

INFORMATION ON NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE NUCLEAR AGE

WHEREAS, The issue of nuclear weapons and war is of great importance to the survival of civilization; and

WHEREAS, It is the American Library Association's current policy to inform the general public about nuclear arms, the ongoing arms race debate, and possibilities of disarmament; and

WHEREAS, The "National Security in the Nuclear Age" bibliography offered by the Social Responsibilities Round Table's Task Force on Peace Information Exchange has already received national attention through inclusion in the ERIC data base (ERIC ED 261923) and through national distribution by the League of Women Voters to all its state and local chapter leaders (see text below); NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urges librarians to establish balanced up-to-date collections of books on national security in the nuclear age, and to stimulate public interest in this issue.

SPONSORS: Ernest B. Dane, Personal Member
Elizabeth Morrissett, Councilor at Large

POLICY

APPROVED: Social Responsibilities Round Table
SRRT Task Force on Peace Information Exchange

POLICY HISTORY: 50.11, 50.12

June 29, 1986



League of Women Voters
of the United States

Memorandum

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May 2, 1986

THIS IS NOT GOING ON DPM

TO: State and Local League Presidents
FROM: Joan Rich, National Security Study Chair
SUBJ: "National Security in the Nuclear Age" materials (attached)

During the past four years of National Security studies, the national office has received many comments concerning the lack of materials on national security topics at the local level. To help fill the gap, we are sending the enclosed "National Security in the Nuclear Age" proposal and booklist for public libraries. We have reviewed the proposal's substance and booklist with care, and we believe that it could prove helpful in strengthening public understanding of these vitally important issues.

The actions suggested for librarians in the proposal and the political balance of the booklist contribute to making this an idea that merits the League's interest and backing. We encourage you to copy and circulate the proposal/booklist among your members and to consider how best to promote it with your community's librarians. The proposal's author, Ernest B. Dane, welcomes suggestions or comments. Contact him at 4 Jefferson Run Road, Great Falls, VA 22066.

COUNCIL MINUTES
1986 Annual Conference

98-497 stipulating that the appointment of the Archivist of the United States be made on the basis of professional qualifications and in opposing the appointment of John Agresto, and further, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Senator William Roth, chair, U.S. Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, and that a press release be issued by ALA on this issue.

INFORMATION ON NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE NUCLEAR AGE (CD#57:MD#2) -
Exhibit 15. Without discussion, it was

VOTED, That the American Library Association urge librarians to establish up-to-date collections of books on national security in the nuclear age, and to stimulate interest in this issue.

RESOLUTION ON THE ABRIDGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH AFRICA
(CD#58:MD#1.1 - Substitute Resolution presented by original movers) -
Exhibit 16. Without further discussion, it was

VOTED, That the American Library Association call on American librarians to support the struggle for freedom, justice, and equality within a multiracial democratic society in South Africa, and further, That ALA write the appropriate government agency in South Africa expressing opposition to the present system of unequal library service and education, and to the widespread censorship of the press and banning of authors and their works, and further, That ALA go on record as opposing any future reentry into the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) of the South African Library Association in its new guise as the South African Institute for Librarianship and Information Science, until the Institute takes a strong stand in favor of open membership and equality of library service and education, and further, That ALA urge bibliographic utilities, such as OCLC, and other cooperative ventures, not to expand their services or make investments in South Africa under the present regime, and further, That ALA urge that the Dewey Decimal area tables and history schedule for South Africa planned for the 20th edition by Forest Press, that were prepared by SAILIS, be revised to reflect the history of all South Africans, and further, That ALA urge American libraries to develop collections on South

Document Number		Yes	No	Abstain	?
56a	AMENDED CD#56 to add the words "and that a press release be issued by ALA on this issue" after the word "Committee" in the second Resolved clause.	137	0	1	11
56	VOTED, to adopt CD#56, that ALA, with nine other organizations named in the document, support the provisions of P.L. 98-497 stipulating that the Archivist of the United States be appointed on the basis of professional qualifications, and further, that a copy of CD#56 be sent to Senators Roth and Mathias, and that ALA issue a press release on this issue.	144	0	2	3
57	VOTED, to approve CD#57, Information on National Security in the Nuclear Age, directing ALA to urge librarians to establish up-to-date collections of books on national security in the nuclear age and to stimulate interest in this issue.	143	1	2	3
58	VOTED, to approve CD#58, "Abridgement of Human Rights in South Africa", urging that ALA call on American libraries to support South Africa's struggle for freedom, justice, and equality; that ALA write the appropriate government agency in South Africa expressing opposition to the present system of unequal library service, education, and censorship; that ALA oppose any future re-entry into IFLA of the South African Library Association now known as the South African Institute for Librarianship and Information Science until the institute takes a stand in favor of open membership; that ALA urge bibliographic utilities not to expand their services or make investments in South Africa; that ALA urge American libraries to develop collections on South Africa reflecting the full diversity of viewpoints in that country and that these publications be made fully available; that ALA invite library colleagues in South Africa to tell American librarians how to help	105	36	4	3

Council Policy Monitoring Committee Report
January 1987

Following is the report concerning the 1985-86 Council documents reviewed by the PMC for incorporation, possible additions to and/or changes in the Policy Manual located on pages 215-242 of the ALA Handbook of Organization:

- 1) CD#6.6 ALA Strategic Long Range Plan
The new mission statement and goals in the SLRP report--1. Mission, Priority Areas, Goals--replaced 1. Goals and Priorities of Section One, Organization and Operational Policies of the ALA Policy Manual. PMC reviewed the SLRP report as amended by Council and approved the draft of the new mission statement and goals for printing in the 1986-87 ALA Handbook of Organization. The new statement appears on pages 215-217 of the Handbook. The new section 1. was also distributed as 1986-87 CD#5.
- 2) CD#46 Confidentiality of Library Records
The four words inserted by Council into policy 52.5 have been printed on page 232 of the 1986-87 Policy Manual.
- 3) CD#56 National Archivist
PMC finds that CD#56 is not a policy statement and wishes to call to Council's attention that since there is a policy on nominations of the post of Librarian of Congress, Council may wish to consider a similar policy on the post of Archivist of the United States.
- 4) CD#47 Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Program, An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights
PMC recommends that the following section be added to the Policy Manual as policy 53.1.3. The current section 53.1.3 on page 234 and the sections following would be renumbered.

53.1.3 Members of the school community involved in the collection development process employ educational criteria to select resources unfettered by their personal, social, or religious views. Students and educators served by the school library media program have access to resources and services free of constraints resulting from personal, partisan, or doctrinal disapproval. School library media professionals resist efforts by individuals to define what is appropriate for all students or teachers to read, view, or hear.

(See "Current Reference File": Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Program: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights.)

- 5) CD#49 Membership Meeting Priority
PMC recommends the addition of the following statement to policy 7.4.6 on page 225 of the Policy Manual:

Agendas of Membership Meetings shall provide priority to discussion of membership resolutions.
(See "Current Reference File," 1985-86 CD#49.)

- 6) CD#57 Information on National Security in the Nuclear Age
PMC recommends replacing section 50.13 with the following statement in which language of CD#57 has been incorporated into the current section 50.13 on page 231 in the Policy Manual:

50.13 Nuclear Freeze, The Arms Race and National Security

The American Library Association supports the concept of a nuclear freeze on the development and deployment of nuclear weapons. It urges libraries to establish balanced up-to-date collections of library materials on national security in the nuclear age, on nuclear arms, and the movements for disarmament and a nuclear moratorium. The Association further urges librarians to stimulate public interest in these issues and make information available about the various courses of action concerned individuals may take.

(See "Current Reference File")

- 7) CD#58 Abridgement of Human Rights in South Africa
PMC recommends that this document be cited at the end of policy 57.3 on page 239 as part of the information pertaining to the Current Reference File.
- 8) CD#30 Equity at Issue: Library Services to the Nation's Four Major Minority Groups
In light of the length of this report which was accepted by Council and in which the 22 resolutions were adopted and endorsed, PMC would have requested "an abstract statement or the exact language for the Policy Manual" from the issuing committee in accordance with policy 5.7. However, since that special body has been dissolved, PMC is referring the report to the Minority Concerns Committee. The PMC will review the the abstract and report back to Council at the 1987 Annual Conference.
- 9) Policy 52.4 School Libraries
This item appeared in PMC report #5 (CD#13 1984-85), #6 (CD#39 1984-85), and #6 (CD#12 1985-86) when PMC reported that it was following up this matter with AASL. A response is expected from AASL prior to the 1987 Annual Conference.

ACTION: 1986 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Topic and Page Reference	IMPLEMENTATION ACTION Page #	RESPONSE & FURTHER ACTION
IFC: CD#47-Access to Resources...	125	Placement in Policy Manual, pending consideration by Policy Monitoring Committee. Placement in Policy Manual
IFC: CD#46-Policy on Confidentiality of Library Records	125	Placement in Policy Manual pending consideration by Policy Monitoring Committee. Placement in Policy Manual
IFC: CD#54-Library Association Statement	126	Endorsement action transmitted to the Gratefully acknowledged
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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE (CD51.1-51.4)	126	See CD#10.1
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COO (CD#48)	127	
1 - Minority Concerns Charge		Functions revised in pertinent documents
2 - Library Research RT Charge		Functions revised in pertinent documents
3 - Pay Equity Council Committee		Committee appointed and appears in 1986-88 Handbook, etc.
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U.S. ARCHIVIST APPOINTMENT	127	Transmitted to the chair and members of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee; press release issued. Acknowledgments on file at Headquarters See CD#10.2, attached
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NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE NUCLEAR AGE (CD#57)	128	Publicized in American Libraries PMC considering along with present policy for possible revision.
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ABRIDGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH AFRICA (CD#58)	128	Sent to: IFLA; Director General, South Africa Department of National Education, President, South African Institute for Librarianship & Information Science*; Presidents: The Research Libraries Group, Inc., OCLC, Inc., UTLAS, Inc.; Executive Director, Western Library Network. *Responses from Past President Hooper on file at Headquarters.