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By D.C. and R.S.

Beginning on Tuesday, September 10th, in the Public Utilities hearing room in San Francisco, the issues framed by a complaint filed on behalf of four homophile organizations of San Francisco (Council on Religion and the Homosexual, Inc., Society for Individual Rights, Inc., Tavern Guild of San Francisco, Inc., and Daughters of Bilitis, Inc.) were heard. The proceedings before Examiner Jarvis lasted three days and resulted from the attempt of the four named homophile organizations to obtain a separate category heading in the yellow pages of the San Francisco phone directory, under the designation "Homophile Organizations." The organizations maintained that such a heading would be in the best interest and to the convenience of the Pacific Telephone Company's patrons, employees and the public at large and that the denial of such a demand on the part of the Telephone Company was unjust, unreasonable and discriminatory in nature. The Telephone Company in its answer had alleged that the Telephone Company's tariff, heretofore approved by the Public Utilities Commission, gave the company discretion to "establish or to refuse to establish any heading in the classified telephone directory" and that in refusing to grant the request of the homophile organizations, the Telephone Company was acting in compliance with the provisions of such tariff. The phone company also maintained that the present listings of the complaining organizations were sufficient. The Council on Religion and the Homosexual is currently listed in the classified section under Church Organizations; the other three organizations are listed in the classified section under the heading Associations, along with some 400 other organizations of extremely diverse interests, purposes and membership. The Telephone Company in its formal written answer to the complaint on file further stated that the most important consideration in accepting or rejecting such a request was the benefit to the users of the directory and that the term "homophile" was not widely and generally enough known to serve as a ready reference to the complaining organizations and that, in any event, the organizations' request for a separate heading was "designed solely for the purposes of using the directory as a vehicle to create publicity for complainants." The phone company went on to say that the granting of such a request "would be a disservice to the public." Unfortunately, some support was given to the position of the Telephone Company regarding the publicity aspects of the action by an article printed in the Wall Street Journal on Friday, September 6, which stated "A spokesman for the Society of Individual Rights, Inc., concedes that the action was brought in the hopes of obtaining some publicity." This statement of an unknown spokesman for S.I.R. was promptly denied by all the organizations under oath on the stand at the hearing and it was evident from the number of witnesses and the preparation that had gone into the hearing that the organizations were indeed serious in their purpose and that the intent was

not merely to create publicity but to follow through in exhausting all possible avenues in order to obtain such a listing in the yellow pages.

The organizations were represented before the Public Utilities Commission by the Central City Office of the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation. The Foundation, an anti-poverty agency, accepted the case on the basis that many of the residents of the Central City poverty area which this office serves are homosexual and that the case would promote the interests and concerns of these individuals. The attorney from the Foundation handling the case was David L. Clayton.

Mr. Clayton called thirteen witnesses in addition to representatives of the four complaining organizations who also testified. The thirteen additional witnesses represented various public service areas and agencies in the City and County of San Francisco and they testified from their experiences to the need for such a listing and of the benefit that it would be to themselves, others similarly situated and to the public at large. Those testifying included: attorney Herbert Donaldson, Chief Counsel of the Central City Office of the Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation; Officers Elliot Blackstone and Richard Hongisto, of the Community Relations division of the San Francisco Police Department; Mr. Ron Lee, psychiatric social worker for the Center for Special Problems, a division of the Public Health Department of the City and County of San Francisco; Mr. Don Lucas, the director of the Central City EOC office; attorney Evander Smith, a private practitioner; the Reverend Cecil Williams, pastor of Glide Methodist Church and director of Citizens Alert; Mr. Kenneth Englander, a member of the San Francisco Switchboard (not connected with Pacific Telephone); and Dr. William Dresser, a psychiatrist in private practice in San Francisco and former Assistant Superintendent of Atascadero State Hospital.

Also testifying for the complaining organizations was Mr. William Beardemph, a director of the National Legal Defense Fund. He stated that his organization and other homophile organizations in the community would take advantage of the opportunity to list under a separate category if it were offered to them.

Earl Stokes, a law student assisting the attorney for the homophile organizations, testified that as a part of his research in preparation for this case he called the directory assistance operator for Pacific Telephone and, assuming the role of a homosexual new to the San Francisco area, explained to her that he was looking for homophile organizations and could she refer him to one. The operator stated that she could find no listing in the phone directory, but, after a long pause, said, "I know that over in Marin County there's something called the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Do you think they could help you?"

The Telephone Company presented one witness in its behalf, Mr. William Henderson, General

Directory Sales Supervisor for Pacific Telephone. He denied that there was any intent on the part of the Telephone Company to discriminate against homophile organizations and denied specifically that Pacific Telephone discriminated at any level including hiring and firing, against homosexuals. He stated further that neither availability of space nor costs to the Telephone Company was a factor in the denial of the request for a separate heading. The attorney for the Telephone Company had made an issue out of whether or not the word "homophile" was a coined word (the phone company having a ruling against using coined words in the yellow pages). Mr. Henderson stated that there was no specific objection on the part of the phone company to the word "homophile" although homosexual might be a more appropriate heading. It was later agreed and stipulated by all the complaining homophile organizations that they would accept a separate yellow page listing under the title Homosexual Organizations. Mr. Henderson went on to enumerate what he referred to frequently as the six basic principles which are relied upon by the phone company in determining whether or not a new heading would be granted. He stated that the one principle on the basis of which the request of the homophile organizations was rejected was the phone company's principle number 4, which reads "Headings must not be too broad or too limited." Mr. Henderson said the trouble with Homophile Organizations as a heading was that it was too limited. In the course of cross-examination Mr. Henderson admitted that the yellow pages did include separate listings, however, for labor organizations, political organizations, religious organizations, youth organizations, athletic organizations and other groups of specialized societies and associations. It also pointed out to Mr. Henderson that there is a separate listing for bridge clubs. When pressed for a distinction as to the manner in which homophile organizations was a more narrow classification than bridge clubs, Mr. Henderson was unable to say other than to repeat principle number four and to state that homophile organizations was too narrow and too limited a category whereas bridge clubs was not. When asked by the hearing officer if a listing for Chinese organizations would be too limited, Mr. Henderson stated yes. It was then pointed out by Mr. Clayton that there was a listing for Hawaiian Goods and Mr. Henderson was asked if a listing for Hawaiian Organizations would be acceptable. Mr. Henderson stated no, it would be too limited. He was unable, however, to explain why Hawaiian Goods was not too limited and Hawaiian Organizations would be and on what basis these two listings would differ. He had previously stated that there was no distinction made by the phone company between commercial or business listings and association or club listings and that the same six principles were applied in the same manner to each when a request for a new yellow page heading was made.

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# LAFAYETTE SQUARE

BY PIAFF

## HOMOSEXUALITY: INCIDENCE AND PRACTICE

In a recent discussion the topic arose whether youngsters were afraid to express their homosexual affection for one another. A friend of some years was discussing with me the plight of his young nephew who, apparently, has entertained such notions but felt that his peers were not at all interested, indeed were apprehensive about such practices. My friend was of the opinion that the greater visibility of homosexuality these days and the fact that parents are more watchful of such inclinations in their children may be forced to repress the expression of homosexual feelings in today's youth. What with the publication of stories by Mothers about "my son the homosexual and how he was wonderfully cured by Dr. X" and the publication of a book to aid parents in keeping their children "straight", my friends' observation is more than academic.

Nevertheless, I cannot share his pessimism. In the first place, the apprehensions and doubts of his nephew and his nephew's friends are nothing new. We all were frightened at the awakening in ourselves of this strange mystery called homosexuality. We knew, without being knowledgeable, that it was not "ordinary" to feel such deep desire and passion for "one of our own kind." Most of us fought against the inclination to share our affections with a boyfriend or girlfriend. Often the expression of our homosexual temperaments occurred first in a group situation. The "fellas" congregated in the barn for experimentation and mutual exploration—or maybe it was the basement or the bushes in the park. We thought it very naughty indeed but thrilling, and, somehow, right. Those with a deep rooted homosexual predilection eventually recognize that the practices in the barn-bush-basement meant more to them than they did to their playmates. It was not at all unusual for us to then "fall in love" with a best friend, and, quite often, that love involved sleeping with him or her. Or, perhaps, we gravitated to an older person and learned from him the mysteries of homosexual love.

But, one way or another, we found it impossible to deny the profound emotion of love for our own kind. We continued with it despite guilt feelings, and often, after much imploring of God to cure us of this curious deviation which separated us from our friends of youthful days gone by. But such prayers went unanswered for our bodies were wiser than the mores of society and they told us that what we felt was good and what we experienced was satisfying.

As we moved forth into the world, away from home and parents, we dis-

covered that there were thousands of individuals just like us, needing to find love with us. We discovered that they were of all sorts; that some were damned decent and some were damned indecent. If we were lucky, we loved and were loved by intelligent and good-hearted persons and so came to know that there was nothing ghastly perverse in our make-up. We were simply different. But, by whatever ways and means, we came to grips with what we were and learned to live with that and with the hostility of so many against us. That had to be done in order to survive for we saw that those unable to do this often came to tragic ends.

I do not suppose that any of this has drastically changed. Today there are thousands of young men and women, boys and girls, coming to a realization of their homosexual temperments.

The social critic, Paul Goodman, has observed that the incidence of homosexuality probably has remained persistent throughout the history of man. There is much to support his contention. If one examines history, he discovers that homosexuality has been with us since the dawning of time. This, as Goodman points out, the visibility or invisibility of homosexuality relates directly to the tolerance of a society to its practice. This has varied over time. In ancient Greece, as almost everyone must know, it was considered proper for the older man to fall in love with and to take unto his tutelage a young Greek man. The Greek armies were molded on the concept of love among the soldiers, the supposition being that a man will fight harder for his companion in arms (of both varieties) than for the abstract entity of the city-state. It appears to have worked well.

Certain French monarchies are said to have been most tolerant of homosexuality, perhaps because the king himself delighted in the affections of men. The Roman emperor Hadrian is famous for his love of Antinous, whom he made a god after the latter's sacrificial death in the River Nile. Shakespeare penned sonnets of praise to the man he loved. And so forth.

While there is no question then that the incidence of homosexuality will persist in our time, there is some question whether a repressive society will attempt to impose severe sanctions for its practice. It would be naive to suppose that this could not occur. It has happened in the past and could well occur again. Man can be a loutish and ignorant lot and when society has the appearance of disintegration, then scapegoats are fished about for and mass insecurity is abated by persecution.

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DICK & MIKE



I feel like ex-empres Jose writing this column (performing) again after saying I was writing my final column (performance). Anyway, at the board meeting of Tuesday, September 24th Ronald Warren, of Chicago Conference fame, was unanimously accepted by the S.I.R. board of directors as the sub-committee chairman pending election of a chairman at the next quorumed business meeting.

There has, however, been a new Small Activity created called the "S.I.R. Record and Tape Listening Group." Their formative meeting will be held at 1256 Page (Apt. 1) on Sunday, October 13th at 3:00 p.m. They will present a potpourri tape of the various types of music that can be listened to and poll what areas to put emphasis on for future programs.

The Photo and Graphic Arts Group has a nucleus of five or six eager beavers who have been lending their talents to the assistance of all S.I.R. activities that have need for them: photographs for VECTOR and Productions, posters, handbills and signs for all events. Current projects include permanent bulletin boards to carry "This Month at S.I.R." posters in the bars (donations of masonite for this purpose will be gratefully accepted) and a photo exhibit illustrating "The Life Style of the Homosexual" in cooperation with the CRH Symposium the weekend of October 24, little-by-little equipment, techniques and facilities are being garnered: we have silk screens, fluorescent paints, the use of a 35mm enlarger, and the potential of the mimeograph is being explored. One member has recently acquired 16 mm movie and sound equipment, and is open to cooperative plans for doing a film. There will be no regular meetings—contact Sesto at the Center for further information.

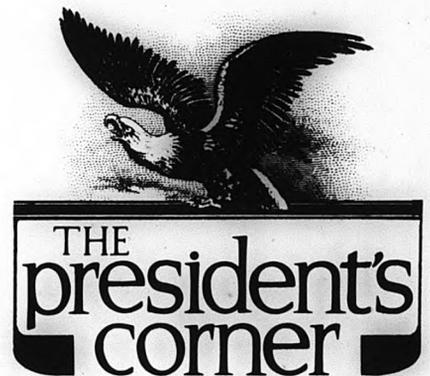
#### S.I.R. SKIERS' REPORT

S.I.R. skiers did not announce a water skiing program this summer because Mame Dennis was on an extended honeymoon.

Now that the '69 season is at hand many plans are being made. First, there is the ski show at the Cow Palace. It is a fabulous display of everything of interest to skiers. Non-skiers would also enjoy the various activities.

October 5th is the big day and S.I.R. skiers will be there. After the show there will be a race to S.I.R.'s Social Dance!

There are plans for a S.I.R. Skier co-op chalet in the Tahoe area during the '69 season. Anyone interested should call Jon at 673-6390 or Daryl at 626-7646.



by Larry Littlejohn

September was another active month for S.I.R. During September the California Public Utilities Commission held three days of hearings on the joint complaint of S.I.R., C.R.H., D.O.B., and the Tavern Guild in regard to Pacific Telephone's denial of our application for a separate listing in the Yellow Pages under the heading "Homophile Organizations". News reports on the complaint and the hearings appeared in the Wall Street Journal, the Chronicle and Examiner, and the story was run in some 190 papers across the country as a result of being on the Associated Press wire service. Candidates' Night at the September Open Meeting was a huge success. The Political Committee deserves credit for their fine work in arranging this annual activity.

Other S.I.R. activities continued in high gear during the month. For example, our Public Relations Chairman filled several well attended speaking engagements at other organizations and I appeared as the guest on the KABL Opinion 68 program.

S.I.R. is a vital, meaningful, active force in our community. S.I.R. is strong because of its membership support and participation. S.I.R. depends on its work to be done almost entirely by volunteers and depends on its members and friends for its financial support. S.I.R. is the result of many people of diverse backgrounds, varying interests, and different talents all working together in the spirit of fraternity toward a common goal—the recognition of the homosexual individual as a first class citizen with the same dignity and value as any other person.

October is Membership Drive Month. Presently we have a little short of 1,000 members and Vector subscribers. Since the lifeblood of S.I.R. is its membership it is appropriate that we should be strongly working toward increasing the number of members. We are still a young and growing organization. Stop and consider this: We have it well within our capability to have 2,000 members by the end of the year!

Every member has at least one friend who is not now a S.I.R. member and who would like to become a member IF ONLY HE OR SHE IS TOLD ABOUT S.I.R. AND INVITED TO JOIN BY YOU. Your S.I.R. membership card means that you have pride in yourself and your community. Do a friend a favor—talk about S.I.R., pass along a copy of VECTOR, invite him or her to the next S.I.R. meeting or activity.

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We wonder sometimes what it is that some persons think the homosexual movement is all about. We refer our readers to the last *ADVOCATE*, September issue, and the irresponsible, misrepresented reporting of the national meeting in Chicago by Steve Donaldson. Come on fellas, if you are going to print something, why not do your own checking.

Our good friends in England publishing *ARENA THREE*, commenting on the American homophile scene during August wrote:

"Even a brief study of the historical development of the U.S. movement reveals a number of striking features. For so many years characterised by in-fighting, dissidence, splits, accusations and counter-cries of heresy and the like, the innumerable groups, societies and organizations scattered all over the USA have at last agreed to band together, without sacrifice of independence, and at least to come out into the open."

"Without sacrifice of independence" is what the lady said. This is just exactly what made any national meetings possible at all. We could spend some time, or at least so we thought before the '68 Chicago conference, to listen to the unreal ravings of some far out members of our movement, if we were then given time to get down to business. Chicago proved us wrong. No time was left after the same dull unrewarding listless "Symposiums" that had

here. Chicago can be a wonderful town for the gay community, but it will take a lot of organizational work and a lot of smarts to bring it about. The unreal world that some persons dream in, persons who have set themselves up as national or local demigods of the homophile movement, has got to give way to the factual reality of today, now, and where it's at.

The idea we printed last time about a national trouble-shooter from S.I.R. traveling about the country is gaining support. It may be sooner than we thought or it may be later than some think for some changes.

#### NEGROS AND HOMOSEXUALS:

We have always been concerned about the way other minority groups act to the subject of homosexuality, particularly the negro community. When we had a confrontation with a negro group in a church in Oakland about two years ago, we were shocked to find that negros have no empathy with homosexuals or their problems. The only concern was for negro problems and they disparaged us as less than human, as a detriment to society.

For the first time we find a negro magazine, *SEPIA*, September 1968, coming out showing some concern and awareness of the homosexual minority. Across the cover of that magazine, in bold type, is the heading "Homosexuals Fight Back". Much of the material is taken, it appears, from the

## Thrusts

BY W.E. BEARDEMPHL

no connection with what the movement is really about, and after the points of order and rules for discussion were discussed.

Little or no publicity was achieved by the Chicago event. Just one little action by the San Francisco homosexual community, the P.U.C. hearing on a telephone book listing, was covered by 190 papers in these United States. Why, Why, Why is there this great difference of accomplishment by the San Francisco homosexual community and the rest of the groups throughout the country? When groups are given a great opportunity like the conference being held in their city, Washington, D.C. or in Chicago, we get nothing in the way of publicity. Some persons just do NOT know what it is all about or how to go about doing a damn thing.

Well, all is not lost from the Chicago meeting. Some resignations from the Board of the Mattachine Midwest resulted. S.I.R. and the San Francisco homosexual community received a week long visit from a new Board member of that Chicago group, and from the new owner of the most popular gay bar in Chicago. The Inner Circle. The Inner Circle is the only gay bar to remain open during all the recent raids and harrassment directed against the homosexual community by the Chicago police.

We welcome Michael J. O'Callahan and Eddie Davison from Chicago to our city by the bay, and hope that we can be of some help and service to them while they are

recent article in the *WALL STREET JOURNAL*.

We quote from their article: "Police are taking a softer line in other large cities as well. Three years ago San Francisco police regularly raided the social functions of the Society for Individual Rights, a 1,000 member homosexual group. The raids have ceased. Instead, police officers address the group on such topics as the legal rights of homosexuals."

Now to the other side of the coin. Black American leadership really is as unlearned and as incompetent on the subject of homosexuality as their white brothers. From, of all places, *THE HUMANIST MAGAZINE*, September/October, 1968, comes this repulsive little gem. The article is titled *On Black Politics*, byline Dick Gregory.

"We got busted in Birmingham, Alabama. They arrested 2,400 of us; some were little kids, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 years old. We aren't crying about that. Put everybody in jail, put unborn babies in jail, if it means getting what we want. But when you go to jail, they put men in one place and the women in another place, the adults away from the kids, and the little girls away from the little boys; and right across from our cell block is where they put the little girls. I stayed in jail four days, baby, and every night I had to sit and watch that cell block across from us that had the little girls, and every night those police would go and bring

lesbians in and turn them loose on the kids. Now, if you want to see a sight, you look at a lesbian tampering with a 4-year-old kid; listen to the kid yell and holler and scream. The F.B.I. knew about it. The news just never got around.

According to the very bigoted Mr. Gregory, it appears that all lesbians are child molesters, who are just waiting for a chance to be turned loose on little kids. Now wait just one damned minute. I and nearly all homosexuals that I know have expressed a deep and concerned empathy for the plight of negroes in our country. I know that some of you incompetent leaders in the negro movement are looking for a scapegoat to please your sick egos just as some sick whiteys look for negroes as their scapegoat because of their inability to cope with living. But don't start using homosexuals as scapegoats, baby. That is, unless you want to set your movement right back on its ass because of complete misdirection.

I doubt very much that any lesbian would do what you contend. THIS IS NOT THE NATURE OF REAL LESBIANS. Furthermore, if you wanted to turn a child into a homosexual, according to your heterosexual psychiatrists, you would have to make that child afraid of heterosexual relationships, i.e. turning big studs in on the children to rape them. Just what could possibly be the point of such a sick scene, if it really did happen? I would suggest that you, Mr. Gregory, are somehow perverting

is a law violator but whether one gets caught."

"We do not mean to minimize the difficulties which the Commission confronts in this area, including those which are unnecessarily manufactured for it by inflexibilities on all sides. It is functioning in a field where public policy is in something of a state of flux, with old certainties dissolving and new ones unformed. We are not disposed to compound its problems unnecessarily nor to foreclose reasonable inquiry by it, but we do note the importance and relevance of a clear policy line to the demarcation of appropriate disclosure requirements."

"In it the Commission first describes its official policy to be that persons "about whom there is evidence that they have engaged in or solicited others to engage in homosexual or sexually perverted acts with them, without evidence of rehabilitation, are not suitable for federal employment." This would appear to mean that any homosexual act or solicitation is disqualifying, except as one has abandoned the practice entirely at some time in the past. The Commission goes on, however, to say that it is concerned only with conduct, not tendencies, and in appraising conduct it recites a number of pertinent considerations, including "the total impact of the applicant upon the job," which seems in some degree at least consistent not only with past but also with present and continuing homo-

Most conferences on the subject of homosexuality are based upon the testimony of professional "experts" whose experience has been limited to contact with those in therapy or those in trouble with the law.

This conference provides a rare opportunity for the professional person to get a more rounded perspective of the homosexual by visiting the homophile community and gaining a first hand view of the homosexual subculture.

For, just as a true evaluation of heterosexuality cannot be based on the small segment of the heterosexual population which gets in trouble, the professional "experts" cannot possibly provide a total view of the homophile community from their small, selected sample.

The Symposium will be of utmost value to all who, in their professional work, are called upon to counsel youth or young adults. But more, it will be a unique opportunity to unlearn stereotypes fostered by myth and misinformation and to meet head-on the humanity and humanness of the homosexual.

**News Item:** Dateline Athens, Sep 9. The Greek government has ordered homosexuals' heads shaved in a campaign against "those who violate moral rules."

Well . . . Miss Perpich!

an incident in a way you believe is colorful and will incite an emotional response to your rather inept preaching.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.:** The first reversal of a Civil Service firing for federal employment involving homosexual conduct was handed down September 11, 1968, by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. While the Case, No. 20,841, Bruce C. Scott, Apellant, V. John W. Macy, Jr., Chairman, U.S. Civil Service Commission, was decided on technical grounds, the court added some interesting remarks about Civil Service Commission policy. The following quotes are part of that decision:

"One seeking employment with the federal government may well be placed under greater obligation to communicate information about himself than one who is not. But it may also be true that federal applicants for employment do not, wholly apart from Fifth Amendment concerns, forfeit all rights of privacy accorded to persons generally by the First Amendment, and that the reasonableness of requiring answers to certain questions may be greatly affected by the clarity and rationality of the policies sought to be effectuated by the questions. Where disclosure is required of circumstances of an intensely private and personal nature, the discloser is arguably entitled to know the standards by which his revelations will be assessed."

"Qualification for federal employment thus appears to turn not upon whether one

sexual acts. This is followed by a stern reminder that such acts, even though wholly private in nature, are contrary to the criminal laws in virtually all jurisdictions, and that, of necessity therefore, they must be considered to be "immoral conduct." Under this last, it would appear that the only relevant consideration, as contrasted with those which have just been enumerated, is whether an applicant has been or is now committing homosexual acts. The Commission then is at some pains to deny that it either does, or can, inquire into private sexual conduct. In its words, "[a]s long as it remains truly private, that is, it remains undisclosed to all but the participants, it is not the subject of an inquiry." But where for some reason it attracts public notice, the Commission will ask, and presumably will disqualify, if either there is a refusal to respond or an admission of a homosexual act."

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# CANDIDATES SEEK HOMOSEXUAL'S VOTE

Without the old enthusiasm and excitement of two years ago, some fourteen aspiring candidates and incumbents appeared at S.I.R.'s third Candidate's Night since its origination.

"...to see such a wealth of important candidates and incumbents here to address you..." said incumbent, John Burton who is seeking re-election to succeed himself as Assemblyman from the twentieth district, "should give you great satisfaction that your vote as a block is an important one."

This comment might well be the theme song of the gay community, which unless it sticks together in this and subsequent election, will never achieve its goal to bring about a revision in the law as it affects homosexuals. Also, to bring about FIRST CLASS CITIZENSHIP NOW, so that members of our community might challenge the various civil service commissions which chauvinistically preclude employment to anyone who admits his or her homosexuality.

Perhaps the star of CANDIDATES NIGHT, was the "unsinkable" WILLIE BROWN, candidate to succeed himself as Assemblyman from the 18th District in San Francisco.

Mr. Brown, in his careful and well founded logic, pointed out to the more than three hundred persons in the auditorium, that it is folly to ask candidates, if they support a revision of the penal code. He pointed out that no candidate would bother coming to address our group, if he were not prepared in advance to say all the right things that our community wanted to hear. "Of course they will tell you that they are in favor of a revised Penal Code. But," emphasized Mr. Brown, "I feel you should not be satisfied to wait for four or five or even more years, until that revised paper comes out of committee."

Mr. Brown proposed to author, with our help and guidance, any legislation which will give the homosexuals an equal opportunity to earn a living in employment. He spoke of the State Fair Employment Act, and said that he would present legislation IN THIS VERY NEXT legislative session, which would demand equal treatment to homosexuals and all minorities and that we could guide him in the wording of this legislation.

Following this "foot-in-the-door" legislation, Mr. Brown said that S.I.R. could sponsor further and more meaningful legislation and that he would be pleased to be its author.

This is the most meaningful and progressive and realistic thing we heard at any of S.I.R.'s Candidate's Night and it is certainly to the advantage of every member of the community, to support Willie Brown in his effort to succeed himself in the Assembly.



Willie Brown

Again, appearing before us, JOHN BURTON proved to be a friend of S.I.R. Mr. Brown has accepted our invitations and appeared at every Candidate's Night so far sponsored by S.I.R.

Mr. Burton would co-author any legislation that Willie Brown might propose in favor of members of our gay community.

Likewise, seeking our black vote was NICK VERREOS, who also appeared before us on last Candidate's Night. Mr. Verreos is seeking to unseat John Foran for the 23rd Assembly Seat on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Verreos was asked if he was supporting the Blue Max and he was definite, and unequivocal in his statement that he would not support Max Rafferty, which brought a resounding applause from the audience.

The Assemblyman who Mr. Verreos seeks to unseat has never accepted our invitation to appear at any of our CANDIDATE'S NIGHTS. He did not appear at this one, so he obviously does not think much of our vote or support.

Although a forceful speaker who elected not to use a microphone, Paul Jacobs,

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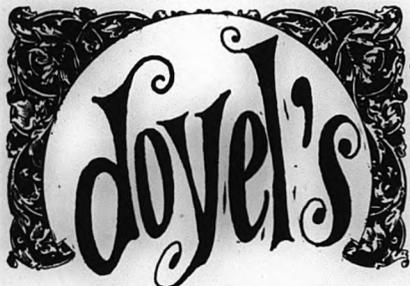
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State Senator George Moscone  
10th Senatorial District  
June 10, 1968

Dotte Weathers  
Chairman, Political Committee

Dear Miss Weathers:

While I ordinarily refrain from commenting on proposed legislation until I have seen it and heard testimony, I can tell you my sentiments about that portion of the legislation with which you are concerned.

I support penal laws which would deter from causing harm to other members of society. I do not support penal laws which seek to regulate the private arts of individuals in the absence of a showing that non-participating members of society are threatened or injured. The sexual conduct in private by consenting adults should not, in my opinion, be the subject of penal sanction. The one exception that I make is with regard to prostitution because of the health hazards involved.

Very truly yours,  
George R. Moscone

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Assembly, California Legislature  
Willie L. Brown, Jr.  
Member of the Assembly—18th District  
July 17, 1968

Miss Dotte Weathers  
Chairman, Political Committee  
Society for Individual Rights  
83 Sixth Street  
San Francisco, California 94103

Dear Miss Weathers:

I have long been on record as favoring revisions along the line of the suggestions of the Model Penal Code regarding sexual acts between consenting adults. I certainly have not changed this opinion.

I look forward to voting in favor of such recommendations coming from the Penal Revision Commission.

I hope this answers your questions.

Sincerely,  
Willie L. Brown, Jr.

Assembly, California Legislature  
June 6, 1968

Miss Dotte Weathers  
83 Sixth Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Weathers:

You may be certain that I will support the model penal code revision in its entirety.

Sincerely yours,

John Burton/s/, John L. Burton  
(Assemblyman, 20th District).



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Philip Burton, 5th District—California  
June 7, 1968

Mr. George Coffman  
Political Committee  
Society for Individual Rights, Inc.,  
83 Sixth Street  
San Francisco, California 94103

Dear Mr. Coffman:

I have not yet had an opportunity to see the proposed Model Penal Code being considered by the State Legislature of California.

You may be assured that I will discuss this matter with my brother, Assemblyman John Burton, at the earliest possible opportunity, giving particular attention to the portions pertaining to sexual acts among consenting adults in private.

As a general matter, I am in favor of liberalizing present statutes in this regard.

Sincerely,  
Philip Burton, Member of Congress

Dr. Max Rafferty  
1812 Sheffield Drive  
Carmichael, California 94608  
June 19, 1968

Dear Mr. W.,

Thank you for your letter of June 16. I will oppose any change in the present laws against homosexuality except to make them more severe.

Cordially,  
Max Rafferty/s/

AND IN ANSWER  
TO MR. RAFFERTY'S LETTER...

J.R. Burnham, M.D.  
125 Neary Street  
Apartment 4  
Santa Cruz, California 95060  
15 September 1968

Mr. Max Rafferty  
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Rafferty:

In addition to your resemblance to the distal terminus of the gastro-enteric tract, you remind me of the advice of Doctor LeRoy Briggs, Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of California School of Medicine during my matriculation there, when he was discussing the subject of digital rectal examination of persons over the age of thirty. "If you don't put your finger in it", he warned, "you'll put your foot in it!"

Well, you have certainly put *your* foot in it, Maxine. Not only have you alienated an enormous number of voters, but your ill-advised advocacy of more severe laws against homosexuality, indicative of your own unresolved homosexual conflict, is inferentially critical of the people and legislative bodies of Great Britain and, in our country, of the states of New York and Illinois.

Gratuitously offending so large a number of people can hardly be viewed as the act of a wise political—or even of an individual of moderate intelligence. Thus, I should think it *soi-disant* that you can aspire to no elective office in the future (I can assure you may write off Santa Cruz County, Contra Costa, and Alameda Counties as well), but whether action will be taken to have you prosecuted for violation of one or more of the stringent repressive laws you apparently admire—violations of which you are guilty, unless you are among the 5% of the guiltless population (in which case you'd hardly be a representative official, would you?)—I cannot say.

But for God's sake (and yours), keep your stupid mouth shut. I fear it is not possible to repair the damage you have done politically, but permit me to recommend most ardently your seeking psychiatric aid.

Yours very truly,  
Julian Rex Burnham, M.D.



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Dear Madam Soto-Voce:

I have the most dreadful time getting up in the mornings. I sleep through alarm clocks, clock radios, and telephone wake-up services. My lover tells me I get so cross when he tries to awaken me that we almost have broken up over this. He once even poured cold water over me and I slept in the wet bedding out of spite. When I finally do get up I hold no resentment towards him but he is always upset from what he has to do to get me up and coherent.

Madam, it is not as if I don't get enough hours of sleep or work at a strenuous job that exhausts me, I just can't seem to quickly willingly arise.

Writing alert.  
Winken B. Nod

Dear Winken:

How vividly I remember a similar situation that arose when I was singing Gretel in Humperdinck *Hansel and Gretel* in the Queen's Ridge, West Virginia Summer Opera Festival. The contralto singing the part of Hansel was a local girl named Rochelle Warring. It appeared she was always late to morning rehearsals which were usually due to the unescapable truth of just plain oversleeping. One evening, following the sleeping-in-the-woods scene when the dear fairy appears, sings her little aria, and shakes off a few dew drops from her wand on us, causing us to arise and see the witch's gingerbread house. Rochelle, playing Hansel, could not be awakened until the dew fairy kicked her so hard she pushed her through the gingerbread boy fence. As you can well imagine, after the performance I went to Rochelle's dressing room and asked for an explanation. I was prepared to be quite stern with her and demand to know why she could do a stupid thing like that when it came to me that perhaps this oversleeping and falling asleep was just an over reinforced escape mechanism she was using to obliterate her frustra-

tion or unhappiness which she was so constantly aware of while she was awake. I asked her this and she was astonished by my question, but after thinking, decided what I had asked was most likely true. It seems she didn't really want to be in opera since one day when in a musical comedy review being done for the Queen's Ridge Russian Monarchists Society the aging star had become "indisposed" and was unable to go on and Rochelle was asked to do this at the last minute. When Rochelle did the aging star's number it was so well received that the Dowager Duchess of Weiden-Livonia threw her bouquet at the feet of Rochelle and she really felt great.

When she then returned to the opera world of playing a young boy in a children's opera she felt she had worked so hard to get what she discovered she really didn't want and had accidentally discovered that piece of the music world she really wanted—musical comedy. I suggested that her resistance to facing this truth was what was creating this requirement for constant escape sleeping. I told her to immediately switch to what she really wanted and she would apply herself so much better and thus achieve greater stardom in musical comedy than she ever could of Grand Opera.

Well Mr. Nod, Rochelle, did as I advised and in no time at all Republic Pictures had her sent to Hollywood to do a movie version of her smash Broadway Musical hit "Montezuma Madness" the biography of a Silent Movie Queen.



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There was a lot of comment recently that THE HOUNDSTOOTH was limited in its hours—and while that was true when it first opened—that has all been changed and things are looking AOK and cherry pink now.

We mentioned that Don, distinguished with his smoke grey hair, and stately manner, officiates as maitre d' each night. His menu is as long as he is tall, and has a wide variety of exquisite dishes including sea foods and choice, aged steaks of every cut. There is always a house special which is a delight and speaking of "house specials", Don has a drink which is his "house special"; the ingredients of which he imports from Italy. Try one, or even two if you are daring, but if you have more than three, we wouldn't ride back to town with you driving. As the contents of the attractive decanters is used, the bartender presents the empty decanter to the customer whose drink used the last of the bottle. Already there has started a group of persons who collect these rare but beautiful decanters. Like those who collect the Christmas decanters and join the Jim Beam Club, there already are many who have several "HOUNDSTOOTH DECANTERS" in their collection, which are available only here in San Rafael, California.

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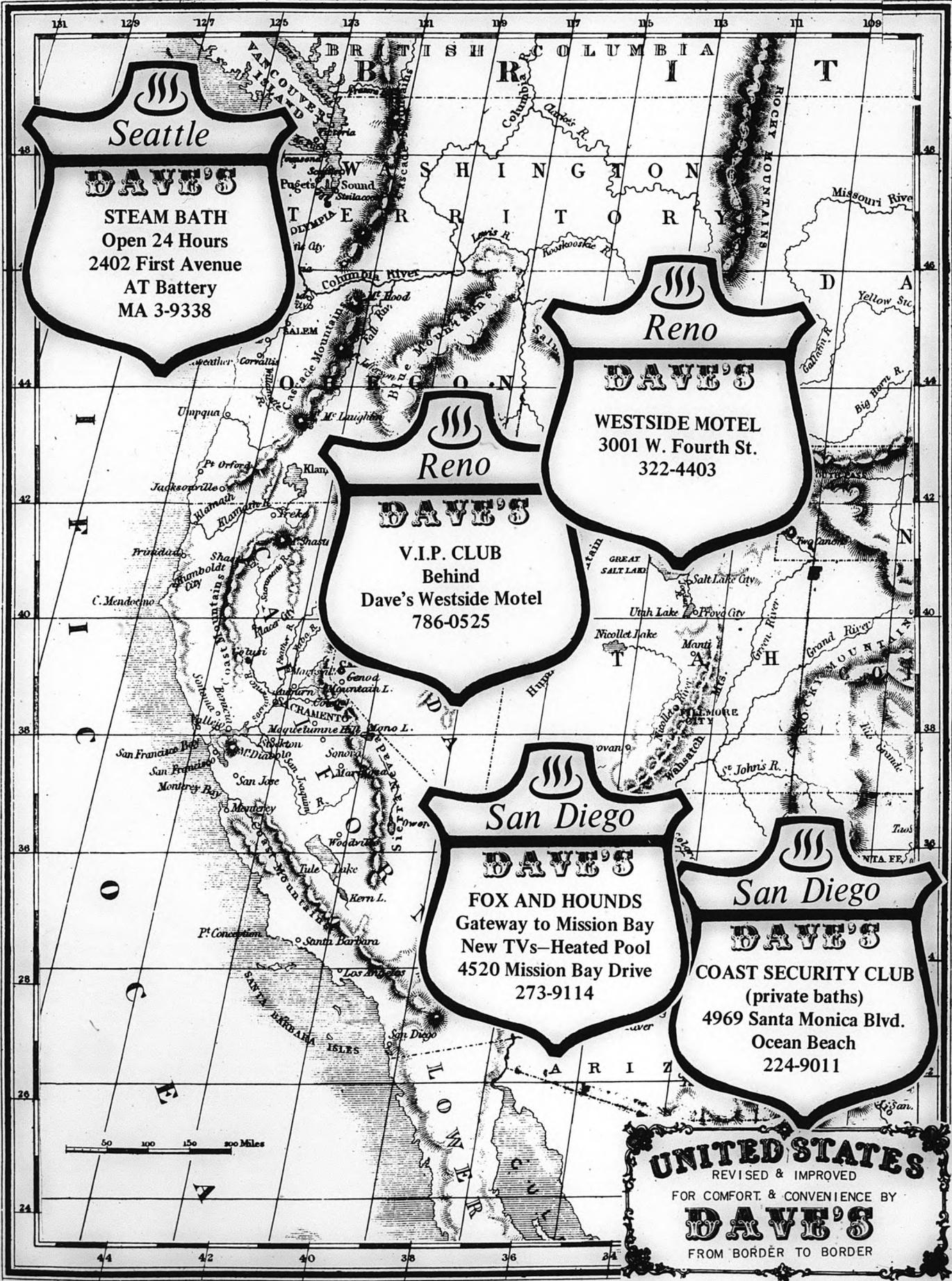
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*The present brutal political happenings have sickened our country. A bewildered people can lash out politically and destroy persons around them and eventually themselves. The lesson of Nazi Germany and other tortured nations is all too real and clear to be ignored. Scapegoats are needed. Will it be homosexuals this time?*

*Can we as a movement, cope with the political problems that are here? Can we politically improve our position?*

*In the Open Forum this month we wish to present the large, confusing political scene, 1968, that is affecting our lives.*

# OPEN FORUM

## RE-ELECT WILLIE BROWN ASSEMBLYMAN

*Willie Brown*

My comments on the topics of "Homosexuality and politics" will be brief.

First, I support the proposition of the Model Penal Code that private acts between consenting adults should not be judged criminal conduct. That is at least a start in the right direction.

Second, every citizen has the right—indeed, the duty—to participate in the political life of this nation. The homosexual cannot be excluded from meaningful participation. The existence of an organization such as S.I.R. clearly indicates that.

Unlike some public officials it is my opinion that *all* persons are entitled to be heard in the counsels of government. No group can be excluded from participation without destroying the basic premise of American democracy.

Finally, I want to make it clear that I hold in total contempt those public officials who 'take a duck' on this and other important social issues. No politician is fit to serve in office unless he is honest and outspoken.

## PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY AND THE HOMOSEXUAL

*Michael Carl Javelos*

The Peace and Freedom Party allows the voter a greater choice of candidates nationally and regionally. Its members are especially concerned with ending the racial oppression in the United States and ending

the war in Viet Nam. It is a national party with most of its strength lying in the New York area and the West Coast area of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The Presidential candidate is Eldridge Cleaver, a San Franciscan who is on the staff of Ramparts Magazine and a member of the Black Panthers. His wife, Kathleen Cleaver, is running in the 18th assembly district. Other candidates in the city are Joe Edmiston, 20th Assembly District; Paul Jacobs, United States Senate; and Marvin Garson, 5th Congressional District.

The Peace and Freedom Party platform calls for great changes in the laws which govern our morality. P. and F. demands that consenting adults be given complete freedom when it comes to sexuality. Many members favor public nude beaches where anyone, straight or gay, could groove.

The Peace and Freedom Party views the Armed Forces with disfavor. Whether or not a homosexual should be allowed to serve in the Armed Forces is not the question in this case. More important is should the Armed Forces exist as it does now. Peace and Freedom says no one should have to serve in the Armed Forces. As the American social system exists, Peace and Freedom wants equal opportunities in all branches of the United States government for homosexuals as well as blacks and other minority groups. This is only part of Peace and Freedom's hope for a more humane American society.

The Peace and Freedom Party seems to be a force which will be a boost for the homosexual. The Democratic and Republican Party will most likely continue

with their typical backward moral values which have almost always resulted in suppression of the homosexual's freedom.

## HOMOSEXUALS AS "NIGGERS"

*Paul Jacobs*

The homosexual community has been condemned by law and social custom to exist in a state of "niggerhood". Their private sexual relationships have been made subject to heavy criminal penalties, even when between consenting adults, and in addition, they are discriminated against in employment, housing, civil status, and by the armed forces. Their community is the object of police harassment and their defenders are reviled.

Homosexuals must fight to get out from under the heavy burden of "niggerhood". Like any other minority their rights will not be recognized and granted except when they speak out on their own behalf and organize themselves for political recognition.

There are two immediate tasks for homosexuals. First they must immediately work actively to change the penal codes so that private sexual acts between consenting adults are no longer crimes, and second they must press unceasingly for an end to police harassment. To do these, they must demonstrate their political power.

But the homosexual community cannot stop with these two immediate tasks. Homosexuals must also teach the community at large to accept the validity of homosexuality as a way of life for those who wish to practice it. And within the homosexual community, there is a great need for a program of political self-education: the homosexual needs to under-

stand that the difficulties faced by the community grow from a basic sickness in a society which must be transformed, in radical ways, before any minority, including the homosexual one, will be allowed to live as it wants, developing its own culture.

Homosexuals will not be free of "niggerhood" until all other minorities are equally free and until the white majority is also free of the "niggerhood" in which it is now forced to live by an antiquated and useless political system, no longer responsive to the citizen. And that is why the homosexual community should support the efforts of the Peace and Freedom Movement and its political candidates.

#### ALAN CRANSTON

*Dave H.*

ALAN CRANSTON is campaigning for the United States Senate as the candidate to save California from his opponent. And many Californians will vote not so much "for" Cranston in November as they will vote "against" Max Rafferty.

For super-conservative "Der Blue Max" has given the moderate and liberal factions of both parties enough reasons to vote against him—his notorious reign as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, his questionable tactics in his primary defeat of veteran Senator Kuchel, and his ultra-rightist pronouncements since then.

But the Darling of Orange County has strong support in Southern California and could well ride into Washington on a Republican sweep of the November elections, given the nation's most populous state representation in the Senate by not only its one-time soft-shoe man, but a Bircher-type, book-burning Ph.D.

If the Democratic party is capitalizing on the "anti-Rafferty" feeling in California to gain support for Cranston, it may be in part because Cranston is a lackluster candidate, and his chance to save the state from Rafferty may indeed be the greatest contribution he can offer to the voters.

True, he garnered more votes in the June primary than anyone else on the ballot, but did so in a somewhat dull five-sided race almost obscured by the Rafferty-Kuchel and Kennedy-McCarthy battles.

A Cranston victory in November would be to the advantage of the homophile community, but again, only because no greater set-back could be given efforts to write liberalized legislation on sexual relationships than to elect Max Rafferty to the U.S. Senate.

Since Cranston appears to be moderate-to-liberal in other areas, it can be surmised that he would be more sympathetic than Rafferty to the goals of the homophile community in overcoming "second-class citizenship."

The whole sphere of "Morality issues"—obscenity, abortion, legal relations between consenting adults—seems to be absent from the literature of Cranston's campaign. His local staff, abundant and enthusiastic, nevertheless has been very reluctant to express any indication of Cranston's attitude along these lines.

This writer visited or phoned the local headquarters every day for a week, and received what seems to be a standard reply to inquiries: "We expect to have a position paper on that in about 10 days." At the end of August, three position papers had been issued—on gun control, on Viet Nam, and a 58-page one on Rafferty.

Some statements in his campaign literature do bear cautious examination, such as: "Cranston joins with J. Edgar Hoover and law enforcement officials...in calling for strict gun-control legislation." Even though this is probably just name-dropping, it would have been just as easy to call for the legislation without joining with the tired tyrant of our federal police.

His literature also emphasizes a need for "law and order," but he does qualify it: "We must have law and order, but we cannot have it without justice."

He has said that the curbing of violence here and in Vietnam is the main campaign issue. He says that he would attack the causes as well as the results of the violence, but claims that Rafferty merely would call for greater use of the police and military.

Much of the newspaper coverage of the Cranston-Rafferty race has speculated on offers and denials by the candidates to debate or not debate. No personal confrontation is to be expected to materialize.

Cranston has proposed that private business join with government in providing job training in city ghettos and opening up new jobs and financing small businesses. He is supported by organized labor through the United Labor Campaign Committee, representing a large number of Northern California unions.

In a major address on Vietnam, Cranston called the war "a moral outrage. It must be ended." But by neither extreme of dropping the bomb, or immediate pull-out. He calls for an immediate halt to the bombing of North Vietnam, and free elections in South Vietnam in which all political parties are represented.

State Controller in California for eight years, Cranston was defeated for re-election in the 1966 Republican landslide that brought Ronnie Reagan to Sacramento. (He also lost the Democratic primary for the Senate in 1964 to Pierre Salinger). He is presently vice-president of Carlsberg Financial Corporation and president of Homes for a Better America, a building concern.

His background would indicate that Cranston is a more adventurous, individualistic man than the present campaign shows. Now 54, he grew up in Los Altos and graduated from Stanford, where he was a 440-yard dash star. During the '30s he was a foreign correspondent in England, Ethiopia, Italy and Germany while Hitler and Mussolini were consolidating their power. He held government positions in Washington during the first part of World War II, then served as an enlisted man in the Army.

Cranston authored a book on the U.S. Senate fight over the League of Nations, "The Killing of Peace," which was listed as one of the ten best books of 1945 by The New York Times.

The Demo hopeful resides currently in Los Angeles with his wife and their sons, Robin and Kim, ages 20 and 16.

As a candidate for the U.S. Senate there seems little spectacular about Alan Cranston. As an individual who might be interested in supporting legislation favorable to the homophile community, he seems to offer little. But, in the inevitable conclusion toward which his campaign keeps pointing—after the November election the new senator from California will be either Cranston or Rafferty—the choice is yours.

#### MAX RAFFERTY

*Jack Parrish*

The career of the present State Superintendent of Schools is essentially an only-in-America one. Born in New Orleans, he received his B.A. in Southern California in 1938. He then taught in the Mojave Desert area, according to his own account spending eight years as a physical education instructor, before he became a public school administrator. In 1949 he got his M.A., in 1956 his doctorate in Education.

In 1962 he published *Suffer Little Children* a work containing his views on public education, pedagogy, and youth, with a few indirect remarks about the world in general, as well. In 1963 he entered California politics, largely as a crusader against what he termed "progressive education." In the same year he published another work, *What They Are Doing To Your Children*.

Among other things the first of his two books is strongly critical of what he terms the cult of "the Slob" among students. According to him:

"Our Slob is apt to wear his clothing much as the ladies of the Regency days flaunted their bodices—for purposes of revealing rather than concealing. His shirt is open to the fourth button, coyly baring naked flesh down even to the navel. Trousers are black denim, buckled low upon the hips and hinting to an eager willingness to go even lower. Leather jacket with GENTS or ROADRUNNERS blazoned upon its back.

His stance approximates the so-called debutante slouch of a generation ago. His walk is an exaggerated, hip-swinging roll which harks back to the gait of the old salt-water sailor temporarily marooned on land. His talk is a modern thieves jargon, relying strongly upon scarcely disguised obscenity and intelligible mainly to other members of the cult. His music is the monotonous and nerve-wracking drumbeat of the primeval jungle." (p. 59-60)

According to him such "pathological specimens" should be kept out of the public schools so that the other students will have an adequate chance to learn and the teachers not have to waste their time upon the undesirables.

In his second work he complains of religious instruction no longer being permitted by law in the public schools, saying "The Bible tells us to hate sin, and I hope

that most of us do." (p. 27) Simultaneously he gets in a few whacks at the present-day theatre, though oddly enough television seems to draw little of his ire.

"There is this to say for modern art, however: while it is true that it has become so out of step with the rest of us mortals that it might just as well be on another street entirely from the parade of life, at least it has not in most instances generated into obscenity. Drama, on the other hand, has become downright *filthy*. Whether on the stage or in the motion picture theater, we and our children are confronted with a succession of dismal, dreadful themes ranging from incest to sodomy, with once in a while a little good, old-fashioned cannibalisms thrown in just to keep us on our toes. It's useless to point out that you can find pornography in the Bible and perversion in Shakespeare. Of course you can, but you have to look for it, it is incidental and in proper perspective.

This is just the point. We are the first generation since time began that has allowed its playwrights and its actors to wallow in sheer, unrelieved filth. True, restoration drama in the uninhibited days of Charles II was pretty gamy, but it was by all odds a healthier, more natural sort of game. Charles, after all, was known as a merry monarch, not a sick one.

The novel today is rapidly becoming a refuge for pathological deviation and four-letter words. (p. 36-37)"

The reference to Charles the II is a little perplexing considering the high incidence of bastardy, venereal disease, and political corruption in this period. And, it is odd that a man who prides himself on his historical knowledge should forget that Charles expended as much of his country's wealth as possible upon his mistresses, ignoring with the maximum degree of charm all matters of public welfare and misery with the utmost indolence, uncaring of how the country was run so long as he had adequate funds for his pleasures. For that matter, too, the Greek comedy and the public spectacles staged by the Roman emperors had a degree of "the gamy" unequalled by any present-day mode of public entertainment.

In terms of immorality and young people the Doctor in his present political campaign literature is still in the vein of his books. Says he:

"If any of you have any children, as I do, you'll know exactly what I'm talking about. We parents used to be able to bundle the kids off to the neighborhood theater on Saturday with a reasonable assurance that they wouldn't be relentlessly bombarded for 3 hours with enough rape, incest, and stomach-turning perversion to make Sodom and Gomorrah look like Disneyland by comparison.

Not any more.

Nowadays before any halfway conscientious Mom and Pop dare sent an offspring to see a show, they have to curl up for a long session with Parents Magazine or the Legion of Decency to try and find something they can expose Junior to which won't turn him into a sex maniac. And this

has become such a chore that most of us currently are throwing up our hands in despair and either unleashing a panting Junior to go see Susan Smut starring in "Lust Alley" or refusing pointblank to let him go to any movie at all. (An American Pleads "Not Guilty", p. 2)"

Likewise, he states:

"Our rapidly relaxing moral fiber is affording modern muck merchants a not-to-be missed opportunity to make a fast and filthy buck. I would outlaw pornography, smutty films, dope . . . For years I have set my face like flint against anything which hurt young people and this hurts them worse than anything else. (MAX RAFFERTY SPEAKS OUT, p.3)"

His opinions of homosexuals are probably quite genuinely thought by him to be highly liberal. In commenting on the affiliation of clergymen with the San Francisco Council on Religion and the Homosexual in the Oakland Tribune he says:

I've always felt kind of sorry for the sodomite, much as I would feel sorry for a neighbor afflicted with leprosy or even elephantiasis. I'd be willing to go a considerable distance to help him or cure him, just as I'd be willing to nurse a case of catatonia or paranoia. But I have to confess I'd never think it necessary to parade him in public and let him propagandize the uninfected.

The formation of the Council means:

"So it seems that we dull normals must move over and give the homosexual his just desserts. He's not unfortunate or even sick. He has a perfect right to go around in his miniskirt and high heels, solicit more members for his sad circle and pass out his literature to the wide-eyed kiddies . . ."

He is against this both philosophically and practically because:

"Philosophically, because an illness is not cured by bragging about it and legalizing it and gussying it all up until the patient has been kidded into believing he's really the doctor.

Practically and somewhat selfishly, because if homosexuality becomes the righteous rule rather than the sick exception, my teaching colleagues and I will find our professional futures a trifle curtailed to say the least. As a matter of cold fact, we'll be all out of a job and the great society will have to provide us with expensive vocation rehabilitation, perhaps retraining us as manufacturers of falsies for male transvestites."

Strangely enough, this newspaper article has received little publicity in homosexual circles or organizations. His political views are not within the scope of the letter, inasmuch as their aims are sex education and legal reform, but his ones on sexual matters are.

It seems highly unlikely that the Doctor's stand on homosexuality will change if he goes to Washington as a California Senator. At least, in a letter sent in response to a S.I.R. member's query he has answered:

"I will oppose any change in the present laws against homosexuality except to make them more severe"

And, in one answered June 24 he states:

"I favor letting homosexuals serve in any branch of the government, after they have received proper medical and psychiatric treatment to remedy their sad affliction, and have been pronounced cured by competent authorities."

Recently a San Francisco columnist declared that part of the reason for Mr. Rafferty's having won against the Senatorial incumbent, Senator Kuchel, was that the former was financially assisted by the Conservative millionaire, H.L. Hunt. However, in a letter published in the San Francisco Chronicle Mr. Hunt states that he never met Max Rafferty personally. "My part in the California senatorial primary lasted only four days. I asked acquaintances to call their friends in California suggesting they vote and get others to vote for Max Rafferty, and nearly all of them were delighted by my request." (Chronicle, Aug. 28, 1968) Whether his friends were millionaires as well is not made clear by Mr. Hunt. In any event, whatever the uncertainty in this one matter, Doctor Rafferty's views on sex education and homosexuality are a matter of public statement, from his own mouth and no one else's.

## HUMPHREY/MUSKIE

W. L. Harvey

Law and Order is the main topic for most of the candidates for the presidency. But unlike his opponent, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey appears to have chosen a different view. He has not constructed his campaign around law and order as has his opponent Richard M. Nixon. Humphrey's intent in his campaign lies somewhere between a repudiation of the past and a call to a specific new direction. He merely wishes to establish the concept that in this campaign he would like to be his own man. He believes that there is a place for law and order but not when it deprives rights to others such as the homosexual.

When law tells you whom you must choose as a sex partner, whether it be man or woman, then this is where it is taking away your rights as an American. When law denies you the right to obtain a job on your qualifications and not on who you may choose as a mate, then this is where law and order must come to a halt. With Vice President Hubert Humphrey there seems some hope for the homosexual if there is to be any hope gained from our next president.

Mr. Humphrey is a firm believer in the rights of the American people. As the Associated Press stated, "when the Hough area of Cleveland was burning Humphrey said, 'if I were living in the slums I think you would have had a little more trouble than you've had already because I've got enough spark left in me to lead a mighty good revolt under those conditions.'" Humphrey said that there can be provided the opportunities for education, for jobs, for a better and safer living environment,

and for self-respect. Vice President Humphrey is not be far perfect but his stand on law and order seem to bend toward the homosexual, as it is his rights that are being infringed upon by "law and order" as it is generally understood.

Vice President Humphrey stated that there was a certain unappendable right such a right that comes with your birth of life. He then said that governments are instituted amongst men to secure those rights. So the first duty of government is the protection of the citizen, the safety of the citizen. But the second duty of government is to enrich that life to help blossom to make it a meaningful life.

Mr. Humphrey believes the difference between Mr. Nixon and himself is that Mr. Nixon puts most of his emphasis upon what he considers the politics of fear, the fear of lawlessness, the fear of violence, and doesn't put enough emphasis upon a massive frontal attack upon the conditions of inequity and deprivation that prevail in all too many American areas. He believes that there can be law and order without a police state and not having the police department being the most prominent feature of the community. Humphrey has stated that voters should be very careful into whose hands law and order is placed. With these words there cannot be a man more for the rights of the homosexual than he.

#### NIXON/AGNEW

M.R.P.

"Law and Order" has become the key issue of the Nixon-Agnew campaign. Such a position presents a very real threat to homosexuals as well as all minorities. Jackie Robinson, for one, termed it a "racist" policy. We should not miss the point that it is also anti-homosexual. Why?

For one thing, it's a smokescreen! Almost everyone believes in a system of laws; almost everyone abhors violence. Yet the "law and order" cry demands force be applied against any dissident element which is "causing trouble," demonstrating its belief that certain laws are unjust. It would beat down these elements with capricious use of existing laws. No one need tell a homosexual about discriminating laws and their capricious enforcement.

"Law and order" implied beefed-up power for the police force. "Back our boys in blue." It ignores the crying need for professionalization of our police forces. It ignores police brutality. It ignores the existence of men in uniform who attack Black Panthers in a Brooklyn court house or fire shots into their Oakland office.

James Reston, writing in the *New York Times*, says there are arrests in only 25% of all serious crimes and only 2% of those are ever incarcerated. Yet, with these glaring facts, a presidential candidate talks about "law and order." Such a stand is not a call for a system of just laws, enforced uniformly by a competent police force.

"Law and order" implied forceful quelling of the most vocal, most unpopular—

and relatively powerless: the demonstrators, the bearded, the shoeless, the left-wingers, the poor. It doesn't imply an attack on suburbia where "white lies" on tax returns are accepted, where lawyers, trust funds, captive corporations, and accountants make crime as "American as apple pie." And when only 25% of major criminals are arrested and only 2% of those incarcerated, crime does pay!

Mayor Daley knows what "law and order" means. His term was "overreaction" but "barbarism" is a better one. "And besides, those damn 'Weirdos' got what they deserved!"

Crime crosses every strata of our society. William Welltodo III steals a car but somehow never gets on the police blotter, while Willie Black steals and gets a police record. William's father knows some people in city hall, but Willie has to "Take it on the chin."

Petitioning our lawmakers is the "American way." But be careful how you do it! If you hire a lobbyist to entertain senators, OK. But if you are poor and march on Washington as your own lobbyist, "law and order" will call you dirty and kick you out.

Perhaps such well-known inequities need not be repeated here. But the point is that current law and its enforcement favors the propertied, white, middle-class majority. Those without power or position, who "make waves" through vocal protest will be "out of order" and will have an unjust set of laws capriciously applied against them. That is "law and order."

Mr. Nixon would probably never say that he favors the continuation of current injustices. But he knows well what the term "law and order" means to the American voter. And he sees fit to campaign on that issue.

A homosexual may find himself identifying with the propertied, middle class white, while he lives behind his straight facade. But as a "queer" in the cold police interrogation room, he may more readily identify with the poor, the black, the demonstrator, who already know "law and order" first hand.

Justice must be the cry if there is ever to be any lasting law and order. We must demonstrate and work for justice—for the elimination of laws which discriminate against homosexuals. We must be prepared to have the "law and order" nightstick unjustly fall on our heads. But we don't need to vote for the candidate who swings it.

#### GEORGE C. WALLACE

F.H.

George Corley Wallace has operated as a fighter all his life. During the hard depression years he supported himself partially by boxing professionally. He saw action over Japan during 1945. Following the war Wallace continued to slug his way through conflicts of a political stripe. During his years as a circuit court judge and as governor of Alabama he sought to preserve the traditional southern ways of life.

Race relations constitute a thorn in his side which cannot be removed by any available slogan. At one time Wallace willingly spoke out on the racial issue but in recent years he exhibits a defensive stance. When English commentator David Frost sought to draw him out on the subject, the former governor bristled and nearly refused to make any comment. He felt baited. During his inaugural address in Montgomery, Alabama in 1963, Mr. Wallace declared, "Each race, within its own framework has the freedom to teach, to instruct, to develop, to ask for and receive deserved help from others of of separate racial station . . . but if we amalgamate into one unit as advocated by the communists philosophy, then the enrichment of our lives, the freedom for our development is gone forever. We become, therefore, a mongrel unit of one under a single all-powerful government. And we stand for everything and for nothing."

Wallace is a Methodist, a dry one at that. He consumes no liquor of any kind and proudly refers to himself as a "Christian Theist."

States rights are a fundamental principle with this conservative gentleman. However, he does not turn away federal funds if the strings are loosely attached on the side of local control. For example, federal aid to education usually receives his favorable nod.

Wallace believes rioters would probably not defy the law if they knew the courts were about to deal sternly with them.

In the area of foreign policy Mr. Wallace would greatly reduce foreign aid and cut several programs from the poverty program. He firmly believes more private enterprise holds the answer to the poor and their plight.

The Wallace conception of victory in Viet Nam is centered in total military action that tolerates no compromise of any kind. Only then will peace talks seem fruitful. Students or professors who support the Viet-Cong should be considered as traitors.

As far as research efforts can determine, Wallace has issued no public statements regarding the homosexual and his place in American Society. Even his statements on morality are vague and refer chiefly to bible reading in the schools.

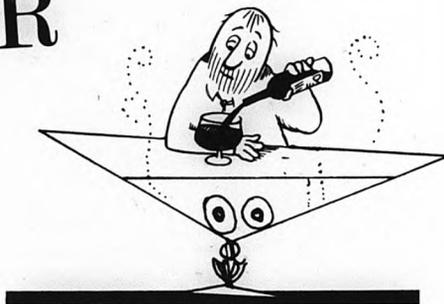
Local candidates of the American Independence Party do not appear to be issuing public statements. The chief emphasis lies in electing Wallace president. Other inquiries are not answered.

George Wallace has major party candidates filled with mortal terror. The specter of his forcing the election into the House of Representatives is no idle joke. Wallace points out that only a plurality is required to win in a three way election. If each candidate receives approximately 33 per cent of the vote, one of the candidates would require only a slight edge. Visions of 1984 suddenly come closer.

George C. Wallace may well provide a strict test of the democratic system that Americans will not forget for generations to come.

# theBAR TOUR

by TEQUILA MOCKINGBIRD



September was a busy month for the Bay Area bars with all sorts of openings, special parties and celebrations. October promises more of the same.

The most important opening certainly was at the Fantasy. Lynn Carter has been away from the Bay Area for too many years, and it's a delight having him back. Mr. Carter's material, all of it new, is incredibly fast as are his costume changes. Any of the stars that he portrays would be delighted to use his material for themselves. The Pearl Bailey impression, without additional makeup or costume, literally stops the show. Appearing with Lynn Carter is an attractive and frantic trio headed by Michael Greer. This rapid trio performs in about twenty skits, some lasting only ten seconds. A mere ten minute intermission separates this trio from Lynn Carter and vice-versa. Thus, all through the night, the show is either in progress or less than ten minutes away.

Now that nominations are closed, the seven candidates for Empress are out campaigning as never before. They are all working hard, though using different approaches. One candidate arriving from out of town via covered wagon train will bring a large group of enthusiastic supporters with him. Another plans on using a great deal of black magic, spells and hexes to get elected. Still another is pushing for greater cooperation among Bay Area groups. This year's ball program planned at sixty to seventy pages with hard cover, will become a business directory which may be referred to all through the year.

Each Halloween special groups and pagents tour the bars. Many already have announcements posted in their favorite bars. The big S.I.R. Halloween Dance, will, of course, have its share of the busses, limousines, cable cars, etc., that will be out prowling the streets that night.

October each year means *Oktoberfest* for the crowd at the Opera Club. This year the *Oktoberfest* date will be Sunday, October 20. The festival will include German beer at special prices, a wide assortment of German

wines sold by the glass, the traditional German buffet, German music and decorations, and of course, Jose in one of his impeccable German productions.

Jackson's will open its upper room with a party on October 9th. The party will feature the Voodoo Mother as hostess and will display the excellent new facilities that Jackson's now has available for banquets and large parties.

Linda's Tower on Pine Street at Polk has an interesting series of parties going on. Each month Linda hosts a party for people born under that particular Zodiac sign. Last month's party featured an excellent Chinese buffet put together by Caterer Peter King. October's Zodiac party will be on Sunday, the thirteenth. Champagne will be poured for people born under the sign of Libra, and this includes John John, the bartender.

Some of the big events of September were: Mike Tetrazini's birthday party at the Maple Leaf. Buffet, birthday cake, presents and the whole works. The Tavern Guild's second big picnic, this time at Russian River; the fifth anniversary of the Trapp with Chuck Alexander as the featured entertainer; the Polynesian party at the I-Do-No with Leis for everyone; movies at Uncle Billy's Scoreboard on Mason Street which featured the Tavern Guild Picnic (Volume One), Shirley's Red, White and Blue Ball, and Reba's Slave Auction; Roberta Bobba's Brithday celebration that toured from Volume One in Berkeley to Grandma's House, the Carnation and the Daisy; the Hobo Party at the Highlander, hosted by another of the candidates for Empress, Ma Frieda "B".

Things to watch for in October; Billy, the former bartender at the Opera Club, now welcoming his friends Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mistake on Eighteenth Street at Noe; the sexy tattooed bartender at the Tacky Wench on Turk Street is named Bob; the VooDoo Mother's newest bartender discovery is from Florida and his name is Dick; Jose's big brunch before the opera each Sunday at the Opera Club. See all of you at the big Halloween Ball on the 27th at the Village.

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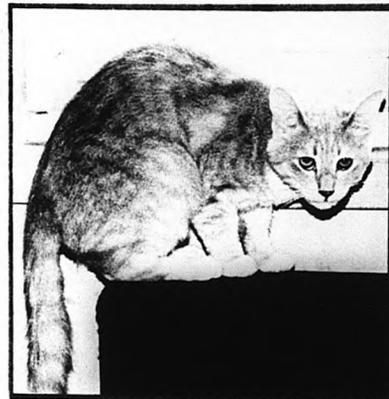
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## From the Walls of Montezuma

BY MAGDELENA MONTEZUMA

own Larry Canaga (music director of "Little Mary Sunshine and the current edition of Capades, Sirlebrity not Ice) . . . I am doing my best to stop those "Draft Magda" petitions—so stop it!!! From the looks of the proposed program for Sirlebrith Capades, it should be a camp and a half. I for one can hardly wait to hear Madame Soto-Voce sing "The Boston Beguine". Although I think it's a shame that all those really great musicals of the 60's are being passed over, it will be a treat to see Jose and Madame Aida doing numbers from "Hair" . . . Capades has lined up quite an array of stars including the return of Faye Eggbert (see Soto-Voce column of August for complete story) I didn't see one Taxi at the last Taxi dance, tres gyp!! . . . This month marks the end of the S.I.R. Bijou for awhile, we promise to come back in January with a really big film

WILL THE REAL MAGDALENA MONTEZUMA PLEASE STAND UP, DEPT.: First things first, I would like to clear the air as far as stating here and now for all posterity—I was not the Magdalena Montezuma who appeared at the Serpents Dinner show in September. Of course, I can't accuse her of using my name, as she is a lot older and probably has been using it for decades, while I have only recently returned to the glow of the limelight with this colorful nome-de-plume. Such circumstances can cause a great deal of confusion but then when you're an infamous columnist you have to expect that sort of thing. Perry George and I get it all the time.

NEW SHOW IN TOWN, DEPT.: I never missed the Giants more than when I went to see the new show at the Fantasy. Now really, I am not your basic penny pincher, but a dollar admission to stand to see the show is a bit much!!! All this madness is in keeping with the everchanging policy of the Fantasy and their new duet shows—"A Trick Up Your Sleeve" and Mr. Lynne Carter. Michael Greer, Miss Cari Stevens and Tony Delia (replaced by Richard James by the time this article is printed) do their best with some clever original material and yet it somehow doesn't come off. My opinion is that when one goes to see a gay show one expects a gay show and not a revue that would be better suited for the Playboy Club. Some of the bits are campy but just not tres gay. Michael Grear is disappointing only in that he has been so fantastic in the past and this new material doesn't come up to his usual. Miss Cari Stevens is just mad and fun, loved her and would love to see her on her own in another type of show. My guess is that most people will time their arrival to see the Great Lynne Carter's part of the show. He is just fantastic and has such a fabulous sense of showmanship. The one good thing about both shows is that they are performed live and do not use pantomime which, unless done well, is a bore.

POLITICAL DEPT CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE, DEPT.: The response to my comments regarding the upcoming election for Empress of San Francisco was quite overwhelming. But, thank goodness, as of this date no one has carried out their threats. In an exclusive interview with one of the former candidates—one who had a very good chance of winning on looks alone—I asked why she was dropping out of this greatest of all political races, and she replied in her basic classic manner: "Who needs the aggravation. It used to be a camp thing and it's turned into something that just isn't that much fun anymore. Besides, once you've been an Empress, what do you do for an encore?" Also, in town last month was the former Czarina of Eugene (Oregon) who granted me a private audience in her suite at the Fairmont. Czarina Brazilia was contemplating entering the race on the Independent Party ticket but she was signed to play a season at the Arlo Guthrie School of Music and Drama in Minneapolis-on-the-River. At least now we know what happens to former Czarinas.

TIS THE SEASON, DEPT.: Just want to close with a wish for a Happy Halloween. Will be back next month with more dirt and dishing with a special section devoted to the new Empress, if she grants interviews to basic gossip columnists . . .

THOUGHTS AT RANDOM, DEPT.: Saw Madame Aida Soto-Voce and another great diva, Maria Callous, having lunch at Sutter's Mill last week. Maybe a teaming of the two great stars is in the works. An operatic version of "Captain January"? . . . Even though the Pitchell Players version of "W.C. Fields Memorial Orphanage" is funny it does lack in camp. What little camp there is is provided by our

Boo Hoo Luvs, Magda

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made light of his candidacy to the Senate and compared it to a "dream" or "fantasy." He used words right out of Havana and Moscow in his address which was patronizing and at odds with another speaker from the P&F party.

Another "noshow" was Congressman Maillard, who sent a timid but discretely dressed matronly woman, to speak in his behalf with instruction to answer no questions that would reflect the opinion of the Congressman. When asked if the Congressman supported Max Rafferty, Mrs. Otsey responded that she "did not know" and when further pushed, for a reply she ad-



*Bill Newsom*

mitted that she was not in a position to voice any opinion which might represent the Congressman. Mrs. Otsey was Maillard's official representative, nevertheless.

PHILIP DRATH, a Quaker who defied the laws, rules and regulations of the U.S.A. by taking a boatload of medical supplies, into North Vietnam admitted that he had not done the same thing for the forces of South Viet Nam. He accused the U.S.A. and South Vietnam of crimes, but did not criticize nor condemn the forces of North Vietnam. "I was there," boasted Mr. Drath, "and saw the terror and destruction of the bombing of North Vietnam." Mr. Drath pointed out that QUAKERS maintained a

hospital in South Vietnam, and have done so for many, many years.

Bill Newsom, making his bid for the State Senate seat now occupied by Judge Milton Marks, the incumbent, promised to also introduce bills on the Senate side of the legislature to more realistically deal with problems faced by the homosexual community.

Joe Edmiston, seeking the office of Assemblyman, 20th District, might have read a left-over speech prepared by the Communist Party. To his good credit, however, was his enthusiasm for the Rent and Tax Control Bill, which his group is seeking to make into law.



*Nick Verreos*

CANDIDATE'S NIGHT was chaired by Dotte Weathers, S.I.R.'s political chairman, who read a letter from Max Rafferty which brought down the house with boos and cat-calls. Max Rafferty, as you know, proposes to further restrain and more forcefully punish with imprisonment, members of the homosexual community - if he is elected.

It was an impressive CANDIDATE'S NIGHT - this September 18, 1968 - and while the attendance was not up to other Candidate's Nights, when the offices and issues were of a purely local nature, questions from the floor were intelligent, meaningful and pointed to the various speakers.



*John Burton*

# INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION INVESTIGATED

By J.R.

Since S.I.R. was founded four years ago, a number of homosexuals have voiced concern over the discrimination practiced against them by the heterosexual Establishment. One of the chief sources of complaint has been the nation's insurance companies. These homosexuals felt discrimination because their applications were rejected, their premiums raised, or their policies cancelled when the insurance company involved became aware of their homosexuality. The S.I.R. Community Services Committee recently asked the most significant companies to explain their practice to us. The Committee sought to call their attention to the homosexual community as a recognized minority group deserving their attention, to the discrimination they were practising and the actuarial basis for it, and to the economic sanctions available in the homosexual community.

The Committee first contacted the presidents of twenty-eight of the most important insurance carriers. We asked them to explain their practices, to see if they would re-evaluate and think about their position in the course of formulating their answers. Only three companies made a response initially. After a suitable delay, the remaining companies were contacted again with the explanation that we wanted to be sure that we had their correct position for publication in our widely circulated magazine, VECTOR. This elicited eight additional responses. The most progressive and enlightened reply came from Pacific National Life Assurance Company of San Francisco. Their president, James F. Coonan, sent us the rewarding letter which was published on page 24 of VECTOR'S August issue. The remaining replies were primarily from "life" carriers. They all claimed that they did not discriminate on the basis of homosexuality alone. The "casualty" carriers either replied that they did not offer coverage in which homosexuals would be interested, or made no reply at all. None of our inquiries was returned by the Post Office Department; so, we can only conclude that no reply is indicative . . . .

The Community Services Committee will be glad to advise any S.I.R. members as to which of the companies will not appreciate having his business, and as to which of the companies welcome additional patronage. The responses of the various company presidents are available at any meeting of the Committee: the first and third Monday of each month at eight o'clock. The Committee is deeply inter-

ested in reviewing specific cases involving discrimination by insurance companies on the basis of homosexuality alone. No company quoted any study to show that homosexuality itself leads to increased mortality or morbidity, and we would like to protract their thinking on that point..

## NEXT MONTH'S OPEN FORUM

Next month's Open Forum is a special on the problems of youth and homosexuality.

A void exists in the area of aid to homosexual youth. During that frightening alone period for the young person when he is finding out about himself and his sexuality, a homosexual is in a particularly bad situation. He can not, he feels, turn to his parents. His friends berate sexual deviance. His minister chastizes his sinfulness if he dares mention his problem. His family doctor and teachers lack knowledge of the subject and cause more harm than good. He is the only "queer", he feels, and lives in constant trepidation.

What about this terrifying experience? What happened to you? Can your experience aid others?

Next month's Open Forum will explore the subject of youth and homosexuality. We particularly would like to have suggestions on programs that could aid the young. What role should S.I.R., D.O.B. & C.R.H. assume in this area? Send your answers to VECTOR, 83-6th Street, San Francisco, California 94103.

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**CASE AGAINST THE TELEPHONE COMPANY**  
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During cross-examination and extensive questioning by the hearing officer, Mr. Henderson related that the phone company would accept a request from Chinese organizations to establish a separate sub-category within the general listing "Associations" which would be designated "Affiliated Chinese Organizations of San Francisco" and thereunder to print the names of all Chinese organizations in San Francisco. But, Mr. Henderson pointed out, this is not a part of the phone company's regular service and it would constitute advertising and would be charged for on such basis. When vigorously pressed by the hearing officer he admitted that this type of listing would not be open under any circumstances to homophile organizations on the basis that it was "controversial and objectionable." Mr. Henderson assured the hearing officer, however, that objectionableness and controversiality had nothing to do with the rejection of the request for an altogether separate heading of homophile organizations but when pressed to explain why the identical listing in one context would be controversial and objectionable but not in another, he was unable to give a satisfactory explanation.

The attention of Mr. Henderson was directed to a separate yellow page category listing Prayer for the Day and he was questioned as to why it was that this heading was apparently found to be not too limited, though it had only one listing under it, and in what ways it was less limited than homophile organizations. Again, Mr. Henderson referred to the six basic principles and stated merely that one was too limited and the other was not. He stated further that he did not think Prayer for the Day could be appropriately listed under the pre-existing yellow pages category Religious Organizations while still maintaining that the CRH was appropriately listed there. Mr. Henderson finally suggested that the phone company would not be in a position to refuse a request from each one of the organizations individually that in the white pages of the directory after the name of the organization there be added the designation "A Homophile Organization." He stated that this, in his opinion, would be non-objectionable and non-controversial and that the company would have no right to refuse such a request. He also suggested that the phone company might possibly, in the green index to the yellow pages, set up a cross-reference that said "Homophile Organizations—See Associations." These, however, were the only concessions he was willing to suggest as possibilities.

Mr. Clayton in his closing argument pointed out that the mass media advertising campaign conducted by the Telephone Company to popularize the yellow pages would lead one to believe that any service he desired would be readily located in those yellow pages but that in the case of homophile organizations the only persons to whom the yellow pages are of any value whatsoever are those people who already know the names of the homophile organizations and are just unsure of the telephone number. These persons would more likely use the white pages as they would not know under what heading or category to look in the yellow pages. Mr. Clayton stated, "The only basis on which the present arrangement and classification in the yellow pages can be logically explained is that they are established on the basis of mood and whim, not of the subscriber, of course, but of the Telephone Company" and he added further, "I feel sincerely that if the action taken by the phone

company in denying this request is not representative of bias, it at least represents a manifestation of fear and ignorance on the part of the phone company about an area with which they are at best unfamiliar." Mr. Clayton further pointed out that the yellow pages contained many entries which might be categorized as helpful household hints such as how to remove greasespots from stockings, which is information the phone company is not in a business to provide which they are listing a place where no one would go to look for it and that in so doing they are "utilizing space which could be better used to serve the public by granting separate listings to such applicants as homophile organizations." He further pointed out that the phone company in its wisdom evidently deemed that there was greater public benefit in giving a separate listing to sellers of macaroni machinery, parachute jumping instructors, than there was in giving a listing to homophile organizations. Mr. Henderson, in cross-examination, had previously been asked how the phone company differentiated between categories of such limited appeal (in particular Cuspids) and homophile organizations on the basis of benefit to the general public. He was unable again to give an explanation other than to refer to the six basic principles and to say that Cuspids met those principles while Homophile Organizations did not.

The attorney for the homophile organizations closed by stating, "We are here today and have been here most of this week because the phone company has failed to recognize the growing importance and acceptability and the seriousness of purpose of the homophile movement. We are here today because the phone company took this request for a listing as a humorous and frivolous item and publicity gimmick. Obviously, from the caliber and character of the witnesses who appeared at this hearing it can be seen that the complainants are, indeed, serious. Our Mayor has openly called for enlightened treatment of the homosexual in San Francisco. If this is to become a reality, the homosexual must have full and ready access to every method and avenue of communication. The telephone must be in truth a public utility which can be fully utilized by the homosexual and those interested in his cause in the same manner and to the same degree as it is made available to and utilized by the heterosexual.

"The homosexual for so long the subject of off-color jokes and the object of derisive humor, comes before you today, Mr. Hearing Officer, with a serious and a weighty matter confident that you will see what is readily apparent, that they are unequally treated by the phone company, and hopeful that you will wisely apply the power residing in you to correct that inequity and in so doing cause the phone company to take a bold step forward in the promotion of human and individual rights and in the furtherance of human and individual dignity."

The matter now is under submission. The hearing officer will go over the record, make his written recommendation to the Commission, and the Commission will thereafter decide whether or not the request of the complaining organizations should be granted.

**LAFAYETTE SQUARE**  
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This social fact of human nature and the history of persecution against homosexuals argue strongly for a vigorous homophile movement. It is particularly well advised that the movement counter fear-inspiring literature about homosexuals and homosexuality. If homosexuals are ever to attain more than tenuous tolerance from the rest of society, then they must advertise themselves. Especially must they counteract the dreadful general belief that homosexuals are wicked, perverse, and sick. Donald Webster Cory attempted this in his book, *The Homosexual in America*, but the struggle cannot end with but one effort. Others must take up the cudgel and it would seem that the movement can play a constructive part in the education of the American public. What we publish, in magazines like VECTOR, must address an audience beyond other homosexuals. While it is true that we are obligated to assist and enlighten our fellow homosexuals, we face the larger task of prying open the minds of that vast body of heterosexuals, in particular those who fashion policy and influence opinion, with whom we share this planet.

And, it seems to me, we owe a special obligation to create a climate which will alleviate his worst fears of himself. That is the larger duty, but as individuals we must not fail either for it is our duty to counsel those young persons who seek us out. We must not turn away in embarrassment but rather tell them honestly of ourselves and of the joys and the sorrows that accompany homosexuality. To avert in them deep feelings of shame is to have done great good but we must also advise them that the having of a homosexual temperament is no excuse for not developing into a worthy and decent person. If we, as homosexual individuals, do not provide such guidance and support, then who will, and what sort of counsel will these searching youngsters obtain?



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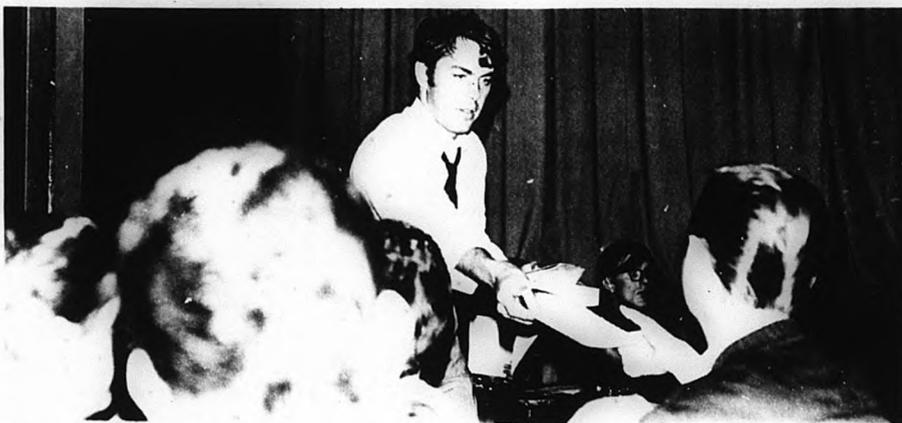


# SIRLEBRITY CAPADES SET FOR VILLAGE IN SEPTEMBER

By J.V.

This year's edition of Sirlebrity Capades will be held at the Village, 901 Columbus Ave., on November 22, 23 and 24. Tickets are now on sale at S.I.R. Center and by mail. The performances on Friday and Saturday are at 8:30 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$10, \$8, and \$5 for the evening performances and \$8, \$6, and \$3.50 for the Sunday matinee.

Included in this year's program are musical selections representative of films and Broadway from the 20's thru the 60's. Among the many songs are "Chasing the Blues Away", "At The Codfish Ball", "Rainbow Round My Shoulder", "I Wish I



Were In Love Again", "Telephone Hour", "This Is The Army", and many more. The big production numbers range from a Busby Berkeleyish "We're In The Money" to a far-out selection of songs from the smash hit, "Hair" (including "That" number).

Ken Dickman, who is directing and staging the show, brings with him the

knowledge he has gathered from the various S.I.R. productions in which he has appeared, notably; "The Boy Friend", "Pal Joey", "Final Dress Rehearsal" and "Little Mary Sunshine". Larry Canaga is once again serving as musical director after completing the same role in "Little Mary Sunshine". The entire production is under the supervision of John Gooding, the producer.

## BOOKS

### THE SEXUAL WILDERNESS:

#### THE CONTEMPORARY UPHEAVAL IN MALE-FEMALE RELATIONSHIPS

by Vance Packard, David McKay—New York, 1968

#### THE GAY WORLD: MALE HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE SOCIAL CREATION OF EVIL

by Martin Hoffman—Basic Books, New York, 1968

During the Victorian era, the hallmark of the ideal marriage was the clear cut line which divided men from women in their everyday functions. The husband brought home the bacon and the wife cleaned house and kept her mouth shut. As the 20th century reaches its zenith the black and whites have broken into a confused but somewhat exhilarating grey. Males and females are still after each other but on a more equal footing. Women now hold some of the male occupations and men are helping out with some of the chores around the house. In certain ways the sexes are adjusting to the changes, but in other areas anxieties are the result. The emphasis here lies in exploring the creative manner in which husbands and wives can appreciate the unique qualities possessed by the other sex. Vance Packard, who currently serves as the Irving Wallace of the social sciences for a curious mass audience, has turned the male-female encounter upside down in an effort to assess the implications of the new sexuality and its future.

All shades of opinion are sampled from Albert Ellis's fun morality to the more traditional views. An astonishing pile of interviews and personal surveys helped to sharpen the clarity of Mr. Packard's analysis.

He found the sexual mores of the English young people topped the liberal trend. The Scandinavians were not far behind.

In the modern marriage the male appears sufficiently secure to express his soft, feminine side. He is no longer driven to emulate Marshall Dillon. He may even suffer from a new affliction labeled "vagina envy," which is associated with child birth. This leads to the perennial fear of the male, (you guessed it) "Am I Homosexual?" Packard covers this subject in three or four pages with fairly standard information. But he quotes some authorities who believe the young man of today is terrified by homophile tendencies because the modern world offers so few avenues of genuine masculine expression.

In the final section Packard surveys the question of how far young people should be allowed to go in their dating and courting behavior. The reader has a hunch the author will turn into a middle class square at the conclusion of the book. And he does hug the center of the controversy by suggesting couples enter a trial marriage period of two years. After that time they may continue the marriage or have it annulled.

The new freedom sounds exciting, but the homophile is generally left out. He too

feels the effects of a sexual wilderness. But the jungle he is thrown into is a brutal no-man's-land. Dr. Martin Hoffman, research psychiatrist at the Mount Zion Hospital and Medical Center in San Francisco, maps out the territory in *The Gay World*. Based on research and interviews in the Bay Area, this path-breaking book challenges the sacred wisdom regarding deviant sex. All the trademarks of the homophile community are detailed here, the bars, the baths, the cruising.

But this is no ordinary description, no sensation-seeking chronicle. The whole conception of "crimes against nature" is traced against the background of western history and philosophy. The idea of traditional taboos are found wanting and the author develops his thesis that homosexuality is not a disease in itself. The social pressures produce the insecurity and exploitation prevalent in many parts of the homophile community. Society employs guilt and the club of hyper-masculinity to whip the homosexual into line. Defeat is built into his way of life and modes of thinking. Our heterosexual world cannot afford to witness the success of a gay marriage. For then the bluff built up over thousands of years would be called. Men might discover they could have warm, satisfying relations with

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other males. The church fathers would envision people actually finding fulfillment in such a life style. A lie repeated over the centuries is on the run. Hoffman attacks the disease concept of homosexuality and deprives Irving Bieber of his psychic sainthood. He finds that homophiles are hung up on sex because our civilization has made such an issue of it. Like the old time negro, he is expected to keep his place. The mass media once degraded the black man by overemphasizing his sexual urges. The same strategy applies to other groups who defy the status quo. Many homosexuals figure, "Since I'm not a member of the club, do I really need to obey the rules?" Thus we witness individuals who cruise in order to avoid a personalized development between themselves and their partner. They have learned their lesson well: how to lead a life of inner defeat and not rock the *real* boat at the same time.

Those who deny homo-erotic yearnings often pay the price through mental illness. The law extracts its due in many ways.

A goodly portion of the text is somewhat superficial and episodic when Hoffman relates the numerous life situations of Bay Area homosexuals he has encountered.

But the conclusions reached are nearly worth the price of the book. The temptation to sample a few sentences is hard to resist.

"...Sex...is isolated from the rest of these men's lives. This is alienation of the most terrible kind, for it tends to fragment the existence of the homosexual, and deprive him of the possibility...of integrating sex with love."

In speaking of liberalizing social attitudes, Dr. Hoffman declares, "If the social attitude could move in this direction, we would see the casual connection between homosexuality and psychopathology...begin to recede. We would see homosexuals develop into better adjusted persons...and we would...see less sex fetishism and instability of relationships in the gay world."

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Sir:

Why can't VECTOR arrive on the first of the month. We're missing all activities that happen at the Center and elsewhere in the first two weeks each month this way. It's not fair to your readers or advertisers. Let's get the writers and printers, etc. on the ball and have a prompt paper.

I am sure it can easily be done.  
C.C.

Dear C.C.

We have done our best to get VECTOR out near the first of the month as directed by Board resolution. The Gold Sheet to members mailed separately from VECTOR, corrects this situation for members on calendar events. We know of no other way to speed the process.

My term as Editor is up in February '69 and I am not running for re-election. We hope the next Editor can improve on this situation, but unpaid volunteers putting out a magazine like VECTOR, as well and as regularly as it is being done, is, I feel, pretty darned good.

W.E.B.

Dear Mr. Beardemphl:

While agreeing with much that you wrote about the Chicago Conference, I found the analogy about coloring Eldridge Cleaver white and you have Max Rafferty, somewhat confusing. It started me to thinking and I couldn't sleep all that night I read your article. Just what did you mean? Sincerely, R.G.

Dear R.G.:

We have received the best comments on these articles in the September VECTOR we have heard since being Editor.

I meant that the speeches and attitudes of Rafferty and Cleaver are similar. If they had been raised in reversed positions, then they would be primarily the same as the present persons they are, but reversed. They would play the same roles, mouth the same ridiculous statements, etc. I would like to suggest that there is a very strong possibility in my mind that the same persons that are putting up the money to finance the Rafferty campaign, also are financing the Cleaver campaign; both of these evil men are leading America down the primrose path to the same ends of strict enforcements of severe laws without any chance of dissent being heard in an honest, open fashion.

W.E.B.

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church (Diocese of California), 101 Goldmine Drive, San Francisco, California 94131 - 282-1624  
September 13, 1968

TO THE EDITOR OF VECTOR

Dear Bill:

I appreciate your thoughtful and passionate editorial on the conference in Chicago. We all left with some frustration. Setting up the by-laws of any organization necessarily polarizes a group as nothing else can. Those concerned for a strong organization oppose those concerned for a more flexible one. Yet I am convinced much positive work was indeed done. The election of a member of the homosexual community as Chairman—making me moderator of the annual meeting—was a most mature and healthy step. Next time even the moderator should be "one of your own". These steps symbolize the self confidence and trust being established on the national level.

Your jibes at me are well taken. If I appeared harried after four days moderating the meeting, I was. I apologize to you if my attempt at a humorous handling of you failed. I believe the position of S.I.R. was clearly and often stated most ably by you, Larry and Ron. That the vote often went another way indicates the variety of views held in the homophile world. I am sure that the voting was fair and accurate and reflected what the majority wanted.

I believe next year at Houston will be great. The credentials and rules fights are essentially completed. The National is ready to move into specific areas of direct action into the problems and concerns of the homosexual person.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Robert W. Cromey  
cc: Littlejohn

Dear Rev. Cromey:

Bertrand Russell said "I consider all forms of religion not only false but harmful." After reading your letter, I could not agree more with him.

The points I have made are missed, not ignored. Maybe one must learn in another fashion that churches do not respond to individuals, but some individual ministers do respond to persons in spite of the churches they represent. Credit where it is due, your services as National Chairman have been selflessly given and I am certain we all appreciate you much more than words can express.

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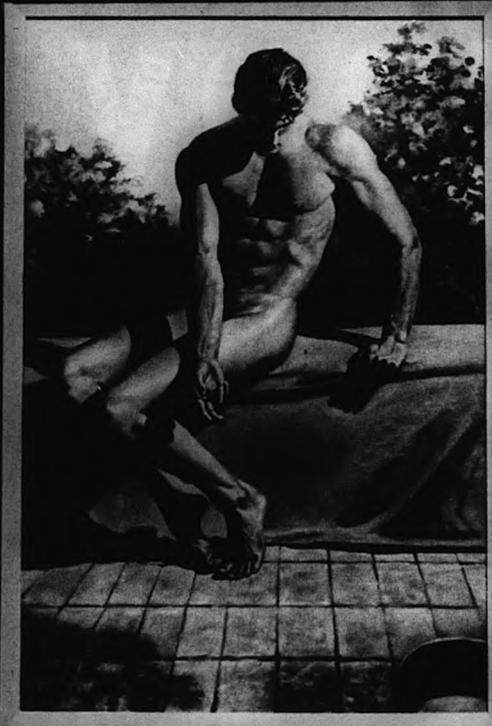
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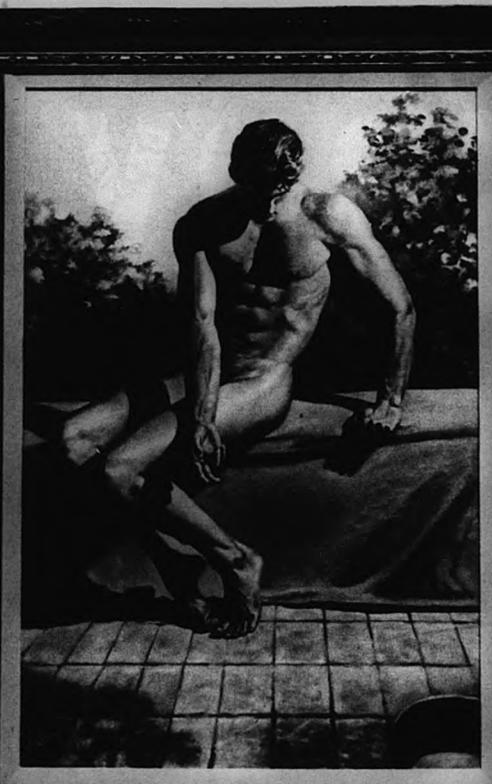
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