

CITIZENS AGAINST NUCLEAR WAR (CAN)

WHEREAS the American Library Association supports the concept of a nuclear freeze on the development and deployment of nuclear weapons, and

WHEREAS the Association has reaffirmed its sense of urgency regarding the arms race at its last two conferences, and

WHEREAS the theme of the ALA Year 1984-85 is "Forging Coalitions for the Public Good", and

WHEREAS a coalition of over 50 national membership organizations,* including professional associations, is already active, seeking the implementation of a verifiable, bilateral freeze on nuclear weapons - Citizens Against Nuclear War (CAN), and

*(list appended)

WHEREAS the Association with its considerable and unique kinds of resources and expertise could make an important contribution to such a coalition while benefiting from the program of support services for Member Organizations that is now in place, in pursuit of the common goal of reducing the risk of nuclear war,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the American Library Association join the Citizens Against Nuclear War coalition as a Member Organization.

Sponsor: Task Force on Peace Information Exchange of the Social Responsibilities Round Table

Mover: Vincent Jennings, Personal Member
Second: Elizabeth Morrissett, Chair of Task Force

History: ALA Policy Manual 50.12

MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION ON CESSATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND MILITARY AID TO CENTRAL AMERICA (CD#57). Elizabeth Morrissett/Barbara Ford moved adoption of the Resolution. Martha Gould felt strongly that "we as librarians on individual bases take our own theories and translate them into the Association's action" and urged members, as individuals, to speak out on such causes; she did not agree with Sharon Hammer's (Chair, Council Resolutions Committee) remark that this resolution is within the purview of Policy 1.1 "information provision." James Dwyer and Joan Goddard spoke in favor of the Resolution. Dr. Broderick stated her concern that resolutions of this nature do not address the question of the responsibility of the library profession to provide information so that citizens could make informed opinions. Susan Simpson expressed concern that Council was diminishing its short time in discussing a resolution that is not directly related to library concerns. The motion FAILED.

MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION ON CITIZENS AGAINST NUCLEAR WAR (CD#61) - Exhibit 21. Sharon Hammer/Elizabeth Morrissett placed the Resolution on the floor, Ms. Morrissett pointing out that it bears no fiscal implications and that membership is without cost, whereupon it was

VOTED, That the American Library Association
join the Citizens Against Nuclear War
Coalition as a Member Organization.

MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION ON RIGHT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND MEMBERSHIP/COUNCIL MEETINGS (CD#62). Sharon Hammer moved adoption of the resolution sponsored by Joan Goddard and Miriam Crawford which would permit any personal member of the American Library Association to attend Membership and Council meetings, whenever and wherever held, by showing either a conference badge for the day of the meeting or a current membership card. Regina Minudri expressed concern over financial implications in that it in effect could eliminate registration at Midwinter Meetings for a large number of members and therefore felt COPEs' advice necessary. Jane Anne Hannigan supported Ms. Minudri's view and urged referral to COPEs for data prior to action. Consideration was given to striking Council meetings and Midwinter, but on motion by Sharon Hammer/Jane Anne Hannigan it was

VOTED, That Council refer CD#62 to the
Committee on Program Evaluation & Support (for
advice on financial implications) and to the
Constitution & Bylaws Committee (for
interpretation of the term "attendance").

On a point of personal privilege, David Snider moved a vote of thanks to Patricia Scarry, Joel Lee and Miriam Hornback for support services. Norman Horrocks stated, "In the spirit of the last few remarks, I would like to include Gale Research for their excellent shuttle bus services."