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Committee on Intellectual Freedom. David K. Berninghausen, Chairman of the committee, reports that the Library Bill of Rights has received much favorable publicity in the New York papers. He has also been involved in a good deal of correspondence since the Atlantic City Conference. As Chairman, Mr. Berninghausen was present at the July 13 hearings on the New York City Schools banning of The Nation. He presented the position of the AIA based on the Library Bill of Rights which opposes banning and censorship.

The Library Bill of Rights. The following letter was received from John A. Lapp, chairman of the Chicago Division, A.C.L.U.:

The Chicago Division of the American Civil Liberties Union, at the meeting of its Executive Committee on June 24th, passed a resolution highly commending the American Library Association for the Bill of Rights for Libraries adopted at Atlantic City. This is a clear, forthright, and greatly needed statement against censorship of books. Freedom cannot live under censorship and the American Civil Liberties Union will join you in the efforts you make to enforce the Bill of Rights for freedom of libraries against censorship.

Possibilities of printing the Bill for sale now being investigated with make-up similar to that of the Four Year Goals. It is hoped also to have reprints of the Goals available for sale.

National Planning Association. Mrs. Helen T. Steinbarger, Consultant in Education Department, P.L. of the District of Columbia, has been appointed to the National Planning Association, Committee on the Community.

Mountain-Plains Conference, 1948. Miss Essae M. Culver, former President of A.L.A., has been appointed official A.L.A. representative to this organizational meeting and will speak at the Conference on "The Regional Conference from the National Point of View."

Washington Conference, 1950. President McDiarmid, in cooperation with Vice President Lord, is planning, in the near future, to appoint a chairman of the Local Committee for this conference. The dates which have been selected for this conference are October 29 through November 4.

Committee Activities. Due to the limited budget situation of the A.L.A., a means of obtaining special volunteer assistance for some A.L.A. Committees is being explored by President McDiarmid. He is investigating the possibility of asking a few of the larger libraries to donate a part of the time of a selected staff member for concentrated work on particular committee projects.

Great Issues. Regular subscribers to the Booklist will receive with their August issue (to appear the middle of the month) a Part II made up of lists devoted to the Great Issues. The bibliographies and film lists on the five subjects chosen were compiled by selected institutions and will be printed with a preface signed by President McDiarmid. Extra copies will be printed for sale at \$.35 each. The Bulletin will carry an item in the July-August issue.

Placement. An announcement of the Executive Board action suspending this service will be carried in the July-August issue of the A.L.A. Bulletin. At the time this notice appears, announcements will be sent to the library press.

A.L.A. Survey. Mr. Metcalf will do a survey for the A.L.A. of the University of Minnesota Libraries to be completed in the early spring of 1949.

Headquarters Cost-of-Living Bonus. A Staff Committee to formulate a plan for the Cost-of-Living Bonus has been appointed. Mrs. Love representing the Staff Association, will serve as Chairman, with Miss Timmerman representing the Administrative Committee and Mrs. Hunt appointed by the Executive Secretary. The committee has met and a proposal is being formulated.

U.S. Economic Study of Library Personnel. The Board on Personnel Administration has secured the services of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to do an economic study of library personnel. The study will cover salaries, living expenses, education, working and welfare conditions, etc. for both professional and non-professional library employees. The A.L.A. must stand a part of the expense involved. The Board on Personnel Administration will use \$500, proceeds of the San Francisco Personnel Institute, and another \$500 has been allotted from the A.L.A. budget for 1948-49. Plans are now in progress and the survey is scheduled for completion in the fall. An announcement will be carried in the September issue of the Bulletin requesting speedy and full cooperation from the institutions invited to furnish the information required. This study will give, for the first time, authoritative information about the economic status of library employees, and will therefore be of unusual importance to all libraries and librarians.

Headquarters Library. Plastering has now been completed in the library and work is going ahead on the acoustical ceiling and the lighting fixtures. The mill work is promised for delivery on July 21.

U. S. Office of Education. The following paragraph is an excerpt from a letter received from Mrs. Mary P. Douglas, Library Supervisor, Raleigh Public Schools:

The conference on Problems in Elementary Education held at the United States Office of Education, May 20-22, was very stimulating. Representatives from about sixty organizations were present and gave reports on activities which their organizations carried on relative to problems of elementary aged children. I was happy to report the many activities of the American Library Association. A full report of the conference will soon be available from the United States Office of Education and a copy will be sent to A.L.A.

Sale of Property. It now seems apparent that the buyers for the property on the east corner will extend their option a second three months from July, but will in all probability buy. This will reduce the interest income from proceeds of the sale for the coming fiscal year by delaying the investment.

L.P.R.S. The Mitchell McKeown Organization reports that the lack of subscriptions for the L.P.R.S. has necessitated their terminating the service. No new subscriptions or renewals will be accepted, but present subscription contracts will be carried out or a refund made. The Public Relations Committee is being asked to study the matter and make recommendations as to the future of any such service.

Public Relations Office. The present Public Relations setup at Headquarters is assured at least until January 1, 1949. This will allow Mr. Cory time in which to consider the entire Public Relations picture of the A.L.A. before any further action is taken.

Handbook. It was agreed that copies of the Handbook would be sent to all renewals of Special Membership but would not be included in the new Special Memberships. The following paragraph is taken from a letter addressed to Miss Beatty by Mary Emogene Hazeltine:

All AIA members and its many interests and connections are deeply indebted to you, editor of AIA Handbook. It covers every possible need within its scope, presented in the familiar format of the handbook to which we are accustomed so that we use and check it regularly, that is, without irritation because of new methods and machinery. The old forms, old lists brought up-to-date for officers, in fact everything about it, both old and new, is perfect. Many hearty congratulations on this latest issue of a great publication.

Miss Ridgway. Mr. Cory forwarded the following letter, received by him, from Mrs. Irene S. Peck, Executive Secretary, New Mexico State Library Commission:

The members of the New Mexico State Library Commission, at their meeting on May 8th, asked me to convey to the American Library Association their gratitude and appreciation of the interest and generosity which made possible Miss Ridgway's visit last February. It was a great pleasure to work with Miss Ridgway and her help and advice were invaluable in setting up a long range library program for New Mexico.

Midwinter Conference. Arrangements have now been completed with the Edgewater Beach Hotel to hold the Midwinter Conference there, January 20-23.

A.L.A. Official Representation: Harold Walter Batchelor, In., Matthews L., State Coll., Tempe; inauguration of James Byron McCormick as president of the University of Arizona, May 5; Maria L. Cimino, Child. In., N.Y.P.L., meeting of Board of Consultants of CBS American School of the Air to consider plans for next season, New York City, June 8; Isabelle Clark, In., Grinnel College Library, National Conference for the Prevention of World War III (Institute of International Affairs), Grinnel College, Iowa, June 10-13; David K. Berninghausen, In., Cooper Union, Cooper Square, New York, Conference on National Council on Freedom from Censorship, New York City, June 22; Herbert M. Sewell, In., Toledo P.L., inauguration of Dr. Wilbur White as president of the University of Toledo, May 11. The A.L.A. was listed as a co-sponsor of the World Conference of Religion for the Moral and Spiritual Support of the United Nations, New York City, June 16-18; Milton E. Lord, P.L. Boston, meeting of United States Book Exchange, Washington D.C., June 24; Frederick Cromwell, conference to formulate plans for a United Nations Day, Washington, D. C., June 25.

Continuing Membership. The following retired members of A.L.A. have addressed written applications to the Executive Board asking that they be made Continuing Members of the Association for life.

	<u>Joined</u>	<u>Number</u>
Grace M. White, Detroit	1919	8322
Donna Louise Watkins, Manchester, Mich.	1918	7702
Adeline Cooke, LaJolla, Calif.	1922	11346
Katharine Dawley, Auburn, Ill.	1913	5684
Emma E. Lessey, Drexel Hill, Pa.	1919	8406
Ethel Cleland, Indianapolis	1910	4883

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