

# FARM UNION SPURS NEW A.C.L.U. DRIVE

Chavez Aide Says the Poor  
Need Organizing

"Every lawsuit that is filed has a political and moral motivation," Leroy Chatfield, of the United Farm Workers in California told the Roger Baldwin Foundation of the American Civil Liberties Union here last week.

Mr. Chatfield, a slim, intense man with blond hair, was illustrating a new direction taken by the American Civil Liberties Union and being worked out by the one-year-old foundation, a tax-exempt arm of the civil liberties group.

## Initial Year in Review

He was representing Cesar Chavez—the Mexican-American who has organized migrant farm workers in California's Kern and Tulare Counties with legal help from the foundation—at the first meeting of the foundation's board of overseers.

The board met Friday at the Drake Hotel.

The foundation, named for the founder of the A.C.L.U. has taken the nation's poor for its province, and its 14 staff lawyers in seven states have been dubbed "movement lawyers."

In its first year, the foundation has financed legal representation for Mr. Chavez's United Farm Workers, provided lawyers for local civil rights efforts in the South and waged a court campaign now in the Supreme Court for what it calls

a "bill of rights for the disinherited."

John deJ. Pemberton Jr., executive director of the Civil Liberties Union, said:

"I think our principal motivation in making this addition to the A.C.L.U. was our judgment that the effort to achieve security for individual liberty required more than a test case approach. It required a concern not only with the principles of liberty but with the practice of liberty."

Mr. Chatfield and Charles Morgan Jr., an A.C.L.U. lawyer, spoke of having organized the poor to give them the power of numbers and equal access to justice.

## Loss of Hope Felt

Mr. Morgan is in charge of the foundation's efforts to integrate Southern juries and prison systems through litigation. Both men spoke of the hope they felt had been lost with the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

"We're grateful for the 35 grand we're getting this year, but it's not enough you know," Mr. Chatfield told the foundation's board of overseers.

Martin Garbus, the youthful director-counsel of the foundation, recounted his arguments before the Supreme Court to uphold a Federal Appeals Court ruling.

That ruling had held that Alabama welfare regulations, and similar regulations in 18 states that deny aid to children because of the conduct of a parent living out of wedlock, violate the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. A decision that would affect an estimated 750,000 children is expected next week, he said.

"Litigation alone is not the entire solution," said Mr. Garbus in summation. He urged the A.C.L.U. to lobby for further welfare legislation.