

DECEMBER 7, 1990

WSO FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST DAVID MOORHEAD  
IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT - PHILADELPHIA

DEAR FELLOW N.A. MEMBERS,

I AM WRITING THIS NOTE TO YOU TO MAKE YOU AWARE THAT THE WORLD SERVICE OFFICE, WITHOUT ASKING YOU OR WAITING FOR ANY GROUP CONSCIENCE, HAS COMMITTED FELLOWSHIP FUNDS TO A QUESTIONABLE END. THE PUBLICATION OF A CHEAP BASIC TEXT (\$1.10) HAS SEEMINGLY SENT STU TOOREDMAN OFF THE DEEP END. IT SEEMS THAT A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM WOULD HAVE BEEN FOR WSO TO PRODUCE A BOOK ONE BASIC TEXT FOR \$1.10 THEMSELVES.

THE NECESSITY FOR EXPENSIVE, POINTLESS, PROTRACTED LEGAL ACTION AGAINST ME AS AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT JUSTIFIABLE. ALL THE COMMUNICATION FROM WSO INDICATED THAT THEY WANTED YOU, THE FELLOWSHIP, TO TELL THEM WHAT YOU WANT THROUGH A GROUP CONSCIENCE. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF OUR WORLD SERVICES IGNORING YOUR WILL IN MATTERS THAT DIRECTLY AFFECT YOU AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF N.A. AS A WHOLE.

I AM NOT WRITING THIS TO YOU TO TRY TO AVOID MY OWN PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO SEND A LETTER TO THE WSO ASKING THEM IMMEDIATELY TO CEASE LEGAL ACTION UNTIL AFTER THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE IN APRIL. I AM NOT SAYING THAT THEY SHOULD NOT PURSUE SOME LEGAL REMEDY, ONLY THAT THERE SHOULD BE A CLEAR MANDATE FROM THE FELLOWSHIP TO DO SO. IT SHOULD NOT BE THE DECISION OF STU TOOREDMAN TO COMMIT US IN THIS DIRECTION.

SECTION 8 IN THE TRUSTEES SECTION OF THE TEMPORARY WORKING GUIDE TO OUR SERVICE STRUCTURE CLEARLY GIVES US THE FELLOWSHIP APPROVED PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING SITUATIONS SUCH AS THIS. THE TRUSTEES, AS GUARDIANS OF OUR TRADITIONS HAVE NOT EVEN ATTEMPTED TO FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES.

IN THE SUIT, WSO IS CLAIMING THAT THEY OWN THE TRADEMARKS AND COPYRIGHTS OUTRIGHT. THIS IS CLEARLY NOT SO.

IF ONE WERE TO STUDY SECTION 2 OF THE WSO BYLAWS, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THEY ARE ONLY A FIDUCIARY AND THAT THE MEMBERS OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS OWN THE COPYRIGHTS. SINCE WSO HAS FILED AGAINST ME, AS AN INDIVIDUAL, ASSERTING SOLE OWNERSHIP, LEGALLY AS A DEFENDANT, I AM DEFENDING MYSELF AS ONE OF THE OWNERS. IF WSO IS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR PURSUIT OF THIS CASE UNDER THESE PARTICULAR AND PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT WOULD MEAN THAT I, DAVID MOORHEAD, WILL BECOME THE OWNER OF THE COPYRIGHTS AND TRADEMARKS IN QUESTION, SINCE THERE ARE NO OTHER DEFENDANTS NAMED!

I DO NOT NEED TO TELL YOU THAT THIS SHOULD ALARM YOU AND THAT BY NO STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION, DO I WANT TO OWN THESE ITEMS. I HAVE A GREAT DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE THAT I HAVE AVAILABLE TO ME ENOUGH INFORMATION, DOCUMENTATION AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO WIN THE CASE AS CURRENTLY PRESENTED BY THE WSO'S ATTORNEYS.