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Saturday, June 21st
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In MEMORIAM

FRANK V. BARTLEY
Homosexual

Murdered by
Berkeley Police

Died
April 22, 1969

WHERAS the society FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS is a California nonprofit corporation organized for the political, economic, and social advancement of the homosexual citizen and dedicated to the principles that homosexuals are entitled to equal protection under the law and that sexual practices between consenting adults are not a proper subject for state regulation;

WHERAS it has come to the attention of the SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS that Frank V. Bartley was shot through the head by Officer Weiker Kline of the Berkeley Police Department in Aquatic Park, Berkeley, California, in the evening of April 17, 1969, and that said Frank V. Bartley died of this wound on April 22, 1969;

WHERAS it appears that Officer Weiker Kline was posing as a homosexual for the purpose of entrapping the decedent into committing an alleged unlawful solicitation, and that the shooting occurred while Officer Kline and his partner, Officer Frank Reynolds were arresting the decedent, who was unarmed, for "disorderly conduct" under Section 647 of the Penal Code;

WHERAS the offense of disorderly conduct is only a misdemeanor under California law;

WHERAS Section 85a of the Penal Code limits police officers to the use of "reasonable force" in effecting an arrest, preventing an escape, or in overcoming resistance;

WHEREAS it appears that professionally trained and properly supervised police officers could have taken decedent into custody by lawful means without the use of deadly force;

WHERAS the use of deadly force in arresting an unarmed misdemeanor is totally unjustified and unreasonable;

WHERAS this shooting discloses that Officer Kline is psychologically unqualified and professionally incompetent to handle his duties and that his superiors should never have assigned him to the Aquatic Park "entrapment" detail; and

WHERAS it appears to this organization that decedent was executed in cold blood simply for being a homosexual;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS be and is hereby directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the following law enforcement agencies and offices:
(1) Honorable Cecil Poole, United States Attorney for the Northern California
(2) Honorable Thomas C. Lynch, Attorney General of California;
(3) Honorable Thomas Cottle, District Attorney of Alameda County
(4) The Chief of Police of the City of Berkeley;
(5) Federal Bureau of Investigation;
and
(6) Such other agencies and offices as may be deemed appropriate by the President.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS be and is hereby directed to request and demand
(1) that said law enforcement agencies and officers conduct a prompt and thorough investigation of the killing of decedent;
(2) that if, as a result of this investigation the facts so warrant, Officer Kline be prosecuted for murder and for violation of decedent's civil rights; and
(3) that Officer Kline's superiors be reprimanded and punished as appropriate, for negligent supervision, training, and placement of this unsuited police officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President be and is hereby directed to contact other homophile organizations in the Bay Area to arrange plans for immediate mass picketing of the Berkeley Police Department in protest of this brutal killing; and to notify all homophile organizations in the United States of the slaying of our member and the circumstances thereof.

WHEREAS the GORDON'S RESTAURANT (The Ernie's of the Gay Set)
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Lee Balmain, Manager & Bartender
Robbie Robinson .................................. Bartender
I. De Bar ............................................. Bartender
Tony Semger ............................................ Bartender
Kev Harrisson ............................................ Waiter
Chuck Emmerson ...................................... Waiter
Dutch March ............................................. Waiter
Carl Drew ............................................ Chief
Earl Tuttle ............................................ Chief
Jimmy Acres ............................................ Chief
and 10 others to bring you the best of service, food and liquor
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Playnight ............................................ Downstairs Discotheque
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WHEREAS the offense of disorderly conduct is only a misdemeanor under California law;

WHEREAS Section 85a of the Penal Code limits police officers to the use of "reasonable force" in effecting an arrest, preventing an escape, or in overcoming resistance;
The Society for Individual Rights exists to serve the common interests of all homosexuals. These common interests are: Removal of laws that make our human sexual expression a crime; Change of governmental and other policies that discriminate against the homosexual (especially in the field of employment); Education of professional persons and the public about homosexuality; Social acceptance of the homosexual without regard to his personal orientation; Challenging the unscientific theory that homosexuality is a sickness; Establishing that each individual as a matter of moral right should be free to choose for himself his own sexual expression; Working to provide an enjoyable and healthy social life for all.

It should always be remembered that homosexuals have many differences. Among these differences are varying life styles (from drag to leather, from complete openness to the closet queen, different political beliefs (from McCarthy Democrats to Goldwater Republicans); in short, all those differences which we find among the rest of the American people.

It is important to emphasize that S.I.R. has chosen to organize around those common interests that unite us all. Quite obviously no member group can be 100% happy with what S.I.R. does or does not do. There will be a natural tendency for each person and each group in S.I.R. (militants, moderates, conservatives) to reject differing political ideas, the personal beliefs of another. But S.I.R. is going to continue to represent the best interest of all homosexuals.

The first of the two hearings was conducted in September of last year when S.I.R., along with other homophile organizations in San Francisco, sought an order for the protection of the laws, and alleged that homosexuals constitute a minority group sharing common problems. As a result of this stipulation, the eventual outcome of the hearing will turn on a question of Constitutional law, involving the telephone company's asserted right to reject advertisements solely because of their content.

S.I.R.'s attorneys, in a brief filed with the Commission, argued that under a general classification of "Associations", the telephone company cannot censor political or social views on the ground that the public is not ready for such ideas. The telephone company's answering brief will be due on June 24th, and S.I.R. will have twenty days in which to file a closing brief. The initial decision will then be made by the Commissioners and will be submitted to the Commission for final determination. It is expected that a decision in both the September and April hearings will be handed down together.

In the event of an adverse ruling, the only avenue of appeal is a petition to the California Supreme Court for review. A decision to grant a hearing on the appeal, however, is discretionary with the Court.

Mr. B. J. Beckwith, chairman of the S.I.R. Legal Committee, was recently appointed at the April hearing. Assisting was David Clayton (center) during a break in P.U.C. Hearings.

The second hearing in S.I.R.'s two-prolonged legal attack against the telephone company commenced on April 14, 1969, in the State Building, San Francisco. The purpose of the hearing, which lasted two days, was to compel the telephone company to place the following paid advertisement in the Yellow Pages: "Homosexuals, know and protect your rights. If over twenty-one write or visit Society for Individual Rights, 83 - 66 th Street, San Francisco, 781-1570."

The first of the two hearings was conducted in September of last year when S.I.R., along with other homophile organizations in San Francisco, sought an order requiring the telephone company to provide a separate listing in the Yellow Pages for "Homosexual Organizations". Presently, such organizations are lumped together with 500 other groups under the general classification of "Associations". A decision in this case has not been handed down yet.

At the April hearing S.I.R.'s attorneys, in a nine-page complaint, contended that homosexual constitute a minority group whose members are entitled to the equal protection of the laws, and alleged that S.I.R. has been organized for the purpose of protecting the legal rights of homosexuals and advancing their interests through a balance of political, social, and educational activities.

S.I.R. president Larry Littlejohn expanded on the allegations of the complaint by testifying in detail as to the various activities and accomplishments of the organization. He explained that the advertisement would benefit S.I.R. through increased membership, while at the same time benefiting the many homosexuals in the Bay Area who are in need of its services, but are unaware of the existence of a homosexual-orientated organization. Mr. Littlejohn also testified that homosexuality is generally accepted in San Francisco today.

The Reverend Ted Mcllvenna, testifying on behalf of S.I.R., stated that homosexuals are a minority group in the same manner as Negroes or Jews. He estimated that there were 70,000 to 90,000 persons in the Bay Area who are exclusively homosexual. Many of these persons, the Reverend said, would benefit from the services of the organization if they knew of its existence.

A representative of the telephone company testified that the advertisement would be offensive to most users, and that many would not allow the directory into their homes if the ad were accepted.

He then made the surprising comment that advertising in the Yellow Pages would be a poor way of publicizing the existence of S.I.R. The telephone company's strongest witness was a 72-year old dowager representing the National Conference of Catholic Women of San Francisco. She read a letter from the organization objecting to the advertisement on the ground that the "telephone company is the last bastion of common decency." Upon cross-examination, however, she made the enlightened statement that "any homosexual has the right to lead his life as he wishes."

At the hearing the telephone company, in an important concession, agreed to stipulate to the factual allegations in the complaint respecting S.I.R.'s activities and services on behalf of homosexuals, and further acknowledged that homosexuals are a minority group sharing common problems. As a result of this stipulation, the telephone company's asserted right to reject advertisements solely because of their content was eliminated.

Larry R. Littlejohn

S.F.C.C.

PRESIDENT CORNER

Hunt Street

by Larry R. Littlejohn

SIR President Larry Littlejohn (left) confers with SIR Legal Counsel B. J. Beckwith (right) and Associate Counsel David Clayton (center) during a break in P.U.C. Hearings.

MA BELL TALKS BACK
UAL SEX

Willie Brown starts third time a vote on whether it will pass Willie Brown, who introduced the legis­
lation, is optimistic that it will get out of the Committee.

It was at the S.I.R./C.R.H. Candi­

dates' Night last November, that Brown said he had decided to stop talking and start doing something about the State's archaic sex laws. He authored the com­
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It was the second encounter that revealed him; the one where we didn’t make out; where I was only the observer seeing him in relation to an “outsider”. Party No. 3 had him cornered at the bar when I arrived. Obviously there had been some degree of intimacy between them, and it was no less enchanted with him than was 1, but considerably more demonstrative, not to say demanding. Implored would be the word. And Bud was flatly turning down his sincere, unfeigned offer of bed, breakfast and $500 a month from an unneeded annuity. And complete, utter, no-strings, freedom. Understandably, even forgivably, No. 3 verged on hysteria in his inability to see the point of the refusal: “Let me save you; look what you’re doing to yourself living like this; how will you end? You’re wasting a great potential, all I want is to have served you, I ask nothing for myself, just to have been the one to have fulfilled your destiny. You are a born leader, you must get out of this life that is ruining you.”

The truth of the words was unassailable, yet I cringed at the implied underlying insult: the failure to recognize that Bud, in his intellectual honesty, was aware of his own (or anyone’s) remoteness from true perfection and completeness. While my own mind raged to find words to tell 3 what he was doing and yet avoid compounding the error by interceding, good, true, and grasped initiative.

“You’re very right. I am a leader. I’ve always known it. I could have accepted a commission in the Marines and been a Captain today at 24. You know that I’ve been in this town only three days, and I could go over to that phone and in the next ten minutes call 10 people and tell them to meet me in half-an-hour on the corner of Market and Powell. In 25 minutes they’d all be there, and you know that that is the truth. But there’s one thing you haven’t thought of, and you better believe that that is the cause when I get those 10 sons of bitches in that brief interval there had been only an hour of unceremonious conversation before and after—a simple, pure and virginal communication of minds. He actually said, just before the “hot”, “how wonderful to meet someone to fall to.”

The sex that followed was a technical fiasco—crude, blundering, unphilosophical, juvenile; on my part—entirely unimportant. It was merely a formal confirmation of the depth of our understanding. Not to have had it would have been an insult to either of us. But that’s not the story I want to tell. I want to tell you about Bud, to make you sense his being; Beautiful Bud, who in those encounters over the space of one week, or less than 24 hours real-time, did more to confirm the truth of my inner life than had 36 years of lesser experience.

Bud, you wonderful bastard, wherever you are, the hippies around you ought to say, Peace, Peace, peace, you god damned, human, being.

Sesto Chiarello

ROSY
Late night lover
whisper your secrets in darkness
you are all of them,
the road soaked truck drivers,
the vagabond poet who showed me my pockets,
it is only the illusion of you that I hold this closely.

Late night lover you are all of them,
the brown sea headed Napolitani,
the vagabond poet who showed me my pockets,
whisper your secrets in darkness,
it is only the illusion of you that I hold this closely.

BUMPER TO BUMPER
Now in the cast traffic chrome elbows of scholars bent with peripheral books stiffen and root, from and become still.
Brake lights falter and stand out, caught in a graph of balled tenders
where breezes kneel on hoods their tumbled ribbons lean through open windows transforming the air.
to the left the eye splice and records ripe oranges.
Fleshcolored wagons and melons stones born in the road.
Legs cross for a moment out of their usual sleep and begin to cling
WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

On June 21st and 22nd San Francisco homophile groups including S.I.R. will host a meeting of representatives of western states homophile groups

HOMOSEXUAL REMINDER DAY

The Eastern Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations (ECHO) will be sponsoring the Fifth Annual Homosexual Reminder Day picketing demonstration, at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, on July 4th. Militants & uptight conservatives invited to participate.

As we go to press, plans to echo ECHO's work in San Francisco, such as was done last year by the leading homophile groups in front of the Federal Building on July 3rd, have not yet coalesced. Check next month's VECTOR, or call S.I.R. Center for further information.

THE FINE ART OF WALTER RINDER

Amongst most animal species, it is the male which is considered the more beautiful, but some strange dichotomy in our culture dictates that only the human female is an appropriate subject for art. Particularly in the field of photography, the male body has been sadly neglected as an art form, while the female nude has been subject-matter for numerous excellent craftsmen.

Is it guilt, shame, or imaginary (or real) ideas about what the public will accept that has inhibited serious photographers? One result has been the development of an underground market for "beefcake" photography, emphasizing genitalia at the expense of art, and with the concurrent implication that depiction of the nude male is perversion directed to "prurient interest".

Walter Kinder has boldly set out to follow his own conscience and to prove otherwise, and is finding encouragement from unexpected directions. In his own gallery (in North Beach, recently closed), he has openly displayed excellent studies of the male form along with his nature work and portraits. He reprints many of these in the form of note cards, and these are displayed and sold in legitimate card and stationery shops, without creating hubbub or confusion or upsetting the little old ladies in tennis shoes.

Vector is proud to present a representative portfolio of Mr. Rinder's work, with the frank hope that the response will add impetus and encouragement to other photographers who share his ideals.

Walter Rinder says of his work: Nature and the nude body are the truest and noblest symbols of life, for life is naked. The male body is the sensuality of this beauty and strength. To the beholder of my art, I have tried to project an awareness that the male form is a masterpiece, created by a far greater artist than myself.
Where research is concerned, homosexuals as a group are in roughly the same category as rats. They are subjects, respondents, patients (all passive roles) to be observed, questioned, run through tests, exposed to a variety of stimuli, noxious and otherwise, psychoanalysed, etc. The experimenters mainly are straight which would not be so bad if so many of them did not so obviously lack a sound grasp of scientific methodology and true scientific objectivity. This is not to knock that small band of scientists who have carried out valid and objective research on the homosexual community.

But because so much of the so-called research is at best useless and at worst harmful to the homosexual community, S.I.R. feels that it is about time that a little role reversal took place—time for the rats to revolt and assume the active role of experimenter. To this end a research sub-committee is in process of being formed within the Community Services Committee of S.I.R. One of the purposes of the sub-committee will be to initiate and implement research studies of more value to the homosexual community than the typical "shich-Mums-and-Dads-make-the-best homosexuals" studies and the "evangelical-search-for-the-UNIVERSAL-CURE" studies.

Right now, two research proposals by homosexuals for homosexuals are before the sub-committee. One study aims to investigate overall community hostilities towards and curiosities concerning the homosexual community and homosexual organizations, as mediated by degree of homosexual militancy and in comparison with other minority groups and anti-minority groups. Also to be explored would be inter and intra-group hostilities and curiosities together with the effects of socio-demographic factors. The study employs co-operation-free measures, randomization and control and other methodological niceties advocated by the great methodologists of the ilk of Donald Campbell, Eugene Webb, Rosenthal, Orne, et al. Second study is one for VECTOR that is equal design-wise to anything that has been done in the same field for media giants. However, to implement these studies, and get other useful studies underway, we need the services and talents of enthusiastic volunteers willing and able to serve as research staff performing a variety of research functions from study design, to analysis, to key-punching, card sorting and computer programming, to interviewing and other field work, to typing, envelope stuffing and other clerical functions, to coding and tabulating, to review of the literature.

The philosophy is to start out ambitious. The sub-committee will go after grants from foundations and institutions. Many studies with a little ingenuity and a great deal of beg, borrow and steal can be carried out on a shoestring. The sub-committee will seek publication of the studies in the professional and other appropriate journals. No reason why S.I.R. shouldn’t have its own Research and Development arm like any sound organisation.

Whether you’re a Ph.D or a kindergarten drop-out, shed the rat skin, don a white coat and turn up at the next Community Services Committee meeting, or the next, or the next, or the next. You don’t have to be a member of S.I.R.—just be gay and believe it’s great. Bonus: If enough of you beautiful people turn up, you will be able to do some interesting side studies of two person interactions—otherwise known as cruising.
Please indicate your interest by rating each of the following items on a 0 — 100 scale. A rating of 100 means you are extremely sure to read a given item. A rating of 0 indicates you are extremely sure not to read a given item. You may use any other number, from 0 to 100, whatever number best expresses your personal degree of interest in reading a given item. Make sure you rate all items. Remember, by filling out the rating sheets and mailing them to S.I.R., you will help make VECTOR the sort of magazine you want it to be. (Complete anonymity is guaranteed.)

Please rate the following items:

- Gay Mate of the Month
- Beauty hints—cosmetics, colognes, hair
- Classic tales
- Playboy style
- Vector editorial
- Research reports-digests of current research on homosexuality
- Record reviews
- Gay humor—jokes, cartoons, satire
- Coordinates
- Games corner
- Hints for keeping fit—how to reduce weight
- Hobbies and interests
- Gay and family
- Gay personalities
- Homosexual parent
- Love poetry for famous gay poets
- The myth of mental illness
- What to do if you're ever black
- Sunset
- New Yorker
- Playboy
- Psychology Today
- Vogue
- Skin magazines
- Playboy style
- Various theories of homosexuality
- True confessions stories
- Are lesbians all man-haters?
- Empresses, Dowager Duchesses and...
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LIGHT SHOWS - DOOR PRIZES
With the advent of the freedoms of the 1960’s, I suppose the appearance of a publication like The Homosexual Handbook is inevitable. For decades publishers have flooded the market with tomes on what every young man and woman should know about life; how to get through middle age; or how to enjoy the ravages of old age.

In the homophile world, the only writings designed to convey practical information of the “how to do it” variety have been the assorted guides to cruising. But Handbook appears on the scene to mop up any neglected ground. The bars and the hustlers are surveyed, life in the boarding schools and the military is laid bare (no pun intended), and sex technique is graphically detailed to such an extent that few question marks are left dangling even for those persons just coming out.

For the literary types a chapter is included on what books are available for homophiles who wish to read up on deviant living. The majority of titles discussed are fictional in nature, but a few documentary items are mentioned (such as Dr. Martin Hoffman’s The Gay World.)

The author warns readers to shun moral tracts in the tradition of Edmund Bergler’s Homosexuality: Disease or Way of Life?

d’Arcangelo exudes a worldly charm and spicy sophistication as he interlaces his tips with personal recollections of past exploits. His style flows in a simple, relaxed, and informal manner. Frequently the device of answering letters from the discouraged is adopted. (Dear Uncle Fudge). A number of his observations are amusing and others are simply obvious.

The chapter on “Women” stands out from other sections for the ideas and strategy offered to males who desire a bisexual approach. The author’s views on women reveal an underlying philosophy of perfumed cynicism. What are we to make, for example, of this choice declaration: “Women are made for fucking. They’re perfectly ridiculous otherwise.” Is the female of the species placed on earth simply to fulfill the mechanical function of orgasm promotion? Or is she also a human being?

In another portion, this thought arrests the eye. “The failing of Judeo-Christianity in it’s many guises, is that it doesn’t give appropriate worship to the only dependable ecstasy. How would we know about divinity but for orgasm.” Is he putting us on? Does he believe the only true religion is pursuit of the flesh? If so, perhaps the homophile mode of living verges on bankruptcy.

In other places, our friend and guide simply spouts nonsense. Sample: “All human beings require many thousands of sexual experiences or orgasms, to maintain their health.” Sex has its place in the well-being of man, but one can hardly rank its importance just behind food and water.

In New York City, Handbook has the show business world in an uproar because of the final segment which lists, with witty commentary, who is and who is not a member of the lavender sect. Along with historical figures, a number of contemporary gay folk are noted, particularly members of the entertainment establishment. Variety has hawked the story and a revised edition of the volume will appear soon—minus the names of the gay ones. Large scale publicity has been promised to herald the occasion.

If a reader were to write me, inquiring as to how reliable the Handbook was, I might be tempted to reply, “Dear Friend: Read and enjoy d’Arcangelo’s little chats. He can be marvelously entertaining. But please don’t treat anybody as an expendable commodity like he apparently does to many of his tricks and lady friends.

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A STAR IS BORN (MAYBE), DEPT.: One of the most interesting sidelights of the "FORUM" show was the fact that among the many socialites attending the Gala Opening Night were several people from casting at 20th Century Fox, including director Michael Sarne. The big search is on for the casting of the upcoming film version of the best-seller "Myra Breckenridge." I talked to Mr. Sarne (who did such a heaven job in putting together "Joanna") in the lobby and he was most impressed with many of the cast as well as the many of the audience who attended that evening in drag. Mr. Sarne is writing the screenplay as well as directing the film and at this point the studio is screening various males for the lead role or one of the supporting roles. I am not sure just how many were tapped by the finger of fate, but I was present when Mr. Sarne interviewed one of our lovely Melanie and requested photos, etc. So, who knows—today's queen may be tomorrow's Starlet.

THE KILLING OF SISTER MAGDA, DEPT.: Because of many, many things, this will be my last column for Veer. I am off to the Catskills for a summer of camping and touring with a revival of one of my favorite hits, "Ain't Too Proud to Beg." Among the many things planned is the First Annual Turban Bey Film Festival and the cutting of the ribbons at the opening of the Mother Magda's Home for Wayward Girls at Saugamont. So, as you can see, I will be out of touch with much going on in the Bay Area and will turn this space over to another columnist. All pleas and requests will be to no avail (when a Capricorn makes up his mind—that's it!) but I will make sure the Publicity Dept. sends out any 8 x 10 glossies that are wanted and/or needed by the legions of fans I shall leave behind . . .

LAST TIME AROUND, DEPT.: Just extending to my family and friends the best wishes for the holidays. A chemical accompaniment to this Shazam-seraglio evades my tongue. He's gonna readjust the headset and put that game on. A chemist sings "Don 't Need No Doctor" and does it well! Have a happy holiday — and see you in the New Year.

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The June 18th OPEN HOUSE meeting at the S.I.R. Center will feature Dr. Martin Hoffman, staff psychiatrist at the San Francisco Center for Special Problems. The subject selected by Dr. Hoffman will be "The Two Faces of Militancy." Dr. Hoffman is the author of the recent book The Gay World: Male Homosexuality and the Social Creation of Ego published by Basic Books. (A review of this book, see VEC TOR, October 1968). The paperback edition is due to be published in the very near future by Bantam Dr. Hoffman was one time a lecturer in Criminology at the University of California at Berkeley. He received his medical degree from the University of Illinois. He is an Assistant Psychiatrist at the State University of New York at Brooklyn, where he is doing research. He has published articles in various journals, and is at present engaged in a research project on the effects of the John Doe law on mental health in a major metropolitan area.

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VECTOR thanks the editors of MAPGIE for their unstinted cooperation, understanding and good will towards S.I.R., as expressed in their May issue. MAPGIE is a new monthly magazine, published in Los Angeles, but covering (what they call the "Frivo" scene, and all of California quite comprehensively. S.I.R. is welcome to attend or to join the committee.

The 2nd Annual "Holiday on Ice" will be announced in the very near future, featuring prices for costumes and an evening of hilarious fun on ice, plus a "WHO IS THE MYSTERY SKATER" contest. Donation for this affair is $3.50 per person; S.I.R. members will receive a free drink at the bar upon presentation of membership card.

Don't like skate? How about bicycles? Pedal and picnic with S.I.R. at Golden Gate Park Sunday, June 29th. Cruise the Bay (in a boat) on Sunday, July 27th. Gay-league baseball in Oakland, Sunday, August 17th. Fashion Show, Sunday, August 24th. Trip to Reno, Saturday-Sunday, September 20-21st. The second Saturday of every month, the dances at the Center will feature a live Rock Band: further details on all these events will be published in VEC TOR, or call the Center for information. Special consideration is given to S.I.R. members at these affairs, but they are all open to friends of S.I.R.

The committee is working on a six-month calendar, listing all activities and events of all homosexual groups in the Bay Area. To eliminate conflicting dates among ourselves and to help publicize all our affairs. Please let us know the plans of your group, or check with us before setting your dates; S.I.R. is not in competition with any other group: we're here to be of service to the gay community.

The Social Committee meets on the first and third Thursday of every month at the Center. Everyone interested in furthering the social goals of S.I.R. is welcome to attend or to join the committee.

Oscar Villacrescino, Chairman
In response to the blast in the April issue of VEC and the heated discussion which functions in a non-Christian atmosphere. I do not condemn. Nevertheless, I have often read "VeCTOR", with a great deal of admiration for the hard work of its Editor and Staff, and the humor of regular contributors, such as Misses蒙提蒙塔和M.辛格。It is rarely that I do not take serious exceptions with the authors of lead articles, however, for I find them supporting their causes with the same half-baked misinformation, mis-information, and slanted information as exploited by supporters of opposing convictions. But this is the privilege of a writer, and I guess it's his reward. I previously, therefore, refrained from writing "A Letter to the Editor". But the article by Leo E. Laurence in the January issue falls into a much different category.

On first reading it I was greatly impressed by this guy, and his apparent desire to be honest with the world at all cost, but I began to think. Even more thought, I thought, the greater my conviction became to oppose the entire idea of trying to promote. This not because I am a closet queen—quite the contrary! I do this because I am convinced that what is advocated would not be accepted as individuals, and as a whole, and particularly not as a way of life. The "new breed of young gay kids" may please the drummers in the future, but if they are not the apparent desire to be thought of as individuals, and as a whole, and not as members of a particular social group, I am not concerned about the best or worst category that could produce. I am not convinced that Gay is good, or Straight is good, or Black is White is good. This is the statement of the slogan-writer, and the button-maker, who currently has his reward in considerable financial profit. I submit for your consideration that a person who must consider himself to be homosexual, and as much as anyone, not more mature and secure than the guy next door. I am well known, and announce my homosexuality, I would offend some very sweet people. Yet I am sure the Rector knows the truth, and I am equally sure he could not care less.

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There are a number of other items among the writer's recent articles which I am not sure of, but as I get older, I find more interesting and less socially acceptable with the appearance of a benchwarmer, rather than a football hero; yet a swell guy we could have known.

Why did Mr. Laurence point out so many occasional observations about the "gays who go out of his way to conform, dem-ins "flagots and queers". Is a person who becomes accomplished in arts traditionally practiced by the opposite sex immediately subject to suspicion? Why bother about it? Go before the person that wants your friendship. Don't get uptight and bitchy about someone who isn't interested in you as another human being. The author is easily overwhelmed by the temptation to categorize people. I have never taken a girl to a party because it was expected of me. On one occasion there was a girl I wanted to enjoy the evening with, and did. Other times I would have gone alone. Occasionally the host would include my roommate in the invitation, and he would attend if he felt like it. I recall many conversations or arguments or inferences about our being homosexual. Perhaps I am not being sensitive enough.

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I would submit for your consideration that there is a big difference between entreating someone in homosexual society knowing by his own admission that he is that. While the practices of some national corporations may vary, I am so sure that advancement would come as quickly, if at all, to the widely known homosexual. He may have been forced out of my life. I try to avoid offending people. If I were to stand up in my church, where I am well known, and announce my homosexuality, I would offend some very sweet people. Yet I am sure the Rector knows the truth, and I am equally sure he could not care less.

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