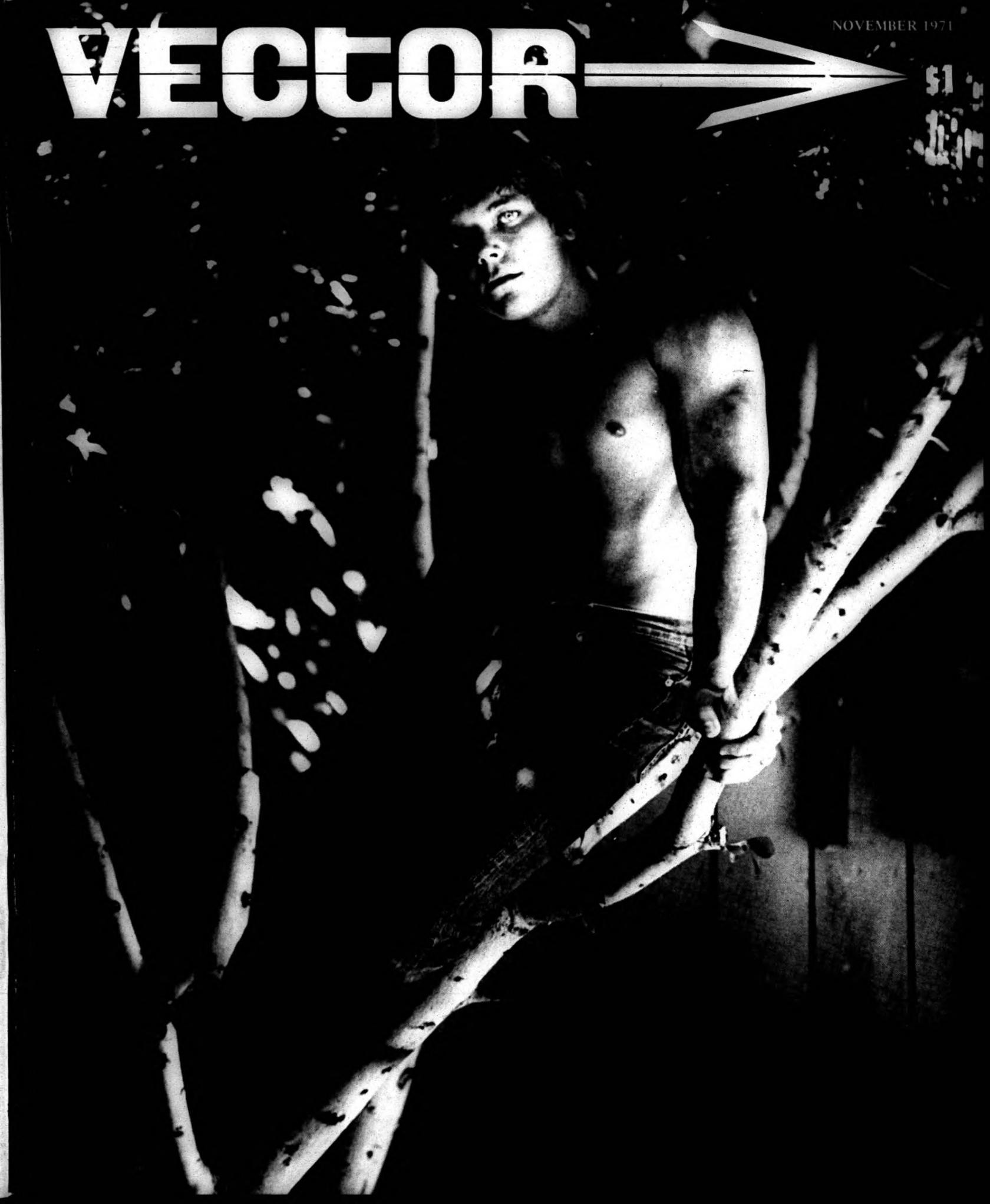


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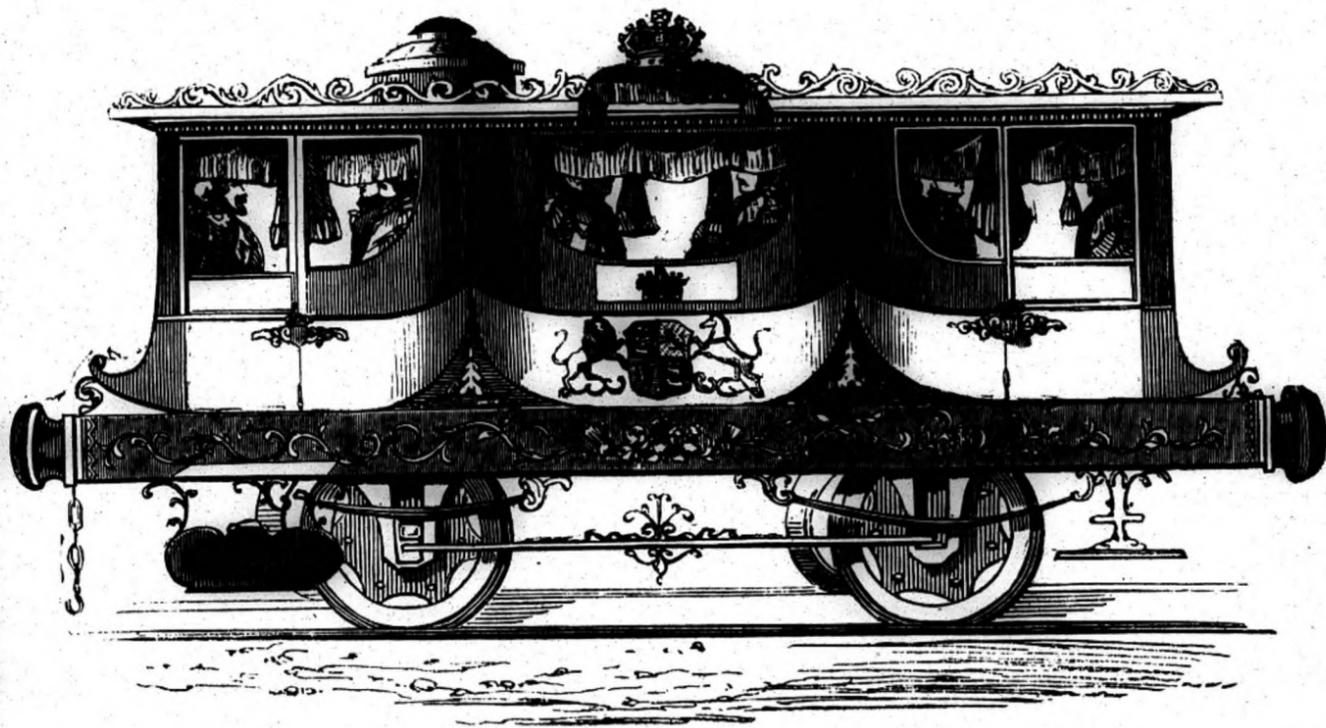
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The Editor Comments

"Gay Liberation" has become a confusing term to many of us. One reason is that recent events in the homosexual rights movement since 1969, have called public attention to the youth-oriented Gay Liberation movement in this country... particularly to the many groups that took up the name, "Gay Liberation Front". It was a new phenomena which captured the news media and popularized the "militant" homosexual. Hundreds, sometimes thousands, of young homosexuals were marching together — demanding their rights. This was a useful and significant historical development.

Two factors weakened much of this original movement, however. One was that it was watered down when many of these new groups became involved in endless non-homosexual causes and the other was the belief that the LACK of organization was an attribute. The result has been anarchy with chaos and the splintering into sub-groups and even sub-sub-groups calling for black gay rights, chicano gay rights, socialist gay rights, women's gay rights, etc. Some of the new GLF groups were proud of their lack of leadership but they also discovered that anarchy was not easy to control. The main attribute of these groups was that, with the assistance of the underground press, they were able to draw together large numbers of homosexuals for a specific cause and garner good media publicity for that cause. They also assisted many young homosexuals in discovering their identity.

Most of the enduring Gay Liberation Front groups have now matured into some type of organizational structure and have established some specific goals and projects. They have moved away from multiple causes and toward the central goal of achieving equality and justice for the homosexual. Out of this development has come other new groups that have taken on a new dimension of maturity, i.e.: Gay Activist Alliance — New York (August, Vector) and Gay Community Alliance — Los Angeles.

"Gay Liberation" has taken on a new, broader and more meaningful significance. Many came to realize that when the shouting was over they still had to be recognized inside City Hall in order to talk to officials-if they were to achieve their goals.

Significantly, two reporters from Newsweek recently traveled across the United States for several months to observe the scores of gay organizations that have sprung up. They reported their findings in a recent Newsweek article and many S.I.R. members were suprised to read that, "the two largest and most important gay liberation organizations are Gay Activist Alliance of New York and The Society for Individual Rights (S.I.R.) of San Francisco." And how could S.I.R. be called a "gay liberation" group? Why not? The term refers to those who actively work for the freeing of homosexuals from the domination of others... and isn't that what S.I.R. is all about? We are an organization that is more than inside the gay liberation movement... We are leaders in that movement.

S.I.R. now publishes and distributes more information and literature, is more successfully involved politically, files more significant court actions, has a broader social program, is more involved in community service work, fills more public speaking assignments, receives more media publicity for homosexual rights, has a broader information and referral service, publishes a finer magazine, maintains the largest and best equipped Community Center and still remains democratic.

Let us not believe the rantings of the Berkeley Barb underground newspaper which brands this organization as "pig" and "establishment" when it only supports the anarchy of the unorganized. Let us not believe the worse that is said about us by our persistent critic, who is like the eunuch. He knows how.

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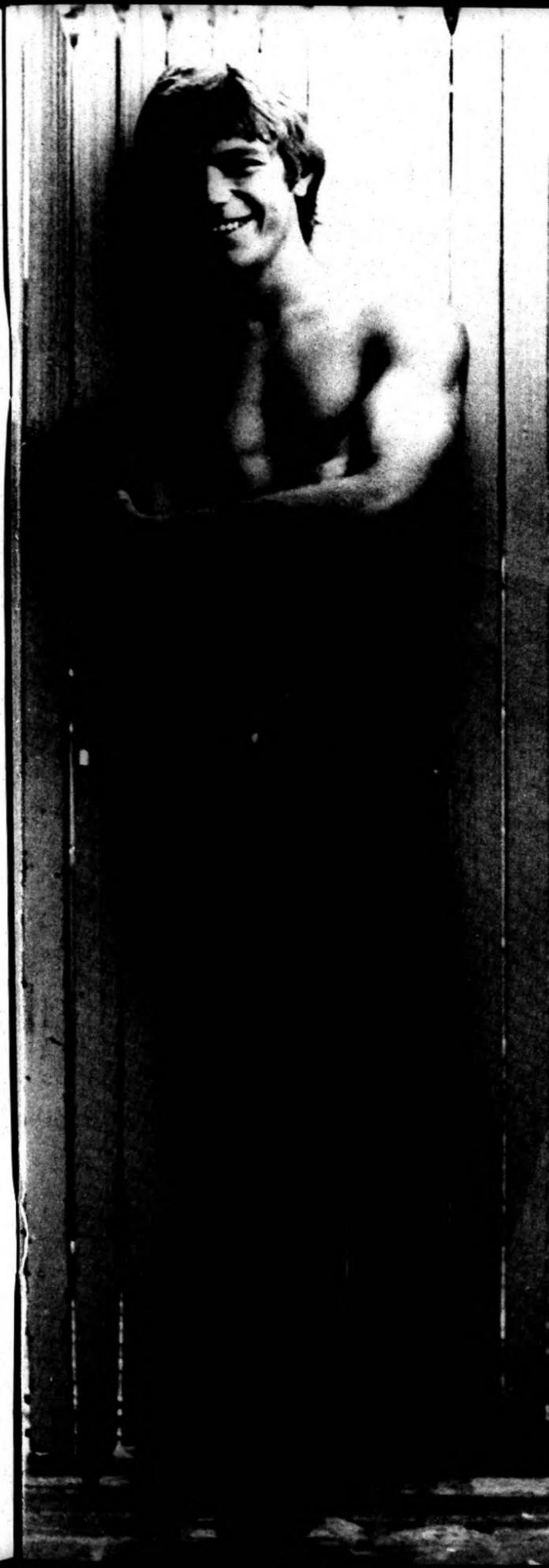
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Cover Man

LANCE is our husky, young model this month. He recently arrived in Los Angeles, which he now calls home. When not at the beach enjoying the Southern California sun, he studies commercial art and acting.

Our handsome subject has just illustrated two books soon to be published and he eagerly awaits the time when he can develop the talent to be a full-time commercial artist. Meanwhile, his warm personality and sense of humor have brought him many friends.

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Urbi et Orbi

By Martin Stow

A.B. 437. . . What can one say? In Illinois, where sexual acts in private between consenting adults are legal, the D.A.s and police got the courts to interpret "in private" to include the place of consent. Hense, if you cruise, proposition and get consent in your own home you're safe. So much for the power of legislation in these matters of morals. The homosexual community had best be aware that our most important battles are won in the courts, especially the State Superior and Federal Courts, and we should direct our energies accordingly. To present legislation which causes our State Legislators to make asses of themselves, as was the case recently in Sacramento, or to expect some enlightenment from the Executive Branch, is folly.

BAR. . . Although it may come as a downer to some, please be assured that, contrary to what appeared as the gospel fact in a recent edition of Bar, homosexuals are not intellectually superior to heterosexuals. Surely, this was published with tongue in cheek but it is likely to set off some disabling fantasy in the minds of the gullible. One can just hear the gay bank clerks of the B of A demanding VP positions on the basis of their intellectual endowments by virtue of their sexual proclivities. The only thing that the primary study reported indicates is that based on a prison population it is the smart homosexuals and the dumb heterosexuals that get caught and convicted. Please save us from that kind of intelligence.

AIHO. . . A new, informally affiliated, organization has been established by S.I.R. members and others, The Association of Individual Home Owners. All are welcome to participate in the group which was formed to protect the rights of Gay homeowners. While our politicians vocally deplore the exodus of the "middle class" from San Francisco, not one Supervisor has attempted to alleviate any of the homeowner's problems which drive him from the City. The first order of business is to obtain realistic building codes. The Federal Government has threatened to cut-off federal money from the City unless San Francisco brings its codes into alignment with the rest of the country. At present the City is the second most expensive place to build in the United States. Since gays represent a substantial proportion of the middle class in this City who are concerned about the standard of their housing, this Association gives us a strong voice to influence those standards.

ADZ. . . The President of S.I.R. lashed back at the Gayzette for administering a rebuke to S.I.R. in a case involving

expulsion by the police of rowdy attendees at Candidates' Night. The other news media, including the straight, had the courtesy of asking S.I.R.'s side of the story before going to press. Gayzette has acted like the man who clubs you over the head but then expects you to respond "like a gentleman". . . The membership of S.I.R. upheld its President, Bill Plath. For the record, Gay Bars in the City have utilized the S.F. Police to evict troublesome Gay Patrons from their establishments;

Gay S.I.R. may also utilize the S.F. Police to evict Gay Members and Guests who are unresponsive to reasonable requests to allow S.I.R.'s functions to function. Organized gay activities, in which S.I.R. plays an important part in San Francisco, were recently acknowledged positively in the London Times; S.I.R. does not intend to allow any small group of pathological personalities to disrupt beneficial activities given on behalf of the total gay

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ify to call a special number and get immediately bailed out if they are arrested. The project would be in cooperation with the San Francisco Own Recognizance Bail system.

Kelly's Saloon, 3489 20th St, had a political auction for Feinstein-Mendelsohn-Hongisto and took in several hundred dollars for their campaigns. Rhea & Kelly had to jump to handle the large crowd of gay women and men that attended.

The new S.I.R. group for the deaf called "Deaf Gay and Friends" has really taken off. Activities are being planned and Chairman Andy Kieval is doing a grand job. The free Senior Citizens Luncheons, every Wednesday at S.I.R.

David Littlejohn, KQED-TV critic, has edited "The Andre Gide Reader" which has 964 pages of complete texts and selections from Gide's works. Littlejohn is on the English staff at UC, Berkeley. Knopf is the publisher, \$20.

Every gay entertainer in San Francisco appeared at two big benefits for the new S.I.R. Community Center: *The Mint* benefit brought in over \$800 and Charlotte gave it ALL to S.I.R. The Lorelei All Star Revue brought in hundreds more and was at the present S.I.R. center. Bill Plath, S.I.R. President, says that he was overwhelmed by the gay community's support of both of these events: "It was certainly a testimonial to the acceptance of S.I.R. in the community and we are most thankful."

Thanksgiving Day will see another great S.I.R. Annual Auction at the Center. There will be a big dinner (donations of turkeys, other foods, and \$\$\$ is needed - 781-1570) for the community from 12 noon to 4 p.m., followed by the auction. Hundreds of items have been donated and many more (large and small) are needed. Items may be brought to the Center (83 Sixth St.). The auction will go on and on until everything is gone. Bring cash and take home accessories, clothes, furniture, etc. etc.

Metropolitan Community Church has made several changes: Minister Howard Welles has resigned (Transferred?) and moved to New York City to organize a new MCC there. MCC services have moved from California hall here to St. Adian's Episcopal Church, Diamond Heights Blvd. & Gold Mine Drive. Services are Sundays at 1 P.M. The Market Street Community Center is moving to 157 Sixth Street, one block from the present S.I.R. Center.

Bruce Voeller, the Political Action chairman of Gay Activist Alliance-New York, visited S.I.R. in San Francisco. His conversations with the S.I.R. Political Chairman and *Vector* Editor resulted in the establishment of a warm friendship; they agreed that GAA-New York and S.I.R. seem to have the same general approach and philosophy in regard to the homosexual rights struggle.

S.I.R.'s Legal Committee is investigating the possibility of establishing a Gay Bail setup similar to the one H.E.L.P. operates in Los Angeles. Under this arrangement, gays who are members of S.I.R. and of the new setup, would qual-

Center, is getting big crowds for the luncheons, shows, movies, bingo, etc. Donations are still needed to keep this Community Service project going. S.I.R. held a Political Rally at the Center in October to get together volunteers for the candidates S.I.R. was supporting. Several hundred came by to cheer and to organize for the final Big Push.

Larry Littlejohn, former S.I.R. President, and Rev. Ray Broshears, GAA-San Francisco, appeared on a "Good Grief, It's Sunday" program, a local CBS-TV show. They generally agreed with each other but the audience was somewhat irate in the question-answer period because 1, women had been called "girls" (Continued on Page 14)

Letters to the Editor

"It remains yet to be seen whether the Gay Militants have done more good than harm to the Homophile Community"

Editor:

I was interested in Don Slater's blast at Gay Churches (Oct. *Vector*). But I think perhaps that he has taken them a little too seriously.

The Gay Churches are simply a new dance to an old song. The steps vary only slightly from those performed by white-haired men that traveled this country in earlier days selling lotions, potions and pills that cured all. Surely Mr. Slater does not wish to deny homosexuals today a modern day version of traveling revivalists that used to come into town erecting circus tents and selling salvation and a bath.

I think perhaps Mr. Slater has a case of sour grapes. He's been out beating his drum for as long as anyone in the Gay Movement can remember. He's been selling hard work and barely getting along. Of course he finds it annoying to see men with strange looks in their eyes wearing appealing basic black and purple, accented interestingly with silver chains and crosses, selling (at extravagant prices) the easy way into peace of mind and heaven.

Mr. Slater could buy 15 yards of black cotton and think up a dozen neo-ecclesiastical words to string before and after his name. Or he can take comfort in the facts; that there are many that have not been distracted by the distant pounding of fists on pulpits, and he won't have to compare himself to a camel passing through the eye of a needle.

Don Collins

Editor, *Vector*,

The charge that Metropolitan Community Church is financed by a "dirty movie" owner probably stems from the fact that Pat Rocco, a Los Angeles film maker, is one of the supporters of MCC. The income of MCC is primarily from small contributors and Mr. Rocco has one vote in determining that church's policies.

Les Nathan
Los Angeles

Dear George,

For 2000 years, the church has been the core of Gay oppression. The legislatures, the police and the psychiatrists are only doing the bidding of a public whose minds have been poisoned by the hateful, irrational anti-homosexual doctrines of the churches.

In view of its cruel, blood drenched

record, most Gay Liberationists view the church with a vehement loathing. The church is not respectable. We don't need it.

Nevertheless, some of our brothers and sisters still live in awesome fear of the hellfire and brimstone myth. They need a crutch to help them on the way to liberation from guilt, self-hate and fear. For them, the Gay churches fill a desperate need. Furthermore, the Gay churches have been an important organizing tool for the movement.

Basically, I oppose the Gay churches, but I think Don Slater was a bit overly harsh in condemning them. Hopefully, our guilt ridden brothers and sisters will overcome their need for this crutch. In the meantime, Gay movement people should view both the good and bad aspects of the Gay churches.

We shall overcome,

Don Jackson

Mr. Jackson is a homosexual rights activist and writes for the underground press.

Editor, *Vector*,

Don Slater's intemperate, harsh remarks about Reverend Troy Perry and Metropolitan Community Church (Oct-



ober *Vector*) hardly belong in your magazine. We are surprised that you cater to such trash.

Lee Terran
John Bragg
Los Angeles

We do not believe that MCC is above criticism or above analysis. We did not edit Mr. Slater's remarks because we believe that our readers are literate and

capable of interpreting for themselves the merit of what they read.

Editor, *Vector*,

I am really amazed at how you get all of those politicians to come down to your S.I.R. Center (October, *Vector*) and ask for the homosexual vote. We wish we had that kind of influence here in Boston, Mass.

Merriam Deland
Vector Subscriber

Editor, *Vector*,

My! Oh, my! The Bible made an appearance at the California State Legislature. And would you believe that the profound issue which caused this appearance was SEX! One wonders which book of reference some of our noble legislators were using when the issue was the humane treatment of the inhabitants of our state prisons, which we all know as good for a laugh. And where are our Bible toting men of law when war, poverty, prejudice and ignorance are at hand. There must be a few lines in the Good Book on these subjects.

Oh! And of course, good old Sodom and Gomorrah made their appearance as an example of the wrath of the God of Love. One can only wonder where divine retribution was for Hitler's Berlin and Stalin's Moscow. One really believes that sexual relationships outweigh genocide with Him - only, of course, in our upside-down interpretations of Him. The Bible, when used as a weapon of persecution, only debases it and its true meaning. Unfortunately, some of our elected officials have read it without really understanding or feeling it.

Sincerely,

Robert Wieland
San Francisco

Editor, *Vector*,

I thought it was an old fashioned revival hour when I saw all of those legislators quoting scripture (against the consensual sex bill) on the Assembly floor in Sacramento. So once again it is the law - no kissing below the belt or "trips around the world". The police are back looking under o'r bedsheets instead of chasing robbers and rapists.

If Assemblyman Barnes would go (Continued on Page 19)

Where Do We Go From Here?



By Lawrence S. Russell



RUSSELL

It did not surprise me that many citizens who like to think of this as an enlightened modern state," commented the *San Francisco Chronicle* about the vote in the California State Assembly, 38 to 28 against Assemblyman Willie Brown's consensual sex bill. The sponsor had finally worked the bill out of the Criminal Procedures committee but he had stated that he was not going to release the bill for a floor vote until he had the necessary 41 votes. Assemblyman Willie Brown changed his mind however, and homosexual rights leaders were pleased; it gave them an opportunity to see for the record who opposed the legislation. It will also now allow those legislators who were reluctant, to observe in the next Assembly election if a Yes vote on such a bill is a minus at the polls.



BROWN

The religious fundamentalists who hold Assembly seats had a field day with the bill. They brought their gold-embossed Bibles and quoted scripture: "This is the state capital, not Sodom and Gomorrah," said Assemblyman Frank Lanterman, a 70-year-old bachelor from LaCanada in Southern California. This gentleman has retired into his seat in Assembly, where he has been for 21 years. . . Newton Russell,

which were destroyed by such wickedness." Russell's church had recently issued a national statement in support of consensual sex legislation (August, *Vector*). . . The most dramatic of the self-righteous was Assemblyman Richard Barnes of San Diego. He talked of the "sin" of a man being with a man (Leviticus 18:22). Barnes is a Baptist who spent twenty years as a Navy Chaplain and is presently associated with the right-wing Christian Anti-Communist Crusade. He talked of the "immorality" of homosexuality but he obviously does not see the immorality of one human being killing another human being.

The religious rantings were coupled with a number of public statements outside of the chambers by police administrators. Police officials across the state were united in opposing the consensual sex bill on the grounds that it would permit more public sex acts. The Brown bill clearly deals only with private sex acts but The Big Lie was repeated by the police officials, (this included David Roche, the San Francisco Police Department's legal counsel) as the bill was presented.



LANTERMAN

In spite of the pressures from relig-



KNOX

Brown said, "I doubt that there are many people in this society who have not at one time engaged in some sexual conduct that is illegal," and the bill's co-sponsor, John Burton, stated the obvious: "The Bible says these people should be stoned to death and I don't think any of us would go for that." . . . Democrat John Knox (Richmond) emphasized to the assembled that the Bible can be quoted by anyone to prove almost anything. . . John Vasconcellos (San Jose), who fought for the bill when it was before the Criminal Procedures Committee, was most vocal as he told his colleagues, "These are questions for the individual and the church, not for the state. Maybe it's time the government got out of people's personal sex lives. A government that has to live in people's bedrooms can't be defended and can't be justified."

However, the protest against the bill outside and within the chamber scared many legislators who privately, favored the legislation. A good example was Frank Murphy, a Republican from Santa

Cruz. He personally told *Vector* that he supported this legislation but that "the folks back home" (a conservative district) wouldn't appreciate his support of legislation that some had branded as a "free love" bill. Others agreed and ten normally "liberal" Democrats voted against the bill and another seven Democrats just decided not to vote. Surprisingly, three brazen Republicans did vote for the bill, joining 25 Democrats in their statement for criminal justice. Democratic leadership was split on the issue but Republican leadership was unanimous in its disapproval. "No" votes predictably came from rural and small town legislators but some city legislators in the South also voted against it. In the sophisticated San Francisco area two legislators, both Democrats, chose to not vote at all: John Foran and Leo McCarthy. Bay Area legislators who voted NO were Carlos Bee (Hayward), Dixon Arnett (Redwood City) and Leo Ryan (San Francisco).

Some radical elements of the gay liberation movement argued against the Brown bill because it did not allow for children to have sex with adults, did not permit public sex and did not legalize prostitution. Others in the homosexual rights movement felt that any reform legislation would not really change society's

As a public service, *Vector* is offering to our readers a more detailed description of those legislators who voted NO, or who did not vote, to assist with future lobbying. This list gives information such as marriage status, church affiliation, club affiliations, and occupations. Write to Political List, *Vector* Editor, 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, 94103. There is no charge.

attitudes. Assemblyman Brown and more moderate gay leaders stated that the bill is only a stepping stone to better legislation but it would be a significant step by making it legal to practice oral and anal copulation in private. This would particularly open up new employment opportunities for homosexuals, restrict the police in their spying into bedrooms and eliminate the stigma which says that some sex acts are "unnatural". It must also be emphasized that homosexual service organizations, such as S.I.R., have a year-round service and education program that comprises 90% of its effort and that there is not an over emphasis on the time spent lobbying for consensual sex legislation.

Meanwhile, many homosexual rights leaders in Northern and Southern California, such as Jim Foster, S.I.R.'s Political Chairman, are already mapping plans for a statewide conference to discuss how they might most effectively lobby reluctant assemblymen. Assemblymen Brown and Burton will continue to present consensual sex legislation until such time as it is accepted. Brown will attend the planned conference.

The Vote

Vector presents this list so that readers might contact their legislators. We urge readers to thank each legislator who supported AB-437 and to write a letter to the reluctant ones, giving reasons why such legislation should be supported in the future. Letters should be short and to the point.

YES

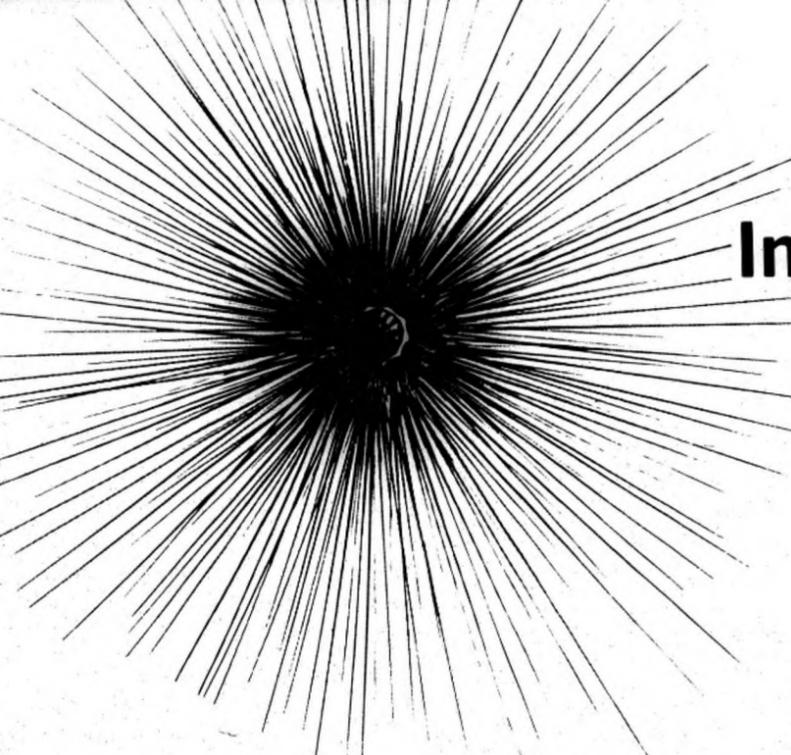
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Influencing Churches

A Talk With Dick Gayer

The influence of the Church in our society can not be questioned. The S.I.R. organization has had a "Religious Committee" on its Board of Directors for some time. It's new Chairman is Dick Gayer, who recently contested the suspension of his federal security clearance and was the victor (October, Vector).

In this interview Gayer reveals his views about how he, and those associated with him, can effectively influence the Church and legislators in bringing about homosexual rights. This is the first in a series, in which we will be interviewing the individual members of the S.I.R. Board.

VECTOR: Have gay radicals done any harm to the attempt to make inroads into churches?

GAYER: No lasting harm; they have been sort of a stimulus. The radicals, if they don't stick around too long and turn people off completely, just get people upset. Some members begin to think about what is going on and a small percent of these actually become concerned about the church's role in the gay community. Sometimes, the radical approach is the quickest way to get inside.

VECTOR: Why would a church want to establish a relationship with the gay community?

GAYER: Some feel that the church's past pronouncements and its interpretations of the Bible have been the basis of the present oppressive practices and laws. . . We discover that our more conservative approach is more welcome than the radical one. We get more response from those who are aware of the problem but were hesitant previously to bring it up.

VECTOR: Aren't the religious fun-

damentalists extremely vocal?

GAYER: Obviously, they are. Witness those legislators who spoke of "homosexual sin" in the discussion of the proposed consensual sex bill (See article in this Vector). . . Others say, "I accept you as a person but I cannot accept your homosexuality." Others oppose employment discrimination but would not want a homosexual minister in their denomination.

VECTOR: You have been instrumental recently in establishing a new group that works closely with S.I.R. but is not sponsored by S.I.R., called Clergy for Homosexual Equality. It now has twelve ministers and is growing. Will you tell us more.

GAYER: They are a group of ministers who got together at the urging of Rev. Tom Maurer, former S.I.R. President, and myself. It is a casual group, without a formal structure.

It is not a worship group. This service is provided by Metropolitan Community Church and other churches. Our aim is to gather together religious leaders and church organizations behind us and to get them to move for us in any area that they can.

We picked *Employment* as our first specific problem to encounter. We did this because it is unemotional. If we had chose "gay marriages" we would not have gathered much support. . . In October, we had a press conference in which several homosexuals related how they had been fired because of their homosexuality. Then concerned ministers who belong to the Equality group expressed their support of the proposed city non-description clause on sexual orientation. . . This was largely a "show" with the news media invited so we could publicize the discrimination and encourage public and legis-

lative support for the clause.

VECTOR: Has Metropolitan Community Church been active in this new ministerial group?

GAYER: Oh, yes. It's local minister, Howard Wells, has been taking a very active part. He and others at MCC were instrumental in helping with the Employment session.

The new Equality group, I wish to point out, is not a S.I.R. group (although they use the S.I.R. address) because those involved wanted a simpler committee that would have broader appeal. We also felt that if it were completely independent it would have broader support from the total community.

The local *Council on Religion and the Homosexual* does not pursue employment and law reform as issues anymore. They are concerned with a person-to-person thing; bringing people together and talking on an unemotional level. They do this well. There is no over-lapping or duplication of effort.

VECTOR: Some people have concluded that the Church no longer has the influence it once had and that people really "don't care" what the Church thinks anymore. Please comment.

GAYER: The Church treasuries are getting smaller. But objections to gay equality are still largely based on theology. It is the Bible waving legislators in Sacramento, on the consensual sex issue, that got the press coverage. . . We must counter this with people of stature in the community who have the expertise to speak out on such issues from a homosexual rights viewpoint. This can have a real effect-especially on those legislators who are boarderline, who are afraid to come out for gay rights because they might lose their Assembly seats.

It is often said that the people who quote the Bible the most often, understand it the least. They quote some passages, which without a historical perspective or analysis, appear to be quite damning. I believe that someone who really knows the Bible is less likely to use it as a weapon against others.

VECTOR: Dick, may I divert here and ask you if it is true, that you are an agnostic? S.I.R.'s former Religious Chairmen have been Christians and that was part of their motivation. What is your

motivation?

GAYER: Well, I am not sure what "agnostic" means but I do not worship God. You can go from there as you wish.

The Church is part of the Power Structure. It is not as important to consult with the church oriented person as it is the politician to effect legal changes but church leaders are a significant secondary influence. Historically, the Church has been influential in determining social values and acting in a secular way. In the past fifty years churches have moved away from that but in recent times they have come back into a social consciousness where they are speaking out for racial equality, for women's rights, etc. This marks a turning point in their complacency, in their establishment attitudes. They no longer just theorize and philosophize. Therefore, it is obvious that gay organizations must work to get the churches to recognize homosexual rights, even knowing that an equal number may not.

We are working to broaden our Equality group, which now includes ministers who are Roman Catholic, Unitarian, Episcopal, Southern Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregationalist. We want to involve other Christian groups plus a rabbi and other non-Christian representation. Particularly, we are seeking inroads to get statements calling for laws that allow private, consensual sex acts among adults. Some church bodies are supporting this, although some are still convinced that homosexuality is "immoral" or a "sin".

VECTOR: A few homosexuals in the gay community have donned collars under a variety of circumstances. Some people question their credentials. What is your opinion on this?

GAYER: If such people are interested in gay liberation and are willing to use techniques that are consistent with our approach then they are, of course, welcome to participate. If they wish to "do their own thing" and not work cooperatively we do not oppose them but they are also not invited to participate. We are not concerned about titles as much as we are the person's desire to work cooperatively to do worthwhile things.

We are not interested in demanding *everything*. For example, the Lutherans have issued a statement saying that homosexuality is "against God's will" but they have also urged their ministers to recognize their responsibility to reduce the factors that alienate homosexuals from their congregations.

The Methodist Church, Northern California and Nevada, has urged its congregations to "study" consensual sex legislation. A Methodist minister-teacher at a Bay Area college is now preparing schedules and materials so that this might be done effectively.

VECTOR: The "well heeled" churches who "do not want to get involved" pre-

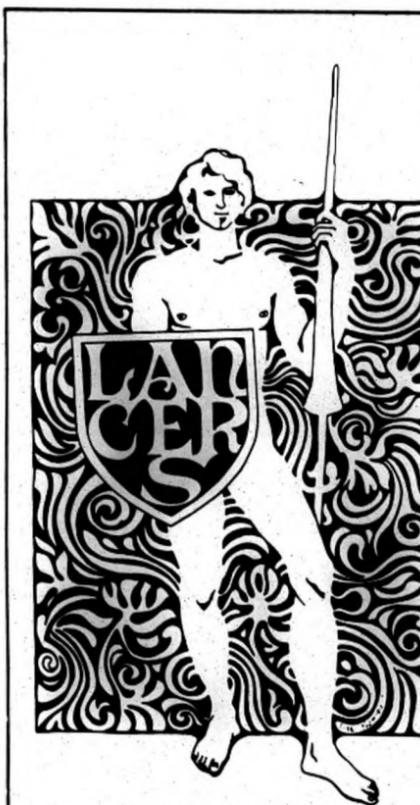
sent a problem, don't they?

GAYER: Yes. I can think of one large church in this city in which the Young Adult group is very uptight and does not want us on their forums. A minister here has told us that we should "become heterosexuals" because homosexuality is "against God's will." He said he did not want to alienate his congregation with such controversy: "We have lost enough money over our church's national stand on Angela Davis. We are not about to get involved in homosexual rights."

VECTOR: Do you believe that using disruptive, radical techniques are useful to gain attention?

GAYER: Preferably not, although we did something like that recently. A Northern California ministerial group canceled our presentation before them at the last minute. We went anyway; fifteen of us. We did not actually disrupt their meeting. We just quietly sat in and listened. Finally, we were recognized and were able to give a presentation. The result is that this ministerial group is now forming a statement for consideration dealing with homosexual rights.

VECTOR: That concludes our interview, Dick. We also wish to call attention to this new feature as Vector will be presenting the work of other active S.I.R. officials in future months. Your effort to make life that much easier for the homosexual is most appreciated by all of us.



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by MC Rolfe Peterson 2, no gay women were on the program proper and 3, the term "closet queen" was repeatedly used in deference to those who it was charged should be treated more respectfully in their desire or need to conceal their identity as homosexuals. *The Committee*, local night club group, also did some satirical sketches on the gay life style on the program. . . It was the biggest studio audience CBS has had for this two-year-old program, illustrating the general interest in homosexuality.

San Francisco Gay Rap assembled and presented non-porno gay films by local film makers at *Alternative Futures Commune*, 2012 Pine Street. A future showing of some of these films is being planned for S.I.R. Center.

Reverend Troy Perry spoke at local MCC services and at San Jose and Oakland in October. . . Local MCC has scheduled Friday night workshops at the same time as S.I.R.'s Discussion Groups. The new MCC sessions are at its Center.

Classes in "Gay People and the Law" continue at MCC Center, 1760 Market St., sponsored by The Peoples Law School.

S.I.R. and The Committee for Sexual Law Reform both endorsed Dianne Feinstein for Mayor, Robert Mendelsohn for Supervisor and Richard Hongisto for Sheriff. The Committee also endorsed Terry Francois, Robert Gonzales, and Yonne Westbrook while S.I.R. gave these three and several others "stamps of approval". Almost every gay business establishment in San Francisco had Feinstein-Mendelsohn-Hongisto posters displayed and thousands of flyers urging the support of these candidates were distributed by S.I.R. throughout the gay community.

Tavern Guild meetings for this month: Nov. 2: *Berry's* in Oakland; Nov. 16: *Bradleys* in SF; Nov. 30: *Le Cabaret* in Redwood City. The Dec. 14 meeting is at *Chances R* in Hayward. The Guild has waiters, bartenders, etc. available for private parties: 781-1571.

Dianne Feinstein, who has been supported by the gay community in her candidacy for mayor, surprised all when she praised the Los Angeles police department as being "excellent" and especially praised its selection of a Police Chief by competitive examination. It is widely known that Los Angeles has one of the most oppressive police departments in the world and that it is ruthlessly anti-homosexual and that Police Chief Davis' policies have resulted in countless questionable homosexual arrests. That is one issue on which Mrs. Feinstein needs educating.

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The Society for Individual Rights has a 17-person elected Board of Directors. The top four officers are elected for one-year terms and the other Board members serve for two years, six are up for election on even years and seven on odd years. The Board meets twice a month for approximately 3 hour meetings, the second and fourth Wednesdays.

The Membership of S.I.R. has two monthly meetings. The first Wednesday session is closed to members only. At this meeting the membership may over-ride any previous Board decision, pass resolutions, alter the S.I.R. constitution or elect officers. Open discussion and debate at these meetings assist in directing the Board of the organization. . . The third Wednesday meeting is a public open house which has varied political, religious, social or legal formats.

Three employees for S.I.R. work full time: George Coffman, Office Manager; Oscar Villaverde, Vector Advertising - Circulation Coordinator and an assistant to the Office Manager.

S.I.R. was founded in 1964 as a community service, educational and social organization. In 1965 it's offices and auditorium were opened at 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco. Membership was originally 12 and it now over 1,200. Vector readership was originally 250 and now exceeds 25,000. . . The present 5,000 sq. ft. center has proved to be inadequate and the organization has leased a new Center at 340 Ninth Street (September, Vector). It will have 16 offices, a member's lounge and game area and 12,000 sq. ft. The new Center's opening has been delayed as major construction continues but the contemplated move should be in December of this year. Meanwhile, contributions are needed to furnish and to complete the interior remodeling. They can be mailed to S.I.R., 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, 94103.

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PETER, MURRAY AND GLENDA

"Friend" Is Sick

This movie opened and closed so fast that we were fortunate to get Magda to the movie before the bill was changed. Possibly some curious readers will see it at a neighborhood theater. We are presenting this review because we believe that it is significant that a Hollywood studio would dare to release such a movie in 1971. Maybe it will be the last of its kind. Anyway, this is what Magda has to say:

By Magdalena Montezuma

Halfway through the current release, "SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS...", I expected to hear the strains of "Ballad of Sad Young Men" or something equally as 50's sounding as this A.I.P. epic is strictly circa yesteryear.

Fildom has recently taken a giant step back in presenting a true picture of the homosexual outlook on life. However, this is a film that the new gay revolutionists should picket, if they thought "Gay Decievers" was bad; "Best Friends" strings a series of gay traumas together like a Christmas garland decorating the tacky N.Y. bar in which the action of the film is set. Originally filmed two years ago under the title "The Bar", this one should have stayed in the can or been released two years ago, prior to "Boys In The Band". There is little to be said for this film which I found a complete waste of time. There weren't even amusing camp lines to make it worth sitting through.

A fast rundown of the plotline tells it all. There is the transvestite (well played by Candy Darling, now a top Andy Warhol Superstar), the hustler with the

rich, older "sugar daddy", the straight who's found out he's in love with a gorgeous Dane (who wears more blue eyeshadow than Bella Darvi would have ever dared), the bitchy "fag hag" and her gaggle of pretty boys, the unspeaking, untouchable one (a good performance in a one-word role by Carleton Carpenter, an old MGM-ite), and other assorted and varied "ladies of the evening". It's all so



CANDY DARLING

hokey and depressing, and even if such things do happen, I can't conceive that all of it would happen in that bar on Christmas eve.

Fannie Flagg and Sylvia Syms as the two women who work in the bar are both very fine, especially Miss Flagg in her role of "Mildred Pierce", the hat check girl.

Most of the cast are unknowns and will probably remain unknowns. There

are some very interesting faces and bodies, but unfortunately they have to open their mouths and spew forth the supertrite dialogue of writer/director, Mervyn Nelson. It's all filmed in the most garish color since Republic's Tru-color.

I must say that A.I.P. did a swell job in the ad campaign on this piece of excrement, as the ads have a very "now" look to them even though none of the people in the ads appear in the film. But what more can one say or expect from the company that brought us "Chrome and Hot Leather" and "Dagmar's Hot Pants".

But the British Are Well

By Dr. Anthony Lowell

Homosexuality is so much the "in" topic this year that "Sunday, Bloody Sunday" previewed at the San Francisco Film Festival to the largest overflow audience in the festival's history. The film will be in general release in November and certainly the theaters will be packed with members of the gay community.

John Schlesinger is the director and he has shown a sympathy and understanding that has been demonstrated previously in such movies as "Tea and Sympathy" and "Madchen in Uniform", but the most gifted director on the English scene has added something else — affection for gays. The film is not dirty or crude or pornographic — it is full of love.

Recently at a Gay Lib dance held at a San Francisco church, some people expressed great offense at the fact that a few kissed. They called this an "orgy". Oh, yes, they were for us — but, such things should be done only in private. They did not want to jail us or hurt us — but, they secretly still feel it is something dirty done between men.

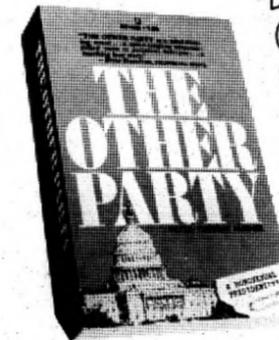
Not so, John Schlesinger. In "Sunday, Bloody Sunday" the point is made and made with joy and quiet charm that love is beautiful and hurts no one. Men kiss with passion and at length. Men are shown nude in bed. They embrace, they caress, they are tender with one another. Homosexuality is seen as something worthy of viewing and not a thing to be whispered about and hidden.

Murray Head plays the young artist. He is an active bisexual, a man who does much free work with children, a worthwhile, decent and respected citizen. Head plays the role with elegance and grace — in addition, he is breathtakingly handsome what with a tall, thin, muscular body; the face of a young prince and a shock of gorgeous well-styled beetle hair. Anyone would love him. A few in the audience gasped when he kissed Peter Finch the first time with such passion;

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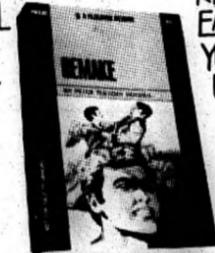
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Murphy's Liberation

One of the prime difficulties in working with the homophile community, is the number of divergent voices that cry out. The entire political-sociological spectrum asserts itself.

John Murphy provides one of these voices, the Gay Liberation Front. His fundamental approach to gay-straight re-

lations is contained in one sentence, "only the GLF has faced the fact that homosexuals as homosexuals are and always have been outlaws and that it is impossible to turn around, shake hands, and join the game." His declaration separates him from the Council On Religion And The Homosexual, Mattachine, and

perhaps, even S.I.R. This chasm may not be bridged for years to come. How can we as homosexuals carve out a distinct identity, and yet not build ghettos around our community?

Murphy scrutinizes the cleavage between the Gay Liberation Front and the Gay Activists Alliance. GLF attacks society as a whole in contrast to the GAA method of sticking strictly to homophile issues. These are all questions which S.I.R. has faced in the past. Murphy feels

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the capitalistic system needs overhauling before gays or any other minority can be liberated. But I can't help wondering if this can be done without losing the gay rights issue in the shuffle.

Murphy provides a fairly balanced overview of the action and many of his observations are acute. He reveals an intolerant, overbearing streak. The Christian Church, which in some quarters is attempting reforms, is written off in a few paragraphs, as beyond consideration. Murphy exhibits the rejections tactics, an attitude he accuses the Church of possessing when he nearly shouts, "the injustices and abuses they (the Church) have heaped on homosexuals, whom they have victimized more than any other group, cannot be forgotten." So what do we do now? Build a ghetto around the church and cause further separation?

Murphy realizes that homosexuals need to shape their own destiny and decide what direction gay life in the future will take. "Once we found out what we were, we had to decide what we could become."

One classic sidelight presents a captivating sketch of a GLF meeting which says volumes on why some of us old-fashioned types stick to S.I.R. and similar groups.

About ten minutes later, a young man across the room started getting undressed. A few others followed suit and sat down. The speakers still wrapped up in their dispute, began to notice that the audience's attention was quickly waning. They attempted to enlarge the discussion, but by now there were several little whispered conversations, a lot of giggling, and a general restiveness. Suddenly someone jumped up and demanded to know what the fuck was going on, with these people who were trying to disrupt the meeting. The whole place exploded. People started shouting for him to shut up, for others to get their clothes on, Goddamn it, stop this foolishness, to ignore these people and to let them do whatever they wanted to do. Finally someone shouted for everybody to shut up and ask the guy who started the whole thing to explain what he was doing.

This may be one approach to creativity. Anyone for a GLF rap?

Frank Howell

Letters to the Editor

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back to his Sunday School he would discover that the scriptures are being looked at somewhat differently in 1971. Certainly, even a casual reading of the story of Sodom and Gomorrah will reveal to the Third Grader that the city was destroyed because of gang rape. It just happened that some of the citizens were homosexual. A few chapters later the Bible in more severe terms, condemns *heterosexual* rape (Judges 19) but we didn't hear Assemblyman Barnes advocating the elimination of heterosexuality.

St. Paul was also misquoted during the debate on AB 437. Paul, who was probably gay himself, could never have said the nasty things about homosexuals that E. Richard Barnes, claimed. Modern theologians are inclined to believe that St. Paul was really saying "do your own thing" in Romans 1. "Sodomite" my dictionary says, is "a male temple prostitute, one of the class attached to certain sanctuaries of heathen dieties." What does this have to do with the Willie Brown bill?

The religious fanatics must have had a picnic when that bill was defeated. They hadn't had so much fun since the Scopes trial when a man was crucified for proposing the possibility that man came from monkey. Shades of Tennessee!

When Willie brought up that bill for discussion I hadn't heard such righteous indignation since Jesus approved of the homosexual ruler Tiberius Caesar. Folks in those days couldn't understand Jesus when he asked for support for a known homosexual. The fact that Tiberius was just, concerned with poor and a peacemaker didn't stop the anti-gay crowd then either.

Dr. Paul Roberts

Dr. Roberts regular column appears in Vector each month. He is an educator and writer in Monterey, California.

I have read that S.I.R. is organizing a group of gay GI's in the Bay Area; it is my hope that this could become a national movement.

I am a Captain in the Air Force, stationed at (U.S. base name deleted) and I belong to a gay organization here. I belong to Concerned Officers, an anti-war group that is also concerned with other issues and it might be persuaded to follow a liberal line on homosexuals in the armed forces. The Bay Area chapter is BACOM, 2525 Steiner, San Francisco, 94115.

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War (47 Ivy St. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003, 202-546-4685) is also involved in servicemens rights and veterans benefits

and can be of help.

Our first concern should be that dishonorable discharges be discontinued, especially in those states where homosexual acts between consenting adults in private are legal.

Sincerely,
Captain, Air Force

Editor Vector,

I would like to comment on what a fine job I think you people are doing.

I am greatly impressed with Martin Stow. The article he wrote on "The Gay and the Powerful" (June, '71 Vector) was outstanding. I bought several extra copies and sent them to friends (some in high office) that were most impressed. One said that it was "better reading than Playboy."

In the October issue you had two political articles by Mr. Stow. I loved the way he handled them; it is difficult to enlighten people without being too forceful. He succeeds and I find that he opens up many new approaches to an issue.

Thank you...and thanks to Mr. Stow for bringing the light at the end of the tunnel a little closer.

Don Cavallo

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BAY CITY BEAT: Well, duckies, you probably missed another fashionable social event — the grand opening of the Boot Camp, newest saloon along the city's flourishing sado-masochist strip (it's on Bryant, not too far from the Hall of Justice). Cristal, the Empress of S.F., was there, and so was the Dowager Empress, Jose, and all the leather motorcycle clubs for miles around. Mr. Dana won the Hunky Guy Contest (eat your hearts out) . . .

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Entrapment - By Telephone?

By Donald Warman

Nothing fails to amaze people here in Los Angeles but a new field of activity by the local police vice squad tops them all: Would you believe entrapment - by telephone? This is another illustration of what the L.A. Police do when they are out to "get" homosexuals and have nothing else to do at the station house.

The victim this time was Robert Humphries, 37, director-general of the predominantly gay and vaguely evangelistic United States Mission, which "Reverend" Humphries founded nine years ago and which devotes itself to social welfare projects. He was arrested October 5 in a private home after he became entangled in a phone conversation he sensed was a set-up for entrapment.

The outlandish case had its origin in the uneasy Los Angeles gay community's concerted fund drive on behalf of the defense of Rev. Richard Nash, a Unitarian minister busted in Pershing Square on the basis of an alleged conversation with a vice squadder — a conversation Nash insists never occurred (October, *Vector*).

Humphries, an ebullient, up-front, unorthodox type (he has never laid claim to the ministerial title bestowed by friends), made his own singular contribution to the Nash drive. It was a widely distributed mimeographed sheet on mission stationery reading, in part:

"We believe that Rev. Nash or the officer (who arrested him) or both have the absolute right to commercialize sex with each other, or with others, singly, jointly, or in groups and that this right belongs, God-given, to every human being. . .

"In demonstration of solidarity with Rev. Nash, we hereby undertake to provide oral or anal copulation for anyone submitting proof of a donation of \$20 to a religious institution of his or her choice, along with a statement from the person in charge of the recipient institution indicating awareness that the donation stems from prostitution. This is appropriate to a long tradition of temple prostitution which has prevailed in India from before Christ."

Humphrey says neither he nor anyone he knows took the "offer" seriously. Nor did any of the area's homosexual publications, which ignored it. But a wildly far out queen who was then a columnist for the *Free Press* reproduced it verbatim, including the post office box and phone number by which prospective "customers" could reach Humphries.

There were no takers other than the vice squad and that was several weeks after it appeared. The timing was signif-

icant.

Rev. Nash's attorneys filed October 4 in municipal court a motion for discovery, demanding that the city attorney and the police reveal their written evidence relating to Nash's arrest in July.

(Presumably that evidence would back the defense contention that arrest by attempted entrapment is a systematic police policy, a policy the department denies exists.)

An unidentified man phoned Humphries the following day at the given number. It is that of Morris KNight, Gay Liberation Front leader whose downtown Fourth Street home long has been under unobtrusive surveillance. Police call the place a "secret center of underground, homosexual, revolutionary activities," although the nature of the now dormant GLF was never any secret. Humphries happened to be there at the time, as the watchful surveillance cop would be in a position to know.

The man described himself as young, lonely, horny, a stranger in town and all too willing to take Humphries up on his printed proposal. Humphries pretended to agree, saying he would meet the "client" at the given post office box to read his receipt for the \$20 and to arrange the details of the transaction.

Twenty minutes later, when it became obvious that Humphries wasn't going to leave the house, two young men in casual sports dress appeared at the door, asked for Humphries, and arrested him for soliciting one or the other for an act of prostitution.

While Humphries was being booked at the Rampart Division station, Kight got a phone call citing the same *Free Press* story and the same willingness to go along with it. According to Humphries, that call was made in his presence, at the station and by the same pair who busted him, one of them on an extension phone with a tape recorder in action.

Kight replied that he wasn't running a date referral service, hung up, and went to the station to arrange for Humphries' \$625 bail.

Meanwhile, Nash himself reported receiving a similar call at his now unlisted number from a man who stated, "Morris said I should call you."

While the dismal scenario speaks poorly for Humphries' judgment, it speaks worse for the L.A.P.D.'s position that such things just don't happen in Los Angeles. Attorney Sheldon Andelson, who had hedged at taking on Nash's defense, readily agreed to defend Humphries: the picture apparently has changed significantly.

Mattachine

Tell It As It Was

The following comment appeared in last month's *Vector*:

The inactive Mattachine Society of San Francisco may reorganize as a research foundation. This would place the control of the organization in other hands than its well known founder, Hal Call. For some years the local group has been without activities and its membership has dropped severely. *Vector* is preparing an article on the history of this organization.

Possibly, a more accurate explanation of the state of this organization is in order. We are presenting a letter from Kerry Bowman, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of this group:

While we appreciate your brief mention of the Mattachine Society, Inc. (Oct. *Vector*, page 39), there were some inaccuracies in your information. The Mattachine is not inactive, nor has it been since its inception in Los Angeles in 1950.

It is not true that the Society is going to "reorganize." The Society is altering its activities to concentrate on educational & research programs.

The Society is controlled by a Board of Directors of ten individuals. They are, as of the Directors meeting Sept. 1971: Pres., Dr. David Winterhaller; Vice-Pres., Mark Forrester; Exec. Sec. & Treas., Kerry Bowman; Conrad Bowman; Harold L. Call; Rev. Phyllis Edwards; Dr. Henri Lormier; Donald Lucas; Evander Smith; and Rev. Vaughn Smith.

Mr. Call, who retired as President of the Society in Sept. after many years of service in that capacity, was not the founder of the Mattachine Society. The Mattachine was founded in 1950 during the infamous McCarthy Era as a secret society (using code names). Therefore, we are, interestingly enough, unable to supply a complete listing of the founders; however, we can report that the principal individual was Henry Hay. Some of the early founders of the Mattachine are presently associated with One, Inc. of Los Angeles, which sprang from the Mattachine Foundation in 1952 and went on to contribute in heavy measure to the struggle for personal freedom.

To say that the Mattachine has been without activities is to deny the value of our; private and group counseling, public speaking presentations to local groups (such as Suicide Prevention), radio pro-

gram series and participation in other media productions, continual efforts to work through educational institutions by presentations to high school and college classes and seminars of high school and college counselors, not even mentioning the many small services that are conducted daily. We might also mention that on several occasions in the past year a Mattachine representative has shared a speaking platform with S.I.R.

Membership has not "dropped severely" in the past few years. The Board of Directors discontinued the active membership status in 1961, at which time the Society became a public service agency. General public participation activities were discontinued in 1965 when such groups as S.I.R. showed such promise in continuing these activities. (We are pleased to note our good judgement with regard to S.I.R.) We still have the status of sup-

porting membership, which is essentially a recognition of our friends which support our work through contributions.

It might be of special interest to your readers in view of S.I.R.'s recent action regarding age limits, that the Mattachine Society, Inc. dropped its 21-year-old age restriction in 1966 making the services of this organization available to anyone regardless of age. I might also add that we do not limit our services because of an individual's sexual inclinations. (Yes, we also counsel heterosexuals, especially in the area of transvestism.)

We feel that your mention of the Mattachine Society, Inc. indicates a basic misunderstanding of what the Society is. We hope that you will allow us to open our voluminous files on our history to you in your research of *Vector's* forthcoming article on the history of the Mattachine, as mentioned in *Vector*.

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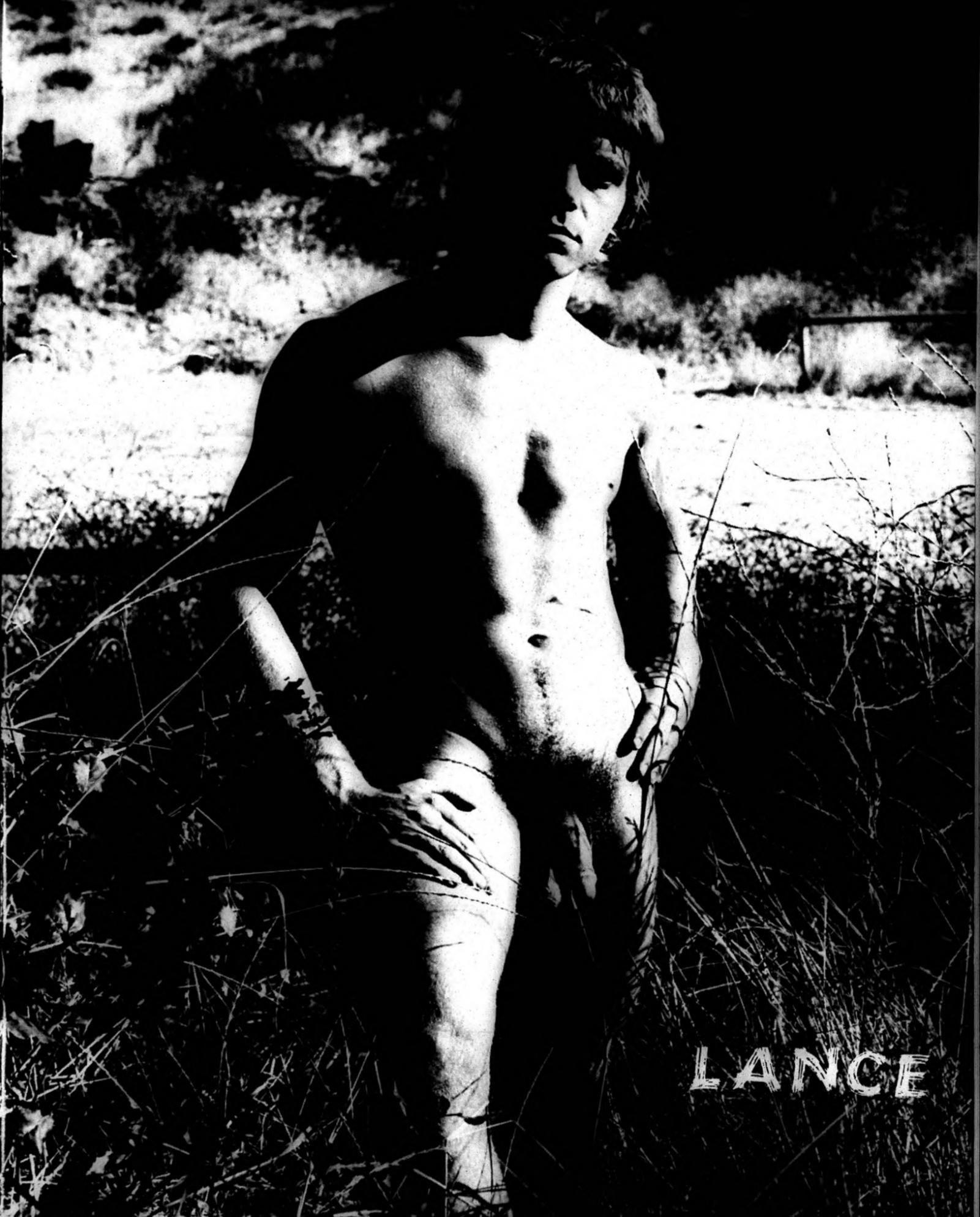
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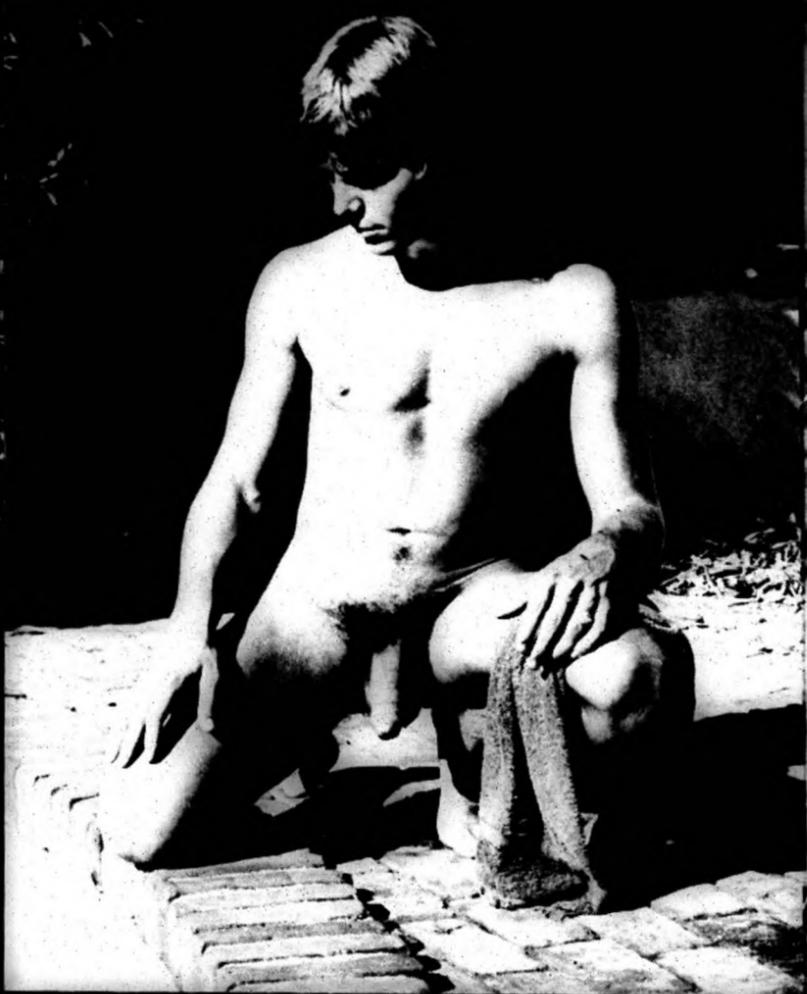


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Dr. Inderhaus

HELP!

Dear Dr. Inderhaus: I find myself becoming more and more paranoid about the size of my penis. It has become so bad that I can no longer have sex with anyone for fear of exposing a very small penis when I remove my clothes. Please don't just tell me I must learn to accept my handicap and not be ashamed of my size, because I can't. The nude pictures that are in all magazines, including Vector make it very obvious that I must be terribly abnormal! Where can a person with my terrible burden go for help? Can a plastic surgeon do anything? What about silicone? Whatever help you may give I thank you for being where a very sad and lonely person like myself can reach out.

Your real problem, as you no doubt are aware somewhere in your consciousness, is not the size of your penis, but the size of your ego. The fact that you find that you can "no longer" have sex indicates that you have up to now been able to have sex despite your "small" peter! I suspect too that your partners rarely if ever were upset by the size of your penis. The fact that you are becoming "ashamed" of your "handicap" is a good indication that this "terrible burden" is something quite other than you think it is. In the December, 1970 issue of Vector, both Dr. Martin Stow and I wrote articles dealing directly with the problems concerning penis size and "penis envy." I strongly urge you to get hold of a copy, it will answer most of your questions. Think about the relationships you have had that were most meaningful to you. Surely it was not the size of the guy's cock that you thought of as important or meaningful! I am sure you know of many gay boys who are positively turned off by a large penis. This is not at all unusual nor is it difficult to understand. A large penis can be very threatening to some people. It is associated in some minds with hostility and thus with a threat to their own masculinity! Certainly the male nudes you find posed in your favorite porno palace have unusually large cocks. Nude photography under those circumstances is for the express purpose of arousing sexual interest. Note that a picture is never threatening, and certainly those superstud numbers that pose for nude pictures are not at all representative of the general population. In their book on the "Human Sexual Response" Drs. Masters and Johnson report the measurement of some randomly chosen eighty males. They found the range in size of the flaccid penis to be 2.7 to 5.3 inches. Hardly what you would expect after viewing nude photos is it?

As you may have gathered from the

above, not only is there no safe way of enlarging the penis despite all those groovy ads to the contrary, but there is no damn reason to seek such treatment. As I have said many times in my column, a sexual experience is fulfilling only between two affectual people (not two cocks or cunts!). It is a relationship which takes in the sum total of the individual. The person who is merely interested in engulfing the biggest peter he dare approach, regardless of what it is attached to, has no concept of a relationship and is looking not for love, understanding, fulfillment, or even pleasure, but simply the elevation of a bare personality devoid of feeling or stature. He is a loner, the oppressed and depressed. Similarly, the fellow who thinks his huge dong is all that is needed for eternal Nirvana will not reach out for a meaningful relationship and will spend his life flitting from one cheap, superficial encounter to another.

I hope you now understand that if you encounter someone who finds your peter more important than you as an individual you are entitled to feel sorry for him because he, not you, will be missing a fine experience!

Dear Dr. Inderhaus: I think it is a disgrace to have ads run in gay publications which openly discriminate against old, fat, balding people. Indeed such discrimination is encountered quite fre-

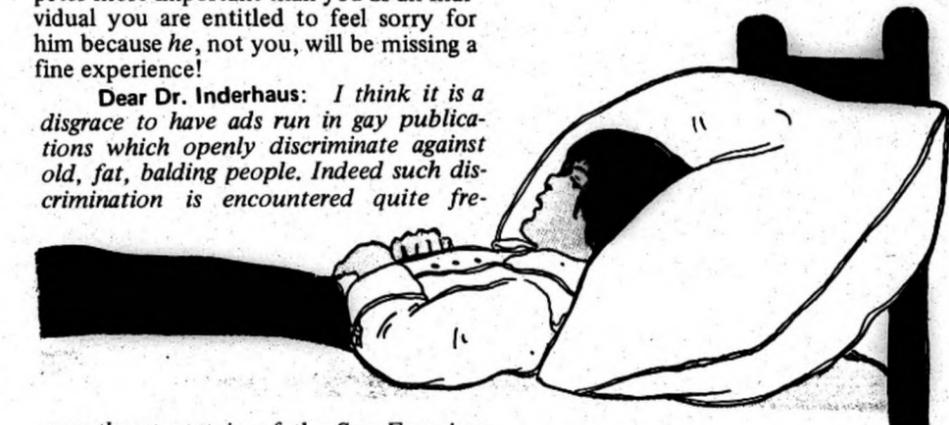
quently at certain of the San Francisco baths! Just where do they think the gay world would be now if it weren't for us older members of the community who laid the foundations for the current activist movement?! They should remember that they too will be old some day! We oldsters need sex and affection too. Besides, we have lots to contribute! We have money, experience, and maturity. Even if we don't get an erection every time, we can be a very appreciative audience! I really think we ought to be venerated like the Chinese venerate their elders; not hounded out of society!

Right on, brother! I have personally not seen any of the ads you refer to but I am most certainly aware of the absence of veneration for their elders that seems quite prevalent in the gay community. There is something about youth that makes it think it impossible to grow old!

Somehow even if everyone else does the individual youth simply knows that it can't happen to him. However, it is also quite obvious that many, many youths find ONLY elderly men attractive, so I find it hard to believe that if you are really looking for a fulfilling relationship you cannot find one. There is certainly no lack of factual information indicating the potency of elderly men. Births have been substantiated as having been conceived by men more than one hundred years old. I think that any institution which discriminates against the elderly should be refused patronage from the entire gay community!

Dear Dr. Inderhaus: I have had several cases of clap (gonorrhea) over the past several years and twice had a hard time getting rid of it on the usual medicine. What I am actually worried about is Syphilis though, since I understand it is much more serious and can cause brain damage and heart trouble etc. Is it too, getting difficult to treat?

Fortunately, there is no authenticated case of syphilis which has been resistant to penicillin therapy. The problem has been, and is, getting the person with syphilis to the doctor. Most often there is no symptom of the disease at all and only a blood test will prove it is there. It is



always imperative that a blood test be done for syphilis before treatment is begun for gonorrhea. That is because you can, and often do, have both diseases at the same time. Treatment for gonorrhea will not cure syphilis, but may make the test for syphilis come back negative, thus allowing syphilis to continue and show up at a later date apparently for "no reason at all." The most exciting innovations in the medical treatment of these two diseases is the promising research on a vaccine (like that for polio or small pox). One for gonorrhea is in a more advanced, though far from ready, stage. A recent issue of the JAMA reported that a vaccine against syphilis had been tried with some promising results on rabbits. Though non-rabbits like us may have quite a wait for the final answer to this ubiquitous disease it is, at least, a beginning.



THE COVERED WAGON'S HEATED POOL

San Francisco Scene

Polynesian Mary's, a Pool and Charlotte's Mint

By Bob Ross

What with all the ruckus and electioneering going on in our municipal elections, one tends to forget about the campaign for Empress. The four candidates are really out hustling up votes. Every night there are rallies and parties for one and all. It is extremely difficult to keep up with them. The race is so close now that it would be difficult to try and pick a winner. Many bars are having straw vote parties to try and figure out who they should vote for. All that I can say at this time is may the best man win!

The MINT threw a large benefit bash for S.I.R. The Empress Cristal, along with Lori Shannon Co-ordinated a fantastic evening of entertainment. Just about every entertainer in our community showed up. Busty O'Shea and John Carlisle of the WARREN ROBERTS Show (The Nitecap), did both recorded and live songs. They were followed by Lori Shannon, who did a live duet with John Carlisle. Those madcaps from the ORPHEUM CIRCUS, the ALLMENNETTES, gave one of their best performances. Thank you Sande, Tommie and Kim. Then along came the fantastic CHUCK LARGENT REVUE from LATEX LILLY'S—if you haven't caught their show yet, you're missing some of the best entertainment around. (They will be moving into the MINT sometime in

November). The Dowager Empress JOSE arrived with Hazel McGinnis and showed the audience that there is still lots of life left in the old girl yet (Jose is doing his famous operas every Sunday evening at the Orpheum Circus). Have you ever heard the sextet from "Lucia" used as a singing commercial? No? Well Jose sang it as a plug for the forthcoming BEAUX ARTS BALL at the Hilton Hotel. PAT MONTCLAIR brought his entire SHOWCASE '71 Revue from the 181 CLUB. Roger Learn did his rags number, Vic Potter and Malcolm did a very funny comedy skit, and Chuck McAllister danced for us (go-go boys at the MINT?). What can I say about TERRY TAYLOR and his imitations of Totie Fields. Just great! I am never less than amazed at the fine job that VICKI MARLANE does with a ballad. He is rightfully dubbed Mr. Emotions. As for the star of this delightful group, Pat Montclair, so many deserved adjectives have been used that I would be redundant in using more. So a simple thank you for a job well done by you and your revue is all that I will attempt to muster up. ALLEN LLOYD of the P.S. and the host of the evening, MICHELLE, got into some heated debate on the stage, but all ended well.

DAVID KELSEY of the PAGE ONE and GARY SCHNEIDER of GOLD STREET arrived after an organ concert in

Petaluma. (Petaluma?) And did a couple of their infamous duets. Thank you for speeding back to help us out. KARL KAY entertained us with his famous imitations of Judy Garland. This talented man has been around our community for many years, and his charm and talents have grown warm and well with those years. Love ya!

I would be remiss if I didn't say thank you to that wonderful MICHELLE. He volunteered to M.C. the entire show, and what a superb job he did! Mike has always given freely of his services to the community and we all owe him a lot for all the humor he has brought to us. I might also thank the crew of LATEX LILLY'S for bringing along their spotlights, and to Carl and Chuck for operating them.

The star of the evening was that irascible, wonderful old harridan of Market Street, CHARLOTTE. There aren't enough words around to say thank you for all the wonderful things you have done quietly and well throughout the years. On behalf of our community and S.I.R., I would like to say thank you again (Ed. note—The proceeds totaled over \$800.00 for S.I.R.'s new building fund).

And agin, KUDOS to all the entertainers who volunteered their talents and services.

MAMA PECK is now presiding at the TROPICS bar. They had a real grand opening, much success in the future. PERRY hosted the opening of POLYNESIAN MARY'S on McAllister Street. A very nice and delightful little bar. The Dog Lady (formerly of the Nitecap) has a new kennel, THE PEKE PALACE (nee the Film Room) on Leavenworth Street. Watch for the grand opening early in



CLUB 181 CAST

November. The fun-filled afternoons around the COVERED WAGON'S heated pool have made the summer a joy. Al-

ways a good place to meet and chat with many old friends. While we are South of Market, stop in at the CORNER and enjoy the low prices and warm atmosphere. Understand that Pat and Ron will be opening a leather shop there soon.

I would like to dedicate this column to a warm, wonderful person who passed away in a fatal fire last month. The Grande Czarina the First, Sally of the



VICKI MARLANE

Peninsula, Salvatore Flores, who worked at the SAVOY in Cupertino. Although you are no longer with us, your memory and warm thoughts shall always remain. 'Tis a much sadder world without you, and I shall cherish the knowledge that I had the pleasure of your company and thoughts, even though it was only for a brief time.

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Dateline: LAS VEGAS

The chorus boys from the strip hang out at *Le Cafe* at Paradise & Tropicana Street, near the Dunes. This gay spot gets its big crowd from midnight to 7 am. On the weekends there is dancing to a live band all night. . . The local baths (The Baths) isn't too crowded; it is downtown and has a \$7 entrance fee.

Dateline: EUGENE, OREGON

Leo Laurence, former San Francisco gay activist, is involved here in attempting to get the University of Oregon to adopt a "non-discrimination in hiring" clause in regard to employment. Leo operates a Gay Consultation service for gays in Eugene and has doctors, attorneys and

some local gay leaders cooperating with him. His address is 2559 Potter St., Eugene, 503-343-7342.

Dateline: AUCKLAND, NEWZEALAND

Texas lecturing evangelists, Mr. & Mrs. Porter Randall, made the headlines here while on tour. They told the populace here that "Negro protest demonstrations are the work of young, rabble-rousing whites hopped-up on drugs". Randall was also quoted as saying that the overuse of drugs leads to homosexuality (!?). He said, "I am not a bigot but homosexuals should be treated as criminals and imprisoned." He further said that he was proud to be a Republican and an American.

Dateline: HAWAII

The local MCC sent representatives to the General Conference of MCC in Los Angeles and is expanding at a fast rate. They had a Halloween costume party and attended the Gay Liberation Front's variety show recently. MCC: 215 Ohua St, Waikiki, where there are Monday night rap sessions.

Dateline: BERKELEY

Professor Judith Blake, U.C., says that corporations should stop trying to encourage single employees to get married. She says that, like the Catholic celi-

bate, a single person devotes more time to his work. Single employees are too often "considered to be freaks or homosexuals" because they do not marry, states Dr. Blake. She proposes tax and salary incentives for singles to encourage them to stay single. . . At present there are approximately 93 million married and 36 million single individuals over the age of 18. This large number of singles has resulted in considerable more attention being paid to the needs of single people recently. . . Marie Edwards has a course at U.C. entitled "The Challenge of Being Single" that discusses the advantages and disadvantages of not marrying.

Dateline: SACRAMENTO

In spite of the change of legislative staffs by Republicans to prevent a liberal request for penal reform, the *Joint Legislative Committee for Revision of the Penal Code* has recommended that California lower the age of consent for sexual intercourse from 18 to 16 and scrap laws forbidding homosexuality. Part of the 226-page report quotes a San Mateo County sheriff's Captain, Herbert Elvander, as saying that homosexuality and prostitution are not local legal problems. He said they should be handled by state agencies and not local police. . . California still has sexual laws on its books that date back to 1872.

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Dateline: LOS ANGELES

The anti-sex contingent in the State Assembly came under heavy negative criticism from the news media upon presentation of the recent consensual sex bill. A Los Angeles radio station, KFI, called

their presentation "carnal ignorance" while the local FM stations editorialized for the bill.

Jay Murley, a Los Angeles political analyst, believes that if the "guts of the Brown bill were quietly buried in another bill there would be more of a chance of passage." He proposes an attack on the sex offender registration act (PC-290) as a "doorway" to pass the Brown package. What we need he believes, "is a lot of philosophy and a minimum of loud publicity."

Dateline: COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE

Helen Gurley Brown, *Cosmopolitan* editor, announced that this magazine is seriously thinking about having a male, nude centerfold. Remember, you saw it first in *Vector!*. . . Meanwhile *Penthouse*, a new magazine, is showing EVERYTHING (female, that is) but *Playboy* is sticking to showing only pubic hairs. . . *The Fountain*, popular Portland gay mag, is showing frontal nudes and selling rather well.

Dateline: GREAT BRITAIN

CHE, this nation's largest gay group, points out that homosexual acts between men are still illegal in Scotland and No. Ireland and such acts are still forbidden in the armed forces of England and Wales. CHE is fighting against these restrictions and for reducing the consensual sex age from 21 to 16. CHE: 28 Kennedy St., Manchester, M2 4BG, Great Britain.

Dateline: NEW YORK

The Jewel Theatre, on 3rd Ave and *The Adonis* at 719 8th Ave continue to show color-sound gay films. . . also on 3rd Ave. is New Jimmy's restaurant, which has a Sunday brunch until 5 PM (they sleep LATE in New York). In Brooklyn Heights "Danny's" is jumping and has movies on Sundays. . . For gay gifts & books try the Legend Gallery at 152 7th Ave. South. and, of course, there are several baths, including *Beacon* at 277 E. 45th St. and *Sauna* at 300 W. 58th St. . . The local address of *Gay Activist Alliance* is 99 Wooster St., in the Village (the old firehouse). Phone: (212) 260-1370

Dateline: MEMPHIS, TENN.

Men were busted here in *The Door* lounge for impersonating females and the owner was charged with "permitting lewd acts". The "lewd act" was singing and dancing in women's dresses and wigs, kissing one another and kissing customers. The four men arrested were 19 through 24 years of age. Crime is certainly rampant in Memphis!

Dateline: BOSTON, MASS.

The Homophile Union of Boston (HUB), this area's most successful gay group, is in an uproar. A new set of offic-

ers is in and *Vector* has a report that the files and mailing list have been removed from HUB offices by some out-going members who claim that a new group has taken over. The HUB Executive Board, meanwhile, has recommended that the organization be completely dissolved. . . *Vector* will clarify the situation when it receives more information.

Dateline: CANADA

The Canadian government granted \$8,000 to the Community Homophile Association in Toronto to help educate the public about homosexuality and to dispel the myths. CHA is located on Charles Street East in Metro Toronto.

Dateline: WASHINGTON, D.C.

Twenty million Americans have either experienced a serious emotional breakdown or feel themselves close to the edge, according to a new U.S. Public Health survey. Some of the symptoms: headaches, nightmares, nervousness, dizziness, fast heartbeat, trembling, insomnia, fainting and inability to get started on projects. "Single people," says the study, "are much less anxiety prone than the married; the companionship of marriage does not seem to compensate for its increased responsibilities and problems."

Dateline: MADISON, WISC.

A giant rap session is planned during a National Gay Thanksgiving celebration here, November 25-28. There are planned workshops, films, panels, etc. The sponsors: Gay Liberation Front, 10 Langdon St., Madison, Wisc., 53703.

Dateline: BANGKOK, THAILAND

Homosexuality is tolerated here but it is not legal and now there is Gay Lib - Bangkok! The four (out of 400) bars that are gay go unharrassed. There are a large number of "drag queens" and transvestites (10,000 is the estimate) that frequent straight and gay bars and live as women in their employment. The big Gay Lib push here is to allow these people to legally marry other men.

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ABEL

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Believe it or not Abel, the son of Adam, was the worlds first homosexual. He was also the first "gay" to feel the hate of an uninformed heterosexual. According to Genesis chapter four, Cain, another son of Adam, did not like it when God expressed approval of Abel, the homosexual. He objected when God allowed Abel to worship right along with the straights. And when Abel's worship proved more acceptable than his own he flew into a rage.

God said to Cain concerning his gay brother:

If thou doest well, shall thou not be accepted: and if thou doest not well sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shall rule over him. And Cain Talked with Abel, his brother. Genesis 4:7,8a

Abel had a sexual desire toward males. He even had a desire to love and serve Cain — even to be a slave to Cain, yet Cain did not return that love.

Abel's desire for Cain was very much like Eve's desire for a man. Mother Eve had a strong heterosexual desire toward her husband:

Unto the woman God said...thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee.

Genesis 3:16

Notice the heterosexual desire that Eve had for her man is not much different from the homosexual desire that Abel had. The two passages are practically parallel. Scholars have no difficulty understanding the sexual desires Eve had for Adam. Sermons have been preached from Genesis 3:16 showing how natural and right it was for Eve to be attracted sexually to a man.

It is amusing how certain clerics accept without question the heterosexual statement concerning Eve, but try to explain away the homosexual statement concerning Abel. Some authorities go so far as to suggest that the Bible did not have reference to Abel's sexual desire at all. They believe that the Devil was sexually attracted to Cain. These preachers had rather make the Devil gay as to make Abel gay. But Jesus said that all angels are sexless (Luke 20:36) and that would include the fallen angels such as Satan.

The standard versions of the Bible make the Genesis story perfectly clear. There is no need to try to change the

scriptures. The simple facts are these: Eve had a sexual desire for the opposite sex, and Abel had a sexual desire for the same sex. The Peshitta, the authorized Bible of the Church of the East, even says in the text that the reference is to Cains "brother" (See the **Holy Bible From Ancient Eastern Manuscripts** by George M. Lamsa).

Cain sought to deny his homosexual brother the right to worship and was highly displeased when a homosexual was accepted by God. He never stopped to realize that he himself had taken part in his brothers advances. It took two to tangle, even back then! St. Paul, Jesus, St. Luke and Moses all refered to Abel as a "righteous person". The Lord accepted Abel's worship. His worship was more pleasing to the Lord than was Cain's. So Cain killed his brother Abel, and Abel became the first persecuted homosexual



of recorded history.

Cain was the first in a long line of heterosexual persecutors. Joseph was also despised because he loved gay clothes and would not act like one of the "men". For this reason he was left for dead and later sold as a slave. He was slapped into jail because he would not perform as a heterosexual. He finally found happiness among the more liberal, tolerant Egyptians.

King Saul severely persecuted his very own son, referring to Jonathan's love for David as a perversion. Saul did all within his power to destroy these two young men who loved each other so desperately. Saul's hate for David and Jonathan did not dampen their love for each other. David made a covenant with Jonathan, promising fervent love til death. King Saul finally managed to destroy himself as well as his son. David bravely declared his love for the slain prince, publicly proclaiming their love for each other. David said at Jonathan's funeral:

Jonathan, beloved and lovely, very pleasant have you been to me, your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

II Samuel 1:23, 26

Daniel was severely persecuted because of his strong attachment to the homosexual king Nebuchadnezzar. Young Daniel and his three pals were kept in the

Kings house, going through all the rituals of purifications, as rigid as any prescribed for ancient virgin queens. Though persecuted, though exposed to a death by fire and cast into a den of lions, Daniel obtained the kings favor for many many years. As a result of this close and loyal association, the King became a believer in Daniel's God. This homosexual Persian world ruler, wrote part of the Bible. His sermon is found in Daniel, chapter 4:

I thought it good to publish the signs and wonders that the High God has wrought toward me.

How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders: His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

Daniel 4:2, 3 Eastern Text

At least two world rulers who were homosexual have been given approval in the scriptures. Jesus urged support of the homosexual Tiberius Caesar, and Daniel loved and "converted" King Nebuchadnezzar. Yet even Nebuchadnezzar and Tiberius Caesar suffered persecution because of their homosexuality.

So called "Bible Believers" often persecute the homosexual under the mistaken idea that they are doing the will of the Lord. Such mis-guided religionist pray for fire and brimstone to be showered on the homosexual, never bothering to study the account of Sodom in Genesis 19. Sodom was destroyed because the males and females of the city tried to gang rape God's messengers and force the angels to engage in Sodomite sex worship.

Some persecutors quote Leviticus 20 where Moses demanded the death penalty for husbands who practiced certain acts of homosexuality. But if Leviticus calls out for punishment today for homosexuality, then the illegitimate, the castrated and all who practice birth control must also be punished.

Some "loyal Americans" demand that homosexuals lose all rights, be denied their freedom and their right to work. These so called freedom-loving folks demand that homosexuals be denied government jobs. They even call on Christ in prayer to help them rid the nation of these "undesirables". They call on Christ — the Christ who refused to have anything to do with rebelling against the homosexual ruler Tiberius Caesar. Jesus taught that Tiberius Caesar, the homosexual, should be respected and supported. Some so called "followers of Christ" teach exactly the opposite.

One could speak of St. Paul's persecution, and wonder how much of his suffering was caused because of his great love affair with the young man Timothy. Some men still persecute Paul by twisting his writings. For example, Paul taught in Romans, chapter one that it was wrong for heterosexuals to change their natural sexual inclinations and join up with the Sodomite religionist. Paul really taught that heterosexuals should do what comes

naturally. He never mentions homosexuals in the entire chapter but religious persecutors mis-use Paul's writings to persecute the gays. Paul taught exactly the opposite of what some thought he taught!

All these great Bible men — from Abel to St. Paul — never lost faith in the right, regardless of persecution. They remained steadfast, never complaining about their station in life or their own life-style. They accepted themselves as they were, they sought to use the talents, abilities and drives that they possessed for the glory of God and in service to their fellow man. They often found love, and they returned that love in the way that was natural and right for them. We can do the same.

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CONCLUSION

After a year or so in the field, when your materials are beginning to be read and (hopefully) reviewed, you will start to get the feeling: "I'm known. I've arrived!" You receive your author's copies of your latest book, and a few days later you drop by the dirty book store to see if they're on the shelf. Sure enough, they are. You decide to buy a couple of copies, because you're still in that early stage where you feel compelled to give away more books to your friends than the publisher supplies for free. (You'll get over that soon enough. It's expensive.) The clerk says, "You want two of the same book?"

"Yes, I wrote it," you reply with a degree of pride.

"Oh," he says. "I wrote a couple of these, myself," and after this he may launch into a description of his vast literary experience. You wonder what he's doing behind that counter if he's such an all-powerful writer, but you comfort yourself with the thought that he probably wasn't very good . . . at least not as talented as you are. This won't ever happen to you!

I have also gotten over the artistic dilemma of having to "be in the mood to write." Once that outline is worked out, and I know where I'm going with my plot, I sit down and do my ten or fifteen pages per day. If I run out of juice by the middle of the afternoon, there is always editing to do on the parts I've already completed. If nothing else, I will type the final draft of those sections I feel are ready to go. The most important key to success in writing (once you've established your basic ability) is sticking to your work schedule. You can only afford a certain number of days to complete any given assignment. If you go over this, you're losing money. So, when you're in the groove, keep going! It is not unusual for me to work twelve hours a day, several days at a stretch, when the story really begins to gel and the words are coming smoothly.

I know that some of my colleagues will disagree with me, but I think each of

us has to write at the pace he can manage. I may put as many man-hours into a novel within a one-month period as someone else would do in double or triple that time span. I happen to be a stubborn Scorpio, determined and reasonably self-disciplined — the only way to be, if you want to make your living in this market.

If you're wondering about specifics, let me quote some time and money examples from my own experiences and those of my writer friends. The largest West Coast market is Greenleaf Classics in San Diego. Their rates are low, but they pay within 30 days, and they are presently on an "improve the quality" kick. I don't know how long it will last, but they seem to be doing a better job of editing and cover design in their recent releases. They published my first thirteen books, but I left them during their last "dry spell," and have since found a more profitable market in New York. I know that Greenleaf has been buying 50,000-word gay novels, paying beginners \$600-650. When I was writing for them I got as high as \$1,000, outright sale. I have contracts on a few of my books, but have yet to receive a royalty statement, let alone a check. Nor do I expect to receive anything, despite the fact that two of these (LEATHER AD, Vol. I and II) have enjoyed a tremendous national popularity. There is hardly a leather guy in the country who hasn't read them.

Thus, literary contracts in the porno market are virtually meaningless. There's no way to force payment, because attorney costs and court fees will exceed anything you could hope to recover. And, if you still hope to sell to the house in question, suing them will not endear you to the buyer. If you have a choice between a higher price on outright sale vs. an advance against royalties, take the money and run!

I have also found it frustrating, especially when I was still naive enough to think I'd see my royalties, to discover that the local distributors will let the book disappear from the shelves after two or three months. Even if you tout your own things, as I have done, and thereby create a demand, no one seems to worry

about it. The publisher and distributor make their money on volume. They cannot concern themselves with the few titles in the line which should receive special promotion or handling.

You should not get upset if your titles are changed, or if your stories are butchered by the editor. This is also par for the course. I've had stories I sold at 65,000 words slashed to 50,000 in order to accommodate a revised format. Once, at least, this was done in the galleys, simply by removing an entire chapter! Unless you are selling to one of the more prestigious New York houses you should just expect it.

Nor will your own appraisal of quality be particularly valid. My very worst book, submitted and sold in first draft (because I was bitching about my time vs. price) has been one of my most popular. KISS OF LEATHER was published a couple of years ago by Greenleaf in their Pleasure Reader series. It was virtually unedited, despite their promise to do so, and certainly unproofread. At one point, they have my characters removing their

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pants, boots and cocks (socks, that is). Yet, next to the LEATHER AD(s), it has been my highest seller.

In writing for Olympia Press in New York, I am finding a much more professional situation. Everything is on royalty contract, although I have not been selling

to them long enough to know if they will honor these. Hopefully, they will. But the advances range between \$1200 for beginners, and \$1500 to \$2000 for "established" writers. Titles are changed only after consultation with the author, and the edited manuscript is returned after publication to permit the writer to see exactly what's been done to it.

And where do I go from here? I'm not really sure. I could use a pseudonym and strike out at the hard-cover market as a "new writer," or I can keep trying to persuade a major publisher to go against all precedent and publish me under my own name — thereby assuring them a certain basic market. If I, or one of my colleagues, is successful in this, we will have taken a major step forward. What so many publishers (hard-cover and otherwise) fail to recognize is that the gay market is unique in many ways. We are a very sex-oriented minority. We do not necessarily look down on our own writers for producing graphically sexual stories. I have found myself accepted without question by my own people when I do political articles, for example. This certainly would not be the case with a hetero, hard-core writer. He would have to use a different name (as many of them do) when working the two fields.

But changes are always coming along. As old Horatio used to tell us, patience and hard work and ability will pay off. It's the American way. Oh dear, and I've been accusing the poets of maudlin sentimentality!



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Employment Discrimination Is Being Confronted

Last year S.I.R. and a number of other organizations published Mr. Parker's "Homosexuals and Employment" which was concerned primarily with federal employment. This article supplements that essay by directing attention to recent developments primarily as they pertain to state, local, and private employment.

by William Parker

Finally American homosexuals, like other minority groups tired of getting the run-around, are demanding marked and rapid improvement in their employment opportunities. With growing impatience and anger, they are denouncing the ignorance and prejudice which label them incompetent, undesirable, immoral, criminal, or sick. Whether as individuals or organizations, they are challenging head-on past policies which arbitrarily exclude or dismiss them from jobs solely on the basis of their sexual orientation.

Because acting with reason and moderation have failed to obtain merited change, homophile leaders have turned to personal confrontations with public officials and private employers. By the very act of confrontation they are compelling their case to be reported by the news media and to be considered a matter of public concern. These tactics have recently produced some rather dramatic results. In New York City, for example, during the 1970 election campaign, the Gay Activists' Alliance (GAA) extracted written statements of support from a number of candidates running for political office. Specifically, they obtained statements favoring a fair employment policy for homosexuals from Arthur Goldberg, the Democratic candidate for governor, and Howard Samuels, his opponent in the primary; from Charles Goodell, Richard Ottinger, and Paul O'Dwyer, the Republican, Democratic, and Liberal candidates for U.S. Senator; and from Shirley Chisholm, Bella Abzug, and Edward Koch, successful candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives. Support was also promised by three candidates for the State Senate and eight for

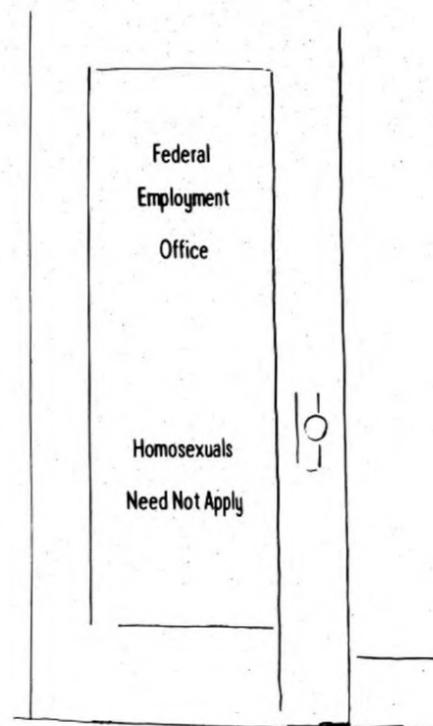
the State Assembly. In addition, a fair employment practices bill for homosexuals has now been introduced in the New York City Council by its Minority Leader, Eldon Clingan, with the support of three other council members. Since the 1970 elections, two members of the New York Legislature, Assemblymen Stephen Solarz and Antonio Olivieri, have held what appear to be the first official hearings ever conducted in this country on the subject of discrimination against homosexuals. At these hearings, Councilmen Clingan and Burden, representatives of several homophile organizations, and City Investigations Commissioner Robert Riskin testified in person. In addition, Congressman Koch and Congresswoman Abzug sent written statements of support. As yet, however, the Clingan bill has not been brought before the city council. In San Francisco, Mrs. Dianne Feinstein, President of the Board of Supervisors, supported by several other supervisors, is introducing similar legislation (summer 1971). More important, a fair employment bill for homosexuals was introduced in the New York State Legislature by Assemblyman William Passannante of New York City (1971). After a day's debate the measure was defeated by a vote of 85 to 60. Because the vote was so much larger than expected, legislative leaders are predicting its passage next year.

The specific practices which homosexuals want abolished or prohibited are these: (1) questions on application forms dealing with sexual orientation, (2) medical reports indicating homosexual tendencies or practices, (3) company policies requiring job applicants to sign waivers permitting examination of their draft or military discharge records, (4) investigative reports dealing with a person's sexual preferences and activities, (5) use of arrest records, especially when no conviction followed, and (6) the use of psychological tests or personal interviews designed to discover homosexual tendencies or practices.

Homosexual and homophile organizations are beginning to gather information on the policies and practices of private employers, not so much with the idea of providing a large number of specific cases of discrimination as with the intent of illustrating a variety of types of discrimination. They have learned, for example, that many companies will not knowingly employ a homosexual and will dismiss an employee discovered to be homosexual. A recent survey made by the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California in the San Francisco area (1971) revealed that 16% of the companies which responded to the questionnaire were concerned with the "sexual orientation" of employees. When approached directly by homophile organizations some time ago, only three companies — Pacific Telephone and Tele-

graph, Pacific Gas and Electric, and Honeywell — admitted in writing that they do not knowingly hire homosexuals. When asked, most companies either deny or refuse to admit that they discriminate against homosexuals.

Already a fair amount of evidence has been accumulated proving discrimination exists. For example, the Mattachine Society of New York has shown that during a recent eighteen month period the Columbia Broadcasting System dismissed five different men hired to fill a particular position. One of them was fired after CBS inspected his draft record; and another, after a doctor's report indicated the man was homosexual. The Mattachine Society also reports that it knows of six homosexual employees dismissed by Pan-American Airlines during the past year and that the New York Telephone Company discharged an employee (1969) after finding reference to "homosexual tendencies" in his draft record. Randolph Wicker, prominent in the homophile movement, tells how he failed to obtain a job as an insurance adjuster after a company investigator learned from the superintendent of his apartment building that he gave week-end parties attended by males only. In Los Angeles the Coast and Southern Federal Savings and Loan Association asks its job applicants if they "have a problem with homosexuality." (The personnel manager says, however, that he hopes no one will take this to mean that his firm discriminates against homosexuals.) Jack Nichols, Executive Editor of *Gay*, reports that in March 1967, the day after the showing of the CBS Report on Homosexuality on which he appeared, he was dismissed from his



job as a hotel sales manager. GAA member Marty Robinson claims that "hundreds" of homosexuals working on Wall Street have recently been dismissed because of the state Attorney General's ruling requiring all financial employees to be fingerprinted. Since many homosexuals have arrest records and since bonding companies will not insure homosexuals or persons with arrest or conviction records, the men lost their jobs. The GAA also presented evidence to the New York legislative committee showing that Household Finance Corporation and International Business Machines will not hire or retain homosexual employees.

That churches release homosexual ministers is illustrated by the cases of the Reverend Troy Perry, now pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church in Los Angeles, the Reverend James Stoll, a Unitarian from Washington, and the Reverend Gene Leggett, a Methodist clergyman in Dallas, recently suspended after publicly identifying himself as a homosexual. A recent survey of a selected cross section of 584 Episcopalians indicated that 51% of them felt homosexuals should be kept from entering the priesthood and 43% felt homosexual priests should be deposed. In similar vein, a Presbyterian report admits that homosexual ministers are often removed from their positions and that homosexuals are excluded from Presbyterian seminaries. Indeed, recommendation forms sent by at least one Protestant seminary to character references include so suggestive a question as "Is the candidate truly masculine?"

What policies institutions and agencies — e.g., universities and city and state civil service commissions — which rely in whole or in part on public funds follow in regard to homosexuality is only beginning to be discovered. While the Civil Service Commissions of San Francisco, New York City, and Nassau County (New York) have assured homophile organizations that they do not consider sexual orientation a factor for employment purposes, the Civil Service Commission of Los Angeles considers arrest records for sexual reasons, even when charges are dropped, an automatic bar to public employment. And the Suffolk County Commission (New York), which requires all job applicants to state their sexual preference, has refused to reply to inquiries by homophile groups. Public universities seem to have no specific policies on the hiring or dismissal of homosexuals. But some deans and department heads appear to avoid hiring unmarried males over the age of 30 or 35. When a faculty member is arrested on a "morals" charge, he is usually quietly eased out, regardless of whether or not the charge is dropped and whether, if a trial results, the individual is convicted or acquitted. George Desantis, publisher of *Queen's Quarterly*, tells how, some years ago, after being denied an advanced degree from Purdue University

because he was a homosexual, he was compelled to resign a university position he had already accepted.

Voluntary public disclosures of homosexuality are now becoming fairly common. In many cases the individual concerned has lost his job, in other cases he has not. Thom Higgins of Minneapolis was dismissed from his job as a broadcaster on the Talking Book Radio Network of the State Services for the Blind after he told his superior that he would be appearing on a press conference held by the student homophile group at the University of Minnesota (1970). Gale Whittington, an employee of the States Steamship Line in San Francisco, was

fired (1969) after his picture appeared with another male in the *Berkeley Barb*. Leo Laurence was dismissed (1969) as a news editor for ABC's KGO-TV in San Francisco after he was arrested for disorderly conduct while participating in a public demonstration against the *San Francisco Examiner* which had carried an article hostile to the homosexual community. Frank Denaro, an employee of Tower Records of San Francisco, was dismissed after admitting he was a homosexual. Alice Naumoff, also of San Francisco, was notified (1970) that her teaching contract at a parochial school in the area would not be renewed after she accepted

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"I'm happy to be re-creating highlights from the past six Sirlebrity shows," Vigil continues, "in addition to the new numbers. We're reviving some old favorites like "The Duncan Sisters", "Tele-

phone Hour" "Put the Blame On Mame", and from last year's show "The Cardboard Cockettes". A lot of the new numbers we are doing will be little known works from the 20's, 30's and 40's including tributes to The Boswell Sisters, Andrew Sisters, and De Castro Sisters. There's a lot of "camp nostalgia" in this show with a little touch of insanity to the presentation of the numbers too."

Production staff for the show is under the charge of co-Producers, Chuck Zinn and John Koszak. Talent behind the scenes finds Lenette DeLamae whipping out the costumes, Bob Paulson designing and constructing the mammoth set, Gil Lopez and Vern Becker putting the cho-



Joe Vigil and Some "Madness" People

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rus through tap routines that would tax even a Ruby Keeler, and all under the musical supervision of Peter Arden, a newcomer to the Productions - but an experienced hand in the world of music and show biz.

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Showtimes will be on November 13 & 18-19-20-21st. All performances are in the evening at 8:30 with the exception of Sunday, November 21st which is a matinee. Tickets can be obtained at the S.I.R. Center, 83 6th st. or at Kings Court Barber Shop, 150 Powell St. no. 301. Ticket prices range from \$8.00 for "Mad Tables" seats to \$5-4.00 for other reserved seats. There will be a special S.I.R. Prevue Night for S.I.R. members only on Friday, Nov. 12th with all seats unreserved at \$3.00. For further ticket information and reservation call either the S.I.R. Center, 781-1571, or Kings Court, 421-3051.

(Warning: Tickets are going fast for this one...the editor.)

Employment

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an invitation to become an assistant pastor of the local branch of the Metropolitan Community Church whose congregation consists mainly of homosexuals. Kenneth Bland, a member of the Kalos Society, a homophile organization in Hartford, Connecticut, was suspended (1970) from his job as a counsellor at the American School for the Deaf after he appeared on a TV program dealing with homosexuality.

Perhaps the most widely publicized example of employment difficulties is that of Michael McConnell of Minneapolis. The University of Minnesota librarian recommended his appointment as head of the cataloguing department. But when, because he applied for a marriage license with Jack Baker, a student in the Law School, his sexual orientation became publicly known, the Board of Regents (1970) rejected his appointment. With the support of the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union, the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors, and the Minnesota Library Association, Mr. McConnell has taken his case to court. After hearing arguments, Judge Philip Neville issued an injunction forbidding the University from refusing to hire him solely because he is a homosexual. But the Board of Regents has appealed the decision to the Federal Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit which has not yet issued its ruling. Since the appeal, the American Library Association at its 1971 national convention has passed a resolution opposing employment discrimination such as that experienced by McConnell.

To remedy their situation, individual homosexuals and homophile organizations are by various means contesting unjust and discriminatory policies. They are seeking to win support from the public and public officials. As already noted, such New York groups as GAA, the Mattachine Society, and GLF have convinced a number of prominent officials and political candidates to take a favorable position on the employment issue. Elsewhere, especially on the West Coast, homosexuals are also pressing the issue. In San Francisco the Society for Individual Rights succeeded in obtaining a resolution from the Human Rights Commission (1970) opposing discrimination against homosexuals in employment and calling upon the city's Board of Supervisors to hold hearings on the subject, and if necessary, to pass remedial legislation. They have also (1971) received formal support from the Commission on Social Justice of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco. At the urging of local homophile groups, the New York City Human

Rights Commission held hearings in the fall of 1970 to determine the nature and extent of employment discrimination against homosexuals there. As a result the Commission strongly supported the fair employment bill in the city council and state legislature. In Los Angeles homophile groups are supporting proposals before that city's Civil Service Commission which would cease making an arrest record for sexual reasons grounds per se for non-employment. In Minneapolis, Mr. Conrad Balfour, until recently chairman of the Minnesota Human Rights Commission, has announced that he will recommend to the 1971 session of the legislature that the Commission be given speci-

fic authority to deal with the problem of discrimination against homosexuals. And in Washington, the Executive Secretary of the State Board against Discrimination says he will accept test cases involving employment discrimination against homosexuals.

A variety of other methods to remedy present difficulties is also being tried. In the McConnell case, in addition to injunctive relief from the courts, the support of professional associations has been significant. In the hope of ending some of the practices mentioned above, the Mattachine Society of New York has filed complaints against CBS and the New York Telephone Company. In the case of Leo

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The reader will enjoy "Sunday, Bloody Sunday". More tolerant and enlightened straight friends should be taken to see it — Blow their minds! There just may never be another picture like this — although *Time* says that it will start a trend. We were excited by it both physically and visually. It makes one proud to be gay. This movie says, along with F. Scott Fitzgerald: "There is a kindness and tenderness in the homosexual not met with elsewhere."



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S.F. Homosexuals' Political Machine

This article appeared on the front page of San Francisco's leading newspaper, *The San Francisco Chronicle*. Its circulation is over half a million people.

Since the article appeared the S.I.R. organization has been busy on the telephones and answering a heavy correspondence in regard to the article.

Although many San Franciscans have read it, *Vector* believes that its importance can not be questioned and we are re-running it as a public service. The increasing importance of the homosexual as a political force, is not an accident. It has, in San Francisco, resulted from seven years of concentrated effort by *The Society for Individual Rights*.

There are members who the gay community may not agree with the endorsements by S.I.R. but these endorsements were voted by the membership itself after a Candidates Night and a period of heated debate. The importance of this article is not who S.I.R. endorsed but that the homosexual has emerged as a political force in the community. . . the editor.

By Jerry Carroll

San Francisco's populous homosexual community, historically non-political and inward-looking, is in the midst of assembling a potentially powerful political machine.

A sustained and determined effort is under way to raise money and political consciousness, organize precinct workers, distribute campaign literature and pursue all the other avenues classically associated with the development of political muscle.

Working through the Society for Individual Rights, the Tavern Guild and many other gay organizations, large and small, the success so far of the unprecedented campaign has surprised even its architects.

BLOCK

The most frequent estimates of the number of homosexuals in San Francisco range between 70,000 and 90,000, but no one knows for sure. That they represent a potent and hitherto unharnessed bloc of votes is beyond doubt.

The beneficiaries in November of all this feverish campaign activity will be Supervisor Dianne Feinstein in her race for mayor; Supervisor Robert Mendelsohn, who hopes to amass

enough votes to become president of the Board of Supervisors; and Richard Hongisto, the underdog candidate for sheriff.

"This year there has been a tremendous political awakening," said James Foster, the full-time political chairman of S.I.R.

"We can supply a candidate with a certain number of votes and, in a close race, those votes are going to make the difference," said S.I.R. president William Plath.

"We're organized in groups now as we never were before," said William Beardemphl, a prosperous businessman who is an influential figure in homosexual circles.

STIGMA

"The stigma is gone from homosexuality," said Robert Ross, president of the Tavern Guild, an organization of 110 bars and restaurants sometimes called the "Gay Kiwanis."

"The gay community is now willing to vote in a bloc and that's where it counts," said Foster.

"I've had personal fundraising events thrown for me in Pacific Heights mansions with original Rembrandts hanging on the wall. I've frankly received campaign contributions from the gay community running into four figures," Hongisto said with awe.

The emergence of the homosexuals into the political mainstream is the predictable outgrowth of the burgeoning belief among gays that homosexuality is a choice rather than a sickness and marks another step in their long quest for acceptance and respectability.

The current political involvement of gays has its roots in the victory two years ago of Supervisor Feinstein, who received more votes than any other candidate and thereby won the board presidency. She attributed her extra margin to the homosexual vote.

"That gave everyone the thought that our vote really did count," said Foster.

DEPARTURE

Since the campaigning began this year, there has been a steady procession of candidates who have come hat in hand in search of endorsements from gay organizations — a dramatic departure from the past.

"When we started S.I.R. seven years ago, I can remember the attitude of politicians," recalled Beardemphl. "They would say, 'If you're our friends, don't support me.' That kind of snubbing happens very seldom now."

By way of example, Plath cited the example of William Bigarani, a sex crimes detail

inspector on leave to campaign for sheriff.

Bigarani led a series of well-publicized raids against homosexuals frequenting a downtown department store's restroom, earning the bitter enmity of gays in the process.

Nonetheless, Bigarani showed up at a recent S.I.R. candidate's night, gamely pitching for votes and — in Plath's dry appraisal — "earning the chutzpah-of-the-year award."

"They're a part of San Francisco and they've made many creative contributions to the city," said Mrs. Feinstein. "When the community is driven underground, it becomes less creative."

"If a democracy is to survive, the only way it will is if people get involved politically and pursue their interests," said Hongisto, whose hopes for a November win depend on forging a coalition of gays, the young and the minorities.

DIVERSITY

Gay leaders themselves emphasize that it would be a mistake to assume the homosexual population has a common and predictable political leaning.

"We have arch-conservatives, extreme-liberal Democrats and everything in between. We run the full spectrum in politics, thought and religion," said Foster.

They are united, however, in wanting an end to what they see as persistent police harassment, an end to discrimination against gays in government hiring and the abolition of laws governing sexual behavior between consenting adults.

That is what they want out of politics and that is why such a powerful effort is being invested in the current political campaigns on behalf of sympathetic candidates.

Hongisto began making friends in the gay community back in 1966 when he served on the police department's community relations unit.

"After a long time, I became very trusted for the way I did things and the way I didn't do things," he remarked.

"He has the open-door concept of police work and he's the only professional criminologist. The others are just trained police officers," remarked one gay leader.

"We're not trying to say Feinstein, Mendelsohn and Hongisto are the best for the gay community, but that they are the most responsive to the whole city and its myriad problems," said Ross.

The homosexual populace prefers Mrs. Feinstein because, in Foster's words, "She has a

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community which are receiving national and international recognition.

AMA...The unholy alliance between the medical profession and the insurance industry has scored again. A young member of the gay community too independent to request help of his parents, and with too much integrity not to meet his debts, is augmenting his regular income by selling his ass in order to meet his hospital expenses because of an inadequate insurance program which is inadequate because of a medical association in this nation which places personal greed above the public good. We can find our way to the moon and back but we haven't found a way to provide the members of our society decent hospitalization without destructive bankruptcy. The answer to this is not the government, at any level, which is only becoming more ineffectual in the area of health, education and welfare. The answer is in collective medical care provided by the gay community for its members. If the Jewish Community, no larger than the Gay Community, can build and support the finest hospital in San Francisco, so can we. Just think of the wonderful service that would be provided in a gay hospital by gay doctors, gay nurses and gay orderlies - We could staff three such institutions with no problems at all.

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Laurence, the TV news writer, the labor union of which he is a member gave him strong support. In a number of instances picketing has been used - e.g., in the cases of Gale Whittington, Leo Laurence, and Frank Denaro. Only Mr. Denaro has received his job back. Picketing has also been used against the New York City Board of Education for its refusal to certify known homosexuals as teachers and against Fidelifacts, a private investigative agency in New York City, which sells its services to companies desiring to know about the private lives of job applicants and employees.

The recent emergence of homosexuals as an organized minority demanding their rights is a social phenomenon of major consequence. As a harbinger of what is still to come, the Christopher Street demonstrations (1970 and 1971) in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles appear to be but the first of mammoth national protests against all forms of discrimination against homosexuals. Also, homosexuals are busy registering to vote so as to make their wishes felt at the polls. In the very near future we can anticipate the homophile community's fair employment demands will receive stronger and stronger support from civil rights organizations, legal aid societies, church groups, professional associations, labor unions, national student groups, and an ever-increasing percentage of the general public. Public officials, state legislatures, Human Rights Commissions, and the courts should be preparing themselves to deal with the subject because fair employment for homosexuals is an issue whose time has come.

"Homosexuals and Employment" by William Parker is a S.I.R. publication. It is \$1.00 ... S.I.R., 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, 94103.

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great talent for listening. We've discovered over the past two years that she's pretty open."

"Unlike many politicians in the past," said Mrs. Feinstein, "I've been willing to meet with them and tell them my views. On some things there are disagreements."

Mrs. Feinstein is not without her critics in the homosexual community, however, according to Karen Wells of the lesbian group Daughters of Bilitis.

"Many of us quite frankly don't trust her. She's talked out of several sides of her mouth. She is more responsive to S.I.R. than to women and that bothers me," said Miss Wells.

Most gay leaders interviewed said the homosexual population was overwhelmingly for Mayor Joseph L. Alioto when he first ran for election four years ago.

The gradual chill since then became a freeze when he vetoed a measure endorsing legislation by Assemblyman Willie Brown Jr. Which would legalize all sexual acts between consenting adults in private.

"We just don't go far enough for them," said Alioto aide Wes Willoughby. "Mrs. Feinstein does, or gives the impression she does."

Alioto backers nonetheless believe that the Mayor still commands considerable support among what they term the "non-political gays."

Observed Willoughby: "One of the reasons they are so active in this election is because this has been a good and tolerant community under Alioto."

"They perceive Mrs. Feinstein to be the most liberal candidate in the race and one who would offer relaxation of all the problems they have," Willoughby said.

"I think they are looking to participate in government and have attached themselves to very liberal candidates for that purpose," said mayoral candidate Harold Dobbs.

DECLINE

But the homosexuals interviewed said they have turned against Alioto mostly because of what they see as a decline in the quality of life in San Francisco.

"We pay a great deal more in taxes and have more concern with the quality of life," said Beardemphl. "It's an accepted fact, for example that the gays have done the most to promote the restoration of Victorian homes."

"Under Joe Alioto," he added, "things just haven't been happening." Said Ross: "He thinks like a machine politician of 50 years ago."

If politicians are no longer paralyzed with fear at the prospect of endorsement by homosexuals, there remains at least a residue of apprehension.

"If someone wanted to make an issue of it, obviously they could," Mrs. Feinstein said.

"There's a possibility of danger, but it's a possibility I'm ignoring out of principle," said Hongisto. "I don't care how a person has an orgasm as long as they don't hurt anyone else."

To questions from Dobbs and the Alioto camp about whether she would appoint a gay to an important city post, Mrs. Feinstein replies simply:

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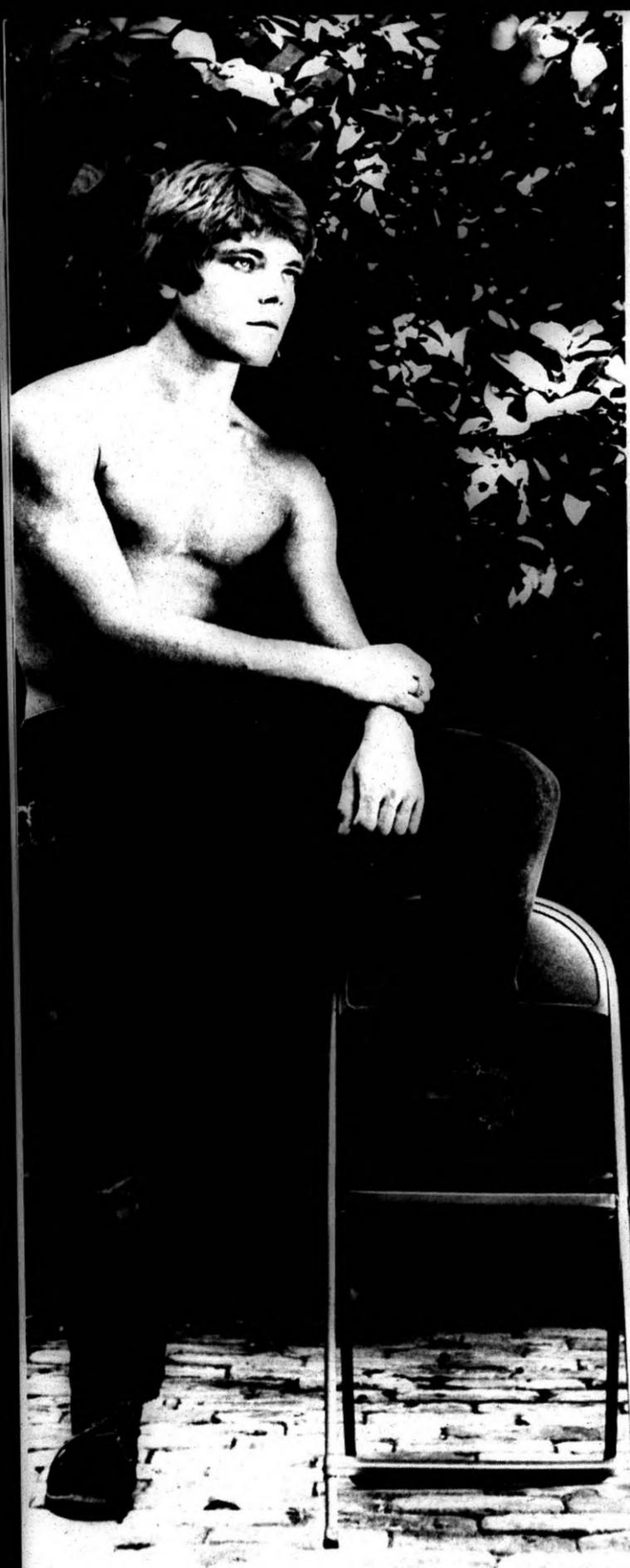
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- B - Brunch, Sunday
- R - Restaurant also
- D - Dancing
- W - Women
- L - Lunches

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- DOWNTOWN**
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Ambassador Lounge, 101 Eddy St. 441-2328
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Film Room, 180 Golden Gate, 775-4959
Gangway, 841 Larkin St. 885-4441
Gold Eagle, 220 Front, 982-8831
181 Club, 181 Eddy, 441-5373, E
Kokpit, 301 Turk St. 775-3260
Landmark, 45 Turk St. 474-4331, R
Latex Lilly's Saloon, 209 Stevenson St. (near 3rd & Market) 392-8840, L, R
Lonely Bull, 471 Turk St. 673-9891, R
Orpheum Circus, 1188 Market St. 863-9250, E, R, B
Page One, 431 Natoma, 982-1837, L, B, E, R
Polynesian Mary's, 154 McAllister, L, R
Rendezvous, 567 Sutter St. 781-3949, D
Savoni's Night Cap, 699 O'Farrell St.
Sutter's Mill, 315 Bush St. 397-0121, L, R
Totie's, 743 Larkin, 673-6820
Trapp, 72 Eddy St. 362-3838
Tropics, 990 Post, 776-8645

MISSION - UPPER MARKET, CASTRO AREA

- Fickle Fox, 842 Valencia, 826-3373, R, B
Kelly's Saloon, 3489 - 20th St. 285-0066, W, B, D, R
Libra, 1884 Market, 552-0886, R, B
Mint, 1942 Market, 861-9373, R, B, L
Connie's "Why Not?", 878 Valencia, 647-6949
Missouri Mule, 2348 Market, 626-1163, R, B
Nothing Special, 469 Castro, 626-5876
Pendulum, 4146 18th St. 863-4441
Riff-Raff, 621 Gough St. 921-9736, R
Saturnalia, 199 Valencia, 863-9652, D
Scott's Pit, 10 Sanchez St. 626-9534, W
The Twilight, 456 Castro, 621-9193
Toad Hall, 482 Castro, 864-9797

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Tycon's, 2450 Lombard, 441-0157, R, B
Yacht Club, 2155 Polk St., 441-8381, B

FOLSOM STREET AREA

- Boot Camp, 1010 Bryant, 626-0444
Cow Palace Saloon, 1347 Folsom, 863-6458
Dead End, 582 Folsom, 621-9088
527 Club, 527 Bryant, 781-9625
Ramrod, 1225 Folsom, 431-9233
Round Up, 6th & Folsom, 863-9628

- Speakeasy, 2742-17th St. (at Bryant)
621-1911, R, B, D, E, L
Stud, 1535 Folsom, 863-2980
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- Club Dori, 427 Presidio, 931-5896, R, B
Leonarda's, 16 Leland Ave, 585-1796, B, W
The Lion, Divisadero & Sacramento, 567-6565

NORTH BEACH

- Baj, 131 Bay, 421-1872, R, B
Capri, 1326 Grant, 434-0541
Gold Street, 56 Gold St., 397-5626, R, B, E
Greco's, 1335 Grant, 391-7447, D
Jackson's, 2237 Powell, 362-2696, R, B

COLE - HAIGHT AREA

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

PENINSULA

- Palo Alto:**
Locker Room, 1951 E. University, 322-8005
Redwood City:
Bayou, 1640 Main, 365-9444, D, R, B
Cruiser, 2651 El Camino, 366-4955, B, D
Hive, 3201 Middleford Road, 365-9568, W
Le Cabaret, 2821 El Camino, 365-6700, D
San Jose:
The Galley, 163 W. Alma St., 286-9656, B
Santa Clara:
The Tinker's Dam, 46 Saratoga, 243-4595, D, B
Cupertino:
The Savoy, 20469 Silverado Ave., 255-0195, W

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- 141 Club, 399 Beach St, 423-9878, D

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, D, L
Inn-B-Tween, 2325 East 14th St, 532-9938
Lancers, 3255 Lakeshore, 832-3242, R, B
Lou & Rae's, 2304 Telegraph, 444-5009
Manhole, 6534 Foothill, 638-9927, E
White Horse, 6547 Telegraph, 652-3820

Hayward:

- Aloha Club, 58 "A" St, 581-9856, D
Turf Club, 22517 Mission, 581-9877
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- Gaylord's, 3535 Guerneville rd.

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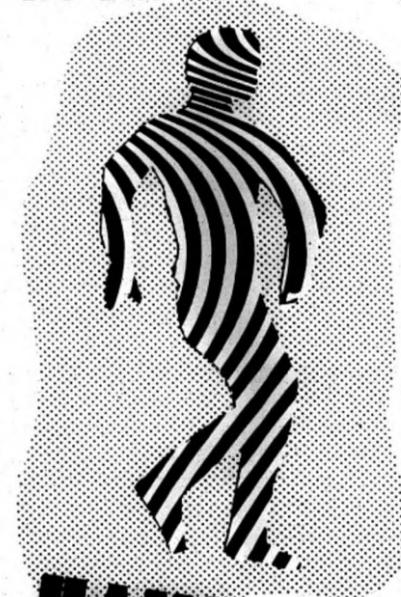
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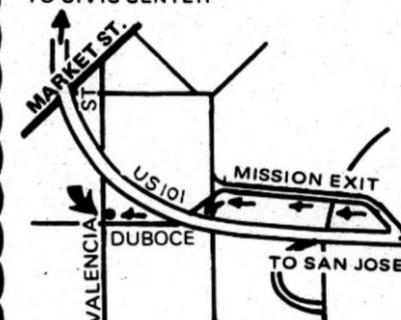
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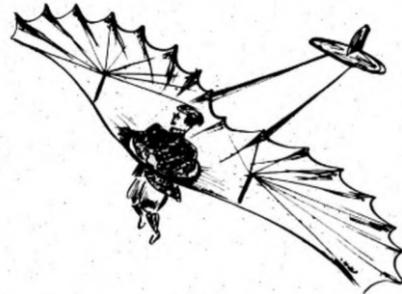
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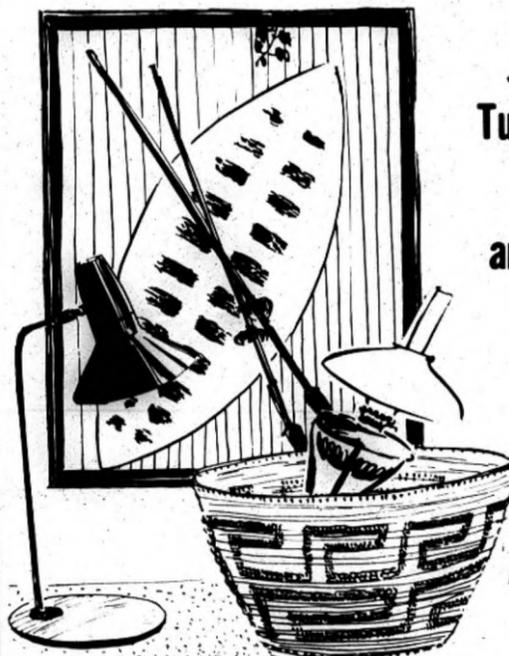
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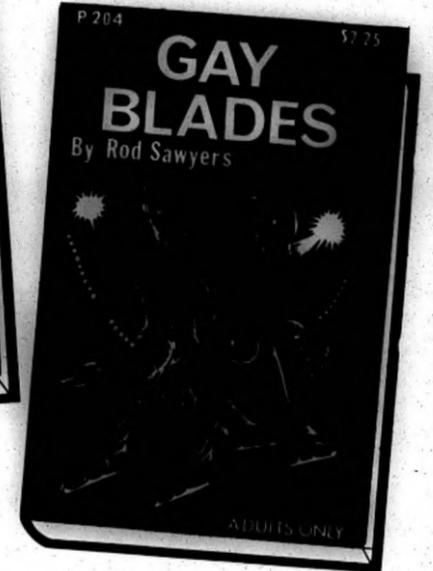
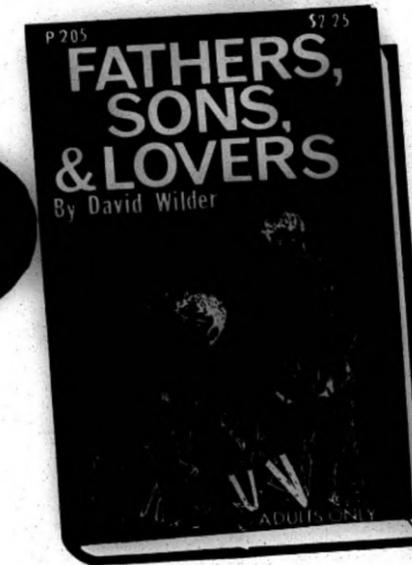
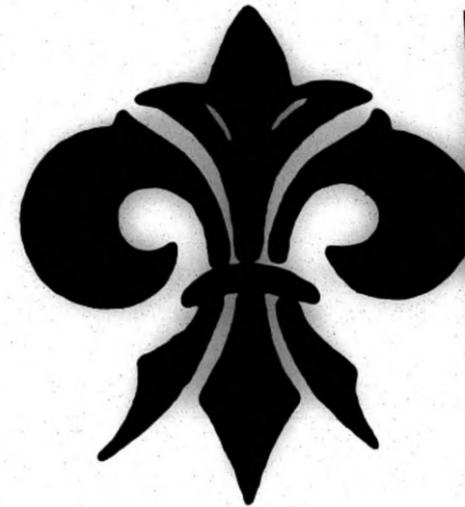
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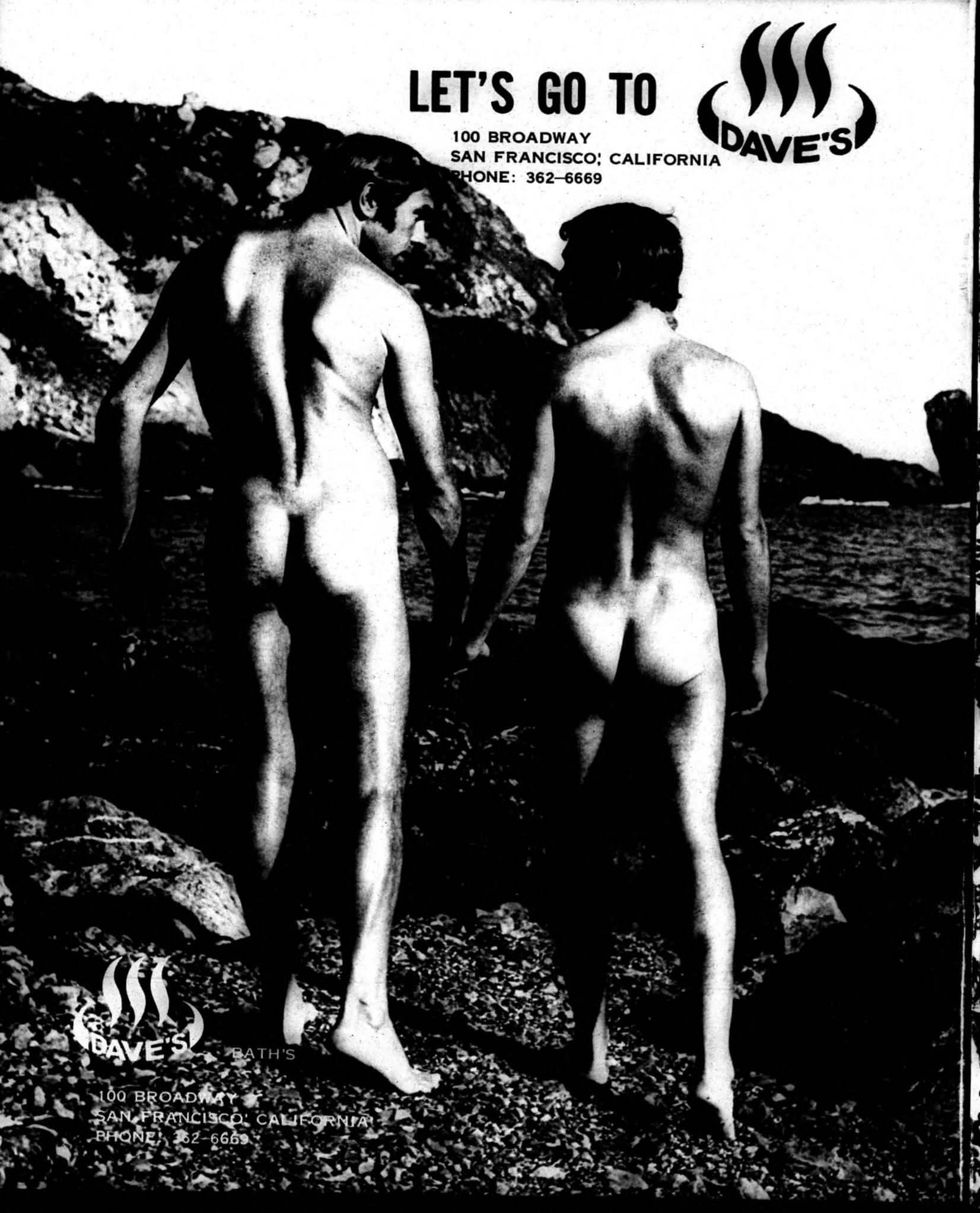
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