HAWTHORNE, Minn.: The Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor convention adopted a gay rights platform recently, and elected a gay activist as an delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Presidential candidate Hubert Humphrey, founder of the organization, immediately dissociated himself from the platform, (Advocate, July 5)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA: Acknowledged homophobe Carroll Stokes finished ninth in a field of 34 candidates for the seven positions in a local election for Community College Board Members. He drew over 44,000 votes to the winner's 72,000. In the same election, Jim Fossa, political chairperson for the Gay group UH, was elected as a delegate to the Democratic Convention, belonging to the George Meikrow (Advocate, 7/5)

NEW YORK, NY: Bella Abzug was defeated in the June 26th primary. She had campaigned in the New York Continental bars on 10 June to 500 livid-walled-bathers. The Village Voice attacked her for using gays when her campaign are having difficulties. (Advocate, 7/5/72)

BUFFALO, N.Y.: A proposal for an "Office of Gay Affairs" was turned down by the Unitarian-Universalist General Meeting recently. Funded by a $23,000 grant the GSA was to study how the church could better meet the needs of Gays.

BUFFALO, N.Y.: The NYC Mattachine Society has engineered stock in Pan American Airways, thereby gaining access to stockholders meetings. Mattachine asked Pan Am at their annual meeting why Pan has excluded homosexuals from employment. Pan Am submitted a written reply skirting the homosexual issue. Mattachine hopes to purchase Pan Am stock and use the stock in a similar strategy.

BUFFALO AND NYC: A new weekly radio program centering on gay news and events is being broadcast on Buffalo FF station UBO, 89.2 FM. Wednesday nights. Two programs are being broadcast in NYC weekly. They are "Gay Pride" and "Out of the Closet." A Gay TV program produced by Gay Activists Alliance of NY is being carried in Manhattan by cable TV.

BUFFALO, NY: The District of Columbia Board of Education passed a resolution banning discrimination in employment on grounds of sexual orientation.

COLUMBIA, PA: Peggy Burton, high school teacher, was fired because someone told the principal the teacher was a homosexual. Burton was representing Ms. Burton in a federal lawsuit on the grounds that sexual behavior of consenting adults should not be punished, particularly by loss of livelihood. (Civil Liberties, ACLU # 288)

ELEPHANT, PA: Federal court ruled that the University of PA must accept arbitrarily when they overstep a student government decision to fund a gay student organization. It was the first time the Regents had ever interfered in the funding of organizations. (Civil Liberties, ACLU # 288)

BUFFALO, Ill.: The July 7th Playboy Advisor has been used its salary compliance orders that paving same when performing oral sex adds no more than one or two calories per average meal.

NEW YORK, NY: Janet Rivers was released from the Suffolk County Jail June 22, after serving a 15-day sentence in connection with an incident in the office of the Suffolk County O.P. The Gayactivist alliance offered to pay her $250 fine, but she refused and went to jail. Mrs. Rivers was formerly known as Ferretta, but changed her name in a break with her "co-saints." Mrs. Rivers said she agreed the message of Gay Liberation in the jail, and had no regrets about her experience.

The University of Rochester Gay Liberation Front is dedicated to the ongoing struggle for gay equity and freedom. We seek liberation from oppression, without the hypocrisy and discrimination of straight society. G.L.F. meetings are open to everyone who believes in basic civil rights and human dignity for all.
AREA GAYS MARCH IN NEW YORK CITY

A delegation of 25 people from the Rochester GLF attended the Christopher Street Gay Liberation March Sunday, June 25. The march celebrates the raising of the Stonewall Inn by the people who were there with the Lincoln, Nebraska, group. Some New York Bars had delegations. The Gay rights groups in evidence included the following.

A morning rain tapered off to a wet drizzle by noon. Marchers with long drives ahead felt the parade would be cancelled and left early. By 2 pm, Gay sunshine was in evidence and the clouds parted, and the march of Rochester Code in Sheridan Square, New York City, was with the group. Some 50+ blocks of Fälle were lined with people. Many unaffiliated groups refused to submit to police harassment, and others beat a hasty retreat. A group of tourists in the vicinity of Radio City Music Hall were greeted with shouts of "Out of the closets and into the streets!" They were either not aware of the existence of Gay people, or were victims of peer pressure, not showing their weariness.

As we neared Central Park, some 100,000, Gay is twice as good as straight" and "Gay power, when do we want it? Now!" the march stretched out eight blocks. There were an estimated 3,000 to 10,000 participants at Central Park, hall filled balloons were released, climaxing the end of the march.

Rochester Gay Liberation Front gives special thanks to a household in the Bronx that showed a special love to a daughter and twelve friends by providing accommodations.

The march was reported in the 26 June New York Times, and the marchers of the march. As usual Gay members attended the event. Photos of the march are on display at Jim's and the GLF office.

GAYS AT POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

A number of Gay people will be attending the Democratic National Convention in Miami. Busses leaving from Chicago, Seattle, and Albany will stop along the way, collecting Gays and hopefully publicity.

Mourning for 400 people will be provided by the Metropolitan Community Church, although some Gays are planning to stay on the beach.

The strategy of Gay leaders is to make Gay people as visible as possible, hopefully encouraging the platform committee to adopt a strong Gay rights plank. Watch for Gay demonstrations on television, we hope to make our presence felt by being visible, and hopefully, attract national media coverage.

Gay Coalition Meets in Buffalo

A meeting of the NYS Coalition of Gay Organizations held in Buffalo was attended by Jim Olin and Don Sable from Rochester GLF. The group discussed endorsing a presidential candidate and issued the following position paper.

"The NYS Coalition of Gay Organizations, while cognizant of the private statements of presidential candidates Chisholm, McGovern and Humphrey, has decided not to endorse a presidential candidate. We express our dismay that none of the presidential hopefuls had openly raised the issue of gay rights, while we are pleased with Sen. McGovern's six-point program, we urge him and all candidates to address themselves during the remainder of the campaign to the important concerns of homosexuals. Many of the two million gay people in New York State have worked for many years in political parties, and expect their needs to be addressed. We will not continue for long to work for politicians who refuse to discuss openly gay rights.

Also discussed were a "Gay Clearinghouse" for use of NYS gay groups in exchanging information. A five person board was elected to represent the group between general meetings. Jim Olin from Buffalo was elected from Buffalo.

The next meeting of the organization will be at Utica College October 6,7 and 8.

POLICE PREVENT ARREST OF GAY

Quick action by Rochester Police prevented possible tragedy when police arrested a youth reportedly wanting to shoot a man he thought to be homosexual. Two carloads of youths were observed with a pistol and rifle. Police were called, and several units converged on the scene. After a chase, the youths in a red 1966 station wagon were stopped, and the one with the pistol-type firearm arrested. The youth with the rifle escaped in a white car.

The incident occurred about 1 am, Sunday 25 June. The youth, Steve D., 18, was charged with possessing a dangerous weapon and was held for his pre-trial hearing Monday 26 June.