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RESUME OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY IN HOMOPHILE/GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

In 1963 I joined the Mattachine Society of Washington (M.S.W.) to help further the cause of civil rights for homosexuals. I was a very active member till 1971 and have participated in every homophile picket in Washington, D.C., prior to 1970 (White House, Civil Service Commission, State Department, Pentagon, etc.); in all Annual Reminder Day demonstrations, held in Philadelphia every July 4 from 1965 to 1969; in several Christopher Street Liberation Day marches in New York; and in miscellaneous other orderly pickets (never participated in civil disobedience). Was a member of the M.S.W. delegation that first met with the Civil Service Commission in 1965 concerning the federal government's discriminatory policies toward homosexuals.

In 1971, was instrumental in helping to get the Kameny for Congress campaign under way, which enabled Franklin Kameny, president of M.S.W., to run as independent candidate for Nonvoting Delegate to Congress in Washington, D.C. This marked the first time that a publicly acknowledged homosexual ran for public office.

From March 1971 to the present, have held a Gay Women's Open House in my home every Wednesday without interruption, 8-11:30 p.m., to permit gay and bisexual women to meet and talk about common concerns in a nonthreatening social environment. The atmosphere is one of a discussion group, sometimes formal, sometimes informal.

Although I am no longer active in any gay movement activities per se, I am now involved in helping the Gay Activists Alliance (G.A.A.) of Washington, D.C., set up a training program for staff in children's institutions under the Department of Human Resources to enable them to be more responsive to the needs of homosexual youngsters.

MEMBERSHIPS

Have held memberships in the following organizations: M.S.W.; Daughters of Bilitis (New York, 1964-71); Mattachine Society of New York; East Coast Homophile Organizations; Council on Religion and the Homosexual (Washington, D.C.); Minorities Research Group (England); Society for Individual Rights (San Francisco); Homophile Social League (Washington, D.C.); G.A.A. (Washington, D.C.).

Am presently a member of the following: Association of Gay Psychologists; National Organization for Women (N.O.W.), Sexuality Task Force; National Gay Task Force; Gertrude Stein Democratic Club; American Civil Liberties Union.

PUBLICATIONS

From January 1966 to June 1967, edited The Homosexual Citizen: News of Civil Liberties and Social Rights for Homosexuals, a publication of M.S.W., available on news stands.

From October 1969 to January 1971, wrote a biweekly column for Gay magazine (New York) on a variety of topics, from news to interviews, to advice, to personal reflections.

In summer and fall 1976, in collaboration with three other members of the Sexuality Task Force of N.O.W. (Washington, D.C.), I helped compile and print a "Directory of Therapists for Lesbians," distributed to about 50 referral agencies in the Washington metropolitan area. The directory contains detailed information on 44 psychotherapists who are competent in working with or interested in working with gay women, thus providing a resource where gay women (and men too) can find sympathetic professionals.

FILMS

In 1968, filmed, edited, and produced "The Second Largest Minority," a seven-minute, black and white 16mm documentary about the gay "Reminder Day" picket in Philadelphia on July 4, 1968.

In 1970, produced "Gay and Proud," an eleven-minute, black and white 16mm film on the first Christopher Street Liberation Day parade in New York, which commemorated the gay riots the preceding year.

Both films are still in demand for rental by student groups and have been shown many times both in the U.S. and Canada.

RESEARCH

In 1972, completed a survey of "Attitudes and Aspirations of Lesbians," based on a 21-item questionnaire from 156 Ss. Unpublished.

In 1975, collaborated with a faculty member at George Mason University on a study entitled "Personality Profiles of Psychologically Adjusted Lesbian and Heterosexual Women." Including test data from 59 lesbian Ss and 40 heterosexual Ss, this project was based on a variety of personality inventories plus the M.M.P.I. Unpublished.

RADIO AND TELEVISION APPEARANCES

Radio

1965, New York; 1966, Washington, D.C.; 1970, Baltimore, Md.; March 1970, WAMU, Washington, D.C.; January 1973, WGTB, Washington, D.C.

Television

March 1967, WOOK (20), Washington, D.C. Guest on Dennis Richard's "Controversy." Other panelists: Franklin Kameny, Ph.D., and Jack Nichols, both articulate spokesmen for the homophile movement.

March (?) 1970, WJZ (13), Baltimore, Md. Guest on Arnold Zenkar's "Contact." One or two other panelists. This show was taped for in-classroom use at the University of Maryland School of Medicine by Norman Bradford, M.D.

April 1970, WRC (4), Washington, D.C. Guest on Betty Groebli's "Frankly Female." Other participants: Franklin Kameny, Ph.D., president of M.S.W.; Charles Socarides, M.D., psychiatrist at Albert Einstein College of Medicine (N.Y.), who "cures" homosexuals; and Anke Ehrhardt, Ph.D., clinical psychologist at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and collaborator with Dr. John Money.

May 1970, KDKA (2), Pittsburgh, Pa. Guest on Marie Torre's "Contact." Other panelists: Barbara Gittings, veteran spokeswoman for the gay movement, and Franklin Kameny, Ph.D.

May 1970, WLW (2), Dayton, Ohio. Guest on "Phil Donahue Show." Other panelists: Barbara Gittings.

March 1971, WLS (2), Chicago, Ill. Guest on "Howard Miller's Chicago." Other panelist: Barbara Gittings.

March 1971, WJLA (7), Washington, D.C. Guest on Claire Lyons' "Claire Show." Other panelists: two male representatives from G.A.A. and Gay Liberation Front, Washington, D.C.

April 1971, WRC (4), Washington, D.C. Guest on "Issues," a series sponsored by the National Presbyterian Center, the Council of Churches of Greater Washington, and the Public Affairs Department of NBC. Other panelists: Mona Shevlin, Ph.D., Guidance and Counseling, Catholic University; Joe Cantrell, M.D., psychiatrist.

September 1971, WNEW (New York, N.Y. Guest on "The David Susskind Show." Other panelists: Barbara Gittings, Barbara Love (author), and four other lesbians involved in the gay movement. Topic: lesbianism. Show rebroadcast at least once.

Summer 1975, WDCA (2), Washington, D.C. Guest on Herb Davis' "Challenge." Other panelists: Betty Fairchild, founder of Parents of Gays in Washington, D.C., and another mother. Topic: Parents of Gays.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

April 1970, Montgomery College, Takoma Park, Md. Guest lecturer for two health education classes. Professor: Jane S. Bernot, Department of Health and Physical Education.

May 1971, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. Panelist for Workshop on "Lifestyles of the Non-patient Homosexual." Other panelists (all representatives of the gay movement): Franklin Kameny, Ph.D.; Del Martin (author); Larry Littlejohn; and Jack Baker. Moderator: Kent E. Robinson, M.D., Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital, Towson, Md.

Fall 1971, Maryland University, College Park, Md. Participant in a panel on women. Other speakers: Dr. Estelle Remy, professor of medicine at Georgetown University, and two other professional women. Sponsor: Women's Center of University of Maryland.

December 1971, New York University, N.Y. Guest Lecturer for class on "Sexual Liberation Movements." Professor: Ros Regelson.

March 1972, Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. Guest lecturer for a graduate course on psychopathology. Professor: Dr. Hoffman.

April 1975, a vocational high school in Southeast Washington, D.C. Panelist in "Gay Awareness Seminar," sponsored by G.A.A. to acquaint teachers with the needs of homosexual students of high school age. One other female panelist from N.O.W. and two male panelists from G.A.A.

April 1976, Washington, D.C. Speaker at a meeting of Parents of Gays, organized by Betty Fairchild, founder of P.O.G.

Spring 1975, George Mason University, Fairfax, Va. Lecturer on lesbianism for a class on the "Psychology of Women." Professor: Jane Flinn, Ph.D.

March 1977, Social Rehabilitation Agency, Department of Human Resources, Washington, D.C. Speaker at an executive staff meeting of S.R.A. for the purpose of exploring the training needs of D.H.R. staff members in handling same sex interactions in children's institutions. Other speakers: Jim Zais, Ph.D., president of G.A.A.; Echo Innes, a director of N.O.W. Organized by G.A.A. and William Barr, Administrator, S.R.A.

April 1977, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Workshop leader ("Lesbians and Psychotherapy") at N.O.W. Spring Conference. Sponsor of conference: N.O.W. and Woman Space, G.W.U.

May 1977, Psychiatric Institute, Washington, D.C. Conducted a workshop on serving the needs of the homosexual patient for P.I. social workers and nurses. Co-leader: Walter Draude, therapist. Sponsor: Judy Lansing, social worker, P.I.

May 1977, May 1976, May 1975, May 1974: George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, D.C. Consultant on human sexuality in seminar on homosexuality for 175-200 medical students. Co-consultant: Walter Draude, therapist. Professor: Benjamin Waxman, M.D.. *Nov. 77. Jan 79*

April 1978: Social Rehabilitation Agency, Department of Human Resources, Washington, D.C. Leader of training workshop for SRA staff, entitled "Homosexuality and Youth under DHR Care." Coleader: Alan Oliver, consultant on sex education.