

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM OF ACTION

Mattachine Society, Inc. of New York

The Steering Committee submits the following five-point program for your information. It will be formally submitted to the membership for acceptance at the meeting on Tuesday, June 12 at Freedom House. Questions arising about the program will be answered at that time.

1 PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Mattachine will broaden its relationship with professionals, civic leaders and other sections of the community by forming a speaker's bureau to send its members as well as experts in this field to various organizations; will in turn invite psychologists, educators and other professional leaders to attend discussion groups conducted by the Society; will acquaint influential persons with the aims and activities of the Society in order to enlist their support.

2 LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL EDUCATION

The Mattachine will conduct a systematic educational program aimed at the judges and legislators of New York State; will make available to them material on such developments as judicial decisions and changes in laws, as well as psychological, medical and other articles of interest; will follow up such mailings whenever possible by meetings with judicial and legislative persons.

3 RESEARCH

The Mattachine will take the initiative in fostering research into the biological, psychological and social problems of the homosexual; to this end the Society will recommend possible research programs to individuals and institutions proposing to do work in this area, and will cooperate with such research; will arrange conferences on homosexuality in conjunction with learned societies; will affiliate with or set up joint committees where possible with groups in civil liberties, sexual research and related areas.

4 PUBLICATIONS

The Mattachine will enlarge its publications program to encourage scholarly and authoritative writing on homosexuality; to this end it will publish a serious journal presenting original material; will endeavor to have articles on the subject written for publication in scientific and lay journals; will make the literature in the field known by inaugurating an abstract service in which articles on homosexuality will be summarized.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Mattachine will expand its aid to persons desiring assistance in problems relating to homosexuality by installing a full time administrative assistant. This employee will handle day-to-day activities of the Society; will interview persons for the purpose of making referral when cases so require. The Society will further cement its relationships with psychologists, religious leaders, police and probation officers, and social agencies in order to make this service most effective.

The Steering Committee wishes to go on record as advocating change of name at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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