

# AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

Greater Philadelphia Branch  
260 SOUTH 15th STREET  
Phila., Pa. 19102  20 KI 5-4576

## Delaware Chapter

### ACTIVITIES REPORT

January, 1968

Many members of Delaware ACLU have in the past complained of feeling out-of-touch with their chapter's activities. We are therefore sending you, in the months when you do not receive the Civil Liberties Record of the Greater Philadelphia Branch, an account of local activity. The report will be kept as brief as possible.

Revised Delaware Criminal Code: At its meeting on 1/25, your Board of Directors appointed seven teams of attorneys and laymen to study sections of the proposed new Delaware Criminal Code dealing with capital punishment, the whipping post, abortion, sex offenses, conspiracy, riot control, and witness immunity. The teams will prepare to attend public hearings on these sections, and to recommend amendments to give better protection to civil liberties.

University of Delaware: ACLU provided volunteer counsel for students suspended by the University for participation, or "confession of participation," in a campus demonstration opposing compulsory ROTC.

On 12/7/67 your Board met with three faculty members who had been reprimanded by the University administration for their connection with the demonstration, then wrote to the University Board of Trustees protesting the reprimand as an infringement of Civil Liberties, and warning of the danger to academic freedom, free speech, and right of assembly, inherent in the Administration's attitude,

On 12/4 Vice-President Thomas G. Hughes and Board member Gerald E. Kandler spoke to more than 150 students at a dormitory "cultural series" meeting on "Civil Liberties and the College Student." It was primarily a question-and-answer session covering a wide range of topics. Students expressed a desire to form a campus ACLU chapter.

Election Laws: In November the Board reminded minority parties that certain statutory provisions had kept them off the ballot in 1966, and warned that they should at once begin to organize to comply with the regulations if they wanted to be on the ballot in the 1968 election.

In December the Board appointed a committee to attend forthcoming hearings on new election laws.

Delaware "Anti-Riot" Statute: ACLU attorneys William J. Wier, Jr., and Jacob Kresh-tool are challenging this statute in the courts, and have asked for particulars concerning alleged offenses. Next hearings are tentatively set for 1/30.