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EDITOR'S NOTE

There were recommended by the Resolutions Committee under the chairmanship of A. J. O'Connor, pursuant to the by-laws of the Association, the following resolutions:

LEGAL AID:

WHEREAS the Washington State Bar Association, its members and a number of the local bar associations, in recognition of the lawyer's oath to never reject for personal considerations the cause of the defenseless and oppressed, have cooperated in providing free legal aid individually and through local legal aid bureaus, and

WHEREAS such free legal aid has been provided by the lawyers without resort to public funds, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Bar Association recognizes its responsibility that equal justice must be provided for all, regardless of ability to pay,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington State Bar Association

(1) That the local bar associations be commended for their continued efforts in maintaining and providing free legal aid without recourse to public funds and

(2) That the bar and its members be ever alert to the problems of the poor and defenseless, and that the local associations be urged to continue and improve their activities in providing organized free legal aid through legal aid bureaus and committees.

WASHINGTON STATE BAR FOUNDATION:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Bar Association authorizes and directs its Board of Governors to take such action as it deems proper which will eventually result in either this association or a Washington State Bar Foundation owning its own headquarters' building and grounds.

PRIVILEGE AGAINST SELF-INCRIMINATION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Bar Association does hereby go on record in favor of having the Board of Governors give immediate consideration to the formulation and recommendation to the Supreme Court of the adoption of an amendment to the Rules for Dis-

cipline of Attorneys by adding as a ground for reprimand, suspension or disbarment, a provision embodying substantially the following:

“Claiming protection of the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution to avoid giving testimony before a properly constituted congressional or legislative committee, or before the courts, as to possible communist affiliation or other subversive activities against our government.”

CODE:

WHEREAS, the representatives appointed by the Board of Governors on the Statute Law Committee have, at the Board's request, submitted to this meeting a progress report and

WHEREAS, the members of this Association appreciate the untiring efforts of their representatives in their attempt to secure a better code of the laws of Washington.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Washington State Bar Association hereby expresses to said representatives its thanks for the work which they have done and its confidence in the program outlined in the report which they have submitted at this meeting.

All four resolutions were adopted.

A resolution pertaining to selection of judges was offered from the floor by Mr. L. L. Thompson:

That this convention do concur with that portion of the report by Mr. Garvin in which he recommends that steps be taken to try to adopt something equivalent to the Missouri plan for the selection of judges; that we concur in that portion of the report and do so recommend to the Board of Governors.

The resolution was adopted.