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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF HOMOSEXUALS IN WASHINGTON

On Thursday through Saturday, August 17-19, 1967, delegates from organizations throughout the United States will meet in Washington, in closed session.

This is the third National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations. Previous Conferences occurred in February and August 1966 in Kansas City and San Francisco.

The purpose of the Conference will be to plan cooperation, strategy, and tactics, and to explore philosophy and methodology, in gaining for homosexual American citizens their proper status as the first-class citizens and first-class human beings that they are by right.

The approach of the Conference will not be toward the conversion of homosexuals to heterosexuality, but toward gaining of rights, dignity, and acceptance for homosexuals as homosexuals.

Delegates are expected to be present from some 30 organizations, located in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Vancouver, and elsewhere.

One or more press conferences will be held and will be announced shortly.

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INVITATION TO A

PRESS CONFERENCE

Date: Wednesday, August 16, 1967  
Time: 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room (off main lobby)  
Roger Smith Hotel  
18th St. & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

NATIONAL HOMOSEXUAL RIGHTS' GROUP TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE

You are cordially invited to attend this conference which is being held by the National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations. As announced in an earlier Press Release, this group is holding its third national meeting in Washington, D.C., Thursday through Saturday, August 17-19. It is composed of thirty organizations dedicated to achieving the first-class status for American homosexual citizens due them by right.

The meeting's formal session will be closed and this press conference will provide an opportunity for you to meet and discuss the relevant issues with the leaders of these organizations. The meeting's chairman, the Rev. Canon Robert W. Cromeley who has achieved national notice due to his work with the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, Inc. in San Francisco, will be present.

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