

THE ROLLAND R. O'HARE COLLECTION

Papers, 1957-77  
(Predominantly, 1972-1976)

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Accession Number 826

The papers of Rolland R. O'Hare were placed in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs on May 3, 1977 by Mr. Rolland R. O'Hare.

Rolland R. O'Hare was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 19, 1925. After completing undergraduate work at Wayne State University, he was accepted into the Wayne State University Law School, from which he graduated in 1952. As a practicing attorney, he actively cooperated with the American Civil Liberties Union on both the local and national levels. He was also the Vice-Chairman of the State Bar Commission on Civil Liberties. Mr. O'Hare served as Chairman of the Detroit Branch of the ACLU from 1961 to 1966. He was also the first Chairman of the Michigan ACLU, from its formation in 1961 to 1966. Moving from the local to the national organizational level of the ACLU, Mr. O'Hare served as the Chairman of the Executive Committee subcommittee which developed the plan for the financial integration of the Northern California affiliate into the ACLU. In 1973, he chaired the Executive Committee subcommittee which resolved the jurisdictional dispute between the National Capitol Area ACLU, the Virginia ACLU, and the Maryland ACLU. In 1974, Mr. O'Hare was Chairman of the Biennial Conference workshop on the Rights of the Poor. As of 1978, Mr. O'Hare is an ACLU Vice President, and is serving his second term as a member of the Executive Committee. He is also a constitutional Committee Board Member.

The national American Civil Liberties Union, to which the bulk of the Rolland R. O'Hare collection relates, was founded in 1920 by Roger Baldwin and, as of 1976, has a staff of 330, a membership of 275,000, with 50 state affiliates. The primary purpose of the ACLU is to champion the rights of man as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution: freedom of inquiry and expression, speech, press, assembly and religion for everybody; due process of law and fair trial for all; equality before the law for all, regardless of race, color, national origin, political opinion or religious belief. In pursuit of these ends, the ACLU is active in test court cases, opposition to repressive legislation, and protests on every inroad of human rights. The ACLU maintains committees on: Academic Freedom, Church-State, Communications Media, Due Process, Equality, Free Speech-Association, Labor-Business, and Privacy. The one Division of the ACLU is the American Civil Liberties Foundation (originally the Roger Baldwin Foundation) which was established as a tax deductible arm of the ACLU. Its main functions are legal defense and education on behalf of civil liberties. The ACLU publishes Civil Liberties quarterly, and its National Meeting is biennial.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- Amnesty, 1975
- Church-State Shared Time, 1963-64
- Election of National ACLU Board Chairperson, 1976
- Equal Protection for homosexuals, 1966-75
- Flynn, Elizabeth Gurley, expulsion controversy replay, 1973-76
- Michigan ACLU-Ernest Mazey resignation, 1974
- 1976 Biennial Conference
- Reproductive Freedom, 1975-76
- Sexual Privacy, 1975
- Textbook controversies, 1975-76
- "Tokyo Rose" pardon, 1976
- Women's Rights, 1975-76

Among the correspondents are: (an index to the location of these letters will be found on the last page of this guide)

Roger Baldwin  
Edward Ennis  
Don Hackel  
Ernest Mazey

Aryeh Neier  
Mary Rave  
Alan Reitman  
George Slaff

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Series I, Box 1 Issues File

Reports, studies, correspondence, relating to civil liberties issues, such as Church-State shared time, equal protection for homosexuals, and cable T.V.

Series II, Box 1 Affiliate Operations

ACLU affiliate operations and controversies dealing mainly with the Michigan's affiliate Executive Director controversy. Also included is the Kansas-Western Missouri affiliates jurisdictional dispute.

Series III, Boxes 2-3 Organization File

The bulk of this series deals with the national ACLU Executive Committee actions and matters concerning various topics. Of particular interest are the Quarterly Project Reports. Also included in this series is the 1976 election of the new national Board Chairperson, and the national ACLU financial situation, 1974-75.

Series IV, Box 4 Biennial Conference File

Correspondence, agendas, memos, dealing with the 1976 Biennial Conference. The workshop papers, presented at the conference, and covering a wide range of civil liberties issues, are included.

Series V, Box 4 Miscellaneous Internal Issues

Mainly correspondence about intra-organizational, non-substantive, and personal issues and matters.

Non-manuscript material Box 5

6 issues of First Principles magazine, which have numerous articles relating to civil liberties issues. Also included is the official Policy Guide of the ACLU, the Privacy Report, and the annual 1976 report of Civil Liberties. These materials all relate closely to the collection.

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Topics covered:

Michigan affiliate by-laws and revisions  
National ACLU finances, 1976 Senate  
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Series I Issues File  
Box 1

This series contains some major civil liberties issues dealt with by the ACLU. Most of the issues in question were evaluated by the appropriate ACLU committee. The files are arranged alphabetically by topic or committee, and are then arranged chronologically within each individual folder. This Issues File covers the period from October 30, 1963, to September, 1975.

Box 1 Issues File  
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- 1-3. Church-State Shared Time; Oct. 30, 1963-Nov. 8, 1974  
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Series II Affiliate Operations File  
Box 1

This series deals mainly with the Michigan affiliate's Executive Director problems. The correspondence files include information on the Michigan ACLU budgetary crisis and Executive Director Search Committee formation. The Ernest Mazey resignation controversy and the selection of Howard Simon as new Executive Director is also covered. Resumes, both for the Executive Director position and various other positions in the Michigan ACLU are included. Information will also be found on the Kansas-Western Missouri affiliates jurisdictional dispute. The series is arranged in chronological order, with the more numerous Michigan affiliate files placed first. Resume files are arranged alphabetically. The Affiliate Operations File covers the period from January 10, 1974, to February 6, 1976.

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9. Michigan Affiliate Budgetary Crisis and Search Committee Formation;  
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Box 1 Affiliate Operations (cont.)

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Series III Organization File  
Boxes 2-3

This series deals mainly with national ACLU organizational matters. The first and most numerous part covers Executive Committee functions over a wide range of both policy issues and organizational issues. The second part deals with the election of Norman Dorsen in 1976 as new ACLU Board Chairperson; Edward Ennis held the position previously. The third part of the series is concerned with national ACLU finances. The Executive Committee files begin with memos and correspondence arranged chronologically. After that, the files are arranged alphabetically by topic. Individual Executive Committee files are arranged chronologically. This Organization File covers the period from May 29, 1969, to December 10, 1976.

Box 2 Organization File

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Series IV Biennial Conference File

Box 4

This series deals with the 1976 Biennial Conference, held at the University of Pennsylvania from June 10-13. Correspondence includes conference formation plans, tentative agendas, locations, etc. The Conference included various workshops, centered around papers dealing with various civil liberty issues. These papers, resolutions arising from them, and workshop attendance figures, are included. The files are arranged chronologically, and this Biennial Conference File covers the period from May 15, 1975 to June 13, 1976.

Box 4 Biennial Conference File

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Series V Miscellaneous Internal Issues  
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This series contains mostly correspondence about intra-organizational, non-substantive, and personal issues and matters. The files are arranged chronologically, and this Miscellaneous Internal Issues File covers the period from February 23, 1968, to December 19, 1975.

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