

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Board of Directors held Monday, January 13, 1947 at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd St., New York City. Present: Dr. Holmes presiding; Messrs. Pingham, Chalmers, Childs, Cousins, Ernst, Fraenkel, Frank, Huebsch, Northrup, Pitzele, Thomas, Williams, Wise, Misses Height, Kenyon and Lasker; also Messrs. Baldwin and Robin, Mrs. Burr, Misses Kahn and Levenson of the office.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as sent out with item 3 corrected to read: "The Board unanimously approved a resolution by Mr. Thomas reaffirming: (1) the Union's complete moral support of the conscientious objectors in the Glendora, Cal. camp prosecuted by the government for striking against payless labor in C.P.S. camps; and (2) asking NCCO counsel to reexamine the legal issues with a view to Union intervention."
2. Mr. Baldwin reported that the Union's Southern California branch is participating in the Glendora strikers' defense with A.L. Wirin acting as counsel for the men. The Board noted a letter from Julien Cornell, NCCO counsel, reaffirming the original position of the NCCO against Union intervention on the ground of the unlikelihood of favorable judicial consideration of issues which have been previously decided adversely by the courts. Upon Mr. Baldwin's recommendation, the Board voted an appropriation of \$520 to defray bail fees of the strikers who are without funds.
3. The Board approved a memorandum endorsed by officers of the NCCO recommending amnesty to conscientious objectors by specific categories, to be sent to the President's Amnesty Board. Mr. Baldwin reported that he had discussed with Justice Roberts this approach to the problem.
4. The Board approved renewal of the office lease Feb. 1 for two years at \$3,080 per annum, an increase of about 11%, upon recommendation of Messrs. Huebsch, Childs, and Frank.
5. The Board referred the suggested changes in the 1947 statement of the Union's current program of activities to Messrs. Wise and Pitzele for final editing.
6. Mr. Baldwin reported creation by Navy Secretary Forrestal of a civilian committee, headed by Ernest Hopkins, former President of Dartmouth College, to recommend policy regarding citizenship for natives civilian administration, and other reforms urged for Guam, Samoa and other U.S. Pacific islands.
7. The Board noted resumption of first-class mail service with Japan and the lifting of the Post Office ban against commercial communications of a non-transactional nature with Germany and Japan.
8. The Board noted with regret Dr. Frank Graham's declination to serve as chairman of the National Committee, owing to poor health and press of duties. The Nominating Committee was asked to submit new recommendations.

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9. The Board noted with regret Thurgood Marshall's resignation from the Board, and requested the chairman to express its appreciation of his services.
10. Mr. Baldwin reported on his trip to the midwest, noting the organizational progress made by the Chicago branch and the likelihood of future strong support of Union policies from that area.
11. An invitation from the War Department to Roger Baldwin to make a sixty-day survey of Japan and thirty-day survey of Korea advising AMG on civil liberties issues was noted, and the Board unanimously urged his acceptance of the offer.
12. A bill in Congress to exempt news associations from the anti-trust laws, reported by Mr. Ernst, was referred to Mr. Northrup for report at the next meeting.
13. The matter of Union policy on the question of the Daily News' application for an FM license, which has been challenged by the American Jewish Congress for alleged anti-Semitic and anti-Negro editorial policies, was referred to the Radio Committee for report.
14. The Board noted with appreciation an article in Commonweal concerning the Susan Bower "mystery hitch-hiker" girl defended by the Union, and recommended its reprinting as suitable for membership appeals.
15. Membership as of January 1, 1947 showed a total of 7,220 members, a net increase of 471 for the eleven months of the fiscal year. Four hundred and eighty four old members were dropped because of death, resignation, delinquency and removals, while 955 new members have been added.
16. The financial report for the 11 months of the fiscal year ending December 31 showed in the operating fund receipts of \$40,975 against \$39,015 for the previous year with expenditures of \$42,310 against \$35,604. Expenditures were \$282 under the budget. In special funds a total income of \$5,722 was reported with expenditures of \$6,988, showing a deficit of \$1,266.

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Board of Directors held Monday, Jan. 26, 1947 at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd St., N.Y.C. Present: Dr. Holmes presiding: Messrs. Angell, Briasenden, Chalmers, Childs, Ernst, Fly, Fraenkel, Frank, Huebsch, Lamont, Northrup, Wise, Miss Kenyon; Messrs. Baldwin, Robin, Mrs. Burr, Misses Levenson and Kahn of the office.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as sent out.
2. The Board requested Messrs. Angell and Thomas of the National Committee on Conscientious Objectors to present to the President's Amnesty Board at the hearings, Feb. 18 the Union's views on categories of selective service violators deserving amnesty.
3. Mr. Baldwin reported a conference with War Department officials on the mailing of printed matter to occupied countries, to be re-established shortly with Germany. The Board, noting that the American Military Government has banned printed matter from the Russian zone in retaliation for the Russian ban on U.S. zone matter, requested the office to protest to the State, War and Post Office departments, directing public attention to this adoption of dictatorial methods, and to urge that the U.S. ban be lifted.
4. The Board heard Mr. Northrup's report on the Mason bill exempting press associations from the anti-trust laws, in order to overcome the Supreme Court A.P. decision, and voted unanimously to oppose the measure.
5. The Board, upon the advice of the Radio Committee, declined a request from the American Jewish Congress to support the FCC's right to review the editorial policy of a newspaper applicant in connection with the application for an FM license by the Daily News, challenged for its allegedly anti-Semitic views; the declination being based on the established policy of not intervening in cases of competitive new applications.
6. Mr. Baldwin reported that arrangements are proceeding for a dinner in Washington with leading Republican congressmen. Messrs. Childs, Williams, Pitzele, Chalmers, and Seymour were requested to attend for the Union.
7. The Board noted that proposals for extending the federal civil rights laws are being drafted by Mr. Gellhorn and a student group for presentation through the Union to the President's Civil Rights Committee. Mr. Ernst reported that as a member of the Committee he is exploring novel approaches to extending federal controls through the taxing power and other means.

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8. Mr. Baldwin reported a conference with War Department officials regarding his proposed tour of Japan and Korea and informed the Board that arrangements have been made for Mr. Forster to serve as acting director in his absence. He expressed considerable doubt as to the utility of the proposed trip as an agent of the War Dept. The Board agreed, however, on the desirability of Mr. Baldwin's acceptance of the War Department's offer, providing complete freedom of action is assured by higher officials.

9. Preparations for the Union's annual conference were noted.

10. Mr. Baldwin reported that the State Department is currently exploring the possibility of convening representatives of all communications interests, as attempted by the Union last year, to formulate an over-all American approach to international freedom of communication.

11. Consideration of a revised statement on the Union's policy on picketing, submitted by the Committee on Civil Rights in Labor Relations, was deferred until the next meeting.

12. An additional^{loan}/of \$500 requested by the Chicago Branch for a money raising campaign was voted by the Board subject to final approval by Messrs. Childs and Huebsch.

13. A schedule prepared by the Fiduciary Trust Company in conjunction with Messrs. Childs and Huebsch for a more favorable investment of the Union's reserve securities was approved.

14. An appropriation of \$1000 was voted to initiate a campaign for the repeal of the oriental exclusion act with the proviso that the money be repaid if the campaign permits.

15. Leaves of absence were granted to Messrs. Rice and Bingham for one and two months respectively.

16. The Board noted the announced program of the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities, and requested the office to draft a statement urging abolition of the committee on the ground that no such mandate to a congressional committee is in conformity with the principles of democratic government.

17. The Board noted the admission to citizenship of Jan Valtin, represented by Mr. Hays, and agreed to pay any necessary expenses of the proceedings.