



RED AND LAVENDER

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIALIST LESBIANS/MALE HOMOSEXUALS

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INTRODUCING THIS NEWSLETTER.

Red and Lavender has been created to keep people informed of the increasing number of activities of the Socialist Lesbians/Male Homosexuals. It will come out monthly. It is produced by a working group which meets separately from the fortnightly general meetings; the date of the meeting for the next issue will be set at the next general meeting. All are encouraged to become involved in this working group.

Red and Lavender is free.

If you want it sent to you send \$2 to "Socialist Homosexuals" at the address below.

MARXIST READING GROUPS.

The idea behind these groups is to develop our own understanding of Marxism in informal, discussion situations. With a greater understanding of Marxist theory we can better understand our oppression in a scientific way and be better activists. It should also lead to greater involvement in the general activities of the Socialist Lesbians/Male Homosexuals through minimizing unevenness in political development between our militants.

A suggested outline has been roneoed as a basis for these groups. Each group can decide how it will treat this outline, eg. add new material, skip over some, rearrange the order, etc. Each group should have about six people and will determine its own pace. We suggest that the groups be 'closed' after six but the group can decide to admit new people of course, especially if people leave. Groups are to meet fortnightly, in the 'off' week from the general meeting, and should meet in private homes (eg. on a rotated basis). Each group should make sure it has the reading material lined up at least one meeting ahead. Basically the groups are autonomous and self-managed, and the general meeting should not have to deal with them until the outline program runs out (6-8 months time) - except for emergencies like drop outs reducing the group to one or two people, assistance with sources, etc.

Copies of the outline are available at the general meeting, as is the list of groups (one each on Sunday, Monday and Thursday nights).

Every comrade is urged to join one.

OUR CONFERENCE.

The Socialist Lesbians/Male Homosexuals are organizing a conference in Sydney on the weekend of May 7-8, 1977. Called 'Socialism, Feminism and Homosexuality: A National Conference of Socialist Lesbians and

Socialist Male Homosexuals', the proposed plenaries will cover areas such as capitalism and the family, lesbian-feminism and socialism, ideology and psychoanalysis, and future action. The conference will be activist-oriented and will work within a socialist framework of discussion. Any suggestions for organizing, workshops, etc are welcome. For more information write to PO Box 153, Broadway, NSW 2007.

RADICAL HOMOSEXUAL BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Angelo Rosas and Craig Johnston are compiling a bibliography on books, articles, papers, etc. on radical, especially Marxist, analyses of the 'homosexual question'. They would appreciate suggestions; write to them c/- Socialist Lesbians/Male Homosexuals, Sydney.

ACTIVITIES.

Tuesday, December 7. 4.30pm, Sydney Town Hall Square; 5.30pm, march. Protest Indonesian invasion of East Timor.

Thursday, December 9. 12.30pm, Royal Commission office, Queen's Square (Domain side of Macquarie Street). Demonstration for the release of an imprisoned lesbian.

December 10-14. Cotter River, ACT. Alternate Life Styles Conference.

Monday, December 20. 8pm, CAMP Center, 33A Glebe Point Road, Glebe. General meeting, Socialist Lesbians/Male Homosexuals (note new day!).

Monday, January 10, 1977. 8pm, CAMP Center, 33A Glebe Point Road, Glebe. General meeting, Socialist Lesbians/Male Homosexuals.

PUBLICATIONS.

Copies of Manifesto of the Socialist Homosexuals and Faggots and Marxists: two articles on homosexual liberation by David Fernbach are still available. The Manifesto is free; Faggots and Marxists is 10¢. Order from PO Box 153, Broadway, NSW 2007.