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Conference Trip At Trip

A BUMMER

by W.E. Beardsmepl

In the most depressing experience of my life, I watched many of the organizations in the western region of the United States purposely excluded from national participation through the North American Conference of Homophile Organizations behind the locked doors of a restaurant in Chicago called The Trip. What San Francisco groups instituted as a national PLANNING CONFERENCE was turned into a National Organization ruling over autonomous groups because of their constitutions. We were told that our constitution was "illogical" and we should go home and change our bylaws to conform with what other groups wanted. What a strange concept of autonomy.

NACHO in effect sets up a national voice for the movement that is responsive to the organizations but still speaks for them as the Chairman decides. (Remember the lamp shade interview in the pages and on TV of Rev. Cromey for CRH two years ago?) NACHO also sets up mandatory fees and assessments and the Treasurer has sole control over all of the funds. These provisions are unacceptable.

The affiliation clause in S.I.R.'s constitution is good and was considered over a six month period before being adopted. It was meant to insure the indigenous response of S.I.R. to, and only to, the homosexual community in San Francisco. It is one reason for S.I.R.'s success and stability. I am certain that this point was not understood by many delegates at the conference and probably will never be understood by a nation of persons that are hung up on organizing just to organize, electing a leader without leaders, setting up rules or order just to set up rules or order.

The purpose of S.I.R. is to respond to the needs of homosexual individuals in San Francisco. Our concept of the planning conference was to respond to the needs of indigenous organizations across the country and not to set up any mutual cooperation and communication. The highly structured NACHO supercedes, engulfs, destroys these very simple needs.

There you have 99% of what went on during the conference. 11% of meeting time of the five days. Again we have the same words and statements; again we have the same approval in principle of mutual projects; again we have the lack of knowledgeable means of activating national cooperation.

What policies and approaches on law reform were discussed; still in my brief case is the concept of a law reform action program through the National Legal Defense Fund that could be cooperatively worked on now by all groups in the country. Neither the resolution from Tangents on another N.L.D.F. concept nor any other action law program or its implementation was given time on the agenda.

Again, my proposal for a Sexual Enlightenment Week was approved in principle, but when it came time for discussion, implementation and how it was to be coordinated and approved, there was no time. This program lies dormant.

And again, Larry Littlejohn's proposal for an activist confrontation with the Federal Government was approved in principle, yet no concrete suggestions were agreed upon. At last this was thrown in the lap of Dr. Kameny to investigate possibilities, but only because Larry insisted that the moderator do so.

A national mailing of S.I.R.'s Bill of Rights was approved and can be activated because I insisted that it be directed that the clearing house be in charge of this project.

Again and again, a political questionnaire was approved in principle to be sent to candidates on a national level but it is completely unclear as to who, what, when or by whom. Are we supposed to send out our own questionnaire and sign NACHO to it? Are we autonomous or are we to be directed by a National Board? Or are we to be part of a letter writing discussion exchange on this again, a la the credentials stupidity.

Congratulations are due to the Los Angeles groups for putting forth a program for the formation of a committee on new organizations. The outline was taken back to Southern California for implementation.

That, by and large, was the meeting time and its results. The emotional impact of the meetings (Continued on Page 28)
"Ron, you will be wasting your time; why don't you take the money it would cost, and donate it to S.I.R." "You can't afford to go, so why don't you stop being a cost, and donate it to S.I.R.?" "You can't why don't you take the money it would get two other candidates, I would back out of their suggestions, until the last minute. Organizations, I listened and considered all of their suggestions, until the last minute. As you may remember, we needed a fifth delegate, since Jim Skaggs had changed his plans. At this time, I said that if we could get two other candidates, I would back out in their favor, but as it turned out, we didn't even get one, so I decided to go.

The San Francisco delegation met on August 2nd to decide what we would present to the conference, and what we wanted to achieve.

I went; I'm glad I did; and I came back with some observations:

I arrived in Chicago on Saturday, and after taking care of some personal business, moved into a hotel next door to where the conference was being held. On Monday, the Unity Committee met, and I decided to sit in and observe, with a minimum of speaking. The Committee Chairman submitted by-laws and articles for the guidance of the Conference, ya know, sort of like a Constitution for an organization. The Committee spent it's entire day on this, and it was quite evident to me that some of the organizations represented would try to make the Conference into some type of National Federation, notwithstanding that they realized that this would be contrary to S.I.R.'s constitution, and that we could not approve. By about 4:00 p.m. most of the observers were pretty disgusted with this business, so we decided to meet on our own, discuss what we had just observed and what we would like to see come out of this conference.

The interested delegates, mainly from the west and mid-west, were a fair representation of the total conference. It seemed that most of us were concerned with exchanging ideas, filling the communications gap that exists all year, and just sort of suggesting ideas to help each other with LOCAL problems in our respective areas. Being from San Francisco and S.I.R., most of the questions directed to me centered around, "How in the hell have you guys done what you have in four years?" This, my friends, can be summed up in one sentence: S.I.R. is an organization which built itself on the idea of having something for everyone; giving each a chance to express their individual thoughts. Many of the people I met asked me to send them copies of our constitution.

Well, generally speaking, each and every business session consisted of a Structure, by-laws, articles, rules, procedures, etc. As the sessions would adjourn, we who wanted to exchange ideas would meet in hotel rooms, restaurants and bars and accomplish what we had come for; so that when we returned we could present to our respective organizations something in the way of a National Movement, projects and ideas.

Mattachine Midwest was having a considerable amount of internal trouble. It seemed that they just couldn't communicate with the homosexual community, the various bars and businesses. We got members of Mattachine, several bar owners and managers, and employees to sit down to discuss their problems, and see how Mattachine could accomplish what it was intended for—to provide service in every way possible for the community. As we ended the meeting, they had set a date for another, and had decided to work together on plans for a Halloween Ball, with profits going to Mattachine to help further their work. This was just one thing accomplished by getting people together to discuss specific problems, rather than structure and procedures of conducting meetings.

Many have asked if I felt that the trip was wasted. The answer is largely YES, since the business sessions of the conference were a complete waste of time: upon my realizing this, and deciding to meet on my own with people who had come for productive purposes, the time and money were invested in something in value, and I would do it all again without thinking twice. When we can meet on a people-to-people level, and not get bogged down in rules of order, we can accomplish positive goals, fill the communications gap and become more knowledgeable about each other's problems. We positive thinkers were in the minority this time, but soon we shall prevail, and will move ahead to fulfill the purposes of the Homophile Movement.

To those people who loaned and gave me money to make this trip possible, I wish to say "thank you." I have tried to use it wisely. Whatever little or much may have been accomplished in fact, I know it helped me personally to come to grips with the problem and to understand better what has to be done to improve the situation, and I am better equipped for it.
The president's corner
by Larry Littlejohn

On July 23, Jim Skaggs resigned as President. Jim is taking a trip around the world and then returning to school to complete his work for a PhD. degree. As Vice-President, I automatically became President for the balance of Jim's term. At the August closed membership meeting, Perry George was elected Vice-President.

I have just returned from the 4th North American Conference of Homophile Organizations held at Chicago August 12th thru 17th. The major part of this meeting was taken up with considering in detail proposed by-laws for a highly structured national organization. One viewpoint at the Conference was that we needed a formal national organization with a strong national leadership who could serve as spokesmen and public relations voice for the homophile movement. This national organization would be concerned with considerably more than just planning for yearly get-togethers of the various homophile organizations such as we had first in Kansas City; then San Francisco, and last year in Washington. This proposed national organization in addition to having officers and an executive committee would have an operational and a projects budget. It was originally proposed that decisions of the national organization should be binding on all member organizations unless an individual organization took definite and formal steps to dissociate itself from a particular national decision. This sweeping grant of authority to a national organization was abandoned in the final draft of the by-laws. However, when it came to providing for the financing of a year around, on going national organization the final draft of the by-laws provided for mandatory assessments on all member organizations. The penalty for failure to an assessment would be forfeiture of all rights and privileges of membership. This mandatory assessment provision of the by-laws was debated at length. After several close and confusing votes on different proposals the meeting voted 68 to 44 to accept a mandatory assessment provision for the by-laws.

It was disappointing to me that so much of the time of the Conference was taken up with discussion of the by-laws for a proposed national organization. I do not think that the delegates had been sufficiently prepared to work on such a project. I do not think that the homophile organizations in this country (both those attending the Conference and those not attending the Conference) are ready at this time for a national organization with a being of its own. There were many areas of profitable activities that we just did not have time to consider at the Chicago meeting because we were so consumed with hammering out a set of by-laws for a national organization.

The subject of organizations in the homophile movement has been very much on my mind as a result of the Chicago meeting. There are many possible forms of organizations. One form is for the organization to exist for some stated purpose. This stated purpose is then interpreted and implemented by a leader or a leadership group. The members of the organization support the organization thru their dues and donations but it is not important that they participate in the decision making process in the organization as this is the proper function of the leader or the leadership group. The danger of this type of organization is that the leadership group very often gets out of touch with the membership and is not responsive to the membership needs. In my opinion this is the form many homophile organizations have taken.

S.I.R. has chosen to take a different form. S.I.R. is first and foremost a membership participation organization. We seek to have as many members as possible. Every member has a frequent chance to be heard. Every member has the frequent opportunity to vote on the policies and direction of the organization. All officers and Board members are elected by the membership. Each Board member is a working Committee Chairman. S.I.R. exists to serve the interests of its members and its members decide its direction.

S.I.R. has always been interested in cooperation with all other homophile organizations. Bill Beadernphl, Bob Koch, and myself while attending an East Coast Homophile Organizations (ECHO) meeting in New York City were very instrumental in starting the first national conference held in Kansas City. And, of course, S.I.R. and the other San Francisco groups hosted the second national Conference here in San Francisco.

In view of our history in S.I.R. and our form of organization it appears to me that the membership will not be interested in S.I.R. becoming a formal member of a national organization that will claim for itself the authority and prestige to act as spokesman for all homosexuals and which will have the power to tax member organizations.

Let's examine what specifically was accomplished during seven days in August.

First, there was the consideration of strategy to promote law reform. Attorney Paul Goldman (instrumental in the Illinois penal code reform), speaking before the Law Reform Workshop, advised us that state legislators wish to hear directly from homosexuals. Most of the delegates agreed that such action would no longer be the kiss of death to favorable legislation.

Secondly, three proposals for concrete projects resulted from the Federal Government Workshop. The S.I.R. Homosexual Bill of Rights, adopted by the Conference (with a few minor changes), should be nationally distributed by a mass mailing on one given day. Also, the delegates agreed to participate in a National Sex Enlightenment Week, wherein each organization would promote same during one specified week. Thirdly, it was agreed to pursue some activist confrontation of the Federal Government in Washington, D.C.

The Political Workshop recommended that a questionnaire be sent to all candidates for national office to determine their positions on matters relating to homosexual citizens. This project was also approved.

Away from the convention floor, the A.R.C. delegate (Ron Warren, also a S.I.R. member) infused new life into Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) and did much to dispel the myth that "only in San Francisco could an organization like S.I.R. flourish". He was able to enlist the support of many gay bars in Chicago and got a handful of them to contribute $75 towards the expenses of the convention. Without this convention, this delegate believes that Mr. Warren would never have had the opportunity to accomplish the above.

On the last two days (Friday and Saturday) of the convention, an embryo national organization was formed. Officers were elected; an executive committee was set-up; special committees (legal, platform, research, federal government, and religious) were authorized. A set of by-laws and standing rules were adopted. Thru the efforts of the S.I.R. delegation, the autonomy of the (independent) individual homophile organizations was preserved.

S.I.R. now has, if the membership so desires, a national spokesman, responsive to and directed by all member organizations, to represent it on national issues. The significance of a unified national front cannot be underestimated. Reform in Federal policy regarding security clearances, service in the armed forces, and government employment will influence state and local
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American Civil Liberties Union and other agencies to investigate such arrests. Further releases on the subject will be issued.

On August 20, 1968, citizens of the homosexual community were arrested for disorderly conduct in one of the local establishments. Also, on the same night, one of the bartenders from another bar was arrested for solicitation and at a third bar the police decided to investigate the possibility of the cigarette machine not having the proper license.

This type of police activity has been happening for a long time in the city of Chicago. A few months ago a bar was closed for various reasons. While the National conference was meeting in Chicago this bar, "The Trip" went to court and the judge threw the entire case out of court—so I guess there is still hope for the city of Chicago. For the first time, the bars are standing up for their rights and are fighting the police harassment situation. In the past the city has had trouble within the homosexual community, but fortunately this problem was solved during the conference and the bars, along with the community, are working togethter with Mattachine Midwest. As of the 24th of August, all but one of the remaining gay bars in Chicago had closed voluntarily. The one staying open is doing so only that the kids have some place to go. The others, hoping that the distributors and brewers will feel the loss of business and joined in the fight to help fight city hall. Two news releases have been sent out of the bars and one of the bars is circulating petitions objection to this type of treatment that exists in Chicago. The following press release was issued August 21 by Mattachine Midwest:

"Officials of Mattachine Midwest protested today to Chicago Police Supt. James B. Conlisk, Jr., the police harassment and arrest of 17 patrons and employees of two bars catering to homosexuals.

The arrests, which occurred early on Tuesday, August 20, were accompanied by increased plainclothes and uniformed police surveillance and intimidation of other homosexual bars.

At one bar, a bartender was arrested on a charge of solicitation for prostitution after he replied indifferently to a question whether a certain patron "could be trusted." Three bar patrons were arrested on charges of public indecency. Police demanded identification of all customers, regardless of age. Reliable witnesses reported that one plainclothesman was himself guilty of public indecency and was rebuked for it prior to the arrests.

At the other bar, 10 patrons picked at random and three employees were arrested on "indecent behavior" and related charges.

In an apparent attempt at justification, one policeman allegedly told an arrestee that he was part of a minority group like any other and should expect to be treated like it.

Homosexual bars have been subject to similar harassment for several years, despite the fact that in Illinois homosexual acts between consenting adults in private are not illegal. Mattachine Midwest was formed partly in an attempt to put a stop to the situation. The latest wave of police harassment comes on the heel of the fourth annual North American Conference of Homophile Organizations, held last week in Chicago, which resolved to work vigorously to change such police practices.

Mattachine Midwest is continuing to work in close contact with the American Civil Liberties Union and other agencies to investigate such arrests. Further releases on the subject will be issued.

This letter sent to the head of the Chicago police follows:

Superintendent James B. Conlisk, Jr., Department of Police, City of Chicago, 1121 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605

Dear Superintendent Conlisk:

We are writing to protest vehemently the current wave of police harassment of homosexual bars and their patrons, and to demand that you call a halt to it.

Early on the morning of August 20, raids were conducted at The Annex Bar (2800 block of North Clark) and Sam's bar (1200 block of North Clark) by members of the Vice Control Division, resulting in the arrest of bartenders and a number of patrons on alleged "indecent behavior." At Sam's bar, the identification of all patrons was checked, regardless of apparent age. Other bars serving the homosexual community have been subjected to supposed cigarette and other license checks in the past few days, in such a manner that their real purpose of intimidation was quite apparent.

In both the above cases, members of the Chicago Police Department infiltrated the bars, posing as homosexuals and being enough to manufacture the needed "facts" to justify the arrests, made at random. At Sam's, a man who turned out to be one of your officers was seen lewdly fondling one of the patrons who objected to his offensiveness.

The point of the matter is this: We are tired of receiving "special" treatment of homosexuals by any group in Chicago. We are hard-working, law-abiding, tax-paying citizens, the same as all the others. We demand to be accorded the same treatment as any other group of citizens. Unfounded arrests, trumped-up charges, entrapment and constant surveillance of homosexuals and their social institutions must stop.

We are ready now as in the past to take whatever measures are necessary to insure the equal treatment we seek, and we look forward to your affirmative response.

Sincerely, /s/ Jim Bradford, President; /s/ William B. Kelley, Vice President; /s/ Jerome Carter, Secretary; /s/ Paul Baker, Treasurer.

And cheers and more cheers for Chicago homosexuals finally standing up and being counted.

OHIO: As many of you may know, the carnation state is producing a new crop of beautiful gay groups. They are, we hope, going to be representative of their communities, and if we here in San Francisco don't get hot their bounding energies will be putting us to shame. Presently they have working organizations in Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo and Columbus. I might also add that we have the youngest and most active delegation that we ever had at the conference in Chicago. Don Dickman, president of the organization in Cincinnati has been spending much of his time helping the others to organize. To Don we say thank you and keep up the good work and let's all remember: "United we stand—divided they catch us one by one."

SAN FRANCISCO: Dolores Park has uniformed police flushing coves of night birds from the bushes. This follows reports of thefts and beating in that park perpetrated by a teenage gang. Why, oh, why must such spots be used for open night time activities? The police have made only one arrest so far of an overzealous drunk and on a drunk charge, but arrests will follow if the situation continues.

Giving credit where it is due—Wish more of us would learn the writing style of Thomas M. Edwards, Castro St. merchant. He gets more letters published in more periodicals than any other person I know. A case in point is his recent letter to Newsweek which demolishes Dr. Sociarides in two sentences: "As a homosexual I resent being considered tortured, anxious, incapacitated, or wishing to be straight. San Francisco has seen both the "gay" and the "straight" worlds not only live together, but mutually complement one another—an accomplishment which could never have attained fruition had Dr. Sociarides's thirteenth-century attitudes prevailed." Thomas M. Edwards, San Francisco, California.

BOOKS & PERIODICALS: The abundance of articles and books on homosexuality is becoming astounding—much to much this month to include quotes from them all. Worth of note is the following letter in the New York Times Magazine:

LIFE WITH FATHER—To The Editor: In connection with "Growing Up Straight—the Father's Role," May 26, by Peter and Barbara Wyden, we feel that the following points ought to be made:

1) Thousands of boys with poor fathering experiences never become homosexuals. From clinical experience it seems fairly evident that the large majority of males and females have various and assorted trials and tribulations growing up, and that it is not at all difficult in research to equate almost any kind of difficulty with any brand of neurosis.

2) For the past 30 or so years, mothers have been taking quite a beating from the psychoanalysts, being held responsible for everything from asthma to ulcers to homosexuality. We suppose it is only fair for the fathers today to get equal time. However, it seems valid to at least mention the fact that nothing of any consequence was ever accomplished by the 30 years of being mad at mothers.

3) Many homosexuals had good relationships with their fathers. This proves nothing at all. But it does suggest that one had better watch out for the fundamental inaccuracies involved in applying statistical measures to human problems.

4) At no point do the authors mention that homosexuality is a kind of loving—often far better than none, and quite frequently involving love relationships of greater depth and maturity than many one might cite among the "normal" relationships. Several mothers of homosexuals have written us in recent letters about the benefits of having a homosexual son. They are not shared with most responsible authorities. And the argument that good or bad fathering may be unrelated to the development of homosexuality is much like the contention that some lung cancers are not caused by smoking.

It has been "most responsible authorities" who question the Wyden's. Who is who in the responsibility game?

Sexology Magazine for September has an article called: A Woman's Story: Why I Like Homosexual Men. We quote this delectable little bit from that essay. "These men have all needed women—as mothers, sisters, sexless friends. Most of them were and are most affectionate; a kiss from them, given as a token of pleasure at meeting, has the quality of a choir-boy's song, ringing a bell in my heart but not in my senses."

I leave you all until next month to ring bells in hearts. WOW!
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YOUR OWN THING is a gay, witty, fun evening at the Marinene's Memorial Theatre. It has everything a good musical needs and then some. The book is, as the program notes 'suggested' by William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and put into form by Donald Driver with music and lyrics by Hal Hester and Danny Apolinar. Donald Driver also undertook the directorial task and with a few exceptions did an outstanding job. Mr. Driver's script just barely stood by Bill's story of the shipwreck-seperated twins who, as you may know, have mistaken identity problems and become unwittingly involved in a nearly shipwrecked romance. There has been certain 'updating of material', as it is known in the trade. A rock group, The Apocalypse, has been injected and Prince Orsino has become Orson, their agent. All this has been set against a single, deadwhite modern adaptation of an Elizabethan stage which in turn serves as a giant screen on which projections are constantly thrown. Faked-in voices of movie and 'political' heroes, along with reproductions and photographs of them, are occasionally interjected as commentaries on the current action.

Yes, in this ROCK musical, but it never becomes overpowering; rather it is vital, alive, irreverent at times and fast-paced. The show has been touted as a YOUNG show and alive, irreverent at times and fast-paced. The show has been described by the twins (each taking a successive letter, and never crossing paths). She mistakenly falls first in love with "Charlie", (who is horrified) and then with Sebastian. Miss Vaselle moves about the stage with grace and charm. Her statuesque figure is convincingly alluring and she sings with feeling. Oh, yesss... she manages to hold her own in the scenes with Mr. Glasier in spite of his ill manners.

As the original object of Orson's love, Olivia, ably handled by Renata Vaselle, is beset by a series of his letters protesting his love, delivered by the twins (each taking a successive letter, and never crossing paths). This brings us to the piece de resistance: the Apocalypse rock group. They do more than their share to keep this show moving at the gay pace that it does. As a trio, they are funny, droll and good dancers. I can't imagine this piece without them. Alan Martin, David Schneider and Allan Hunter are all competent performers on their own and together they make beautiful music!

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1968—A LOOK FORWARD
1969—THE YEAR OF THE GAY CINEMA

It look like 1969 will be the Year of the Gay, at least in films and on B'way. The long range forecast of films that will be dealing with a homosexual theme is very impressive. A word first about some of the films that have already been released and those that are still upcoming in 1968.

All through the early part of the year and even now, there have been many "camp" bits in films. Most of the portrayals in these films have been played in the extreme and while very amusing, they did ridicule. It wasn't until the impact of "The Fox" that Hollywood knew that pictures with a serious homosexual theme could be accepted and show that acceptance at the boxoffice. "The Fox" has been doing terrific business in all it's runs and although it hasn't played in many small towns, it has already proven a money maker. As of this writing, I haven't seen "Therese and Isabelle", but it, too, has shown that a lesbian relationship is big box office. This seems to be the "green light" for Hollywood.

Upcoming later this year is "The Sergeant" starring Rod Steiger and John Phillip Law. Adapted from the book of the same name, there is a definite homosexual relationship between the two principals. With films as frank as they are becoming, I am sure this one will be a "must see".

My spies tell me that "I Love You, Alice B. Toklas" starring Peter Sellers and Leigh-Taylor Young, is a gay, campy film. I was "on vacation" when the film was screened, I must go on hearsay. I did see the sneak of "The Bliss of Mrs. Blossom" last month and while this film will not be everyone's cup of camp, I found it quite amusing. This fantasy-comedy includes a very camp characterization of a very swish police inspector that must be seen to be believed.

In production now for release in '69 are "The Killing of Sister George" based on the Broadway-London hit play and stars Beryl Reid, Susannah York and Carol Browne; "Midnight Cowboy", a tale of a N.Y. hustler, with newcomer Jon Voight playing the title role. This film is being directed by John Schlesinger who did such a marvelous job on "Darling"; "The Staircase", starring Rex Harrison and Richard Burton as the two aging homosexual barbers, should be a camp. Also announced for release in 1969 is the film version of the off-Broadway smash of 1968—"The Boys In the Band". Cinema Center is producing with many of the original cast members recreating their roles. Raymond Stross, producer of "The Fox", has announced plans to produce "I Want What I Want", a film about a boy who thinks he should have been a girl, with his wife and "Fox" star, Anne Heywood in the role of the boy.

Now, don't laugh! After all, the topper of the year of Gay '69 has got to be the 20th Century Fox production of Gore Vidal's sexadventure, "Myra Breckinridge". I've read in the trades of various stars being wanted for the title role, ranging from Anne Bancroft to Ann-Margaret. I still think the campiest casting would be Jane Fonda as Myra and Peter Fonda as her counterpart, Myron. In case you haven't already heard, the book deals with the sex-change life of Myra, nee Myron, who after an auto accident becomes a man again, marries and settles down in Encino, California. Now that is a camp!

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ALLEN GUIDES

Verne L. Allen
WE ARE ALL TOO MUCH!

We have been talked at almost continuously about what certain people felt was the unalienable right for every butch (being informed not too many of the opposition, establishment, non-believers, what have you, worried about the fluffy-poohs) to stand up and declare her butch lesbianism ... and to half-kill the unimpressed. "Whence are we drifting to?" as Herb Caen muses in his column. Mary, Mary, Mary ... we do not pretend to understand this point of view ... but believing in equal time we would like to throw a few things out onto the bed and see if they bounce.

There is the angry statement: "I hate men—all men." We ask why insist on wearing the full male regalia? Some say imitation is the most sincere form of flattery; if this is so, someone is fibbing butch (being informed not too many of the men—all men." We ask why insist on believing in equal time we would like to understand this point of view . . . but believing in equal time we would like to throw a few things out onto the bed and see if they bounce.

The achievement of these legitimate goals by the homophile movement depends not on the action of any one person, but upon the degree of effective public education done by many in a well-organized and well-planned manner. This means additionally in taking advantage of all opportunities that develop in the total community from day to day in an intelligent, well-reasoned way.

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Call for the Funding Committee to talk this over.

H. Webb

MEMBERSHIP

There is only one sure way of getting members for S.I.R. and that is to ask people to join. However, if you are timid about this and know people you think should be members let us have their names and addresses, we will follow from there. Be sure they are 21. We have a “CARE” package which contains a copy of a recent VECTOR and all the information necessary to know how SIR functions. While returns have not been much, we feel this is a good way to tell our story and to tell it to people who should be interested even tho they do not join as a result of our writing to them . . . they may join later and that is our hope. After the names have been used for this special one time mailing they will be destroyed or returned if requested.

There is to be a drive for new members the last two weeks of October. We solicit your support! S.I.R. is too good an organization not to have a much larger membership. Everytime you come to the Center bring someone who is not a member. Let them see what is being done. This is the best way to get people interested enough to join. Try it!

ON THE PRODUCTION SCENE

John Gooding and Ken Dickman were elected as producer and director, respectively, for this year’s Sirlebrity Capades at the Production Committee meeting on August 15th. At the meeting, Ken announced the general format of the show—"show stoppers" of Broadway and Hollywood from the 20's thru the 60's. Due to a time problem, auditions for the show had to be scheduled prior to the publication of this month’s VECTOR, but flyers were posted in bars and letters were mailed out to those who had been in previous shows. The dates for Capades have tentatively been set for Nov. 22-23-24. Anyone who did not know about the auditions and who is interested in helping with the show, either in front or behind the footlights, please contact Ken Dickman at the S.I.R. Center.

Also announced at this meeting was the selection of the Movie Night for September. This is going to be a monthly feature at S.I.R. as long as attendance warrants. Due to contract agreements, we are unable to publish the title of the film which is scheduled to be shown on Monday, Sept. 23rd, but we can disclose that it is a Busby Bekeley extravaganza of 1933 which stars Dick Powell, Ruby Keeler, Joan Blondell and features Ginger Rogers. In addition, the program will contain a short subject related to the staging of the musical numbers in the famous Berkeley musicals.

FLUFF buff & (BUTCH) by Michelle Dulce and Rene' Avril

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4. Eliminate sexual orientation as a concern in the military services and to
5. Educate organized religion to the fact that sexual orientation has no bearing on religious worship.

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GAY LIFE IN OTHER CITIES

The majority of the gay community in San Francisco is from other places. Why do homosexuals leave the community in which they were raised and move to metropolitan centers? Does gay life in cities have an attraction for homosexuals? What are these communities like? What do they offer to gay persons?

In an attempt to present a feeling of the gay communities in our cities, this month's Open Forum solicited letters and articles on gay life in other cities. Everything seems the same the world over, it just looks different when you are there and living in it.

SEATTLE

Gay life in Seattle is probably as pleasant and relaxed as anywhere in this country. No one knows quite why the situation is so favorable, but we're not asking questions. There have been efforts from time to time to close the gay bars, but fortunately without success. Although a few bars have opened and closed over the years, the number remains fairly constant at eight to ten. Patrons appreciate the freedom to express affection and, in some bars, dance together. Relations with the local police, while not necessarily cordial, are good enough and apparently no police entrapment is practiced.

Let's have a look at the local scene, beginning with the steamers and then moving on to the bars and the after-hours activities:

Located at the south end of the business district, THE ATLAS is Seattle's newest steam bath, having been in operation for three years. A little slow during the day, it is most popular after the bars close. Featuring young men, color TV in the lounge, and all the necessary coin machines. DAVE'S is located at the north end of the business district and has been going for over six years. DAVE'S is popular at all hours of the day and night. Like its home in San Francisco, it has everything one may desire.

Now that we've had our shower, let's jump down to the bars and have a beer. In the state of Washington, taverns serve only beer and wine. Only cocktail lounges can serve hard liquor. THE DOUBLEHEADER is the oldest gay bar in Seattle (35 to 40 years as far as we know). It has everything on the spectrum of gay life. THE MOCAMBO is Seattle's only gay cocktail lounge and restaurant. Recently remodeled, it now has a very different atmosphere. The 922 is Seattle's only leather bar, having opened its doors about nine months ago. Before becoming a leather bar it was for many years known as The Madison and catered principally to girls. THE PIKE STREET TAVERN, being one of the two bars located in Seattle's uptown business district, has been going for about thirteen years. Plans call for a complete remodeling soon which will create an entirely new atmosphere. THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE, one of Seattle's two well-known dance bars, located near the Pioneer Square area, has been in existence about eight years under its present name. It caters to the jet set of gay life in Seattle. The history of this bar goes from rags to riches. The 611, 614, 922 are all under the same operation. The 614 is Seattle's other favorite dance bar and draws a swinging crowd, featuring floor shows from time to time. The 611, on the other hand, is the smallest of these three bars and has quite an elegant atmosphere, a place where one can take friends, relax, and enjoy conversation. Back at the upper end of Seattle is SPAGS TAVERN which conveys a cruisy and sedate atmosphere. This place keeps its patrons happy by consistently celebrating different occasions. THE STAGE DOOR caters to the girls but has some male clientele and features dancing. Newest bar on the scene is PETE'S POOPDECK, not far from Pioneer Square. Recently opened, it features drag shows and packs 'em in to the rafters, both gay and straight.

It is almost 2:00 a.m. and panic hour approaches. Nothing looks interesting so we ask the bartender for a little brown sack to go. Our minds drift back to the death of our beloved Madame Peabody's, known from coast to coast as The Dance. Then a smile comes across our faces as we think of THE CAPER and all the activity for those of us not tired enough to go home. Tonight could be the night they have live music; if not, there is a juke box and we can dance into the wee hours of the morning.

Last summer two of the taverns cooperated in putting on a picnic which was a smashing success. Plans this year call for three bars to hold another picnic in August and it should be bigger and better than last year.

Seattle is much like other large metropolitan areas although it has its unique attractions. Why not come visit this beautiful city in the Northwest, appropriately dubbed "The Queen City," and see for yourselves?
EUROPE

After having visited many hundreds of gay bars there are some that stand out way above others and of these, four sure-to-please bars are in Europe.

The C.O.C. CLUB, Amsterdam, is a large bar or number of bars in a three story building at 47 Karte Leidschedwarsstraat which is like no other club in the world in that it has a dance floor, a juke box, live entertainment, a coffee bar, food, a game room and with this a number of lecture rooms and a series of programs that have done much to earn the respect of the outside community. Mention S.I.R., your membership may be waived.

If there is such a thing as an international club in our society the ROCKINGHAM in London would qualify. The management is exceedingly courteous and anxious to see that members are introduced. Too, it has some of the best looking bartenders in Europe. Politeness, nice surroundings and considerably priced drinks have made the ROCKINGHAM in 9 Archer St., W.1 the first choice of visitors to London. Membership: one pound.

COLHERNE'S in London is one of those delightful pubs that have made London such a treat...large oak tables that seat six or eight, comfortable captain's chairs, a fireplace and a room filled with nostalgia from an earlier day. Friendly, buy someone a pint of bitters and have a companion for the evening. It is one of the few gay bars where conversation is uppermost as a means of entertainment. Colhers'e's is in Old Brompton Rd. at Earl's Court.

With many people there is a fondness for BAR NERJA, Calle de Caludio Coello 74, in Madrid. A casual, well mannered bar in nice surroundings with continuous entertainment. Spanish not an absolute must, but helpful.

San Francisco has many fine gay bars, some of the best, and so one might ask why are European bars the choice for the top four. The difference is in the personal touch of the management who always plays the part of host. Too, bartenders are in uniform, polite and helpful, bars are crowded but never over-crowded and the surroundings are all clean.

F. Lehman, 14 August

VANCOUVER, B.C.

The Dorian Society is a relatively small organization, having been in existence only about a year and a half. Its membership numbers slightly over fifty, but is growing steadily.

Dorian had its first beginnings when Hal Call from San Francisco called a meeting in Seattle late in 1965 of people interested in forming a homophile organization. Things progressed slowly at first, but with assistance and encouragement from Reverend Mineo Katagiri, local metropolitan minister of the United Church of Christ, and Doug Sanders of A.S.K. in Vancouver, the group began to take shape. A constitution and by-laws were hammered out and the first general membership meeting was held in January, 1968. Fifteen members were elected to the Executive Board.

Prior to this, in December, 1967, Dorian, The Third Name (the women's organization in Seattle), and A.S.K. of Vancouver co-hosted the Western Regional Homophile Conference.

Dorian came to the attention of the public in November, 1967, when SEATTLE MAGAZINE did an article on homosexuality and the local scene. Dorian members had cooperated with the author of the article in its preparation and one of the members was featured in the article and on the front cover.

Although Dorian does not as yet have many activities going, it hopes someday to follow S.I.R.'s example and offer its members a wide variety of activities. As of this writing, two discussion group meetings have taken place which were very well attended and enthusiastically received. Hopefully, groups for hiking and music and poetry appreciation will be under way when this article appears. A newsletter, known as The Dorian Columns, appears more or less bi-monthly.

Dorian has supplied speakers or panel members for church youth meetings, a coffee house discussion, two community college classes, and a recent television program on the educational channel.

Laison has been established with the Crisis Clinic in order that people under stress from homosexual problems might be referred to Dorian who are prepared to counsel them.

A group of doctors at the University of Washington Medical School are working on a program for helping very young homosexuals who are experiencing problems, particularly those who are hustling or who have been rejected by the draft. These doctors have asked that Dorian work with them on this project.

Dorian is in hopes of finding suitable quarters soon for holding meetings, office space, etc. in order to better serve the Seattle homophile community.

By the time you read this, Dorian will have held its first large social function. Plans call for a picnic to be held late in August in cooperation with The Third Name and members of ASK in Vancouver to be the invited guests.

The Dorian Society welcomes ideas, suggestions, and inquiries for further information from all interested individuals. Mailing address of Dorian is P.O. Box 799, Seattle, Washington 98111.

SALT LAKE CITY AND US

I know little of Gay Life in other cities but have learned recently that one can be mistaken in assuming that other areas of the country are entirely provincial and quaint. For example, tradition has it that Salt Lake City, the official kingdom on earth of the Mormon Church, would be desolate of any homophile setting. But a gay Mormon friend of mine, assures me that Salt Lake has its own share of bars, baths and other trappings of the gay world. They are fairly well hidden, but if the traveler knows which door to knock on, delights can be found. So, you never can tell by what the Chamber of Commerce gives out!

Global travelers also claim that our fair city has beaten all the competition in the realm of bath houses. The great capitals of the world do not compare with us when it comes to satisfying the steam queen. Even in Europe, many of these establishments are dirty, unattractive and open only during the day.

SEATTLE

Until some significant changes are made in Washington State's liquor control laws, particularly as effect taverns (beer bars), Seattle's gay life will remain much as it is today.

The nucleus of gay life in Seattle is its gay bars. By comparison with San Francisco they are few, but they are highly active and popular, and the fewness in number should not be interpreted as evidence of a lack of interest on the part of Seattle's gay population.

Since the majority of the gay bars are taverns they are restricted by law to the sale of beer and wine. There is one old and persevering gay cocktail lounge which serves food in addition to hard liquor, and another more recent restaurant which, mainly after five o'clock in the evening, is gay and serves food and drinks, but that is virtually the extent of the establishments where drinks and dinner are served and are gay.

This limitation is keenly felt by many of us who live here, particularly by those over twenty-five. A sizable number of this age group and older will not go to the gay bars because they do not enjoy either beer or wine all evening, cannot have either a lunch or a dinner in the bar, and object to certain aspects of the bar atmosphere.

Hopefully this situation will change and a measure of maturity come to Seattle's gay life when enterprising business men with an eye for the lucrative gay trade will open restaurants, bars, dining rooms and even clubs where liquor and good food can be served in a genteel atmosphere, and which will cater to an intelligent, well-mannered and discriminating gay clientele. The market is here and the need

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is great. I am speaking primarily of and for the business and professional people—both men and women who are gay.

Seattle like most metropolitan cities of any size has a substantial segment of what is often referred to as the "unseen gay." These people entertain mainly at home; they are in distinguishable from their straight contemporaries, and they live quietly and unobtrusively in their particular areas. While it is largely a matter of choice, it is also one of necessity. Seattle does not provide the kind of cosmopolitan atmosphere or the possibilities for a truly varied and entertaining night on the town that San Franciscans can enjoy at any time.

One of the marked differences between San Francisco and Seattle in terms of its gay bars is the freedom one enjoys in them. While one allegedly cannot drink standing up, or drink and wander glass in hand around the bar in Seattle, usually only the most flagrant violation of that stricture is enforced, and usually in the form of a gentle warning from the bartender or one of the waiters. This is particularly true when the liquor inspector suddenly materializes in the crowd.

**Embracing, hand-holding, arm-around-the-shoulder of friend while drinking, and kissing sometimes, is tacitly permissible (and done) in the bar without undue fear of sudden ejection into the street or becoming persona non grata. Dancing is, of course, allowed in some of the bars and is enjoyed to the maximum.**

San Francisco has, however, in my opinion, the better part. Variety, attractive bars, interesting people, good food and liquor, a cosmopolitan atmosphere and a healthy provision for every spectrum of gay life which, to say the least, covers a very great deal.

Seattle yet lacks the sophistication of San Francisco. Its gay life is largely youth-dominated (early twenties), and needs expanding and maturing. That, hopefully, will come with time. Seattle is a young city and so is its gay life, relatively speaking.

The freedom from police harassment and the generally benign atmosphere in which the city's gay life operates are conducive to gay life to a level of maturity, pleasure and vitality known to San Francisco.

Ironically, many of the most engaging, dynamic and lasting contacts one makes via the bar route in Seattle are not made in gay bars. They could be!

**VANCOUVER, B.C.**

Travelling north from Seattle about two hours, you will come to the Canadian Customs—here it is advisable to check serial numbers on cameras, portable radios etc., so that when you return to the States you'll have no trouble with American Customs Officers. 25 minutes from Blaine, the American entry point into Canada, you will arrive in Canada's second largest English-speaking city—Vancouver. Set next to the ocean, and surrounded by mountains, with a climate much the same as San Francisco's, you will find almost any kind of fun you are looking for. This includes skiing, (20 minutes from downtown Vancouver), swimming on any one of the many beaches, or visiting the Stanley Park Zoo, the Planetarium, the Suspension Bridges which cross two rugged canyons 200 feet above the rivers, or a trip to quaint Vancouver Island on the world's largest ferry fleet—or needless to say one of Vancouver's gay bars.

Vancouver is the home of the largest gay club in the British Commonwealth, both in membership and club area. We are speaking of the AUGUST CLUB, located at 818 Richards Street in downtown Vancouver. The AUGUST is a totally equipped gay bar. Full kitchen with private banquet rooms, two bars, two dance areas—in Vancouver the kids can dace with each other with over 4500 square feet of space, on three levels of fun floors. Parking is beside the building and within walking distance of the gay hotels (which feature only beer). These are: The Castle Hotel, The York, which cater to the regular gay set in Vancouver.

The AUGUST CLUB has a men-only policy, catering to anyone who is gay and over 21. Booze sells for 50 cents per shot of hard liquor, and 35 cents a bottle for cool Canadian beer. Full exchange is given on all American money.

Champagne Charlie's located at Davie and Seymour streets is sort of a hungry i-type of club, featuring much the same style of entertainment—folk singing, live entertainment and a very humorous mime show starring Dee Dee Ambrose, the **Klondike Kate of the drag set.** Champagne's is open to both sexes and the shows go on at midnight, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The AUGUST club is closed on Sunday. Starting October 14th, for two weeks, The August Players will present "Bragadoon" an all-male cast (no drag). Extra special material gives this gay version all the appeal of the Broadway show. Live music and orchestra adds to the glamour of this presentation whose cost members number 15.

For the health set in Vancouver, we have two clubs—The Richards Street Service Club with fully equipped gym, steam and sauna bath and private rooms. Membership only, special treatment for out-of-town guests. Dino's is the other club at 744 West Hastings (downstairs) and features swimming pool, steam and sauna, gym and rooms, either public or private. No membership.

There is also the Gallery 163—set in the lower area of Vancouver at 163 West Hastings. Upstairs, members and guests can dance, drink (if you bring your own bottle) and meet most of the drag set in this fair city. While drag is frowned on by the local enforcement officers—they do have a degree of tolerance if it's kept in private clubs. The AUGUST Club permits no drag.

Other bars to visit while in the area—The St. Regis, sometimes gay; The Ritz Hotel for the college group. The Cave Supper Club to see the biggest names in show biz; the Devonshire Hotel for the younger set; and The Vanport for the girls. The leather set in Vancouver doesn't have its own bar yet, so most of the time they just rent one of the banquet rooms of the AUGUST CLUB for their fun events. Of course we shall note here a club for the girls, namely Norma's Place, 2114 West 4th Ave., and this is strictly for the girls. There is a large area for dancing and is open every weekend and for special events during the week.

A visit by Canadian Pacific Airlines costs only about $80 return from San Francisco and for a weekend, Vancouver is the only place to visit in Canada; where the gay set has a full degree of freedom, much the same as San Francisco.
Dear Madame Soto-Voce,

My problem of the heart is that I tend to take the world too seriously. I find it difficult to engage in all the initiatives necessary to get a lover when I realize how important it is to make the people I meet (and should be trying to charm) interested in the problems of the world, it is the death of romantic pursuit. My friends say I am always so sour and that I can only see the disasters of the moment.

Madame, is the only road to happiness blotting out the evil truths and becoming as shallow and hedonistic as some of the people I know are. Can one have truth along with friendship and eventually love?

Please Help!

Always, A. Cassandra

Dear Always,

One can have truth with friendship and love but, ideally, one should do this with the whole truth. Love based only on that which is giddy and frivolous to the moment is as passing as the fads it is attached to. Trying to build love on the dismal side of life is like trying to grow seeds on rocks. Your problem was the same as had happened to the senior wardrobe mistress named Jane Brooks who was attached to the Roaring Camp and Mad River Opera Company while I was singing the part of Lisa in Franz Lehar's opera Der Land des Lachens (The Land of Smiles) in the lumbering town of Roaring Camp, California. I remember I was leaving the opera house when I saw Miss Brooks muttering to herself as she was fussing over some costumes. She had a terrible reputation as a grouch, but I decided to make a special effort to be charming so I called to her and asked if she wanted to join me at tea and pastries. First she recoiled to make some nasty comeback, then she looked at me, saw I was sincere, then suddenly she started to cry. I asked her what was the matter. She said I was the first person to be nice to her in so long and she hadn't realized it until I was. We went to the corner restaurant and I ordered tea, some cream puffs, napoleons, dobach torts, and a blintz each. When I persuaded why she was so lonely she told me it was because she couldn't endure so much shallow silliness as was all around her and she could not resist trying to crusade for the causes of honor and justice and telling at great lengths the ills of the world. This immediately drew a chilly reception and a social (and certainly romantic) cold shoulder from everyone. Being that her life was lonely she became even more of a crusader and pushed people away further and faster. I told her people aren't totally indifferent to the sufferings of man, but if all you peddle is doom you will find few buyers. I told her to dry the whipped cream from the corner of her mouth and to stop crying on her blintz and look for beauty in the world. Take pride in your creative abilities and develop them. I told her to school who though all you had to do was smile was wrong. The smile must have interior motivation or it is as ugly as a frown.

If you give the world beauty, it will give you warmth and eventually love. Then you become more than just an actor on the stage of life—you become the star.

Well, Mr. Cassandra, Jane did as I bid and, after everyone got over the shock of her character turn about, became very popular and one day eloped with one of the set designers where she is now living in a rose covered cottage in Bend, Oregon.
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Swimming in Russian River and a heated pool, dancing to a live band, a full liquor bar...these are some of the inducements to attend the Tavern Guild's second picnic of the year. Through the efforts of the Guild's Vice-President, Roberta Bobba, the exclusive use of one of Russian Rivers' most attractive and well equipped resorts has been made available for a picnic on Sunday the 29th of September. Tavern Guild directors have rented all of the cabins at the resort for the previous night so it may well develop into a two day outing for many. As usual the beer and food will be free and there will be an abundance of prizes for the many competitive games and events. The location is about 80 minutes out of town. For further information look for the picnic posters in your favorite Tavern Guild bars.

The Red White and Blue Ball hosted by Shirley, Empress of San Francisco, was, as expected, a huge success. To a large degree it was a prelude to the Annual Halloween Ball with most of the Princesses avidly soliciting votes and doing their best to convince the rest of the crowd that they would be the ideal Empress to reign in 1969. The next Empress will have a rough time keeping up with the present Empresses' record breaking pace. Empress Shirley has fulfilled every one of her obligations with punctuality, charm and dignity. She has appeared at every Tavern Guild Bar function to which she was invited and has provided much needed leadership for the dressier segment of our community. Shirley's Ball, with it's Red, White and Blue theme colors, predominating, was one more example of the organizational abilities of our third and greatest Empress. The attractive Dance Program will be a treasured memento for years to come.

Brief news of the Halloween Ball. The location is being changed to a more comfortable and convenient location and will have two dance bands. The price will be reduced from last year's $10.00 to $7.50 this year. Tickets may run out for this years ball. To avoid disappointment, it would be wise to get tickets early. Most recent entrant in the race for Empress is Queen Jeanette de la Tabernacle who is well remembered for the assistance she gave the Empress in planning events earlier this year.

Easily the most popular and best read poster appearing in bars these days is the Tavern Guild's monthly Bar Calendar. This calendar lists most of the Tavern Guild Bars and is issued on the first of each month. Since the Empress is in charge of listings and getting it to the printer on time the Calendar is always out on time and has addresses and phone numbers for the very latest establishments. It keeps the community informed on the latest activities and special promotions. This monthly poster is complimentary and listings are available only to Tavern Guild bars.

The newest big bar to open is the Speakeasy on 17th Street and Florida. Plenty of parking, large clean bar, beautiful raw brick walls, fair prices and friendly bartenders—all the necessary ingredients are there to warrant the great success it already is. Host Ken Misso can be justly proud of the new place.

Both On and Off the Levee are featuring dinner spectaculars these days. Off the Levee features a special steak dinner on Saturday and Sunday. On the Levee specializes in prime rib at $2.75 on Mondays and Thursdays.

Congratulations to all the fortunate people that were able to see the double spectacular show at the Fantasy on August 25th. Big Jimmy Maddus (the biggest Cashew of them all) co-starring with Michael Greer who is also just back in town. Lynn Carter and his full revue is due to open at the Fantasy sometime in September.
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A MESSAGE FROM MAGDA, DEPT:
Greetings and tres "Hello" from the land of rice-a-roni. I have been persuaded to come out of my semi-retirement even more and do a little column on this and that in San Francisco. Tres Herb Caen!! Since this is my initial effort, and my spy system is far from complete, who knows what will transpire. So take a deep breath, luvs, and leave us continue . . .

OLD FILM STARS NEVER DIE, THEY JUST APPEAR AT THE GILDED CAGE, DEPT: Any Wednesday (now there's a title!), if you can pull yourself together and throw on a few feathers and beads, you can avail yourself of the stage at the Gilded Cage and perform in front of a real live audience. The Legend, Charles Pierce, has adopted a Wednesday Night (You'll excuse the expression) Amateur Night where non-pros can try to win a prize or two while taking out any pent up desires for life upon the wicked stage. Talking from experience, I must say that even though there is a first and second prize, it is more for the fun of performing that one should enter these contests. Audience-wise, sometimes the shows are a bore, sometimes a ball, one thing you can say, they are something different. Who knows—you may be lucky and be in the audience when "Julius Ceasar" makes a return visit to Charles and the Gilded Cage. You thought you loved Tiny Tim—just wait!! DO NOT INVITE TO THE SAME DRAG BALL, DEPT: A certain producer of a certain smash musical and a certain Empress of a certain city-on-the-Bay . . . Tres Rona Barrett!! . . . ONE MORE HILL BEYOND THE HILL, ON THE ROAD TO STARDOM, DEPT: Mucho orchids and rhinestones to the Giants (Fantasy variety, not baseball types). I know this town will be a little dimmer without the shining talents of these four very funny fellows who have radiated from the stage of the Fantasy for almost a year. Many lines from "The Dating Game", "Eileen Feather", "The Academy Awards of 1939" and others will long be remembered and uttered over and over. As most may know, the Giants leave San Francisco for Nero's Nook at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. This is surely a big step, a Giant step, on the climb to the big time (tres rhyme!) Luv and luck to you—Jerry Brown, Joey Danova, Jay Stevens and John Palmer. We will still have the multi-talented Michael Greer, writer-director of the Giants, with us. Michael has recently announced plans to open his own club here in the city and that is one opening I am sure everyone will make a "must".

I DON'T MEAN TO BE DISHY, BUT . . . DEPT: I want it know right here and now, I did not sign the "Recall Shirley" petition . . . I mean really! Some people can get so evil!! Speaking of "dishy". reminds me to remind you that . . .

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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE

$878 per month! What does this amount get you? It proves that there is a streak of masochism in each one of us who unfortunately must pay a good part of this money to support henchmen in uniform, representing God, mother and country.

I take this strong approach with the hope of arousing some spirit of defiance and one of assertion on the part of the many readers of this magazine, both friends and members of S.I.R. I mention this because I have witnessed in the past two nights, the activities of the San Francisco Police, champions of law and order. On Friday morning, August 23, 1968, at approximately 2 a.m., while walking my dog in Dolores Park, I observed a patrol car leave the street and ride through the park, on the concerte path, shining a white spotlight across the trolley tracks and into the bushes in an attempt to flush out any individuals who might be on the paths or on the walk. Unfortunately, about seven young men left the park, fleeing in haste for fear of harassment, intimidation and possible arrest. Tonight I returned to the park at approximately 2 a.m. with two large dogs this time and had been in the park approximately ten minutes and was just about to leave by car when I saw many figures running in the darkness, across the wide expanse of this public Mission Park. One fellow twisted his ankle in the haste to get away and finally reached his auto and left the scene. I saw several other young men flee across the park and reach a corner-clump of bushes at 20th and Dolores and hide there, enabling them to successfully avoid the police. Flashlights could be seen in the bushes and shouts of "hey you, come back here," were heard with the subsequent apprehension of individuals. I stayed approximately 45 minutes longer and during this time, several unmarked police cars, some possibly privately owned by individual officers, circled the park continuously in the hopes of apprehending some dangerous criminal whose only act be of loving his fellow man, a crime in modern American society. I observed several police cars including a station wagon of the type used to convey police dogs. During this time, a patrol wagon came to the scene at 19th and Church Sts. It was only at this point that I realized that actual arrests had been made and that individuals were being held in custody at the bridge. I left the corner, to go to the scene of the arrest, but unfortunately could not get there in time to view the arrestees but did see several young men, forcefully shoved against the wagon door and thrown into the wagon. The doors were then slammed shut. Greetings were exchanged among the uniformed policemen and those in street clothes and they then departed.

I drove to the Mission Station and waited for the wagon to return to the back entrance of the station but after waiting, I realized most probably that the bookings were at the city prison rather than at the station house, a procedure used for large numbers of prisoners. During this time I circled the station in the event the officers might return to the front of the building and was followed by a marked car with two uniformed officers. As of this writing at 3:45 a.m., I have not yet determined the nature of the arrests, but will do so and attempt to aid these individuals in whatever way possible.

What can be said of this incident? Perhaps that it is a cruel shame that our city police, many of them unskilled, uneducated, crude individuals, even with streaks of cowardice, draw a large salary, one that could not be earned in any other profession they might choose and for this amount of money, they perform acts as described above, in an attempt to prove their superiority and supposedly masculinity, by hurting individuals who are in a park for companionship, and who do not hurt or harm anyone, but only gather there under a provision of the American Constitution, which guarantees us the right of peaceful assembly, yet this inalienable right is denied us during the daytime when we may be observed at will and thus we must limit ourselves to use of the Park when it is almost empty, devoid of the people who rule us, who fix our lives, who prevent us from finding similar lovely individuals, for love, for talk, for companionship or even for sex. We are limited, we are cursed, bruised, arrested; we are forced to be second class citizens. We face loss of job and with it income, the right to be a free man in our society, the right to be a citizen living without fear, without cowering when we see a policeman, whose authority comes from us, the people and not from an inherent right in the man who wears the uniform and enforces the law.

The Congress of the United States, The Supreme Court, The California Legislature and the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco and the San Francisco Police Department in particular are to be condemned in their refusal to recognize a Homosexual Bill of Rights, rights that should not have to be enumerated because they are guaranteed to us by the Constitution of the United States, yet are constantly and deliberately ignored by these officials. How long must we endure this suffering and humiliation at the hands of the police? This is a time of change, a time of rapid change and revolution, of recognizing every man as a human being, one possessed of feeling, sorrow and compassion, whether or not he be homosexual. We must have this freedom from persecution and fear. We are sick and tired of the entrapment arrests and arrests where there is no victim. A man asking another to join him in a sexual act of friendship is subject to more severe penalties than if he were fighting another man, both of them filled with hatred rather than love and need. Times are changing now! We must have the right to walk and remain in a park and not fear being chased in the dark as if we were some criminal. We are tired of humiliating ourselves and pleading for rights which belong to us. Soon we are going to take those rights and freedom that have been denied to us, by any means necessary. I ask you readers to consider carefully, what I have to say. Do not be intimidated by the police and run in fear. You are an American citizen, you can be forced by the government to give your life and defend this nation, yet you are
OPEN LETTER
TO S.I.R.'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND THE S.I.R. MEMBERSHIP

I feel that a letter such as this from a concerned SIR member must be written and presented to the Board of Directors and the membership at large. SIR is going thru a crisis which is just one of many crises' it has gone thru. Almost the entire present Board doesn't seem to realize it.

I am not trying to pontificate as the former president of SIR, but as a concerned member I want the Board and the membership to know what my views are, for whatever use they may be. If after reading this letter the Board wants to remonstrate with me, that is their privilege. If this letter shakes up somebody and something gets done, then it is worthwhile. The organization of SIR is not going forward in many aspects, but especially financially. We are regressing instead of progressing. I would like to list some of the things that have happened in which the Board has shown no concern or interest.

1.) Our dances, which have been a prime source of income, have dropped from $300 a week (a year ago) to $150 a week.

2.) Our Public Relations man said he would double the dance attendance with publicity. Not only hasn't he done this but he hasn't even come to the dances in weeks. For that matter, most Board members have not been to a dance in months. I have sat on the door and collected money for two years and I am tired of no publicity from public relations or board members.

3.) The Board recently passed a resolution changing SIR to S.I.R. because there is a cologne named SIR. You just threw away a million dollars worth of publicity for SIR. A story like that suit would have made every paper in the country. Bill Bearden and myself while we were president had told our attorney at that time NOT to settle with the company and yet you passed the resolution, even though our present attorney said he personally wouldn't have handled it this way. The Board seems to be a rubber stamp Board.

4.) At the last Board meeting the big item on the agenda was whether the Board should have a new picture taken. The reason for this was because NOT ONE Board member had called the acting president or Board secretary to put items on the agenda. Are we in that good a shape that nothing has to be discussed or problems solved? The lack of interest of the Board is appalling. The lack of membership interest is appalling and has to be traced to about half the Committee Chairmen who have six or less Committee members.

5.) At a recent national convention SIR's Homosexual Bill of Rights was adopted. This in itself should have called for a press conference so we could have presented this Bill of Rights to the entire outside community and possibly the country. But no, nothing but silence.

6.) The Funding Committee was formed and allowed to make up most of their own duties. That is like allowing a man to decide what he can do at a new job. He will do the good things and pass up the bad things. I understand the Funding Committee has some great ideas for the distant future. Grants from foundations, gifts in wills and donations from wealthy gay people. All of these are well and good, but what about the present? The Funding Committee doesn't have one thing for the immediate present to make money to take up the slack for the $400 a month dance losses. If we can't pay our current bills we won't be around to collect grants, wills, etc. We need funding for the future, but right now we need FUNDS for the present.

7.) Our Productions Committee met a week and a half ago and decided on the SIRlebrity Capades dates and auditions. Like everything lately in S.I.R., it was done in a rush and as an "in" thing. A handbill was prepared listing try-outs for August 25, 26 and 27. No mention in our house organ VECTOR for our eight hundred members who might be interested but the handbill will get to the "in" crowd. But again no answer to questions from the Board about this. Try-outs have always been announced in VECTOR.

Now what will the Board do about these problems (if you think they are problems)? These are just a few of the things in SIR which need attention. There are a thousand good things in SIR, too, but now I am more concerned with the bad things. Will the Board be decisive and do the job they can do, but don't seem to want to do. If you think a Board member is not doing his job, bring it up and let the Board and the membership know.

You must pick up the problems besetting SIR and solve them. They won't go away if you ignore them. As a SIR member, I am asking you to give the leadership to SIR you were elected to do.

Respectfully,

Kevin Macre

Dear Friends,

Ann Landers answered my many questions concerning the draft, homosexuality and the draft, and homosexuality and teaching a public school in the following manner:

"There is a group advising on special problems regarding homosexuals and the draft. For more information, write "Draft Survey," Society for Individual Rights, 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94103. They may have an office in your vicinity." Since my questions deal with homosexuality, I would hesitate to talk with my "Local Board." Also, I would refrain from speaking with my University Adviser since my major is "Education" and eventually I will become a teacher.

I would like to know if your organization is connected with the government in any way, and if it gives advice on these personal matters. In short, would I become "listed" in any way or become a "known homosexual" if I would ask you questions of this nature?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely (name withheld)
CONFERENCE TRIP AT TRIP A BUMMER
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and the closeness of all votes on the NCAHO organizational setup has been to cause a split in the movement that will become permanent unless something very dramatic is done to reverse the trend. (Note that votes ranged from 60 no to 74 yes, and were in one instance 50 no to 55 yes with many abstaining).

What caused the results are largely acquiescence and apathy in many Bay area groups and persons; lack of administrative ability and leadership in our last S.I.R. president, and a woeful lack of knowledge and desire to work cooperatively from persons in other regions who primarily head paper organizations yet who have equal voting rights.

The most positive lesson for all the groups came as an aside to the meetings. When we arrived, it was pointed out by Chicago's Mattachine Midwest that the conference would have to come up with some money to pay for the conference site and needed equipment. Our very own Ron Warren was selected to be the head of a committee to raise the change. After first working out an ace-in-the-hole plan of voluntary charges, Ron went to the bar serving the gay community in Chicago and got half of the needed money. Ron also set up a meeting between some bar managers and owners and Mattachine Midwest that resulted in agreement on a mutual Halloween Ball project to raise future funds for Mattachine Midwest. Another member of that committee, Miss Shirley Willet, DOB, raised more funds with a cash bar cocktail party and sale of books from DOB and sale of buttons donated by S.I.R. With a few cash donations from groups, such as from Dorian of Seattle, Ron's committee raised the needed funds easily and prompted closer ties within the Chicago gay community that helped in subsequent events that happened after we left the city. (See Parries and Thrusts, this issue VECTOR)

Ron Warren gets my vote for the most valuable contribution of any delegate at the conference. (Also note that those who have the organizational know-how are those that are excluded with NACHO)

We must now decide how we proceed. To wait and see is to acquire. What positive role can we assume and what activities can we be associated in promoting?

Our position presently has been to articulate and demonstrate the difficulty with having a national, even a constructable national planning conference. Where do we go from here? Certainly the pathos of the lack of understanding shown by the delegates at the Chicago debacle makes it clear that we must reassess national meetings.

We are at the position nationally where San Francisco's homosexual community was five years ago. Five years ago I said and wrote that we must learn from the experiences of others, their successes and failures, and emulate the good achievements and eliminate those acts that are self-destructive. The union movement, the Alinsky tactics, strategy, motions, rules, points of order, tactics, strategy, motions, rules, points of order, etc. & etc., because these are just talk. S.I.R. to aid groups that request aid. We must also communicate persons in the movement on our positions, so that it is clear what we stand for and how we operate.

In these ways, and with luck, it may yet come about that our vision for a responsive, responsible national homosexual movement will be closer to realization.

MAGDA AT THE MOVIES
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Have also read where Danny La Rue, famous English female impersonator, plans to film a mad version of "Charley's Aunt" early next year. So at least on the silver screen, 1969 will be a very gay year.

As for the theatre world, the most interesting thing I have read thus far is that David Merrick plans to (finally) bring to N.Y. John Osborne's "A Patriot For Me". When this "shocker" opened in London a few years back, audiences just weren't ready for scenes with naked men and Act II, which opened with a full drag ball. But now Mr. M. has decided America can take it. Hope they can get Maximillian Schell to re-create his original role. Am sure this, too, will be picked up by some enterprising film maker.

So, luv, plan ahead and try not to miss any film "goodies"... Your eyes to the screens, dahlings ... Mucho luv, Magda.

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there are some live-and-let-live people around) gets extremely isterate when we go onto their bars, restaurants etc. wearing our H.I.S. slacks and Pendleton shirts. "Some nerve they've got... not only that they're prejudged!" Of course nothing will get us into a fighting stance faster than a straight man in a gay bar; especially if he insists on parading his masculinity complete with propositions. Perhaps we could compromise and say when in public don't advertise your gay OR straight bent ad nauseum... when in private on home grounds the majority rules, and those of another disposition should have the plain good manners to leave or keep the golden silence.

We all have hang-ups darling; the art is in not imposing them on others. Distance is not always so clearly perceptible... for instance if your bag is S&M it is unlikely you will pick out a known passive type to impress. Like it unto the overly butch-butch image some beat others on the head with... It is just like showering kindness upon a masochist!

Let us all get our hungry egos and ids in hand and try for a little public moderation... it won't kill your image; who knows it may even prove profitable, non-financially speaking.

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THE NACHO—PRESENT AND FUTURE

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governments, as well as private employers, to follow suit. Therefore, the Homophile Movement must press on nationally as well as locally.

Many S.I.R. members feel that we should not affiliate with such an organization—that such is contrary to our by-laws. The apparent intent of such a provision was to prevent S.I.R. from forming “chapters”, and should probably not be used to keep us from being an active part of the NACHO. Reverend Robert Cromey (of San Francisco), the moderator at the last two conferences, said that the formation of a national organization was important and indicated that S.I.R. and other organizations with constitutional impediments should consider amending them. This delegate strongly agrees with Rev. Cromey. I believe that for S.I.R. to abstain itself from the NACHO would not only be an abdication of responsibility, but also the passing-up of a great opportunity to serve the entire Homophile Community.

Just exactly how S.I.R. should respond to this challenge will be discussed at at least one closed membership meeting. Please consider all the pertinent facts, from your opinion, and bring it and yourself to the S.I.R. Center at our next meeting.

FROM THE WALLS OF MONTEZUMA
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with the Movie Nights (unofficially dubbed S.I.R. Bijou Theatre of the 30’s), you can get a lovely set of china. Free pieces are distributed once a month, of course, it may take awhile to get a complete set!

THE POLITICAL SCENE, DEPT: While I was having lunch with Belle and Letch last week, we got into a rather heated debate on politics. This led to my wondering just how the candidates are distributed once a month, of course, it may take awhile to get a complete set!

THE Empress of San Francisco is not to be chosen, rather than elected, at the Halloween Ball and she reigned for a year. She should not affiliate with such an organization that such is contrary to our by-laws. The apparent intent of such a provision was to prevent S.I.R. from forming “chapters”, and should probably not be used to keep us from being an active part of the NACHO. Reverend Robert Cromey (of San Francisco), the moderator at the last two conferences, said that the formation of a national organization was important and indicated that S.I.R. and other organizations with constitutional impediments should consider amending them.

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