

Council Bars Slap at Soglin as AMRC Foe

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A resolution disapproving of Mayor Paul Soglin's endorsement of an anti-Army Math Research Center (AMRC) book was defeated by the City Council Tuesday night, 15-7.

Soglin hosted a new conference Sept. 13 at which the book attacking the University of Wisconsin-Madison institution was introduced.

THE RESOLUTION, sponsored by Aids. Thomas George, Third Dist., Loren Thorson, 12th Dist.,

and Jerome Emmerich, 11th Dist., was the subject of a brief but pointed debate.

Emmerich said he had questions about the operation of the AMRC but argued that "it may have indeed in many respects" done work which "saved our boys' lives in the Vietnam War and other wars."

Other arguments for the resolution questioned the propriety of the mayor's taking a stand on the issue and of his taking time for the promotion.

SOGLIN STEPPED down from the mayor's chair to defend his action, his use of time, and his assistant, James Rowen, who has previously written anti-AMRC papers.

"This city does have something at stake here," he said, saying the matter raised "serious questions" about for what purposes research institutions are used and how they could maybe benefit the city.

Pointing out that mayors have always made proclamations of various kinds, Soglin said he has the responsibility and the right to make proclamations of his own.

"I PUT IN FAR more time than my predecessor did in this job," he said, telling the council he put in 60 to 80 hours of work a week.

"I can use my own discretion as to how the time can be spent," he said.

Responding to the argument that he should make his opinion known only as a private citizen and not as mayor, Soglin said it was impossible for himself and any public official to separate the two things.

THE VOTE OF the resolution, taken just before the 10:40 p.m. adjournment, was:

For — Emmerich, George, Imm, Ley, Parker, Thorson, and Wexler — 7.

Against — Ashman, Christopher, Cohn, Davis, Disch, Knutson, McGilligan, Parks, Phillips, Sack, Smith, Staven, Thompson, Waldren, and Zimmermann — 15.

Absent: None.

Ald. Smith's Name Omitted on Vote

Ald. Elizabeth Smith, 19th Dist., was one of 15 aldermen to vote against a resolution Tuesday night asking the University of Wisconsin to cut its ties with the Mathematics Research Center. Her vote on the defeated resolution was inadvertently omitted from the roll call in Wednesday's Wisconsin State Journal.