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EDITORIAL: UNITY

-Ken Bowers

Looking back over the previous decade or so, I can't avoid seeing how, through a unified national movement under leadership widely trusted by their community, America's Blacks have succeeded in large part with their fight from slavery to first - class citizenship. Since Stonewall and to a degree even before, we have had and do have much good, creative energy at work in all of the myriad gay organizations in the Bay Area and nationwide. This energy has accomplished much over the years.

However, I am sure many share my belief that unified, all the energy can be put to even more efficient use. To whatever degree possible, I would hope that frictions between different organizations could be buried and the common push for first-class citizenship be made paramount. Each of us in the Gay community have our own religious and political views, but we are all Gay and are all in search of equality.

Let us try burying our differences, and unite in the good struggle for real social justice!

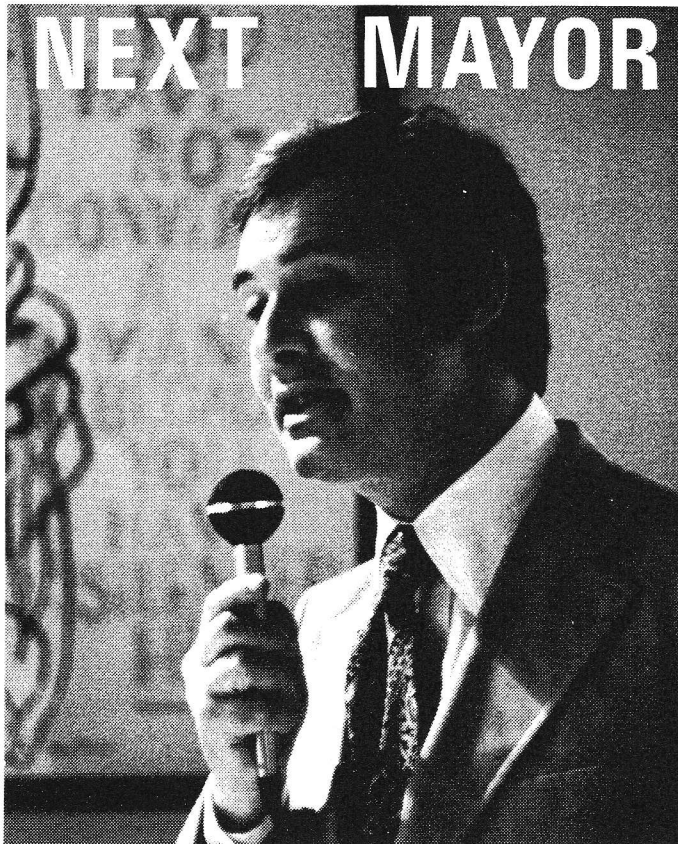
VICTORY ON MAY 12

Common sense has prevailed in Sacramento. Governor Edmund G. Brown has signed into law AB 489, Willie Brown's consensual sex bill. As of 1976, sexual conduct of any type between consenting parties age 18 or over and not in prison will be legal. California is getting out of the business of regulating the private lives of its citizens.

Assemblyman Willie Brown authored the measure, and has introduced it annually since 1969. After years of hard work on his part, the bill passed this session of the Assembly. The Senate amended Brown's bill to exclude inmates of California correctional facilities, then passed the amended measure by a 21 - 20 vote. Lt. Governor Mervyn Dymally cast the tiebreaking vote on May 1, flying in from another commitment to do do. Having been amended, AB 489 returned to the Assembly for reconfirmation. It arrived at the Governor's desk on May 8. The following week our new Governor delivered on a promise to sign AB 489 should it reach him, by signing it on May 12.

Edmund Brown deserves special credit for delivering on his pledge, since he was flooded with negative mail on the issue from many quarters. Certain fundamentalist churches even had active letter and telegram campaigns organized to encourage Brown's vetoing AB 489, fearing legalized "immorality". The Gay community learned of this action and also got heard at the Governor's office. He listened to us and kept his previous promise to us.

Certain foes have threatened a petition campaign to put a proposition on next year's ballot to restore the archaic sex laws. Let us be alert to such moves, as the price of freedom is eternal vigilance. For now we have good cause to celebrate - a milestone has been reached on the road to first-class citizenship.



ALICE ENDORSES GEORGE MOSCONE FOR MAYOR
-Gary Miller

George Moscone was unanimously endorsed for Mayor by the membership at the May meeting of Alice. George was the one person most responsible in making sure that Willie Brown's bill on consensual sex passed the California Senate. Senator George Moscone has introduced a bill of his own removing "solicitation" as a crime.

There are several ways that you can help in George Moscone's campaign for Mayor: 1) Throw a house party so that George can meet your friends, 2) Spend one or two nights at the headquarters on Mint Street to do some phoning, 3) If you have a garage, let it be used as a neighborhood campaign office, and 4) Contribute \$1 - \$100.

If you can do any of these things or have suggestions of your own call Bob Hartsough or Corey Bush at Moscone's campaign office at 777-0100. Tell them you're from Alice.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Gary Miller

It is my hope that we find all members of the Toklas Club actively involved in one or more of the upcoming campaigns.

We need voter registrars. It is a very simple procedure. All you need to do is to call the Voter Registrar's office in City Hall and ask when the next class will be held. The class takes about 45 minutes and is good for one year. Mention you are with the Democratic Party and we will see that you get books. You may register people at your own convenience and at your own pace any place within the city limits. Many Alice members have registered people in bars and have been offered drinks and other interesting tokens of appreciation. There may be a chance that you would be paid as much as 35¢ per name. There is no residency requirement to register. (By the way, if you didn't vote last November or have moved since, you will need to reregister.) If you are interested, call me at 431-3344.

Our endorsed candidates for Mayor and District Attorney, George Moscone and Carol Ruth Silver, could use some help on their campaign including financial contributions and volunteer time. As soon as our other endorsed candidate, Hongisto for Sheriff, announces, he too will need our help.

ALICE BIRTHDAY PARTY -Gary Miller

Over 100 people celebrated the 98th birthday of Alice B. Toklas at the SIR Center on Wednesday, April 30.

Carol Ruth Silver, the Toklas-endorsed candidate for District Attorney, was on hand. So were Supervisors Quentin Kopp and Jack Molinari who will be running for re-election this year. Other candidates present included Harvey Milk and Lloyd Taylor who are running for seats on the Board of Supervisors.

The Toklas Club wants to thank those who donated time, energy, food or money to make the event so successful.