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S.I.R.'s Annual Election will be held Wednesday, February 7, 1968. The members of the Society for Individual Rights will make some crucial decisions in the election for officers and board members. Your awareness regarding these decisions will have a definite influence on S.I.R.'s direction and potential worth.

These past few years have been a remarkable experience for the homophile community. We have brought about changes of great importance to every homosexual in San Francisco.

Law enforcement practices and our relations with the Police Department have drastically changed; a San Franciscan absent during this time would call these developments nothing short of miraculous.

We have made significant progress in changing our social setting from the city streets and "tea rooms" to a responsible environment. The increase in the number, quality, and diversity of our social activities is encouraging, and the existence of our Community Center has been necessary to many of them. We all remember the limited alternatives available to us before the Center's existence. Can you imagine how radically it would affect our social lives if there were no Community Center now?

The San Francisco homophile movement has also begun to develop organized economic and political power. Equally important, we have shown that we can exercise this power in a responsible way.

These are only a few of the many worthwhile activities instituted by the concerned members of our community who have dedicated themselves to an organizational commitment.

S.I.R. has been the forerunner in getting homosexuals into organized action that causes constructive changes and in bringing dignity to members. NOW is the time when we will determine, in large part, whether we can continue in this positive role. Your vote in this election will form S.I.R.'s new leadership. Your duty as a member requires that you be aware of the candidates' qualifications. Fulfilling the demands of this responsibility is essential to maintaining a dynamic organization.

The community spirit that has developed from these past years of struggle will remain strong only as we continue to progress, and this takes an aware, involved, expanding, active membership.

All officers and eight Committee chairmen will be elected. This is probably the most important meeting of the year. These are the people who during the coming year will determine the direction and activity of S.I.R.

The following persons have been nominated for office:

- President — Carl Driver — Jim Skaggs
- Vice-President — Larry Littlejohn
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- Community Center Chairman — Jim Richey
- Community Services Committee Chairman — Jim Robinson
- Publications Chairman — Chuck Thayer
- Religious Chairman — Pat Kelley
- Legal Chairman — David Clayton

In addition to the above, the Social Activities Chairman will be nominated and elected. Those who have already been nominated for this position are:

- Larry Mosher
- Oscar Villevicencio
- Dale Wilson

After the above elections are completed, the Ways and Means Committee will be nominated and elected.

The President and Treasurer will make their annual reports.

We hope that as many members as possible attend and help map out the way ahead for S.I.R.
This is my last column as president. I have enjoyed being president of S.I.R. these past four months. I feel highly honored to have served as president. I have received many more benefits from S.I.R. than I have given to S.I.R. I have changed (for the better, I think) with the added responsibility that the office entails. I would have liked to serve a full term of my own this coming year but I felt it best to pass the honor to serve to someone else. S.I.R. has many problems it now faces and I know what they are but I don't know if I have the ability to solve them. In my opinion, the Presidency calls for a good business sense to run the organization and someone with a flair and good sense of future vision to plan and execute the vital programs we need to stir the members flagging interests. I have the business sense but I couldn't convince myself that I had the other requirements. I hope the future president has these requirements.

S.I.R. is going through a period of growth and upheaval inherent in any growing organization. Membership has increased greatly this year but membership participation has diminished just as greatly. A good deal of the problem rests with the Board of Directors, but it also rests with the membership. Remember, S.I.R. has helped the cause of the homosexual in the United States but more specifically in the Bay Area. To my knowledge there has not been one case of police harassment of homosexuals in San Francisco in the past year. In fact, an enlightened San Francisco Police Dept. under Chief Cahill has included the homosexual in all conferences and community relations projects started in San Francisco. I have been invited and accepted speaking engagements at Stanford University, San Jose State College and a local Bay Area radio station. I have successfully received S.I.R. representation on the new Pat Michaels T.V. show. S.I.R. will also be represented on future T.V. shows in the Bay Area. Yet in spite of some of these accomplishments we have not had a quorum at the last two monthly meetings so we could not conduct business. It seems strange that last year when we were having various money scandals we were packed at our meetings and now when everything is running smoothly for our cause we cannot get a quorum. I realize that a juicy scandal can be interesting but it does not solve the everyday problems of running S.I.R. I will be the first to grant you that the open and closed meetings could be peppe up and if I were to be around another year I would have made drastic changes to accomplish this. When you are only finishing another man's term in office, you can only make so many changes. I will give these ideas to the new president to use as he wishes.

Unless, you the members, show up at monthly meetings and committee meetings the cliques will take over and run the organization. You MUST participate. I urge especially the active members who dropped out during the past year because of personality differences to come back and work for our cause. Pure and simple, we are all homosexuals and we are a minority and we need each other. To quote a famous person in our city "We must stick together, or divided they will hang us one-by-one".

As president I have seen the petty jealousies, the childishness of some members and even the hate and scorn of some members. But more important, these were few and far between. I have also witnessed the thousands of man hours put into "Sirlebrity Capades" and our other performances. I have seen committee chairmen and committee members put twenty to thirty hours a week into their committee functions. I have seen the VECTOR staff give up weekends and social functions to get an issue out. I have seen members work until 4 A.M. to clean up after a dance to get the hall ready for another function the next day. I have seen these things and much more done to make S.I.R. the type of organization that has made us the largest single homosexual organization in the United States today. What have you done to help? Worse yet, what have you done to hinder by not attending the meetings? Can you give three hours a month to attend the first Wednesday of the month meeting to help YOUR cause? The Board of Directors is no different than you for your cooperation and kind wishes. To you, all the members of S.I.R., thank you for your cooperation and kind wishes.
With the triumphant resurrection of my health and my return to "an active life" I am pleased to announce some action in Small Activities. While I'm on the subject of action, Kevin Macrae, our president, Jim Burge, our Political Committee Chairman, and several others had a glorious time on the last S.I.R. Skiers weekend (where someone even included the folksy touch of homemade Brownies). Jon, the chairman of their group, hands me such mad written reports of what's happened and coming up with the S.I.R. Skiers (in a sort of Gloria Upson way) I never have the heart to change a word. Jon has also promised me several pictures (suitable for publication) of the S.I.R. Skiers.

Speaking of pictures, the Art Group will be re-forming on Tuesday, Feb. 6th and Tuesdays thereafter at my home (856 Page). Mike Newton has again graciously offered to chair this group and he is most anxious to have people who would like to gain some experience modeling as well as figure drawing. Bring pencils and pad to 856 Page Street on Tuesdays starting at 8:00 P.M.

Both discussion groups (856 Page and 1256 Page) are back in full swing. The subject for the official resumption of Discussion Groups at 856 Page on January 19th was "An Artistic Analysis of Pornography" which had the largest attendance to date at that address. I'm so glad so many of our members and friends are interested in art. Also on January 19th at 1256 Page, S.I.R. was honored to have a special guest visit of Morris Kight from Los Angeles (Policewoman) to speak on the Peace Movement. Many of us remembered the refreshing and charming address he made to S.I.R. this Spring and this group was also very well attended. Jim Skaggs didn't give me the list of subjects for 1256 Page's Discussion Groups and 856 Page's subjects are always on a week to week basis, so phone into the S.I.R. office for subjects at both addresses each week to find out.

I understand the Community Bowling League, which S.I.R. is the principal contributor of manpower to, is interested in expanding their ranks. There are over 100 souls in this with Bowling on Mondays and Thursdays. For further information contact the office, SU 1-1570.

Now that the refrigerator in our kitchen has finally been repaired, I hope to be able to report by my March column the return of the Dinner Group on at least one night a week. I also have plans to jazz it up with a Silent Movie augmented by live piano accompaniment in the style of the era, but I'm not promising anything until I solidify arrangements.

S.I.R. SKIERS

Some S.I.R. skiers made several trips to the snow during January, but a shortage of snow made conditions uncertain. Now that new snow has fallen more skiers are eager to brave the slopes—and things are swinging at Dave's V.I.P.!

Many new members have joined the avid original group and every trip brings new surprises. There are even rumors of royalty gracing the slopes soon.

February plans include trips on the 3rd and the 17th and meetings on the 10th and the 24th.

S.I.R. Skiers' Jet Set plan to terrorize "Snowmass-At-Aspen" during the first two weeks of March.

Further information may be received from Jon at 673-6390 or from Darrell at 626-7646.

Political Committee News

H. C.

Some of our members have been approached by members of the newly-forming Peace and Freedom Party and asked to make recommendations for a plank in their party platform concerning sexual freedom. The whole thing is somewhat nebulous at this time, in respect to what degree and what types of sexual freedom will be advocated, but the fact that members of the Peace and Freedom Party have approached members of the homophile community is encouraging. It is encouraging to see a 'third party' incorporating a sexual freedom plank in its platform because it is a distinct trait of American history that larger parties seem to be careful about broaching the subject.

The political committee has agreed to follow this development and to keep each other posted. If you're interested, come and join the committee.

The political committee has been forging a communication network with the political committees of other homophile groups, encouraging groups which don't already have political subcommittees to form them, and exchanging information with already existing groups. There was some discussion about Governor Reagan's answers to questions from Yale University students regarding homosexuality at a press conference. Since it was felt that these views should be known to all concerned, photostat copies of the Chronicle article were mailed to all the groups in California as a project of the committee.

As a public service copies of a brief put out by the American Civil Liberties Union were sent to our elected representatives throughout the state. Some thank-you letters with comments have started to trickle in. We will let you know about the response after more have come back—look in next month's VECTOR.

Legal Committee Report

The Legal Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 8th, at the SIR Center. Sixteen members were present.

A librarian was appointed by the acting chairman of the committee to establish and maintain books and information important to the legal function. VECTOR readers are urged to submit clippings of interest to the Legal Committee of SIR. Please note date and source and date of all data mailed.

The F. C. P. C., a sub-committee of the Legal Committee, has distributed "Right To Work" pamphlets to gay establishments and homophile organizations.

The Law Reform Committee has designated the open membership meeting in March as a law reform meeting, and a prominent lawyer involved in penal code revision has been invited to speak. The Law Reform Committee is working with community organizations to encourage a city "Citation Release" policy.

The Legal Advisory Council now has a total of seven active members, most of whom are on the Legal Committee Attorney Referral Service. The LAC engages in producing legal opinions for SIR in reference to SIR's multifarious needs.

Election for the position of chairman of the Legal Committee was held at the February closed meeting. SIR members are urged to attend.

Informational conclusion: In Griswold U., Connecticut, 381, US, 479 (1965), it was stated that "the right of a married couple to maintain the intimacy of their marital relationship free from the criminal sanction of the state does fit into the pattern of a society which sets forth in its national charter that men should be free from unreasonable searches and seizures."

The content of the Ninth Amendment offers a source for the protection of private consensual behavior causing no criminal harm through "the right of privacy" or through a "harm requirement" which the court could legally read into it.

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WE EXPECT OF THE POET that he reveal the truth of man's nature, that he go deep and courageously into his own thought and feeling to tell more than, outside of poetry, we admit to ourselves. It is poetry that, even against the arguments of philosophy or of religion, has striven for the growth of man's passionate temper as a ground of the intellectual and the ideal, to keep alive the images of desire. This has meant that, where for many men their sexuality can be taken as a private matter, for poets the personal sexuality becomes part of man's cultural inheritance. Rimbaud or Whitman in the nineteenth century, Cavafy or Hart Crane in the twentieth, involve all those who read them earnestly in the experience of a homosexual ethos. In turn, the poet not only expresses the truth of his inner nature but—this is the role of the creative imagination—projects that truth as essential to the life experience of all men. The expressive liberates; the formal contains; the expressive form of the poem means a contained freedom, a letting loose that does not lose context.

One value clearly emerging from the first six months of the S.I.R. workshop in poetry is the range of modes and temperaments, from the highly idealized to the satiric, the passional and the removed, poems of longing and poems of gratification. Given the common ground of the homosexual experience, we are the more aware of the diversity of realities in human nature itself.

Robert Duncan

A REALITY POEM IN THE TRADITION OF GENET

O, Seeger, the night you tied the cabbie to the tree and shot him, did you know the shadow of the chair was waiting for you? You, murderer, guillotined one, You of the severed head, You on death-row for seven years, You six-feet seven taker of life, You with the death-shrouded head.

One night you walking in line to your cell, swung and touched hands with your love, Stevie. You two walking in line to your cells, swung and touched hands, swung hands and touched: the only way you could say good-night: swung hands and touched.

Later, that same night Stevie lying in his six by nine cell in the quiet one-man cell in the quiet of his only home, his desires became rampant wanting you wanting wanting you touching him wanting wanting you wanting you touching him wanting the broom became you the broom became the strength of you the broom became the anal worship of you the broom became the regular stroke of you the broom became the reality of you until he fell off the bed and broke the broom off, inside where you were in the quiet of his night: he was visited by red horror not withstanding, not waking.

O, Seeger, the night you tied the cabbie to the tree and shot him, did you know... that you would wait seven years to be strapped in a chair? that you would find a love, Stevie? that you would find a love waiting for the chair? that they would kill your love in isolation, in one-man isolation? that in the cubicle of a cell you would want him, would want to love him?

It was the evening after you knew Stevie had died that I heard green tears whimper from your cell and knew that in that severed head you still had human tears.

(O, Seeger, what have they done to Stevie? What have they done to Stevie?)

Later, Stevie was taken to pauper's field where dandelions grow in reverence to the sun. Wherever his parents refused his body, refused their son, their blood son, it was then I heard you rage like a wild tiger.

In the cold-antigone of your dreams in the salt-lot of your hopes I saw you in defiance go out and bury the body. And in revenge you took to the fields looking for his parents hiding in the forest of your dreams in cabbie clothing.

O, Seeger, the night you tied the cabbie to the tree and shot him, did you know you still had green tears?

PAUL MARIAM
From the beginning, many members of our organization have felt that S.I.R. should build up a selective but comprehensive library of books and articles on homosexuality. The time has come to begin converting this idea into a reality. Such a library will be useful to our own members and of great value to researchers and others who come to S.I.R. for information. The library committee is drawing up a list of titles. The first part of that list, included on page 21, contains non-fiction books and pamphlets exclusively on homosexuality. Subsequent lists will be concerned with non-fiction works containing significant sections on homosexuality, major articles on homosexuality in newspapers and magazines, and the most significant of fictional works on a homosexual theme. With the publication of these lists, S.I.R. will also have compiled a useful, up-to-date, and basic bibliography on homosexuality.

To succeed, this project needs your help. The donation of copies of any of the works listed below (or money to purchase them) will be greatly appreciated. Though hardbound books are preferred because of their greater durability, paperback copies will be gratefully accepted. And don't work about duplicates. Works on homosexuality other than those listed will also be accepted.

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The gay male who traditionally experiences a haunting emotion of guilt and shame because of his identity will benefit from a reading of this book. Psychic relief will be his, i.e. “Man, it is all right to be you.”

Dr. Churchill, a psychoanalyst who studied at the feet of Dr. Theodor Reik, simply believes that it is nothing spectacular to function as a homosexual. His explorations have convinced him that homosexuality is so widespread throughout the whole of the animal kingdom that the term “abnormal” dissolved. Studies of other cultures and historical periods reveal so-called deviations as simply a further extension of our biological heritage. The line between heterosexual and homosexual is thin and arbitrary.

Conventional notions of how inversion originates receive a stem examination and are found deficient. Churchill finds simple conditioning applies to any sexual adjustment. The cause is not lurking in any theories of early childhood seduction by a parent. Such pat answers are swiftly dismembered with scholarly detachment and erudite prose.

The superstructure which supports the Judeo-Christian bias against any form of sexual expression outside of marriage is blasted and badly shaken by clear cut, thoroughly documented logic. Dr. Churchill reviews the assumptions which lend dignity to the majority concepts by regarding societies as sex positive or sex negative. The ancient Greeks were the prime exhibit of a sex positive group. They accommodated and even encouraged a bi-sexual approach to everyday functions. Christianity (after Christ) heralded the sex negative society based on homoeotoraphobia (fear of homosexual erotica). This phobia poisons the informal male relationships in the United States. Fear of potentially overt affection is widespread. The masculine image crushes spontaneous feelings.

The laws designed to discourage homosexual actions are scrutinized in the cross cultural context and found barbaric.

Dr. Churchill unleashes his sharpest blast against the now famous Irving Bieber study of 1962, Homosexuality: A Psychoanalytic Study. This analysis of a group of disturbed male homosexuals being treated via psychoanalysis was trumpeted as final proof of the inherent pathology fundamental to the homosexual way of life. Churchill deflates Bieber and his crew by zeroing in on the narrow scope of the sample. Only those homosexuals who actively sought psychiatric therapy were included. No individuals residing outside the area of New York City fitted into the Bieber scheme. All data from other far flung sources (other countries, species, or time periods) was virtually ignored. From this tiny sample the authoritative Koran on homosexuality was fashioned. The assertion that all gay people are sick forms the backbone of the Bieber thesis. The authority for such a statement is flately challenged. Churchill states he knows many so-called deviates who function on a mentally healthy level.

In the final chapter on “Sex and Morality” this veteran therapist attacks Christianity for causing a major portion of sexual maladjustment in Western Civilization. Devotion to the family in our country has cut off other sources of life long fulfillment. But reproduction is no longer the chief satisfaction in marriage. This leads to the cornerstone of the entire vision of homosexuality in the twentieth century as seen by the author. “No one sexual pattern will ever become the only sexual pattern for all men.” Alternate routes must be sought in American thinking.

One stinging weakness stands out when the volume is examined. Churchill writes off the homosexual movement as inconsequential. He feels the gay male is far too laden with guilt to function effectively at the political level. (He obviously did not include SIR or CRH in his research).

Homosexual Behavior Among Males should rank as one of the landmarks in the field of homophile literature. I urge all gay people who feel the lash of self doubt to read this study from cover to cover. They might sleep a little easier at night.


Occasionally, the battle lines in the pornography controversy will relax when an observer with a level head will declare a truce and search for possible middle ground. The present investigation strikes open some bold paths in this direction. What appears to be a middle ground flows from the pen of Mr. Kuh who is a former assistant district attorney from New York.

But alas. The moderate ground is disguised in “objective” sheep’s clothing. Toward the conclusion of Kuh’s argument, the inherently “subjective” wolf emerges.

Several of the notions expressed are nearly worth the price of the book. When considering the effect of pornography on the average person in the community, declares Mr. Kuh, we must include the special interests of groups like the homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals. When homophile pornography is considered, one needs to consider not the average individual as such, but the average special interests of groups like homosexuals.
REVELATION...

This past month I have been deluged by an abundance of magazines and booklets from various church groups calling for a re-evaluation of the positions traditionally taken by our society on homosexuality. The Council on Religion and The Homosexual in San Francisco has published "Churchmen Speak Out On Homosexual Law Reform".

SEXOLOGY MAGAZINE for December 1967 has an article on "The Homosexual Crusaders! We quote:

"The Templars were the very paragons of the manly, knightly virtues: they were also, many of them, homosexuals. Their initiation ceremony included not only religious and feudal rituals but homosexual rituals, as well. The Order of the Knights Templars was, in fact, a homosexual warrior elite."

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This month, thousands of congregations of the United Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ are receiving booklets, prepared by the Social Action Departments of the two denominations, asserting that the church has a special responsibility for helping to change society's attitude toward homosexuality, because in the past it has been "the institution most vehement in its opposition to the homosexual".

The booklets are intended for study and discussion by local church groups.

One contains a long article by Dr. Lewis I. Maddocks, director of the Washington office of The Council For Christian Social Action of The United Church of Christ. He says that the church should:

- End all "discrimination" against homosexuals in admission to seminaries and ordination to the priesthood, and admit homosexuals "fully into the life and membership of the church."

- "Do all it can to educate the public in general and its members in particular about the nature of homosexuality and cease exhorting homosexuals to 'give up their sinful ways."

- Work for legalization of homosexual practices between consenting adults in private, and support changes in the present policy of excluding known homosexuals from the Armed Forces and government jobs.

The wisdom of these views may be questioned, not only by the ignorant and prejudiced, but also by psychiatrists and theologians who have given earnest consideration to the moral issues posed by homosexuality.

Over the protests of several "homophile" organizations, most psychiatrists insist that homosexuality is an illness. They say it can be treated if the patient is strongly motivated, but that a majority of homosexuals appear satisfied to remain as they are.

Dr. Samuel B. Hadden, associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, is quoted in one of the new booklets as saying that recognition of homosexuality as "socially acceptable behavior" would be a dangerous relaxation of cultural restraints which presently serve as a check on its spread.

Dr. Hadden goes on to say that he is "most certainly opposed to harassment of homosexuals" and agrees that "homosexual acts between consenting adults in private should not be considered an offense punishable by imprisonment."

But there is a vast difference, he points out, between humanizing essentially unenforceable laws, and accepting homosexuality as "a totally desirable state."

Should homosexuality be on a moral and legal par with normal heterosexual relationships between males and females?

To accept this view, the church would have to make a sharp break with Jewish and Christian tradition. That tradition is reflected in such biblical passages as Leviticus 18:22, which describes homosexual practices as "an abomination", and in Romans 1:26-27, which says that homosexual relationships are a sin "against nature."


BIRCHERS:

From the John Birch Society Newsletter for January, 1968, we find a publication of "A CONFIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE" from Communist International Headquarters on strategy and tactics for agents to subvert the American scene. Part B. "The Destruction Of The American Family," has the following:

"The intellectual predecessors of our Order, since the days of Sparta, have been well aware that no collectivist regime could long maintain itself in power unless family loyalties had been replaced by loyalty to the state. And the only positive way to accomplish this is to eliminate the family altogether as a sociological unit. For that purpose use the following methods.

... (4) Promote homosexuality, and every other form of sexual perversion, as smart and normal and socially acceptable from the classroom to the White House. Take hundreds of characters like John Maynard Keynes and Sumner Welles, advance their careers and glorify their work in their professional fields specifically because they are flagrant homosexuals, and make it clear that brazen sex perversion can become, increasingly, a help rather than a hindrance to 'success' in life. Bring sex perversion to appear as merely the mark of eccentric genius."

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LONDON: Three soldiers of the Life Guards, whose regiment carries out London's famed changing of the guards ceremony, were charged with indecency in a scandal over alleged homosexual acts.

Also charged with indecency were a retired naval officer and an interior decorator who has worked for royalty.

The five, arrested Thursday after a year's investigation, were charged and released on bail after a preliminary hearing at Bow St. Court. A second hearing was set for Jan. 26.

The Life Guards are among the most prestigious in Britain. Together with the Royal Horse Guards they form Queen Elizabeth's household cavalry.

The cavalry performs the changing of the guard in Whitehall, one of London's leading tourist attractions.
Charges in the case involve attempts “to procure guardsmen of the household cavalry to commit acts of gross indecency” – the legal term here for homosexual acts. Three defendants are charged with committing acts of gross indecency.

Although Parliament has approved a law permitting homosexual acts in private involving consenting adults over 21, this applies only to civilians. Members of the armed forces may still be prosecuted. Also in this case some of those mentioned were in their teens at the time of the alleged offenses.

NEW ORLEANS: — The Detective Bureau, reported Tuesday it is hunting for a young man believed to have visited the room of a vacationing Canadian scholar found naked and dead in a motel.

Police Captain James Kruebbe said detectives are retracing the steps taken by Dr. William A. Dale, 41, Associate Professor of Classics at Victoria College of University of Toronto, the night he was stabbed to death.

The investigation, Said Kruebbe, has boiled down to “hard-nosed police work”.

Keith Winterhoulter, 32 a Professor at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Canada, told police he arrived here with Dale last Thursday for a vacation and planned to return to Toronto, Jan. 4.

Winterhoulter said he had dinner with Dale Friday night and they parted because Winterhoulter planned to visit several lounges to listen to jazz music. He told officers Dale preferred classical music.

Detectives said they are working on the theory that Dale went out later, met a young man and invited him to his room.

Dale’s nude body, covered with a blood-soaked sheet, was found on the floor of the motel room Saturday morning by motel manager Charles Alberts. Dale had been stabbed nine times in the chest and seven times in the back.

Alberts said he checked the room after Winterhoulter called and asked for Dale.

Officers discovered that Dale’s wallet, containing a large number of travelers’ checks, was missing.

University of Toronto officials described Dr. Dale as “one of Canada’s most brilliant educators.” They said he was a constant traveler, spending every second summer in Greece.

NEW YORK: — The national publication of the A.C.L.U. for December 1967 reports: “All private sexual conduct — heterosexual or homosexual — between consenting adults is protected by the right of privacy, according to a new A.C.L.U. policy statement. The Union calls for an end to prosecutions and other sanctions against persons who engage in atypical sex practices.

‘The judgement of such conduct, including its morality, is the province of conscience and religion, but it is not a matter for invoking the penal statutes of the secular state,’ the A.C.L.U. says.

Besides violating the right of privacy, the statutes invite other abuses of civil liberties — arbitrary enforcement, harassment, denial of freedom of assembly and of equal protection of the laws. The statement notes that homosexuals in particular are continually subjected to a variety of pressures by police, license officials and other government administrative personnel, solely because they are homosexuals, where there is no evidence of criminal activity.”

CONGRATULATIONS!

TORONTO: — TAB INTERNATIONAL, December 1967 states right next to Walter Winchell’s column: “The trend in acceptable forms of sex behavior is toward more and more freedom of individual choice. Homosexuality, however, is still considered a perversion in the Western world. While we do not want to deny that homosexuality is neurotic and abnormal behavior, we are nevertheless forced to admit that the homosexual trend in human nature is far more universal than was once believed. The reasons for the widespread abhorrence of homosexuality are many, and a few of the most important ones will be discussed here.

... Give homogenic love the same chance as normal love, subject it to the whole—some control of public opinion, allow it to be self-respecting, draw it from dark slums and into the light of day, strike off its chains and set it free, and I am confident that it will exhibit analogous virtues, checkered with analogous vices, to those with which you are familiar in the mutual love of male and female.”

Ed. Note. — Filler ad at the end of this article... “GO—GO WITH TAB!”

LOS ANGELES: — THE OPEN CITY in late December reports, with a Morris Kight byline, that:

The past weekend Los Angelinos made a slight effort to catch up with New York when Tangents, a homosexually-oriented magazine and organization presented Claire Booth Luce’s farce, “The Women”.

For a couple of weeks beforehand the gay chatter around town had had it that the “Biggest show of the two would be in front of the stage, not on it.” How true this turned out to be — but not for the usual reasons! The biggest show was staged by Chief Cecil B. DeFuzz when four vice squaddies infiltrated the audience in male prostitute attire, and four waited in the lobby for the curtain to go up to arrest, handcuff and cart off Donald Slater, Publisher of “Tangents”, for staging such a performance without a special Police Commission permit. Attorneys were on hand for just such a possibility, and thus Mr. Slater was back in time for the intermission.

While he was off at the glass house the next phalanx of fuzz arrived to check out a bomb threat on the theatre. An explanation that the responsible persons would conduct their own search was enough to have them go away.

The purpose of this theatrical was to provide an outlet for the talents of the performers and to raise funds for the Legal Defense Fund — and just in time, too, since the first allotment from the fund will be to assist Mr. Slater in his own defense!

Many side effects were noted, however; the most prominent one being the coalition of most of Los Angeles’ gay outfits to support the show; that this coalition will now be brought to the benefit of the gay community is more than obvious.
The Religious Committee

By Jim Skaggs

The Host Corps' initial brunch of the new year, held on Sunday, January 14, established a tone of enthusiasm and involvement which the Religious Committee hopes to promote during the coming year. Following the brunch, interested S.I.R. members visited various bars and clubs in the Bay area, distributing S.I.R. literature and confronting members of the homophile community with the aims, purposes and goals of S.I.R.

Since this is my last column as Religious Committee Chairman, at this time I would like to say a special "thank you" to the many S.I.R. members and guests who, during the past year, have helped the committee to achieve many aims and goals believed almost impossible a short while ago. We hope that your faithful support will continue to grow under the direction of the newly-elected chairman. The following statement will introduce Pat Kelley, the unopposed candidate for Religious Chairman, and his program for the development of the committee during 1968.

WHAT'S AHEAD

By Pat Kelley

In the coming months there are two major items that I intend to emphasize. First is the greater participation in number as well as frequency of the Church Confrontation Sub-committee's visitations. This is the group that attends and takes part in the services of different churches and has a discussion with the members of the church on the subject of homosexuality. I would like to see greater emphasis placed on the churches being beneficial molders of public opinion.

Secondly is the creation of a sub-committee for the agnostics and atheists. I have heard several complaints that there is no place for a group like this to meet and no direct way for them to express themselves to the Board. If there is enough interest in this field, I will give it my fullest support and direct representation to the Board of Directors.

There are other areas that I am interested in seeing activated. These will be discussed in committee prior to any public presentation. I can see no reason why the Religious Committee should not be one of the largest and most active committees in S.I.R. With your help we can give new direction to the members of the community and bring new rationale to society at large.

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Brickbats for the Fourth Estate

In an earlier column (October) a few brickbats were laid upon the leadership of the Washington version of the National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations for failing to obtain coverage of the conference by the Washington press. It has been learned since that the bludgeon was too heavily cuffed about their ears.

The “establishment” newspapers deserve their share of blows.

The Washington Post, righteous defender of all-that-is-good-in-the-United States, is, unlike Gaul, divided into four parts: reporters, editors, advertising, and the publisher. It is obvious to any reader of the press that neither reporters nor most editors harbor reservations about using the word “homosexual” in the newspaper’s articles.

Those who administer the advertising section of the newspaper, on the other hand, have rebuffed every effort of Mattachine Society, Washington, to obtain advertising space in the newspaper. And on what claim? That such should not be allowed in a “family” newspaper.

With Big Daddy we must say: “There is the powerful smell of mendacity here.” And hypocrisy too.

This ridiculous policy has prevented Mattachine from fuller service to Washington’s homophile community. This is most unfortunate for such advertisement the homosexual in trouble or need would know where to turn.

And I cannot seriously believe that the kiddies’ morals would be compromised in the process.

So brickbat one for the newspaper is this reactionary refusal to provide advertising privilege to reputable homophile organizations. Reports in VECTOR reveal that Washington Mattachine does not suffer alone with this problem.

It is this reporter’s understanding that appeals by Mattachine to the publisher of the Post, Mrs. Katharine Graham, have been to no avail. She refuses to talk to her subordinates’ decision on the premise that to do so would undermine their morale.

I must confess that this is not at all satisfactory and that Mrs. Graham is choosing a sneaky way out. On an important issue such as this it would be MOST PROPER for her to make the decision and she should not use her staff as cover for either her own indecision or cowardice.

Brickbat two has to do with this lurid phrase, “ring of homosexuals.” Time and again we see this phrase used to describe every sort of homophile group which makes public headlines. There may be occasions when it is legitimately used. My own suspicion is that it is an overworked phrase that is often misused -- as for example, in the case of the homosexuals on Ronald Reagan’s staff.

Just what “ring of homosexuals” were they involved in? We were never told. Probably nothing more lurid than a group of friends.

And would it not be ridiculous to talk of someone being in a “ring of heterosexuals?”

I rather abhor the use of this word to describe homosexuals. It should be used with extreme care for it has a most sinister connotation. To those newspapermen who may read this column, I recommend some thought on this matter.

Mattachine Society, Washington

As a short-term member of Mattachine Society, Washington, it is my observation that the Society as presently constituted is not and never will reach down to the “grass-roots” homosexual. Its programs are not directed to that end and have small appeal to most homosexuals. The unfortunate thing in all this is that there are a lot more homosexuals in Washington than would be revealed by the support given the Mattachine Society in this community.

Some of the reason for this lies with the community one confronts here. In Washington many homosexuals run scared -- those Government jobs -- while others are just plain indifferent (true all over). I have not talked with enough gay persons to know why support for the work of Mattachine is so puny. It should be much greater than it is.

What has come to my ears indicates that part of the difficulty lies with the focus of Mattachine. Under present leadership, and for some time, the Society has engaged in legal and administrative operations aimed at overturning Government discrimination against the employment of admitted homosexuals or the granting of security clearances to them. Emphasis, this is necessary and vital work. It must be done and MSW has been the spearhead in challenging the Government on its devious and ridiculous discrimination against homosexuals. But this program has a limited appeal.

Homosexuals want a bit more from an organization than victories over the establishment. Many desire levity with accomplishment. Mattachine is not a social-oriented homophile organization. There is no reason that it must be.

The question remains whether a social-oriented homophile organization would have wide appeal in Washington area. This would not be determined by anything short of a trial by such an organization.

The consensus of Mattachine leadership, as I interpret it, is that homophile social organizations are undesirable; that they isolate the homophile from the larger community. This I find extreme and overworked. Given the existential fact of community attitude at this time toward the homophile, I do not think it unreasonable or harmful for homosexuals to participate in activities among themselves. Indeed, I consider this essential to building confidence and a sense of power among homosexuals.

There are difficulties in Washington connected with the success of such a venture here. I am informed that a nucleus of leadership is available for the tapping.

There is, however, that bugaboo, the omnipresent Government. Washington also has an active bar life, against which appeal would have to work. The “private party” scene is quite active here also. And D.C. sports a number of “drag” events during the course of the year. This is the clientele for whom a social organization would have appeal. But whether that appeal would be sufficient to sustain an organization remains moot.

The great advantage to a social organization must be that its wide appeal will

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Constant homosexually-directed brutality and murders shock our community. During December, an unwary member of the VECTOR staff was mercilessly beaten, strangled and knocked unconscious seven times, and left for dead in his apartment. A member of SIR was beaten to death with chains by a homosexual-hunting "rat pack" at the beach earlier last year; the admitted killers boasted of helping the police.

Some observations were recently made by Captain Martin Lee, Chief of Inspectors, San Francisco Police Department. The following views are impressions of some of the things he talked about. He stated that homosexual homicide is not a major crime problem in San Francisco. There are now few gangs and psychotic types who commit such crimes. Most such crimes are committed by one homosexual upon another homosexual. Sometimes the apprehended person claims he is not a homosexual but he either is or has serious sexual problems.

It is the function of the police department to investigate crimes and not people’s private lives. It is understandable that homosexuals fear exposure of their sex lives because this could result in embarrassment and loss of a job. Investigators will respect a person’s privacy and will do all in their power to protect a person’s anonymity. Because of society’s attitude towards homosexuality, it is to our advantage not to bring up a person’s homosexuality if he testifies for us because it may make him a less valid witness in some people’s eyes.

Homosexuals perpetuate crime against themselves by not reporting incidents and by being uncooperative with police. Those who prey on homosexuals do so with the knowledge that their crimes will usually not be reported to the police. Frequently, a little information—added to other information that the police have—can result in apprehension.

Crimes committed in public against homosexuals are more frequently reported. Fear of exposure keeps beatings and robberies committed in private from being exposed and possibly solved. Robbers are hard to find while those who commit homicide are usually apprehended...but are difficult to prosecute. Reporting robberies should cause no fear of exposure of the homosexuality involved because neither the officers or the press is interested. Such robberies are too common to be news-worthy. Male sex contact does not make the robbery any less a robbery. You can always say, “I asked a guy up for coffee,”
and let the officers think what they will.

Captain Lee went on to say that the police department welcomed the help they receive from S.I.R. and the homosexual community...you cooperate with us and we cooperate with you. We can work together to combat crime and still protect the individual's rights.

The interviewer to whom this information was reported states that Captain Lee was warm and enthusiastic about his visit. His 34 years on the force has now placed him at the top echelon in the department. His psychological understanding of the homosexual's problem in relating to the police was refreshing. He appeared to be sincere in every way.

To initiate this month’s forum, the following questions were put to the readers. What are your views on homosexual homicide and brutality that is directed towards homosexuals? Why aren’t homosexuals particularly concerned about other homosexuals who are murdered? Does possible identity with homosexuality prevent homosexuals from coming forth and giving testimony in such cases? What can the homosexual do to avoid getting into dangerous situations that could possibly lead to a murder? What can we do to improve conditions from an organizational point of view? Below are some of the replies received.

IN DEFENSE OF HONOR

I do not choose to write in on this topic and speak in the indifferent statistics and platitudes of the social psychiatrist but I would like to address this subject on homicides that have befallen actual persons or my immediate friends have known. The homicides I have had experience in this way were never a case where someone was murdered for insurance money or in the passion of the moment but they were the result of social indifference, hostility or even endorsement of what had happened. The socially endorsed murder happened to a friend of mine in Minnesota. He picked up a young drifter of no permanent address who knocked him unconscious with a full beer can, then with a switch blade performed a rather barbaric operation and then stuffed the removed organ down my friend’s throat, dragged him from the front seat of his car and drove back and forth SEVERAL times over him with my friend's own car - stole his watch, wallet, ring and car and abandoned his mutilated and crushed body on the road. As is usually the case with this type of person, he took my friend’s money, got drunk, blabbed, and was arrested. When he came to trial his lawyer had him claim he was “defending his honor” and the charges were dismissed and he was turned loose on the public again. To me, the big sin was not the murderer’s but society’s for endorsing this murder. There was no S.I.R.

at that time and my friend had only one relative who was so anxious to get her hands on the family fortune it was a matter of indifference to her if the murderer ever got his due. Not one newspaper, one smug church or any do-gooder organization made an issue of this. Truly, this is a spectacular example of Homosexual Homicide but daily there are many of these murders by a cruel and pompous society in the form of suicides. A dear friend of mine’s lover idled his car in a closed garage because his sin oriented childhood training by an unbending Irish Catholic faith pushed him to ultimate despair. A pianist friend of mine with so much to offer the world had made several serious attempts to end his life, since his parents discovered he was a homosexual. They threw him out of the house and refused to admit that he was—their son or even alive. It depresses me to go on writing about this, for I haven’t finished from my personal experiences and contacts, let alone touched on any experiences one just hears about.

A dear friend from college days so deeply resented his lover’s ability to adjust to being a homosexual in society that he, wracked with guilt and stern religious background, shot and killed his lover while he slept. None of the neighbors heard the shot and for one week he remained in the apartment with the body of his dead lover. When, driven to total madness, he wrote a pathetic note and blew his brains out.

I am sorry to consume so much space in this Open Forum, but these are some of the main reasons why I joined SIR and why I have tried to work so long and so hard to see that this organization, and ones like it, are a success. If we can bend public opinion enough for the homosexual to get even a little more justice and understanding from the world, then it is all worthwhile.

...Perry A. George

THE KISS OF DEATH

As the survivor of the “kiss of death,” I can’t emphasize enough the fact that “it can happen to you!!”

We must not be unwary victims for homosexual homicide. Unfortunately, we can’t extend our complete trust and good will to new or casual acquaintances. It is imperative that we know who we are going with.

All homosexually-directed brutality should be reported to both the police and local homophile organizations.

...Left for Dead

EX-NAVY

I found your queer paper on a bus on Market Street. All you fairies are ruining America. When I was in the navy, me and all my friends used to laugh about all you queers trying to pick us up on Mission and Market Street. It was getting so me and my friends couldn’t go anywhere without being pestered. Maybe if you all c—would leave us normal guys alone, you wouldn’t get killed.

...Ex-Navy

DECOMPOSED BUT LIVING

About a month ago I was introduced to a person who informed me of a most unfortunate situation. It seems that he was at one of the bars and was introduced to a very interesting person whom he offered a ride home to. On the way my friend offered him coffee at his apartment, whereupon the laws of nature took effect and a mad session followed. The person my friend was introduced to politely informed my friend in a very soft sexy voice that this was his final "kiss" that is to say this is the "kiss of death". The scene that ensued was most unfortunate for my friend, for seventeen hours later he awoke in a bloodstained apartment, money and ring stolen, and "left for dead".

This circumstance would immediately call for a quick phoning to the police. Instead he insisted he didn't wish to get the police in the matter because he was afraid of consequences should his “attempted murderer” return.

Unfortunately, as I mentioned to my friend, this is one of the basic foundations that S.I.R. was originally organized for. For every "queen" that has the "kiss of death" and lives there will be another "queen" that may not wake up.

Now this individual is running for a S.I.R. office. Unfortunately I will not vote for him, since his reason for not reporting it to the police is a direct affront to the entire homophile effort.

He is endangering the lives of many other individuals whom he now calls friends. He may have wonderful friends now, but upon their identification in the morgue he perhaps may not feel the same. Unfortunately that will be too late.

...Nauseous

UNFAIR PREJUDICE

If I have first hand information concerning more gay homicides perhaps it is because as a senior citizen I have lived a little longer and have always been appalled at the lack of interest shown by the police departments, when it is established by them that the victim or "decendent" was a homosexual.
In the last three years in San Francisco too many of our friends have met violent deaths, and no effort has been made to locate the killer; many of you may recall the deaths, and no effort has been made to look into them further. Too many of our friends have met violent deaths, and no effort has been made to search for the killer; many of you may recall the deaths, and no effort has been made to locate the killer; many of you may recall the deaths, and no effort has been made to identify the killer; many of you may recall the deaths, and no effort has been made to locate the killer. How about (Robin Minor) whose body was found in his automobile parked on Valencia Street near 16th about a year ago? At first the police couldn’t make up their mind if the victim was a Hell’s Angel or a homosexual or both, since he had been strangled with a chain, and so right then and there the matter was dropped and no further effort has been made to search out the killer.

Until the police departments of the country begin to recognize that homosexuals are also people who contribute their share of tax to support the police departments, and that they are entitled to all of the benefits of the law, including apprehension of killers of homosexuals as well as heterosexuals, we can expect more and more of this type of homicide.

Unbalanced people who are potential killers already know that little or no effort will ever be made by any police department to apprehend them, should they murder a homosexual for the contents of his wallet or for just plain hate, so they have no compunction about performing the dastardly act.

Much has been said about the reluctance of other homosexuals to come forward and assist the police departments in identification of suspects, and descriptions of possible suspects. But when you have a job to protect, you stay away from the police as much as possible, realizing that the apprehension of the killer will not bring back the victim.

I know of a case where a person did go to the police and gave information which might have led to the apprehension and arrest of a suspected killer of this informant’s friend. After repeating his story several times to the police, he found that he was being harrassed by the police who tried to break down his suspicions of the suspect. Finally one day a detective and two policemen arrived at his place of employment requesting an interview with him, and talked to the employer telling him all sorts of sordid things which resulted in his dismissal. With this “coup de grace” achieved, the police never contacted him again and nothing was ever done to apprehend the suspect.

Is it any wonder that those who may have information which could possibly lead to the arrest of a killer, stay clear of the police department, which in fact couldn’t care less if the killer of a homosexual is caught or not?

How about the man who had a heart attack in a gay after-hours coffee shop recently in San Francisco, who, when he was picked up by the City Health Department’s ambulance advised us all that the man was D.O.A. (dead on their arrival.) He was taken to the health department dispensary, and pushed aside in another room on a table.

He was awakened the next morning by voices coming into the room saying “we picked up a queer from one of those gay joints last night, but he was dead when we got there, so we waited until the day shift before we called you”.

My friend who recovered from his heart attack, tells me that he will never forget the look on the policeman’s and dispensary attendant’s, faces when he raised up from the table and asked, “Where am I, what happened?”

If a person had been picked up from the St. Francis or the Fairmont Hotels, I’ll bet they would have at least had him examined by competent medical doctors before pronouncing him “D.O.A.” and relegating him to a temporary morgue until the “day shift”.

...Old Timer

WATCH WHOM YOU CRUISE

It is a paradox that the people who commit homosexual homicide feel that they are doing away with “sick faggots”. The person who commits homosexual homicide is the one who is really sick. Both the straight and gay communities must do something to prevent these crimes from being committed. It is the responsibility of everyone in the homosexual community to testify in such cases. One must also be careful of the acquaintances he makes. This, I think, is probably the best way for one to help himself and the community from being the victim of the homosexual homicides.

...G.J.

MURDER IS MURDER

Of all the homicides which occur in this country annually, I would imagine that a small number of them relate to homosexuality, although I have no statistics at hand to support this statement. However, from my point of view, homicide is homicide; I can see no difference between homosexual murders and heterosexual murders...they’re still murders. I can see where situations arise for the homosexual who becomes involved in such a case and is immediately threatened with exposure and the possible ruination of reputation job, and friends as a result of becoming directly or indirectly involved, either as a material witness or in any other way.

It is because the homosexual is fighting a dual battle, most important to his defense is the protection of his identity with society as a homosexual? His greatest fear stems from being exposed for being a part of a way of life that society has learned to condemn. People in high places cannot run the risk of losing their positions or reputations as a result of identification with this group. Perhaps, the social revolution taking place in this country will one day change the status for the homosexual in society, but he nevertheless must face adaptation to the present society in which he lives, and more often than not, it is a feared and safeguarded one. As loved as some of his friends, and acquaintances may be to him, he may weigh very heavily the decision to expose himself and come forth in defense for a homosexual crime which could jeopardize him for life. This fear of exposure can only be eradicated by updating the laws in this country and by bringing about conditions that will allow the homosexual to live and work successfully in and for the community.

Strength will come from unification by organizations such as S.I.R. which has done much to bring about this end. Hopefully, “the day will come when the fear of extermination, fear of exposure and fear of entrapment will be no more, and then can the homosexual take his rightful place in society.

Perhaps, this might solve some of the homicide situations that now exist.

In conclusion, it is hoped that with the growth of organizations like S.I.R. and other similar organizations around the country, much will be done in the future to promote the rights of the homosexual as a free and equal citizen and to work with the police departments of the cities to see that justice is served.

The topic for next month’s “Open Forum” (see Gold Sheet) is: “Is Love between two men possible?” Does “love” to the homosexual mean “sex” alone, or can dignity and meaning also be found in a love relationship between two men? The deadline for copy for the Match VECT0R is February 20, 1968. Mail all letters to Larry Carlson: VECT0R, 53 Sixth Street, San Francisco, California 94103. Hopefully, we will anticipate receiving many letters this month from many happily married couples in the city, and from those who say, “It can’t be done.”

The topic for the April VECT0R “Open Forum” will be: “Landlords and gay tenants.” Do the many property owners who rent to homosexuals in this city resent having to rent to them? Do landlords prefer to have the gay set abide in their buildings because they know many queens will fix the place up in grand style and improve the value of their property? The deadline for April copy is March 20, 1968.
Dear Madam,

My problem is that my lover is prone toward alcoholism. Now I'm not saying he's an alcoholic YET but he has to have a few Martinis before dinner then several bourbon-on-the-rocks after dinner. If we don't go out but stay in and watch T.V., he constantly has a drink in his hand and is usually loaded by bedtime. I've asked him to stop drinking but he says he would get too nervous if he did.

Madam, what can I do to curb what I feel is eventually going to lead to alcoholism and the end of our relationship.

Waiting Anxiously,
Worry Wart

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Dear Worry,

Oddly enough a very similar situation arose involving a dear friend of mine when we were doing a one week run of HANSEL UND GRETEL with the Motley Arts and Culture Guild in Motley, Minnesota. I was playing a charming (and youthful) Gretel and my dear friend Laura Livingwell was playing a stunning (and realistic) wicked witch (complete with floor length purple cellophane hair). Mme. Livingwell's favorite hobby was playing talent scout. She could always be seen out and about in the most unlikely places looking for someone with a hidden talent that could be greatly expanded. She considered herself to be highly critical, and anyone with a talent great enough to satisfy her, would, she felt, surely overwhelm anyone else. Her latest discovery was a Basso-Profundo whom she said "had such a deeply penetrating quality, that it just thrilled her to the quick!" (Whatever that meant.) Anyway, Mme. Livingwell had come to my dressing room after our triumphant closing night performance and she was in a complete breakdown of tears. She was weeping so profusely, the purple dye was coming out of her cellophane hair and staining her face. It seemed her problem was her latest "discovery" was so prone to excessive drinking that by early evening he was hardly capable of vocalizing, let along performing as she felt he should.

Well, Mr. Wart, as you can well imagine I instantly saw a cure for the whole problem without having her demand he give up drinking entirely.

I explained to her the problem was not necessarily the number of drinks he was drinking but the power of these drinks. I told her the secret was for her to serve him drinks that were not powerful and too difficult to drink in any great quantity. I recommended she put him on a sort of "diet" of my favorite three drinks. The first one is a variation of my own and is called a VIOLET FIZZ A'LA AIDA (1/3 oz. Gin, 1/2 tsp. powdered sugar, one egg white - whip this all up in a blender and pour into a large stemware fizz glass). I told her, "Imagine his surprise when you greet him at the door with this gorgeous glass of brimming over purple froth." After dinner, for Variety's sake, serve him a delightful YELLOW PARROT (3/4 oz. Yellow Chartreuse and 3/4 oz. Apricot Brandy, stir over cracked ice and serve in 3 oz. glass). Follow this with a never to be forgotten KNICKERBOCKER SPECIAL COCKTAIL (1 tsp. Raspberry Syrup, 1 tsp. Lemon Juice, 1 tsp. Orange Juice, 2 oz. Imported Rum and 1/2 tsp. Curacao - stir well and pour over cracked ice. Top with a small slice of pineapple.) After just a few of these tempting libations he will probably not request a steady and constant supply of drinks by his side and after just a few short days you may notice his desire for drinking considerably decline. I told Mme. Livingwell that anybody whom I had advised the same way had had amazing results and frequently their husband or lover had given up liquor altogether.

As it turned out, Mme. Livingwell did as I had advised and in two weeks on my three recommended drinks, he went from a heavy drinker to total abstinence, and now has a whole new career as principal Bass soloist for the "Full Gospel Temperance Mission" where he is also their most ardent speaker against the evils of "Demon Rum".
The Empress Shirley's Military Ball

The Empress Shirley's Military Ball had the biggest turnout of any New Year's Night Ball since the famous one four years ago. Many people questioned the reason for a Ball on New Year's night with a workday following. The explanation is that New Year's night is as symbolic to gay San Franciscans as Emancipation Day is to Negros or Cinco De Mayo to Mexicans. This night of the year commemorates the turning point in history for San Francisco's "Homophile" movement.

This first New Year's Night Ball was sponsored by the leading organizations in the city to raise funds for the newly formed Council on Religion and The Homosexual. This was the Ball at which gay San Franciscans, along with many ministers and attorneys stood up for and won their rights. The Ball progressed to a triumphant conclusion both on the dance floor and in the courts shortly afterward. Many unexpected allies came to our aid. Members of the California State Bar Association, The Council of Churches, the A.C.L.U., British Broadcasting Corporation, Judge Friedman and many others helped put the correct label on the police behavior at the Ball — harassment. Since that Ball, the police inspector who gave us so much trouble has been transferred to duties more suitable to him (looking for lost automobiles). The Police Community Relations unit has since been established and a better understanding between city officials and heads of gay organizations exists. We are now able to help resolve situations and problems before they get out of hand.

Now to THIS year's Ball. In the spirit of cooperation typical of previous Privy Councils, this year's Privy Council met and wisely let the Empress handle the details herself. Last year's Empress, Bella, graciously volunteered to handle the decorations for the Ball. The setting up of the bar was delegated to the head of the Tavern Guild. Gene Patten engaged the musicians and security guards. Jack Miller created the very original posters and tickets which complimented each other. The Empress herself organized the advertising and program into a very attractive booklet.

The Ball got off to a comparatively late start, but was in full swing when the Empress and Prince consort made their grand entrance to a standing ovation. The city's first Empress, Jose, made a most impressive entrance in white tie, tails, a brilliant red cape trimmed in ermine tails and a tasteful crown. One of the highlights of the Ball was the appearance of two uniformed grey ladies pushing a cart containing coffee and donuts. They explained that members of their organization are always to be expected at military functions. Queen Jeannette de la Palace, a member of the Imperial Court, capably handled the duties assigned to Gene Patten whose absence was noted by many people at the Ball. Michele introduced the Court and Council to the brilliantly costumed audience. The band played on and on until one thirty A.M. at which time the well-behaved guests started home to make plans for the forthcoming Mardi Gras Ball sponsored by the Coits.

THE CAGE by G.M.

"It tells about the horror, torment and brutality of prison life" says the Examiner; while the Catholic Monitor speaks of its powerful treatment of homosexuality and sadism...THE CAGE is a long one-act play which will be presented at the S.I.R. Center on February 23 by an ex-convict cast. This will be a benefit for the Seven Steps Foundation, an indigenous organization which assists ex-convicts, and by the Society for Individual Rights. The performance is assisted by a grant from the Economic Opportunity Council.

THE CAGE is the first part of the evening's theatre. After intermission the cast returns to discuss with the audience what life in prison is like. The problems of confinement, sadism, homosexuality, and prisoner-guard relationships will be pursued.

Only 300 seats are available for this one performance. Tickets ($2.00) are now available at the S.I.R. Center while they last. There will be a catered bar for your enjoyment.
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Everyone who has ever been downtown in San Francisco and especially on Mission Street, has seen that attractive shimmering sign reading, “CHRIS’ SEA FOOD”, and if you are a devotee of seafood, you have stopped and looked at the taste tempting seafood salads so attractively displayed on a bed of crushed ice. If you are like so many of us and could not resist the temptation, then you have eaten at CHRIS’ and have enjoyed a delightful (weight-watchers) seafood lunch.

CHRIS’ is so ideally located in the very heart of downtown San Francisco, that lunchers come from as far away as the financial district, and even from the Upper Market area. You can have fast service here, if you’re limited for time, or you can linger and visit with many of your friends, if your time schedule permits. This restaurant is becoming increasingly more popular as a downtown luncheon and meeting spot, where you’ll always find Pat anxious to greet you and say a friendly “hello”. I know you’ll fall in love with the many seafood and shell fish specialties of this house.

My favorite dishes at CHRIS’ are the mouth watering fresh shrimp or crab meat salads, with their special dressing which is served on a bed of crisp iceberg lettuce and a crackling fresh Fisherman’s Wharf French bread roll... (Only $1.20).

CHRIS’ stays open until 7:00 P.M., Mondays through Fridays. Should you be downtown and want an early dinner before attending a SIR committee meeting or community center activity, have a delightful dinner here, and may I suggest the favorite of so many regulars - the Combination dinner plate of deep fried scallops and golden brown prawns. Or the ever popular California favorite abalone steak, which is fit to place before any king or queen and is real gourmet deliciousness.

If you frequent the highly advertised popular restaurants in Fisherman’s Wharf, and are familiar with their fancy prices, you are in for a surprise, because here is a restaurant not geared to the tourist or the one-time customer, but rather is a traditional well established downtown seafood house, which has endured San Francisco’s growing pains and now is a mecca for those who enjoy seafood at a popular price sans the fancy carpets, crystal chandeliers and a view of the Bay.

We’ve all seen the Bay thousands of times and will continue to enjoy it every day; most of us have lovely crystal chandeliers and deep pile carpets in our own homes, so we might as well enjoy our seafood while saving some money, without compromising on quality.

An old friend of mine who is a captain on a “shrimp boat” tells me he’s having a hard time piloting his boat up Market street now that BART has things so torn up. He figures that after BART is finished he may switch to submarines, but he assures me that CHRIS’ will always have fresh seafood daily.

See you next month with a report on another fine restaurant that appreciates YOUR patronage.
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THE Bar Tour

By Tequila Mockingbird

Some bars are an instant success, others take a while to catch on. The biggest immediate success story since the opening of Leonardo's a few months back is that of the Ramrod on Folsom near Eighth Street. I was about to say that management worked like beavers putting the place together 'till I realized how beavers work. With their tails! Well anyway, George and Paul have been putting in long hours both before and after the opening of their place. Their efforts were certainly worthwhile. The Ramrod is a big, clean place with a black light mural running the length of one wall. Both of the proprietors are old film buffs with literally thousands of wonderful campy short films which are shown regularly throughout each night. The drinks are well priced and are served by attractive efficient bartenders. The crowd that the Ramrod draws can only be described as exciting.

Off The Levee's associate bar, On The Levee, serves wonderful dinners. On The Levee also has one of the finest entertainers in the city. Surely David is tired by now of the smart-aleck remarks about his big organ. It is one of the big theatre types with all the instrumental attachments. Versatile David plays Rachmaninoff and Ellington with equal talent and draws applause from his audience with both popular and serious selections.

There has never been such a revival of activity in the Upper Grant Avenue area in ten years. That famous landmark on Union Street, The 524, is about to present another star entertainer. Already known to this city through her appearances at The Purple Onion and the Venetian Room. Sam Hall will present RCA recording star Toni Lee Scott for an extended engagement starting in early February. The 524 has also revived its 50c brunches presided over by Mmes. Sophie and Sally.

Around the corner from the "5", we have Slaughter on Grant Avenue. Handsome Jack Slaughter sings on stage at one of our newest bars, Poopsies. Down the street from Poopsies, Katie's bar delights opera lovers with two juke boxes (that's 200 selections) playing alternately. Across the street from Katie's, the customers of the Capri are speculating about Arlenes' St. Valentines Day plans. Arlene always makes extravagant plans for Valentine Day and none of us knows what she's up to this year.

Now, from new entertainers on Upper Grant, let's get downtown to some old favorites. Maurice and Lamont are opening at the Dalt Club on Turk Street. These are seasoned, polished performers. If you haven't seen them before, you'll have a delightful surprise in store for you. If you do remember them, you'll revel in the new material they're introducing at the Dalt.

The big grand opening of last month with Empress Shirley officiating was at the Libra on Market Street just one-block towards town from the Mint. The decor of

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One of our members has just completed a new symphonic-ballet for soloist, chorus and large percussion orchestra, with staging to give the audience a rich audio-visual musical totality.

To those unfamiliar with contemporary music, Lou Harrison is one of America's leading contemporary composers, and also one of our members. His works are not electronically based nor of total atonal quality. He uses traditional themes with heavy romantic overtones in a twentieth century context. What seems to emerge from this is a love for the realities around him and a general zest for a more idealistic way of life. As Mr. Harrison feels ...a man sings because it is a splendid thing to do and because he cannot help it.

His latest composition was begun in 1940 and just recently has finalized. It is based on a set of romantic hymns from the book ROOTS AND BRANCHES by Robert Duncan which is pregnant with Orphonic overtones. The music is married to visual impact through the use of projections on the "corps de ballet". The staging and choreography will use elements of holes in the floor and life sized puppets interspersed throughout the "corps". It may lead the viewer-listener into a Harrisonian look at JULIET OF THE SPIRITS. The choral parts throughout the work are of such magnitude that the use of tapes must be employed to augment the live chorus in concert.

It should be an interesting romantic experience to the modern listener.

Mr. Harrison is one of the few American composers to receive the Febe Katchum Thorne Fellowship and has recorded on many labels including R.C.A., Columbia, Esoteric and Urania. His last composition; SYMPHONIC SUITE FOR STRINGS was recorded on the Louisville Subscription Series by the Louisville Philharmonic.

Prior to this however, one of his most captivating works; FOUR STRICT SONGS FOR EIGHT BARITONES AND ORCHESTRA is an excellent introduction to the Harrisonian musical dialect. Each song relies on a strict pattern, each one being tuned to a different five-note scale. These scales are not in the equal temperament normally used today, but are mathematically pure intervals. The piano from which the voices and other instruments take their pitch, must be tuned according to a special formula outlined by the composer and no other fixed pitch instruments are used.

The orchestra consists of the string section, two trombones, piano, harp and percussion, which is made up of kettle-drums struck with the fingers, a set of water bowls and maracas.

As Mr. Harrison states, “These are making-things-right-and-good-again songs, after examples of Hozhoni — Songs from Navaho. Their tone relationships are simple and exact, their forms exact on a continuous pulse, and their works celebrate our receptions of, and relationships to the four divisions of things of which we have awareness: 1) plants, 2) animals, 3) heavens, 4) minerals which constitute our earth. They are my findings, from grand example of the-way-things-are-ness”.

Future plans of Mr. Harrison may generate enthusiasm in the S.I.R. membership when arrangements are finalized for an oratorio. This will hopefully be composed in collaboration with some rather famous names in the contemporary musical field, and may possibly be premiered by S.I.R.

To the musical gourmet who enjoys tradition in a new form, the works of Mr. Harrison radiate this fact in a lush chicagaresque of sound.

Lou Harrison...a dynamic man and sensitive composer with a champagne personality.
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the Libra is contemporary and in good
taste. The dining room has many tables but
is still small enough to permit the excellent
new chef to give special attention to each
order. This new bar has plenty of parking
in the evening but beware of the tow away
zone if you arrive before six.

For the many that survived S.I.R.'s Big
Appreciation Dance given on Mozart's birth­
day, The Opera Club commemorated the
120th Anniversary of the discovery of gold
in California with a big western party the
following day. The party featured western
decor, costumes, music and buffet. The
place thronged with Cowboys and Indians
all having a wild time.

On Monday nights, The Water Hole, on
Fulton, which is only a half block away
from The Opera Club, is showing a series
of most unusual films to an ever increasing
audience.

Next month. Tequila hits the East Bay
bars again. There will be comments on
both new and old bars in the Exotic Eastern
Sector.

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permit greater contact with homosexual
persons. With such contact can come edu­
cational programs to acquaint the multi­
tude with the "movement", with ways to
protect against police entrapment and
intimidation, with VD public health pro­
gams, and, importantly, with one another.
From the communion of souls can come
strength, purpose, determination and
success. It is an old axiom that with
numbers comes power.

So long as there remain legal and
quasi-legal discriminations against homo­
sexuals, it behooves them to band together
and show their muscle. Reports in
VECTOR indicate that they failed to do so
in the last S.F. mayoralty election. This
is both most sad and most stupid.

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Traditionally, this chore has been the
province of the state.

The fatal error in the analysis lies in
failure to distinguish between eroticism
and true pornography. Perhaps the telling
feature between these two is whether one
is merely showing nude humans or nude
humans engaged in overt sexual acts.

Homosexual Americans constitute a
large minority group in this country, and
one with enormous politic punch. Talent­
wise, they constitute an essential eco­
comic component. It is high time they or­
ganized in mass numbers to put an end to
the discrimination visited upon them.

The next "revolution" to hit this
Nation could be a homophile one. This
will only occur when homosexuals demon­
strate the courage requisite for success.
The wave of the future for the movement
lies with politics. To begin that wave
mass, homophile organizations must come
into existence. Social organizations will
elicit mass support and supply the numbers
and money necessary for the battle.

Believe me, ladies and gentlemen, it
can be accomplished.

There is a world of difference between
displaying nude bodies and depicting
specific sex acts. Apparently, those who
enforce our laws cannot discern these
simple facts.

Regardless of these weak points, the
study merits the attention of all intelligent
citizens. If foolish fig leaves did not exist,
we would probably need to wear them any­
way. This is what makes good pornography
sell.

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Dear Bill,

Since I am very concerned with the Society for Individual Rights, its principles and concept, I feel that my ideas should be registered in regard to VECTOR.

Robert W. Wood

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Sincerely,
George Caldwell
Chicago

Dear Mr. Beardemphl:

As one who has observed and been a part of the homophile movement since Donald Webster Cory first held discussion groups in 1952, I want to commend you and your staff for the excellency and scope of "Vector". It is the best done and most comprehensive of any of the publications currently being published by American homophile groups.

Likewise, may I offer a word of commendation to S.I.R. for the quality and outreach of its work. May you have a rewarding new year.

Grace, mercy, peace –
Robert W. Wood
Zion United Church of Christ
Newark, New Jersey

(Ed. Note: R. Wood is author of CHRIST AND THE HOMOSEXUAL, a recent best seller.)

Gentlemen:

I found the illustration on page 16 of the January "Vector" to be highly inappropriate to the magazine.

It certainly is not consistent with an otherwise fine journal.

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