Jean E. Lowrie, Director of the School of Librarianship at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, assumed office as President of the American Library Association at the Inaugural Luncheon and concluding General Session of the ALA Annual Conference at Las Vegas, Friday, June 29.

She succeeded Katherine Laich, Lecturer and Coordinator of Programs at the School of Library Science, University of Southern California.

Miss Lowrie was elected the first president of the newly formed International Association of School Librarianship in 1971. It was largely through her work as an NEA-AASL delegate to the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession in 1964, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971 that school librarians throughout the world have begun to receive their just recognition and are now represented by the newly established IASL.

Miss Lowrie took the opportunity for further study which led to her receiving her Ph.D. in 1959 from Western Reserve University when she received the E. P. Dutton-John Macrae Award in 1957. She began her professional career as a children's librarian in the Toledo Public Library, and continued it with positions as an elementary school librarian in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and in the Campus School, Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was also an Exchange Teacher-Librarian in Nottingham, England. Going into library education was the next step in her career, when she began teaching in the library school at Western Michigan University in 1958. She has been a member of the Executive
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Board of the American Library Association from 1969 to 73; an ALA Council Member, 1967 to 71; President of AASL, 1963 to 64; Vice President of AASL, 1962 to 63; Secretary of AASL, 1950 to 51; Board of Directors of AASL, 1956 to 58; Editor of School Libraries, 1959 to 62. In addition, she has served on many important ALA committees, including the Committee on Organization.

She is an active member of the President's Advisory Council and the Affirmative Action Committee at Western Michigan University, where she also served two years as president of the Faculty Senate.