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Move to Reject Defense of Tribunal Fails—Vote Does Not Imply Approval by All

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MIAMI BEACH, Aug. 25—A

move to reject a committee report defending Supreme Court decisions in the internal security field was unsuccessful today at the American Bar Association's annual meeting.

Delegates wrangled at length and then agreed to accept the report on the understanding that it expressed only the views of the committee, not those of the entire A. B. A. That is the general rule for all committee reports in the association.

At issue was the work of the Bill of Rights Committee, headed by Joseph Harrison of New Jersey. Its report examined in detail twenty-four recent Supreme Court decisions.

These were the same twenty-four cases that were sharply criticized last February by a bar association committee on Communist tactics, strategy and objectives. That committee said in its report that the cases were "illustrative of how our security has been weakened."

Security Not Impaired

The Bill of Rights Committee concluded, on the other hand, that it was unable to see any indication that the security of the nation or of the states "has been impaired by the Supreme Court of the United States."

In February the A. B. A. House of Delegates, its legislative arm, adopted resolutions calling for Congressional revision of some Supreme Court decisions in the security area. The action was widely interpreted as an attack on the high court.

Since February, association officials have said repeatedly that the resolutions should not be taken as an attack on the court. They have argued that the Bar Association as a whole had not endorsed the critical report of the Communist Tactics Committee.

At today's session in the Americana Hotel the main issue was whether the Bill of Rights report was an effort to undue February's action.

The committee submitted no resolutions but only the report, which ordinarily calls for no action by the House of Delegates. But Loyd Wright of California, a former president of the association and a vocal critic of the Supreme Court, moved that the report be tabled.

Free to Disagree

Mr. Harrison said his committee had no thought of reversing the February House resolution. But he said his group was perfectly free to disagree with the "unfortunate implications" of the

leaders opposed the tabling motion on the ground that it would set a bad precedent for "suppressions" of members' views. Among them were three former presidents of the Association, David S. Maxwell of Philadelphia, Charles Rhyne of Washington and Ross L. Malone, of Roswell, New Mexico.

Mr. Wright said no one could agree with the Bill of Rights Committee that there was no security threat without arguing for the dismissal of President Eisenhower, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Allan W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

But after lengthy debate Mr. Wright offered to withdraw his tabling motion if it was made clear that acceptance of the

report implied neither approval nor disapproval of it. A motion to that effect was carried.

Another potential wrangle, involving passports and the Government security program, was avoided by a resolution instructing two conflicting committees to try to work out their differences. The committees were that of Communist Tactics and one on Individual Rights as Affected by National Security.

In another action, the delegates approved a strong resolution urging the Senate to confirm twenty pending nominations to the Federal courts before adjournment.

The nominations are now tied up in the Senate Judiciary Committee, where some have been since January and February. The association urged action especially because of "critical conditions of court congestion."

Another resolution endorsed—with an important amendment—the so-called state's rights bill, which has passed the House in the present session of Congress.

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