

APR 26 1966

**A.D.A. URGES RESPECT
FOR VIETNAM DISSENT**

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UPI) — Americans for Democratic Action, a vigorous dissenter in its own right, demanded Sunday respect for the right of American citizens to dissent from United States policy in Vietnam.

Its action was taken as the liberal group acted on a series of resolutions at the close of a three-day annual convention.

One resolution approved said the Vietnam crisis had led "to a number of governmental actions which have attempted to stifle dissent, give preferential treatment to supporters of the war and, in some cases, violated the rights of dissenters."

The resolution mentioned the draft reclassification of Michigan students who staged a sit-in at the Ann Arbor draft board, a new law making it a Federal crime to burn a draft card, and high officials' statements that dissenters give aid and comfort to the enemy—the classic definition of treason.

The name of Cassius Clay, heavyweight boxing champion, entered the debate as an example of a dissenter whose right to pursue his occupation had been restricted. Another example was Julian Bond, a Negro who was forbidden to take his elected seat in the Georgia Legislature because of his criticism of Vietnam policy.

Representative Don Edwards, Democrat of California, was re-elected to a second term as A.D.A. national chairman.