

# AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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## APARTHEID INFORMATION

WHEREAS, The Nobel Peace Prize was recently awarded to Bishop Desmond Tutu; and

WHEREAS, In recent weeks here in Washington civil rights and labor union leaders, public officials, educators and other concerned individuals have joined in protest against the South African government's policy of Apartheid, in a number of instances incurring arrest; and

WHEREAS, Attendees at this Midwinter Meeting are joining a national protest on the afternoon of January 7, 1985, at the South African Embassy; and

WHEREAS, The American Library Association "opposes any use of government prerogatives which lead to intimidation of the individual or the citizenry from the exercise of free expression" and "encourages resistance to such abuse of government power, and supports those against whom such government power has been employed"; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association communicate to the United States Congress and President its wish that they use their authority to bring about diplomatic and economic sanctions against the South African Government; and be it Further

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association support federal legislation that will prohibit federal tolerance, involvement, or encouragement of any United States enterprise or institution operating in South Africa; and be it Further

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association encourage its members to make information available about the situation of the oppressed majority in South Africa (which is the target of systematic censorship) diverse points of view, and about courses of action which might be pursued by concerned individuals.



ADOPTED BY THE  
COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
January, 1985, in Washington DC  
Transmitted by

Discussion continued on the points raised above. Councilor Danuta A. Nitecki transmitted RTSD's dissent. By a vote of 68/59, the Resolution was ADOPTED, as follows:

Whereas, Each personal member of the American Library Association is entitled to vote on matters brought to the membership for a decision, either by mail or at membership meetings; and Whereas, the current practice of refusing admittance to Membership and Council meetings to those who have not registered for Midwinter and Annual Conferences excludes those who have paid their membership dues but do not choose to pay the price of conference program attendance; Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That any personal member of the American Library Association may attend ALA general 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; and Further, Resolved, That for a period of two years the Membership Committee will monitor this; at the end of two years the membership committee in conjunction with COPES will recommend appropriate final action.

APARTHEID INFORMATION (CD#21) - Exhibit 30. Elizabeth Morrisett brought the Resolution to the floor and seconded Virginia Moore's motion to substitute the Resolved clause with three new Resolved paragraphs. There was objection to Caroline Arden's motion to separate the three resolved clauses, she felt that before action is taken by Council the Resolution should go to the Legislation Committee for consideration. The motion to amend by substitution was ADOPTED, and it was

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MINIMUM SALARY RESOLUTION (CD#22) - Exhibit 31. Carol DiPrete/Leslie B. Burger placed the resolution on the floor. James Matarazzo suggested that minimum salaries benefit some, and hurt others, and urged defeat of the resolution; Suzanne LeBarron recommended rather that ALA urge that this be done at the state level; F. William Summers recalled that similar action was defeated by Council in 1980 because of legal impediments. The Executive Director reported that legal counsel had not reexamined the situation since this proposal had not been anticipated. Eric Moon/Patricia Schuman's motion to amend the first Resolved clause by the insertion of "minimum" to read, "... as a recommended minimum starting salary..." was APPROVED. Mary Walters reminded Council that a special committee is at this time working on pay equity; other Councilors endorsed the objective but were uncertain about a methodology to achieve it. Robert Stueart pointed out that OLPR's data on the states would be useful to Council in reaching a decision; the Executive Director stated that the OLPR Director works with the Special Committee on Pay Equity and is prepared to bring back a full analysis if that is Council's wish. Robert Razer, Chair, Chapter Relations Committee, offered the Committee's services in obtaining advice from the chapters. On motion by Robert Stueart/Beverly Lynch, it was

VOTED, That CD#22 be referred to OLPR for review and report back at the 1985 Annual Conference.

RESOLUTION ON LIBRARY BOOK COLLECTIONS ON THE NUCLEAR WAR ISSUE (CD#23) was withdrawn by the movers.

AWARDS COMMITTEE INFORMATION REPORT (CD#26) - Exhibit 32 was submitted in writing for information.

David Snider on a point of personal privilege and on behalf of Council extended Council's thanks to the projectionists.

Robert Wedgeworth  
Secretary of Council

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