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MEMORANDUM

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

To: ADL Regional Directors
From: Arnold Forster
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Subject: ADL policy re: social clubs

Civil Rights Executive
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On May 7, 1968, the National Commission of the Anti-Defamation League adopted the following policy with respect to discrimination by social clubs:

"The ADL opposes the use, by social clubs, of discriminatory practices, through quotas or otherwise. The ADL should create an educational program designed generally to educate against discrimination by private clubs on religious or racial grounds. As part of its educational program, ADL should urge non-sectarian community groups not to meet at social clubs that discriminate on racial or religious grounds."

This policy adds racial discrimination as a basis for ADL program in the social club area.

The Commission made it clear that in carrying out programs which are designed to break down the walls of discrimination by private clubs, ADL regional boards can, as always, take into account the climate of opinion and conditions in their particular communities.

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*Approved N.C. Council
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