

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

170 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 10, N. Y.



MINUTES of the meeting of the Board of Directors held 1 P.M. Monday, June 2, 1947 at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd St., N.Y.C. Present: Dr. Holmes, presiding; Messrs. Angell, Bingham, Cousins, Mrs. Pilpel (for Mr. Ernst), Fly, Fraenkel, Frank, Fry, Gellhorn, Lamont, Lindeman, Northrup, Pitzele, Thomas, Williams, Wise, Ennis; Mrs. Bromley, Miss Kenyon; also Messrs. Forster, Robin, Sterling, Mrs. Burr and Miss Levenson of the office. By invitation, Mr. R. Lawrence Siegel, counsel for the Academic Freedom Committee.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as sent out.
2. The Board considered the article in the May 19th issue of the New Masses attacking Roger Baldwin, a matter which had been laid on the table at the last meeting, and unanimously decided that nothing in the article merited an official reply from the Union.
3. The Board noted a request for legal and financial assistance from the six Connecticut doctors ousted from Catholic hospitals in Waterbury, Bridgeport and Stamford for having taken a public stand supporting a state bill on the dissemination of birth control information. In line with its previous stand supporting the doctors' rights to freedom of opinion on public questions, the Board voted legal and financial assistance.
4. The Board, noting a second set of resolutions recommended by the Academic Freedom Committee as substitutes for those drafted by the Board concerning political activities on the campus, appointed Messrs. Lindeman and Frank to a subcommittee to meet with an Academic Freedom subcommittee to arrive at an acceptable formulation.
5. Mr. Siegel reported the Academic Freedom Committee's recommended statement of policy affirming the ACLU's policy on separation of church and state. The Chair was authorized to appoint a subcommittee of the Board to bring back a revised statement of principle.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Academic Freedom Committee, the Board voted to file a brief amicus curiae in the North College Hill case contesting the use of public funds for the support of a parochial school and its teaching staff.
7. The recommendations of Messrs. Gellhorn, Fraenkel and Seymour regarding the proposed Washington office program on loyalty tests were noted and the Board requested the committee and the office to submit at the next meeting an outline of suggested operating procedure under a budget of not more than \$5000.

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8. The Board noted Mr. Ennis' testimony before a House judiciary subcommittee May 28th in support of a Japanese evacuation claims bill.

9. The Board noted with appreciation that a brief prepared by Mr. Fly and signed by Charles Horsky, Washington counsel, had been filed in the petition for the rehearing in the Harris search and seizure case recently decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

10. In answer to a request from the Northern California branch on ACLU participation in a committee to aid Carl Marzani, a federal employee convicted for denying on his civil service record membership and activity in the Communist Party, the Board voted not to participate on the ground that no civil liberty issue was involved.

11. The Chairman was granted a leave of absence for the summer and until his return from India in December, Mr. Frank was named as acting chairman.

12. The Board received Mr. Forster's request for a leave of absence until September and expressed its appreciation to him and to Mr. Robin for their work during Mr. Baldwin's Far East trip.

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Board of Directors held 1 P.M. Monday June 16, 1947 at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd St., N.Y.C. Present: Mr. Frank presiding; Messrs. Childs, Mrs. Pilpel (for Mr. Ernst), Fly, Fraenkel, Lamont, Lindeman, Pitzele, Wise, Ennis; Mrs. Bromley, Miss Kenyon; also Messrs. Robin, Sterling, Mrs. Burr and Miss Levenson of the office.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as sent out with the deletion of the word "unanimous" in item 2.

2. The Board noted that the Union's offer of aid had been accepted by the six Connecticut doctors ousted from Catholic hospitals for publicly supporting a state bill on birth control information. Their request for a survey of possible legal action was referred to Mrs. Pilpel.

3. Consideration of the special committee's report on a proposed Washington office loyalty program was deferred until copies are mailed to Board members.

4. Messrs. Wise and Ennis reported on a second conference with the Attorney General in connection with further recommended safeguards for the loyalty order. Mr. Clark appeared to receive favorably an ACLU request for further definition of "subversive", "Communist", "Fascist" etc. and standards to measure the disloyalty of organizations. Further progress was noted on a number of other proposals submitted by the Union.

5. The Board adopted as a rule of parliamentary procedure that a motion to lay on the table shall be debatable until the Chair, in its discretion, shall rule that debate on the motion be closed.

6. Mr. Robin reported an exchange of correspondence between Mr. Baldwin and the newly elected Prime Minister of Japan. The Board noted Mr. Baldwin's probable date of return to N.Y.C. and agreed to hold a special meeting Wednesday, June 25, as he requested.

7. The Board noted an offer from A.L. Wirin to act as amicus in a case testing the constitutionality of a Hawaiian statute prohibiting the teaching of foreign languages in the public school classes below the fourth grade. It was agreed not to participate in the lower courts. In the event of an appeal, the office was authorized to ask local counsel to prepare a brief amicus curiae.

8. Mr. Fly reported on the White-Wolverton bill amending the 1934 Communications Act and the measure was referred to the Radio Committee for recommendations as to ACLU policy.

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9. Membership report as of May 1st showed a total of 7,408 members, a net increase of 115 for the three months of the fiscal year. Old members dropped during this period because of death, resignation, delinquency and removals totaled 244, while 359 new members have been added.

10. Financial report for the 3 months ending April 30 showed in the Operating Fund receipts of \$11,320. against \$12,747. the year previous, with expenditures of \$14,530. as against \$10,166. for the previous year. In Special Funds an income of \$1,672. was reported with expenditures of \$3,873, showing a deficit of \$2,201.

Balances on hand May 1 were: Operating Fund, \$2,501.87; Special, \$838.52; Special Educational Fund, \$965.50; McMurtree, \$940.82; Trust Funds, \$3,506.09; General Reserve, \$731.07; Revolving Loan, \$341.07; Petty Cash, \$67.90.

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MINUTES of the special meeting of the Board of Directors held Thursday, June 26, 1947 at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd St., N.Y.C. Present: Dr. Holmes, presiding; Messrs, Angell, Brissenden, Childs, Cousins, Finerty, Fraenkel, Frank, Fry, Gellhorn, Hays, Lamont, Lindeman, Pitzele, Thomas, Wise; Mrs. Bromley, Miss Lasker; also Messrs. Baldwin, Robin, Mrs. Burr and Miss Levenson of the office. By invitation, Mrs. Lans and Mr. Butler.

1. Dr. Holmes welcomed Mr. Baldwin upon his return from a two months survey of civil liberties in Japan and Korea undertaken as a private citizen at the invitation of Generals MacArthur and Hodge and with the cooperation of the War Department. In his report, Mr. Baldwin elaborated on the information contained in the memoranda sent to Board members.

2. The Board authorized Mr. Baldwin to make representations to the War and State Departments along the lines indicated in his memorandum and his oral report.

3. The Board noted an informal request conveyed by Mr. Baldwin from American civilians attached to the occupation for ACLU sponsorship of a local civil liberties branch in Japan but declined at present to consider it.

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Board of Directors held 1 P.M. Monday, June 30, 1947 at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd St., N.Y.C. Present: Dr. Holmes, presiding; Messrs. Angell, Fly, Fraenkel, Frank, Fry, Hays, Lamont, Lindeman, Seymour, Thomas, Wise; Mrs. Bromley, Misses Kenyon and Lasker; also Messrs. Baldwin, Robin, Miss Hanna, Mrs. Burr and Miss Levenson of the office.

1. The minutes of the meeting of June 16 were approved as sent out.

2. The Board discussed at length the majority and minority report on ACLU policy regarding universal military training submitted by mail in advance of the meeting. The majority report, with slight amendments, holding that the ACLU should not oppose universal military training if proved necessary to national security and with provisions safeguarding civil liberties was upheld by an 8 to 7 vote. As previously decided at its Feb. 10th meeting, the Board ordered both majority and minority reports sent as a referendum to the National Committee. The chairman requested Messrs. Angell and Thomas to prepare the form of referendum.

3. The Board noted the application of the newly formed Atlanta Civil Liberties Committee for a charter and, upon the recommendation of the office, approved it.

4. Membership report as of May 31 showed a total of 1,483 members, a net increase of 190 for the four months of the fiscal year. Old members dropped during this period because of death, resignation, delinquency and removals totaled 330, while 520 new members were added.

5. Financial report for the four months ending May 31 showed in the Operating Fund receipts of \$16,055 against \$16,988 the year previous, with expenditures of \$17,737 as against \$14,789 for the previous year. In Special Funds an income of \$2,367 was reported with expenditures of \$3,983, showing a deficit of \$1,616.

Cash balances on hand June 1 were: Operating Fund, \$3,390.50; Special Funds, \$3,017.89 (including \$1,539.30 interest not yet allocated to various funds); Reserve Funds, \$6,647.59; Revolving Loan, \$341.07; Petty Cash, \$87.90.