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Mattachine Rewiew News

Mattachine Society, Inc., in the U.S. has grown to where it has reached 100 dues-paying members. This membership, made up of men and women over 21 years of age, resides in the cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C. Only a few members live outside the metropolitan areas named.

In addition to these, approximately 600 persons subscribe to «Mattachine Review» by mail. These persons pay 4 dollars per year for the magazine. Members mentioned above pay 10 dollars per year. Another group of about 25 persons «contribute» 10 dollars or more per year, but they are not counted as members.

Monthly newsletter publications in San Francisco, New York, Denver, Los Angeles and Washington total some 1080 copies. A quarterly publication, «Interim» goes to about 200 addressees.

This total of publications then is approximately 200 copies by mail, with at least half of that figure duplicated—meaning that approximately 1000 persons receive one or more Mattachine publications regularly.

In the case of the magazine (the Review), another 2000 copies of each «big» issue (alternate months—February, April, June, August, etc.) go onto newsstands in 12 large U.S. cities. Of these, about 75% are sold on the average.

Mattachine has operated now for almost 8 years without censure by police in the cities where chapters are located. Some pressures have been employed against us in Los Angeles, to be sure. But our organization and its activities are known to the police, particularly in San Francisco, where we mail copies of everything we publish to the heads of the «vice squad». They have left us alone.

In this country, we have found that our best support comes from persons in the professions—such as criminologists, sociologists, psychologists, attorneys, psychiatrists, doctors, priests and ministers. These persons apparently realize more than most homophiles the extent of the problem and the seriousness of the work we are trying to do.

We have had no difficulty in several cities in obtaining professional persons to speak at our monthly public discussion forums. Incidentally, these forums in the six cities where they are held regularly, attract thousands of persons in a year. At a recent public meeting in San Francisco, attendance was 60. In another recent one in New York, more than 150 persons came.

Our San Francisco office is national headquarters. Here we have a printing firm (Pan-Graphic Press) which publishes all Mattachine publications except the newsletters issued in the other four cities. We have a national headquarters office, an office for the San Francisco Area Council, an office for the Review, a conference room and library of almost 500 volumes at this writing. This is all housed in four rooms on the third floor of a downtown office building in San Francisco. We pay 100 dollars per month rent, use about 150 dollars per month in paper, about 80 dollars per month in postage, and have a telephone with three extensions. And we share space in one room with Daughters of Bilitis, a women's organization. Many of the latter organization's members also belong to Mattachine, but man may not join the women's group. Both groups are working, however, toward a more complete social integration of the male and female homophiles, so it is hoped that one day the need for separate organizations will not exist. As of today, however, not more than 10% of Mattachine's membership is female.

Zur Einführung von Gästen am Herbstfest!

Wir freuen uns, wenn an den grossen Veranstaltungen auch bisher noch aussenstehende Kameraden den Weg zu uns finden. Der erhöhte Eintrittspreis hilft uns die grossen Unkosten, die durch eine beschränkte Eintrittsmöglichkeit immer unser Budget sehr belasten, ausgleichen. Jedoch: wir bitten alle Abonnenten, nur solche Kameraden einzuführen, für die sie unbedingt eintreten können und von denen sie wissen, dass es sich um Gleichfühlende handelt. Flüchtige Bekannte oder Menschen, die man zufällig in den letzten zwei Tagen noch trifft, sollte man nicht mit Kameraden zusammenführen, die mit vertrauenswürdigen Menschen zwanglos unter sich sein wollen. Wir bitten um kluge Vorsicht!

Kameradschaftliche Vereinigungen und Zeitschriften des Auslandes:

angeschlossen an die «Stiftung Internationales Komitee für sexuelle Gleichberechtigung», ICSE; Sekretariat: Damrak 57, Tel. 34596, Postbus 1564, Amsterdam. — Organ: Newsletter.

Deutschland: Gesellschaft für Reform des Sexualrechts e. V., Grunewaldstrasse 78/I, Berlin-Schöneberg.
Int. Freundschaftsloge (IFLO) Postfach 1399, Bremen.
Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft für 1957/58: IFLO
Gemeinsames Organ: ICSE-Kurier/IFLO-Bundesbrief.
Verein für humanitäre Lebensgestaltung (VhL), Kettenhofweg 46, Frankfurt a. M.

Dänemark: Forbundet af 1948, Postbox 1023, Kopenhagen K. Organ: PAN.

Holland: Cultuur- en Ontspanningscentrum (COC), Postbus 542.
Amsterdam C. Central-Büro: Damrak 57, Tel. 34596. Organ: Vriendschap.
Clublokal: «De Schakel», Korte Leidsewarstraat 49, Tel. 64511.

Norwegen: Det Norske Forbundet av 1948, Postboks 1305, Oslo.

Schweden: Riksförbundet för sexuellt likaberättigande, Postbox 850, Stockholm I.

USA: One Inc., 232, South Hill Street, Los Angeles 12, Calif.
Mattachine Society, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco 5, Calif.

Belgien: Centre de Culture et de Loisirs, boîte postale 1, Forest 3, Bruxelles.
Tous les réunions: 29, rue Jules Van Praet, 1er étage. (Près de la Bourse).

Frankreich: Le Verseau, Paris (Anschrift über ICSE).

Sonstige Zeitschriften und Vereinigungen, dem ICSE noch nicht angeschlossen:

Deutschland: Der Weg, Verlag Rolf Putziger, Umlandstrasse 149, Berlin W 15.

Frankreich: Arcadie, 162, rue Jeanne d'Arc, Paris 13.

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Wir bitten, die noch offenstehenden Abonnementsbeträge für 1957 möglichst vor dem Herbstfest zu bezahlen, damit der Kassier am Abend des Festes nicht doppelt belastet wird.

Der Kreis.

Nous prions les abonnés qui n'ont pas encore payé leur abonnement pour 1957 de bien vouloir le faire avant la fête d'automne afin d'alléger le travail de notre caissier le soir de la fête.
