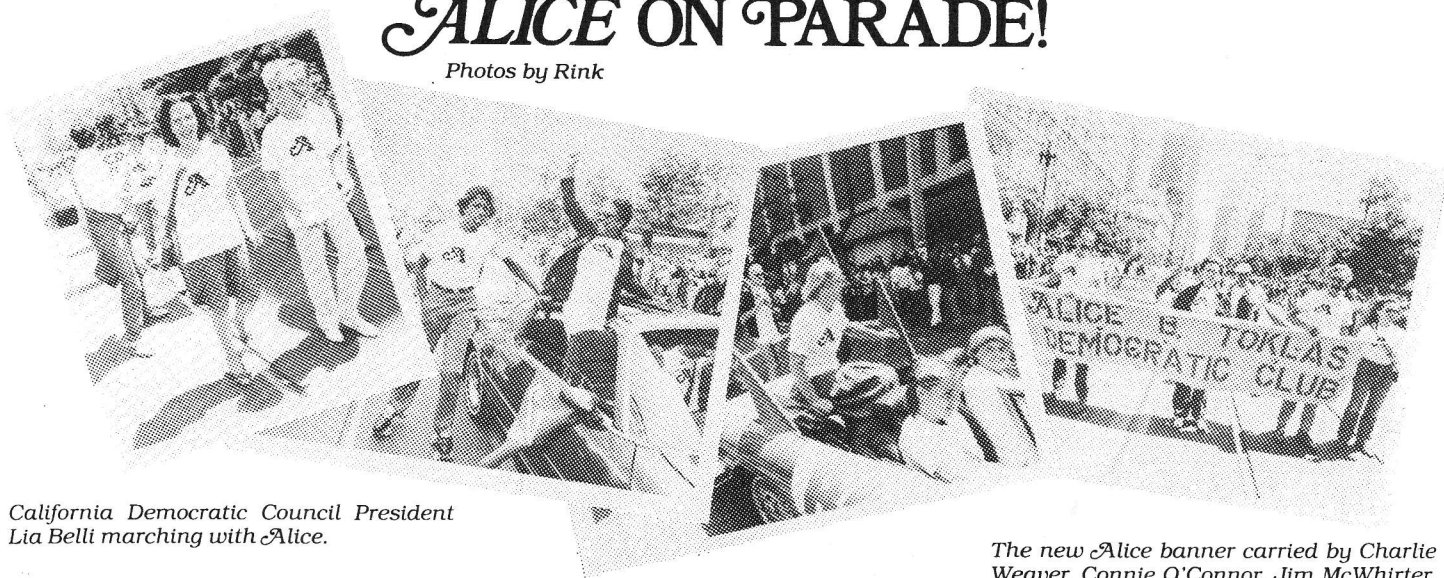


Alice REPORTS

THE MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE ALICE B. TOKLAS MEMORIAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB

ALICE ON PARADE!

Photos by Rink



California Democratic Council President Lia Belli marching with Alice.

Supervisors Doris Ward and Louise Renne riding with Alice.

The new Alice banner carried by Charlie Weaver, Connie O'Connor, Jim McWhirter, and Becky Benoit.

BAR Sued for Report on Alice Meeting

Sal Rosselli

The Police Officers Association has filed a \$5 million libel suit against the *Bay Area Reporter* for its story (entitled "SFPD Brutality Aired") on Alice's May PAC meeting. BAR reporter John Karr did incorrectly report the date of an incident involving Officers Holly Pera and Corbett Dickey and BAR published a correction in their July 16 issue. However, the newspaper went on to state that their story was an accurate account of what was stated at Alice's PAC meeting.

POA President Robert Barry has accused the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club of joining "a conspiracy of radical elements of the community to further intimidate the police from doing an effective job of stopping crime." Alice, the largest Democratic Club in the state, includes in its membership congresspersons, judges, police commissioners, supervisors, assemblypeople, and San Francisco's

Sheriff and members of his staff, hardly a radical group.

Alice's record clearly demonstrates our respect for and our cooperation with the police department. We clearly appreciate the efforts of the vast majority of its officers. However, a priority of Alice is to protect and fight for the human rights of San Francisco's residents. For the last three months the PAC has witnessed the testimony of alleged victims of police brutality and harassment. Mr. Barry neglects to recognize the possibility of working with community organizations in finding solutions to the problem. Quite the contrary, he has made an irresponsible, unsupportable charge which I find an embarrassment to the many fine men and women he supposedly represents.

A member of the PAC will testify before the Police Commission expressing Alice support for Civilian Investigators. We will continue to explore possible alternatives to the present system including the feeling of some PAC members who believe the Police Commission should be elected instead of appointed.

Men's Work Furlough

Louise Minnick

Almost everyone's favorite boy politician is taking on one of Criminal Justice's biggest political footballs. Our Sheriff, Michael Hennessey, should be able to make a clean short pass down the middle for a triumphant Sheriff's Department point lead. The huddle strategy is, with approval of the Board of Supes, to acquire Men's Work Furlough and reign supreme with both the men's and women's programs tucked neatly under his Numero Uno jersey.

Currently, the Sheriff's Department controls the women's program and the Adult Probation Department controls the men's, both of which are housed in the same building. Eighty percent of the 24 hour staff is the responsibility of the Sheriff's Department, yet the Probation Department's minimal staff of three has total control over all decisions affecting policy for the men's program, which involves approximately 60 individuals serving jail sentences in a minimum

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