

MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENT #1

WHEREAS, Appropriations for CIA and military involvement in Central America continue to grow with devastating rapidity; and

WHEREAS, On April 5, 1984, \$21 million was approved by the United States Senate, in addition to \$24 million already approved for fiscal 1984, to fund the CIA effort to combat the anti-government "contras" in Nicaragua alone; and

WHEREAS, \$129.4 million in military aid to El Salvador was appropriated by the U.S. House of Representatives immediately following the visit of President Duarte to the United States; and

WHEREAS, The New York Times reported on April 23, 1984, that, "The Pentagon is now in a position to assume a combat role in Central American should President Reagan give the order;" and

WHEREAS, Senator Kennedy's bill requiring congressional approval for sending more armed forces to Central America failed in the Senate last week; and

WHEREAS, This military aid and intervention is bought with the sacrifice of human services, including library services, to the people of the United States;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urge the withdrawal of all American military personnel and the cessation of all military aid and covert intervention in Central America.

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Endorsed by SRRT/Task Force on Peace Information Exchange.

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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."

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY MEMBERSHIP IN ADDITION TO THOSE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

Military Involvement in Central America  
Rights of Members to Attend...

TRIBUTES AND/ COMMENDATIONS

Edwin Castagna  
Susan Collier  
Velma Kirkham Fenster  
William R. Hawken  
Keyes D. Metcalf  
Philip J. McNiff  
William D. North

#### ACTIVITIES AT ALA CONFERENCE, DALLAS

Three SBRT resolutions passed membership, two from P.I.E. The membership of ALA in the CITIZENS AGAINST NUCLEAR WAR passed both membership and Council and becomes policy---it was an easier effort in that many professional associations already belong. The resolution urging withdrawal of aid and military advisors from Central American countries passed membership and failed at Council.

A NUMBER OF NEW P.I.E. WORKING MEMBERS CAME. Some of you will have seen questionnaires from Rae Ekman, recently graduated from U. of Maryland Library School, and pulling together a U.S.-wide project on peace information. She gave a poster-talk on her project also. She wants to set up a national peace network, a project paralleled by other groups, but not now yet in place.

Mary Rosenthal of Canton, N.Y. will again send out letters to U.S. library associations asking for any resolutions they have passed on nuclear disarmament or related issues.

Victoria Musmann volunteered to set up a big-name speaker for the annual meeting in Chicago, 1985.

Elizabeth will plan a tour to the Peace Museum in Chicago, in conjunction with other activities put on by P.I.E. there. It was asked if we might not try for a pre-conference at ALA, with information on prototype information centers for public, college, special and school libraries, with some material on curricula for teachers.

The leadership for this is waiting. MIDWINTER MEETING IN WASHINGTON will plan the usual four meetings for reaching the many over-busy librarians. Friday at 4 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m., Sun., 8 a.m. and Mon. 8 a.m. No room assignments yet.

TRAVELLING ART EXHIBIT, "Disarming Images" opens in Cincinnati this Fall and travels to 30 cities over a two year period. It includes work of Robert Rausthenberg, Claes Oldenburg and Laurie Anderson, with a European tour planned for 1987.

NUCLEAR WINTER INFORMATION available at reasonable prices from the Center on the Consequences of Nuclear War, 3244 Prospect St. NW, Washington D.C. 20007--a 6 minute videotape, a 28 min. videotape, slides, a book by Paul Ehrlich and Carl Sagan and reprints on the bases for prediction of nuclear winter.

GREEN'S PARTY PARLIAMENT (BUNDESTAG) MEMBER visited Montana in July to assess the provinces attitude toward the environment/disarmament platform of the European green parties which are growing. He found the military presence in Gt. Falls and the many silos very saddening.

The Task Force has been sent some very moving accounts of Japanese experiences in World War II from Soka Gakkai, the Buddhist organization. Called "Cries for Peace" it relates stories of soldiers and civilians, their introduction to brutality, helplessness and growth in apathy, and horror of remembering both what they suffered and what suffering they caused others. It is available for loan---Published by Japan Times. it is now in its 6th English edition.

LEADING NATIONAL PEACEMAKING CONFERENCE OF 1984 The National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution: Issues of an Emerging Field will be held at the University of Missouri St. Louis on Sept. 20-23, with pre-conference workshops from Sept. 18-20. Leaders in peace research and action and some of the most able peace workshop leaders of whom I know will be there: Andrew Young, Roger Fisher, Elise Boulting, Coretta Scott King, and other prominent peace-leaders in an extremely rich and varied program, rivalling ALA conferences for multiplied programming.

Registration is \$65; pre-conference workshops \$50. Send to National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution, Georgia Center for Continuing Education, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, Athens GA 30602.

#### CIVILIAN DEFENSE NEWS OPINION PUBLICATION.

Another new and interesting publication arriving to P.I.E. is the Civilian-Based Defense, published by the Association for Transarmament Studies to help us resist authoritarian pushes to simple militarism---its news is international and its theory lively. 3636 Lafayette, Omaha NB 68131.

TWIN PEACE ORGANIZATION CONTACTS WITH ENGLAND Genia Goelz, Full Circle, Chagford Devon, TQ13 8AA, England offers to match peace action groups from U.S. to England.

THE FIRST NATIONAL PEACE ACADEMY GOING The National Peace Academy of Abbeville is organized and requesting materials to 14584 Stump Run Road, Laurelville, Ohio, 43135 (614) 332-6049.

NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF AUDIOVISUAL RESOURCES ON NUCLEAR WAR AND THE ARMS RACE, edited by Karen Sayer & John Dowling is available from Michigan Media, University of Michigan, 400 Fourth St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103 for \$4.00.

NUCLEAR PSYCHOLOGY PROJECT ON EFFECTS ON CHILDREN has been researching children's responses in U.S., Canada, Finland, USSR, Belgium and New Zealand. Next year they plan to extend this to France, the two Germanies, Czechoslovakia, China India and Japan, possibly running to 3 years. Co-sponsored by International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and the Psychology Dept. of Harvard University.

THE BIGGEST NEW THREAT: A new title, "Arming the Heavens" by Jack Manno deals with the history of space-military planning. Dutton, 1984 13