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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF MORTY MANFORD

Morty Manford, 23, a New York City resident, is a founder of the national Gay Liberation Movement and was a participant in the Stonewall Riot.\*

Mr. Manford is the President of the Gay Activists Alliance of New York, the largest and best known Gay Liberation group in the nation.

In 1971, Manford founded Gay People at Columbia, the first and largest Gay student group on a major university campus in America.

He organized "Parents of Gays", an activist group for mothers and fathers of Lesbians and male Homosexuals. Mr. Manford regularly speaks at high schools and colleges in the metropolitan area, and has made major addresses at Yale University, the University of Bridgeport, Gettysburg College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutgers University, Williams College, Pace College and at the Regional Conference of the Lutheran Student Movement held at Buckhill Falls, Pa. He recently helped to organize a Gay student group at the Bronx High School of Science.

Morty Manford has journeyed extensively across the country, organizing politically-oriented Gay Liberation groups in 18 states, including Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana, Florida and Georgia. In 1971 he travelled to England and the Netherlands to convey the militant spirit of the American Gay Liberation Movement to Gay leaders in those countries. In 1972 Manford was elected head of the National Coalition of Gay Organizations and led Gay activist protests at the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach.

\* The "Stonewall Riot" was a 1969 clash between Gays and New York City police at a Gay bar, the Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street in Manhattan, that is generally recognized as the single most important incident precipitating the emergence of the Gay Liberation Movement.



Mr. Manford's lobbying and militant activities to end discrimination against Gays have been the subject of articles in the National Review, New York Magazine, Change, the New York Times, News and the Post, Newsday and in dozens of campus newspapers throughout the country. He has been an all-night guest on the Long John Nebel program (WMCA Radio) and a guest on "From A to Zenker" (WKBG-TV, Boston), and has been interviewed on virtually every New York City TV and radio news program.

In the spring of 1973, Mr. Manford served as campaign manager for City Council candidate James Owles, the first openly Gay candidate for major public office in New York.

*Again, I am honored to introduce you to Marty Manford.*

Manford is known to many as the principal victim in the highly publicized "Inner Circle" incident in 1972 in which Gay demonstrators were brutally beaten ~~at~~<sup>+</sup> a reporters' dinner. In the sensational criminal trial which ensued, Manford accused Michael Maye, then President of the Uniformed Firefighters Association, of committing the assault.

In 1973, Manford was named a Trustee of the National New Orleans Memorial Fund, a disaster-relief fund formed to assist victims of a fire in a New Orleans Gay bar; 32 people were killed in the June 24, 1973, fire at the Up Stairs Lounge.