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movement requires--a sympathetic voice rendered in a dispassionate voice." And they found that his conclusion--that homosexuality has become less threatening and more like an integral part of society-- "seems as welcome as it does inescapable."

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## Southeast Conference

No sooner had the chlorine gas cleared at the 1983 Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men in Atlanta than planning began for the 1984 conference.

Hundreds of attenders of the Atlanta conference in late April were routed from a Saturday night variety show in a hotel ballroom by a chlorine gas leak in the swimming pool above. The disruption led speakers for the evening, Rita Mae Brown and Armistead Maupin, to speak standing atop a sports car to the attenders who gathered in the hotel's parking lot. Later the same evening, the Buffalo Chips, a Texas gay men's clogging group set to entertain in the ballroom, instead took over the hotel's lounge bar, and Conference goers footstomped and cheered amid other hotel guests who looked slightly bewildered.

The following day, as Conference events returned to a more normal schedule, planning got underway for the 1984 Conference. Representatives from Alabama offered to host next year's gathering in Birmingham at the Holiday Inn--Medical Center on May 17-20.

Billing the conference as "Celebration '84 -- Pulling Together and Reaching Out," organizers have to date engaged speakers Ginny Apuzzo of the National Gay Task Force and Abby Rubinfeld of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The Alabama planners are placing special emphasis on solidifying the lesbian/gay network in the Southeast. At the 1983 conference, efforts were made to revitalize the Southern Association of Lesbian and Gay Organizations (SALGO). The Association, coordinated by Stewart Butler in New Orleans, is putting together a regional mailing list of people representing various geographic areas in each state.

Ron Lambe of RFD magazine in Bakersville, NC, volunteered to be the SALGO coordinator for North Carolina. Lambe has compiled a list of all lesbian and gay groups, publications, and businesses which have a primarily gay clientele in North Carolina, to be combined by SALGO with similar lists from other Southern states. The list will be used for mailings of news of regional interest, including publicity for the Southeastern Conference. One of SALGO's aims is to make the list available to all lesbian and gay organizations in the region.

To ascertain that your group is included in the regional list, contact:  
 SALGO  
 c/o Stewart Butler  
 1308 Esplanade Avenue  
 New Orleans, LA 70116

-Lee Mullis