MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Both membership size and participation level in AAUP must be increased if the principles which the Association defends are to live within our institution.

Present membership is 456—one of the largest proportions on any campus.

The membership goal for the U. of I. chapter is 900 active members.

Between Nov. 15 and Dec. 15, departmental representatives will be soliciting membership.

Each active member can help by signing up one additional member in your department.

Call Prof. Eva Erickson, Nursing, 120 Westlawn, 3-3561, for materials or information.

ANNUAL DUES ROLL BACK

Despite an unprecedented level of court and investigatory action, and despite a temporary national deficit, the National Council of AAUP voted Oct. 30 to roll back membership dues to 1970-71 levels. Members are being asked, however, to make a supplementary contribution to AAUP if they can.

Consequently, dues for 1971-72 are--

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Local members who have already paid the higher dues through check or payroll deduction may ask for a return of the optional amount if they wish by writing Prof. Erickson, treasurer of the local chapter.

REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE REGENTS' RESPONSE TO THE FORD CASE

Profs. John Huntley and Eric Bergsten, president and past president of the local chapter, appeared before the Board of Regents for AAUP, U. of I. Chapter, on Friday, 11/12. Countering Attorney General Turner's threatening and vituperative letter, Pres. Boyd at the outset established a serious...
tenc for the ensuing discussion by reading a strong statement supporting the
tegrity and welcoming the contribution of AAUP even though he himself
differs from the position AAUP has taken on the case.

Neither confrontational nor demanding, AAUP's request was rather unusual: please understand a problem and take a position protective and supportive of the employees of the University.

The Regents responded with serious concern. They debated the issues for more than two hours, and came to grips with the problem if not with a totally adequate solution.

The problem stems from a presumption of guilt against a faculty member implied by the Attorney General's withholding salary from Prof. Stephen Ford prior to trial or hearing, and his refusal to release the amount after conviction by an illegal jury had been set aside by Judge Vietor. This action also threatens the institutional integrity of the University, for without consultation with the President or a hearing by the faculty or administration, the Attorney General, in May of 1970 ordered Mr. Arthur Leff to order Mr. Elwin Jolliffe to order the Payroll Office to dock treble damages for an act which Prof. Ford had not been convicted of committing.

The challenge to the Attorney General's authority brought by AAUP is serious enough to have elicited a 10-page letter from him in which he blackens AAUP as a selfish interloper, advises the Regents to "leave her lay as Jesus flang'er," suggests that he could, if he wished, get Ford on breaking and entering charges, and that since the State possesses Ford's money anyway why bother to get it through the courts.

And all this despite the Attorney General's "doubts as to whether Mr. Ford himself directly damaged the door or directly helped others to do so." The reminder of the letter, however, reveals that Mr. Turner is emotionally certain that Ford is guilty, must be punished, and the State protected from rabble rousers by the "chilling effect" that this punishment will have upon future professors and students.

The AAUP views the Attorney General's ability to gimmick the orderly processes of the University as a serious threat to the President's authority and the institution's need to keep its own house in order.

The Regents apparently agreed in voting to repay Ford $120 of his wages (AAUP has asked for full restitution plus interest) pending Mr. Turner's approval. Also the Regents voted unanimously to approve in principle the establishment of internal hearing procedures on President Boyd's authority as recommended by a Presidential committee recently appointed.

The Attorney General will appear at the December meeting of the Board to explain why the Regents should follow his advice. AAUP will again appear to present its case.

From the airing of these issues and a search for a politically viable and well as rationally sound solution, important, long-range changes may come about. The Board of Regents, President Boyd, and the AAUP have ex-
changed assurances of mutual trust and common need to eliminate the doctrine of "sovereign immunity" which makes Regents' employee contracts unenforceable in the courts. They have also agreed that the President's authority to act accountably to the University and the Regents must be firmly established and understood by all political forces of the State. They have agreed that orderly internal process for the conduct of University business must exclude interference from outside interests.

These are gains, AAUP believes, that are well worth the pursuit of Prof. Ford's $180.

OTHER CASES AND PROJECTS OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER.

The U. of I. AAUP has concluded, is investigating, or has taken under advisement 11 cases, including one involving the charge of sexist discrimination and another involving the institution's accountability for "class C employees" (non-teaching professional persons).

The Chapter's Executive Committee has also divided its resources to pursue 10 projects for the year, including the status and rights of graduate assistants, legislative proposals on the sovereign immunity issue, women's rights, and in-house grievance procedures.

Other business involves participation in the State Conference of AAUP (particularly the suit to secure equity in the interaction between the wage-freeze order and teachers' contracts), developing information on the case for academic collective bargaining, and endorsing a study of perceived academic freedom and restraint by college teachers.

SUGGESTIONS, ADVICE, and INFORMATION is welcomed from the membership at large at all times.

1971-72 Executive Committee

Richard Sjolund, Botany
Eva Erickson, Nursing
Patti Gillespie, Drama
Bert Schoner, Business

Norman Stein, Graduate St.
William Connor, Medicine
Myrtle Aydelotte, Nursing
John Bowers, Speech

Eugene Spaziani, Zoology
Eric Bergsten, Law
John Huntley, English, and
President, 1971-72

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