

NATIONAL COMMITTEE
FOR
SEXUAL CIVIL LIBERTIES

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JUNE 18, 1978

Dear Committee Members, guests and observers;

This is our final letter to you regarding the Summer 1978 Meeting. We have still not heard from some as to their plans for attending. Failure to respond to this letter will assure us you will be unable to come to San Francisco this summer, and we are very sorry, we will miss you.

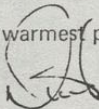
Reservations will be made at the Hotel San Franciscan, for you by the committee. If you require a room and have not advised Tom, Arthur or my-self please do so at once, this is a high tourist season and you could find yourself without a bed if you delay. Those who have requested private housing will be advised by telephone if you wish to call me at the number on this letterhead, otherwise I will give you this information upon arrival. If for some reason you should not be met at the airport, come to the Hotel San Franciscan at 1231 Market Street and go to Tom Coleman's room for your Host's Address. IMPORTANT! Those of you who have made arrangements to stay with friends or relatives please advise me at once of the address and phone number of where you will be staying so that we may include this in the program. After all, many will want to get together after meeting hours and will look for you in the program.

We will try to bring you from the airport into the city, However do not expect to be met if you have not advised me early of your arrival time, airlines, and flight number. We have some 45 persons attending this year and will be very busy. I also must know your departure time early so that your hotel room can be secured and/or your hosts can be advised of your length of stay.

The San Francisco Hosts will be at the Hotel San Franciscan at 8:00 p.m., p.s.t., in the Stevenson Room to welcome you. There will be a no host bar. The meetings begin on July 1, at 9:00 a.m. in the Stevenson Room. The Committee will host cocktails and dinner at 7:00 p.m., and on July 3 at 8:00 p.m. the San Francisco Hosts will host cocktails and dinner. There will be a Brunch at 10:00 a.m. at the Hotel San Franciscan which the committee will host the panelists and for which members and guests will be no host, on Sunday morning July 1. The cost will be no more than \$5.00.

Your programs will have all the details on this, as well as places of interest, maps, agenda, addresses, and what ever I can to entertain you. By the way, only two panelists have submitted their biographical and agenda outlines. If you feel that everyone in the United States knows who you are and what you are speaking on you do not need to send any information, otherwise please hurry so we can include you in the program!

Our warmest personal regards,



Dick Caudillo For
The Committee

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SUMMER - 1978

ARTHUR WARNER
CO-CHAIRPERSON

And a youth said, Speak to us of friendship.
And he answered saying;
Your Friend is your needs answered.
He is your field which you sow with love,
and reap with thanksgiving.
And he is your board and your fireside.
For you come to him with your hunger,
and seek him for peace
when he is silent your heart ceases not to listen to his heart,
For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence,
And let your best be for your friend
If he must know the ebb of your tide,
let him know it's flood also.
For what is your friend that you should seek him with hours to kill?
Seek him always with hours to live.
For it is his to fill your need

Kahlil Gibran - 1928

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AGENDA

june 30

8:00 p.m.

ARRIVAL IN SAN FRANCISCO - *Cocktail Party, Hotel San Franciscan, Stevenson Room*

july 1

9:00 - 10:30

DEVELOPMENT OF THOUGHT IN RELIGIOUS GROUPS - *Michael F. Valente, Ph. D., Warren Johansson, Ph. D.*

10:45 - 12:15

SEPERATION OF CHURCH AND STATE - *Paul D. Hardman, President - PRIDE Foundation*

12:15 - 1:45

LUNCHEON

1:45 - 3:15

APPLICATION OF CONTRACT AND EQUITY LAW TO GAY RELATIONSHIPS - *Steven T. Kelber, J.D., Marvin Mitchelson, J. D., Superior Court Commissioner Donald Pike*

3:30 - 5:30

SEXUAL ORIENTATION, SOCIAL SEX ROLES AND ABRIDGEMENT OF SEXUAL CIVIL LIBERTIES - *John P. De Cecco, Ph. D., Donald Knutson, J. D., Petra Liljestrand, M.A., Wendy Cutler, Ph. D., Salvatore Licata, Ph. D., Brian Voakes, Robert Peterson, M.A., Michael Shively, M. A.*

july 2

10:00 - 11:00

BRUNCH - *An oppertunity to informally discuss agenda topics with panelists (no host)*

11:00 - 1:00

POLICE GAY RELATIONS - *W. A. Tennant, Ph. D., Research Director, San Francisco Police Officers' Association*

1:00 - 2:00

LUNCHEON

2:00 - 4:00

RECOGNIZING AND COMBATTING ADMINISTRATIVE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SEXUAL MINORITIES - *Anthony Silvestre, Chairperson Pennsylvania Council on Sexual Minorities, Jerry Weller, Executive Director Portland Town Council*

4:15 - 5:30

LEGISLATIVE REFORM OF SEX LAWS - *Arthur C. Warner, Ph. D.*

july 3

9:30 - 11:30

SEX SURVEYS - *R.A. Laud Humphreys, Ph. D., John Bartolomeo, Ph. D.*

11:30 - 1:00

LUNCHEON

1:00 - 2:30

MILITARY LAW, RECENT COURT CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES REGARDING HOMOSEXUALITY - *John Vaisey, J.D.*

2:45 - 5:15

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION, A REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF RECENT COURT AND ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS - *Donald Knutson, J.D.*

july 4

11:00

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING - *Closed to all but committee members.*

Then a lawyer said, But what of our laws?
And he answered: You delight in laying down laws,
Yet you delight more in breaking them.
But what of those to whom life is a rock, and the law a chisel with which they would carve it?
What of the cripple who hates dancers?
What of the old serpent who cannot shed his skin, and calls all others naked and shameless?
You who travel with the wind, what weather-vane shall direct your course?
And who is he that shall bring you to judgement if you tear off your garment
yet leave it in no man's path?
you can muffle the drum, you can loosen the strings of the lyre,
but who shall command the skylark not to sing?

Kahil Gibran - 1923

WARREN JOHANSON, Ph. D. - Columbia University

Dr. Johanson will speak on the union of Church and State under the ancient Regime and its consequences for the law of sexual offences. His emphasis will be on two historical periods: the development of the sodomy laws in England and Germany between 1508 and 1563, and then in the United States and France between 1775 and 1810, showing that the Reformation did not affect the law on this subject in any way, but that the Enlightenment did produce a cleavage between the legal situation in France and that in the United States. He shall point out the relevance of his findings to our own Constitution.

Dr. Johanson was trained in Slavic and comparative philology at the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University. He has served as Scientific/Technical Editor of the *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF GREEK LOVE* and *KALOS*, and is collaborating with J.Z. Eglinton on a second edition of the book *GREEK LOVE*. He has been active in the Gay Academic Union since its founding conference in November 1973, and is a member of the Scholarship Committee and of the Publications Committee, which produces the journal *GAI SABER*. With Wayne Dynes of Hunter College he is planning to co-author a book entitled *EROS MYTH AND STIGMA: THE HISTORICAL SEMANTICS OF SEXUAL INTOLERANCE*. Since 1952 he has been gathering material for a comprehensive study under the title *HOMOSEXUALITY, PEDERASTY, INTERSEXUALITY*, which among other topics will deal with the origins of the sodomy delusion in Western Civilization and the movement to combat it in modern times.

THE SODOMY DELUSION

A complex of paranoid beliefs inculcated by the Christian Church in the Middle Ages, and still prevalent throughout Christendom, to the effect that non-procreative sexuality in general, and homosexual acts between males in particular, are contrary to the law of Nature, to the exercise of right reason, and to the will of God, that sodomy is practiced by individuals whose wills have been enslaved by demonic powers

that it is a crime committed
by the merest handful of
depraved individuals

but that it is ubiquitously
threatening and infinitely
contagious

that everyone is susceptible of the
demonic temptation to commit sodomy
and potentially guilty of the crime

but that the crime is hated
and condemned everywhere and
by everyone

that it is the cause of numberless catastrophes for the community that tolerates such practices in its midst, that if allowed to spread unchecked it will result in the suicide of the human race, that it must be blotted entirely out of consciousness, memory and written record, and that the individuals guilty of such practices should be punished with the utmost severity and if not put to death in accordance with the Biblical injunction, then totally excluded from Christian society.

- W. Johansson

STEVEN T. KELBER, J.D. - COLEMAN & KELBER

Steven Kelber is twenty-six years old. He received his B.A. degree from the University of California in Economics in 1973. He was awarded his Jurum Doctor from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1976. He is the junior partner in the Law Firm of Coleman & Kelber, a general practice serving the Gay Community.

DONALD PIKE - LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER

Donald Pike has been presiding over the Family Law Court, hearing disputes over custody, support, and visitation matters, since May of 1975. Prior to that, he was assigned to the Los Angeles County Juvenile Court where he heard matters of abandonment, child abuse, and juvenile crimes. He will speak on the accessibility of the Courts to same sex couples and selected problems peculiar to non-married couples.

*It is tragic when religious
Mc Carthyism exerts a self-righteous
and arrogant tyranny of politicized
fundamentalism over the human rights
of a scapegoat minority. But the
closet door is open.*

It must never be shut again

Malcolm Boyd - 1978

JOHN P. De CECCO, Ph. D. - CHEER

John De Cecco is Professor of Psychology and Director of the Center for Homosexual Education, Evaluation and Research (C.H.E.E.R.) at San Francisco State University. He is principal investigator of three National Institute of Mental Health Projects. He is also editor of the *Journal of Homosexuality*.

DONALD C. KNUTSON, J.D. - GAY RIGHTS ADVOCATES

Donald Knutson is Professor of Law at the University of Southern California. He is legal counsel for the *RELATIONSHIP OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION* project in CHEER. He is in private practice and is Director of Gay Rights Advocates.

MICHAEL G. SHIVELY, M.A. - CHEER

Michael Shively is associate director of CHEER. He is associate editor of the *Journal of Homosexuality*.

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Wendy Cutler is a Ph. D. candidate in the History of Consciousness program at the University of California at Santa Cruz. She is a research assistant and interviewer in CHEER.

BRIAN VOAKES - CHEER

Brian Voakes is a research assistant in CHEER. He is an undergraduate in psychology at San Francisco State University.

CENTER
FOR
HOMOSEXUAL
EDUCATION, EVALUATION
& RESEARCH

The general purpose of this research project is to study issues that arise in conflicts that homosexual men and women have in public or private institutions. A conflict is defined as a situation in which one party was perceived by another party as threatening to take or taking action against them. Conflicts must involve persons whose civil liberties may have been abridged because of their femininity, masculinity or sexual orientation. Institutional settings for conflict include the following: education, law enforcement, health services, licensing, public accommodation and housing, family, social rehabilitation, immigration and naturalization, military, media and culture, religious institutions, voluntary organizations, financial institutions, business and industry, and professional services.

To be interviewed for this study the individual must be twenty-one or older. The study began in January 1975 and will continue through 1980. The locals for interviewing will be the San Francisco and New York metropolitan areas. The interview schedule includes : 1) Questions about the conflict incidents; 2) Questions about the perceived femininity and masculinity of the parties; and 3) Questions about the sexual orientation of the parties. All interviews and reports are strictly confidential.

Answers to questions about femininity and masculinity will be used to study the relationship between social sex-role stereotyping and the abridgement of civil liberties. A major research question is the following: Do men and women, whose behavior perceptibly departs from the social sex-role stereotypes, experience the abridgement of their right of equality.

The interview will also examine issues of sexual orientation to determine the relationship between violations of civil liberties and knowledge or assumption of the homosexual orientation.

The study will strengthen the protection of the civil liberties of men and women who belong to social sex-role or sexual orientation minorities. Results will be published in the form of articles and a book.

JERRY WELLER, B.A. - PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

Jerry Weller is also a Commissioner of the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission of Multnomah County, Oregon. Mr. Weller's occupational background is diverse. In the spring of 1978 he managed the political campaign of a candidate for Multnomah County Commission. Previous to that he was Executive Director of the Portland Town Council, Oregon's major gay civil rights organization. In the past he has worked as the teaching-principal of a small, rural grammar school in central Maine and various positions in Florida, California, and central Pennsylvania.

It was in central Pennsylvania in 1974-1976 that Mr. Weller began his gay rights work. He was a board member and secretary of Homophiles of Penn State and attended many of the initial meetings of the Pennsylvania Task Force for Sexual Minorities. He also wrote a regular gay column in the area's alternative culture newspaper. He was a member of the State College Committee for a Human Relations Ordinance.

Upon moving to Oregon in 1976, Mr. Weller became Executive Director of the Portland Town Council. The Portland Town Council published *A Legislative Guide to Gay Rights* and lobbied effectively for the formation of and was the official advisory body to the Oregon Department of Human Resources Ad Hoc Task Force on Sexual Preference. Mr. Weller was Cochair of the finance committee of Eugene Citizens for Human Rights, the organization formed to fight the repeal of that city's gay rights ordinance. He currently resides in Portland, Oregon with his lover of eight years.

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Some of your youth
seek pleasure
as if it were all,
and they are judged,
and rebuked.
I would not
judge nor rebuke them,
I would have them seek.

Kahlil Gibran - 1923

BARS, BATHS, ROADSIDES

<u>CASTRO</u>	Brig 1347 Folsom St. 863-6458	Trapp 72 Eddy St. 362-3838 Hustler Bar	Cafe San Marcos 2367 Market St. 861-3846	Sutro Bath House 312 Valencia 861-9111 Kinky! co-ed
Bars	Ramrod 1225 Folsom St. 621-9196	Disco-Bar	Castro Cafe 484 Castro St. 621-2125	<u>Theaters</u>
Elephant Walk 18th & Castro 863-4202	Discos (leather?)	Oil Can Harry's 709 Larkin St. 982-9660	Bergerie 4221 Beary Bl. 386-9903 not gay - French	Cinemattachine 384 Ellis Street 474-6995
Pendulum 4148 18th St. 863-4441	Stud 1535 Folsom 863-6623	City 936 Montgomery 391-7920	Bakery Cafe 531 Castro St. 621-4640	Laurel Theater 2111 Polk St. 928-1119
Midnight Sun 506 Castro St. 861-4486	<u>POLK</u>	Trocadero Trans 520 4th Street 495-6620	Ernie's 847 Montgomery 397-5969 Not gay - French Expensive	Nob Hill Cinema 729 Bush 781-9468
Twin Peaks Castro & 17th 864-9470	Bars	Mind Shaft 2140 Market St. 626-2543	Hamburger Marys (Cissy's Saloon) 1582 Folsom St. 626-5767	Spartan 150 Mason St. 421-5257
Discos	Gangway 841 Larkin Street 885-4441 opens at 6:00	I Beam 1748 Haight St. 668-6006		
Toad Hall 482 Castro St.	Discos			
Restaurant-Bars	N'Touch 1548 Polk St. 441-8413	Peg's Place 4737 Geary Bl. 668-5050 (women)	<u>BATHS</u>	
Bear Hollow 440 Castro St. 861-9427	Buzzby's 1436 Polk St. 474-4246	Restaurant-Bar	C.B.C. 330 Ritch St. 392-3582	This is of course just a partial listing. There is much more, ask a host. If you want any information about a particular place just ask. The Committee
Badlands 4121 18th St. 626-9320 western	<u>ELSEWHERE</u>	Eagle Creek 1884 Market 863-3323 western	Catacombs F.F.A. see a host	
<u>FOLSOM</u>	Bars		Club Baths of S F 201 8th Street 626-1680 (not a C.B.C.)	
Bars-Leather	Lion Pub Sacramento & Divisadero 567-6565	Mint 1942 Market St. 861-9337	Dave's Baths 100 Broadway 362-6669	
Ambush 1351 Harrison 863-3617	Pier 23 Pier 23 at Embarcadero 362-5125 Not gay but best Jazz in town	Sutter's Mill 315 Bush St. 397-0121	Hotel 973 Harrison St. 543-5263 (F.F.A.)	ARTHUR you're on your own
Ball Room 224 6th St.	Buena Vista Hyde & Beach 474-5044	Trinity Place 25 Trinity Place 433-4922	Slot 979 Folsom St. 495-9828 (F.F.A.)	
Black & Blue 8th & Howard		<u>RESTAURANTS</u>		
Boot Camp between 6th & on Bryant (back room)	Not gay but a landmark	Cornor Grocery Bar & Deli 4049 18th St. 863-9463		

SOCIAL

TOM HORN

Has invited the Committee, panelists, and guests to his home for cocktails at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, July 1. This will be your opportunity to meet some of San Francisco's *local color*. No one should miss out! You will find directions in the maps section of your program.

PRIDE

The *Pride Foundation* will host dinner and cocktails on Sunday evening July 2, at 8:00 p.m. for the Committee, Panelists and guests. We will be both very informal and very social. You will have an opportunity to see San Francisco's Gay Community Center. Directions are in the Maps Section of your Program.

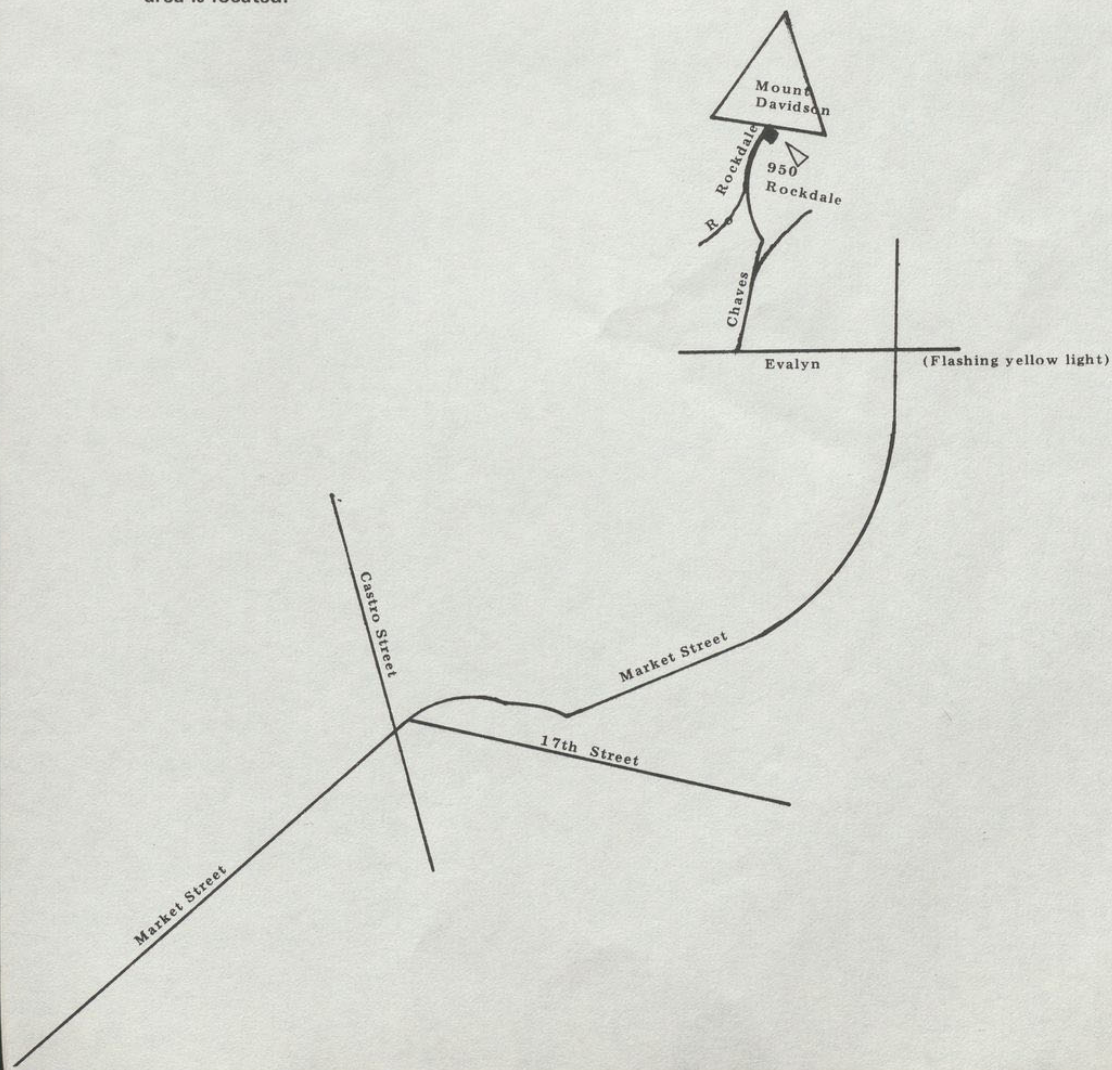
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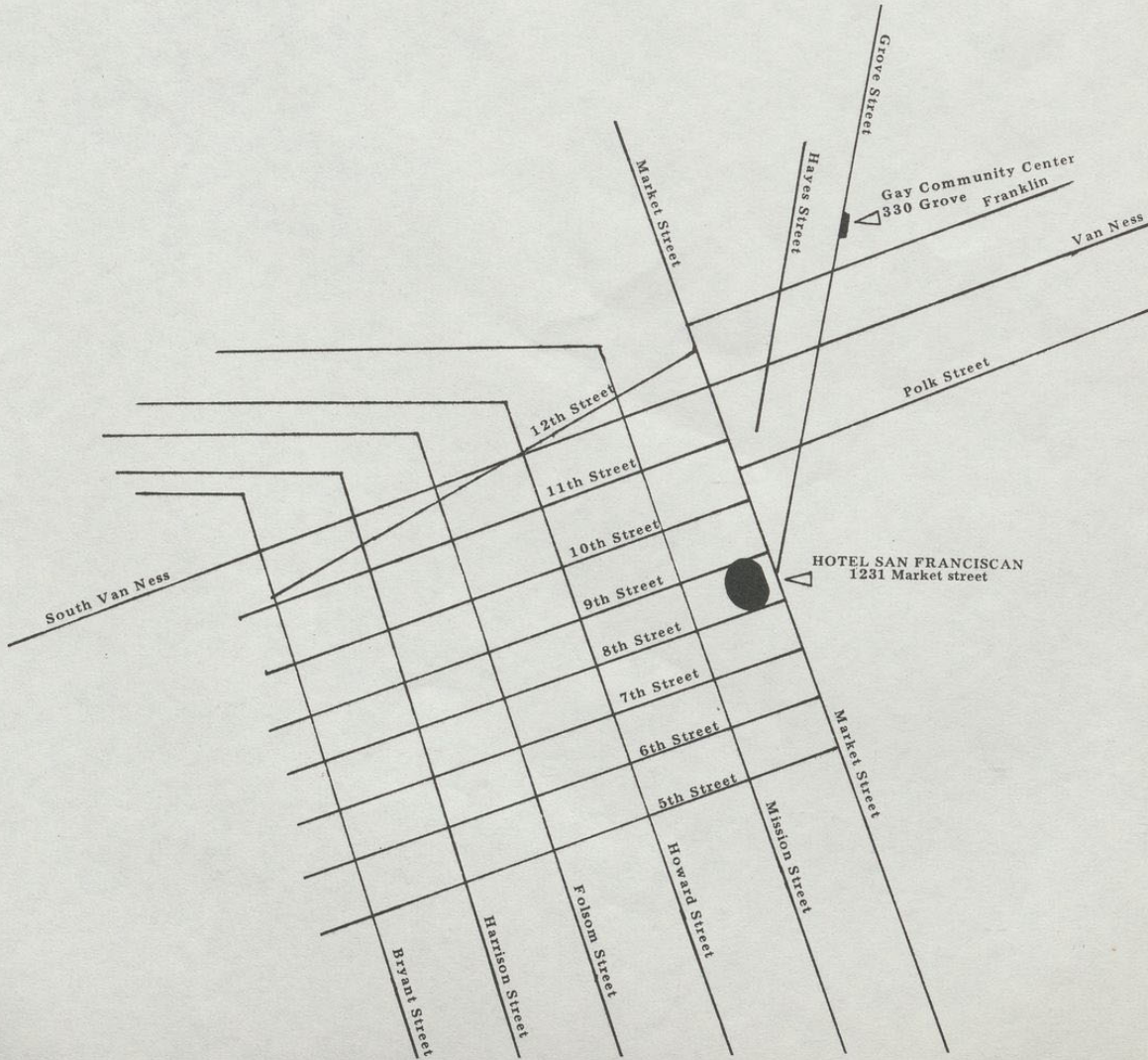
GAY EVENTS TAPE
771-7979

MAPS

This map is the way to Tom Horn's home for the cocktail party on Saturday evening. The party will begin at 8:00 p.m. and run for about two hours. It does not include dinner so either eat before you arrive or afterwards. Our host has planned on letting everyone go early in the evening so you can spend some time out on the town. This map is a continuation of the map on the preceding page. It gives the location of 'Castro'. Castro street changes names around Gough Street and becomes Divisadero Street. Divisadero runs all the way out to the Beach where the Fisherman's Warf area is located.



This map is of the Hotel area. The Gay Community Services Center is also located on this map. By walking out of the Hotel and turning to your right you can catch a Cable Car at the intersection of Powell & Market streets, but it is a bit of a walk. The Embarcadero area is also to your right. If you turn to your left on Market you will be looking towards the Castro area. Directly South (behind the Hotel) is the Folsom area and the only area with-in easy walking distance. It is a nice walk to the Gay Community Center, although it may be a little long for some.



NATIONAL COMMITTEE
SUES THE
SHERATON PALACE HOTEL



This year's annual meeting was originally planned to take place at the Sheraton Palace Hotel. However, that site was cancelled after the management of that hotel engaged in discriminatory practices against the Committee. The Committee has filed a lawsuit against the hotel because of that discrimination. The complaint which was filed against the hotel is set forth on the following pages. The Committee is very grateful for the legal representation which has been provided to it by the San Francisco lawfirm of
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McCRARY & SOLOMON.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CITY AND COUNTY OF
SAN FRANCISCO

RICHARD CAUDILLO and THE
NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
SEXUAL CIVIL LIBERTIES, a
committee of the Sexual Law
Reporter, Inc, individually, and
on behalf of all members of The
National Committee For Sexual
Civil Liberties and guests,

Plaintiffs,

v.

VAN WOODWORTH, Does I-IV,
and the SHERATON CORPOR-
ATION,

Defendants.

Plaintiffs allege:

PARTIES AND VENUE

I.

Plaintiff NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SEXUAL CIVIL LIBERTIES (hereinafter 'the committee') is a committee of the Sexual Law Reporter, Inc., a not for profit corporation duly organized under the non-profit corporation laws of the State of California, and recognized as tax exempt under both the California Revenue and Taxation Code and the United States Internal Revenue Code. Plaintiff Committee is composed of approximately twenty nine (29) of whom are gay. *] The COMMITTEE holds a meeting annually at various locations throughout the United States at which members and invited guests discuss and plan

various ways to secure through the judicial process, civil rights which are denied on the basis of sexual orientation. At these meetings, the COMMITTEE schedules seminars and panel discussions at which particular members and certain invited guests lecture on specific problems having to do with the denial of civil rights based on sexual orientation, after which the members of the COMMITTEE discuss the issues raised in the presentation, and various solutions to the problems which have been highlighted. In recent years, the COMMITTEE's programs have focused more and more on the problems of securing basic civil rights for gay women and men.

II.

To make the aforementioned meetings possible, the members of the COMMITTEE authorize it to secure lodging and suitable accommodations for all members and invited guests in the city in which a meeting is to be held. The members also authorize the COMMITTEE to secure public meeting rooms in which the aforementioned meetings and discussions may be held. In 1977, the members of the COMMITTEE authorized it to arrange for suitable lodging and meeting rooms for a meeting to be held in San Francisco in late June and early July, 1978.

III.

Pursuant to the authorization of it's members, as alleged more specifically herein, plaintiff COMMITTEE attempted to arrange lodging and suitable accommodations for all of the COMMITTEE and anticipated guests for the meeting to be held in San Francisco from June 30, 1978 through July 3, 1978. The defendants, as alleged herein, refused the plaintiff COMMITTEE lodging for each of it's members and guests and refused the COMMITTEE use of public meeting rooms.

*] The term 'gay' is a descriptive term which in recent years has come to be preferred by those whose sexual preference is for members of their own sex. This complaint adopts this preferred self-description of such individuals.

IV.

Plaintiff CAUDILLO is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a resident of the City and County of San Francisco. Plaintiff COMMITTEE is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a committee of the Sexual Law Reporter, Inc., a duly organized California corporation as aforementioned, having its principal place of business in the County of Los Angeles.

V.

Plaintiffs CAUDILLO and the COMMITTEE bring this action on behalf of themselves, all members of the COMMITTEE, and all guests who were invited to the meeting scheduled for July, 1978 in San Francisco. The members of this class are readily ascertainable. There is a well defined community of interest in all questions of law and fact affecting the parties to the action, and all claims are based on common questions of fact and law. The injury to each member of the class and the damage claims based thereon are identical. Thus the claims of the representative parties are typical of the claims of the class, and the representative parties will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.

VI.

The injury upon which this action is based occurred in the City and County of San Francisco.

VII.

Defendant, THE SHERATON CORPORATION (hereinafter SHERATON) is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and doing business in the State of California, City and County of San Francisco.

VIII.

Plaintiffs are ignorant of the true names and capacities of defendants sued herein as DOES I-IV, inclusive, and therefore sue these defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs will amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that each of such fictitiously named defendants is responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged and that plaintiffs' injuries as herein alleged were proximately caused by the aforementioned

defendants.

IX.

At all times mentioned herein, defendants VAN WOODWORTH and DOES I - IV were the agents and employees of defendant SHERATON, and in doing the things herein alleged, were acting within the scope of such agency.

CAUSE OF ACTION

X.

At all times mentioned herein, defendant SHERATON was the operator of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, a business establishment engaged in the business of renting hotel rooms, meeting rooms, and other facilities to the general public.

XI.

To pursue the goals of the COMMITTEE as aforementioned, the members planned a meeting of all the members of the COMMITTEE and six invited guests to be held in San Francisco, from June 30, 1978 through July 3, 1978. At said meeting the members of the COMMITTEE planned to hear presentations and discuss problems of securing civil rights for sexual minorities. Most, if not all of the program was devoted to the particular problems associated with securing civil rights for gay woman and men.

XII.

Pursuant to the authorization of its members as aforesaid, plaintiff COMMITTEE undertook to secure suitable accommodations and public meeting rooms in San Francisco for the period of June 30, 1978 through July 3, 1978, for all of its members and the guests invited to the meeting. To achieve this goal, the COMMITTEE authorized plaintiff CAUDILLO to make the necessary arrangements.

XIII.

On or about March 18, 1978, plaintiff COMMITTEE, acting through its agent, plaintiff CAUDILLO, telephoned defendant VAN WOODWORTH and asked for the terms on which twenty (20) rooms for its members and guests and a public meeting room would be rented from June 30, 1978 through July 3, 1978. Defendant VAN WOOD-

WORTH indicated the terms on which defendant SHERATON would rent such rooms, and invited plaintiff CAUDILLO to come to defendants' place of business to arrange such rental.

XIV.

On or about March 19, 1978, plaintiff CAUDILLO, acting for plaintiff COMMITTEE, went to defendants' place of business in the City and County of San Francisco, expressed a desire to rent the aforesaid rooms from June 30, 1978 through July 3, 1978, and indicated plaintiff COMMITTEE'S willingness to pay the amount requested by defendants. At that time, defendant VAN WOODWORTH became aware that plaintiff COMMITTEE was an organization devoted to securing the rights of gay women and men, that many, if not most, of the plaintiff's members were gay, and that plaintiff COMMITTEE'S discussion program would be almost exclusively devoted to the topic of the civil rights of gay women and men. Upon becoming so aware, said defendant for the first time indicated doubt as to whether or not said lodging rooms would be available for use during the period for which they were requested.

XV.

On or about March 21, 1978, defendant VAN WOODWORTH indicated to plaintiff CAUDILLO that said lodging or meeting rooms would not be available for use on any of the days during the period for which they were requested. On or about May 10, 1978, defendant VAN WOODWORTH again told plaintiff CAUDILLO that said lodging rooms and said public meeting rooms had not been available for any of the days during the period from June 30, 1978 through July 3, 1978, and had remained unavailable for all four days continuously until May 10, 1978, and remained unavailable. In fact, such lodging and meeting rooms remained available for use during all that period for some time thereafter.

XVI.

Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and therefore allege that defendants refused plaintiff COMMITTEE, its members, including CAUDILLO, and its invited guests the use of the lodging and meeting rooms and other accommodations for any or all

of the following arbitrary reasons: 1) because most of plaintiff COMMITTEE'S members are gay; 2) because plaintiff COMMITTEE'S members and guests seek to secure civil rights for gay women and men as a class; 3) because defendants assumed that all plaintiff COMMITTEE members and guests are gay; 4) because plaintiff COMMITTEE'S program was largely devoted to securing civil rights for gay women and men.

XVII.

As a result of the wrongful acts of defendants, plaintiffs are entitled to recover statutory damages in the sum of \$250.00 as provided in Section 52 of the Civil Code for each time each of plaintiff COMMITTEE members and guests were denied rooms and accommodations, and for each time plaintiff COMMITTEE was denied the use of the meeting rooms.

XVIII.

Defendants did the acts herein alleged willfully, maliciously and oppressively. Plaintiffs are therefore entitled to exemplary or punitive damages in the sum of \$350,000 (three hundred and fifty thousand dollars).

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray judgment as follows:

1. For statutory damages pursuant to Section 52 of the Civil Code in the sum of \$36,000;
2. For punitive or exemplary damages in the sum of \$350,000;
3. For attorneys' fees;
4. For costs of suit herein incurred;
5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem necessary and proper.

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Respectfully submitted,

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