

# The Mattachine Society of Washington

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Gentlemen:

The Executive Board of the Mattachine Society of Washington has expressed some concern over the closeness of the dates of the proposed National Homophile Conference in August, in Chicago, and the Democratic National Convention, and has asked me to contact both Mattachine Midwest and the Daughters of Bilitis on this matter. I am sending substantially identical letters to Mattachine Midwest, to the Daughters of Bilitis, and to Shirley Willer.

The proposed NAHC is less than two weeks before the Democratic Convention. Accommodations will be tightening up. Chicago will be becoming a "madhouse". Any publicity which we might have received on our Conference will be crowded out by news of the Pre-Convention maneuverings. There are murmurings of civil disorders in connection with the convention.

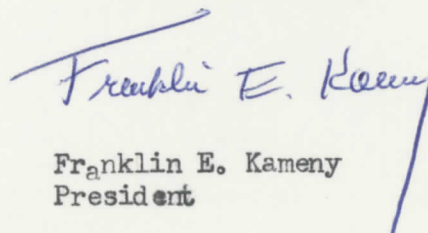
All factors taken into account, it is our feeling that at this early date, while arrangements still have a certain flexibility, it might be wise to reconsider the date of the Conference, and make it as much earlier as seems feasible (any later date seems inadvisable, because the forthcoming national election will dominate the scene; and many delegates will probably find attendance at a September Conference more difficult to arrange than a July or August one). Perhaps early-to-mid July might be best (but not at July 4th, because of our annual Independence Hall picketing demonstration, this year supported by the Eastern Regional, and expected to be large).

Your comments and news of any action taken will be appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON

  
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President