

About the Club

The Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club was founded in December, 1971 through the efforts of twenty gay people and the County Council of Democratic Clubs. The Club is a member in good standing of the County Council and the statewide California Democratic Council.

The purpose of the Club is to further the rights, freedom and dignity of gay people through the democratic process. Through our efforts both the County Council of Democratic Clubs and the California Democratic Council have taken strong positions in favor of gay rights. We plan to continue our efforts until such time as gay people are able to live in the freedom and dignity of their own humanity.

Membership in the Club is open to all registered Democrats upon payment of a \$2.00 annual membership fee.

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LETTER: JIM FOSTER TO : THE ADVOCATE

Editor:

In his decision not to endorse George McGovern, George Meany stated he could not stomach Senator McGovern's stand on the rights of gay people. In a recent speech to the Nevada Labor Council, Meany stated that "the Democratic Party has been taken over by people named Jack who look like Jills and smell like Johns". At the same time that Meany is making vicious attacks on gay people I find that my brothers and sisters in the Gay Activists Alliance?New York City are conducting a "Zap" at the headquarters of the very man Meany has attacked for supporting us.

I realize that my brothers and sisters at Gay Activist Alliance/New York City conducted their "Zap" with the best of intentions; however, I have to wonder if their energies would not be put to better use in "Zapping" those enemies of Gay Liberation such as George Meany and Richard Nixon.

It is obvious to me from the remarks of George Meany that he has no understanding of gay people, or of the repression under which we live. It is equally obvious that Richard Nixon is no more willing to end the repression of gay people than he is willing to end the bombing of North Vietnam.

I grant that Senator McGovern's public statements concerning his commitment to Gay Rights is less than perfect, but I would point out that he has made statements in support of Gay Rights and he has made a commitment to us.

It is my conviction that this election year is one of the most decisive in American history. Just a brief look at the sorry civil rights record of the Nixon administration over the past four years gives us more than an indication of things to come. The extension of the Senate Anti-Security Act through Executive Order, The Preventive Detention Bill, the No-Knock Clause, the Organized Crime Bill, (which has nothing to do with organized crime), the Anti-Riot Act are all attempts to whittle away the Constitutional rights of the American people. In addition to all this, it is wise for us to remember that it was under the Eisenhower Administration that the Executive Order was signed forbidding gay people the right to work for the Federal government. Richard Nixon was then Vice-President. There is good reason to believe that he was personally responsible for that Executive Order, as the work that went into it was done during the days of Senator Joe McCarthy's investigation into the State Department and Richard Nixon, then Senator participated enthusiastically in that investigation. They couldn't find any Communists, but they sure found a lot of us.

Last May, the Nixon administration, under Attorney General John Mitchell, caused the mass arrest of over 13,000 people from the streets of Washington, D.C. They were herded into the Washington Coliseum and a blanket of tear gas was laid over them every forty-five minutes. All this because they dared to oppose Richard Nixon's handling of the war in South-east Asia.

These violations of the basic rights of Americans all work together. If Richard Nixon shows such contempt for the rights of citizens in general, are we to believe that he will treat us any differently?

Many people in the Gay Community have told me that they find George McGovern's ideas on tax reform frightening. Most of these concerns are voiced by brothers and sisters whose incomes fall between \$10,000 and \$25,000 a year. I have to wonder if they are really listening to what McGovern is saying. We are aware that we taxed the heaviest and derive the least benefit. Mr. Nixon fools no one with his statements about no new taxes next year while the Wall Street Journal lays the groundwork for a national "value added tax" which will cause even more hardship to those of us whose income falls between \$5,000 and \$25,000 a year. We are all aware that Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan and others who fall into their income brackets pay nothing near their fair share of taxes, while we are saddled with the major burden. McGovern is saying everyone should pay their fair share and the avenues of opportunity for the Ronald Reagans of this country to escape paying their share should be closed.

Finally, the election of George McGovern is not just the election of one man alone. It means a whole new administration, a chance to save the Supreme Court from certain domination by the forces of repression and a whole new tone in the nation's capitol.

The National Institute for Mental Health grants hundreds of thousands of dollars to studies of urine specimens to determine causes of homosexuality and other such grotesque projects. Under the present administration, it is nearly impossible for us to obtain funding from the Federal government for our badly needed Community Service Centers. Can we not see the possibilities with a McGovern administration?

I would like to say to my brothers and sisters that the choice is clear, if not imperative. Can we not work together to assure the election of a man who will turn this country's priorities back to the needs of the people and who will give us, as Gay citizens, the rights, the freedom and dignity to which we are entitled.

Sincerely,

Jim Foster
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FOUR MORE YEARS?

"Those who have had a chance for four years and could not produce peace should not be given another chance."



Richard M. Nixon,
 October 9, 1968