



WASHINGTON
MATTACHINE
Today

*New Action in the
Homophile Movement*

MSW's Essential Goals ...

To Create Better Lives For Homosexuals
As Homosexuals By:

- * securing for them equality and dignity in every facet of their lives.
- * eliminating the prejudice and discrimination on the part of heterosexuals which are at the root of the problems of the homosexual.
- * achieving a satisfactory approach by the armed services in regard to the homosexual.
- * eliminating the unwarranted denial of security clearances to homosexuals.
- * eliminating the unjustified discrimination by the Federal Government against the employment of homosexual citizens.
- * guarding the rights of homosexuals as homosexuals to congregate in public and private places.
- * eliminating the discrimination by private employers against the employment of homosexual citizens.
- * dispelling the myth that homosexuality is a sickness.
- * encouraging effective counseling programs to help individual homosexuals adjust to their orientation.

Some Past Accomplishments ...

- * successful interventions at administrative levels in cases involving the denial of federal employment, security clearances, and honorable discharges to homosexual citizens.
- * frequent appearances on national and local television and radio, and the initiation or promotion of magazine and newspaper articles about homosexuality.
- * a national survey to determine evidence of the susceptibility of homosexuals to blackmail.
- * joint publication, with the D. C. Department of Health, of the pamphlet, *Homosexuality and Venereal Diseases*.
- * initiation of a dialogue between the Mattachine Society and Washington area clergymen.
- * elimination of plainclothesmen in local public parks.
- * publication of a leaflet, *How to Handle a Federal Interrogation and What to Do If You Are Arrested*.
- * establishment of a referral service for homosexuals needing assistance (legal, medical, religious, draft, etcetera).

What Can MSW Mean to You?

MSW can mean the end of restrictions in job opportunities and limitations in other areas of daily life. It can mean more freedom to organize your life so that your efforts can be channeled toward your maximum potential, without the necessity of giving undue consideration to the prejudices of others.

In summary, the Homophile Movement of which MSW is an active part, means a better life for America's 15 million homosexual citizens.

What Can You Do?

MSW needs your moral support-- individual encouragement, ideas, and suggestions. More specifically, the Society needs your donations--no matter how small--to continue and expand its work. But your most important donation may be your time and talents. Your membership is cordially welcomed. Monthly meetings are held at a centrally located Washington church. Society records are kept *strictly* CONFIDENTIAL.

If you wish to consider membership in MSW or just want more information, fill out the coupon on the back page and mail it to us. Or call the Society telephone number.

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MSW Today ...

The Mattachine Society of Washington is a social-action, civil libertarian organization whose membership includes both heterosexuals and homosexuals. It exists to serve the welfare of the large and diversified homosexual community in the Washington area. Now in its 8th year, MSW is extending its efforts through concentrated programs covering employment, community and police relations, research and education, and social action to enable the homosexual to live his life as he chooses, without subjection to public or private discrimination.

With a continued aggressiveness and new flexibility, MSW on the eve of the 1970's is determined to accomplish its goals within the coming decade.

MSW Today merits your support.

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Gentlemen:

Please send me further information _____ I wish to join MSW _____

Name (or Pseudonym) _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____