

New York Conference, AAUP
Report of NY Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure
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This has been a quiet period in the work of NY Committee A. Our survey of the members has not led to an increased number of inquiries. Our improved relationship with the staff of National Committee A has continued. The document, Academic Freedom and the AAUP, is featured on the Conference's website. However, I have not received any comments about it.

I am in the process of transferring the files of NY Committee A to the Conference's archives at Syracuse University. I want to thank Pat Cihon for his help in this task. I will request that the materials be unavailable for use for a period of 20 years from the date of the initial inquiry. This is to protect the privacy of those persons who had confidential telephone conversations with me, or another member of NY Committee A, and who often sent materials containing documents that should not be freely available until the events no longer have relevance. I expect that few persons will want to consult these materials, but a policy has to cover the unexpected as well. The 20 year restriction should protect the confidentiality of the materials for a reasonable period. We will see if the Syracuse University Library will agree to this restriction. Libraries generally do not like to store materials that are not open to users, but in this instance I believe the restriction is proper. I hope it will become policy for these materials.

I again want to thank my colleagues on NY Committee A: Martin Fried, Jane Koretz, Lionel Lewis and John Thomas. They provide the experience so necessary for a committee on academic freedom and tenure. Fortunately, the membership of the committee has remained stable, which is another plus. I also want to thank Tom Policano for his continued support of the work of the committee.