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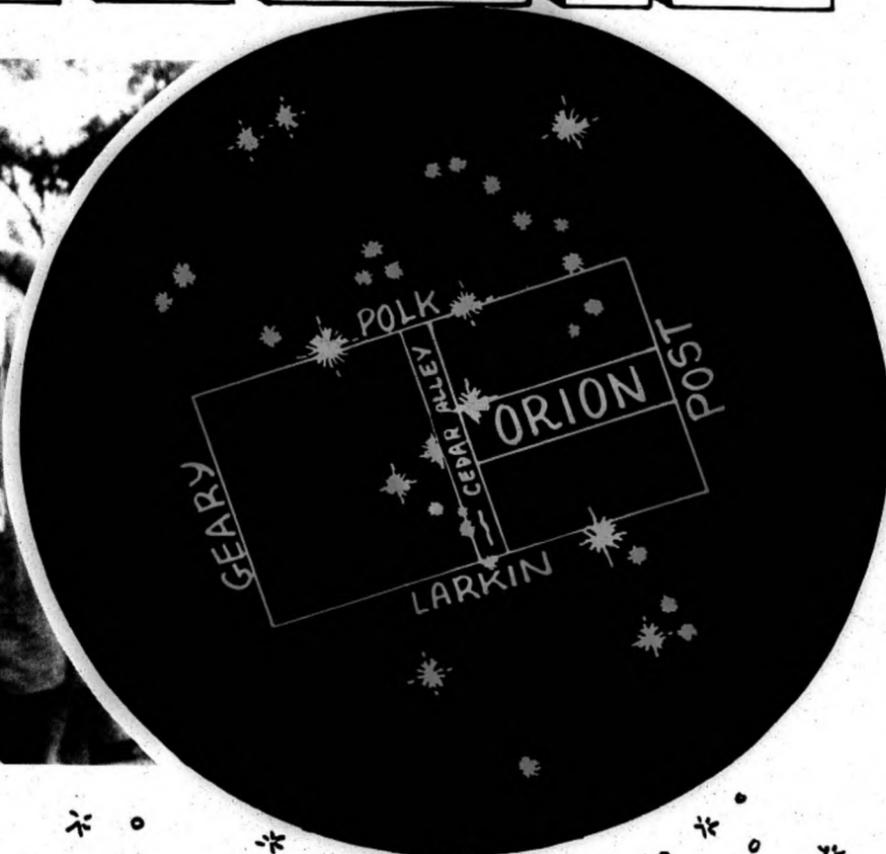
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The Editor Comments

**YOUR
MAGAZINE**

One of the major difficulties in editing a magazine is that the editor must determine what is of interest to you, the reader, collectively. If we listen to one or two people or just read our mail (which we do) our concept is narrow. Close to 7,000 of you read *Vector* last month and the "sold out" signs indicate that we will be pushing up to 10,000 before long. so, who are you and what do you want in *Vector*?

The answer has been that we have tried to give everyone something. The magazine is now well rounded, based on our assumption of who reads *Vector*. In this issue you will find a statement by a teenage gay liberationist, our complete Gay Guide, what goes on at a sex and drug forum, gay gossip from Magdalena, a new poem by "Loon" author Richard Amory, a former patient discusses Dr. Socarides, a large analysis of the gays and the police in San Francisco, and a frank talk about "crabs" (not the Fisherman's Wharf variety).

We are busy with the December issue as you read this. It will be one of our finest issues. Famed *Chronicle* columnist Dr. Hip Pocrates will be joining us with his views on sex and drugs, Laud Humphreys ("Tearoom Trade" author) will be giving us satire in a "churches and the homosexual" story and Rev. Troy Perry takes on Teen Challenge's "homosexuals are sinners" theory.

Although it was our intention to stay out of S.I.R. politics: Tom Maurer's resignation as the President of S.I.R. did not come as a great surprise. He had told the membership that he did not have the time to be an active president . . . and he was not active. Other than chairing three or four meetings a month, Tom could not give his time to directing much of S.I.R.'s affairs. He abstained from taking a stand on almost all issues. His personal life and his position with the local Sex and Drug Forum did not allow him much time for S.I.R. In his final column (this issue) Tom says that his reasons for resigning "are complex" but he gives a very simple explanation. This leaves us confused. . . . Bill Plath, who has just returned from Europe, has taken over the reins. We all wish him the very best.

And now . . . read on into this issue. We hope you like what we have prepared for you.

— George Mendenhall

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AMSTERDAM



This feature was compiled and edited with the help of Carl Driver, a "gay guide" book editor; Bob Cramer, who just returned from Amsterdam; Ron and Julian, two fine young men who have been to the city more than once; and the Netherlands Tourist Office.

Flying off to Europe for the first time can be very exciting and when you include Amsterdam, Holland in your plans, the trip is much more worth while.

Breathtakingly beautiful is Amsterdam's continuing Gothic and Renaissance Dutch architecture and its varied canals and bridges. Holland is famed for its tulips, windmills and cheese markets which can be visited on inexpensive tours. In April and May, a "must" is a visit to the famed DeKeukenhof tulip gardens. It is only a short one-hour trip by train to The Hague, capital of the Netherlands.

Much has been made recently of Queen Juliana's statement concerning tourists in Holland and their lack of proper conduct. Some have taken this to mean disapproval of homosexuals, but they are in error. Holland has been plagued by "hippies" and it was against them that the Queen spoke. While most Dutch, like most Europeans, disapprove of our involvement in Vietnam, there is

probably no country in the world that truly likes America as much as the Dutch do. By nature, they are a warm and friendly people and they are wonderfully hospitable to Americans.

If San Francisco is the Gay Jewel of the Western Hemisphere, the Amsterdam is truly the Gay Capital of Western Europe. Both are the same size with about three-quarters of a million people; both exude atmosphere as well as charm. Nor are these all the comparisons; both are physically quite small with special sections where activities take place; both are Meccas for tourists, especially in the summer. The climate is mild except in the winter, of course, when one can enjoy the ice and snow sports. We will concentrate on Summer in Amsterdam.

Legally, Amsterdam is far more liberal than San Francisco. Sex between consenting adults has been accepted in the Netherlands for years, and the age of consent is sixteen. However, from a practical standpoint, gay life in San Francisco is just about as free and, in many ways, more complete. For example, while we possess many fine gay restaurants, there is not even one in Amsterdam, although the Dutch equivalent of "short orders" may be had in several bars and dancing clubs.

The two world-famous gay clubs

here, C.O.C. and the D.O.K., more than anything give the city of canals its place, ranking near the top of the world's great gay cities. Joining these clubs, for tourists, only involves showing a passport and paying a nominal charge for a two-week membership. Both C.O.C. and D.O.K. are huge, crowded, and (even in the dead of winter) filled with an international clientele who drink and dance all night. . . primarily to American rock music. Both clubs limit membership to those over twenty-one, although the C.O.C. sponsors a lesser-known establishment for younger people.

The D.O.K. club is rustic with wooden beams and a most informal atmosphere. There are numerous booths and tables and the relaxed crowd includes a sprinkle of "heads." On the other hand, the C.O.C. is more formal with suits and ties more common.

There are a great many gay bars, though less than a third the number in San Francisco, and most tend to be too chi-chi for the average American's taste. There is one leather bar, half hidden down an alley, and far away from the others. None are open during the day, and most don't get going until after nine. Most bars close around 1 a.m., although D.O.K. remains open until four, six on

the weekends.

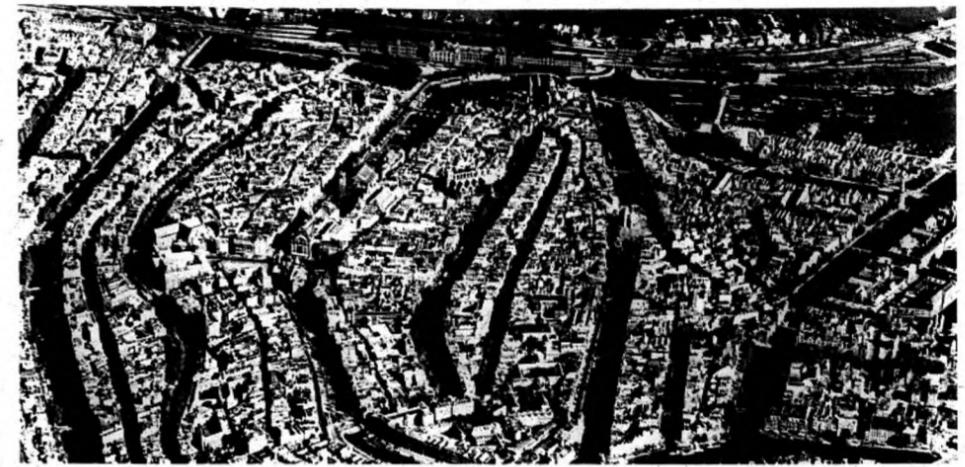
Steam baths are not plentiful, but there are two. Both close at ten and at six on Sunday. However, one, the Saunabad Thermos, is scheduled to open a branch this fall, purportedly the best physical layout in Europe with a swimming pool and restaurant. The present Thermos and the other bath, The Athletic, are almost always crowded, wild, and inexpensive (\$1.54). However, neither offer private rooms and orgies tend to be the mainstay rather than pairing off.

Housing in Amsterdam is varied, although very inexpensive housing is difficult to find during the June through August tourist season. There are several "gay" hotels. The Tabu is located in a colorful section of town and is only \$5 for a single; in all these hotels a small daily breakfast is included. Another is the Hotel New York, Herengracht 19, a little more exciting, possibly, as it is in a 300-year-old building and faces on a canal. The price here is \$8. English is commonly spoken in Amsterdam by businessmen and shopkeepers. About 40% of the street people know English.

The hotel set-up is more reserved than in San Francisco and the gay tourist should not expect much cruising; certainly not comparable to San Francisco's famed chalet on the Embarcadero. They DO allow you to bring friends to your room. Another hotel you could check out is the Come Back, which is located near the D.O.K. Addresses of hotels can be obtained from the Netherlands Tourist Office here. Inquire in advance about rates and send money to assure the reservation.

The Dutch consider Amsterdam very expensive and prices have risen more rapidly there in the past five years than even in this country. Still, by our standards, most things are quite reasonable.

Transportation within Amsterdam is excellent with its unique street car ("trams") and bus system. You buy a set



of seven rides for three guilders (80 cents). Each tram stop has a ticket purchase machine. After purchasing the ticket, you board and simply insert one end of the ticket into a machine on the tram. The machine cuts off one ride from the ticket. If you enter on the front of the tram, a man tears the section off. Taxis are expensive; check the rates carefully.

Hustlers, known as "rent boys," abound — especially at the D.O.K. If this is your thing, don't pay over 20 guilders (\$5.60). Many adjust their charges to what they think that they can get. "Pornography" is openly sold in bookstores but it is mostly male-female oriented and the homosexual material is generally American and very expensive.

For those who enjoy outdoor "fun and games" at night there is Vondel Park. Take the number Two tram. It is near the gay "dancing" bars and is busy from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

One area where Amsterdam far surpasses San Francisco is its great museums. The Reicksmuseum is huge and is filled with priceless 17th Century Dutch paintings, originals by Rembrandt, Vermeer, Franz Hals. Only a block away is the Stedelijk Museum which has a marvelous collection of modern paintings and

impressionists (It has a fantastic section of works by Van Gogh).

Heineken Brewery is a "must" with all the beer you can drink plus the usual tasty cheeses and pretzels. Anne Frank's house and Rembrandt's home are also popular tourist stops. If you are staying awhile, take a ride on a Rondevart, the specially constructed boats that tour the canals — with a running commentary on what is passing. There are many canal tours. The night tour is relaxing as you move in and out from Amsterdam's 600 lighted bridges, but the day tours allow you to see more. These tours are around \$4. There are many city tours and trips to the nearby dams, windmills, cheese markets, etc. They are relatively inexpensive.

Night clubs are plentiful and some of the more informal, wild ones are the least expensive. There are lots of belly laughs at the "straight" Carrousel (20 Thorbeckelein) where a "first name" atmosphere prevails. This robust place features waiters that are jokers, performers in-and-out of drag, and even a floor show in English during the April-September season.

Tourist Aids: At the center of Amsterdam, near Dam Square, is the V.V.V., the tourist office. There are many maps, guide books, and free advice. The American Express Office is a help, too. But the greatest aid is the Netherlands Tourist Office, which has endless color brochures, maps, photos, pocket-books, and you-name-it on Amsterdam. All free. K.L.M. Royal Dutch Airlines has two superb, well-organized pocket books, "On Foot" and "Fun Lovers" that are a "must." They are free and available at the Netherlands office (681 Market Street, San Francisco). A purchase of the pocket book, "Europe on \$5 A Day" will help.

There are several "world" gay guides out, and each is valuable. The problem is that places open and close regularly, and a published guide can't keep up with it all. Probably, the best such aid to homo-





The cheese carriers prepare for the day's sale at the centuries old Friday morning Cheese Market at Alkmaar, near Amsterdam.

sexuals is "Gay Europe '70" by Carl Driver. It is well worth the \$5 asking price and for Amsterdam it lists 17 bars, baths, hotels. There is a detailing of information about each place. Most gay bookstores have the book or you can order from Driver Enterprises, Box 624, Springville, California 93265. Mr. Driver assisted with this article.

How do you get to Amsterdam? We suggest that readers investigate "charter" clubs in order to cut flying costs drastically. K.L.M. airlines is the finest to Amsterdam if you wish to go by regular flight. If your trip is between October 15 and March 15 on a regular flight the Netherlands Tourist Office will give you a FREE day in Amsterdam with meals, tours, an Avis car and 50% hotel reductions. (Call (415) 781-3387 for more information on this.)

Keep in mind that you must join a charter club SIX MONTHS in advance of your flight. Investigate the "club" idea far in advance. Round-trip on a charter is only \$240-\$280 Bay Area-London.

There are those who prefer Paris; a few, especially those under thirty who like Berlin best, but many gay Americans return from Europe saying Amsterdam is their favorite city. Equally, many people talk highly of New York, Los Angeles and New Orleans. When all are heard from and the ballots are tallied, San Francisco and Amsterdam are the chosen ones.

Vector is hopeful that you enjoyed our Amsterdam article. If you enjoy this feature we will present another one on London, England, soon.

Leo Attacks(?) Unitarians

Erstwhile "gay liberationist" and crusader Leo Laurence has stirred up a storm at the First Unitarian Church in San Francisco. In his stated (but later cancelled) attempt to liberate a Sunday service and in his placing of "Faggots Stay Out" signs on the church property, progress in liberalizing the church has been slowed. This is the opinion of Unitarian Minister James Stoll, who originally presented a homosexual resolution and received support of the national Unitarian body. The church's stand (*Vector*, September) was an emphatic statement calling for homosexual rights; the first of its kind by a national church body.

Attempts to implement that statement at First Unitarian by Stoll and others continues, but Stoll states that Leo Laurence's sensational and "inaccurate reporting in the *Berkeley Barb*" has inflamed the situation and has "jeopardized my efforts."

Meanwhile, Rev. Stoll has been added to the staff of the Pacific Central District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. He is forming a new congregation, modeled after the free-wheeling Glide Methodist Church. His work in the psychiatric division of the U.C. Medical Center continues.

BILL PLATH

PRESIDENT OF S.I.R.

Bill Plath, one of the original twelve S.I.R. members and a founder of the Tavern Guild, has assumed the presidency of the Society for Individual Rights. He will be President until the February, 1971 annual election.

Tom Maurer has resigned as president. Plath, who has just returned from Europe, has aggressively assumed the leadership of S.I.R. He is associated in business with the Orpheum Circus bar-restaurant.

It is most fortunate that the Society for Individual Rights is a stable, constitutional organization that is directed by its Board and more importantly, by its membership. Resignations such as Maurer's do not deter the organization from its objectives.

- G.M.



BILL PLATH

MACY'S REPLY

Macy's Department Store has replied, as we go to press, to S.I.R.'s demands in the well-publicized Rest Room case. Macy's had made citizens arrests of 38 men who it alleged performed illegal acts in a basement men's room. S.I.R. did NOT take a stand favoring public sex but Macy's had made felony arrests, not the more common misdemeanor arrest, in most cases and had not made any attempt to alleviate the problem before making arrests.

The full details of this case (*Vector*, September & October) will not be re-

stated here. Macy's has suffered heavily with returned charge-a-plates and loss of business and has now taken numerous steps of conciliation with the gay community. There have been no further arrests.

December *Vector* will comment fully on Macy's reply, which was a courteous statement of the means they have now taken to rectify a very irresponsible move by them. How the S.I.R. Board will react to this is not predictable at this time. See the December *Vector* for full details.

- The Editor

A HOMOSEXUAL BILL OF RIGHTS

BASIC RIGHTS

1. Private consensual sex acts between persons over the age of consent shall not be offenses.
2. Solicitation for any sexual act shall not be an offense except upon the filing of a complaint by the aggrieved party, not a police officer or agent.
3. A person's sexual orientation or practice shall not be a factor in the granting or renewing of Federal security clearances, visas, and the granting of citizenship.
4. Service in and discharge from the armed forces and eligibility to VA benefits shall be without reference to homosexuality.
5. A person's sexual orientation or practice shall not affect his eligibility for employment with federal, state, or local governments.

AREAS FOR IMMEDIATE REFORM

1. Police and other government agents shall cease the practice of enticement and entrapment of homosexuals.
2. Police shall desist from notifying the employers of those arrested for homosexual offenses.
3. Neither the police department nor any other government agency shall keep files solely for the purpose of identifying homosexuals.
4. The practice of harassing bars and other establishments and of revoking their licenses because they cater to homosexuals shall cease.
5. The practice of reviewing less-than-honorable military discharges, granted for homosexual orientation of practice, shall be established, with the goal of upgrading such discharges.
6. The registration of sex offenders shall not be required.
7. City ordinances involving sexual matters shall be rescinded and these matters left to state legislatures.
8. Conviction for homosexual offenses shall not be the basis for prohibiting issuance of professional licenses nor for the revocation of these licenses.
9. No questions regarding sexual orientation or practice shall appear on application forms, personnel data sheets, or in personal interviews.
10. No governmental agency shall use the classification of homosexuality as an illness to limit the freedom of any homosexual.

The above statement of direction for legal action was prepared by the S.I.R. Legal Committee under its former chairman, Attorney David Clayton. The S.I.R. membership has voted overwhelmingly that this is the official policy of the organization. Dick Gayer, a S.I.R. Board member, who himself is facing federal security clearance problems, published this statement. Copies of the above have been mailed to thousands of concerned citizens across the nation by S.I.R.

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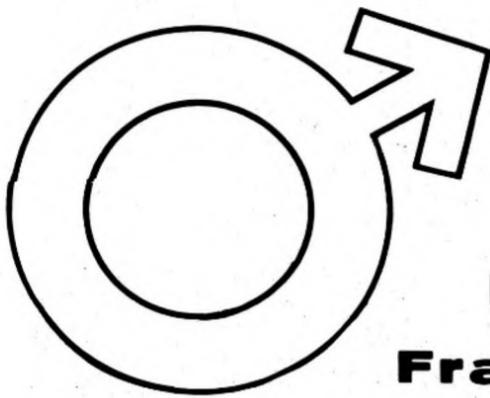
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Dr. Socarides - Revisited

**David Allen was helped.
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Dr. Charles Socarides is a New York psychiatrist who has gained national attention with his many papers and appearances discussing homosexuality. It is his belief that homosexuals are mentally ill; that they should be "treated" in special clinics because they are too neurotic to function as well as heterosexuals.

The doctor's theories appeared (without comment) in our September issue. In this issue our readers continue to express their reactions.

● *David Allen is a San Franciscan who has had twenty-five sessions of analysis under Dr. Socarides. Having plead "poor" the doctor's usual \$40 fee was reduced to \$35 for Mr. Allen. He spent \$900 for the sessions. We wish to thank the writer for sharing his experience with our readers.*

As an analyst, Dr. Socarides is quite capable, if not as a theoretician. I saw him after the rather dramatically violent end of an affair with a very handsome but correspondingly callous ex-sailor. I was really in a tumultuous state; the affair had been disastrous - most of us, regardless of sexual orientation, have had similar experiences. Dr. Socarides was talented at helping me: he was gifted enough to make me talk emotionally in such a way that I could really feel the connections between current feelings, past experiences, and an underlying neurosis. After I became unable to pay his fee, he endeavored to help me get cheaper or free care through his connections with Bieber, certain psychoanalytic clinics, etc. I feel this is important in appraising Socarides because most analysts, especially uptight ones, aren't this good; and if you're attacking someone, I think it's important to do him justice (or take careful aim).

Dr. Socarides is short, portly, not good-looking with a scar somewhere on his countenance which gives him a rather sinister appearance, "kind", very intense and serious. He gives the impression of being imprisoned in his fancy but dim

home/office arrangement of the upper East Side; he sinks down in one of those heavily upholstered leather bucket chairs. I give these details to lend the depth of personal experience, not to make fun of him or to dramatize myself.

Despite his eminence and competence; Dr. Socarides is oddly cut off; he is not "up" on things. I recall mentioning an article that had appeared in the N.Y. Times about a startling suicide rate at Harvard - interested, he had not seen the item and asked me to clip it for him, as if he wouldn't have time. He probably has "time" only to see his patients, read the medical journals, and new works in psychiatry. Consequently, unlike those of us involved in the evolution of the homosexual as a human being, the significance, for instance, of Gay and Women's Lib groups "crashing" the American Psychoanalytic Association's convention, probably escaped him. (The significance being that this was the first time the Patient publicly, "politically" told the Analyst, "You are sick, not us!")

It is trite by now to say that analysts only see homosexuals who are sick. But this probably is the crux on the problem with analysts like Socarides, who are steeped in academic interpretations of Freud and those proteges of his who were basically anti-sexual. They tend to see only the most miserable neurotic homosexuals ("Neurotic" because of society, of course); or, at least, homosexuals at the most miserable moments in their lives.

The idea that homosexuality is simply part of the spectrum of human sexual response (an insight easy to glean from the Kinsey report); that homosexuality is normal, even if less frequent; that "Gay is Good," - these concepts, equivalent to "Black is Beautiful" in blowing prejudiced minds, are completely at variance with everything analysts have learned in the medical schools; and their personal experience is usually so professional and narrow that they don't learn from that either. In other words, we must make analysts realize that they have to take a fresh view of human sexuality.

Anyone can form a neurotic cathexis or whatever - I am not equipped to re-work infantile and adolescent psychoanalytic theory in terms free of the kind of moral prejudices well-schooled men like Socarides unwittingly inject into their "thought." But we should get together with young, "radical" analysts who are equipped to re-theorize: the older, established ones cannot afford to jeopardize their careers by reappraising theories which have made them rich and give their therapy and writings veracity, and (most insidious) tend to tie in with prevailing mores and existing laws.

Since I work for Welfare in the city, I feel pretty mistrustful of anyone so naive that he says, "addicts, alcoholics and those suffering from mental and nervous conditions, are troubled people who need our help," - I know what kind of "help" these people get for the most part. I think we had better get ourselves defined as *healthy!* We know our worth inside, we know we are not "perverts"; just as black people know they are not "shiftless."

When I saw Socarides, he admonished me in passing that it would be "tragic" if homosexuals were to organize (he meant that we would thus become confused about the true nature of our "problem"); he does not think freely enough to understand that the problem is really with an uptight, "sexist," taboo-oriented society.

● *Dr. Kameny is a Washington, D.C. educator who has debated Dr. Socarides more than once. His defense of homosexual rights is frequently in the pages of Playboy Magazine.*

I write to offer one particular bit of information for use in discrediting Dr. Socarides. About three years ago, while acting as Counsel for a homosexual security clearance holder who was being given a hearing by the Defense Department, I was faced with Dr. Socarides as the government's chief witness. We listened for an hour while, under direct questioning, Department Counsel elicited Dr. Socarides' extreme and bizarre views - and you would have to read the transcript of the hearing, which I have, to appreciate just how extreme and bizarre those views are. Then we had him for some two or three hours of intensive cross-examination to which Dr. Socarides still refers - with some justification - as a "grilling," so I am very familiar with Dr. Socarides' views. Our first questions, and the point of this letter, were to the effect: "Where did you see all these homosexuals, from whom you are generalizing so broadly?" His response was that *they were all patients of his or other people seen in similar clinical or therapeutic circumstances.* He was unable then, and was still unable, three years later, to appreciate how that completely invalidates all his conclusions about homosexuals and homosexuality, since psychiatric patients are hardly a representative sampling of any group.

Psychiatry, which started out on the road to becoming a healthy, vigorous science, has deviated badly and (in this context of homosexuality) has ultimately become perverted by Socarides and his colleagues into a fanatical, pseudo-scientific, quasi-religious cult. In short, it is not homosexuals who are sick and homosexuality which is pathological; it is psychiatry and psychoanalysis which are sick and psychiatrists and psychoanalysts who are suffering from a faulty scientific identity and so are pathological. It is time that the "sickness theory" of homosexuality were replaced by the sickness theory of psychiatry.

In view of the unfortunately great weight carried in our society today by the opinions of psychiatrists and psychoanalysts, anyone who could give a good course in scientific method, the nature of science, and sound logic, and could persuade sizable numbers of members of the psychiatric professions to take it, would be a major public benefactor, by curing these poor sick doctors of their dread dysfunction (to use a phrase of Socarides). This would certainly rid us of the "sickness theory" of homosexuality, once and for all, since this theory does not stand up to even the most superficial of scientific or logical test.

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Older People Try to Adjust

Societies and publications devoted to the scanning of the years that lay ahead are proliferating. Even college and university courses devoted to the subject are in evidence. Why the interest? Alvin Toffler, a former editor of *Fortune* and author of *The Culture Consumers*, tells us that *future shock* is nearly upon us. Like its closely related cousin *culture shock*, this condition is tied up with social change that gallops at such a spell binding rate that the human animal cannot adjust fast enough. Any aspect of 20th century living is profoundly affected by these constant readjustments. Toffler spends

more than four hundred pages in an effort to chronicle these changes and how we can prepare rationally for them. These upheavals can be detected in technology, family life, leisure time, morality or any area the mind can conceive.

Future Shock
by Alvin Toffler
Random—1970-\$8.95

Specialization is a primary feature of our daily existence. Mass production, insists Toffler, is soon to become a replica of the recent past. Individualized interests

are being catered to increasingly. The mass media stands out as an arresting example. The magazine of general appeal finds itself running scared. Since World War II only periodicals slanted toward particular hobbies or styles of life can survive (i.e. *Playboy*, *Psychology Today*, *Sunset*). Even such mass publications as *Life* and *Look* now produce regional editions.

In the film world other special interest markets appear, such as the fine arts, theatre, and films designed for the homophile population.

Traditional family structures may be influenced by trends toward communal living similar to those practiced in the hippie experiments. As Mr. Toffler gazes into his crystal ball he perceives, "As homosexuality becomes more socially acceptable, we may even begin to find families based on homosexual 'marriages' with the partners adopting children. Whether these children would be of the same or opposite sex remains to be seen. But the rapidity with which homosexuality is winning respectability in the techno-societies distinctly points in this direction The day may also come when a court decides that a couple of stable, well educated, homosexuals might make decent 'parents.'"

Thus gay life may be one of several waves of the coming generations. The quality of homophile life in the 20th century should provide much food for thought.

What will the homosexual do with this new freedom? Will he live the way he does now?

If genuine freedom of choices emerges as a salient component in the sexuality of the next generation perhaps a fitting paradox will occur. Instead of immersing himself farther into the gay sub-culture, our enlightened homophile may opt out for bisexuality as a way of moving into the mainstream of general humanity. The lavender culture will be de-emphasized. We will crawl out of the little semantic boxes the theologians and doctors have placed us in and simply be known as unique human animals, like everyone else. This is true freedom!

How are we to beat the odds when confronting future shock? Toffler suggests we anticipate coming developments and prepare those affected via special counseling and educational methods. Technology must be tamed and the study of the future as a distinct subject needs encouragement. Special "enclaves of the past" should be offered to older persons who are undergoing significant life alterations. The same program applies to individuals facing changes in life styles of the future that do not presently exist. Democratic social planning for such changes can serve as the crowning strategy for *Future Shock*. The homophile community will certainly be in the advanced ranks of those bearing the seeds of these new readjustments.



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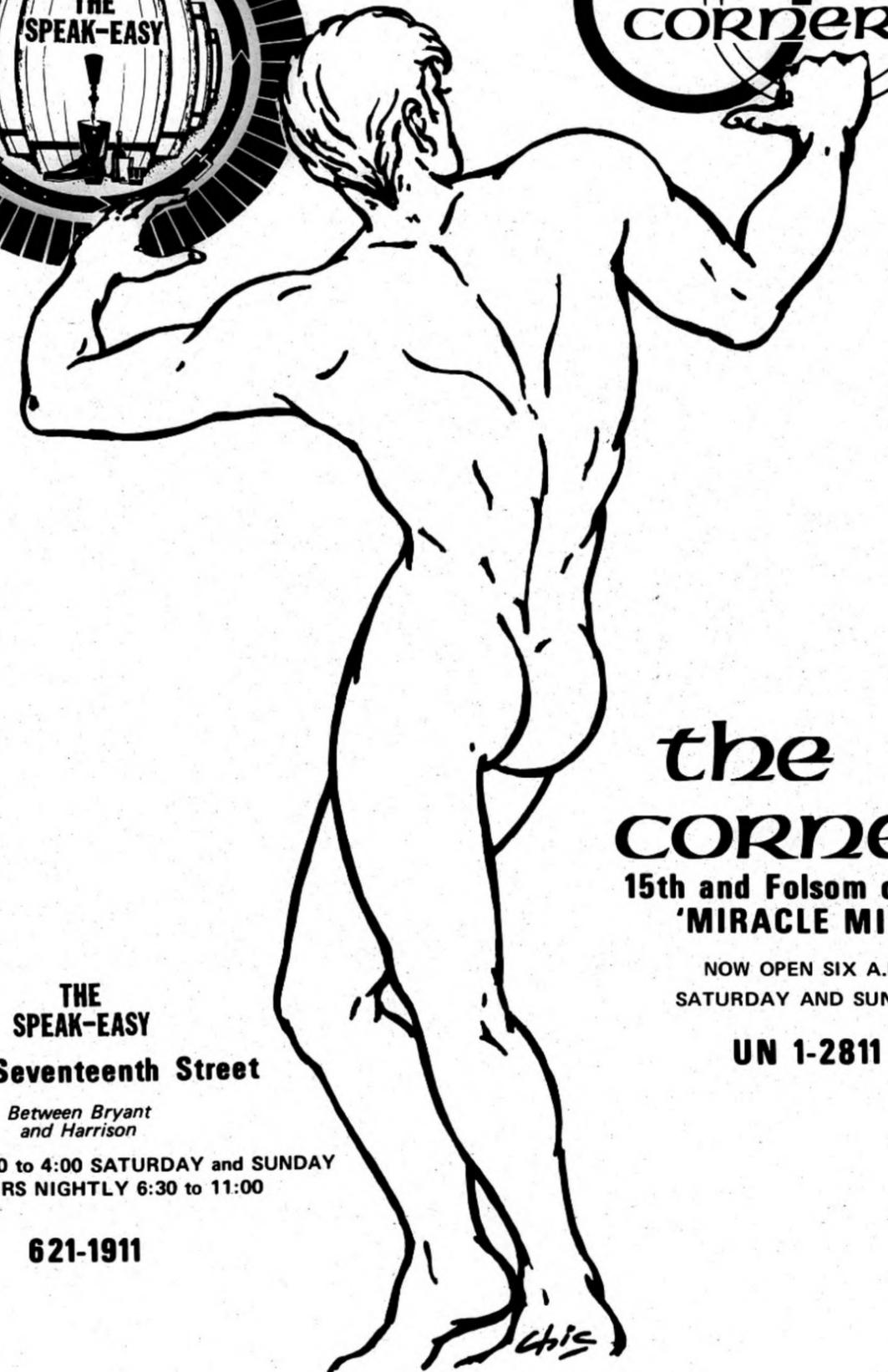


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GAY COMMUNITY MEETS WITH POLICE CHIEF NELDER



Arrests, Officer Training, Harassments

It was suddenly apparent about the middle of June this year that something new was happening on the "Gays and the Police" front. Frantic calls for help were keeping S.I.R.'s telephone lines tied up as arrested males called for bail information, advice and legal assistance.

In S.I.R.'s six-year history, these types of calls have been a rarity, though they were common from the East Bay. No one kept count of the number but at times there were up to fifteen calls in one day. A study over the next couple of weeks revealed that the brunt of the complaints were originating from two primary areas: the downtown San Francisco Macy's store, and the Golden Gate Park—Seawall—Land's End—Buena Vista complex. The Macy's (see "Macy's Replies" in this issue) activity subsided after another week or so, after some forty arrests, most of them felonies, had been made but arrests continued in parks and at the beach. Full statistics are not available, but judging from the calls to S.I.R., the total arrests were over one hundred.

CHIEF PROMISES AID

Tom Maurer, S.I.R. president, joined Rick Stokes of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual (C.R.H.) and Police Officer Elliott Blackstone (the officer who is assigned to work with the gay community) in a conference with Police Chief Al Nelder. Following an explanation of the problem, Chief Nelder assured the group that when a large number of arrests were contemplated for a particular area that the police department would first contact the gay organizations, such as S.I.R., so that they might put out a warning to the gay community.

A pattern was evolving: the great bulk of the arrests seem to have been

made on Thursdays. Arrests subsided but the generally young and good looking plainclothes officers continued their patrols.

As more case histories became available to the attorneys, it became evident that the arresting officers were members of the newly-formed "Honda" squad of the Parks and Beach detail. This elite corps had been just recently formed on an experimental trial basis and had seemingly proven immediately effective in discouraging the rash of muggings and rapes that were a growing menace to Golden Gate Park visitors. Buzzing around like angry bees on their little yellow mini-trail bikes, they were highly audible as well as visible in blue nylon jumpsuits and crash helmets. They supplemented the traditional horse-mounted squad. However, Thursday evidently became "pinch a queer" day as they became good old tried and true plainclothes men who unmounted and enticed cruising strollers.

Warnings about all of the arrest locations were circulating throughout the gay community, at the urging of Officer Blackstone, and under the direction of S.I.R.'s activist Political Chairman, Jim Foster. Other notice was given to the underground press and published in S.I.R.'s *Vector* and *Insider* publications.

FEINSTEIN MEETING

The President of the Board of Supervisors, Dianne Feinstein, was contacted in a special meeting on Tuesday, August 11th. The meeting, arranged by Foster, was attended by many concerned gay community leaders: Del Martin, Citizen's Alert; Don Banks and Sandy Sanchez, The Tavern Guild; Rick Stokes, C.R.H.; and Jim Foster, Larry Littlejohn and Bill

Plath of S.I.R.

Mrs. Feinstein, who was supported by the gay community in the last election, received the group cordially. She heard the complaints along with a thorough airing of the entire police relationship with the homosexual community plus several points for the Board of Supervisors' attention. In addition to the plainclothes operation, the review of police policies in the past and at present in regard to homosexuality were explained. In the past, these incidents had occurred:

1. Permits to second-hand dealers were denied to known homosexuals.
2. Police proposed a new Cabaret Ordinance that deprived sexual offenders the right to work.
3. The department arbitrarily excluded minor sex offenses from its Citation—Release program.
4. The Tac Squad was used against gay pickets at an Examiner building demonstration when no riot situation existed.
5. There was a long-range lack of communication between the Chief's office and the gay community, evidenced by the department's failure to consult with the homosexual community in regard to the training about homosexuality being given in the Police Academy, the attitude by former Chief Thomas Cahill that homosexuals are "sick people," the refusal of Chief Nelder to take a public stand in regard to the proposed Brown-Burton consensual sexual reform bill and the availability of officers to arrest homosexuals but the *unavailability* of officers to ferret out rat packs who attack homo-

sexuals.

Supervisor Feinstein offered to arrange a meeting between community representatives and Police Chief Al Nelder. On September 25 this meeting took place in the chief's offices at the Hall of Justice. Present were Mrs. Feinstein, Chief Nelder, S.F.P.D. Legal Officer David Roche, Police Community Relations Officer Elliott Blackstone and the representatives of several gay organizations: Roberta Bobba, Bob Ross, Del Martin, Larry Littlejohn, Charles Stanley, Jim Foster and S.I.R. Attorney B.J. Beckwith.

POLICE HEAR PROBLEMS

Chief Nelder listened courteously to the list of complaints and to the desire of the gay community to work cooperatively with the police, to *prevent* arrests. The Chief, in turn, agreed to establish a closer working relationship with the groups represented. In the matter of taking a stand on sexual law reform, Mrs. Feinstein suggested that her office should assume that responsibility and she received a promise of full cooperation from the Chief, which is interpreted to mean that he will supply requested data and statistics, and make available departmental research.

As to the training of police recruits at the Academy: One practice currently used is to show movies of homosexual murders; another is to hear a psychiatrist talk about homosexuality. Del Martin suggested that the Director of the Academy and a few high department officers be invited to participate in a coming C.R.H. symposium on homosexuality. No assessment can be made of Nelder's reaction to this until the invitations have been formally issued. (Officer Blackstone, who is familiar with homosexual problems and sympathetic to them, will now be permitted to address the Academy classes on "Homosexuality.")

As to the remaining complaints formally discussed at this meeting, they all fell under the general heading of the improper use of plainclothes officers, their methods, and their seeming concentration against non-victim homosexual activity. It was clearly emphasized by the community contingent that such police practice discriminates against homosexuals as a minority due to "selective enforcement" and the use of felony rather than misdemeanor charges. B.J. Beckwith pointed out that if heterosexuals were being taken in under similar circumstances, they would at most be subject to misdemeanor charges.

The Chief was told that a vast majority of those caught in the dragnets by

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This article appeared 15 years ago in the San Francisco Chronicle, Northern California's largest newspaper.

Please note that in 1955 the Chronicle is using "SEX DEVIATE" in its headline. Today it uses either the words "GAY" or "HOMOSEXUAL."

Read of the extensive measures taken by the police department to harass homosexuals . . . in San Francisco! Those who attack S.I.R. for "playing the pig's game" over the years (cooperating with the police department) might sit back and contemplate the results.

Today, due to the direct efforts of the Tavern Guild, the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, and The Society for Individual Rights homosexuals enjoy much more freedom in San Francisco than they once did. It is surprising also that so few homosexuals financially support organizations such as S.I.R. It is not too late. A check can be mailed to S.I.R., 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco. The battle is not yet won! . . . the editor.

Police Order Renews Drive on Sex Deviates

San Francisco Chronicle
May 26, 1955

Dozens of places, including twenty-two bars, parks and lonely parking areas were ordered under periodic police patrol yesterday in the renewed drive on homosexuals here.

The locations were in a directive to all district captains which listed specific measures to be taken in combatting the sexual deviate problem.

FIRST TIME.

It marked the first time the police here ever formulated a specific blueprint of action on the problem.

Acting Deputy Chief John Engler, who prepared the six-page directive on orders from Acting Chief George Healy, said:

"The captains are being instructed on how to keep these gathering places of homosexuals under constant pressure.

"Also, plainclothesmen from the sex detail of the inspectors' detail, who heretofore worked independently, now will work in teamwork with the uniformed beat officers on the problem."

The directive stresses that homosexuals "do not like the presence of the police and will not frequent places visited by the police."

FREQUENT CHECKS.

It adds that therefore frequent police checks must be made on these places, not by one officer, but by several, including the beat sergeant.

The directive continues:

"Young persons should be questioned, to determine their age. Known or obvious homosexuals should be questioned. The taking of names, addresses, places of employment has a great effect upon the person questioned.

"Arrests are to be made when a violation of the law is observed. A simple drunk arrest has a great detrimental effect on these types of places.

"When conditions warrant, the parking of a police radio car or patrol wagon in front of a homosexual hangout a few minutes before closing time is effective. This can discourage homosexuals from returning to said place."

TO BE QUESTIONED.

The directive ordered that obvious homosexuals, of the effeminate type, are to be stopped on the streets and questioned. Arrests should be made "if warranted."

The directive also cited one evil of the homosexual problem, which the police were to watch:

"Many homosexuals, particularly during Saturday and Sunday mornings, from midnight on cruise the downtown areas in their autos attempting to pick up service men or young civilian men.

"During the weekends, many persons from out of town operate in this manner."

The directive called for frequent patrols of parks and squares by radio car officers, explaining:

"There are many robberies and assaults that are never reported to the police that occur in parks and squares frequented by homosexuals at night."

EXPLAINS SYSTEM.

Engler, explaining the new teamwork system between inspectors of the sex detail and uniformed officers, said:

"Before, the inspectors worked independently. Now whenever possible, they will circulate with beat officers of various districts, checking homosexual bars.

"Beat officers, when either making arrests independently or after questioning an apparent sexual deviate, will forward the name, address, place of employment and physical description to the inspectors' sex detail."

The renewed drive on the sexual deviate problem was ordered two weeks ago by Acting Chief Healy, after District Attorney Thomas C. Lynch sent him a letter on the subject.

The Cop's Role and Public Sex

This report is the effort of several Vector contributors under the direction of Sesto Chiarello.

What are policemen doing with their time? This continuing question is answered in many ways.

In a reaction to a crackdown on church bingo in Santa Clara County, the District Attorney there ruled that bingo is a violation of the State Penal Code. In San Francisco, District Attorney John Jay Ferdon stated, in reacting to the bingo ban, that there would be no bingo crackdown here because his office was "swamped with investigations of serious crimes." But it seems strange that there is time for the District Attorney's office and the police to crack down on people who commit non-victim crimes where there is no complaining party.

STUDYING COPS

Charles McCabe, San Francisco *Chronicle* columnist, recently wrote: "I have often wondered how much of their time the cops spend busting bookies, pot-smoking varlets, and whores with hearts of gold, and how much on rapists, second-story artists, murderers and other proper felons ... There just does not seem to have been much research done on the subject ... The criminal services which are directed against the more popular deviations of human behavior require neither cops or cop-surrogates. They should simply be forgotten, unless some element of theft or assault accompanies them ... Cop behavior is at least worth as much study as criminal behavior. One hopes that more and more is done along these lines. A clear knowledge of what a cop does, in Hunter's Point or Nob Hill, will help clear the public mind as to what is really wanted of a police officer."

The single overwhelming reason for the reluctant adoption by a conservative British Parliament of the Wolfenden Report was irrefutable evidence that laws which allow for selective enforcement by police lead inevitably to corruption. Illinois embraced the model penal code only when the notoriously corrupt condition of the Chicago police department could no longer be ignored. In recent months the New York City and Seattle police departments have faced up to the fact that pursuit of non-victim crime cases results in more harm than good.

At one point in the September 25 meeting, Chief Nelder stated that the

arrests in question were the results of "numerous complaints," but was unwilling or unable to document a single instance. He is also on record as claiming that the police do not make law, but merely enforce the laws made by the body politic. The canard that the police are not in fact making law through selective enforcement, on their own decision, or at the behest of the District Attorney's office or other pressure groups must be laid to rest. The Chief acknowledges that he is subject to pressure. The course should be clear: it is the responsibility of the homosexual community to exert pressure in the light of its own conscience.

PRIVATE-PUBLIC SEX

"Public sex" is hard to defend. Its most outright proponents merely claim an inalienable right to the inviolability of their own bodies, to use them where, when, however they choose. Logically,



such right extends to defecating on the sidewalk at Market and Powell Streets at high noon. Equally logically, societies are going to draw lines as to what conduct is acceptable and what is not, and the reservation of sexual activity to locations away from casual public view has been a line that very few societies in history have gone beyond. In the absence of strong evidence to the contrary, there is no reason to assume that maintaining that line imposes any great burden or sacrifice on any individual in our time.

California law, however, is directed not against "public sex," as we have been considering it, but rather at sex "in any place open to the public," which is a Honda of a different stripe. A couple in the bushes at Buena Vista Park or behind closed doors in Macy's men's room may

equally be said to be in a private as in a public place. Public and private are not absolutes but rather the extremes of a continuum, with many degrees between them. There can be very high degrees of privacy in many places open to the public, and the overwhelming majority of people engaging in sex in places open to the public are simultaneously seeking the highest degree of privacy that may be obtained. Fair law, fair selective enforcement, or fair penalties might at least consider the degree of privacy of a given case.

The precise direction of the course dictated by conscience then should also be clear: pressure in the direction of the police to relate the degree of enforcement to the degree of privacy; pressure on the homosexual community to seek the higher degree of privacy.

Two-Way Street

In the accompanying article we have considered the practices of the average beat patrolmen, special squads and perhaps the district station commands.

The burglary, extortion, blackmail, fraud and homicide details also touch the life of the homosexual all too often, but fortunately in a more favorable way. Unfortunately, fear of the police is apt to discourage any sense of cooperation and many maligned homosexuals refuse to voluntarily assist these details even when it is to their advantage.

Community Relations Officer Blackstone, whose bona-fides have remained unimpeached, has related to S.I.R. case histories in which homosexuals and the gay community generally could have benefitted if there had been cooperation.

Some personal sacrifice is of course required of a person's time, a possible embarrassment if one eventually appears on the witness stand and a possible fear of retribution from the criminal involved.

Special detail men are generally very professional and competent. Complainants or witnesses are treated with courtesy, consideration and with legal immunity in matters of their sexual proclivity.

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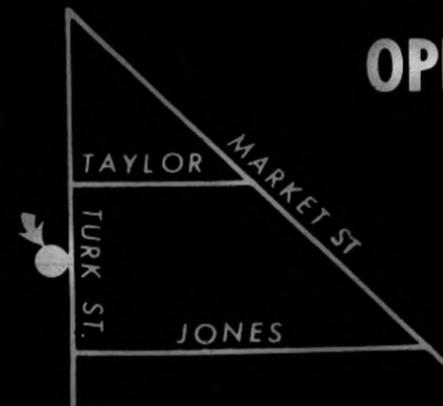
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LIFE IN A SEX AND DRUG FORUM

By Phyllis Lyon
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Sexual knowledge — what people do and how they feel about it — is hard to come by in American society. Male and female homosexuals, although thought of by straight society mainly in terms of sexual acts, are on the average no more knowledgeable about this important area of life than are their heterosexual peers. Some male homosexuals suffer from impotence, and some Lesbians from frigidity; both labor under burdens of unnecessary guilt. We are all, to a greater or lesser degree, victims of myth and misinformation about human sexuality.

It was because of so much ignorance about human sexuality (and about mind-altering drug use and abuse) that the idea for the National Sex and Drug Forum came into being. The co-founders of the Forum, Rev. Ted McIlvenna and Dr. Joel Fort, were well aware that ignorance about sex and drugs was not confined to the general public but extended into the professions — to doctors, psychiatrists, clergymen, social workers, teachers, and to counselors of all persuasions.

The Forum officially opened in October, 1968. Prior to that, however, nine months had been spent in intensive testing of methodology. Since the opening some 6,000 men and women have attended Forum courses either at its headquarters at Glide Urban Center, 330 Ellis Street, San Francisco, or at out-of-

town sessions at such places as Sarah Lawrence College, Drake University, the University of Hawaii, the University of Minnesota and the University of Washington.

LIBERATING REACTIONS

Most of the persons who have attended Forum courses have been professionals, although the courses are open to anyone who feels a need to better understand human sexuality. Most of the people attending the Forum's sex courses have been mind-blowing and mind-expanding experiences. For instance:

A medical doctor who had counseled many male homosexuals over the years yet had no idea what such persons do sexually.

A young, liberated, hip woman who didn't know that women masturbated. She thought that perhaps there were "a few Lesbians" who did.

A clergyman, married for 30 years, who had never had intercourse with his wife with the light on — before he attended the Forum.

A single woman, sexually experienced, who had never had an orgasm until she learned about vibrators and masturbation at the Forum and the problem was solved.

FORUM ASSUMPTIONS

The Forum makes several assumptions in the area of human sexuality:

1. The most significant factor in sex education is that sex can be talked about casually and non-judgmentally.

2. Individuals should be allowed

meaningful exposure to a realistic objectification of the range of behavior into which their own experiences and those of other humans fall.

3. The person who teaches, counsels or gives advice, (regardless of professional qualifications) should have a low burden of sexual guilt feelings so as to be of service to others rather than serving his own needs.

This writer, as a person who has talked to many hundreds of Lesbians and male homosexuals who have sought some kind of therapeutic help, feels that perhaps Assumption No. 3 is the most important of all. So many times the homosexual seeking help from minister, doctor or therapist finds either total ignorance, outrage or rejection.

SEXUAL PROFICIENCY

The Forum also takes an aesthetic view of human sexuality, emphasizing proficiency rather than constraint. The courses in human sexuality make heavy use of audio-visual materials — films, slides, books, tapes and lectures. The films and slides include those which show explicit sexual acts covering the widest range of human behavior, desire and fantasy, as well as more technical films such as the one demonstrating the Seaman squeeze technique for curing premature ejaculation.

These so-called "far out" materials are always used in a carefully designed context of lectures and discussions which include the history of sex research, the

most up-to-date information on human sexuality now available (Masters and Johnson, Kinsey, etc.), sexual therapy, homosexuality and other variances in human behavior.

SEX FILMS VARIED

Probably even more controversial than the forum's drug information sections is its vivid depicting of sex acts in movies, photographs and slides. The films depict a variety of heterosexual and homosexual acts with various combinations of people and masturbation.

Reverend "Ted" McIlvenna, the Methodist minister who is a director of the forum, concludes that when sex is shown and talked about "not clinically, but casually and non-judgmentally," humans can be assisted with their sexual problems. "For example," he continues, "we show them feelings; what happens to the feelings of a kid who looks at another guy in the shower room and thinks, 'There's a stud and I'm not'?... We point out to males that think they are too small, that more than one size of condom is not manufactured."

Speaking for sex education, McIlvenna stresses that practice of remaining ignorant about sex is as ridiculous as a clinical professor of surgery telling his students, "you can't see an operation but we'll expect you to perform one."

The Forum has a series of regularly-scheduled courses. The class on Mind-Altering Drug Use and Abuse, which takes a day and a half, is given quarterly with the next one scheduled for December 11-12.

More courses are given in the area of sex. These include:

Introductory Course on Human Sexuality, 1½ days, given monthly. This is the Forum's basic course on sex covering the general areas mentioned above. The next one scheduled is November 20-21. Cost is \$30 per person or \$15 for students.

Sexual Enrichment, 1 day, next scheduled for December 5, \$15 per person. This is to help people get more in touch with their own bodies and their own sense of themselves as sexual beings.

Advanced Course on Human Sexuality. Prerequisite is the introductory course. It is given two or three times a year, usually on four evenings during one month. Cost is \$30 per person. The course goes into greater detail about sex and sexual variations than is possible in the introductory course.

Female Sexuality, 1 day, \$15 per person — for women only. A new course, this will probably not be given until after the first of the year.

Homosexuality — Male and Female, 1 day, \$15 per person. An attempt to deal with homosexuality in all its ramifications in more detail than is possible in the introductory course. A new addition to the Forum, it has no date scheduled at present.

In addition to the courses, the

THE president's

corner

I presume my resignation as president of S.I.R. will appear elsewhere in this issue of Vector. It was read at a special board meeting of S.I.R. on September 29th, and it became effective when Bill Plath, S.I.R. Vice-President, returned from vacation on October 15th.

As I indicated in my letter of resignation, my reasons for resigning are complex. But at root it was a matter of principle. In response to a question of

Forum has two types of memberships. The first is the Participating Membership, \$75 per year, for persons wishing to study sexuality in depth or do research. The second is a membership for organizations and institutions which is \$150 per year. This type of membership allows persons closely related to the member organization to attend Forum courses at 1/3 off the regular cost. The Council on Religion and the Homosexual holds an organizational membership in the Forum.

The staff of the Forum includes Reverend "Ted" McIlvenna, Dr. Joel Fort, the writer; Laird Sutton, media director; and Tom Maurer, associate director.

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

Because the Forum is unique in the field of sex education, it was chosen as one of the prime contractors for the President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography which just last month released its highly controversial report. The Forum's research contribution to the report covered the effects of viewing specifically erotic materials on some 329 persons who had taken the Forum's courses. The result of this survey revealed that nearly 90% of the persons questioned felt the Forum's methodology and the use of sexually explicit films had helped them personally as well as in the area of counseling others with sexual problems. About one-third of the persons surveyed were in the health sciences, one-third were educators and school counselors and one-third were clergymen.

The revolutions sweeping America — homosexual, black, women, sexual, youth — all seek freedom for the individual. One of the freedoms so desperately needed by so many Americans is freedom from myth and misinformation. The National Sex and Drug Forum is contributing to this freedom in the areas of human sexuality and of mind-altering drug use and abuse.

mine, a professional man recently said to me, "To hell with principle, all I'm interested in is money." Well, I'm interested in money too — I find it helps in the matter of survival; and I don't naively believe that it is the root of all evil. But what I'm really interested in is principle. And I neither ask for nor expect any accolades for that. Its just that without principle, I find life has nothing left for me to live for.

In fact, it is principle that I find is the root of all evil. Not the lack of principle, but certain kinds of principles. After 26 years, it was principle that took me out of the organized church. Organized religion doesn't interest me a damn! But certain kinds of principles do and when those kinds of principles are foisted by any organization, church or otherwise, then I am interested. People often ask me why I don't attend this church or that. The answer is simple: Because I don't agree with its principles! I could care less about church per se. The only kind of church I'm interested in is one which celebrates the meaning and beauty and fulfillment of life! The kind that believes in liberating people for the abundant life.

This is why I resigned as president of S.I.R., although I intend to remain an active, objecting member. I can not in good conscience remain as president of an organization which initiates policies whose principles directly violate mine. This — in my estimation — the S.I.R. Board did in its special meeting September 22nd in a series of motions which it passed in regard to Macy's Department Store. To me, that action was both irresponsible and fatuous. I respect the board in its considered action, but I vehemently disagree with it, and I could not be the executive officer to implement its motions. But my point in this, my last column, is not so much to explain why I resigned as President, as to plead with the homosexual community for responsible, principled action! I don't see what hope we have without principled, responsible action and policies. I left the church for its lack of that. I'm not about to stay in Homosexual organizations which also lack that!

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McCoy. The color scheme and decor, done by the gals themselves, is all black and white. Even the salad forks with black handles are individually served on a white napkin. The filet mignon is well worth driving down for. Be sure and say hello to Val and Gail, Barbara and Joyce, and of course, Pat Keen, an exquisite chef, and Trudy, a really sweet and gracious waitress. I even got in on a birthday party where the girls surprised Jack with an enormous birthday cake. Their specials are \$2.50 - Prawns are \$3.25; filets are \$3.95. Their regular menu is served Friday and Saturday nights. Tuesday and Thursdays you can eat all you want at \$1.25. Sundays, 12-3, they serve champagne brunch; and short orders are available during the rest of the week . . . I tried the Early Bird again and found their dining room most charming and comfortable. Voodoo was busy at the bar serving a most congenial crowd. I had the \$1.85 special fried chicken dinner and really had to smack my lips on this dish. Don't know their secret, but the chicken is so tender and juicy that you wouldn't believe it. The tossed green salad with special dressing is a meal in itself. Russ Eliasson from Montana, formerly of his own restaurant and Jackson's, is chef. The veal scaloppini is freshly prepared and not frozen; I personally checked the kitchen myself. If you like them handsome, innocent, and attentive, be sure and let Ron, the new waiter, serve you. . . . Karl of On the Levee, 987 Embarcadero, is still bringing them in. The New York steak is so excellently flavored and done just right; soup hot, salad chilled. Hank, our favorite bartender was subbing as waiter due to an emergency, and did an excellent job. My better half of the evening had stuffed bell pepper on the special and it was well worth the money. . . . David Monroe is back at the Lyon at Divisadero and Sacramento, and although they have repainted their walls with all sorts of bods, there are enough live ones in the bar obviating the need for the murals. . . . "Adrian," the Vi's Drake Club's bartender in Fairfax, has joined Ron's Monday nights "Self-Defence" class at S.I.R. He is a "brown-belt." . . . Henri, you ought to read Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and In-

fluence People," and remember, Henri, a Dog is loved by old and young; he wags his tail and not his tongue. . . . Would you believe, after receiving a bouquet of wilted roses, who slept with Fanny at the West Side Motel in Reno? . . . The Tacky Wench is at it again, Jim and Donnie have opened a 24-hour short-order restaurant just three doors east of Hair and Orpheum Circus. They have a great selection of Hamburgers and Hot Dogs and the most up-to-date Juke Box in Town. . . . Hans of the Early Bird is now sponsoring two bowling teams. A vacancy occurred quite abruptly in team no. 2 which was promptly filled by Hans, who you will be seeing more of at his new venture at the Saturnalia, corner Duboce and Valencia Sts. . . . The Fickle Fox, 842 Valencia, has certainly perked up. Their dining room is continuously crowded and contrary to a former article by yours truly, the service and food had been right-on. Unlike some of the dining rooms, reservations are controlled so you don't have to wait around an hour before being served. Don't miss the gala Thanksgiving Dinner at the Fox, and I do suggest reservations. . . . And now the Roundup, at 6th and Folsom, has a Liquor License. Drop in this Western-designed bar and meet Al, Rusty, Terry, John-John and Gary . . . Would you believe the power of the pen, the Mule has finally bought soup spoons, what pleasure dining with the proper implements. . . . Wish I was 20 years younger, the new array of Bartenders in all of the Bars are so beautiful, I sit and drool all thru my drinks. . . . P.S. must certainly have the right formula, they haven't slowed down since their opening which only shows to go . . . While visiting Seattle, who do you think I caught with their pants down? I mean all the way down - at the 614, none other than San Francisco's own Reba. She just stood in front of the Juke Box showing her bare behind to all the Seattleites, tch tch . . . While in Seattle don't miss the Greek Torch, a delightful bar and dining room. . . . The Society of Re, a Texas-based fraternal organization, has opened a "night club" type center in Sausalito. It is operated like a private club with a strict

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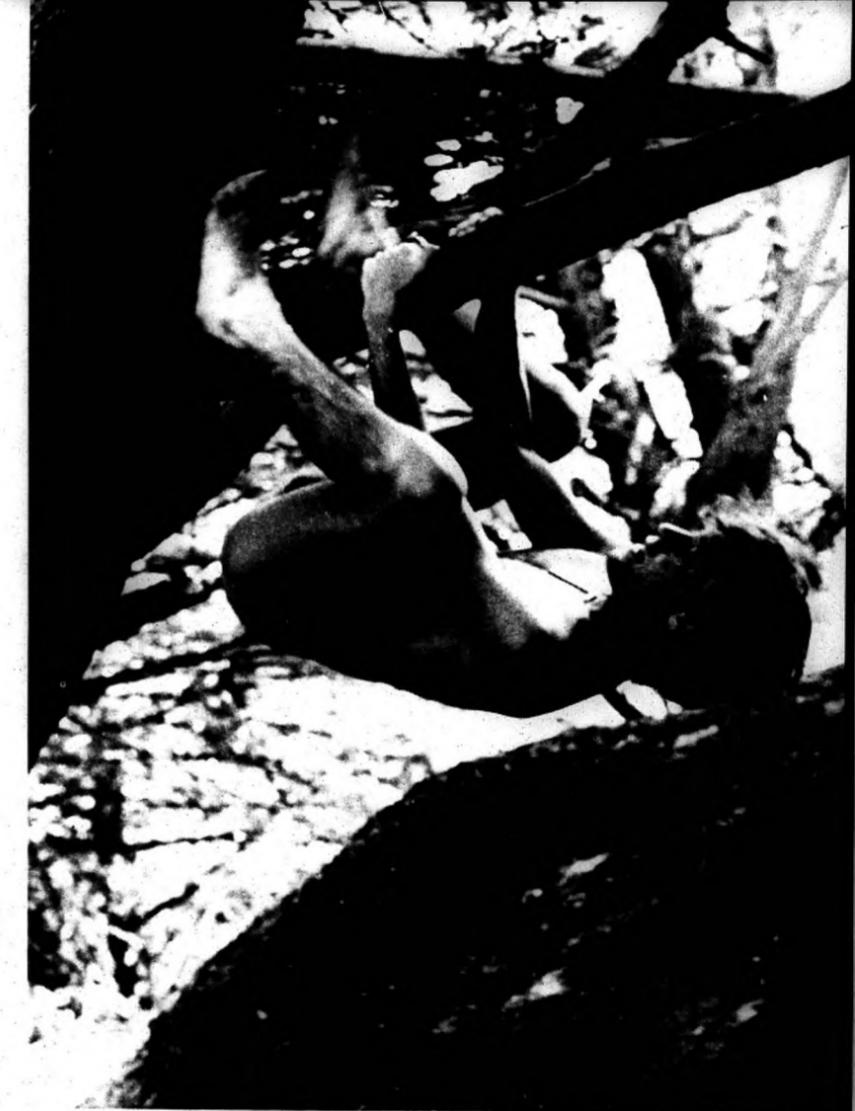
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CANDIDATES NIGHT - S.I.R. CENTER CROWDED

By Alan Jacobs

It was not an unusual night for the Society for Individual Rights. The first, back in 1966, was experimental; the second, the third, the fourth became more exciting each year: 1967, 1968, 1969. Now, politicians courting the gay minority vote is old hat. We have proven that we are a voteable minority.

The fifth annual Candidates Night, sponsored by the Political Committee of the Society was held on the 7th of October, one month before the November Elections. At 8:15 p.m. there were only 87 persons seated in the assembly hall. When the meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. there were 243 members of the gay community who were taking notes, asking questions, listening carefully during the next two-and-one-half hours, eager to take back to their bars, organizations, cliques and communes the words of the politicians.

Tom Maurer, president of S.I.R., presented the opening convocation. He reiterated his firm belief in the organization and that which the organization is doing. He informed those present of his recent decision to resign as president of the largest homophile organization in the world; regretful was he to step aside as leader of "the only organization of its kind."

Following Maurer, Jim Foster, Political Committee Chairman, gave a short pitch before introducing the candidates. He told of the successful voter registration drive and said that we must "register all 90,000 homosexuals in the San Francisco area." He exhorted those present to "pay attention, listen closely, as questions ... leave here to work for the candidate of your choice."

Jerry Ellersdorf spoke for Senator Alquist, candidate for Lt. Governor. He emphasized that Alquist is against pollution, would be a regent for the University as Lt. Governor, and that the voting age of 18 years old should be legal. When asked about Alquist's stand on the "no knock laws" (legislation that would allow police more freedom in entering private homes) pending in U.S. Congress, Ellersdorf said that he had no knowledge of Alquist's position.

Tom Spinosa, nominee for state senator (10th district) claimed support for the Brown-Burton consensual sex law. Later, State Assemblyman Willie Brown decried

Spinosa and claimed that he was not in favor of it.

Brown received a standing ovation on his appearance. His main plea to the voting community was to elect men who would go to Sacramento and vote for the legislation that he proposed. "Introducing such laws are not enough," he said, "we need men who will pass them." The candidates spoke on a first come-first served basis. Some questioned the fact that Willie Brown did not have to wait to



speak. The political committee host in the receiving room told them, "This is a politician who has delivered to us what he promised; let this be a lesson to you."

Philip Burton was represented by Doris R. Thomas, who in no uncertain terms told the audience that "Burton is against the no knock laws on constitutional grounds."

Ed Frey spoke for Jess Unruh. No specific homophile issues were mentioned either during the speech or during the question-answer period that followed. Brown has stated that Unruh supports consensual sex legislation.

Probably the most interesting speech of the evening was made by John Molinari, who spoke for Congressman Maillard. He said, "they told me not to come; that S.I.R. has never endorsed a Republican and that a Republican has never supported legislation for homosexuals; they'll chew you up." He asserted that he felt the gay community would be fair and would justly hear him out. His directness and pleasant manner was affectitious. Directly to the point, he said: "Congressman Maillard supports the military stance in reference to homosexuals, and Congressman Maillard supports the

Civil Service stance in reference to homosexuals."

Someone started to applaud this statement until the full impact was felt. Maillard, evidently, considers the homosexual a second-class citizen.

At this point, Jim Foster stepped forward to the podium and presented to the speaker two of the Homosexual Essays produced by S.I.R., Essay No. 1, The Homosexual and the Military Service, and Essay No. 2, The Homosexual and Employment. He instructed the speaker to give them to Mr. Maillard so that he might inform himself of some truths.

At the conclusion of his speech, John Molinari surprised those present by announcing his own candidacy for Supervisor in the next supervisory race. He promised to come back next year, more informed of the homophile position.

Russ Miller, the candidate running against Maillard, presented a speech filled with knowledge of our minority's complaints and presented a positive approach to change the laws.

Sara Scahill spoke for Peace and Freedom Party's Marge Buckley, who is running for Attorney General. Ric Hyland spoke for P&F candidates Ricardo Romo and Bob Scheer, who are candidates for Governor and U.S. Senator. Hyland dwelt on an anti-Israeli theme.

Other speakers spoke on a variety of bond issues; and the night was filled with the political aroma. Reverend Mikhail Itkin of the Gay Lib movement was present but unusually quiet. S.I.R. Board members were pleased at the large number of volunteers that were working on arrangements. The hall had been colorfully decorated with a red-white-and-blue motif. Coffee and a variety of cookies were served, both in the assembly hall and in the candidates' room.

Guy Wright, San Francisco *Examiner* columnist, put it this way: "Candidates night at S.I.R., with a line-up of office seekers pledging their concern for the homosexual, has become a fixture of political campaigns."

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Happenings in Albuquerque,

Dateline: ALBUQUERQUE,
Elroy Campos received a reply from Dr. John Salazar, Independent New Mexican Party candidate for governor, which stated: "whatever affects any one human being must concern us all. We welcome the opportunity to learn about these oppressive [sex] laws and take active stands to see that they are corrected . . ."

Dateline: HOLLYWOOD
H.E.L.P., the Los Angeles gay legal aid group. S.I.R. member Larry Townsend is now on the H.E.L.P. board and is now publishing a newsletter for them. In the current edition he talks of the "extremely effective job done by the Society for Individual Rights" and refers to Los Angeles' less favorable situation. The H.E.L.P. group, now two years old, has expanded it's Board and it's activities.

Dateline: ITHACA, NEW YORK
Cornell University has it's own gay lounge and office and advertises the fact! The Student Homophile League on that campus is having gay dances to which straights are most welcome.

Dateline: IDAHO
This fair state still has a minimum five year sentence for anyone who performs an "infamous crime against nature" . . . and what is THAT? Placing one's penis in someone else's mouth or placing one's penis in someone else's anus. For just one such act: Five years! In only two states are such acts legal (in private): Illinois and Connecticut.

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Dateline: NEW YORK
Arrests have increased in the Times Square area and along the traditional Third Avenue cruising areas as well as in Greenwich Village gay bars. The murder of a Radical Lesbian resulted in a police investigation in which the POLITICAL views of the women members were questioned by the police.

New York Mattachine has met with the police and presented it's complaints. The police and the gays agreed that each wants cooperation, not trouble.

Dateline: LOS ANGELES
A gay bar, the Farm, on Santa Monica Blvd. is being picketed by Gay Liberation because the management has requested that gay customers not hold hands. He is fearful for his license to operate. Gay Lib replies: "We are being treated like criminals in our own bars."

Dateline: TOLEDO, OHIO
Toledo Mattachine changed it's name to PERSONAL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION and is using this broader title to encompass gays and straights of boy sexes who are interested in sexual freedom. They have an emergency trouble phone number and are setting up speakers on VD, legal rights, and psychology. Welcome, PRO! (Yes, mother, there ARE homosexuals - even in Toledo!)

Dateline: PHILADELPHIA
Several local gay groups are going strong. Barbara Gittings, long associated with the NACHO group, writes for the Homophile Action League newsletter. You can write: H.A.L. at 928 Chestnut, Phila., PA.

Dateline: CHICAGO
Gay Liberation has split into two groups here. The new one is called "Chicago Gay Alliance" while a third group, a black caucus, calls itself the Third World Gay Revolutionaries. Meanwhile, the "Gay Liberation" newsletter here runs this: "The trouble with the world is not that some people make love differently - the trouble is that most people don't make love at all.

New York, Toledo, Boston - even the Vatican City!

Dateline: BOSTON
The HUB organization here quotes a well-known homosexual, the late Dag Hammarskjold (former Secretary General of the UN): "Never, 'for the sake of peace and quiet,' deny your own experiences or convictions."

Dateline: NEW YORK CITY
"The National Association for Sexual Civil Liberties" (NASCL) has been formed to discover and process through the courts significant test sex cases. Board members of the new group include attorney Austin Wade of New York Mattachine; Laud Humphreys, author of the "Tearoom Trade" study; Walter Barnett, University of Mexico educator; and Bill Reynard of Denver, Colorado.

The independent NASCL grew out of the former Legal Defense Committee of the NACHO organization; the latter group has dissolved its committee structure.

Dateline: BOSTON
A new "Council on Religion and the Homosexual" group has been formed. Laud Humphreys will speak at their public meeting, November 10.

Dateline: NEW YORK CITY
Albany, Troy and Schenectady have combined their interests in homosexual rights to form a new Tri-Cities Gay Liberation group.

Dateline: LOS ANGELES
Tangents, a local gay group, says in its current newsletter: "We are more

radical than Gay Lib if you go by actions instead of publicity stunts." Tangents goes on to call the recent NACHO Conference (October Vector) a "pointless confrontation."

Dateline: VATICAN CITY, ROME
So-called "marriages" between members of the same sex have been called "moral aberrations" that can not be approved by anyone, least of all Christians, according to Father Gino Concetti. The Franciscan theologian editorialized against gay marriages in the Vatican's daily newspaper, L'Ossevatore Romano. He warned that the "possibility exists" that such marriages may eventually be permitted in some countries.

AND IN ENGLAND . . .
Canon Hugh Montefiore, a Cambridge, England, priest, stirred up a storm with his church paper, "Was Jesus a Homosexual?" He has now been made a bishop of the church. It was Canon Montefiore who declared that Jesus "might not have found women as attractive as other men found them."

NEW ZEALAND TOO . . .
Homosexual acts should not be considered sinful, according to Anglican minister Morris Russell of New Zealand. He believes that if two persons are genuinely devoted to each other and the relationship is based on some kind of intended faithfulness it is acceptable.

Rev. Russell further suggests that the Christian church should find some way of blessing such a relationship and allow homosexuals to participate fully in the church.

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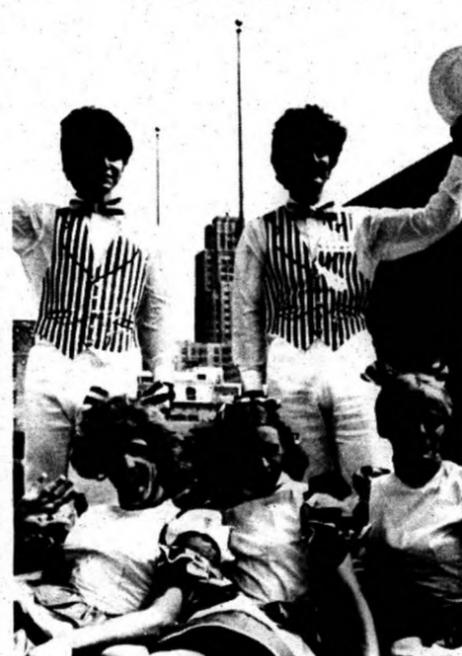
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A TEENAGER TALKS ABOUT BEING YOUNG AND GAY

Charles Thorp is a "gay liberation" student leader in the Bay Area. This address was presented to a local Council on Religion and the Homosexual symposium. Now in booklet form, it can be ordered (\$1) from The Prosperos, 731 No. La Brea Ave., Hollywood, 90038. Our thanks to "The Prosperos" organization for permitting us to print the address.

I have been asked to tell you what it is like to be a teenage homosexual. Well, first you must understand that I am not "the teenage homosexual." I am only a teenage homosexual. I do not represent a type. All that I can do is give my personal observations in the hope that they will be of value. Although I do not represent a type of homosexual, the things I am about to tell you are in some or most cases general enough to give you an idea of what it is like for many teenage homosexuals other than myself. For instance, the two main problems I will discuss are "finding a lover" and "finding an identity." These, I would venture, are problems for most people, but are more significant for a teenage homosexual.

The very brief background that I want to give you is that I spent most of my teens in a suburban community. This, I believe, will have an influence on my comments.

First of all, I would like to quote a newly-acquired friend who is sixteen years old and just beginning to discover his homosexuality. It has made him lonely, and he said:

"Thursday I went to the shrink for the third time. I cried. Once again I saw that I was utterly alone. I am sensitive, but so far I've only had pain in my life. Pure pain. I felt as though I hadn't advanced since I was born."

His father (who doesn't know the boy is homosexual) is not helping him, though. He writes:

"My father just got furious at me for acting so depressed. I am running away this summer for sure."

His father doesn't allow him any freedom. All his actions are "suspicious" and subject to investigation. He is in no

way free - free even to develop or mature. His father is not as worried that the boy is homosexual; his real concern, or surface concern, is that the boy might be taking drugs.

The boy also wrote me: "Occasionally I look out the window and I can see that my soul is rotting."

This is part of what it is to be a teenage homosexual. There is also the knowledge that not only do you feel alone, but you are alone - even organizations like S.I.R. are copping out on you. S.I.R. seems to recognize that the 16-to-20-year-old community needs help, but it just recently defeated a measure to allow 18 to 20-year-olds to become members.

Also, the law changes that organizations like S.I.R. are supporting will not help the teenage homosexual. For instance, the law legalizing private sex acts between "consenting adults" - the key word is *adults*, defined as 21 or over. Where does this leave you if you are 20 or 18 or 16? I want laws that don't just hint that my love is all right, but directly state it. I don't want "kiss-up" social structure laws, but laws that will aid and back me up as a teenager. I can't vote or make love. What is the homosexual community doing for me?

Of course, there are sources of learning that play a very important role in the life of the teenage homosexual. The most important of these is television, which has shaped and molded the greater part of the teenager's life today. I will not go into great detail about the forces of mass media, because they are too involved to discuss in depth. However, I will mention that the mass media are not used by the homosexual community to the capacity that they could or should be. If properly used, the mass media could break down the stereotyped images, whereas now they only reinforce these images.

Besides the home, including parents, there are two other major sources that shape many views. These are the traditional "shaper," the school, and the great "moral finder," the church.



Writer Charles Thorp., pictured above (right) with his friend, Keith.

Take school, first of all. Of course, it depends on the individual school, but I imagine a class in psychology would be horrifying. I imagine it would be difficult to get an A in a class that taught that you, as a homosexual, were not only "sick" but also "incapable of love."

My own religious background is Roman Catholic. Catholic means universal, and the church may have been universal in the medieval days, but it is far from being a universal representative now (thank God!). My homosexuality is what separated me from religion. I discussed my homosexuality with a few priests. After finding out that the Church's point of view is that homosexuals are sick and need to be cured, I could no longer accept their saying that everyone was one of God's children. What they seemed to mean was that you were one of God's children if you became passive to the "white slavemaster's" rulings on moral and social codes. (That will be a dollar for God; deposit it on your way out of church.) The hypocrisy was more than I could stand, so I left organized religion.

Now I will discuss with you two major problems I had. The first was finding a lover.

In a community such as mine, finding someone to love was an arduous task. First of all, I began to realize my homosexuality at 15. I also realized that others might not discover it in their teens at all. At my age, people are usually not aware of their homosexuality, or they are fighting the first signs of it.

In my community it was hard to tell if someone was homosexual or not, for you could not survive if you were too effeminate. People would castrate or ostracize you. Also, in my generation, odd clothes and long hair are not signs of homosexuality as they once were. In fact, if you attempted to find a lover on the basis of hair length or odd clothes, you could be very hurt and embarrassed.

I became very lonely. For me it was fortunate that at the time I was doing musicals and plays in the theatre. The

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POETRY

ULTIMATUM

*This is the last time that
I'll ever race to you,
Forcing your unwilling arms,
Breathing the word "beloved"
In your unhearing ear,
Thrusting my thin cold hands
In the torn pockets of your love
Tearing the shirt your heart wears,
Clawing the nakedness beneath
To touch your full, unyielding breasts
And consummate these years of caring
That climaxes in poetry
And digs its nails into your silences
But leaves not scar on your unfeeling flesh.*



HALF-THE-TIME

*You ask me what you can believe
Since I'm inconstant, half the time;
My mind, when sifted through the sieve
Of love, leaves residues of rhyme
That puzzle you. And yet, you court
Me with a glance, you make a space
And in that instant, I abort
My each goodbye, turn to that place
Where we are etched, my memory,
And where I half the time am blessed
Or damned and where I, privately,
Am yours, despite what I've confessed
That's contrary. I love and hate
You half the time, but I have planned
No final door. I only wait
For you to come and take my hand
And take us past this misery
Because our dream can still come true
If you will, half the time, love me
For I will all the time love you.*

IT TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE

You did not choose to stand
Naked before me
At that awful reception
In that hot crowded room.

You did not choose to be
All that I saw
In that one glance that stripped you
Of your need to pretend.

I did not choose to prove
The truth of that adage
It was not my intention
To live a cliché.

But god how I know you!
Naked before me
In the arms of our loving
Where you also

know
me.

CRUISING

In the dim light, half indigo,
I say, "Buy you a drink?"
And mean, my god I miss her, but
You'll do,
At least until the morning catches us,
Naked around our needs.

Harriette Frances

Harriette Frances was born in San Francisco and is a nationally known artist. Her poetry, some of which appeared also in the October *Vector*, is in her new collection, "SAPPHO '70." The book (\$2.50) may be ordered from "Sappho '70," 95 Suny oak Drive, San Rafael, California.

DAWN & DUSK

*She turns, her thigh moves from my own;
Her hands, slowly,
Leaving my breasts, become
Busy with covers, clothes
And coffee;
And I, sleepily, await
Her scrubbed six a.m. face,
Pepsodent mouth,
Her sitting-beside-me smell
Holding the hot coffee-cup
While her eyes hold mine and say
I love you.*

*I busy myself, while she is gone,
With paints and poetry
Until tonight
When she returns, tired
And hungry. And the miracle is,
I can revive her
With a poem
And feed her with a painting,
And when she is surfeited,
We will lift forks
With orange fingers,
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attitude is replete with myths, half-truths and misunderstandings by the majority.

To many, sex itself is highly personal and thought to be distasteful as a subject for discussion. This ambivalence to discuss sex, separated from the person's most personal sexual adjustments, is even found among our own gay friends. Thus we can not aggressively push our sexuality bluntly upon the circumspect heterosexual, who himself may still be unable to accept his own sexuality.

Important heterosexuals of intelligence and position now accept homosexuality as a reality that must be accepted. These people are now beginning to openly work with and support homosexuals in their drive for equality. It is my hope that the excesses of gay militancy will not reverse our achievements and cause our heterosexual supporters to retreat.

William Waters, M.D.

Editor, Vector:

I have read three copies of Vector and have been vastly entertained by them. Would that it had been in circulation when I lived in San Francisco in 1923. Have always claimed S.F. as my home town, lived there nine years. Married, reverted to gay and moved back to Minneapolis, have been a single gay since. After reading Vector, I'm surely going to make a trip back there before I kick the bucket. I know I won't recognize the city again but doing the town, seeing the male movies we don't get here, will be a perfect ending.

Now, I may seem naive but I have a question about. Do you know many of the gay boys who write for pornographic literature, pictures, send checks and that is the last you hear of it? The ads are come ons, just to get your checks, cash them and close up shop. In the last two years (since it has been easier to get this kind of stuff via mail) I have lost \$75. Not much, no, but the honest outfits suffer by losing business: Los Angeles "Metro Books" one firm, New York "Arnies," San Francisco "IN" magazine and several outlets in Denmark and Sweden. All out to rook the homophile. Now as to the burning question: Can anything be done in the U.S.A. to expose these outfits? Oh, yes, Canada has offenders too.

I see that Le Salon has ads in Vector. It contains some of the material I sent to Metro Books for. Would I have the same trouble with Le Salon? Thanks!

Allan Gilomen
Minneapolis, Minnesota

So called "hard-core" photos and films are readily available now in San Francisco in most "Adult" magazine shops. On your trip here you can fill up your suitcases.

We are familiar with the management of Le Salon and we can assure you that it is an honest and well established firm.

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Editor, Vector:

Thank you for assisting me with my book on "Gay Militancy."

I agree with you and Frank Kameny (Washington, D.C.) that it is just as "militant" to

"fight for individual rights in the courts" as it is to carry a picket sign.

Full credit will be given to those homophile groups that have labored so hard over the years and which are continuing to do so. I will disassociate them from the types of militant organizations which are the topic of this particular book.

May I quote from your letter to me, in reference to "what is militancy?" Would you expand on your comments?

Thank you again.

Don Teal
New York City

Several of us at S.I.R. will continue to cooperate with your study.

Friend:

I just finished reading the September issue. Being a homosexual and naturally appreciative of life and living with the knowledge and understanding of what I am, it is with this thought that this letter is written.

My congratulations to you and your staff for a very fine magazine, the rewards are often small and sometimes never seen for a job well done, but often a kind word is worth more than any material or monetary object. Keep up the good work it's great.

When I can, I will submit my membership in S.I.R. so I can get Vector every month.

Sincerely,
Name Withheld
Sparks, Nevada

The Editor of Vector is not a paid position. Any profit from the magazine goes to support the community service, political and legal action programs, the maintenance of the large (5,000 sq. ft.) S.I.R. Community Center and S.I.R.'s other publishing efforts.

Your support is most welcome and appreciative comments like yours make all of our efforts worthwhile. Thank you.

Friends,

I would appreciate you people that have California residence, to try to know why I had sent \$5 to this printing place located in California. I sent the money on August 31 and I didn't receive anything yet. The address is: Medical Books, 6515 Sunset Blvd., Suite 202W, Los Angeles.

We people who write these people and send money need your help for these people try to cheat us.

Please protect us from this.

Jose Sanchez
New York City

Look for an article soon on this problem. Our mail box is overflowing with letters such as yours.

I did not vote for the resolutions that resulted in S.I.R.'s threatening Macy's with a boycott. I voted "No," although Vector said that decision was unanimous. Thank you.

Tom Maurer
Former S.I.R. President

See Mr. Maurer's final President's column and the Vector editor's comments in his column.

Teenager

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theatre does not condemn homosexuality as the outside does. One is allowed to be more open in actions. But as soon as I quit the theatre to write, I found that the love problem was unusually hard again.

I was begging for love. I was so disgusted that I went back to try loving girls. But these relationships always decayed; I found that in a dark room I became confused and disturbed with them.

So once again I stumbled into searching, winding up by trying to make love to heterosexual boys. I was always on the defensive, trying not to show too much so that no one would get wise. I didn't know where to turn, so I turned inward. I almost destroyed myself for lack of love. It is known that a baby, for instance, can die from lack of love. Well, we really don't change. This need for love stays with us. Only some of us must play games and pretend we're rocks; we turn to minerals and die.

Let me explain something here. To me everything is a fairy tale of sorts until I experience it or match it with reality. What I read or hear stays in this fairy tale until it is experienced. To me, love will always remain a fairy tale even though it is a reality, because I did find a Prince. Not a Prince of a Princedom. Just an ordinary Prince, royal to life.

My name - Thorp - means "village." Before my love came I was a village by the sea, but there were no sand castles, no laughter of children, no lines of poetry that lovers had written in the wet sand. There were no houses in the village, and the sign read "Desolation Row." But then a Prince came along and said, pointing his finger at me, "I shall build my castle and temple here." Then there were bars filled with people filled with wine. Thieves and murderers, yes, but more important, there were children laughing on the shore and sand castles and lines of poetry and lovers being intimate under the cover of night. The village was alive, and it was life where barter and sharing were carried on, where the gift of love was given. For in this village it was well known that "a gift not given dies and kills the master also." For the poets wrote continually of love and life's joys. In the streets you could hear children sing:

"Silk, velvet, corduroy,
All of life is real joy."

And in the town square the poets read:

"I am the house of my lover:
He will come lock the door,
He will find warmth sitting by the hearth.

I am the house of my lover:
In my breast he will dwell,
In my strength he will find his strength,

And upon my wings he will rest."

So my village flourished. But I was fortunate because I was thriving. What about

the other sites, the other lands? Who will build upon them?

Now let us talk about the most difficult part of being a teenage homosexual: finding an identity.

I became aware of my homosexuality when I was fifteen. Initially, my reaction was a violent one of guilt, taught to me by an oppressive moral-social background. I was hurt and bleeding. I was being driven towards insanity, toward a hatred of my society and my race. I had been taught that what I had done sexually would be repulsed by family, associates and religious leaders. I began to feel alone. The fact that the social structure would not recognize me as a full human being made me feel that I no longer could

claim a real existence. I thought I was a unique one-of-a-kind freak. You could read me figures all day to prove that I wasn't alone; but at night I was aware of my alienation, to the point of bitterly weeping. It seemed that I had been cast out of the Garden of Eden for a second time.

The only defense I had was the ability to attack those principles and morals that were confining and condemning me. So I detached myself from all the lies. I became an atheist toward religion, a revolutionary toward society and became distant and hating toward my family, who had given the greater amount of guilt feelings toward me.

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my reflection in the mirror was bright, but it made my skin darker.

I became in substance a Negro. I had to live like a Negro, in oppression, so I became aware of his problems and I began to understand his plight. I understood what it was like to have a skin color that people couldn't love, for in a sense my skin was not like everyone else's, either. I became very sympathetic toward the Afro-American. I saw in their revolution for freedom a new freedom for me. I began to learn Negro styles, dances and music. I even wrote a few poems as if I were a Negro speaking. I was a "white Negro" and proud of it. But this, I found, alienated me more and more from my family and associates.

I once went around with a girl I loved more than most girls I had met. She was an Afro-American girl named Patricia. It drew some very nasty comments from the "body bigots" of my physical education class. They would say, "Hey, is that your woman, that black one you had on your arm?" or, "What are you - in love with a Negro?" These comments threw my newly-gained balance. Other comments circulated and I only became more and more alienated from a culture that I believed was destroying all other cultures.

I began wondering why people hated dark skin, yet went to the beaches and tortured themselves to get a sun tan. The first clue I got came one summer when I

got extremely tan. My mother casually remarked, "Why do you want to get such a dark tan? You shouldn't get so black people will think you're a Negro."

So I began to understand how deep prejudices run. It's all right to get a tan as long as you still look like a Caucasian getting a tan. Just don't be a Negro. As long as you can pull your pants down and prove you still have some white skin, you're all right.

I began to think nothing could change my sorrow to happiness. It was strange, but when I heard of the Watts riot I had an unusual reaction. In a strange way, I felt good. I defended the Watts situation to the repugnant looks of my friends, and the downright hatred of my associates. In a way, this lashing out at a restrictive society gave me a feeling of liberation. The only reason people talked to me for a while was to change my views. But in most cases, I changed theirs instead.

They wanted me to be a "Booker T. Washington Negro," not a "DuBois Black." Even though I was white, I was too black for them. By recognizing my poetry, they softened me, and I fell into their trap. My views softened more and more. Finally it destroyed my identity with the Black American.

I went through other identities, but Negro was for me. As a teenager, I want to question the homosexual community. The Negroes are saying, "I'm black and I'm proud," and "Black is beautiful." Well, what are our people saying? Inside I know I'm saying, "I'm homosexual and I'm proud," and "Male is beautiful." What is the rest of the community saying?

Our community seems to agree with society that we're losers, or else they're just too scared to make noise. I have made a promise:

I will add my force and declare battle upon the oppressors. I must be free. For you see, I am a human of all passions - and then a homosexual."

My heart is bleeding to feed my body and take away my life.

Warmth and happiness are sensations I easily lose.

I wonder if all things are bleeding through this night, and if all night is standing watchfully for dawn.

**TEENAGE PANEL
BERKELEY - NOV. 18**

Bay Area readers may attend a coming teenage panel on the problems of alienation from parents, friends and the homosexual community at large. It will be on Wednesday, November 18, 8 p.m. at 2425 College Avenue, Berkeley. Lutheran and Catholic groups are sponsoring the session. Admission is .50 students, \$1.00 adults.

Cop's Role

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plainclothesmen are just those people least likely to be reached by the warning efforts of the community (i.e., they are out-of-towners or married men on a fling). Nelder was provided with a copy of Laud Humphrey's study, "Tearoom Trade" (Reviewed in the September, 1970, *Vector*) to document this point.

It was further stressed that responsible homosexuals, as citizens and taxpayers, are equally concerned with the problem of crimes of violence and against property; that they are pleased as much as any other group with the new Chief's forthright and effective measures in these areas.

In the two-week period following the above meeting, there were NO reports of arrests by plainclothesmen in the problem areas and the assumption could be made that the meeting produced these positive results.

Liberal people such as Board President Dianne Feinstein are to be commended for her willingness to set up the meeting with Chief Nelder. The Chief himself is to be commended for listening and reacting to the homosexual community. The mere fact that a police officer (Blackstone) works directly on assignment to assist the gay community is indicative that some communication exists and that the problems may be overcome. The S.I.R. Political Action Committee chairman, Jim Foster, was a driving force in these meetings and is also to be commended.

The homosexual organizations and their leaders in San Francisco will continue to reduce the problems outlined in this article. The fact that responsible homosexuals are organized in this city brought about the communication that now exists between the police and the homosexual.

This report is the effort of several Vector contributors under the direction of Sesto Chiarello.



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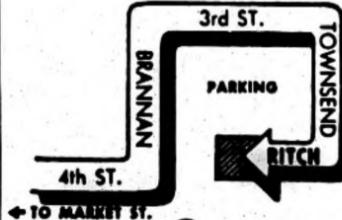
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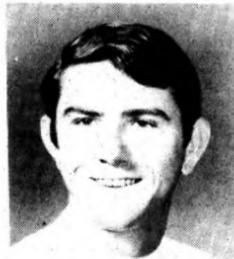
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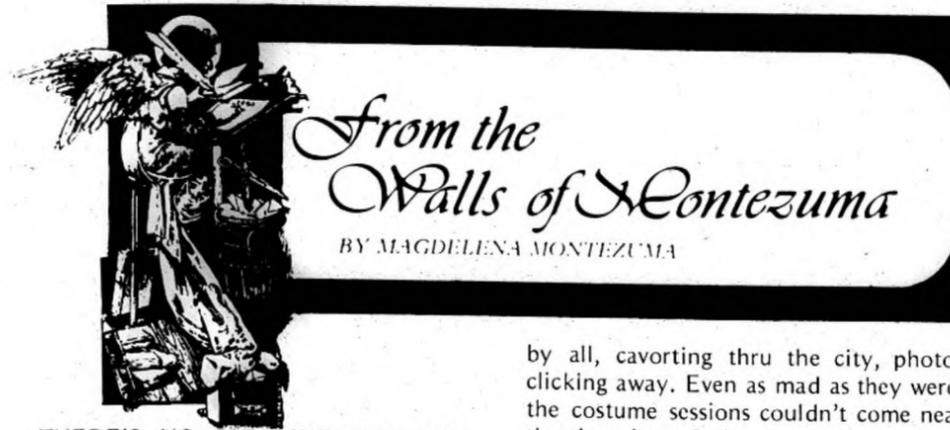
Michelle, one of San Francisco's cleverest entertainers, will M.C. a "Comedy — The 1930's" night at the Avenue Theatre on Sunday, December 6.

A classic Wurlitzer Organ from an old Chicago silent movie house will be heard again in a 7:30 campy concert of tunes from the thirties.

The program that follows (8 p.m.) includes a number of short subjects and film clips from the hilarious antics of the great clowns. On the silver screen will be Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin, W.C. Fields, Laurel and Hardy, Ben Turbin, and Jean Harlow. An added attraction is a 20-minute special on Busby Berkeley's Girls, including his famed "Lullaby of Broadway," "Shanghai Lil" and "By a Waterfall" extravaganzas.

Live — on stage — will be the great Michelle, who will give his satirical report on the latest "goings on" in San Francisco. He is giving one of his rare appearances to show his support of the legal and political action programs of S.I.R.

There will be no door sales if all tickets are sold out in advance. Tickets (\$3.00) are now available at S.I.R., 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco. Seats are unreserved. S.I.R. Center is open Monday-Friday, 12 noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday evenings.



THERE'S NO BIZ LIKE SHOW BIZ, DEPT.: Well, another month has flown by since last taking typewriter in hand for a deadline. It's not been an idle month for Magda, what with Halloween preparations for a Capades Canteen truck carrying yours truly and a bevy of Capades starlets in 40's themed costumes to various watering holes promoting the upcoming show. More of that in next issue when its all over but the memories. By this time the program/paper for Sirlebrity Capades has made it's way to the eager eyes of thousands. John Hoffman, photographer deLuxe; Jack Perpich, producer deSwell; Perry George, adman DeMuch; and Little Me, writer deMadness; pulled it together in time for distribution and possible ticket interest. Don't forget to get *your* tickets now either at the S.I.R. office or at the Fox Plaza Box Office where Eugene Arcieri is booking theatre parties for the November event. The preceding is your basic Capades plug! ... PHOTOS ON PARADE, DEPT.: Among the more printable tidbits from the files of Capades '70 memorabilia is the madness incurred during the costume photo sessions at various famous S.F. locales. The "ladies" of the chorus stopped traffic and amazed tourists stood wide-eyed at the sights of Capadettes "doing their thing" from the steps of the Federal Building to the counter of Blum's. Nancy and Phyl Thomas romped through the posies at the flower conservatory in Golden Gate Park attired as music hall versions of bumble bees; the red, white & blue minis of the belles of Uncle Sam posed around the Arts Fair Peace Symbol in Civic Center; Nancy, Melanie and Belinda Breeze in 40's outfits having daiquiris at the Savoy-Tivoli; Dagger Stevens doing Judy Garland routines hanging off a cable car in Victoris Park; a mad group of pseudo-Cockettes doing bizarre things in a local bar south of Market. Not to be spared were the steps of Grace Cathedral which was the scene of a wedding photo of the all-male couples. In all, a crazy fun time was had

by all, cavorting thru the city, photos clicking away. Even as mad as they were, the costume sessions couldn't come near the insanity of the dawn nude photo grouping at the Palace of Fine Arts (results were included in last issue of VECTOR). The post-dawn activity indoors resulted in some stunning shots, some of which are decorating walls of gaydom's establishments as "teaser" ads for the show. Yet what with all the busyness that's been happening, its nice to know that love can still blossom in show biz, just ask the music maestro and the chorine . . . LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS, WE GET ONE, MAYBE TWO, LETTERS, DEPT.: The mailman has either been stealing my letters with their aromatic envelopes or I am truly a forgotten star, but this month's treasure trove of mail was decidedly slim. I did have a couple of letters and since there were only a couple, I'll devote more time to them than I usually have time and space for. From one, Mr. C. Hawk of Fell St., I received an interesting note that a "Paul Masson" has been ingenious enough to create an ad for himself that goes out with his mail, the ad simply and elegantly states it's sex-crazed message, "Paul Masson . . . tonight could be the night." Well, I think its a bit bold, but more power to him. I mean not everyone can work through an agency of the Berkeley Barb. And who knows, you may even get a glass of champagne when he visits. The other postal piece was a mash note from a Peruvian slut who shall be nameless. I just want her to know that the photo in last month's VECTOR was taken this year (July 4th to be exact . . . San Gergorio to be precise) as part of my "Months with Magda" calendar for 1971, and not, as she viciously implied, from a 1918 film called "Madame of the Rock." . . . TILL NEXT MONTH WHEN CAPEDES WILL BE A MEMORY . . . Buy tickets now and please let me know in person or via post your opinions of the show, it'll help me in deciding if I should continue in show biz or leave town before the Golden awards are announce. Luv, Peace or Piece, your big-mouthed lady of the typewriter, Magda

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The Crab Louse (phthirus pubis) causes pediculosis pubis, better known as "crabs." The adult crab actually looks something like a dot-sized seafood crab. It is usually discovered clinging to a hairy area of the body or in the underclothing. The "nit" is the oval-shaped black egg which is tightly attached to the base of a hair. Generally, crabs are found in the hair about the genitalia, but not uncommonly they also infest the hair of the chest and underarms and occasionally (guess how they got there!) the beard, and even the eyebrows and eyelashes!

This animal sucks blood for nourishment. In the process it injects saliva and leaves excretia, both of which are probably responsible for the pimply red rash which most people find intensely itchy. Usually, the doctor can recognize the problem easily (incidentally, this problem is *not at all* confined to the gay group) and treatment is with a form of Kwell. It is important to remember that the adult form can live for 30 days, so all affected clothing, bedding, and towels must be cleaned after treatment.

SEVEN YEAR ITCH

The "seven year itch" is not someone's nightmare fantasy, it is the common name for *Scabies*. Scabies is due to the "itch mite" (sarcoptes scabiei). This horrid little creature is less than a half millimeter long and actually drills a tunnel in the superficial layers of the skin where it lays its eggs. Most often found in the skin between the fingers, it also may inhabit the groin, genitalia, and in fact just about any place below the neck. The damndest thing about this infestation is that it rarely causes any symptoms until it's been present for a full month. It is transmitted by close body contact. Like crabs, the treatment is Kwell, and cleaning of clothing, soiled linen, etc.

For those who have a predilection toward outdoor fun and games, a famili-

arity with some of the more common little fiends found there would be wise. The "venenating arthropods" are the scorpions, spiders, bees, ticks, etc., which cause trouble by bites, stings, and contact. None of these are regularly fatal, but they can cause severe and painful reactions on occasion. Only a few of spiders can penetrate man's skin. The Black Widow spider, whose most common locale is a garage or outdoor privie, (remember that the next time you are tempted to use a "glory hole") is readily recognized by her completely black body and the characteristic hour-glass-shaped mark on her underside. There is a specific antivenom available and the victim should be quickly taken to a hospital emergency room. Bees and wasps are rarely a serious problem, but anyone who has been stung and has had a painful reaction and anticipates being in an area where he may again be stung, should get desensitization shots.

SPANISH FLY

"Blister beetles" are not very common; they cause blisters and have a rather infamous family member: "Spanish Fly." Spanish Fly, in a powdered form, has been used as an aphrodisiac for generations. It causes severe irritation to the penis and bladder when it is excreted in the urine. It does *not* act as an aphrodisiac in man and can be very painful.

Finally we come to the tiny tick. A tick can attach itself to the skin and remain unnoticed, especially in the scalp hidden by the now fashionable long hair. Severe symptoms of weakness and paralysis can occur if the tick is not removed intact. When discovered it should be removed by *gently* pulling on it, or better yet, having the doctor remove it. A drop of ether, iodine, or the application of a lighted cigarette to its rear end helps in the removal. The tick is found in low vegetation, so keep him in mind when cruising the parks. Beware the tick!

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Encounter Theater: "Love Relationships & Current Dating Techniques" (See ad)

27 NOVEMBER / FRIDAY

Does the well-adjusted homosexual really need God?

Around Town

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door check, memberships and "free" beer to those members who pay a small door charge. The club is modernistic and has all-night dancing with a band on Fridays and Saturdays. They say that they will have a liquor license soon. There are sandwiches, a pool room, and an outdoor patio. The employees have Texas accents and one bartender, Danny, is a well-built, tanned "model" type. Re is opened from 9 p.m. to 5 or 6 a.m., Thursday thru Saturday; Sundays from 3 to 10 p.m. There are some "special events" for members planned. For membership information, call (415) 332-9791. Their center is at 2330 Marinship Way, Sausalito ... Louis Vito, pianist at the Landmark, 45 Turk, is back at the piano after a much needed vacation. For a gay Chinese dinner, drop in. ... Bradley's Corner, 900 Cole, a favorite Haight-bury pub now serves all you can eat on Tuesday for 69 cents. We Tried it. The meat sauce was superb, and on Friday and Saturday nights, they have a lovely \$1.49 special. Their regular menu on Friday and Saturday nights consists of a lovely steak at \$2.99 and the pork chops at \$1.95 are an excellent buy. Bill Gittings is one of the busiest and most imaginative chefs whose food I've had the pleasure of eating. ... Mike of the Pendulum at 18th and Castro had a wild birthday party on the 18th of October. Their champagne and buffet party started at 7 & just didn't quit. Rod, that gorgeous Yugoslavian manager worked his bod behind the bar, they were so busy. Bill Smith and Steve are your regular bartenders, and you'll really be turned on by Tom, former star of Puppy Dog Tails, and last but not least Peter King, San Francisco's fabulous caterer prepared the last but not least Peter King, San Fran-

Martin Stow

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involved in a relationship it will be with "the right person," but he is not likely to be any more successful the second (or third) time than he was the first.

Since the major motivating factors that operate in this sort of relationship operate unconsciously, any patching up the lovers attempt will have some tough obstacles to overcome. If they can discover the unrealistic expectations their relationship has been based on, they may decide to stay together and work through the unadaptive mutual dependencies. Or they may feel that it would be better to separate. In any case whatever insights they have gained ought to help the formation of a happier and more lasting relationship in the future.

cisco's fabulous caterer prepared the food. ... David Kelsey seems well entrenched at the Village upstairs, located on Columbus. ... I previewed Page One at Natoma & Mary, behind the Chronicle, a most delightful little bar with Tiffany lamps, plush booths, and an enormous kitchen. Wish I could write more about the Page One, but since this article is written too far in advance, I will have to wait until next month. ... October 1st marked the opening of still another new bar. It's the Ride-On. It's a right on bar at 1010 Bryant. Good Luck, Fanny! Watch for the Grand Opening here. ... Scotty at Scott's Pit, 10 Sanchez, had a mad mad mad birthday party on September 29th -

Girls, you should have been there. Everyone had a wonderful time. ... So sorry to have learned of Jackie's demise. He was the former waiter at the Trapp. As you may have read in the paper, he was found strangled in his apartment. I know all of his friends will miss him very much. ... The heat's on. It's Empress time again. Perry, Maxine, and Cristal are all going out hot and heavy. Don't know how she does it, but Perry has been hosting at most of the bars. She sure gets around. Cristal has plastered her huge photo posters in every bar, and Maxine at this writing is planning a campaign of her own. May the best one win. ... Until next month, Lou.

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E - Entertainment
B - Brunch, Sunday
R - Restaurant also
D - Dancing
W - Women

TAVERNS

SAN FRANCISCO DOWNTOWN

Blue & Gold, 136 Turk St. 673-2040
Campus, 1551 Mission St. 863-1562
Frolic Room, 141 Mason St. 775-5227, E
Fantasy, 330 Mason St. 982-7968, E
Gangway, 841 Larkin St. 885-4441
Kokpit, 301 Turk St. 775-3260
Landmark, 45 Turk St. 474-4331, R
Lonely Bull, 471 Turk St. 673-9891, R
My Room, 209 Stevenson St. (near 3rd & Market) 392-8840
Old Crow, 962 Market St. 673-0296
Orpheum Circus, 1192 Market St. 863-9250, E, R, B
Rendezvous, 567 Sutter St. 781-3949, D
Sutter's Mill, 315 Bush St. 397-0121
Trapp, 72 Eddy St. 362-3838
U.B.'s Scoreboard, 147 Mason St., 474-3474

MISSION-UPPER MARKET, CASTRO AREA

Fickle Fox, 842 Valencia, 826-3373, R, B
Libra, 1884 Market, 552-0886, R, B
Miss Muffet, 853 Valencia, 648-9816, W
Mint, 1942 Market, 861-9373, R, B
Mistake, 3988 18th St. 626-9614
Missouri Mule, 2348 Market, 626-1163, R, B
Pendulum, 4146 18th St. 863-4441
Riff Raff, 621 Gough St. 921-9736
Scott's Pitt, 10 Sanches St., 626-9534, W

POLK STREET

Cloud 7, 2360 Polk, 474-9960
Early Bird, 1723 Polk, 776-4162, D, B
House of Harmony, 1312 Polk, 885-5300
Maple Leaf, 1548 Polk, 775-8770
Mr. Lucky's, Polk and Post, 885-2991
The Orion, 40 Cedar Alley, 775-9925
P.S., 1121 Polk St., 441-7798, R, B
Tower Lounge, 1488 Pine St., 771-5040
Via Vai, 1203 Polk St., 775-6905
Yacht Club, 2155 Polk St., 441-8381, B

COLE-HAIGHT AREA

Bradley's Corner, 900 Cole, 664-7766
Maude's, 937 Cole, 731-6119, W
Lucky Club, 1801 Haight, 387-4644
Magic Garden, 1840 Haight, 752-8051, E, R

WATERFRONT

Baj, 131 Bay, 421-1872, R, B
On The Levee, 987 Embarcadero, 397-2452, R, B
Waterfront, 128 Embarcadero, 392-1171, D

AFTER HOURS

(Call for entrance requirements)
Big Basket, 1031 Kearny, 986-9977
Corral, 1529 Folsom, 861-8313
Covered Wagon, 278 11th St, 826-7220, R
Varsity Club, 1145 Folsom, 626-9781

Sausalito: The Society of Re, 2330 Marinship Way, 332-9791

NORTH BEACH

Gold Street, 56 Gold St., 397-5626, R, B, E
Gordon's: See "Sandy's Saloon" below.
Greco's, 1335 Grant, 391-7447, D
Jackson's, 2237 Powell, 362-2696, R, B
Paper Doll, 524 Union, 421-5765, R, B
Sandy's Saloon, 840 Sansome, 986-0110

FOLSOM STREET AREA

Dead End, 582 Folsom, 621-9088
527 Club, 527 Bryant, 781-9625
Ramrod, 1225 Folsom, 431-9233
Ride On, 1010 Bryant, 626-0444
Round Up, 6th & Folsom, 863-9628
Speakeasy, 17th & Florida, 621-1911, R, B
Stud, 1535 Folsom, 863-2980
The Corner, 15th & Folsom, UN.1-2811

AROUND TOWN

Club Dori, 427 Presidio, 931-5896, R, B
Leonarda's, 16 Leland Ave. 585-1796, B
The Lion, Divisadero & Sacramento, 567-6565
Paradox, 3041 Geary Blvd., 387-2141, R, B, D
The Cabin, 2629 Bayshore Blvd., 334-8660, W, E

MARIN COUNTY

Fairfax: Vi's Club Drake, 1625 Sir Francis Drake, B
San Rafael: Houndstooth Inn, 10 Woodland Ave. 453-9903, D, B
Santa Rosa: Monkey Pod, 616 Mendocino, 546-5070
Sonoma: Juanita's, Oak & Linden, 996-7010, D, B (semi-gay)

PENINSULA

Palo Alto: Locker Room, 1951 E. University, 322-8005
Redwood City:
Bayou, 1640 Main, 365-9444, D
Cruiser, 2651 El Camino, 366-4955, B, D
Hive, 3201 Middleford Road, 365-9568, W
Le Cabaret, 2821 El Camino, 365-6700
San Jose: The Galley, 163 W. Alma St., 286-9656, B

EAST BAY OAKLAND

Berry's, 352 14th St. 832-9116
Carnation Club, 1200 13th Ave., 532-9925, R, B
Chalet, 414 E. 12th, 444-8556, W
Exit, 3333 Lakeshore Ave., 451-2329, E, D
Grandma's House, 135 12th, 444-9966, R, B
Inn-B-Tween, 2325 E. 15th, 532-9873
Lancer's, 3255 Lakeshore, 832-3242
Lou & Rae's, 2304 Telegraph, 444-5009
Manhole, 6534 Foothill, 638-9927, E
White Horse, 6547 Telegraph, 652-3820, R, B

HAYWARD

Aloha Club, 58 "A" St. 581-9856, R
Turf Club, 22517 Mission, 581-9877
Chances R, Manyon & Tennyson, 783-4426, E

BATHS

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Baths, 3244 21st (at Mission), 285-3000
Castro, 582 Castro, 861-5995
Club, 132 Turk, 775-5511
Dave's, 100 Broadway, 362-6669
Finnish, 1834 Divisadero, 921-0306
Jack's, 1143 Post, 673-1919
Ritch, 330 Ritch, 392-3582
San Francisco, 229 Ellis, 775-8013

PENINSULA

Palo Alto: Golden Door Sauna, 1205 Bayshore, 325-9121

Vector Readers Educate Columnist Charles McCabe

Gay in neither gay nor good.

It is curious that the word gay should have been affixed to the movement. It is a wish-fulfillment more than a description. There are no more lonely nor lugubrious nor unhappy souls in the kingdom of mankind than the homosexuals. Their gaiety is, again, the gaiety of the drunk: a defense against the unending dull pain of existence. If there are happy homosexuals I haven't met them, and I've met my share.

Nor is gay good. Blame social attitudes or whatever, gay is a neurosis, and an intractable one. Sick mother love seems to be at it's root. That's a very hard think for a psychiatrist to cure.

Columnist Charles McCabe
San Francisco Chronicle

I hope that many persons who read Charles McCabe's column took the trouble to write him. McCabe certainly needs education on the subject of homosexuality. His ignorance of the existence of happy, well adjusted, self-accepting homosexuals is appalling and is a good indication of the work cut out for S.I.R. and other organizations in reaching and educating influential persons such as McCabe.

When a person like *Chronicle* Columnist McCabe writes that he has never met a happy homosexual, he gives the direct impression that there is no such being as a happy homosexual. And he reaches an audience of some 500,000 readers!

Larry Littlejohn

(Mr. Littlejohn is a former President of S.I.R. and presently serves on its Board.)

First of all, he does not understand that "gay" is a street term, not meaning "happy," but rather meaning the life-style of the homosexual male and female. We are developing in economic, social, cultural, political as well as sexual ways. McCabe's definition cuts us off from our life outside sex. We can not belong to a "sexual category" except in the eyes of the ignorant and oppressive. . . . McCabe should stop listening to the psychiatrists and sociologists who are still trying to prove their mastery over my people by castration and lobotomy.

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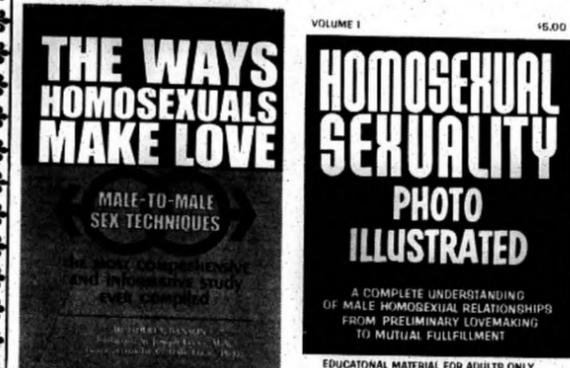
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