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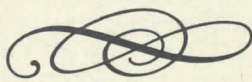
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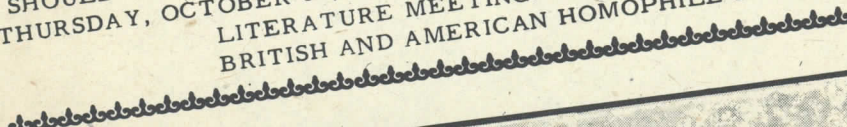
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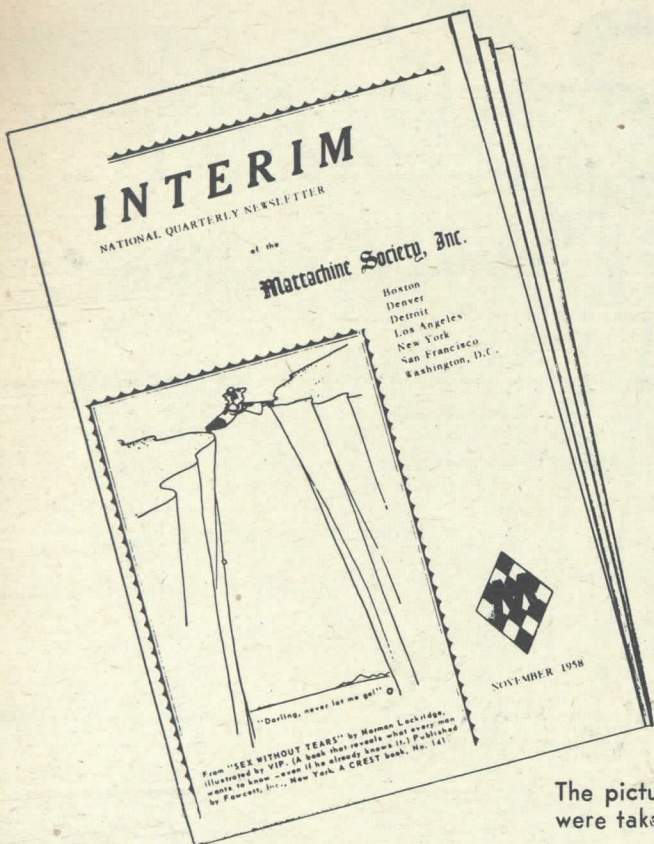
### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 8:30 PM MEMBER'S BUSINESS MEETING  
ELECTION OF AREA COUNCIL OFFICERS
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 8:30 PM  
SPECIAL MEETING: ADDRESS ON CENSORSHIP  
HERBERT MONTE LEVY, ATTORNEY
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2:30 PM  
DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS MEETING  
MATTACHINE OFFICES
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 8:30 PM  
ORIENTATION MEETING
- THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY: WHAT IT IS, WHAT IT DOES
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25  
MONTHLY SOCIAL  
DINNER: 7:00 PM - SOCIAL: 8:30 PM
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 8:30 PM  
DISCUSSION GROUP  
SHOULD THE HOMOSEXUAL BE INTEGRATED INTO SOCIETY?
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 8:30 PM  
LITERATURE MEETING: SOME 20TH CENTURY  
BRITISH AND AMERICAN HOMOPHILE POETRY
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There is a National Organization of Overt Homosexuals Who Call Themselves Mattachines—Their Goal is to Re-educate The Public About Sexual Deviation to Obtain "Full and Social Rights" For This Group

Convention news letter issued at the New York City meeting held last November.

## THE THIRD SEX



The pictures above show British homosexuals entering a building. These photos were taken by a police photographer. Man in hat has allegedly been picked up.

By MORRIS ROSENBERG JR.

**A**LTHOUGH its existence is not widely known, a nationwide organization of overt homosexuals—men and women who practice homosexuality and readily admit it—is out in the open today and making a quiet, insistent bid for recognition of the so-called third sex.

The Mattachine Society, as the group calls itself, asks "sexual equality for everybody." Its announced goal is to re-educate the public on matters of sexual deviation and it is pressing for "full civil and social rights" for "the world's most oppressed minority group."

It wants "the curtain of silence" raised.

With headquarters in San Francisco, the Society has chapters in New York, Boston, Washington, D.C., Denver, Chicago and Los Angeles. These offices are duly listed in telephone directories.

The members meet regularly, openly. A national convention was held last August in New York's Hotel Barbizon Plaza. Although the names of rank and file members are not disclosed, the names of national and local officers appear in various Mattachine publications.

The group is small, numbering less than three hundred dues-paying members. Its leaders believe fear and apathy, in that order, have prevented others among the United States' estimated 15 million homosexuals from taking part in its program.

Membership is open to anyone twenty-one or over without regard to "race, creed, color or sexual inclination." The Society says five percent of its members are heterosexual, and that this segment joined out of interest in the deviate's problems.

The Society has a handful of women members and others are found in a sister organization called Daughters of Bilitis. The Daughters, even less numerous than the Mattachines, are established in San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Providence and Philadelphia.

Mattachine meetings are announced in monthly news bulletins dispatched to members and other subscribers by local chapters. A typical gathering will feature a lecture, usually by a psychiatrist, social scientist or attorney, followed by a group discussion. Films dealing with aspects of homosexuality are sometimes shown and refreshments served.

Turnouts of these affairs seldom exceed fifty persons. The New York chapter, as an experiment, advertised one meeting by placards placed in cafes, stores and in the subway. This session drew three hundred curious and the vice squad. The police departed without taking action.

Some of the topics taken up at Mattachine meetings have concerned "Integration vs. Disassociation," "Transvestism," "The Homosexual and His Family," "Security Risks," "A Personal Code of Ethics," "The Homosexual and His Job," "Homosexuality and Religion," "The Homosexual and the Law."

Speakers in New York included novelist Fannie Hurst, former City Magistrate Morris Ploscowe, the Rev. C. Edward Egan, Father David Stein, San Francisco attorney Kenneth Zwerin, Dr. Wardell Pomeroy (of the Kinsey Institute for Sex Research), and a number of psychiatrists including Evelyn Hooker, Theodore Weiss,

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The problem of homosexuality is old as antiquity; has many facets.