

A CANDLE FOR S.I.R

by Gary Patterson

"Organized homosexuals have made San Francisco the 'gay capitol of the world' where it's respectable to do-your-thing without people getting upset about it," a S-I-R officer said Wednesday night. It was the 4th Anniversary of the Society for Individual Rights.

Like most port towns, San Francisco was always liberal going back to the days of Emperor Norton. Maybe that's why SIR now has nearly one thousand members and an annual budget of over \$60,000.

Popping champagne bottles with a cop present SIR's birthday party was a hell of a lot different than the first organizational affair.

It was a tiny room in a corner of the Falstaff Brewery. It was a super-secret thing, founding members recall — strictly underground. Everybody seemed scared, except several Episcopalian and Methodist ministers that were helping.

A revolution has occurred in

four years. Even the middle-class heterosexuals in the Sexual Freedom League admit being jealous of SIR. The gay kids now have their own large Community Center in downtown San Francisco, complete with a stage, dance floor, library, offices and kitchen.

"Largest homophile group in the country," said the New York Times. Look called SIR "most successful of all homosexual groups."

Strange thing about these gay kids is that they never have sex at their functions.

But, a gay boy can dance with another boy (if over 21) at SIR, or join a modeling group, Theatre, or even find out which politicians hate the homosexuals (i.e., Max Rafferty). The SIR Bowling group is so big it completely takes over an entire S. F. bowling alley (Park Lanes) every Thursday night.

Cops used to worry the fledgling organization. The fuzz, for example, four years ago raided a drag ball on New Year's Eve. They ignored attorneys (busted

them, too) who insisted it was a private affair.

Even that's changed. "In the last four years, not one arrest has been made in San Francisco for homosexual acts in private," according to Office Elliott Blackstone, a cop who even sponsors a Tenderloin club for transexuals called COG, (Conversion Our Goal).

"These gay guys make dates at their parties, but never do their thing in public. Our (police) problems are with the homosexuals in the Tenderloin who hustle the straights and sailors. They get picked up, beatēn, robbed, and sometimes murdered. The trouble is on the street, never at a SIR function," the cop said.

"Our society has a heterosexual fetish," said Dr. Earle Marsh, San Francisco Sex expert and Kinsey Institute consultant who addressed the SIR Anniversary party. "Freud is mainly responsible for the jibberish and nonsense that a man isn't mature if he screws

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another man.”

“There’s no such thing as an unnatural sex act biologically speaking,” Dr. Marsh said. “Society has created a set of fraudulent sex laws. Only recently has masturbation been removed from criminal laws in all the states. It’s now “legal” to jack off anywhere in private in the US.

“Homosexuals should accept themselves AS THEY ARE without feeling guilty about it,” Dr. Marsh said, and that’s just what SIR is doing.