

IT'S WHAT'S UP FRONT THAT COUNTS

Upcoming Events in Mattachine

- MSW meeting will be on Jan. 8, 1970.
 Counting of ballots.
 Discussion of case acceptance criteria.
- Talk by high ranking member of Morals Division of the Metropolitan Police Department is firm for Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1970, at the George Washington University. The talk will be jointly sponsored by MSW and the Student Bar Association of GWU.

 All members and friends of the homosexual community are urged to attend this talk which is provisionally scheduled for 8 p.m., Rm. 10, at the GWU Law School.

 The topic of discussion and questions will be limited to Blackmail/Extortion.
- "How Not To Be Blackmailed" will be ready for distribution by mid-January.
- Watch for future issues of the "Advocate"

The way is peace...
the road is love.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Everyone attending a meeting expects the chairman to present the agenda items and to moderate the meeting with neutrality. Few persons know that although the chairman presents the agenda items, the members have the right, under Robert's Rules of Order, to ask for -- and if necessary, to vote for a "re-ordering" of the agenda.

Perhaps those assembled at a meeting have strong feelings on Topic "A" and they want to have lots of time for a discussion. They can ask for a vote on the re-ordering of the agenda and thereby place Topic "A" as item #1, #2, #3, or whatever they desire.

Perhaps the chairman thinks Topic "D" is not very worthy of discussion and so he places it last on the agenda, knowing that people will be tired and impatient to get home. If time runs out, the group can vote to continue the discussion at the next meeting. BUT the next meeting may be too late to take proper action.

The usual way of running a meeting is as follows:

1. The chairman calls the meeting to order.
2. The secretary reads the minutes of the last meeting. If there are no corrections and/or additions, the minutes are accepted as read.

3. Committee reports. Report from the treasurer.
4. Old business. This includes discussions left over from the last meeting. It might also include projects previously talked about but never assigned to a committee.
5. New business. When the chairman announces that the floor is open for new business, is the time to bring up your idea for a new project, a different approach for the organization, or a resolution to support, condemn, or initiate an action.
6. Chairman adjourns the meeting. The assembly may gather for refreshments, or there may be a discussion of non-organizational items which may be of personal interest to the membership.

The chairman may introduce items at any time during the meeting. And so may the members. But if the items which are introduced jump from topic to topic, things become very confusing. That is why old business items are grouped together and new items are grouped together. It is very hard to have an orderly discussion when people are confused.

Another way of AVOIDING confusion is for the chairman to step down when he is talking out of his personal bag. All he does is hand the gavel(symbol of the chair's authority) to someone else. Otherwise what happens is that while the chairman talks out of his personal bag, the meeting is WITHOUT a chairman. How can a non-chairman rule a person or a motion in or out of order??? How can a non-chairman maintain a neutral and orderly meeting???

Note: To ignore the reasoning of the above is tantamount to believing the ruler has fine clothes, when in fact, he is naked.

Robert's Rules of Order not only provide a mechanism to insure an orderly meeting but they also insure that each person will have an EQUAL chance to sway or confirm the opinions of others.

If a chairman attempts to dictate to the assembled body, those assembled may vote to relieve him of his duties and elect someone else as chairman. Should the dictatorial chairman refuse to go along with the majority vote, the group may evict him with force, or they themselves may walk out of the meeting.

ALL DECISIONS ABOUT THE MEETING ARE
 UP TO THE ASSEMBLED MEMBERS!!!

NO GOVERNMENT CAN LEGISLATE MORALITY: BUT ANY GOVERNMENT CAN LEGISLATE AGAINST THOSE WHO DEVIATE FROM WHAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE ACCEPTABLE MORALITY

NOW!! GAY POWER TO GAY PEOPLE

The following places are now carrying
The Gay Blade:

- Johnnie's -- corner 8th& E, S.E.
- Jo-Anna's -- corner 8th& E, S.E.
- 1832 Club -- 1832 Columbia Rd., N.W.
- Georgetown Grill -- 1300 block
Wisc. Ave., N.W.
- Golden Calf -- 1133 14th St., N.W.
- Front Porch -- 317 7th St., S.E.
- Hideaway -- 821 Penn. Ave., N.W.
- Carroll's Tavern -- 510 9th St., N.W.

Note: The papers are FULL of the many willful acts of lawlessness committed by our government. These acts are committed through the legal system and through the administrative system.

HOMOSEXUALS ARE DENIED THE RIGHT TO WORK by a government that advocates equal employment opportunity for private industry.

HOMOSEXUALS ARE DENIED the monetary rewards of serving in the armed forces.

HOMOSEXUALS SUFFER POLICE BRUTALITY AND OFFICIAL BLACKMAIL.

HOMOSEXUALS ARE SEGREGATED AND MISTREATED IN GOVERNMENT FACILITIES.

HOMOSEXUALS ARE DENIED a trial by the jury of peers as guaranteed by the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

HOMOSEXUALS ARE DENIED justice, peace, education, and jobs.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, IT IS THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO ALTER OR TO ABOLISH IT, AND TO INSTITUTE A NEW GOVERNMENT, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. . . . But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security."

Free all political prisoners.

Conspiracy is a crime for thinking or agreeing. THINKING MUST NOT BE CRIMINAL.

OUR COUNTRY RIGHT OR WRONG;

WHEN IT IS RIGHT
KEEP IT RIGHT;

WHEN IT IS WRONG,
MAKE IT RIGHT.

editorial *

This is a time of revolt--racial, economic, political, educational, religious, sexual. It is becoming a time of counter-revolt, which means the established order feels threatened. Tactics at the extremes of both revolt and reaction have been ugly....

...We wonder about the Homosexual Revolt. We welcome it. We hope it brings unity, numbers, voices. We hope it brings self-respect and bravery. The time for protest, picket-lines, petitions, demonstrations is long past due. We are not sick, not freaks, not criminals. It is no more justifiable to parade cardboard faggots on-stage for the theatre-goer to laugh at now than it was to exploit Negro stereotypes with Stepinfetchit in the 1930's.

We deserve good jobs and security in those jobs, equal treatment under the law, the right to serve our Country in politics, civil service, the armed forces without fear of exposure and contempt. We deserve to live as well as other Americans with allegedly more conventional sexlives. It is time we went after these things....

DARE TO LIVE -
DARE TO LOVE -
DARE TO GIVE
A DAMN -

[APATHY CAN KILL YOU]

* Reprinted, TANGENTS, Aug/Sep 1969

2661 S. Hamburg
ADOLF HITLER

The streets of our country are in turmoil. The universities are filled with students rebelling and rioting. Communists are seeking to destroy our country. Russia is threatening us with her might and the Republic is in danger. Yes, danger from within and without. We need law and order. Yes, without law and order our nation cannot survive. Elect us and we shall restore law and order.