Working in liaison with

C.R.H. and its orientation group, S.I.R. hopes to participate in many programs of this nature in coming months.

The dialogues on the last Friday evening of each month at 1256 Page Street are serving as a basis for the Religious Committee's forthcoming pamphlet on "Religion and the Homosexual." Any persons interested in contributing ideas to this publication should try to attend these informative challenging discussions.

Advent is upon us, replete with festivals and partying; however, let us not forget the more serious personal side of the Christmas season as we plan for the new year. Let us take inventory of ourselves, our successes and our failures; but, having done this, we must look to the future with optimism, resolution and determination.

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Bill:

I've read, along with many other people, the many wonderful items you've written to mobilize our "gay" community into a solid group.

Unfortunately, Bill, you know as well as I that all the facts can be pointed out verbatim and we still do not get full support from our membership. (As evidenced by our closed meetings.) We can't even get a quorum most of the time.

Like yourself, I put in quite a few hours in the organization uncomplainingly. This does not make us martyrs, but some people seem to have the idea when we ask for more membership participation and mention that we put in a lot of donated time that we are being martyrs.

Isn't it a crime that out of 1000 members we can barely get enough interest from the membership to at least have 250 members show up for a closed meeting?

You know as well as I do that gay kids are very self-centered and this is the main reason for such a poor showing at our meetings. It's really a shame that homosexuals as a whole are very immature although they profess otherwise. The proof of this we have both seen in the transient types who work as volunteers until their feelings are hurt because they have lost an election, have not gotten their way or ideas instituted; can no longer be interested; or are just plain sick and tired of the same old B.S.

I've threatened a few times to disengage myself from the organization, to drop off my various committees, to not try out for the productions, to let my membership expire, not because I don't like the organization but because in helping to make S.I.R. a better organization I've had to give up much-needed overtime on my job in order to perform and participate in the personal things I desire to be better for myself as well as for others in this organization. In all fairness to my fellow members of the various committees I'm on, I have remained because I not only have become personally interested through participation but have formed some permanent friendships.

Apparently quite a few "queens" have put in a lot of their time and while they are in the spotlight they enjoy the

attention which is given them but when they are called upon to do something which is not to their liking they disappear into oblivion.

Well, Bill, maybe they don't need S.I.R. and maybe S.I.R. doesn't need them, but it seems to me that these people think their \$10 a year is such a hell of a lot they're terrible mistaken. The organization as a matter of fact gets more support financially from non-members as evidenced by the Saturday night dances and the productions.

In the next few months we will see some of our past leaders crawl out of the woodwork and show their faces around the Center more often. They will put their personalities in view of the general membership so that when elections roll around they will be on the ballot. They will tell of all their past accomplishments but will fail to mention that they have not done anything in the past nine months to help the present Board or Committees to function at their best. They will hide the fact that they have been inactive in the organization except for stirring up a little trouble now and then and attending a few social functions. I will personally expose these people in this category to the general membership if and when they start their campaigning. I will not sit back and see our organization fall into the hands of incompetent neer-dowells.

You've stuck by S.I.R. through all the battles, Bill, and since you're one of the founders I would like to see your original ideas for this organization carried out.

I believe if you keep harping on the subject of membership participation that eventually the message may reach out and grasp more members into realizing this is their organization, for their benefit, for their happiness, for their freedom of mind, and perhaps they will do more through participation than they are doing by tongue-wagging.

I'm not a Pollyanna, I don't believe we could get 1000 members to participate but perhaps we might get a few more bodies out of the bushes and urinals to help in our crusade to better the homosexual cause.

LARRY ALEXANDER

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to tell all of my friends of my disappointment in not being able to participate in the "SIRlebrity Capades of 1967." Due to a tremendous work load at my shop, I had to reluctantly drop out of the Capades. It's a big disappointment to me but it can't be helped. I know this year's Capades are going to be bigger and better than ever. I want everybody to give financial and moral support to a great S.I.R. endeavor. I will be there to see it. Wishing the entire cast my best.

Michelle

Editor:

RE: Letter to the editor signed "A Responsible Homophile," VECTOR, Oct. 1967.

Several years ago I was invited to attend a S.I.R. discussion group. Perhaps some of your readers will recall that it was most enlightening to learn that the "Leather Boys" were not really hairless apes.

Leather jacket and leather pants, not to mention a skid-lid are protective clothing to a prudent and intelligent bike rider.

Shirt and tie, not to mention leather shoes (shined) are protective clothing during the nine-to-five routine.

Thank God that we can still dress as we please for our hours of recreation and pleasure.

I would like to assure your correspondent that not every man he sees in a leather jacket is a homosexual. I am concerned that if he continues believing otherwise he may have his neat shirt and tie badly rumpled, torn, or, Heaven forbid, dirtied!

Come off it May, what's your real hang-up?

STAN HUNTER





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The Membership Committee

BY J. GRAHAM

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE — ITS FUNCTION. The Membership Committee processes applications, new and renewal, maintains the mailing list and makes changes of address as part of its everyday work. In addition a permanent list of professional people who receive our mailings is maintained. We also handle VECTOR subscriptions. All who request information about S.I.R. are sent VECTOR, a brochure, and other materials. Names are kept confidential, and the Committee keeps these names in a permanent file for future mailings to the community. The Committee makes all mailings to members and subscribers, handling about 2,000 pieces of mail a month.

PARTICIPATION IN S.I.R. FUNCTIONS. Part of the Membership Committee's duties includes the setting up and maintenance of all closed meetings and all open meetings not handled by another committee. The Committee attempts to have at least one person present to take applications, answer questions, and give out

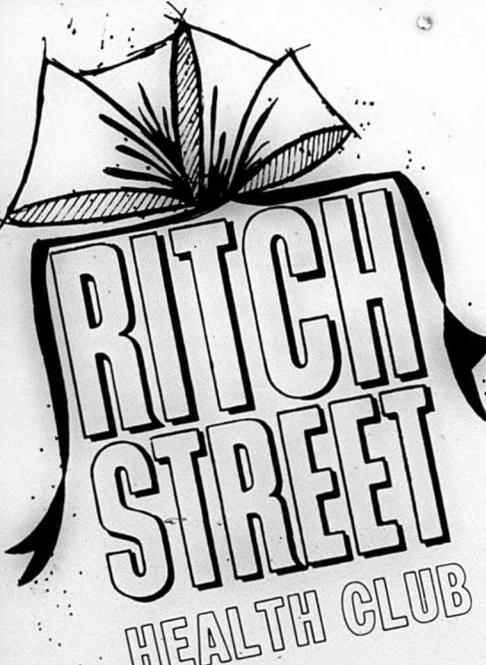
information at S.I.R. They maintain a booth at special functions such as the Open House and SIRlebrity Capades. The Committee regularly checks membership cards at closed meetings, assists in identifying members at the Saturday Night Dance, and maintains full security in conducting the annual election. Currently the Committee is working with the Public Relations Committee to prepare a new S.I.R. brochure.

INCREASING MEMBERSHIP. S.I.R. membership increased from 83 members in December, 1964, to 581 members in December 1966. Currently nearing the 1,000 mark, we hope to count 2,000 members by next summer. The Committee has been successful in its campaign to get former members to renew, primarily through telephoning. Membership is continually expanded through public relations projects such as posters, buttons, and S.I.R. patches.

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT. The

Membership Committee is deeply concerned with S.I.R.'s need to recruit and maintain an active membership, engaged in working on the many committees. To this end, we have sent volunteer forms to each member seeking his support. Each person responding is called by the Committees he chooses. Our Committee has just set up a "manpower" sub-committee to help get volunteers to assist committees with their projects.

THE FUTURE. Despite its importance, the Membership Committee, like most in S.I.R., suffers from having only a few members doing a great deal of work. Much of the growth potential of S.I.R. goes unrealized because of our inability to attract and maintain a large working force. Membership involvement can only be achieved by adequate management. We need help not only with routine chores, but in supervising and leading — in taking on the responsibility for getting the job done. Will you help?



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*the march
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thyme*
BY BILL BEARDEMPHL

Many persons find wine a pleasant companion to a good dinner. Others find it a necessity for success of any dinner. Some use wine as dinner. Since the season to be jolly is pressing upon us, it is time to review our defenses for holiday parties and the ensuing use of alcohol.

Before going over to any party, the usual conversation starts at our house with Johnny saying, "Now promise me you aren't going to drink too much. If you are, we aren't going out."

And I always grunt, "Yes," knowing well that one has to drink too much in order to get down some of the badly prepared food and then lie about how good it was. After all, isn't that what brother love, Christian charity, and merry Christmas really means? It is indeed a considerate host that forces one to have four cocktails (double bourbon on the rocks, please) before sitting down to suffer through a dinner he, himself, cannot stand.

One of my favorite persons, who always insists that you are loaded before you sit down to eat at his place, literally makes you drink dinner, also. First course is a small bowl of soup, usually burned split pea, and a glass of a rose wine. Second course is green salad swimming in a vinegar dressing and a large glass of white wine. Third course is always chicken in a red or a brown wine sauce accompanying baked potatoes, whole steamed carrots, very stewed celery and a very large glass of red wine. Fourth course is always a flambeed dessert which I never seem to remember and much champagne. Then there is coffee and liquor in the front room before blubbering "Thank you," and "How lovely everything was," and "Such an elegant old San Francisco custom, wine with every course at dinner." The parting remark is "Merry Christmas etc.," and you wonder just what WAS that flaming dessert, as you stagger towards your car.

Johnny always says "You drank too much and now you will snore all night," and I always grunt, "Yes," knowing well that one has to drink too much to get down some of the badly prepared food and then be able to say how nice everything was. (Where did I read that before?)

So, just in case you want to try eating very stewed celery while getting there yourself, I present a considerate host's recipe.

VERY STEWED CELERY

Cut the celery into pieces a finger long, wash them and boil them in water. When nearly tender take them out, drain, and put them in a saucepan with a piece of butter over a gentle fire. Season with pepper, salt, and spice, and let them simmer for ten minutes. Add a pinch of chopped marjoram, a small piece of butter already rolled in flour, and a pint of sauterne. Cook till the stock has nearly been absorbed.

That should be that. And now, dear reader, if you don't feel "in" you never shall.

Wealth and abundance should not mean excess. I know that we, in America, are still feeling the pangs of past want and present moral confusion. Conditioned standards, environment situations are expressed in every aspect of our lives including our food habits. Folly of our lives can be understood by studying such habits. Yet we do not have to dwell in a reiteration of ourself. Change is living.

So do not be the slave of your own reaction; think, experiment. Plan this year's party with the desire to experience something different. Your party could feature a cold buffet with a decorated Galantine of chicken and a great champagne; or have a formal dinner, the piece de resistance could be filet of beef baked in a crust as in "Prince Albert" or "Wellington" served with a fine French Bordeaux; or for a traditional time stuff a turkey but bone it first, and use California's delightful Pinot Chardonnay for wine accompaniment. Why not try something different just once? Maybe that is the meaning of our lives.

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THE SUPREME COURT

By Piaf

As anyone who is a student of American politics knows, the Supreme Court is one of the great bastions of civil liberties in this increasingly technological, bureaucratic, Big Brotherish society. It is the Court which has consistently preserved our constitutional rights as delineated in the first ten amendments. Anyone who has perused the Congressional Quarterly Service's mammoth review of politics in America since 1945 (titled CONGRESS AND THE NATION) realizes the truly seminal contributions the judicial branch has made these past twenty years.

It is the Court which has struck down the repressive anti-Negro laws in the South. The Court was the instrument for dealing malapportionment in State legislatures its overdue death blow. It is the Court which has forced police and district attorneys to obey the law, to honor due process, and to protect the rights of the accused. Any person who believes that the police do not occasionally engage in repressive and oppressive tactics to obtain information, confessions, etc. had better take off his rose-colored glasses.

I have personally listened to a friend of the family, a former State policeman and sheriff, describe some of the roughhouse tactics by which "cooperation" is achieved. In Chicago police are known to "get there's" with arrested homosexuals prior to Court proceedings.

Liberals, therefore, have welcomed the Court's decisions protecting individual rights.

On the question of homosexual rights the Court has a spotty record. It has been quite liberal in permitting male beefcake magazines and other homosexual publications access to the mails. A landmark decision in this area was the ONE magazine victory in the early 1950s. Only last year, however, the Court upheld the immigration authorities' barring of admitted homosexuals from entry into the country. This is most unfortunate since it supports the wholly fallacious and pernicious doctrine that homosexuals are PER SE "undesirables."

Encouragement is to be found in the appointment of Thurgood Marshall to the Court. With the addition of yet another liberal-minded Justice

to the Court, there is some hope that future cases involving the rights of homosexuals will receive favorable opinions (in many instances previous negative decisions have involved close splits within the old Court).

Thus, cases now in progress to remove the obnoxious and unconstitutional barring of admitted homosexuals from employment with the Federal Government may find favor with the new Court. Added encouragement for a favorable review is to be found in the prevailing philosophy among the Court's majority. This is the Warren-Douglas doctrine of "fairness." According to this precept, it is not enough that dry legalisms and meticulous attention to due process are satisfied. Of greater import is whether the decision arrived at, whether in Court or by administrative action, is a "fair" one. It is manifest to all but the prejudiced that decisions against homosexuals are too often unfair. If the Court so concludes also, the day is dawning when we shall be done with the legal oppressions against us. Fly little bird!

THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY ACT

By an incongruity which escapes my poor powers to explain, Federal government workers have been benefited by legislation sponsored by Senator Sam Ervin (D., N.C.). Roly-poly, dirty-story teller par excellence, Southern Democrat, Supreme Court baiter, and often laughably trite in debate, Ervin is an unlikely prospect as sponsor of the so-called "right to privacy act." But, for whatever reasons, he did sponsor and guide through the Senate (in September) a bill which will prohibit Uncle Sam sticking his damn nose in the private lives of those who work for him. Hallelujah!

As passed by the Senate, the bill contains five key provisions.

(1) It prohibits Federal officers from requiring or requesting Federal employees or applicants to disclose their race, religion, or national origin. Further, it prohibits requesting or requiring anyone to take psychological or polygraph tests concerning FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, OR SEXUAL RELATIONS.

If the House acts favorably, this will mean removal of that odious question: "Do you have any homosexual tendencies?" Unfortunately, the House has been an instrument of reaction this year, so no predictions of favorable action can be made. If it does consider the bill, the House will not do so before the next session.

(2) Prohibits Federal officers from requiring or requesting an employee to attend lectures or engage in activities not pertinent to his work. Contrarily, it will be unlawful to request an employee to report on his own outside activities. Further, no employee may be pressured to support a candidate for office (like the incumbent President) or to participate in a political party. Finally, no coercion may be exercised to force an employee to buy bonds or contribute to charities (why do you suppose over 60 percent of government workers purchase savings bonds?).

(3) Prohibits requiring or requesting an employee or members of his family to make financial disclosures except in cases of possible conflict of interest.

(4) GET THIS NOW, gives to Federal employees the right to have counsel present at an interview which might lead to disciplinary proceedings and to take civil action in court in cases of violation of their rights as provided in this bill.

If this becomes law and you, as a Federal worker, ever go into a disciplinary proceeding without counsel, you have no one to blame but yourself. Remember this important right! Actually, you can request and obtain counsel right now in such a proceeding. Court decisions have upheld that right and all this law would do is clearly articulate it.

(5) Establishes a Board on Employees' Rights to receive and investigate complaints of official violation of the rights guaranteed in this bill.

On the whole, this is a marvelous and overdue action. One can only hope that the House will also pass it in 1968. Of particular import to homosexuals, of course, is elimination of sexual questions from government forms and interviews, and the guaran-

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Books, Books, Books & More Books

TATTOO THE WICKED CROSS, by
Floyd Salas, Grove, New York, 1967

Young Aaron D'Aragn is sentenced to a prison farm in Northern California. Here he encounters life at a grim and overwhelming level. All attempts to retain his integrity are frustrated by a cunning, dominating inmate known only as "The Buzzer." Aaron's cherished goal throughout this stark, economically written novel is to cause the Buzzer's downfall and thereby earn the mark of being a real man. But his tormentors ultimately succeed in attacking and literally raping him in a compelling "gang bang" scene. This causes Aaron to seek a drastic revenge that leads to the final tragedy.

The failure of our penal institutions to deal in any meaningful fashion with lower class youth is graphically spread before us in a stinging prose delivery that does not spare the sensitive reader. Heaven knows how many times this subject has received commercial exploitation in other works too numerous to cite, (i.e. AMBOY DUKES, KNOCK ON ANY DOOR). Homosexual VIOLENCE comprises the only UNIQUE ingredient in this powerful and expertly conceived tale. But what of homosexual LOVE? Is it inevitably hostile? Why pound the reader with juvenile lawbreaking again? Is there a new vista to be explored here?

Certainly Floyd Salas is qualified in this area. He received his Master's Degree at San Francisco State College in 1966 and reflects his own past tensions in this initial published effort. Like Aaron, Salas also passed unpleasant, endless hours in a juvenile hall and the county jail in his youth.

As one observes modern fiction, a simple cogent factor asserts itself. The homophile character generally hovers on the fringes of a plot. Seldom do we see him as a vital central character standing on his own two feet. He emerges as a standard subplot designed to decorate mysteries, melodramas, and other visions of deranged humanity. The present novel is a case in point.

F. HOWELL

CHRISTINE JORGENSEN — A PERSONAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY, Paul S. Eriksson, New York, 1967 (Introduction by Dr. Harry Benjamin)

The expected response on approaching this volume is that sensationalism will dominate the tone of the writing. But Miss Jorgensen has fooled us all. The prose style, while heavy and obvious at times, manages to carry itself along. She reveals just enough to inform, but not satisfy lewd curiosity.

The childhood and adolescent years are particularly significant. As a male Christine's adjustment was poor and she (he at this time) felt depressed and lonely. The homophile can readily identify with her feelings during this period, for her attraction to the male caused guilt and a fruitless effort to repress such emotions. As a woman her personality unfolded and the former self troubled her no longer.

Miss Jorgensen frankly discusses the trip to Denmark, the harassment by the public, and the difficulties of establishing a show business career. (The U.S. Army would not allow her to perform for "moral reasons" because she was a former G.I.)

Christine quotes liberally from Dr. Harry Benjamin and other authorities and enhances the book by a selection of photographs.

Progress in the area of TRANSSEXUALISM (Dr. Benjamin's term) is surging forward in the wake of the Jorgensen victory and on reading this book the homophile can certainly feel the implications that Christine's efforts hold indirectly for the total sexual revolution.

F. HOWELL

A FASCINATING DIARY

Ned Rorem, one of America's most distinguished and gifted composers has followed the issuance of his "The Paris Diary", (last spring) with "The New York Diary." George Braziller, N.Y., is the publisher and the price is \$5.95. The jacket photo was taken

by an Oakland Tribune photographer during a visit here last year in connection with his composing a commissioned work for the Oakland Youth Chamber Orchestra. In that composition — "Water Music" — he wrote one variation titled "The Baths — San Francisco Perhaps," and he does not less astonish and interest us in the present book by a vivid, generalized description of visits to the famous central Manhattan baths with the endearingly punnable name.

Which is by way of saying that Mr. Rorem's New York Diary is "all out" in a number of ways. Pages 65 through 98 consist of an enormous "Letter to Claude" (which consumed from March to May of 1957 in the writing) to a French lover who followed him to New York to what proved an end to the affair. Rorem returns to Paris for the grim conclusion and his final angry epithets — "You pig, you real pig! You bad damn son-of-a-bitch,!" Earlier in the letter we have read — "Today's your birthday. Is it possible to dwell on you more intensely than I've done for a third of a year?" — and — "Your image persists like my love, my love and dreams vomit up a thousand pardons from which I awake each day with a face drenched in tears."

In 1958, with friends, he took mecaline, and here recounts the evidently intense and disturbing experience he had from it. But is alcohol "who" has been his constant companion since adolescence — and he so personifies it. He frequently totals up the number of days (or even hours) of drunkenness during any one period. He does this, though, for sleep and one or two other occupations. Again, one reads many lines like the one — "Dior is dead. I am thirty-four." Always one finds an almost Chinese sense of historicity, a compulsion to understand and record the exact temporality of everything that occurs to him. This is becoming in a composer, of course, who must always put the right note in the right time.

His book makes clear, and he has confessed to this reviewer, his continuous preoccupation with death, his sense of the speed and deprivations of time. So acutely developed a sense of our, alas, general destiny might well drive a man to drink — and/or musical composition. It has done both to Rorem, of course, and one marvels at the extraordinary physique which sustains (year after year) so intense a battle for life. That is what it is, certainly, — a struggle outward from inside whatever is his own private nightmare towards life, awake and bright — his self-conscious "history-making," and at least some of the fears and ruminations are red herrings. That wistful worry in his portraits (and in some of his con-

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TO BLUSH UNSEEN

By M. McCall
(Winner in VLTOR's short story contest.)

I sat, inhaling the sun of a cool November morning that seemed to spread new life and vitality over the park benches in old Civic Center Speare. Yesterday, old men nodded here and slept a few more hours toward death.

Today they remembered their youth and felt an almost forgotten maleness, while they sat and scratched their scrotums. Their eyes made furtive appraisals of each other and two of them traded knowing glances when a pair of tight pants walked by with a big basket.

Today there was the smell and taste of Fall — that feel of Autumn so rare to seasonless San Francisco, (where we really have only two seasons -- either it rains or it doesn't.)

Then a mischievous breeze danced down from Twin Peaks or somewhere, to complete the theme with a whirl of Autumn leaves scattered across the park. And at my feat, like an unearned honor it dropped a long, bright leaf, the color of ripe apples or rose wine.

It reclined gracefully on the bright green lawn beside a cross-walk to show off its brilliance to all passers-by. The finishing touch to the golden morning.

But nobody else noticed it. Other sitters-in-the-sun watched the passing people, and the pigeons pretending sex out of season. And the pedestrians looked at the sitters or each other. Popping heels of coffee-break secretaries and the Civil Service lunch stampede rushed by — all blind to the

flash of breath-taking beauty at their feet. City officials and Agency Executives wearing phony Public Relations smiles and brown briefcases pointed eyes and noses toward the nearest bar.

My God! Was there nobody left alive?

I heard a whistled tune and across the park came a bouncing, dancing youngster with a shine box on his arm on which he beat a rhythm. He headed my way with expectant eyes.

"Shine Mister? I shine 'em good. Jus' fifteen cents."

I nodded.

But as he stepped from the walkway onto the grass, he glanced down and his eye caught the red leaf. He froze as if he had suddenly seen a miracle. His eyes melted into awe and then excitement and then tenderness. Slowly he set his shine box on the edge of the walk and knelt on the grass — oblivious now to me, to the passing people, or to anything but the spasm of color before him. He brushed aside a few dead straws and touched the leaf gently with long brown fingers. Then he lifted it carefully, smelled it and slightly touched it with his tongue. He laid it back where he found it with deliberate tenderness as he whispered something to it I couldn't catch.

Rising with a slow awkwardness he picked up his shine box, and turned aside without even looking at me again — then he walked away with a hand in his pocket to conceal his erection. And so did I.



By Mike Smith

This month's column will review the Los Angeles publication "Advocate," published by P.R.I.D.E. (Personal Rights In Defense and Education). P.R.I.D.E., as you may know, is one of many California organizations in the Los Angeles area, dedicated to the homophile movement. Its publication ADVOCATE is in newspaper format, published monthly and began its publishing career in September. The newspaper format, long a standard among infant publications, offers a great deal of news on the homophile front. At the present time, ADVOCATE prints twelve pages of double columns, whose contributors write standard columns with such titles as: "The World Is My Ashtray," "The Gay Traveller," and the "Bead Reader."

On the lighter side, the column "Mariposa de la Noche," which in this issue is discussing summer and its various activities, states: "... we must not overlook the cultural and educational viewpoints... cruising the beach studying the regional 'wildlife'... such little sea-beasties as crabs (a markedly unpopular subject), chicken-of-the-sea (constantly in great demand), and fish (popular mainly among biologists and dikes). Always a favorite study is anatomy. (Sigh, faint, swoon.)" While reading this, I couldn't help but wonder if they used the Braille system to study anatomy? The article continues: "... many a bronzed body has been inspected and dissected on location, then picked up for further homework."

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ATTENTION: Catholic men & women who are of homosexual orientation and who have been in either a seminary, monastery, or convent and desire a greater communication between Holy Mother Church and the Homosexual individual are urged to contact Mr. Patrick Kelley, P.O. Box 5794, S.F., California, 94101.

FOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER

Mitchell L. Boers

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Parries & Thrusts

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istration, The Reverend Robert Cromey, vicar of St. Aidan's Episcopal Church said in an open letter that governor Reagan "should feel free to have homosexuals on his staff." The good Father commended "his willingness to hire staff members without discrimination on the basis of race or sexual orientation."

The Rev. Mr. Cromey, who was recently elected president of the national conference of homosexual organizations, was also a co-founder of San Francisco's Council on Religion and the Homosexual.

SAN FRANCISCO — The Society for Individual Rights, along with other Bay Area organizations, has adopted a new policy by which they will refuse to buy goods and services from firms which discriminate against homosexuals. Approval for the policy was overwhelming.

Spearheading the fight for the gay person is a task force at Glide called "Fair Employment Practices for Homosexuals." It discovered that existing state and federal agencies for fair employment consider homosexuals outside their jurisdiction. Even insurance companies were found canceling coverage for persons suspected of being gay.

Coordinating the drive is Mrs. Alice Kavanaugh of the Glide volunteer staff. She said that Glide is now trying to pinpoint those firms which have already openly discharged employees simply because they were homosexuals. The church and The Glide Foundation appear firmly committed to a strong stand.

WEST BERLIN — According to the Sunday Parade Magazine, "West Berlin has now become the accredited center for homosexuals. In 1952 there were seven clubs frequented by homosexuals, there are now 40.

...Recently a commission was organized in West Berlin to investigate abuses by the city's bars and night clubs. The commission doesn't intend to ban men dancing together or to institute any sort of curfew. It just wants to make minimum lighting in night clubs compulsory and to deny employment to the criminal element. As a tourist attraction, the city must continue to offer a lively night life."

SAN FRANCISCO — The great breakthrough may be coming sooner than we expect in some areas. At least part of the taboo on sex education in the schools will be lifted next semester when the San Francisco School District launches its first pilot program on comprehensive family life education.

Curriculum on intimate human relationships, reproduction, family structure and social roles will be introduced on the kindergarten level and developed gradually over the 12-year school cycle, so that by the time the student leaves high school he will have been instructed in the many phases of sexual and emotional development and family management and planning.

Birth control, homosexuality, sex drives, abortion, coitus and scores of hitherto avoided subjects will be included in the courses in the upper grades, according to the curriculum outline. Youngsters will also be counseled on drug abuse, alcoholism and venereal disease.

HAGUE, NETHERLANDS — Back in Europe, the LONDON OBSERVER reports that the President of the Netherlands Society for Sexual Reform (NVSH), Mrs. Mary Zeldenrust-Noordanus, represents a fair indication of the change in ideas on sex and morality which is now permeating Holland with her statement:

"Sexuality must be seen apart from the morality of marriage. It is a private area of human behavior over which the community has no authority. Sexuality ought to be a normal part of life needing no special justification, excuse, or special restrictions."

The NVSH is a well-respected organization in Holland. It was originally set up to encourage the acceptance of birth control, a necessary objective in this densely-populated country. This objective has now been achieved, and the NVSH has now turned its attention to the sexual life of the Netherlands in general.

On the other hand the city of Amsterdam is the mecca for European homosexuals. There is no law in Holland against homosexual relationships between those over 21. In Amsterdam they have their own clubs, cafes and societies.

If two men walk down the road holding hands, no one takes much notice, although the two young men who went through a marriage ceremony in a Roman Catholic church brought down wrath even from their own kind.

The NVSH does not like to speak about homosexual or heterosexual. For them the form of sexuality which an individual chooses to practice is his or her own affair and there should be no discrimination. One of the fighting points at their recent rally in Amsterdam entitled "Sex-tant 67" was that the laws against homosexual relationships with those under 21 should be brought into line with the laws concerning heterosexual relationship.

It hardly needs to be said that the NVSH does not have the whole of Holland behind it.

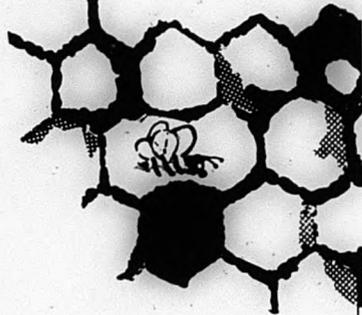


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Mme. Soto-Voce

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heads for not anticipating resistance and over-preparing).

Anyway, after all the accusations, counter-accusations and excuses, we ended performing in a field high upon a ridge (about a mile and a half from the Talahatchee Bridge). I ended up standing on the running board of my Packard appropriately singing "I Dreamt That I Dwelt in Marble Halls" from Balfe's opera, Bohemian Girl.

In closing, Mr. Stranded, learn from this complex analogy how truly complicating and time-consuming not finalizing arrangements can be. Since your lover says he is so busy he never has time to make bothersome arrangements, keep a tally of time through lack of preparation. I am sure that in a very short while you will have an enlightening report for him and, hopefully, he will change.

Madame Aida Soto-Voce



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So what am I saying? Just that the S.I.R. "Alice's Restaurant-porium" is the total involvement place where you can immerse yourself in buying, selling, creating, contributing to an all-around thing.

Doug Brown



"Lavender Barracks"

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sure Island as homosexuals. However, last year the number declined to about 175. And the number is falling. Where there used to be forty or more men in the barracks awaiting discharge at any one time, there are at present only a dozen or so.

The Navy's official policy regarding homosexuals has not changed. But it seems that many officers and men are more concerned with getting a job done than with worrying about somebody's sexual preferences. Whether, after the Vietnam war is over, the Navy will revert to a more active and punitive policy only time can tell.

Urbi et Orbi

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I didn't know anatomy could be that interesting.

In another column of the newspaper, from the August 18 issue of TIME, the writer notices that a large portion of Judy Garland's Palace Theater audience seems to be homosexual. "The boys in the tight trousers roll their eyes, tear at their hair and practically levitate from their seats, particularly when Judy sings you-know-what." The authors then analyze "... why the queers like Judy so much."

After consulting psychiatrists, TIME's authors continue: "These are people they can idolize and idealize without getting too close to. In Judy's case, the attraction might be made considerably stronger by the fact that she has survived so many problems; homosexuals identify with that kind of hysteria. Judy was beaten up by life, embattled, and ultimately had to become more masculine. She has the power that homosexuals would like to have, and they attempt to attain it by idolizing her." ADVOCATE then imagines a senior associate assistant managing editor and a fresh young reporter as saying, "Thank you, Miss Lovelace," as he rolls his eyes, tears at his hair, and levitates gracelessly from his seat."

Considering that ADVOCATE is a relatively new newspaper for a minority group, it contains many newsworthy items for the homosexual and homophile scene. If you desire further information or a subscription to this month's entry in URBI ET ORBI, please write to P.R.I.D.E., Box 2067, Hollywood, California 90028. I am sure that you will enjoy reading the publication as it matures into one of the better publications for the homophile.

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Gay Power

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virgin wool sweater just like the one shown in LIFE MAGAZINE being worn by Johnny Carson. It was so CASUAL and yet so formal that we can see why this is the very latest thing for formal wear in the better circles. Yet it is also perfect dress for any occasion, and we knew that Richard would be a perfect model for one or more of these turtle-necks. One in white for evening wear, and one in black for his trips to the TOOL BOX, FE-BE's and the RAM-ROD — that new friendly and different bar on Folsom Street which is getting so popular.

John at the CASUAL MAN showed us some of the most exciting men's wear, all of which made us drool as well as shed a tear. We could remember long, long ago when we, too, could wear a 28 and 30 waist size, and when we could get into a - er - er, oh, well, let's not get into that and make us sad this Christmas Season.

All of the boys at the CASUAL MAN bend over backward to please everyone who walks into their store. They carry the largest stock of sizes and colors of all avant garde men's wear, and there isn't another store in the Bay Area that has so many different styles and things to please every taste imaginable.

If you see our Circulation Manager wearing his new Christmas Turtle-neck black sweater than you'll know he's been to or is planning on going to one of those south of Market Street bars. After he has finished delivering all of the VECTORS, he may accept your offer of a drink.

What do you get for a person who TOURS all of the seventy-one bars each month and then on his night "in" stays in his own bar and visits with the same people he saw earlier that month at the other seventy? This is when we just about threw up our hands. TEQUILLA MOCKINGBIRD lives in one of San Francisco's Victorian showplaces. This gossippy columnist can and frequently does seat 24 guests at her exquisite formal dining room table as the flickering glow of her gas light chandelier gives warmth and charm to a diverse collection of both young and old friends.

Exotic foods which grace Miss Mockingbird's table, are served on traditional Wedgewood china, while the selection of various wines is the choicest of the vintner's art, sparkling in tissue-thin glasses by Lalique, or Steuben. The sterling silverware belongs in a vault when not in use.

Wouldn't you find it most difficult to select a gift for our BAR TOUR GADFLY — Miss Tequilla Mockingbird?

Only after several trips to all the better stores did we give up and decide that only the very large Valencia Street Salvation Army Emporium would have the perfect gift for Miss Mockingbird. And there we went!

In the "as-is" department we unearthed from under many pairs of roll leggings (WW1 vintage), a magnificent collection of butterfly wings, mounted on contrasting colored cardboard; and each carrying the English and Latin name of the species. These cardboard pages were perforated and ring-bound into an oil-cloth covered book bearing the title, "Yesterday's Ugly Moth is Tomorrow's Beautiful Butterfly."

How true, we thought, was the title of this unique collection of mounted butterflies. We thought of Miss Mockingbird who so frequently has gathered the less fortunate ugly ducklings around her dinner table, tutored them in social niceties, given them a helping hand and then watched them blossom into the beautiful leaders of the local community. We can think of so many less fortunate strangers who have come to San Francisco not knowing a soul except carrying an introduction to Miss Mickingbird. As busy as Tequilla always is, she is never too busy to comfort, council, assist and introduce her ugly ducklings to a sophisticated and jaded society. It must be a great comfort and the happiest of Christmases for Miss Mockingbird to see her moths turn into such beautiful butterflies.

AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Cindy

Lafayette Square

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tee of counsel during administrative proceedings against an employee.

There is, however, a sour note. When the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency), NSA (National Security Agency), and the FBI (Hooversville) were included under the proscriptions in the bill, squeals of protest were forthcoming.

The CIA and NSA lobbied assiduously and feverishly to gain exemption from the bill's provisions. A drive within the Senate to give them, and the FBI, such exemption was led by liberal Indiana Senator, Birch Bayh (hiss).

Bayh justified his action by saying that practices which he "would not condone elsewhere in Government" were permissible in the interrogation and testing of orpspective CIA and NSA employees in order to protect national security.

Ervin responded that such tests of loyalty were both "useless and of-

Books

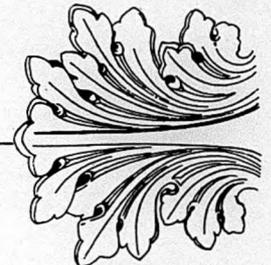
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versation) are visible and audible measurements, by inches or centimeters, of how far out of the nightmare he estimates himself to have struggled at any one time.

The tenor of the book is not all anxiety, however. This diary is gracefully strewn with amusing epithets, with inversions and frequent poetries. It cannot be read smoothly for the simple reason that it is a series of discontinuous jottings and random thoughts. Nonetheless it is completely absorbing, entertaining and finely literate. One remembers the Tchaikowsky diaries now and then (and not flippantly) and realises that Rorem and all of us are much the better for the greater frankness with which we consider one another's intimate actions — this way lies tenderness and humanity. Thus he greatly contributes to our growth by these writings and we are grateful to him.

If you want to know something about the inside (as he himself sees that) of an important American composer, an avowed homosexual and a cultured intelligence who has "been around" in the grand manner, then get this book — there is something in it for everyone.

Lou Harrison



fensive" and that "if the security of the United States rests on these devices, we are indeed pitifully insecure."

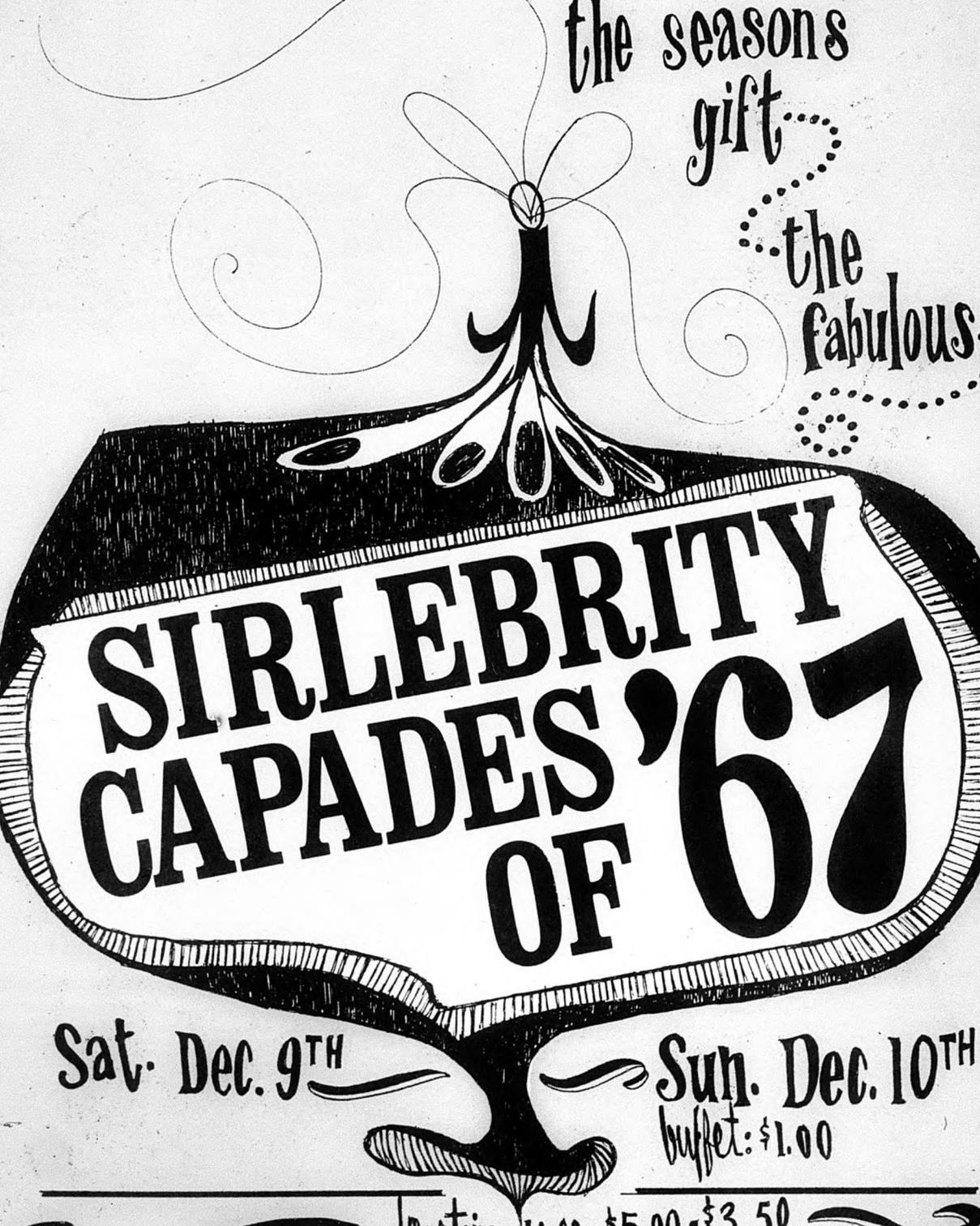
Earlier, when CIA had screamed for exemption, Ervin said that he would like to have the agency defend its claim in public hearings so that the people could judge it for the fraud it was. Well, the agency never did and got its exemption in the process.

Scuttlebutt in the Washington press had it that these agencies required exemption so that they might recruit dope addicts and "perverts" to assist in protecting the national security. Great God, what stinking hypocrisy if true! While John Macy at Civil Service solemnly propounds the asinine policy that homosexuals are not for hire the CIA is apparently recruiting them to infiltrate "subversive" (?) gay groups. How sick can you get?

But on that, more another day.

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