

Task Force on Gay Liberation

February 12, 1971

The January 31, 1971 meeting of the Task Force on Gay Liberation held in New York City was one of the most intense we've held so far.

News of the Task Force and its activities is continuing to spread. We've appeared in Gay Scene, Vector, Synergy, Library Journal, American Libraries and HUB (Homophile Union of Boston)

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A preliminary draft of proposed revision of the LC and Dewey classification schedules for Homosexuality was presented at the meeting and discussed extensively. Two members of the Task Force who were working independently on the project will now be working more closely and it is expected that their work will be a major topic at our Dallas meeting. Anyone with ideas to share in regard to classification schedules and/or subject headings should contact the Task Force. We can't represent you without your participation.

Read any good books lately? If they're about homosexuality and seem like fairly basic works, whether positive or negative, why not send the bibliographical information and your valuable comments on the books to Jack Stafford, 87-39 158th St., Jamaica N.Y. 11432. Jack's working on an annotated bibliography and can neither read nor locate every book on the subject for possible inclusion.

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The School of Continuing Education of New York University is offering a Spring course on Homosexuality: A Contemporary View. If you're interested contact NYU.

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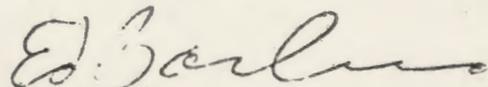
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For further information please contact Israel Fishman, 268 Prospect Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017.

Brothers and sisters -

Peace to you all


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