

Civil Liberty Union Plans Chapter Here

An organizational meeting of the Tucson branch of the American Civil Liberties Union will be held following a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building.

Patrick Murphy Malin, national executive director, will be the main speaker at the dinner.

Approximately 65 Tucsonians, who are members of the national organization, are expected to become the nucleus of the new chapter. The organizational meeting will be followed by a city wide drive for community participation.

The Tucson chapter is being spearheaded by Dr. Cornelius Steelink of the University of Arizona and Atty. Frank Steele. Others active in the organizational work are Dr. Hayden Sears, Richard Murray, George Papcun, Dr. Gertrude Schloss, Dr. Albert Hahn, Dr. Milo Blecha, John Henry Denton, Sophia Gavin, Michael Cuddihy, Mrs. James McDonald, the Rev. Caspar Glenn, James Estrada and Jack Heimowitz.

A group of local attorneys has already volunteered to serve on the organization's legal committee without compensation.

The American Civil Liberties Union has a 38-year history as the champion for the protection of civil rights.

Some of the most famous ACLU battles in the cause of civil liberties include the defense of Sacco and Vanzetti, Mooney and Billings and the Scottsboro boys. It championed the right to teach evolution in the famous Scopes trial, and played an important part in breaking up the Hague political machine in New Jersey.

The national organization helped win voting rights for the Indians and has always been in the forefront of the struggle for Negro rights. It has become increasingly active in recent years in fighting censorship and took the ban on the book, "Strange Fruit," to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Monday night's meeting is open to the public. The local chapter has established an office at 262 N. Meyer Ave.