

## Report of Section Delegate

At the Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association in Honolulu, the House of Delegates adopted the recommendation submitted by the Section on the three Human Rights Conventions pending before the U.S. Senate for advice and consent as to ratification or accession.

The July 1967 issue of *The International Lawyer* contains a detailed report by retiring Chairman Edward D. Re, on these Conventions (pp. 526-533), the texts of the three Conventions (pp. 589-666), and the conflicting view within the Section on these Conventions.

Following the failure at the Spring Meeting of the Council of the Section on April 27, 1967, to reach a compromise with the ABA Standing Committee On Peace And Law Through United Nations, which had opposed all three Human Rights Conventions, the ABA Standing Committee submitted to the House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting in Honolulu its report and recommendation in opposition to the three Conventions.

The Section itself had recommitted the matter to an *ad hoc* committee composed of Section representatives designated by the Chairman. The *ad hoc* committee presented an oral report of its study of the three Conventions at the meetings of the Council held on August 5 and 6, 1967, in Honolulu. After considerable debate, the Council adopted a resolution for presentation to the House of Delegates as a substitute resolution for the recommendation submitted by the ABA Standing Committee. The resolution was in substance similar to the compromise resolution printed at 1 *Int. Lawyer* 531-32. The resolution was approved at the Section membership meeting held on August 6, 1967, and the text of the resolution was distributed among the members of the House of Delegates. A supply of the July 1967 issue was distributed in Honolulu to the members of the House of Delegates.

Orison S. Marden, then President of the ABA, in his Annual Report to the House of Delegates, on August 7 called attention to the Section's publication and to its extended coverage on the subject of the Human Rights Conventions and urged that the delegates study this material, which presented both sides of the arguments on these Conventions.

The report of the ABA Standing Committee was arranged to be heard as a special order of business on the afternoon of August 8. After the presentation of that Committee's report by its Chairman, Eberhard P. Deutsch, the Section Delegate presented the substitute resolution on behalf of the Section and reviewed the history leading to the Section's adoption of this substitute. The Section's resolution was tabled and a substitute resolution was offered by Orison S. Marden and Whitney North Seymour for approval of the three Conventions. After extended debate on August 8 and 9, during which a number of past-presidents of the Association expressed their views, as did U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, the resolution for approval of the three Conventions was defeated. Thereupon the Section's resolution was lifted from the table. A motion was then made to strike the two paragraphs of the Section's resolution dealing with the Convention on the Abolition of Forced Labor and the Convention on Political Rights of Women and this motion was defeated. The House of Delegates then adopted the Section's resolution as presented by a vote of 115 to 96. A copy of this resolution follows at p. 16.

Three other matters before the House involved the Section.

The recommendation of the Section that its By-Laws be amended to provide for an increase in its annual dues from \$5. to \$8., effective January 1, 1968, was approved by the Board of Governors and adopted by the House of Delegates. In presenting this recommendation the Section Delegate pointed to the increased cost to the Section of the publication of *The International Lawyer*, which has received wide acclaim and recognition and which has been an important factor in enlisting new Section members.

The Section Delegate also presented to the House of Delegates the resolution adopted by the Section urging establishment in United States law schools of aerospace law institutes. This resolution resulted from the study and report of the Section's Committee on the Law of Outer Space of which Gen. Menter is Chairman. The Board of Governors recommended approval of this proposal, with a slight amendment, and the House adopted the resolution as amended. A copy of the resolution as adopted follows this report.

The last item involved a proposal to make the ABA Special Committee on Relations with Lawyers of Other Nations a Standing Committee of the ABA. This matter had been referred previously to the ABA Standing Committee on Scope and Correlation of Work. On the calendar before the House was the report of that Committee

which approved the change of the Special Committee to a Standing Committee. Also on the calendar before the House was a proposal to amend the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association to effectuate the change to a Standing Committee.

The Section Council, at its meeting in April and again at its meeting in August, voted to oppose this change, it being the overwhelming consensus of the Council that the work of the Special Committee overlapped and impinged on the work of certain committees of the Section and that indeed the ABA Special Committee should serve as a committee of the Section. The Section Delegate, as instructed by the Council, advised the House of Delegates of the Section's opposition to the proposed change to a Standing Committee and explained the views of the Section on this subject.

The Board of Governors at the Annual Meeting recommended, and the House of Delegates so voted, that the Special Committee be continued as a Special Committee and referred the proposal for change of the status of this Committee back to the Committee on Scope and Correlation of Work.

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**Resolution Passed August 9, 1967, by the House of Delegates in Honolulu:**

WHEREAS, the Supplementary Slavery Convention, the Convention on the Abolition of Forced Labor and the Convention on the Political Rights of Women are pending in the Senate of the United States for advice and consent to accession or ratification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the American Bar Association that it supports fully promotion by the United States, through the United Nations, of "universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms" for all people within all countries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the American Bar Association favors the accession of the United States to the Supplementary Slavery Convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the American Bar Association recommends that no action be taken by the United States with regard to the Convention on the Abolition of Forced Labor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the American Bar Association