





## NATIONAL RELATIONS

### ANOTHER STEP AHEAD

The Library Demonstration Bill (S. 130) was approved by the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee last Friday, January 21. It was the first bill reported out by the Committee in this session of Congress.

This fast action puts our campaign in support of the Library Demonstration Bill far ahead of previous years. In the last Congress, the Senate Committee did not approve the bill until February, in the second session of the Congress.

The excellent cooperation of librarians all over the country has contributed to the success of the campaign for the bill. So that the good record can be maintained, here is strategy for continuing support of the measure.

First, thank members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare for the prompt favorable report on S. 130. Members of this Committee are given on attached sheet A. Also, ask Senators who are not on the Committee to support the bill when it comes up for a vote on the Senate floor.

Then our big job is to get the House bill moving. Contact members of the House Committee on Education and Labor, members of which are listed on attachment A also. Ask them to support the House bill (H.R. 874 or H.R. 1411).

Representative Graham Barden of North Carolina is Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Education, which will consider the Library Demonstration Bill. Ask him to schedule early hearings on the bill.

Letters to members of the House Committee from your own States are, of course, very effective. If, however, your State is not represented on the Committee, ask your own Congressmen to urge hearings on the bill right away.

And, continue to ask ALL members of Congress to support the bill. In the House, 178 members have agreed to support or consider the bill. Sixty-eight Senators have expressed favor for the bill.

Many of the Congressmen listed in the support column expressed their favor toward the bill last year. They should be reminded of the bill and asked to reiterate their support this year.

A good way to let your Congressman know of your interest in the bill is to write him for a copy of it. Senate bill - S. 130; House bills - H.R. 874 or H.R. 1411. Copies of the Senate Report may be obtained by asking for Senate Report No. 6.

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### RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY ALA COUNCIL

The ALA Council, meeting at the Midwinter Conference of the Association, held in Chicago January 20-23, adopted resolutions endorsing Federal-aid-to-education without Federal control. This resolution was approved as a means of getting aid for school libraries and of equalizing educational opportunities.

A resolution in support of the Labor Extension Bill (S. 110-H.R. 875) was also approved by the Council. Libraries providing special service to labor groups would be eligible to receive funds to carry out programs encouraging workers' education programs under terms of this measure.

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TRAINING, STANDARDS COMMITTEES APPOINTED

A Committee on Training and a Committee on Standards were appointed by the Library Extension Division at the recent Midwinter Conference in Chicago.

L. Marion Moshier, Division of Adult Education and Library Extension, State Department of Education, Albany, N. Y., is Chairman of the Committee on Training. The purpose of this group is to develop a program for institutes or short courses to train personnel for library demonstrations.

The Committee on Standards was established to develop standards for library service demonstrations and standards for State library agencies. Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, Librarian, Michigan State Library, Lansing, Michigan, is Chairman.

The committees will welcome suggestions for standards or for curriculum for training institutes.

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STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES MEET

Thirty-nine members of State Federal Relations Committees met at the Midwinter Conference on Saturday, January 23.

Highlight of the meeting was discussion of strategy for the campaign in support of the Library Demonstration Bill. Paul Howard, Director of the ALA Washington Office, outlined legislation which would be before the 81st Congress in which the Committees would be interested.

The discussion so nearly paralleled that of the Federal Relations Committee, minutes of which are reported in this issue, that it is not recorded here.

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CANDIDATES

At the ALA Council Meeting on Saturday night, January 23rd, an additional name was placed in nomination for the office of first vice-president and president-elect by petition of Council members.

There are now two candidates for the office: Carl H. Milam, Librarian, United Nations, and Clarence R. Graham, Librarian, Louisville Public Library.

The ALA WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER, having its hands full reporting the doings of members of Congress, etc., will not report on the campaign.

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## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### GUESTS FROM ABROAD

Nine foreign guests representing seven countries were introduced to the ALA membership at the General Session of the Midwinter Conference, in Chicago, Saturday evening, January 22nd. They were:

Miss Johanna Wolff, Head of the Children's Department, Public Library at The Hague.

Mr. Anders Andreasson, Librarian of the Rukjen Library, Norway.

Sr. Guido Gomez de Silva, formerly of the Biblioteca Benjamin Franklin, in Mexico City. At present he is assistant to Carl H. Milam, Director of the United Nations Library.

Mr. Howard Nixon of the British Museum, where he is the Assistant Keeper in the Department of Printed Books. He will be in charge of the British Museum's project for microfilming all their newspapers from 1800 to the present.

Mr. Karl Emerik Olsoni from Helsinki, here on an assistant fellowship at the University of Illinois. From 1932-1945 Mr. Olsoni was with the University Library in Helsinki, is now with the State Institute for Technical Research Libraries.

Dr. Josef Stummvoll, Director of the Austrian National Library in Vienna, now serving as Consultant at the Library of Congress.

Mr. Phyllis C. Wang, Librarian of Lingnan University, Canton, now studying at the University of Illinois under a fellowship from the United Board for Christian Colleges in China.

Mr. C. C. Ku, Librarian of the National Kuming Teachers College, Soochow, China. Mr. Ku is now at the University of Chicago Graduate Library School, after having spent ten years working in the university libraries in China.

Mr. Pedro D. Dimaya, Librarian of Silliman University, Dumaguete, The Philippines, now studying at the University of Chicago Library School.

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Minutes of meeting of Federal Relations Committee, Thursday,  
January 20, 10:00 a.m., at Midwinter Conference of ALA, Chicago

Members of the Committee attending: Miss Martha Parks, Mrs. Mary B. Kenan, Miss Clyde Pettus, Bernard Foy, Jack Spear, John H. Knickerbocker, Raymond C. Lindquist, Chairman; and Clara Fielder and Paul Howard, of the ALA Washington Office.

Mr. Lindquist opened the meeting by reporting on a questionnaire sent to the Committee regarding changes in the Library Demonstration Bill, with emphasis on provisions for training programs for library personnel in charge of demonstrations provided under the bill.

A portion of the questionnaire was designed to find out whether members felt that funds for the training institutes should be administered by the Federal government or by the States. Mr. Lindquist reported that three members voted for Federal control, three for State control, and three for a combination. The Chairman's vote, which was then cast to break the tie, favored State control of the funds. However, because of a delay in mail, the bill was put into Congress with the provision that the Commissioner of Education, in cooperation with the State Library Agencies, would establish the institutes or short courses.

Mr. Howard explained that this was done to permit several States to cooperate in one training program, which would not have been feasible under a bill which put the administration of training funds under State control. Also, this Federal-State agency cooperation will tend to build up the Service to Libraries Section of the U. S. Office of Education, which is desirable from the standpoint of the Committee's functions.

Other details regarding the establishment of training institutes, faculty, curriculum, were discussed but no action was taken.

The Chairman then called upon Paul Howard, Director of the Washington Office, to report on the status of the Library Demonstration Bill.

Mr. Howard reported that the bill was introduced January 5th in the House by Representative Ray Madden of Indiana and in the Senate on the same day by Senator Lister Hill of Alabama, for himself and Senators George D. Aiken of Vermont and Paul H. Douglas of Illinois.

On January 13 an identical bill was introduced in the House by Representative Wright Patman of Texas. Mr. Howard explained that only one name can appear on a House bill and that Mr. Patman introduced an identical bill in order to give his full support to the measure and fulfill his promise to his constituents to sponsor the Library Demonstration Bill.

The bill numbers were given as follows: Senate - S. 130; House - H.R. 874 (Madden) and H.R. 1411 (Patman). The Senate bill is before the Labor and Public Welfare Committee and is expected to be considered at its meeting on Friday, January 21.\*

The House bills have been referred to the Committee on Labor and Education.

Mr. Howard read the personnel of the two Committees. (See attachment A.)

\*Bill was reported out favorably by Senate Committee at the January 21 meeting.



Combination of the National Relations and the International Relations Offices.

Mr. Howard explained that the two offices had been combined on January 1, in accordance with Executive Board action. He stated that the Board had assured continuation of the Washington Office after expiration of the Library Development Fund Support September 1, 1949.

The meeting considered the recommendation of the Fourth Activities Committee Report that ALA Headquarters be moved to Washington, and discussed the effect of such a move on Federal relations work. It was

VOTED that the Federal Relations Committee go on record as favoring establishment of Headquarters of the ALA in Washington, thinking that it would facilitate Federal relations work.

Budget for Washington Office

The Committee expressed disfavor that publicity functions had been eliminated from the budget, which was drawn to include a Director, Assistant Director, and Secretary for a total of \$20,000 annually. The following action was taken regarding this item:

VOTED that the Federal Relations Committee send a letter to the Executive Board of the ALA placing the Committee on record as favoring the continuation of a public relations-publicity person on the staff of the ALA Washington Office.

Relationship of Federal Relations Committee and International Relations Board

The feasibility of combining the two groups, or abolishing both and establishing a new committee was considered. It was agreed that the Chairman of the Committee should bring up the topic for discussion at the joint meeting of the Committee and the International Relations Board scheduled for Friday afternoon, January 21, at 1:00 o'clock.

Federal Relations News

The last issue of the Federal Relations News included news of international relations activities. It was suggested that the name of the newsletter might be changed to the Washington Newsletter, with separate chapters for national relations news and international relations news. Action on this matter was deferred until the joint meeting.

Program for Action

The program for action of the Washington Office (attachment B) was discussed point by point. The Chairman suggested that it might be well to include a remark indicating that the Washington Office will be financed until September 1, 1949, on funds from the Library Development Fund campaign. This was accepted by the group as a desirable change in the Program for Action.

The Committee felt also that objectives listed under international aspects of the program for action were rather broad and should be clarified. It was agreed to bring this point up for further action at the joint meeting of the two groups.



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It was then

VOTED that the Program for Action of the Washington Office be approved by the Federal Relations Committee.

#### Legislative Program

The Chairman asked Mr. Howard to take over the remainder of the meeting to discuss legislation in addition to the Library Demonstration Bill in which the Committee had an interest and to decide what action would be taken regarding each issue. The following information was presented to the Committee:

#### Proposed Increase in Postal Rates:

Mr. Howard reported that the Post Office Department will ask for a postal rate increase of \$250,000,000, affecting rates in all categories. He pointed out that this was in addition to the \$120,000,000 postal rate increase which became effective January 1, and which gave a concession to libraries. The proposed new increase would affect libraries because book rates and postal cards would be among the classes in which increases would be asked.

It was

VOTED that the Committee go on record as instructing Mr. Howard to work with other groups actively engaged in maintaining low postal rates and that he ask such groups to help prevent increases in categories which would affect libraries.

#### Federal Aid to Education

Mr. Howard asked the Committee whether a resolution endorsing legislation to effect Federal aid to education be submitted to the ALA Council at the Midwinter Meeting. It was

VOTED that the Committee ask Mr. Howard to prepare a resolution favoring Federal aid to education, without Federal control, for the consideration of ALA Council, pointing out in the resolution that school libraries would benefit from such legislation.

#### Social Security

Plans for extending social security to groups not now covered and for increasing benefits were discussed. Mr. Howard reported that the Washington Office was preparing an article on social security legislation, as it would affect librarians, for the ALA Bulletin.

#### Basic Legislation for the Library of Congress

Mr. Howard reported that as soon as Congressional committees are organized, action will get under way to present basic legislation to clarify the status of the Library of Congress in its relations with Federal libraries and other libraries. Such a resolution will be referred to the House Committee on Administration and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, subcommittee on the Library.



Labor Extension Bill (S. 110; H. R. 875)

Libraries working on education programs for workers would get funds to carry on the work under terms of this bill. Mr. Howard reported that a resolution supporting the Labor Extension Bill had been prepared by the ALA Joint Committee on Library Service to Labor Groups and would be presented for consideration of the ALA Council at the Midwinter meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. to meet in joint session with the International Relations Board at 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 21, 1949.

Paul Howard, Secretary  
Federal Relations Committee

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Resume of the Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the ALA International Relations Board and the Federal Relations Committee, January 21, 1949, 1:00 p.m., Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago.

Members of the International Relations Board present were: Luther Evans, Chairman; Leon Carnovsky, Charles H. Brown, Carl H. Milam. The Federal Relations Committee was represented by Raymond C. Lindquist, Chairman; Bernard L. Foy, Jack Spear, John H. Knickerbocker, Martha Parks. Others present were: Milton Lord, a former member of the International Relations Board; John M. Cory, Executive Secretary of ALA; and Paul Howard, Clara Fielder, and Viola Mauseth of the ALA Washington Office. Dr. Evans presided.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss operations of the Washington Office to perform both national and international relations activities following combination of the two offices.

Dr. Evans called on Mr. Howard to explain the program outlined, with an eye to deciding what could be done within the resources of the Office.

Mr. Howard presented a list of activities of the Office for consideration. (See Program for Action, attachment B.) After discussion of the items on the agenda of the Washington Office, it was decided to list activities 1, 4, 6, 8, and 9, as those to receive first priority, since it would be impossible to perform all the activities unless more than \$20,000 is granted for the budget.

Mr. Milam expressed his view that some of the work now done by the Washington Office, such as preparing itineraries, could be done by some government agencies.

Mr. Cory said that negotiations for foundation grants for special projects should be made in the Washington Office, although some of the activities financed in this manner could probably be performed in Chicago.

Dr. Evans suggested that it would be in order to report to the Executive Board, outlining what activities would receive first attention of the limited resources of the Office.



The matter of getting information to the profession on what the Office is doing was discussed. The group felt that the international relations program had not been sold to the membership of the ALA and that an information program was necessary to sell the total program.

Mr. Milam suggested that an additional activity be added to the list of items in the Program for Action: "Promotion of international relations exhibits in libraries." This was agreed to by the group.

After a discussion of all fields listed, the meeting recorded the decision that the following activities should receive priority:

1. Support of legislation favorable to libraries including:
  - a. Legislation to promote the demonstration of public library service in United States areas now without it or inadequately served.
  - b. Legislation affecting postal rates on books shipped to or by libraries.
  - c. Basic legislation to clarify the status of the Library of Congress.
2. Assistance in the Exchange of Persons Programs as applied to librarians, including:
  - a. Assistance in establishing library institutes under the Fulbright Act.
3. Assistance to foreign librarians visiting the United States.

Mr. Howard then outlined what he considered alternatives for funds and personnel listed in the order of preference:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Personnel</u>
\$27,000	Director, Ass't. Director, Publicity Ass't., two secretaries;
\$24,000	Director, Publicity Assistant, two secretaries;
\$20,000	Director, two secretaries.

It was

VOTED that the personnel of the Office be selected on the basis of the above alternatives, based on funds available to the Office.

Mr. Lindquist reported to the group the decision of the Federal Relations Committee to protest to the Executive Board the elimination of publicity functions from the Washington Office budget.

In a discussion of the relationship of the International Relations Board, and the Federal Relations Committee, it was



VOTED that there be an Executive Committee composed of the Chairmen of the International Relations Board and the Federal Relations Committee, and the Director of the Washington Office, that there could be action by either the IRB or the FRC in its own field, but that the action would be binding only when approved by the Executive Committee,

It was further

VOTED that there should be joint meetings of the IRB and the FRC.

Washington Newsletter:

It was decided that the Federal Relations News would be expanded to the ALA Washington Newsletter to carry a section of national relations news and a section of international relations news. Mr. Cory and Mr. Howard were authorized to investigate and act upon a proposal to sell subscriptions to the Newsletter. (They later established a subscription price of \$7.00 per year which, it is estimated, will produce sufficient funds to provide the proposed \$24,000 budget.

Resume of Minutes of the Meeting of the International Relations Board,  
ALA Edgewater Beach Hotel, January 21, 1949, 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman, Luther Evans; members of the Board, Carl H. Milam, Charles H. Brown, Leon Carnovsky; consultant to the Board, Keyes Metcalf; others, Milton E. Lord, President-elect of ALA; John M. Cory, ALA Executive Secretary; Paul Howard, Director, Washington Office; and Viola Mauseth of the Washington Office staff.

The Chairman of the United States Book Exchange, the Rev. James J. Kortendick, and the Executive Director, Alice D. Ball, were guests of the Board to present the latest information on the plans and present operations of the Exchange. At Father Kortendick's request, Miss Ball reported on the status at the present, explaining that the recent grant of \$90,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation would at last allow the setting in motion of the Exchange. The first policy meeting of the Board of Directors on January 15 decided that for the first year USBE will send U.S. materials abroad, and disperse foreign materials among U. S. libraries. Domestic exchange will be undertaken later. Dr. Evans pointed out the early origins of the exchange center idea, and Miss Ball commented on the importance of the support of the Library of Congress and other U. S. libraries during the interim period before the Rockefeller Grant.

Westchester Plan.

Mr. Howard presented a letter from Mrs. Theodore Chapman, Chairman, Education Department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, asking the endorsement of the ALA of the Federation "Westchester Plan" for books for occupied areas. Women's clubs in all parts of the country - 17,500 of them - would be encouraged to collect books on American life and thought based on the ALA list "Interpreting the United States". These books would be sent to the United States Information Centers in Germany and Japan, and possibly other devastated countries. No book not on the list would be accepted. Every local group participating would be assigned a specific Information Center to which to send its collection. After some discussion, the International Relations Board passed a resolution to recommend to the ALA Executive Board that the Project be approved with the understanding that the list of books used be approved and checked from time to time.



International Youth Library

The International Youth Library in Munich went off Military Government in November 30, 1948. It is now seeking funds to continue and to establish centers in other countries. The American Library Association had been approached to ascertain if, in the event of funds being supplied by a private agency, it would be willing to undertake the operation of a project of books for the Library. Mr. Cory reported that he had given the assurance that the ALA would be glad to accept the project if its assistance were needed and requested.

International Relations Round Table on Library Service Abroad.

The International Relations Board approved the presentation to Council of the petition for the establishing of a Round Table on Library Service Abroad, which had been signed by fifty members of the ALA. The Chairman of the Board was delegated to present the endorsement to Council.

Library of Congress Printed Catalog.

Of the fifty sets of the Catalog purchased for libraries abroad by the IRB under a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, eleven sets still remained to be allocated. On a vote of the Board two sets were assigned to Japan, the National Diet Library, and the Library of the University of Kyoto being the recipients. The allocation of the nine remaining sets was reserved for future decision.

Honorary Citizens Committee.

At the Atlantic City Conference, the Council authorized the International Relations Board:

"to appoint a Committee of interested citizens to advise the American Library Association and the library profession generally on ways of meeting opportunities for useful international cultural relations through libraries."

The Board had postponed the appointment of such a committee feeling that it should be appointed for a specified purpose. It was voted that the Chairman of the Board be given authority to appoint a special subcommittee to carry out the Honorary Citizens resolution at such time as it deemed best.

A discussion of projects for which the Board might try to obtain funds from private foundations or agencies then followed. Four such projects had the following purposes:

1. bringing to this country librarians from former enemy countries;
2. answering requests for specific books in research and scholarly fields;
3. facilitating exchange of position between librarians of the U.S. and other countries;
4. to enable foreign students in library schools in the U.S., upon completion of their course, to work for six months or so in the United Nations Library as internes.



### Chinese Library Institutes

Mr. Brown reported that as it was impossible at this time to send to China the American librarians who had been chosen to open Institutes in China under the Fulbright Act, these librarians would possibly be available for other countries. The Board, therefore, passed the following resolution:

Inasmuch as conditions in China make it impractical to send American librarians to China at the present time, and

Inasmuch as unofficial requests have been received by the American Library Association for assistance in the development of libraries in Korea, the Philippines, and Burma,

Be it therefore resolved by the International Relations Board of the American Library Association that the Board of Foreign Scholarships be respectfully requested to consider the possibility of establishing library institutes in Korea, the Philippines, and Burma, similar to library institutes already approved for China.

Mr. Brown then mentioned the number of Chinese librarians who wish to work or have training in this country. It was suggested that Mr. Brown write unofficially to some librarians here concerning the Chinese librarians interested in working in the United States.

### Joint Committee with Far Eastern Association

Mr. Brown also informed the Board of the desirability of forming a joint committee to work with the Far Eastern Association to deal with questions of interest to both. This would supersede the National Committee on the Orient formed at the Atlantic City Conference. It was therefore voted that the Chairman of the ALA Committee on the Orient and Southwest Pacific associate himself with the Far Eastern Association, with the power to appoint members of a subcommittee to serve with him.

### Japanese Librarians

The attention of the Board was then called to two Japanese women librarians concerning whom Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, National President, General Federation of Women's Clubs, had written to the Washington Office. The two librarians had been recommended by Mr. P. J. Burnette, SCAP, as ready for training in a library school in the United States. Mrs. Buck asked for the cooperation of the ALA in obtaining scholarships in the U. S. It was hoped that the General Federation of Women's Clubs would be able to raise some funds for transportation.

The Board voted to express its appreciation to Mrs. Buck for her interest in bringing over the two librarians.

### Translation of ALA Catalog Code

Mr. E. O. Fontaine, Chief, ALA Publishing Department, had recommended that permission be given Mr. Edward Heiliger to translate into Spanish the final second edition of the ALA Catalog code. The Board voted that such permission be given.



U. S. National Commission for UNESCO Conference

The Commission has requested the assistance of the ALA Washington Office in programming its Second National Conference to be held in Cleveland, March 31-April 2. They wished specifically for help in securing representative personnel, including laymen who have helped build library programs, who would assist in preparing the following exhibits:

- a. a book exhibit on international understanding, with perhaps particular stress on children's books;
- b. an exhibit on the international work of the ALA, with two phases represented: One on Exchange of Persons, and the other on Exchange of Materials;
- c. an exhibit to indicate the way in which small libraries could present programs to promote and make their patrons aware of the need for international cooperation.

Mr. Howard suggested that the Washington Office could probably work through a committee of Cleveland and Ohio librarians.

The Board gave its endorsement to the cooperation of the Washington Office in the Cleveland conference.

UNESCO

Dr. Evans spoke briefly and optimistically of results of the Beirut UNESCO meeting and Dr. Carnovsky presented some of the aspects of the UNESCO Summer School for Librarians.

United Nations

Mr. Milam was asked for recent developments in the United Nations Library and its place in international library coordination. He outlined briefly the following ideas:

1. The desirability of making exchanges between the United Nations Library and the Geneva Library.
2. The encouragement of exchanges with specialized agencies.
3. Desirability of a program of exchange in the United Nations Library, both young American and foreign librarians. This would be a particularly valuable and interesting experience for them because:
  - a. They would work in a library based primarily on service;
  - b. They would become familiar with UN documents;
  - c. They returned to their home countries they would be, in fact, alumni of the UN Library and could spread the gospel of the United Nations and international cooperation.

Mr. Milam also mentioned to the group the serious need of the UN Library for personnel from some of the minor countries and requested that information be sent him whenever anyone heard of the availability of a person from such countries as Siam, Liberia, etc.

The session adjourned after a brief discussion of the Anniversary celebration in 1950, the International Federation of Library Associations to be held the same year, and other related matters. It was decided that future meetings of the Board would be at the call of the Chairman. -- Paul Howard, Director, ALA Washington Office.



SENATE LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE

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## PROGRAM FOR ACTION -- A.L.A. WASHINGTON OFFICE

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The primary purpose of the A.L.A. Washington Office is to advance and protect the interests of libraries and people who use libraries, both at home and abroad, insofar as those interests may be helped or hurt by action of the U. S. Government or by action of American organizations centered in Washington which work on domestic or international programs.

The program of activities must at all times remain flexible, because the Office will have to concern itself much of the time with the library implications of proposals made by others, often without due recognition of such implications.

The Office, through the use of A.L.A. funds, will attempt to maintain a minimum staff to carry on basic operations in the fields of national and international relations for libraries. It will maintain itself in a position to assist other organizations, both governmental and private, in the library aspects of their programs when these programs fit within the framework of A.L.A. policies and when funds permit.

One principle will, however, control all action. The A.L.A., through the Washington Office, will seek no advantage for itself, no special privileges for its members; it will work for the improvement of libraries as agencies for the dissemination of information, the diffusion and advancement of knowledge, and for the extension of library service to all people.

Important activities now on the agenda of the Washington Office are:

1. Support of legislation to promote the demonstration of public library service in U. S. areas now without it or inadequately served.
2. Recognition by the Government of the essentiality of library materials and service in any research program.
3. Inclusion of library employees in Federal Social Security.
4. Maintenance of low postal rates on books shipped to or by libraries.
5. An improved program of document distribution which will recognize libraries as primary outlets for the dissemination of information and as the best repositories for reference and research materials.
6. Support of basic legislation to clarify the status of the Library of Congress.
7. Support of library movements abroad.
  - a. Direct assistance and advice to foreign libraries.
  - b. Consultation and advice to the Library of Congress, UNESCO, Departments of State and National Defense, and to private organizations.



8. Assistance in the Exchange of Persons Programs as applied to librarians.
  - a. Assistance on library institutes abroad.
9. Assistance to foreign librarians visiting the United States.
10. Consultation with the U. S. Book Exchange, etc., on the exchange of library materials.
11. Advisory assistance to the departments of State and National Defense on problems connected with overseas information libraries.
12. Transmission of information to U. S. librarians about A.L.A. programs in the fields of concern to the Washington Office.



