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Executive Board Action. Several bibliographical publications received subsidies by Executive Board action authorizing disbursement of some of the accumulated income from the "Carnegie Fund" which was established in 1902 for the "preparation and publication of such reading lists, indexes and other bibliographical and library aids as will be especially useful in the circulating libraries of this country." This was the fund which brought into existence The Booklist and the income from which is still assisting Booklist to secure broader coverage. The new subsidies approved include \$2,000 toward the publication of Robert B. Downs' American Library Resources; \$500 for the Bulletin publication and reprinting of the American Heritage film list; \$500 for the Booklist publication and reprinting of a Canadian book list; and \$4,000 for the preparation, publication and distribution of booklists dealing with the current national and international crisis.

Executive Board action will be reported further in the next issue of the ALA BULL.

The Editorial Office in the ALA Publishing Department has received a major recognition in the acceptance of both titles it submitted for inclusion in the Midwestern Bookmaking Show. The titles are An Ample Field by Amelia Munson and Subject Index to Books for Intermediate Grades. Both books received high scores and will be included in the 49 titles chosen for a special exhibit open to the public at the Newberry Library May 17-30. The show is sponsored by the Chicago Book Clinic. All books published or produced in the Chicago-Midwestern area during the year May 1, 1950 to May 1, 1951, were eligible. The 333 books submitted by 58 publishers were scored independently by 4 judges on these elements: design intention; readability and attractiveness of the type page; illustrations, if any; choice of paper, printing process, and binding method; quality of printing; and quality of binding. The final selection of 49 books includes books of 20 publishers.

Miss Halle Kanilla, Director of the Library School, College of Social Service, Helsinki, Finland, and President of the Library Association of Finland, visited ALA Headquarters on May 14, and brought greetings from the LAF.

Correction. The paragraph on The Ford Foundation in Volume III, No. 13, should have read as follows: The Ford Foundation has recently announced the establishment of two funds to conduct and manage grants for studies in education. Dr. Clarence H. Faust has been named President of the Fund for the advancement of education, and Mr. C. Scott Fletcher has been named President of the Fund for Adult Education. The funds are to be permanent organizations operated on a year-round basis with offices in Pasadena, California, and in New York.

The Budget Committee will meet at Headquarters on 20-21 June. All Department and committee budget requests for the 1951/52 fiscal year should be in the Executive Office by 1 June.

ALA will be represented at the following occasions: Inauguration of Ralph L. Woodward as President of Central College, Fayette, Missouri, on 2 June 1951 by Mr. Samray Smith; 125th Anniversary celebration of the founding of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio on 11 June by Julian S. Fowler.

S T A F F A S S O C I A T I O N

The Staff Association Committee on Tenure on May 9 transmitted to the AIA Executive Board the following memorandum:

The A. L. A. Bull for April 19 states that the Staff Association Committee "Report on Tenure" has been submitted to the Executive Board for consideration at its meeting on May 11. This statement undoubtedly refers to the Committee's memorandum of March 16 to the A. L. A. Executive Secretary asking him to clarify the resolution adopted by the Executive Board at the Midwinter Meeting.

For background information on this memorandum, a copy of the minutes of the February 8 meeting of professional members of the Staff Association is attached. Pending clarification of the resolution on tenure, the Committee has not made the report with recommendations requested at this meeting.

The Committee is glad to know that the tenure resolution is on the Executive Board's docket for discussion on May 11 and urges that a written clarification be made available as soon as possible after the meeting to relieve present uncertainty in the minds of members of the professional staff regarding its meaning and implementation. If immediate implementation is contemplated, either in relation to the 1951-52 budget or before the Executive Board meets again in July, the Committee would appreciate an opportunity to discuss the matter at this meeting of the Board.

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Any old neckties to discard at home - hospitalized veterans at Downey Veterans Hospital can use them - the patients make quilts from the ties. Shipping room will see that they are delivered if you can bring them down early next week. Over 3,000 old ties already collected.