

Unanimously adopted by Eastern Regional Homophile Conference at its Jan. '68 meeting

--- Resolved, that the Eastern Regional Homophile Conference:

- 1) Opposes denial of Federal employment to homosexual American citizens;
- 2) Opposes the exclusion of homosexuals from the Armed Services and the issuance of less-than-fully-honorable discharges to homosexuals found in the Armed Forces;
- 3) Opposes the denial of security clearances to homosexuals, per se;
- 4) Opposes Ronald Reagan as President of the United States because of his opposition to changes in laws affecting homosexuals and his opposition to government employment of homosexuals;
- 5) Favors a continuing, strong effort to change state criminal laws relating to private, consensual adult homosexuality and calls for implementation of the recommendations of the President's Crime Commission in this respect;
- 6) Commends the City of New York for its enlightened attitude in regard to the employment of homosexuals;
- 7) Will attempt to achieve greater organization of homosexuals into voting blocs;
- 8) Calls for an enlightened approach to homosexuality in courses on sex education;
- 9) Encourages and supports the formation of new homophile organizations;
- 10) Protests the almost total denial to homophile organizations of space in the newspapers and other media for legitimate organizational advertising;
- 11) Strongly favors the enlightened re-examination by various religious **bodies** and groups of traditional attitudes toward homosexuality;
- 12) Calls upon Congress to reconsider those provisions of the immigration and naturalization laws which provide for exclusion and deportation of homosexuals;
- 13) Calls upon police departments to cease the practices--where they exist--of enticement and entrapment of homosexuals for the purpose of morals arrests, and commends the City of New York for its recent policy change in these respects, showing that significant improvement is possible;
- 14) Supports the petition, now before the U. S. Supreme Court, from Richard Inman, a homosexual of Florida, challenging Florida laws prohibiting service of liquor to homosexual citizens, assembly of homosexual citizens in bars, and employment of homosexual citizens by bars; and
- 15) Generally commends the American Civil Liberties Union for its policy statement on homosexuality.

--- In addition,

The Eastern Regional Homophile Conference, acting on behalf of the several million homosexual voters in its region:

- 1) Recognizes the necessity for political action to seek the elimination of discrimination against the homosexual American citizen by his national, state, and local governments;
- 2) Will oppose candidates on all levels who perpetuate this governmental discrimination;
- 3) Will endorse the candidates on all levels who seek to alleviate or remove this discrimination;
- 4) Authorizes the drawing up of a questionnaire to be sent to candidates for President, Vice-President, Governor, Senator, and Congressman to determine their positions on homosexuality to allow for endorsement or opposition by the ERHC;
- 5) Urges the constituent organizations to mobilize the homosexual minority to implement the intent of this resolution.