

# American Civil Liberties Union 'Encouraged' By Status of Work in Nation, Report Shows

New York — (U.P.) — The American Civil Liberties Union today found "comfort," "encouragement" and "challenge" in its annual report on its work and the status of civil liberties throughout the nation.

"Liberty is always unfinished business," wrote Patrick Murphy Malin, executive director, in his preface to the report.

"Official administrative magazines or the exhibition of motion pictures, is rapidly disappearing," Malin found on the credit side of the ledger.

"But notice also the wide and intense concern felt by newspaper reporters, editors and publishers as well as by a House of Representatives subcommittee, over the concealment of federal, state and local government news (beyond the needs of national security, etc.), on which intelligent popular opinion and voting in large measure depend.

**Some Ominous Notes**

"There has been increased allowance for realism and variety in subject matter and treatment

in the production of motion pictures. But there has come, too, the development of the general and secondary boycott against book sellers and motion picture theaters, whereby religious and other groups not only exercise their right to guard their members from material believed objectionable, but also may keep other people from exercising their own judgment on that and other material."

Malin noted that "the United States Supreme Court continues unanimously to uphold equality before the law. But even the most modest program for improved federal civil rights legislation is still blocked. In educational desegregation, there continues to be steady progress, frequently unpublished, in the border states. But we are still shocked by headlines of violence and economic reprisal, and the deliberate refusal of eight southern states to comply with the law of the land, not to mention failures of federal, state and local authorities to desegregate public housing in northern states."

**'Most Critical Situation'**

The ACLU said the fight for equal rights for Negroes today is being waged "in the midst of the most crucial situation since the nation was divided in 1861." It expressed concern over threats to the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment in attacks on Negro defense organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Urban League and on white citizens supporting equal rights.

The ACLU said it will seek to broaden its own organization in the south during 1957 with a corps of volunteer lawyers to handle all kinds of civil rights cases.

"While the effort in the new Congress to end the filibuster blockade by adopting new rules of debate was defeated, the increased numbers of senators who supported the resolution and Vice President Nixon's doubts as to the constitutionality of the present rules offer real encouragement for a future change," Malin wrote.

**Some Encouragement**

The report found encouragement in the treatment of national security problems "with sanity instead of demagoguery" in the 1956 election campaign, in the Supreme Court's ruling that the federal employee security act does not apply to non-sensitive positions, in court action which is "gradually elaborating standards to be observed by the

State Department in the withholding or revocation of passports."

It found challenge, however, in the failure to settle the basic question of the First Amendment's limitation on legislative investigation, on "a rapid growth of state and local wiretapping—official and unofficial, legal and illegal," in the use by police of "night-stick" justice in dealing with children of low income, minority-group neighborhoods."

The ACLU reported 1955-56 income of \$358,353.09, all but \$20,000 of which was from membership dues and special contributions. It reported litigation expenses of \$7,494.48 plus \$4,081.75 given to affiliates for such expenses (attorneys serve the organization without charge). Operating expenses totaled \$42,276.07, and \$129,760.01 was transferred to affiliates as their share of contributions.

cause school need is likely to recede, it is also because today's rapid developments in design and technology mean a more rapid rate of building obsolescence—a matter which has not yet been given adequate consideration by all types of building investors."

And it was pointed out by the Forum that, when school needs recede, "the small school building can continue in service as a community center."

Will Porter, school-building authority of the University of Iowa, is a typical spokesman for the common-sense school that meets the needs of today and tomorrow. He asks, "Is there any reason... why an education plant has to be built for a hundred years?" Dr. Porter cites examples of "ancient hulks" of stone, brick and steel that long ago outlived the original purposes for which they were built and which are giving inadequate service at enormous cost for other uses today.

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The one-story, campus-type of school building was an idea that Portland school architects put to work as early as 1923, when three of the type were built. California school authorities carried on the principle in earthquake-resistant construction. The Long Beach quake of 1933 was a terrific demonstration of the danger to life in the old-time, monumental type of school, while safety to life was demonstrated in the one-story school on a campus plan.

Whatever the materials used, the latter type is not only the safest under powerful seismic shocks and hurricanes, but in fire. Children can go out almost instantly from many exits, including the windows, without risk of panic or suffocating smoke.

The oldest existing homes, schools and churches in the Pacific Northwest today are of wood construction all the way through. Wood is an ideal material for schools today, in terms of modern design and engineering. So our trees hold the means of more adequate, safe, efficient and beautiful school buildings to meet our inescapable needs—all at far lower cost than schools constructed of non-wood materials.

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Upper Applegate Grange No. 839 met in regular bimonthly session at Ruch school cafeteria. The news was given by Brother William Nostrand that the lath is being put on the ceiling of the new hall which is to be plastered this coming week.

Tentative plans call for redwood paneling at the ends of the hall. Worthy Master Bachmann reported that with the help of his son he had already shoveled one load of sawdust onto the floor and called for volunteers to spread another load. Volunteers were Glen Williams, Omar Cully, Val Haskins, Jim Wingham, and George Redhead offered the loan of a scoop shovel.

From the relief committee reports were received that Mark Smith, son of Pearl Whitney is very ill at a local hospital, and that Eleanor Mayfield of Jacksonville and Bernice Meier now of Lynwood, Calif., are improving.

Master Bachmann brought to the attention of the Grange a communication covering condemnation by the federal government of the National Grange building at Washington, D.C., which is wanted for government purposes.

A resolution from Phoenix Grange was read and discussed with the result that it was rejected and the secretary was instructed to send to Phoenix Grange a copy of the Upper Applegate Grange resolution supporting a sales tax "to be irrevocably allocated for use in state school and welfare disbursements."

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## Knowland, Bridges Seek Budget Cuts

Washington — (U.P.) — The congressional economy drive shifted into high gear today from the support of the Senate Republican leadership.

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.), and Chairman Styles Bridges (N.H.), of the GOP Policy committee both called for cuts in President Eisenhower's \$71.8 billion budget.

They said in separate statements over the week end that the cuts were necessary to clear the road for general tax reductions next year.

Knowland, who has said previously he expects the budget to be scaled down at least \$2 billion, warned the administration to "put the house in order" regarding federal spending. He said Congress and the administration "must face up" to the need for reduced spending and tax cuts.

Bridges, who also heads the Appropriations Committee, said he had worked out a "scientific approach" in slashing \$3.3 billion from the budget. His cuts would include \$1.35 billion in foreign aid, \$750 million in defense expenditures, and \$500 million in public works programs.

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**WOMEN ARE STILL CATCHING UP**—A. C. Pillsbury (left) gives women drivers tips on terrain they will encounter between Los Angeles and Sun Valley, Ida., in this year's Mobilgas Economy Run. This is the first year women will drive in the event because with 25,000,000 drivers in the U. S., officials say, "women may prove to be more economical drivers than men."

**LOTS OF CANDY**  
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