

MATTACHINE STUDY GROUP

Meeting #1

Held on Mon. Jan. 15th, 1962 8 P.M.

It was decided that for the first few meetings the group will explore all feasible projects that could be accomplished within a 3-5 year period. Once it has decided on 2 or 3 such projects, the group will draw up and publish a prospectus, setting forth these objectives. The prospectus will be used as a fund raising device to enlist aid from either large numbers of individuals; certain wealthy individuals; or foundations. The idea of drawing up a list of wealthy homosexuals was suggested but shown to be impractical and/or incorrect procedure. The group then proceeded to start discussing kinds of projects.

I A systematic educational program aimed at the judges in New York State was proposed. Material would possibly consist of results of legal cases; changes in the law in other states; psychological-medical articles; or well-written articles of general interest on homosexuality. Several persons felt such mailings should be extended to legislators also. Opinion was divided on the latter group, and this was not resolved.

II It was felt that the present-day homophile publications - geared as they are to the in-group - do not provide an organ for accurate presentation of homosexuality to the general public. A general circulation magazine was proposed. Such a magazine would be 75% general interest material and 25% material on homosexuality. It was the consensus that such a magazine would not be financially or editorially practical - either in the next 5 or 25 years.

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a scholarly journal was proposed, but not explored. The problem of how we can get improved writing on homosexuality for popular consumption was not resolved.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 5th, 8 P.M. at the apartment of Messrs. Speier & Carlin at 157 E. 57th St., Apt. 9-D (no further announcement of the next meeting will be sent)