

MEMORANDUM

Truman Burke
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File: Operation "Fun"
Pennsylvania State Police

On May 9, 1973, Messrs. Rice and Burke interviewed ROBERT ZINSKY, Fiscal Officer, Pennsylvania State Police (civilian employee), 6th Floor, Transportation and Safety Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Zinsky furnished the following information concerning the State Police Civic Association:

The State Police Civic Association was formed in 1917 for the purpose of creating a pension fund and life insurance arrangement for members of the Pennsylvania State Police, and is currently governed by a 21-member Board of Directors under "Constitution and By-Laws, as amended, effective July 3, 1969."

The Association was incorporated on March 6, 1922 as a tax-exempt, non-profit organization.

The 21 Board members consist of 18 active State Police officers and 3 pensioners.

Lt. Colonel Joseph Dussia has been President of the Association since 1967. Mr. Zinsky stated he was the Secretary-Treasurer of the organization, and was the only Board member who is compensated by the Association. He receives \$204.00 monthly for handling the various records.

The Association currently has assets of \$10 million kept in the Dauphin Deposit Trust Company, as has been the case since 1917 or its inception. The Trust Department of Dauphin Deposit currently handles or recommends various investments of the funds which are approved by the Board under the By-Laws.

Currently there are six brokerage houses involved in the buying and selling of the securities. The stocks are of "blue chip" nature, and only the better investments are ever considered for the good of the Association.

There are brokerage fees, attorneys fees, and bank charges which are deducted from the fund as required.

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The attorney is Jack Sullivan (believed to be John C. Sullivan).

It is not certain, but it is believed that Mr. Zinsky stated that 1/2 of 1% of the assets go to the Dauphin Deposit Trust Company annually for maintaining the Civic Fund.

Mr. Zinsky stated that the Association has recently acquired the services of Becker (?) of New Jersey, an actuary, to conduct a survey of the existing funds and make recommendations toward improving and strengthening the future pension program.

The annual Board meeting is to be held at Hershey on May 10, 1973, at which time the Becker survey will be discussed, along with other pertinent matters.

Mr. Zinsky advised that the \$10 million fund is made up of the following:

- 25% contributions - (solicited and otherwise)
- 45% employee salary deductions
- 30% return on the investments

Zinsky stated that there is a mailing list of contributors, and each troop has an officer designated as a solicitor. Once every four years when the rodeo show comes into a certain area, the solicitation is made a part of the program. Various companies are contacted in an effort to obtain contributions for the Civic Association.

Last year was the first year for the mailing list. Letters were mailed directly to the various companies soliciting support of the Civic Association. He added that \$350,000 was made on last year's rodeo program.

It was stated that during Purdy's reign as Commissioner, and since, all contributions from the racketeers were stopped. Several trucking companies, as well as Greyhound, have contributed to the fund. He stated these contributions are small (approximately \$200.00 from each company).

It is the feeling of the Board of Directors that solicitation of trucking companies is bad for the Police Department, and they are trying to get away from this type of canvassing. The older troopers are the solicitors, and it is difficult for them to go and ask for a contribution when the younger troopers are out giving tickets to the truckers. The Board of Directors wants to get the pensioners involved in the actual canvassing rather than the active police troopers. This will be one of the aspects discussed at tomorrow's meeting.

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Membership in the organization is strictly voluntary, and they currently have approximately 4,000 members. They now have 900 employees on pension, and the maximum benefit is \$110.00 a month. Prior to 1957, the maximum benefit was \$150.00 a month; however, it is almost becoming depleted, and it was reorganized under the By-Laws to lower this to \$110.00 a month. The rate of pension for each man is controlled and governed under the By-Laws.

Minutes are kept and all pertinent records relating to the association have been kept. Mr. Zinsky made available a copy of the By-Laws which shows the effective date of April 15, 1971.

It should be noted that as the interview commenced, Mr. Zinsky was going to make available numerous reprints concerning the Association; however, at the end of the interview, he was unable to locate the data as previously mentioned.

He advised that he would be available on Friday to meet with Mr. Burke to discuss the Civic Association further.

Mr. Zinsky can be reached at telephone No. 787-3971.

The Civic Association fund is audited annually by Laventhal, Krekstein, Horwath & Horwath, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.