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Gay Pride bulletin

GAY PRIDE--TUESDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 2-7

* GAY PRIDE! WHAT IS IT? WHO IS IT? WHEN IS IT?

Across the country these past two years, gay people have been getting it on for a gala spring festival celebrating the fact that we're gay, we're proud and we're together. Parties, shows, rap sessions, platform speakers, gala public picnics--all designed around the theme of GAY TOGETHERNESS--are being staged to show that gay is good and gay is here to stay! Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco have all seen dazzling Gay Pride celebrations in 1970 and 1971. This year, we want one in Washington too!

Here in Washington we have beautiful gay people in every walk and rank of life--rich, poor, black, white, male, female, in business or in school, in leather or in drag, in "the movement" or in the closet! Gay Pride will be a time when everybody who's gay in Washington can come to meet on common ground. This can be the start of something BIG. This can be the beginning of a whole new feeling in the gay life of Washington.

* WHO'S DOING THIS?

Gay individuals, organizations and businesses all over town are pitching in to make Gay Pride a success. For starts, the GW Gay Peoples Alliance is donating space for seminars; Henry Street is organizing a fabulous drag show; the Gay Activists Alliance is sponsoring an arts festival and dance at its new community center; the Orthodox Catholic Communion and the Metropolitan Community Church are planning a special outdoor gay mass; and the Club East Baths, in a magnificent display of community business spirit, is donating printing costs. All events are being coordinated by an ad hoc committee of gay community people. If you want to help, phone Bruce Pennington (232-7521), Cade Ware (544-8042) or Chuck Hall (234-7594).

WHAT TO DO?

You can help Gay Pride, by working or contributing. Money is needed for dance decorations, platform lumber, posters, light/sound rentals and myriad gay, good expenses. Write your check to GAY PRIDE. Mail it to 806½ E St SE. You will be rendered a full accounting of money spent.

* EVENTS? A PLATFORM PROGRAM IN LAFAYETTE PARK, WITH ORATORS SPITTING RIGHT IN THE EYE OF THE WHITE HOUSE--A GALA FANCYPANTS BALL (DRESS GAY! COME GAY!)--AN ARTS FESTIVAL--A GAY-IN PICNIC AT ROCK CREEK PARK--THESE AND MORE ARE ALL IN THE WORKS. CALL UP AND HELP OUT. AND WATCH FOR GAY PRIDE BULLETIN NO. 2 COMING YOUR WAY!