

MORRIS COUNTY CHAPTER ACLU

Now that summer has gone, the Morris Area Chapter of the New Jersey Civil Liberties Union is moving back into action. To kick things off there will be a meeting October 6 at 8:30 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 812 Normandy Heights Road.

The focus of the evening will be the so-called "Criminal Justice Reform Act of 1974," also known as S. 1. Dan Crystal, a long-term advocate of the preservation of constitutional rights, will cover its repressive character and the alarming degree of discretion the measure would leave to the judgment of law enforcement agencies.

The September, 1975 issue of Civil Liberties devoted a lot of space to the bill and presented an action plan to help stop it. Some of the "reforms" this legislation would implement are imprisoning government officials who leak "national defense information," imprisoning reports and editors for printing such information, allowing "limited" government wiretapping without a court order, and making it a crime merely to advocate revolutionary change in government. This list just skims the surface; the full text runs 753 pages.

This is one of the most blatant large-scale attacks on civil liberties in years, so it is particularly important it be defeated. The meeting will develop techniques for fighting the measure.

Other topics of discussion at the meeting will include the upcoming 1975 State Civil Liberties Union Annual Dinner and an open forum to discuss any areas of civil liberties in which YOU might like to be more active.

See you there!

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