



Letter to Colleagues, June 25, 1954

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COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT

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Dear Colleague:

The Committee for Responsible University Government is a group of about 250 members of the faculty of U.C.L.A. formed in 1950 to extend financial support to those members of the Academic Senate, North and South, whose salaries were withheld because of refusal to sign the special loyalty declaration then required by the Regents of the University. Membership in the Committee is constituted merely by making a contribution to this support. The U.C.L.A. Committee has received over \$16,000 from its members for this purpose.

The enclosed communication, sent to all members of the Academic Senate, Northern Section, by a comparable committee in Berkeley, was considered by a meeting of the Los Angeles Committee on Monday, June 14. The following action was unanimously approved by the members present at that meeting:

That the executive board of the Committee for Responsible University Government circularize the faculty, research staff, and assistants on our campus inviting contributions to help defray legal costs (exclusive of attorneys' fees) of continued litigation over back pay for the "non-signers."

In accord with this action, the executive board hereby invites such contributions, in whatever amount you may wish to give or pledge. A total of \$11,000 from all campuses is needed for current expenses of the suit. Please make checks payable to Committee for Responsible University Government, and send them to

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While previous contributions will be returnable in part if and when the suit for back pay is won, it should be noted that the legal costs now to be met cannot be recovered by the litigants and contributions to this fund will not be subject to redistribution to donors by the Committee. Up to the present, such costs, as well as attorneys' fees, have been borne entirely by the litigants, a burden which we believe should be shared by many. The outcome of their suit bears directly on the interests of the entire faculty; in the opinion of the undersigned, both justice and self-interest call for their continued support.

The Committee for Responsible University Government

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Enclosure