

## It's Only The Beginning

By 8:30 P.M. on November 7th we knew we had lost the election. The suggestion was made that San Francisco secede from the Union and form an axis with Boston. Herb Caen thought the time had come to blow up the bridges, dig a ditch across the San Mateo county line and keep the yahoos out at gunpoint. It appeared that San Francisco was an island of sanity in a sea of madness.

The results of the election in the city must have been satisfying to those who worked so hard to produce them. Here at the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club we were overwhelmed by the results in the precincts the club was responsible for.

As a result of the campaign we discovered that there is quite a large number of people in the area who are anxious for change. We also made a lot of friends that we don't want to lose touch with.

At our 1st post-election meeting we decided to sign a year's lease on the location at 284 Noe street and maintain the office as a neighborhood information and political center. There's a city election coming up next year, a state election the year after and a mayorality in 1975. We've got a lot of work to do in the coming months if we are to have an effective voice in government. This election showed us what we accomplish if we work together.

In the meanwhile, we hope you will all want to continue to help. The office will be open every day from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. There is usually someone here after seven too. Please think of the place as your center. If we are to be an effective voice in the Neighborhood, we need to know what your concerns are and we're going to need your help.

There is a meeting of the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club every first Tuesday of the month. The meetings begin at 6:00 P.M. with a pot luck dinner and wine.....so plan to come and bring a little something to knosh on. EVERY SECOND SUNDAY of the month we plan to have social events beginning at 4:00 P.M. These events will introduce neighborhood people to each other and politicians to the neighborhood. In addition they will also raise a little money so that the center can continue operating. There will also be special events like picnics and dances from time to time.

We are a Democratic club and our purpose is to effect change both within and without the party. We're off to a good start thanks to you. Now we need to build on what we've accomplished.

Although we lost the national election we made some very significant gains and some wonderful friends here in the Castro-Noe area. One of the most important being the discovery that by working together we have a vote that cannot be ignored.

## Neighborhood Survey

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 PM, the ABT will conduct an extensive door-to-door survey of neighborhood attitudes. Volunteers will be equipped with a questionnaire prepared by club members taking about 5 minutes to administer, & a card briefly explaining the background & aspirations of the Toklas club. This polling will hopefully enable us to serve as a vehicle for concerns that currently go unaddressed, humanizing political relationships, laying the groundwork for a block organization looking ultimately to giving Castro Valley more political clout in future elections. If you are interested in such a project, please contact Jacki Martin at 861-2515 for further information.

# About Alice . . . . .

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.

In September we opened an office for the McGovern campaign at 284 Noe [near Market]. It's generally recognized that we were the most successful McGovern headquarters in the city. Now we are maintaining this office as a base for the club and a center for community action.

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

The more members we have, the greater number of delegates we get for both County Council and Statewide California Democratic Council.

Jim Foster President Steve Swanson Secretary  
 Jack Hubbs Vice-President Tere Roderick Treasurer

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MAIL TO: ALICE B. TOKLAS MEMORIAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB	
284 NOE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO CA 94114	
PHONE: 861-2515	

# Food Conspiracy

As part of our growing concern for expanding our community activities and participation, we support the Food Conspiracy. We urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in the effort to obtain quality food at reduced prices. For further information please call...

282-1928 or 333-4513 or 826-0455

## C.D.C.

The California Democratic Council has now located it's Northern California office at 284 Noe Street. The Council which represents the progressive Democratic party in the state has agreed to share the office facilities with the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club.

## Political Punishment?

FROM WALL STREET JOURNAL

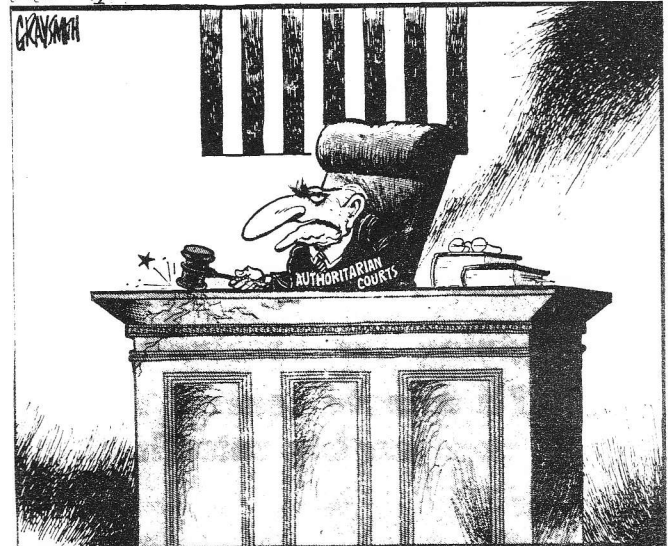
GOP Sen. Brooke denies his state will suffer; Nixon spokesman Ziegler insists "the President doesn't operate that way." But military base-closing possibilities include two in Massachusetts: the Boston Navy Yard, the L. G. Hanscomb Air Force base. Democratic Rep. Burke sees a shift of Naval construction away from private shipyards in Quincy, Mass.

The state's universities worry about losing research contracts. "We're in a position to be squeezed," says T. C. Rafferty, co-ordinator of a joint MIT-Harvard program for obtaining federal funds. "Our young people voted 10-to-one against Nixon." Also fearful; the research-oriented companies that ring Boston.

[Facetious speculation abounds in the Bay State. One story says a trench is being dug around Massachusetts so it will float out to sea.]

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