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AIMS:

fight hypocrisy & puritanism
combat police interference
on clubs, crotic events
and productions
improve press reporting
of police action & sexual issues
 get the 'morality' and
'obscenity' laws changed

<u>Minutes of the Second Law Petition Working Group</u> <u>Monday 4th November 1996</u>

- 1) <u>Attendance</u> Robert Duthie, Tuppy Owens, Tim Summers, Ted Goodman, Jeff Rosson & Cathy
- 2) NCROPA'S Freedom of Expression Bill was introduced by Ted Goodman as a precedent for our proposal for our SEXUAL FREEDOM BILL.

It was agreed to add the following to NCROPA's list

the Disorderly Houses Act:

Offences Against the Person Acts:

Clause 28 of the L.G. Act;

all acts which discriminate against gays including age of consent, number of people allowed in room where sex is taking place, marital/employment /insurance rights;

blasphemy;

the laws which restrict prostitutes rights, i.e. living off immoral earnings, shared premises, soliciting and restrictions on advertising (Tuppy to check with prostitutes attending forthcoming Prostitution Working Group).

- 3) <u>Written contributions to the petition's introduction</u> were submitted by Robert, Tuppy and Tim.
- 4) <u>Petition</u> As well as having the petition printed in *Consenting Adults* and as many other publications as possible, we will print 10,000 copies on A4 (double sided) Tuppy to get a quote with our logo, the title of the petition, pre-amble and actual statement, with spaces for 25 names on one side and text of the Sexual Freedom Bill on the other

Title: "SEX PLEASE — WE'RE BRITISH

<u>Pre-Amble</u> — general philosophy (Tuppy's contribution to be compressed by Tim) beginning with the words: "WHEREAS" <u>followed by</u>: "WE THE UNDERSIGNED petition the new Home Secretary to reform Britain's sex laws, by enacting the Bill

overleaf, based upon due respect for the civil liberty and choice of consenting adults, to bring Britain into line with the rest of the European Union".

<u>Base line</u>: "Please return, completed or not, to The Sexual Freedom Coalition PO Box 4ZB, London W1A 4ZB, by 31st May 1997. Please request more Petition sheets if you need them."

- 4) <u>Volunteers</u> to be sought at next SFC Plenary on 20.11.96, and amongst supporters of the SFC who don't come to plenaries
- 5) <u>PressReleases</u> will be issued at the start and finish of the petition
- 6) MP/House of Lords Allies We will collect the names, addresses, faxes, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of any MP or member of the House of Lords who may be sympathetic and invite them to a cocktail party at Tuppy's flat around Feb 14th, in strict confidentiality and no press. Potentials include Tony Banks, Chris Smith, Edwina Currie, Jeremy Corbyn, Theresa Gorman, Clare Short, Nicholas Scott, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Lord Jenkins of Putney, Lord Taylor and Lord Freud. More ideas welcomed.
- 7) <u>Stallin Soho</u> permission to be sought to set up a small campaign table out side Paul Raymond's Review Bar on Friday and Saturday nights, to collect signatures.
- 8) <u>Budget</u> We need a limited company to avoid making SFC supporters liable for debts inadvertently incurred. A budget for doing the petition to be presented to the Plenary. Since each sheet of the petition will need to be photocopied, we should start collecting paper (could already be used on one side) for these. Jeff offered to do the photocopying and will work out costs.
- 9) <u>Getting Petition out through other Avenues</u> Everyone should compile a list and / or ask people they know who might circulate the petition through their clubs / magazines etc.
- 10) <u>Presentation of Petition</u> The march should be sober but lively, and we are yet to decide on the image for those individuals who hand the petition in to the Home Office. Police and Council to be notified.
- 11) <u>NextMeeting</u> Wednesday 4th December 1996 at 7.30pm at the same address.