

THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON
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INSIDER (for members only)

November 1966

MEETING NOTICE: December membership meeting- Thursday, December 1, 1966 at 8:00 p.m.
Place- Saint Mark's Episcopal Church (Parish Hall), 3rd & A, S.E.

Please let's get the meeting started on time. 8:00 sharp! This has become a perpetual request. Remember that the major reason for changing the meeting time from 8:30 to 8:00 was so that we could begin earlier and all get home in time for a good night's sleep before work on Friday. This is defeated if we can't get the meeting underway on time.

NEWS ITEMS: Washington Post, Sunday, November 13, 1966 - dateline, London, Nov. 12 (AO) U.S. NOVEL HIT IN BRITAIN AS OBSCENE. "Last Exit to Brooklyn," a novel by Hubert Selby, Jr. is entangled in British courts to determine whether it can be sold in that country. Prosecution has termed it a "filthy book" and the defense has termed it a "hellfire sermon." Sir Cyril Black, a Conservative member of Parliament brought a private prosecution against the book after the state refused to take action. It is considered the most sensational literary trial since "Lady Chatterly." The British publishers of the book are fighting the bill. Selby's book describes scenes of homosexuality, intercourse, a drug orgy, etc. At the trial, a retired headmaster of a large London school, cried out, "If that's what's going on in Brooklyn, God help the Americans."

Post Herald Book Review Section (Sunday) excerpt from review of Edward Robb Ellis' "The Epic of New York City." Reviewed by Louis Auchincloss. 'Of an early colonial administrator, Lord Cornbury, who startled his council by appearing in woman's garb, Mr. Ellis cautiously speculates: "It is conceivable that the Governor was a transvestite." But I wish he had put in the enchanting legend set forth on a placard in the New York Historical Society that the Governor donned a dress because, as a first cousin of Queen Anne, he felt that he better represented Her Majesty in the New World robed as she was!'

PARADE (Sunday newspaper Supplement), October 23, 1966. WOMEN TEACHERS Many psychologists claim that there are too many women schoolteachers on today's scene. They suggest that the American child is growing up in a matriarchial society and question deeply how this affects the growing boy. The contention that the American male is growing more effeminate and the female more masculine may be explained partially by the fact that choòls today are dominated by women.

Washington Post, Friday, November 4, 1966 (dateline London, Nov. 3) - HOMOSEXUALITY BILL MAY PASS PARLIAMENT. A bill to legalize homosexual conduct between consenting male adults in private appears almost certain to become law following a government decision today to provide the necessary time in parliament. The Cabinet made the decision because a large majority of Labor members support the bill, political sources said. Passage appears likely by next spring. The size of the majority and the fact that the House of Lords also strongly favors the bill virtually ensures its passage.

Washington Post, Sunday, November 27, 1966. Business & Finance, page 1. Feature article on Randy Wicker's Button Shop in New York City.

The press in this country during the last week and a half has been giving extremely wide coverage to the change of sex operations being performed on transsexuals at The Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore. The coverage has generally made it clear that there is no significant connection between transsexualism, transvestism, and homosexuality. The various articles have also tended to include statements by various authorities pointing out that transsexualism is not treatable by psychiatry. Hopefully, the press will in the not too distant future, be indicating this with regard to homosexuality.

Radio Program: Our Vice-president, Lily Hansen and Treasurer, Warren D. Adkins, appeared on the Steve Allison radio program, Tuesday, November 22nd. Representing the Society, they were featured from Midnight to 12:30. Mr. Allison was generally quite sympathetic and tolerant.

HANDOUT: Saturday, December 3rd is the date for our public handout of the 'Heterosexual leaflet, entitled, DID YOU KNOW THAT. We still need volunteers to assist with this project. We need distributors as well as people to assist folding the leaflets prior to the handout. With this Insider is a form which we request all members to complete and return in the pre-addressed envelope.

DUES: We remind you to bring your dues current in order for you to vote for the Society's officers and the January Term Executive Board member in January. As of the time the ballots are counted during the January membership meeting, your dues must be paid through December for your ballot to be valid. Dues notices will be sent out by the Treasurer with the ballots.

T.H.C.: Remember that a gift subscription to The Homosexual Citizen might make an appropriate Christmas gift for some of your friends.

The bulletin board in the outer office has a sign-up list for volunteers to assist with the production of T.H.C. If you are interested in helping, stop by the office and sign up or call and have yourself signed up. If you do sign up and later find that you cannot make it, please notify Lily or the office.

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December 3 Handout

Saturday, December 3,
Public handout of leaflet:
DO YOU KNOW THAT...

I volunteer to participate in the handout on Saturday afternoon.

I volunteer to assist in folding the leaflets on Friday evening (Dec. 2)
or Saturday morning (Dec. 3)

I will be unable to participate or assist.

First name & last initial