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President's Page

J.-P. Marat

PREJUDICE...

DAY AFTER DAY I HEAR COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE PEJUDICES THAT THE STRAIGHT SOCIETY HAS AGAINST THE GAY SOCIETY. LET'S LOOK AT OUR OWN PREJUDICES. WE ARE MUCH MORE PREJUDICED ABOUT OUR OWN KIND THAN THE STRAIGHTS ARE! WE OSTRACIZE PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY DO THIS THAT OR THE OTHER IN BED. WE MAKE SNIDE REMARKS ABOUT A DRAG QUEEN WHO ISN'T QUITE CONVINCING ENOUGH. THE "LEATHER BOYS" ARE THE BUTT OF MANY JOKES AND MUCH RIDICULE. THEN THERE IS THE HAIR FAIRY.

IF WE WANT THE MAJORITY OF SOCIETY TO ACCEPT US AS WE ARE, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO START ACCEPTING OURSELVES AND THE OTHERS LIKE US.

THERE ARE MANY ORGANIZATIONS FOR HOMOSEXUALS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. MOST OF THEM HAVE RULES LIKE: NO DRAG, NO HAIR FAIRIES, ETC. ETC. THIS IS FINE IN A LEGAL SITUATION, BUT, WHY SHOULDN'T WE TAKE THE CHANCE OF GETTING NUSTED! THESE PEOPLE ARE HOMOSEXUAL JUST LIKE US. WE ALL WANT UNITY, BUT NO-ONE WILL FIGHT TO GET IT. AS I SAID BEFORE: LET'S START TAKING A GOOD LONG LOOK AT OUR SELVES BEFORE WE START TEARING DOWN SOMEBODY ELSE.

THE VANGUARD HALLOWEEN BALL!!

THE BALL WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 28th, AT GLIDE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, 330 ELLIS ST., S.F. THERE WILL BE LIVE MUSIC, A LARGE BUFFET, PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED, ETC. IT WILL BE A COSTUME BALL SO GUT GOT THE FIN ERY AND REALLY MAKE A SCENE. A KING (FEMALE) AND QUEEN (MALE) WILL BE CHOSEN. TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE VANGUARD OFFICE AT 330 ELLIS ST. STARTING OCTOBER 15th. THE TICKETS ARE 1.00 IN ADVANCE AND 1.75 AT THE DOOR. LET'S MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST AND BEST HALLOWEEN BALL THAT SAN FRANCISCO HAS EVER SEEN.

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AND THE MANY VOLUNTEER
WORKERS FROM VANGUARD
AND VARIOUS OTHER OR-
GANIZATIONS IN THE
CITY.

THANKS

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FROM THE PRESS RELEASE: Tonight a "clean sweep" will be made on Market St; not by the POLICE, but by the street people who are often the object of police harassment. The drug addicts, pillheads, teenage hustlers, lesbians, and homosexuals who make San Francisco's "MEAT PACK" their home are tired of living in the midst of the filth thrown out onto the sidewalks and into the streets by nearby businessmen... This VANGUARD demonstration indicates the willingness of societies outcasts to work openly for an improvement in their own social-economic power. WE HAVE HEARD TO MUCH ABOUT "WHITE POWER" and "BLACK POWER" SO GET READY TO HEAR ABOUT "STREET POWER."

FROM THE "AP", and "UPI" WIRESERVICES AND K G O RADIO:
"AP": A GROUP OF TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS FROM S.F.'s TENDERLOIN DISTRICT BECAME STREET SWEEPERS FOR A WHILE LAST NIGHT IN AN EFFORT TO SHOW "THAT WE HAVE A SENCE OF RESPONSIBILITY." J-P MARAT, PRESIDENT OF VANGUARD, THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION, SAID BETWEEN 40 AND 50 YOUTHS SWEEPED MARKET ST. BETWEEN POWELL AND TURK STREETS SHORTLY BEFORE 10 P.M. SAI MARAT: WE'RE CONSIDERED TRASH BY MUCH OF SOCIETY, AND WE WANTED TO SHOW THE BEST OF SOCIETY THAT WE WANT TO WORK AND CAN WORK."

"UPI": SOME 40 MEMBERS OF A GROUP CALLED VANGUARD INCORPORATED...COMPOSED OF SO-CALLED PEOPLE OF THE STREETS...SWEEPED ONE OF S.F.'s BUSIEST STREET BLOCKS LAST NIGHT. THEY BORROWED 30 BIG BROOMS FROM THE CITY AND SWEEPED MARKET ST BETWEEN MASON AND POWELL. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP SAYS THEY WERE TIRED OF THE WAY THE STREET LOOKS.

K G O RADIO: SOME 40 TENDERLOIN YOUTHS FROM A GROUP CALLED VANGUARD SWEEPED MARKET ST. FROM POWELL TO TURK LAST NIGHT USING EQUIPMENT DONATED BY THE CITY.

We wish to thank K G O Radio for their help in getting these released to the statewide newsservices.

We hope to follow this demonstration up with more and more demonstrations of our ability and willingness to cooperate with society. COOPERATE NOT COMPROMISE.



N i s h S O N B O O

THE CITY

A POEM BY MARK [REDACTED]

Walking through sidewalk sorrow
Tomorrow?
Tomorrow.
Boozing,
Cruising:
Loosing.
Falling into suitcase nightmares
walking,
talking
midnight sun sign
lustre-dent
"love for a ticket"
but my moneys spent.
done are the flowers
soil into sand.
Gone are the seedlings
thrown from the hand
of Miss Fortune
(she's a Bitch of a girl).
Swirling through corridors of mind
I find myself walking,
and asking-
Tomorrow?

the curse of youth

by
adrian ravarour

the curse of youth
is that i do not have "old age"—
age that will allow me
to walk in a tavern
to get a job
to be a published poet
to teach in a university
to be the artist
that i want to be...
to be respected by old men
WHO WISH THEY HAD MY YOUTH!

FOR KEN, THE SOLDIER

MARK [REDACTED]

*His name is gone
lost somewhere in the jungle
his gun rusted and voiceless
in the warm, killing rains.*

*He is lying somewhere
I know not of his last battle
of his courage or defeat,
I know not of his fortune or failure
at the end.*

*It does not matter
if he was lifted up
on a chariot of gold
he's just gone—*

I JUST HOPE HE WAS BURIED.



FOR,

FOR LINDA, A WHILE AGO

Two very simple
bone and camel ceramic bottles
sit on the low wood table
spurting
bright (garish) (lovely) rosey pink
hydrangeas
all full and dimpled
remember your hand
leaving mine
to pick them...
flashes of joy between our
eyes.

CRYSTAL

Alert Citizens

IN CASE OF ARREST

BE
SURE
TO
GET
THAT
BADGE
NUMBER

ALERT CITIZENS -- Most people when they hear the cries of "police brutality" automatically think of the words cried by extremists, radicals, or of communist conspirators. The average middle class American is apathetic to the needs and wants of his neighbor, his feelings are only of self concern. Only when they themselves are victims, do they believe in police harassment, brutality, and intimidation.

Citizens Alert was not formed to "put down" the police department or to say which laws should be enforced or which should not. We want equal law enforcement for all members of society; this includes homosexuals, hustlers, prostitutes, hippies, Mexican-Americans, Negroes, etc. Most Citizens Alert cases involve members of minority groups. At the present time, for example, a majority of Citizens Alert cases come from the Haight-Ashbury district. Members of the Haight-Ashbury community are now working in cooperation with Citizens Alert to see that the police department, especially the Park Police Station, stop wasting their time and the tax payers money on harassment of members of San Francisco's "beat" community.

Next month--Tenderloin Cases

by James Reginald Turner-Lamont, writer and honorary member of VANGUARD, Inc.

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A NEW FOUND ART

RAY BROSHEARS

A new found art has come upon the San Francisco scene, that is, The Art of Standing By and Watching Someone Get The Shit Beat Out of Them. We've all heard about this Art in New York and St. Louis, where hundreds of people stood around and watched a person be either stabbed or beaten to death.

San Francisco's Tenderloin has now adopted this art, To Wit: a brutal beating of two people on Market Street.

What has become of us when we stand idly by and watch someone be beaten senseless by two or three people and do absolutely nothing to stop it?

Evidently, APATHY has become the order of the day in the T.L. Not until the young residents of the area learn to pull together and jump in to stop this crap, will there be any sort of order in the chaos that now exists here.

To many of the residents here have the attitude of: "I don't want to get involved, it isn't me." Or, "I don't know him, so why should I help?" Once again we call for unity among the residents of the Tenderloin. We must stand together against the cowards and bullies of the middle and upper-class areas of our city who come to our area and get their rocks off by: "BEATING THE SHIT OUT OF QUEERS!"

REMEMBER THIS: SOME DAY OR NIGHT IT MAY BE YOU STANDING ALONE GETTING THE SHIT KICKED OUT OF YOU. SOME OF THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU MAY BE THE SAME ONES WHO MIGHT HAVE NEEDED YOUR HELP SOME TIME BEFORE!

National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations

THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THE BELLVUE HOTEL, AUGUST 25-27, 1966.

HERE IS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE COMMITTEES THAT WERE FORMED THAT WILL POSSIBLY IMPORTANT TO THE MEMBERS OF VANGUARD, Inc., AND THE CITIZENS OF THE T.L.:

YOUTH AND HOMOSEXUALITY: The conference approved the appointment of a committee to study the problems of young persons who may have difficulties regarding homosexuality and other related matters categorized by society as anti-social problems. The committee would draw upon the resources, insights, and information VANGUARD, Inc. may provide and would prepare a report "including constructive suggestions to alleviate any unnecessary hardships of these youths." The committee, consisting of Jean-Paul Marat, VANGUARD, Inc., John [REDACTED] VANGUARD, Inc., D.L. [REDACTED] DOB and VANGUARD, Inc., Clark P. Polak, Homosexual Law Reform Society, and Doug Saunders, Association for Social Knowledge, Vancouver, B.C., will issue a preliminary report within six months and a final report at the next meeting of the National Planning Conference.

LEGAL FUND: The conference approved a legal defense fund. To be established as a non-profit corporation, it would fund the legal defense of persons charged with crimes under laws affecting individual rights to privacy and freedom of choice in private life, according to a preliminary proposal. A committee was appointed under the chairmanship of Herb Donaldson, GTR, to study the proposal for such a fund and make detailed recommendations.

To many members of VANGUARD, this conference was a waste of time and money. It can be truthfully said that VANGUARD made quite an impression on the other delegates to the conference. Many of the organizations which publish newsletters or magazines are doing feature articles on us. The President of VANGUARD Has been asked to write articles for a couple of the publications himself, so the Convention did us a lot of good. When the time comes for us to get working on the report mentioned above, let's everybody cooperate in helping to compile the information.

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Joseph Alsop

OH, REALLY!

Ky's Amazing Achievements

ALF

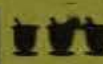


THE ARTISTS' LIBERATION FRONT IS A GROUP OF SAN FRANCISCO ARTISTS COMBINED TO BRING THE SEPARATE COMMUNITIES OF THE CITY THE HAPPINESS AND INSTRUCTION OF THEIR ART. ONE OF THE WAYS "ALF" IS GOING TO CARRY OUT THIS SIMPLE PLAN IS THROUGH THE INVENTION OF THE "ALF" FREE FAIR. THE FREE FAIR IS A TRAVELING FESTIVAL THAT WILL BE IN THE TENDERLOIN ON OCTOBER 8th and 9th.

BY ITS DESIGN, WHICH IS TO ENGAGE PARTICIPATION, BY THIS WE MEAN THE VERY ACT OF CREATING, BOTH ARTISTS AND AUDIENCE. A WORD PERHAPS YOU ARE MORE FAMILIAR WITH, A HAPPENING.

WE WISH TO GIVE AS MUCH AS WE FEEL THE CULTURE OF THIS CITY AND COUNTRY HAS TO OFFER TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE CAN WHO MAY NOT HAVE HAD IT OFFERED TO THEM YET.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE ARTISTS' LIBERATION FRONT, CALL WAZ-4850.
THEIR ADDRESS IS [REDACTED] SAN FRANCISCO.



HALLOWEEN BALL

THE BAY AREA LETTERMEN

143 EDDY STREET



29 - 30th

8:PM 6:AM

4.00 Advance

5.00 At door

21 yrs & older

BEER ON SALE

8:PM 2:AM

L a r g e B u f f e t & B a n d

Prizes for best dressed
KING and QUEEN.

Teenage Halloween Ball

Monday--31st

8:PM 1:30 AM

3.00 At door or advance

BAND