Council Takes Stands on Indigenous Peoples,

(continued from p 1)

crease the probability of a prompt and public response.

Two motions relating to the Brazilian Indian population were before the Council. Chief Wages (Florida) spoke on the creation of a Yanoama Park and Kenneth Taylor (Survival International) urged the Brazilian Government to reconsider its proposal for the delimitation of Yanoama lands and to provide for the establishment of a continuous Yanoama Park as defined by the Committee for the Creation of the Yanoama Park (CCPY).

Be it moved that the American Anthropological Association follow the initiative of Survival International USA and the Anthropology Resource Center and send a letter to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim making the same requests for UN involvement as in the letter sent to him by those organizations.

Motion on Responsibility for Protection of Brazilian Indians

Whereas the Brazilian press had made public a proposal under consideration by the Brazilian government to devolve responsibility for the guardianship and protection of the Indian population to the individual states and territories; and

Whereas it is an internationally recognized fact that only at the federal level and through the correct and humane exercise of strategy would be in disregard of worldwide concern for just and humane treatment of the Brazilian Indian population and recognition of their legal and human rights;

The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution on Financial Information for Proposed and Enacted Legislation

Whereas the financial resources of the American Anthropological Association are limited, and

Whereas decisions involving expenditures should be made with the fullest possible information in hand,

Therefore, be it resolved that each resolution or motion put before the Council be accompanied at the time of consideration by a full description of the proposed activity and a budget and/or estimate of the cost of the Association which could result from its enactment, and

Be it further resolved that for each such proposal enacted there be published each year in the September or October issue of the Anthropology Newsletter, and apart from the annual financial statement, a summary of interim costs to date or final total costs of implementation.

Resolutions, unlike motions, must be ratified by the Council membership in a mail ballot. Having received the support of those attending the business meeting, this resolution will appear on the mail ballot next fall.

In response to Senator William Proxmire's selection of an anthropological project for a Golden Fleece Award, Jane Goodall articulated the profession's concerns in the following motion adopted by the Council:

Motion on Golden Fleece Award

Whereas Senator William Proxmire has recently awarded his "Fleece of the Month" to the National Science Foundation for an anthropological project concerning religion and social change;

Whereas the project in question had been subjected to the standard NSF review process, a process designed to insure that research proposals are judged by specialists most capable of judging them;