

# Alice B. Toklas Memorial

## Democratic Club

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### STATE CONVENTION

The California Democratic Party met over the weekend of January 26 - 29 at Cal Expo in Sacramento to elect our officers and plot our course for the next two years. ALICE was represented by Jim Foster, Club President. Assemblyman John Burton had arranged for Jim to be the proxy delegate for Jack Crowley.

John Burton was easily elected State Chairman over John Merlo of Chico, thus assuring strong, competent, liberal leadership of the Party for the next two years. Mary Lee Widener, wife of Berkeley Mayor, Warren Widener was elected Northern California Chairperson in a real cliff-hanger over George Branson of Sacramento. She won by 8 votes. We are hopeful to have Mary Lee at one of our meetings in the near future.

In other actions, the Convention passed resolutions favoring return of Indian lands to Native Americans, various measures designed to open the party to more participation by citizens and resolutions condemning Mr. Nixon's cut-backs of domestic programs.

All gubernatorial candidates had hospitality suites. Senator George Moscone's was by far the most successful.

### NEW LEGISLATION

New legislation of great significance to Gay women and men has been introduced in Sacramento at an informal meeting of 15 Assemblymen and 6 State Senators. The new legislation, drafted by Attorney Earl "Rick" Stokes and Prof. Walter Barnett of Hastings College of the Law takes up where the Brown-Burton bill leaves off.

Among the many features of the legislative package is a redefinition of sexual offense, a removal of homosexuality in the definition of "moral turpitude" in the Business and Professional Code, an expansion of the Unruh Act to include sexual orientation and marital status, a change in the Health and Welfare Codes to grant MDSO's fairer and more impartial treatment and a change in the Family Court Act to prohibit Lesbianism as a consideration in child custody cases.

The ALICE B. TOKLAS Club is committed to help in the vast amount of lobbying work to be done for the legislative package.

Copies of the new legislation will soon be available at the Club headquarters, 284 Noe Street.

ALICE SAYS: DON'T FORGET THE DANCE  
ON MARCH 2nd

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