

# National Homosexual Conference

## August 16, 17 1975 Melbourne University Union

### FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST

8.00 p.m. RECEPTION (Mixed Lounge)

### SATURDAY, 16 AUGUST

#### 9.30-11.00 a.m. HOW HOMOSEXUALS ARE OPPRESSED

An exploration of our experience of homosexual oppression through the major social institutions and the basic problems confronting us as homosexuals.

- Psychology
- Education
- Media
- Religion
- Legal situation and law reform
- Family
- Self oppression

#### 11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. WORKSHOPS

- Coming Out
- Bisexuality
- Lesbian Mothers
- Homosexuals and their families
- Gay Culture
- Being Homosexual at work
- Australian Gay History

#### 2.00-4.00 p.m. SPEAK OUT

-All welcome to speak on their personal experience and views.

#### 4.30-6.00 p.m. WHY HOMOSEXUALS ARE OPPRESSED

-An exploration of the political nature of homosexual oppression through theoretical analysis in the light of psychological and sociological theories of social structure and human behaviour:

- Social identity or self identity?
- Homosexuals as scapegoats?
- Social myths?
- Necessity of homosexual oppression?

### SUNDAY, 17 AUGUST

#### 9.00-11.00 a.m. HOMOSEXUALITY AND FEMINISM

A discussion of homosexual oppression and

liberation within the framework of feminist concepts.

- Sexual objectification
- Feminism/Effeminism
- Relationship with the Left
- “Ethics” of social relationships (e.g. monogamy/promiscuity question, “falling in love, again”)
- Sexism among homosexuals
- Women and men working together?

#### 11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. WORKSHOPS

- Effeminism
- Lesbian Separatism (Women only)
- Ageism
- Sexual Objectification
- Homosexuals and the Left
- Men's group

#### 1.00-2.00 p.m. LUNCH

Different State groups could meet over lunch concerning future action

#### 2.00-4.00 p.m. HOMOSEXUAL MOVEMENTS - PAST AND FUTURE

An analysis of experience in Gay Liberation, Camp and other homosexual rights groups. What will have the greatest impact for change on contemporary Australian society?

- Problems of sexism among homosexuals
- Possibility of unity among homosexuals?
- Possibility of unity among lesbian women and male homosexuals?
- Contradiction between ideology and gut reactions (conditioning?)
- Toward a non-sexist society

#### 4.00-5.30 p.m. ACTION WORKSHOPS

The formation of new action groups and meeting of specific interest groups to discuss concrete proposals for action.

- Mental health workers
- Education groups, e.g. teachers, students
- Public Service
- Law and prisons
- Media
- Homosexual counselling
- Parents of homosexuals