

TEXAS CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
1205 B East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78702

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Members of the TCLU Board of Directors
The Presidents of Chapters and Committees

FROM: William A. DeWolfe, President

RE: Vacancy in the Position of Executive Director

As many of you know, our Executive Director--Doran Williams--has expressed his desire to resign effective December 31, 1969. He expressed this desire to the TCLU Board last Spring.

Doran has served our Union excellently over the past two years. He has contributed much to the organizational growth in Chapters and Committees and new members. We will miss his full-time efforts on our behalf. Doran wishes to devote more of his time to the creation of a private school and to the law. We wish him well.

The Executive Committee in the Spring thought we might consider creating two part-time positions for the TCLU and have a part-time Executive Director and a part-time Legal Director. Suggestions were made as to possible personnel and the President was instructed to interview some potential candidates for these roles, who were known to the Executive Committee. But none of these possibilities materialized. Thus we have to start all over again.

With December 31 a little more than three months away, we need to get busy. Your President has had some second thoughts about the two part-time position-solution and at present feels that we still need a full-time executive. Our Chapters and Committees are becoming stronger and more active and are having success in recruiting cooperative attorneys. But their growth in the past two years demands and will demand in the immediate future coordination and services from a full-time person. Although my mind is not closed on this matter, I am inclined to believe that the full-time person is the one we need.

I have scheduled a meeting of the Executive Committee for Saturday, October 18th at 9:30 A.M. at the First Unitarian Church in San Antonio. At that time, I hope we can make a recommendation on just what we should do about

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From: Wm. A. DeWolfe

filling our staff vacancy and perhaps interview some potential candidates.

I have also scheduled a meeting of the full Board for Saturday, November 15th for either Austin or San Antonio. I hope that the Executive Committee will be able to report its findings at that time and perhaps present one or more candidates for the position of Executive Director.

Right now I would request each Board Member and Chapter/Committee President to announce to their membership that the position of Executive Director is open. Please urge any and all possible candidates to write directly to me stating their interest and supplying background information on themselves; their professional experience and personal roles in the fields of politics, social service and social reform and also supplying the names of three references.

At the present time the salary for the Executive Director is approximately \$7,000. Although there is the possibility of some adjustment in that figure, in as much as our 1970 budget has not been set. It is probable that our demands for our funds will necessitate keeping close to that figure.

Your President feels that what we need is a person who is vitally interested in the field of civil liberties, has been involved in the work of our local chapters or the state, is a college graduate (a graduate degree would be nice, but not essential), and is familiar with the field of government. Your President is not sure that the person should not be a lawyer, but leans toward a non-lawyer type.

I have instructed Doran Williams to place an ad in the TEXAS OBSERVER announcing the vacancy and inviting applications.

Please mail all correspondence in relation to the Executive Director position to me at my home address below.

I am looking forward to hearing from you and to seeing the Executive Committee on October 18th and the full Board on November 15th.

(signed)
William A. De Wolfe
[REDACTED]
San Antonio, Texas [REDACTED]

September 28, 1969

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee and Board of Directors

FROM: Doran Williams

As most of you know, I notified the Board last March that I wished to resign as of December 31, 1969, in order to be involved to the fullest extent in the creation of Greenbriar School. The Executive Committee and President were authorized to interview applicants to fill the position, and at a later meeting of the Executive Committee, two particular individuals were discussed and I was instructed to talk with them. Both individuals are recently licensed attorneys, and both have decided to go into private practice. (One of the two is now an ACLU cooperating attorney.)

Greenbriar School is now officially open, with a student enrollment of 40 and a full-time staff of ten. The I.R.S. has recognized the parent corporation---MARSALOM, Inc.---as a tax-exempt/tax deductible, non-profit organization, and the Selective Service is allowing conscientious objectors to perform their alternative service at the School. The first building is not yet completed, but we expect to finish the work before the first cold weather arrives. In the meantime, instruction and discussion are going on in the shade of oaks, pecans and cedars.

I have been working with Greenbriar (and on Greenbriar) to the extent my duties as Executive Director have permitted. I feel an excitement about what we are doing with the school, and a deepening commitment to it. All of us who are involved with Greenbriar are aware that we are creating something which is almost unique to the Texas environment, and all of us are determined to do our utmost to see that it survives and continues to change and grow. My excitement and commitment comes not so much from the fact that we are starting a school, (because Greenbriar is not intended to be just a private school), but rather from the creative aspects of what we are doing and the opportunity it gives me to live and work in a way I feel to be truly creative.

With regard to my duties as Executive Director, I am feeling the pressures of a "double bind"; I'm damned if I do resign before December 31; I'm damned if I don't. This may in fact be a purely subjective damning, with no relation to

the reality of the situation; but it is what I'm feeling. The only way out of this kind of bind, discernible to me, is complete candor; which is, I feel I must make my resignation effective October 31, 1969.

There are a number of qualified applicants for the position, some of whom have already contacted Bill DeWolfe; I feel sure that the Executive Committee will have no problem in that regard.

I have enjoyed my tenure as Executive Director, and hope that I have contributed, substantially and creatively, to the health of civil liberties in Texas. I am not abandoning TCLU; I feel that it should continue to grow, in membership, in its effectiveness and in its willingness to enter new areas and concepts of civil liberties. I intend to remain active, but I do not feel that I can while exercising the responsibilities and restraints of a staff employee.

September 29, 1969

The major lesson
from this
collaboration

AP end

Oct 9th

700,000 books

1. Search
2. Board
3. Army at 10

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NEWS RELEASE

Wayne Oakes, Executive Director

The Texas Civil Liberties Union voted at the State Board meeting held in Austin, Saturday, November 22, to create a committee to study the civil liberties of patients in Texas Mental Institutions. This action grew out of a report delivered to the Board by Dr. W.R. Beavers, a prominent Dallas psychiatrist who has been studying the problem of commitment procedures in Texas Mental Hospitals.

Dr. Beavers, a Board member himself, directed attention to the frequent abuse of civil liberties of patients hospitalized on an indefinite commitment. Such persons lose all present and future civil guarantees, such as the right to vote and enter into contract, until such time as they are released and their mental competence legally restored. Many patients indefinitely committed are never released. Of those that are, most remain uninformed that their rights as citizens also may be restored. By contrast patients who commit themselves voluntarily do not simultaneously lose their civil guarantees. This individual retains the right to decide his own future.

In view of this, the Texas Civil Liberties Union officially joins Dr. Beavers in urging physicians to encourage all patients to voluntarily commit themselves to hospitalization.

TCLU President Wm. A. DeWolfe was requested to make appointments to the committee. This action was taken as a response to our unanimous agreement with National ACLU Board resolution of January 13, 1969, which reads;

"Mental illness can never by itself be a justifiable reason for depriving a person of liberty against his objection. Even when such deprivations are accompanied by fair procedures, they are unjustified except on a basis---for example, a violation of criminal law---that would be equally applicable in the absence of mental illness."

November 24, 1969

For immediate release

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Executive Committee Meeting
First Unitarian Church of San Antonio
May 24, 1969 10:00 A.M.

Present: Wm. DeWolfe, Robert Lichten, Dr. Melvin Straus, Dr. Ralph Estes, Doran Williams.

Field Secretaries. M/S/P that Executive Director send letters to each of the Field Secretaries, informing them that they are being engaged for secretarial services at a fee of \$100.00 per month for San Antonio and Houston secretaries, and \$150.00 per month for the Dallas-Fort Worth secretary, plus expenses.

Fund Raising Goals. The Executive Director reported that as of April 30, 1969, TCLU had reached 35% of its goal of \$43,100; 252 affiliate new members have joined, and 745 members have made renewal contributions. TCLU's monthly membership income, forwarded from National ACLU, is now at \$2000. A large portion of the new memberships have resulted from the organization of CLU Committees in heretofore untaught (by ACLU) areas of the State.

None of the Chapters have met the fund-raising goals determined by the Board. The Executive Director pointed out that those funds were not needed now to meet operating expenses, although, they would be needed in the event of a heavy case load, and to meet the expenses of the Pledge Campaign this year.

It was M/S/P that the Chapters be urged to respect their fund raising goals.

Board Representation. It was decided that the new scheme of representation on the Affiliate Board of Directors, as approved by the Chapters as an amendment to the TCLU Constitution, go into effect as of the next Board meeting, in as much as a majority of Chapters have already conformed to the new method.

To facilitate the determination of the Board representation due a Committee or Chapter, it was M/S/P that small

Chapters and Committees submit a list of members to the State office's list as to number of members in the area, while the larger Chapters should submit a close estimate of their membership.

Allotments. M/S/P that funds go to the Committees as they are needed, but in minimal amounts as determined by the Executive Director.

M/S/P that as Committees become Chapters, they receive allotments in the same manner the present Chapters do, on a pro-rata basis.

M/S/P that President and Executive Director formulate plans for revamping the method of allotments to Chapters, for distribution to the Board and to Chapter Presidents. Complete the formulation by the end of July.

R.B.F. Bill DeWolfe is to present TCLU's suggestions and recommendations re: the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Inc., to the Board of Directors of ACLU.

Executive Director. The President and Executive Director were authorized to begin interviews with applicants for the Director's position.

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TO: Chairmen of Chapters and Civil Liberties Committees

RE: Board Representation

A majority of the Chapters have approved the proposed amendments to the TCLU Comstitution, submitted to the Chapters on February 15, 1969. These amendments change the manner in which the Board of Directors is composed, the number of Directors from each Chapter or Committee being determined according to this schedule:

Members in Chapter or Area	Representatives to Board
50-200	1
201-400	2
401-600	3
601 or over	4

In as much as a majority of Chapters have already conformed to this new scheme, the Executive Committee has recommended that the new manner of representation on the Board go into effect as of the next Board meeting, which will probably be held in September or October. Civil Liberties Committees and small Chapters should submit a list of their membership to the State office, so a determination can be made as to how many, if any, Board Representatives they are due. The larger Chapters (201 or more members) should submit a close estimate of their membership.

June 2, 1969



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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN OF CHAPTERS AND CIVIL
LIBERTIES COMMITTEES

Enclosed are the following:

1) A TCLU Directory, including a map of the Civil Liberties Areas and a copy of the newly amended TCLU Constitution. It is likely that names have been omitted from local Board lists, and that there are incorrections in addresses and positions held. If your Chapter or Committee Board is not properly designated in the Directory, send a complete list of Board members, with addresses, to the State office, and a corrected page will be mailed out.

2) First Quarter Cash Flow Chart, unaudited. As of April 30, 1969, TCLU had met 35% of its 1969 goal of \$43,100 in shared and affiliate new income, with a net affiliate share of \$8,152. These sums include \$1,856 in contributions from 252 new members, and 60% of \$13,072 contributed by 745 renewing members.

As a reminder, the 1969 goal determined by the Board includes \$21,060.00 in contributions from 1800 renewing members, \$3,500 from 400 new members, and special fund raising goals of the Chapters: Dallas, \$1,100; Houston, \$1,100; Fort Worth, \$550; Austin and San Antonio, \$700 each; El Paso, \$350; Brazos, \$200; Sabine, Corpus Christi, Lubbock and Amarillo, \$100 each.

3) Copies of the Minutes of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings.

4) A Report On Certain Aspects of Racial Discrimination In The Fort Worth Independant School District, prepared by the Fort Worth Chapter.

June 6, 1969

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Texas Civil Liberties Union State Board Meeting
March 29, 1969
First Unitarian Church
San Antonio, Texas

Meeting opened at 9:30 A.M.

Board members in attendance were: Sabine CLU--Harlan Friend; Dallas CLU--Robert Lichten; Fort Worth CLU--Ralph Estes, Walter Baese; Houston CLU--Lee Read, Dassia Porper; El Paso CLU--Dr. Melvin Straus; San Antonio CLU--Nancy Phillips, Trent Cheyney; William DeWolfe, President. Also present : Doran Williams, Executive Director; Mary Martin, Nancy Mottweiler, Field Secretaries; Sue Estes, Duane Martin, Linda Williams, Barbara DeWolfe.

MINUTES of the November 9 Board Meeting were approved with two corrections:

page 2 #4--The Executive Committee, within the allocation for development established by the State Board of Directors, may make allotments to these areas.

page 4--Educational Fund--Mr. Lichten announced the formation of a Samuel Ziegler Educational Fund offering \$1500 a year for an undergraduate or graduate student...

CIVIL LIBERTIES AREAS--Angeline, San Jacinto, Sabine, Montgomery, and St. Augustine counties will be switched to the Sabine Area.

FINANCIAL REPORT--As of February 28, the Texas affiliate had reached 23% of its goal for 1969. At that time 482 renewals had been received.

The allotment for Texas from ACLU has increased \$250 for each of the next four months.

Mr. Estes reminded that the Board that the Dallas-Fort Worth Field Secretary should be given a raise in salary as stated at the last Board Meeting because of serving two large chapters.

Mrs. Read moved that the salary be increased for this Field Secretary to \$200 per month. Motion was seconded, then amended by Mr. Cheyney to read \$175. The amendment was accepted by Mrs. Read, but the motion failed to carry. Dr. Straus moved that the salary be increased to \$150. This motion was seconded and carried.

The Chairman suggested that the Board consider giving the

Executive Director a monetary wedding gift. Mr Estes moved that the gift be \$500. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Straus moved that the Board authorize the Chairman as well as the Executive Director to sign checks. The motion was seconded and passed and the Secretary was asked to write a letter to the bank requesting that a signature card be mailed to the Chairman.

Following discussion of the chapter allotments, Mr. Lichten moved that the TCLU allotment policy be quarterly payments to the chapters of \$10 plus 25¢ per member, and to the committees \$5 plus 25¢ per member. There was no second to the motion.

The Executive Director announced that enough replies were in from the chapters to assure passage of the proposed changes in the constitution of the TCLU.

ELECTION--Ralph Estes nominated Bill DeWolfe to a second term as Chairman. Mrs Read seconded the nomination and moved that he be elected by acclamation. Mrs. Porper seconded and the motion passed.

Dr. Straus nominated Bob Lichten for a second term as a Vice Chairman. Mr. Friend seconded the nomination and Mr. Lichten was elected.

Mr. Estes nominated Dassia Porper to a second term as a Vice Chairman. Dr. Straus seconded the nomination and Mrs. Porper was elected.

Mr. Estes nominated Dr. Straus to be Secretary. Mrs. Porper seconded and Dr. Straus was elected.

Mr. Cheyney nominated Mr. Estes to be Treasurer, and Dr. Straus seconded. Mr. Estes was elected.

TLCB--Dr. Straus reported the continued interest of the El Paso chapter in the entrapment procedures of the Texas Liquor Control Board.

FRANKLIN LINDSEY MEMORIAL FUND--Dr. Straus reported that scholarships available from the Fund are available to "students only of the white race". The University of Texas at El Paso no longer accepts the scholarships, but one professor who is a director of the Fund still advises students of its existence.

BORDER SEARCHES--The El Paso chapter is still looking for a

litigant in the area of border searches. Dr. Straus reported on the searches of several people, none of whom were willing to take the case to court.

Chairman DeWolfe will discuss the matter of border searches with ACLU officials in Washington, D.C., Southern California, and New York when he attends the next national board meeting.

NATIONAL VOTING PRODEDURE--Chairman DeWolfe told of a suggested change in voting procedure at the national level. Instead of each board member voting his proportionate share of the entire affiliate's vote, under the new procedure the number of people from an affiliate voting would cast the entire vote of that affiliate. After discussion of the proposal the consensus of the board was that they agree with the action of the president in co-sponsoring the change.

THE ROGER BALDWIN FUND-- The Fund is being restudied. ACLU is now forming the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Inc. as the tax exempt fund-raising and program arm of the ACLU.

Mrs. Read moved that TCLU Board establish the American Civil Liberties Foundation of Texas and instruct the Executive Director to implement the motion. Mrs. Porper seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Cheyney moved that the Board and the Executive Committee serve as the governing body of the Foundation. The motion was seconded and passed.

POLICY GUIDES--Doran Williams suggested that since the ACLU Policy Guides cost \$2.00 or \$2.50 each, chapters requesting more than one should pay for the extra ones and order their own. The Board approved this auggestion.

LEGISLATION--An Act now before the legislature (HB 26, SB 74) would lift the drivers license of any driver who refuses a chemical test for intoxication.

Another act (HB 32, SB 292) would declare teaching to be a profession, but would in fact endanger the civil liberties of the teachers of the state. (HB 32 was introduced by Rep. Cory; SB292 was introduced by Senators Bernal, Brooks, Jordan and others). Mr. Lichten moved that the Executive Director and any chapters investigate the background of this bill and forward their finding to the Chairman, also immediately discussing this with their legislators. The Executive Director would be directed to prepare arguments pro and con on this bill and send them to the chapters who will lobby against the bill. The motion was seconded and passed.

MILEAGE RATES--A suggestion was sent to the meeting by Sam Houston Clinton that the mileage rate allowed on expense reports be raised to ten cents per mile. Mr. Estes so moved, the motion was seconded and passed.

ACLU FUND-RAISING--Mrs. Read issued a complaint that the Roger Baldwin Fund request for money should have been coordinated with state drives for funds as requested by the ACLU Board at its last meeting. It was decided that the Chairman will write a letter of protest to the Roger Baldwin Fund.

The Board also felt that quarterly billings from ACLU should be made in January, April, July and October. The Chairman was asked to relate this suggestion to ACLU.

Mr. Lichten moved that any chapter may request from the state office a supply of return envelopes addressed to the chapter. There was no second to the motion.

Mr. Estes moved that representation to the state board be based on number of memberships. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Lichten moved that each field secretary be supplied with membership return envelopes addressed to her office address. Motion was seconded and passed.

The Board discussed the school system rulings regarding expulsion or suspension for possession of or being under the influence of either marijuana or liquor. It was decided that the Executive Director would write a letter to the state Commissioner of Education and send copies to the press.

CHAPTER ALLOTMENTS--Mr. Lichten suggested a change from equal allotments to a formula reflecting the size of the group. He moved that for 1969 allotments to each chapter be increased by 5¢ per member.

Mr. Estes amended the motion to the effect that each chapter with over 200 members be given a bulk mailing permit and that any already having paid for one be reimbursed. Mr. Lichten accepted the amendment and the motion was seconded and passed.

The Chairman suggested that the Executive Committee develop a more equitable distribution of chapter allotments in terms of membership and needs.

LARRY CAROLINE CASE--Doran Williams reported that George Schatski spoke to the Austin chapter concerning the Caroline case.

He also read a letter from an attorney in Houston giving his

opinions on the case.

Mr. Estes moved that TCLU undertake directly the case of Larry Caroline along the lines outlined by the Executive Director, seeking either damages or reinstatement or both. Mr. Friend seconded the motion and it passed by a 6-2 vote.

Mr. Lichten moved that before significant TCLU resources are committed to the Caroline case, opinion be secured from additional counsel as to the soundness of the constitutional issues. This motion was seconded by Mr. Cheyney, but was defeated by a vote of 1 to 6.

The Executive Director will send copies of the pleadings in the case to ACLU, Charles Morgan and Warren Burnet,

GENERAL COUNSEL-- Doran Williams stated that he felt that a general counsel was needed in an advisory capacity only. Dave Richards and Maury Maverick were suggested as possibilities for this position.

Mr. Estes moved that the Board create a legal advisory panel for the purposes of consulting with and advising and providing other appropriate legal assistance to ACLU cooperating attorneys. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Executive Director was instructed to contact attorneys in regard to serving on this panel.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.