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I was able to refer him to trained counselors in the Chicago area. I told him of organizations such as S.I.R., C.H.F., and the Council on Religion and the Homosexual. I was someone that he could talk to, because I have been through the same thing.

I have learned that such calls are not uncommon at S.I.R. But how many more lonely, depressed kids are there that are not calling S.I.R. or other organizations like S.I.R.? Have we gotten so wrapped up in fighting the big "battles," that we have forgotten the little ones?

We need more organizations like S.I.R., where people who need help or information can call and get it. (S.I.R. also receives calls asking legal and medical advice, etc.) We need an organization that has the facilities of a staffed office in every major city. These organizations need competent people to receive calls and give help or information.

These organizations won't just pop up. They will require support to get started and be maintained. It takes people to work and money. The cost of one bar drink a month and given to support such organizations is very little to ask. (That is approximately what a membership in S.I.R. costs.)

S.I.R. has the largest budget of any homophile organization, but it doesn't have the money to maintain the sort of service that is really needed. The Center isn't ordinarily open on Saturday afternoons. The kid from Chicago could have also found only our answering service.

Such services as helping people on an individual basis in this way don't make headlines. The effects aren't obvious but the service is real. Is it asking too much to give a little time or money to help organize and maintain such organizations? I think not.
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EXAMINER ACCUSED
OF YELLOW JOURNALISM
by Del Martin

In researching a statement I made recently before the Police Commission in behalf of Citizens Alert on police policy on the use of firearms, I found that the homophobic community is not alone in its protest against journalism as malpracticed by Robert Patterson, reporter for the San Francisco Examiner.

San Francisco’s Black Caucus, in a press conference held in July of 1968, charged Mr. Patterson with racism because of a series of articles he wrote about the city’s post office employees. According to Aileen Hernandez, the articles were written “in the best tradition of yellow journalism.”

In its August 23, 1969 edition, the Sun-Reporter protested another article by Mr. Patterson in the Examiner—this time a description of “the composite murderer” as being 22 years old, Negro, single, unemployed, having a moderate police record and “usually homosexual.”

Mr. Patterson is responsible for the articles which led to the Hallowe’en confrontation in front of the Examiner bldg. KTVU’s Channel 2 films of the demonstration showed this smug, fat, bald-headed man with a cigar clamped between his teeth doing a round or two in the CHF picket line and shouting. “We want Patterson!”

The San Francisco Examiner, by continuing to publish exaggerated and erroneous articles by this man, is fanning the flames of minority unrest. At the same time, the paper’s editorials mouth “law and order” when these minority groups are provoked to action in their own defense. A great many innocent people are being hurt by these tactics, and the city is being divided and polarized by such policies.

As a journalist myself, I am opposed to censorship. Freedom of speech and of the press are essential to the democratic process. But the Editorial policy of the San Francisco Examiner, as evidenced by Patterson’s reporting, smacks of yellow journalism and cannot be condoned. The Examiner’s management must assume responsibility for Patterson’s explosive and slanderous “feature stories.” For the greater good, which could only have come from their own press room, and for the ensuing consequences.

To date, eight of the cases involved in the unfortunate Hallowe’en incident have been settled. All pleaded not contrary (no contest) and received five-day suspended sentences to a charge of “failing to obey a traffic officer.” They are Philip H. Nies, David Brower, Richard M. Cooke, Michael J. Carbone, Carstie L. Clausen, Len E. Lawrence, Jack P. Ransom and Karen L. Harrick.

Municipal Court Judge, Harry W. Low, dismissed charges of resisting arrest and malicious mischief against the eight. Other cases are still pending.

A reply to the demands made by the Committee for Homosexual Freedom has been received from the mayor’s office. It will be dealt with in next month’s column.

ALVAREZ NOT GUILTY

At press time word came through that Al Alvarez had been acquitted of all charges in connection with the CHF Examiner demonstration. The young militants of CHF have had a lot to say about “copping out.” They have made accusations against other homosexual organizations as being part of the Establishment, of not being open and fighting for their rights as homosexuals.

But what did the eight do? On advice of attorney, being faced with multiple charges, they copped a plea to a lesser charge to get the other charges dismissed—standard procedure in our system of justice.

Al Alvarez, a member of that “Staid, establishment organization” known as the Society for Individual Rights, fought for his rights as a homosexual.

S.I.R. AT “BOYS”

Sunday evening, December 14, was a fund raising event for many members of the Gay community in San Francisco. S.I.R. took over the house for “The Boys in the Band” on that evening. Following the performance, a large number of the audience regrouped with the cast of the production at Gordon’s Restaurant at 840 Sansome Street, to attend a cast party hosted by Sandy Sanchez, owner of Gordons.

Happy New Year, Everyone!
GAY TELEPHONE LISTING?  
P.U.C. PREJUDICE CHARGED

Thomas Moran, a Reagan appointee, has accused three of his fellow Public Utility Commissioners of prejudice in their denial of a request by four San Francisco homosexual groups that they be allowed a separate Yellow Page telephone directory listing. The Commission voted 3-2 to deny the four groups. The Society for Individual Rights, The Council on Religion and the Homosexual, The Tavern Guild of San Francisco, and the Daughters of Bilitis a listing as “Homophile” or “Homosexual” organizations.

In his reply, Gatov called the majority decision “a travesty that will not stand judicial review.” He called the manner in which Yellow Page decisions are made “arbitrary, discriminatory, contrary to law, illogical, inconsistent, and just plain nonsence.”

It is true that “homophile” does not appear in the dictionary, as the telephone company contends, but Gatov stated that neither does “scientology” and “personology” which do have individual listings.

PRODUCTS GET LISTINGS

“Mexican Goods” and “Hawaiian Goods” get listings, Gatov illustrated, as do other products. Mexican and Hawaiian organizations, where products are not involved, are lumped under “Associations” and do not get separate listings.

Prejudice against homosexuals was inferred in Commissioner Moran’s minority report. He said that the telephone company “arbitrarily” denied the request because the groups complaining worked with individuals who are “part of an unpopular minority.”

Attorney David Clayton, S.I.R. Legal Chairman B.J. Beckwith, and others are now discussing the next legal move by the complainants. It appears as we go to press that an appeal will be made direct to the California Supreme Court.

This report concludes with Commissioner Moran’s significant final comment: “Discrimination by a public utility against a substantial segment of the population because it holds unpopular views, is prohibited by both the Constitution of the State of California and the Constitution of the United States of America.”

George Meendenhall

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President's Column — — by Larry Littlejohn

1969 was a year of unprecedented publicity and activity for the homosexual movement. TIME magazine carried a cover story on Homosexuality in America. NEWSWEEK, LOOK, and ESQUIRE ran featured stories on homosexuality. Major plays and movies brought different facets of homosexuality to the public view. West Germany and Canada abolished their laws which made homosexual acts a crime. The Connecticut legislature voted to remove homosexual offenses from their criminal statutes effective in 1971. The Supreme Court of Alaska has apparently found that state's sodomy law unconstitutional. In Norton vs. Macy a Federal Circuit Court of Appeal ruled that the Federal government could not dismiss an employee merely because he was a homosexual without showing that the person's homosexuality had some bearing on his performance on the job. In a similar landmark case the California Supreme Court held that a teacher could not lose his teaching credential solely on the basis of non-criminal homosexual acts performed in private. 1970 will be a year of unprecedented challenge and promise for the homosexual movement. We are living in a fast moving world of new developments and change. There is a developing determined and very vocal viewpoint that the homosexual movement must be "radicalized." This position holds that the best way to accomplish the goals of the homosexual movement (respect from society and equal treatment and opportunities under the law) is to align the homosexual movement with the New Left or with the Radical Movement. This position holds that homosexuals as homosexuals and homosexual organizations as representatives of the homosexual community should take stands on issues such as abortion, capital punishment, draft resistance, Vietnam, the Grape Boycott, student expression, and what we call "militant" political activity. This position is in dramatic opposition to what we might call theS.I.R. position. We feel that S.I.R. is a one issue organization limiting itself to a concern for the welfare and rights of the homosexuals as homosexuals. S.I.R. is the position has been to be more like the American Civil Liberties Union than to be like a political club. The fact that S.I.R. has limited itself to one specific area of concern does not mean that S.I.R. members do not involve themselves in other areas. In point of fact many very active members of S.I.R. are also active in all sorts of other organizations. The fact that S.I.R. has limited its viewpoint... And What Of The Readers?

The Gay Revolution (?)

And S.I.R.?

by Perry A. George

There are shouting voices from our far left Gay brethren that started out like the buzzing of an irritating gnat around the nose and now it must be swatted away. This is quickly becoming the shared opinion of many "feet on the ground" homosexuals who feel that something must be done 'lest the general populace believe some of these people. These far brethren who enjoy referring to themselves as "Gayre" believe that the rights of the homosexual can only be achieved by alignment with radical revolutionary causes. It is felt that homosexuals can buy the support of the people involved in the Black Panthers and other anti-state, anti-establishment organizations and that these people will also hasten to espouse the homosexuals' search for freedom as repayment for their efforts on their behalf. The old order "capitalism" must be crushed and a new order "communism" must take its place. These "Gayre's" will hold up such things as examples of social equality as Castro's Cuba or Maoist China and say this is what homosexuals must work for. These people are either too young, too stupid, or most likely a combination of both and are unaware of history. The facts are clear that no country under Communist rule can boast of fostering the position of the homosexual since that government forms inception. Historians and political scientists will agree that any new order of significant change is always sexually puritanical and death on homosexuality. Whether it be Christianity taking control of the Roman Empire or something as sudden as Cromwell beheading James I of England or the total recidice of the Romanovs in Russia. History is replete with examples of the "cleaning" of the new order. Homosexuals should be keenly aware of just where they could be if this government in our country were to collapse and a radical left (or right) new order were to be. It is this group of people on the necessity of rising up in anger and murdering their neighbors in our country were to collapse and a radical left (or right) new order were to take control of the government. This position holds the best way to achieve the goals of the homosexual movement is to align the homosexual movement with the New Left or with the Radical Movement. The Gay Revolution (?)... And What Of The Readers?

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Coit's Third Annual Mardi Gras

The Coit's Third Annual Mardi Gras Ball will be held Saturday February 7th from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Russian Hall, 2450 Sutter St.

Each year the attendance is greater and the costumes more fantastic than the year before. Many of the fabulous costumes worn to the Halloween Ball will be worn again so that they may be seen by those who missed them in the large crowd that turned out for that ball.

Several costume awards will be given including the grand Mardi Gras Award for the most spectacular costume or group in attendance. Costumes worn to the Halloween Ball will be eligible for prizes if worn to the Mardi Gras Ball. The balcony will be open for those who wish to get an overall view of the costumes and festivities on the balcony floor.

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On Thursday, January 8, the Production Committee will choose the upcoming Spring "book" show from among those proposed in meetings held by the committee in December. The meeting will be held at new chairman, Chuck Zinn's home, 1152 Castro St. at 8 pm. Two weeks after the show is selected a meeting will be held at the S.I.R. Center on January 22nd to elect the producer and director for the proposed production. At that time audition dates will also be disclosed as well as the actual play time for the show.

In December, Joe Vigil resigned as chairman and Chuck, who was co-chairman, took over until the next election. At this meeting, the committee proposed to approach the Board of Directors to request a voting seat on the Board (which up to now has not been the case). Discussions on different shows took place at both December meetings and the results will be revealed in January.

Anyone interested in directing a particular show, as well as people interested in being musical director, are requested to attend both these important meetings.

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**Elections To Be Held**

Special elections will be held for the offices of Production Chairman and Public Relations Chairman at a closed S.I.R. membership meeting, January 7, 1970. At the same meeting a Candidates Night for S.I.R. positions in February will be held. (SEE ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE)

The special elections are the result of vacancies created by the election of Bill Plach to Vice President from Public Relations Chairman and Robert Cramer to Vector Chairman from Publications Chair.

The Associated Members December 3. At that same meeting, Joe "Robie" Robillard was elected Small Activities Chairman to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the former chairman.

The Associated Members will come up for re-election at the February Closed meeting. However, the offices of Publication, Vector, Public Relations and Small Activities Chairmen will hold office until February 1971.

**Productions**

In a further position change with the organization, Chuck Zimm has assumed the Chairmanship of the Productions Committee. He will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Joe Vigil from that post. This elevation was by the decision of the Productions Committee made at a meeting of the committee on December 4. In assuming this position, Chuck will be in charge of the Spring Musical and special events in the Fall.

**Gangs Get “Hats Off”**

VECTOR gives a “Hats Off” to the motorcycle and buddy clubs who sponsored the successful Christmas Toy Thing.

The fifth annual event (which raises the “goods” to provide toys for needy kids on Christmas) was by the Aquillas, Barbarossa Coasters, Cheaters, Constanties, Kaspars, Kings Men, Koalas, Recons, Sirloins, and Warrior. It was held at Seamount Hall Saturday evening December 15.

.Admission price was $5 and a toy. In the past the toys have been distributed to Children in: the Hunters Point area, San Francisco General Hospital and Hanna Boys Center. This year the distribution was expanded to many such worthwhile groups.

Rock music by the Marvin Gardens and a light show by the Cheaters were the highlights of the evenings.

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**RAIDS IN CITY OF ANGELS**

by Jeff Buckley

The year ended as it began—bar raids and general harassment, trouble at the baths and wild rumors circulating that made the situation appear worse than it really was. In all, 40 saw an improvement in the after dark scene; although, Los Angeles still has no viable organizations to represent the active homosexual who may be wrongly arrested while out on the town, and who may need the support of an organization such as S.I.R.

The bath house that was raided late one night had earlier in the year drawn the attention of the police when one of the partners allegedly shot the other after a business disagreement. That incident also resulted in a raid, but none of the patrons was arrested. The latest raid involved view-squealers infiltrating the club as members and on a given sign breaking doors down and taking all the patrons to jail. This bath was popular with the younger set and was located near Wilshire on La Brea.

The bars that were visited were all on Santa Monica Boulevard but whether this presages a city-wide purge or not remains to be seen. At least this year the councilman representing the district acknowledges the problems of the homosexual community, as the gay vote that was brought out in last April’s election by the now famous Advocate, won his election.

On the more cheerful side, business is booming in the San Fernando Valley. On weekends this year the growth is especially pronounced in the San Fernando Valley. On weekends this year the growth is especially pronounced on Highway 110 toward Cathedral City. The Blue Fox Motel on Mel Drive is a friendly spot; there is also one of the famous Motel Baxcs in the area, but because of this low rate it is usually crowded in the season.

It would be tedious to list the several Gay ventures that have opened and closed.
This Month

INTERVIEW WITH TOM MAURER

by Don Collins

Tom Maurer is the field director of the Kinsey Study currently underway in the San Francisco Bay Area. The study is being conducted by the famed Indiana University Institute for Sex Research. The Institute is more popularly known as the Kinsey Institute, after its founder, the late Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey.

Headquarters for the local study are in a small building in a high-income neighborhood in the San Francisco Cathedral Hill District. Mr. Maurer was casually dressed for the interview. He is a tall man with a voice to match his rugged features. But we prefer to let any impressions of this man be formed through the following printed interview.

VECTOR: Mr. Maurer, would you give us a brief autobiographical sketch of yourself?

Maurer: Well, I was born in a small town called Cleveland Heights, Ohio, which is a suburb of Cleveland. I went to Cleveland Heights High School and then on to Ohio University and then to Bon Homme College.

VECTOR: You were a minister for twenty-six years. In what faith did you do your ministry?

Maurer: I was a Methodist minister for three years and then for twenty-three years I have been a Methodist minister in the United Methodist Church of the United States.

VECTOR: What would you call your present work—social work with a psychotherapist? Or something else?

Maurer: My official title is Research Associate with Indiana University.

VECTOR: How long have you been with Indiana University?

Maurer: Since May 1st, 1969.

VECTOR: You were selected especially for this project?

Maurer: Right.

VECTOR: Who were you selected to be?

Maurer: Oh, I guess because of my extreme interest in the project and I was President of Mattachine in Chicago when the Institute for Sex Research did a pilot study in Chicago two years ago in the summer of 1967. I became very active as a member of Mattachine and then for three years and then for twenty-three years after that.

VECTOR: Why did you enter the ministry as a homosexual?

Maurer: The old phrase is: the Bible says: "Be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you may prove what is that good, pleasing, and perfect will of God." And I don't want to take a chance, the ministry doesn't need you.

VECTOR: You withdrew from the ministry voluntarily?

Maurer: Oh yes. In fact, I'm still an ordained minister.

VECTOR: Do you have anything specific in mind for when this project is finished?

Maurer: Yes I do. I have three things in mind. I want to establish a foundation which will give me the help that I need to do these three things. Number one, I want to go all over the Americas speaking to the various groups that I know of who are working in these fields. I want to put on a PTA, a service club, law enforcement, any group in the community that wants to change their attitude and help them to understand that the most important thing about a homosexual is that he or she is a person. The second thing that I want to do is to talk to homosexuals. Because I'm convinced that homosexuals can do more for their own cause than heterosexuals can. As a friend of mine, who happens to be a straight, said the other day, "If every homosexual would say to himself, 'The best way that I can help our cause is to be the best damned homosexual that I know how to be!'" The third thing that I want to do is to counsel homosexuals.

VECTOR: Did you have the occasion to counsel many homosexuals in your ministry?

Maurer: It will be two or three years before that book is out. The Institute of Mental Health has asked us to do this study because they really are trying to change the climate in America toward homosexuals.

VECTOR: Did you have any problems being involved with Mattachine while you were in the ministry?

Maurer: There were some risks and I was aware of these. I went to see a well-known minister of one of the leading churches in the spring semester and I asked him to let me talk to him. And I said, "What should I do?" He said, "You can either enter the ministry as a homosexual, or you can enter it with your mind made up not to do it."

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The Rolling Stones
Rock Concert

A free rock concert featuring the extremely popular ROLLING STONES from England was held at Altamont Speedway near the town of Livermore on Saturday December 6th. Appearing with this popular group were such headliners as THE GREATFUL DEAD, JEFFERSON AIRPLANE, with GRACE SLICK, and CROSBY STILL & NASH. With a list of entertainers like that it was no surprise that there were in excess of 300,000 people that attended. It is difficult to comprehend the problems that were incurred when this many people suddenly grouped together in such a small area in such a short time, and what appeared to be a so quickly and poorly put together program.

There are many things, both good and bad, a person could say about this Rock Festival. It was an impressive experience for any one there whether they were stone or not. No apparent attempt was made to subdue or conceal the smoking of marihuana or the use of assorted psychedelics. They seemed available to those who wished to partake, and most did. The air seemed filled with an intense anticipation of something dramatic that never really materialized, like the spontaneous love-in that occurred at the Woodstock Rock Festival that was held this past year in New York State. The Altamont Festival's audience seemed to contain far to large an element of people intent on projecting their self image on others to the point of effectively competing with the actual show. With this, two people were run over by a car, one person jumped from an overpass, there was a drowning, and a stabbing death of one of the audience took place on stage! Add to this vast property destruction, loose running cattle, mountains of litter, and one of the worst traffic jams in Californias history. You have most of the adverse side of the festival.

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Boys in Band

The stage version of Mart Crowley's play, Boys in the Band, is now on view to San Francisco audiences. Directed by Murray Gitlin and Produced by Peter Harvey, this show can be seen at the New Committee Theater, 866 Montgomery Street. Though weak in plot construction and superficial in characterization, the show is saved by sharp and snapping dialogue and some poignant performances by some of the members of the cast.

My reaction to seeing the play on stage for the first time has not changed since my review of the recording (See Vector, September, 1969). I will add that as a playwright, Mart Crowley does show promise and if he works to develop his talent he may well become a significant voice in the American Theater. In this play the emotional responses of the characters who become involved in Michael's game is confused with the situation of a gay birthday party and the intrusion of a straight friend. So much happens so soon that all verisimilitude is totally abandoned.

As a whole the San Francisco cast does compensate for some of the weaknesses of the play, save for a few minor flaws. Dennis Cooney as Michael and Brian Taggart as Donald spent most of the first part of Act I anticipating reactions. On the entrance of Joseph Palmieri as Emory the show gained momentum and by the time the other characters were assembled (Benny Masters as Larry, Thomas Connolly as Hank and Guy Edwards as Bernard) the pace was set.

Though Richard Krisher as Alan made a rather impressive entrance, he overplayed the guilt in the second act and lost believability. Steven Davis looked beautiful, but his stupidity belonging to the innate of an asylum and not a New York male hustler. Gerald Taupier created an impressive Harold and not once did he lose the composure of his character.

The show stopper of the evening was Emory's monologue in the second act. Recalling a painful experience where he decided on homosexuality's feelings to a degree. Mr. Palmieri was so graphic that he allowed his audience to see that beneath the "screaming Fag" lurks a sensitive and deeply hurt human being. Richard Krisher as Bernard focused the attention of the audience, momentarily, on the problems of the black homosexual. These two performances are worth the price of the admission.
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NEW YORK CITY

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The first Homophile Group in New York City was founded in 1944. It was called the "Orchid". The organization was a social club for gay men and women. The group was later renamed the "New York City Gay Liberation Front". The group was active in the 1960s and 1970s and played a significant role in the gay rights movement.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The Eastern Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations (ERICHO) has sponsored a Gay Power "Gay-oriented" newspaper. A resolution was introduced by Mary Shelley, a delegate from the Daughters of Bilitis, under which ERICO would "in no way cooperate with the Gear Box Bar." Mrs. Shelley charged that the newspaper is exploiting the Gay population for the economic benefit of a straight publisher, Joel Fabricant.

LA RAEANCE

Police have been active in the City of the Angels. LA Police Officers arrested persons on separate raids on the Gear Box Bar. Nine persons were arrested in a raid on the Club Basha, a private membership health club on South La Brea. In both establishments plain clothes officers installed themselves as observers who uniformed officers invaded the premises to make arrests.

It seems questionable that the LA Police are intent on protecting society. It seems more likely that harrassment is the motivating force.

LOS ANGELES

Two peaceful Gay demonstrations have been staged under the direction of the Committee for Homosexual Law Reform. Another massive demonstration planned by the committee for January 11. The Gay marches are intended to focus attention on the need for law reform with regard to sex laws in the state of Calif. The number of marchers has been impressive, with approximately 200 participating in the first demonstration on November 16. The marches are a strong form of new people to take an active interest in the law reform of their government.

SAN FRANCISCO

KVOG Radio has granted equal time for S.I.R. to respond to its Editorial by its Business Manager, Bob Brokaw, an Union Square. The Editorial had the effect of dividing homosexuals as "perverts" and responsible for the deterioration of Union Square. S.I.R.'s reply by Larry Littlejohn, President of S.I.R., has been taped at the station.

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and heaven (the new in crowd place),
would shake with voracious laughter,
clinking glasses, and us
all making entrances
like none you've ever seen.
—by Adrian Stanford

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You sleazy bitch
You better believe
I'm talking to
Me
A bitch
And worse
And better
So much more
Take off the make-up
Wig, false titties
A few layers of skin
And baby what you find
Will burn your eyeballs
I am beautiful
So are you
At the bone
Getting there
We must hold each other
Through the fire.
—by James Hietter

FROM THE S.I.R.
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* Reflections
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listening to the soundtrack
from
"Midnight Cowboy"

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no longer afraid
to go to bed
with death
each day I am
electric with life
loving
me
in
and
out
we have found
our rhythm.

II Polk Street Cowboys
darlings
of the search
wait
watch the night
with cat eyes
too young to vote
you've been through
three husbands
three books of tricks
hurting to be whole
you wonder.

III Love Gap
since no two
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In a case of momentous importance to the homophile movement, the California Supreme Court last month held that a single instance of private homosexual conduct is sufficient to establish a teacher’s unfitness to teach, and remanded the case back to the Board of Education for further hearings. According to the Court: "an individual can be removed from the teaching profession only upon a showing that his retention in the profession poses a significant danger of harm to either students, school employees, or others who might be affected by his actions as a teacher." The Court explained that the Board offered no evidence that a man with "a single, isolated, and limited homosexual contact would be likely to repeat such conduct in the future," or would be likely to engage in untoward conduct with a student, or might publicly advocate improper conduct.

Unfortunately, the Court, by the above-quoted language, indicated that continuing homosexual activity would be a relevant factor in determining petitioner's fitness to teach. Still walking its tightrope, the Court also states that "we do not, of course, hold that homosexuality must be permitted to teach in the public schools."
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I regret having to read comments like that on page 24 of your December issue. Yes, I think "name withheld" is beyond the generation gap, and I'm almost 30. (God I dread it.)

Although I took some sympathies with your previous editor, I do feel that VECTOR is an outstanding publication. I wait for its arrival with more anticipation than I used to wait for PLAYBOY when I was straight. This month's issue was exceedingly good; the cover, and the beautiful article "JESUS... THE MAN" were outstanding. "Course, I do not enjoy everything, and you could do it more to my taste, but there are as many kinds of gays as straights, each with their own differences. I feel you are doing an outstanding job; the new format with a few nudes ( tastefully) is very enjoyable. Though I do not live in San Francisco, my congratulations are extended to Diane Feinstein for her understanding.

You might also let your "straight" advertisers know that I will patronize them whenever possible. Since Lucky first advertised, I have purchased no other beer except theirs. Guess I'll have to buy Cutty Sark instead of that occasional

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President's Column

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itself to the matter of homosexuality means that all types of persons from the John Bircher at one extreme to the Anarchist at the other extreme can find a place where they can work together for one common goal. I suspect that 1970 will see a lively debate within the homophile movement over which approach is the best.

The opportunities for the homophile movement in 1970 are unparalleled. Whereas a scant five years ago it would have been most difficult to find ten persons in San Francisco willing to appear on TV as homosexuals today there are literally hundreds of persons who are willing (and some are eager) to be in public view as homosexuals. Significant new homophile organizations are forming throughout the country. Especially noteworthy are the campus homophile groups. The news media and very possibly the public mind are opening to the homosexual. The homosexual is increasingly being recognized as having economic and political power.

I am excited by the prospects of the Seventies. A society that can put a man on the moon after ten short years of preparation could significantly change its 19th century sexual attitudes and laws within the next decade. Whatever changes do come about will happen because ACTIVE people are at work at making change. Will you join us in S.I.R. in working toward realistic and responsible change. You can be a part of the action by taking out a S.I.R. membership, sending in a donation, or participating in work within the organization. Remember, if you don't make YOUR voice effective in the homophile movement SOMEONE ELSE will be speaking for YOU.

Our Face Is Red

In the December VECTOR we neglected to credit to Walter Binder for his excellent photography included in that issue. Walter contributed the Cover Photograph, the photograph on the Title page and the photographs appearing with the article, "Jesus... The Man".

We have received many inquiries about these photographs and deeply regret that we did not identify Walter as the photographer in that issue.

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Dismissal of Teacher

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schools of California." On the other hand, the Court declares vigorously that "The power of the state to regulate professions and conditions of government employment must not arbitrarily impair the right of the individual to live his private life, apart from his job, as he deems fit."

To summarize, this decision (like the petitioner's conduct) is very limited in scope. The Supreme Court has not given job security to homosexual teachers; and a teacher who is entitled by the prevailing public morality and conscience of convicted of so-called solicitation may expect to be fired. (See State v. State Board of Education, 1967, 291 Cal. App. 2d 68.) Nonetheless, the decision represents an important first step in establishing that homosexuality in itself is not grounds for discharge of a teacher. Furthermore, in less "sensitive" professions, not involving juveniles, the decision would appear to grant a much greater degree of community for private conduct and public advocacy.

It is to be noted that the Court avoided giving a general ruling, and the decision involved an interpretation of what the legislation meant by "immoral conduct." Hence it is quite conceivable that next year the Legislature will override the decision by amending the statute to provide that homosexual conduct, whether private or public, is grounds for dismissal.

It may mean less than the closeness of the vote. A single appointment next year by Governor Reagan could swing the outcome in the other way (as it did with the Public Utilities Commission in the homosexual litigation over the Yellow Pages).

Also disturbing is the fact that Justice Sullivan, who normally sides with the liberal majority on matters involving constitutional rights, wrote a benighted dissent which he routinely condemned all homosexuals by what he termed "so-called social mores of the people of California."

One of the most gratifying aspects of the majority decision was the fact that the Court, in three occasions, supported its reasoning by citing "The Challenge and Progress of Homosexual Law Reform," a 1970-page essay published last year by the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, Daughters of Bilitis, Society for Individual Rights, and Tavern Guild of San Francisco. This publication, which fessor, contains a scholarly and exhaustive discussion of the law as it relates to homosexuality. The reference to this publication by the Supreme Court is an excellent accomplishment, and demonstrates the vital educational service that responsible homosexual publications can perform in helping to achieve equal protection under the law and eventual public acceptance.

--- Legal Committee

VIEWPOINT

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rights through assisting in interpersonal relations on a calm and through the efforts of its Legal- Political Law and regulations within the socio-legal structure of the existing establishment, then I, as a revolutionary, would see the importance of widening S.I.R. and completely closing off any avenue of possible success in dealing with the establishment. S.I.R. would clearly be a significant obstacle in getting in- surrection off the ground.

I believe that this Gay Bolshevik Baby must be crushed in the cradle, to avoid Winston Churchill, and homosexuals be relieved of what organization is the growing parts of town and don't get enough money on their General Assistance Checks (from the establishment supported welfare). In 1,000 years from their establishment parents to engage in any- thing as "unhip" as working for a living. Don't own a car or have means to get out of their depressed areas. Plan. I did suggest to them that they drive or be driven from San Francisco to San Jose and see the new homes with TV antennas and rows of shiny new cars repeated and repeated for over 50 miles. Then drive the 50 blocks of the Fillmore, tending the Haight, Ashbury or Hunters Point, and then tell me a successful anti-capitalistic revolution will get off the street and be successful. Arevolution is ultimately a war. Wars are fought and won with steel, oil, money and population. All homosexual goals should start counting and start facing facts.

S.I.R. is having its major elections in February and along with good leaders we need the support of homossexuals who generly wants changes for their own good and the good of society. Strength up or numbers is the most effective game in politics and S.I.R.'s numbers must in- crease to ever increase its effectiveness. We must completely denounce the silyness of the homossexual's place in a com- munist revolution and get down to serious work.

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LETTERS

I saw "Starbitches '69" and enjoyed it. It's pleasant and relaxing to openly enjoy the company of my fellow homosexuals. There's something I'd like to say about homosexual humor. Some gay humor is fun and good-natured and healthy (Joe and Charles Pierce, for example) and some is a shallow, cynical caricature. In the final analysis however, Foschia's isn't for the gay world. The world has to be restructured for us in so many different ways. Things that are ridiculous and unthinkable to the majority of society are normal to us. Love songs, weddings, anguish, romance, passion... they all must be redefined for us. Even beauty. Interpretations must be recast in thousands of different ways. So much of life has to be rearranged to fit our experiences and loves. But shouldn't it be done in utter and profound seriousness as we have loved? Love is no joke. It's not ridiculous.

My question is: should our transformation of values ever stop at ridiculousness or caricature, with a whirl of cynicism? When you laugh at homosexuality and my homosexual loves you're laughing at the most sacred part of my existence. They're all I have. Is my whole life a joke, and am I a joke? I'm not saying that "Starbitches '69" was a shallow, cynical caricature at all. But so much of this spirit pervades our thinking and our humor. I can't help but think of the line from the "Boys in the Band." "Why do we hate ourselves so?"

Sincerely
Bob Russell

RAIDS IN CITY OF ANGELS

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in the Los Angeles area this past three months. It would be unfair to list two or three more new places that will not be open by St. Valentine's. Some of the opening nights were horrors, catered by Phyllis Diller and organized by straights without any know-how but under the delusion that all you have to have to succeed in Gay business is to call it Gay.

Last month I mentioned The Meat Market, just off the Harbor Freeway in Gardena. It has lately been the talk of the town with its live "topless-bottomless" show five nights weekly. A first in all of California.
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