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### **\$1,600 RAISED BY TOKLAS FOSTER IS MIAMI DIRECTOR**

Jim Foster, founder of the Toklas Democratic Club, has been named Director of the Miami, Florida campaign by the Dade County Coalition. Mike Scott, local Democratic campaign organizer, has joined Foster as an aide. Foster said he will attempt to bring churches, other minorities, and civil libertarians into the coalition effort. A recent Miami Herald poll showed 42% for gay rights, 33% opposed and 25% undecided.

One of the largest single contributions received in Miami was from the Toklas Club. Over \$1,600 was raised at the recent Dade County benefit at Trinity Place. Sheriff Richard Hongisto received a standing ovation from the capacity crowd when he said that discrimination against gay people must end everywhere - including Dade County. The sheriff also announced his appointment of a new Gay Advisory Board which will assist him.

District Attorney Joe Freitas told the crowd, "The issue in Dade County is not only crucial to the gay community, it is crucial to those who believe in human rights and civil rights.

Grant Mickins, Director of the city's Human Rights Commission, was present. Many political "celebrities" attended the event, including a representative from Mayor George Moscone.

The brief bulletin above will be followed by a more complete story in the next issue of Alice.