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NATIONAL RELATIONS

LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL (S. 130) HITS A SNAG.....

The Library Demonstration Bill came up on the Senate calendar Tuesday, February 8. Senator Taft asked that the bill be passed over, and under the Senate rules this was done. The bill will come up again in its regular turn, but Senator Taft will not allow it to pass by unanimous consent.

This does not mean that the bill is stalled in the Senate. It means that a regular vote will have to be taken. It also means that we need to re-contact all those Senators who have previously agreed to support the bill and have them re-affirm that support.

If a Senator has signified his intention of supporting S. 130 since January 3, 1949, he need not be contacted. However, if he supported the Library Demonstration Bill in the 80th Congress, he should hear from his constituents again.

According to our records, 51 Senators will support the bill, 15 will consider it sympathetically, one will oppose it. We have no record of the attitudes of 29 Senators.

The table below gives the names and attitudes of each Senator. S means support; C, consider; O, opposition; and ?, no information regarding the Senator's stand on the Library Demonstration Bill. Democratic members are indicated by CAPITAL LETTERS:

Alabama

HILL - S
SPARKMAN - S

Arizona

Hayden - C
McFarland - ?

Arkansas

MCCLELLAN - C
FULBRIGHT - S

California

DOWNEY - ?
Knowland - ?

Colorado

JOHNSON - S
Milliken - C

Connecticut

MCPAHON - ?
Baldwin - ?

Delaware

FREAR - ?
Williams - ?

Florida

PEPPER - S
HOLLAND - S

Georgia

RUSSELL - S
GEORGE - S

Idaho

MILLER - ?
TAYLOR - S

Illinois

DOUGLAS - S
LUCAS - ?

Indiana

Capehart - S
Jenner - C

Iowa

GILLETTE - ?
Hickenlooper - S

Kansas

Schoeppel - ?
Reed - C

Kentucky

CHAPMAN - ?
WITHERS - ?

<u>Louisiana</u> ELLENDER - S LONG - S	<u>New Hampshire</u> Bridges - ? Tobey - ?	<u>South Carolina</u> MAYBANK - S JOHNSTON - S
<u>Maine</u> Smith - S Brewster - S	<u>New Jersey</u> Hendrickson - ? Smith - S	<u>South Dakota</u> Mundt - S Gurney - ?
<u>Maryland</u> TYDINGS - C O'CONNOR - C	<u>New Mexico</u> ANDERSON - ? CHAVEZ - S	<u>Tennessee</u> KEFAUVER - C MCKELLAR - S
<u>Massachusetts</u> Saltonstall - C Lodge - C	<u>New York</u> WAGNER - S Ives - S	<u>Texas</u> JOHNSON - ? CONNALLY - ?
<u>Michigan</u> Ferguson - C Vandenberg - S	<u>North Carolina</u> BROUGHTON - S HOEY - S	<u>Utah</u> THOMAS - S Watkins - ?
<u>Minnesota</u> HUMPHREY - S Thye - S	<u>North Dakota</u> Langer - S Young - S	<u>Vermont</u> Aiken - S Flanders - S
<u>Mississippi</u> EASTLAND - S STENNIS - S	<u>Ohio</u> Taft - O Bricker - ?	<u>Virginia</u> ROBERTSON - ? BYRD - ?
<u>Missouri</u> Donnell - S Kem - C	<u>Oklahoma</u> KERR - S THOMAS - C	<u>Washington</u> MAGNUSON - S Cain - S
<u>Montana</u> MURRAY - S Ecton - C	<u>Oregon</u> Cordon - S Morse - S	<u>West Virginia</u> NEELY - S KILGORE - S
<u>Nebraska</u> Wherry - S Butler - S	<u>Pennsylvania</u> MYERS - S Martin - S	<u>Wisconsin</u> Wiley - ? McCarthy - S
<u>Nevada</u> MCCARRAN - ? Malone - ?	<u>Rhode Island</u> GREEN - S MCGRATH - ?	<u>Wyoming</u> HUNT - ? O'MAHONEY - C

Since the last issue of the ALA WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER the House Committee on Education and Labor has been completely organized. Chairman of the Subcommittee on Education is Graham A. Barden, of North Carolina. (The attitudes of the members of this Subcommittee toward the Library Demonstration Bill are given below.)

The full Committee is still at work on labor legislation, and the Subcommittee has not yet met for consideration of any legislation.

House Subcommittee on Education

BARDEN (N.C.) - S	SIMS (S.C.) - S
WOOD - (Ga.) - S	STEED (Okla.) - S
KENNEDY (Mass.) - S	Brehm (Ohio) - S
LUCAS (Tex.) - S	Gwinn (N.Y.) - O
HOWELL (N.J.) - S	Kearns (Pa.) - S
	Morton (Ky.) - S

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BASIC LEGISLATION FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Representations have been made to the House and Senate committees concerning the need for substantive legislation to establish the objectives and functions of the Library of Congress.

As a result of these representations, it is anticipated that the committees will soon consider the problems of adequate information and research library service to Congress in the light of Library of Congress relations and services to Federal and non-Federal libraries.

In considering these problems, it is hoped that the committees will use the report of the Library of Congress Planning Committee and the tentative resolution drafted by library association representatives at a meeting in Washington on October 15, 1948.

Members of the Subcommittees which will consider LC legislation are as follows:

Senate Subcommittee on the Library

Green - Rhode Island, Chairman
Long - Louisiana
Ives - New York

House Subcommittee on the Library

Regan - Texas, Chairman
Garmatz - Maryland
Albert - Oklahoma
Trimble - Arkansas
Smathers - Florida
Bishop - Illinois
Wilson - Indiana

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LEGISLATIVE DOLDRUMS

The legislative situation in the 81st Congress is puzzling to many observers. Most of the Administration's social program seems to be stalled. The Administration Social Security bill has not been introduced in the House; Federal Aid to Education is held in the Senate committee; labor legislation is being argued over with vigor and seems to hold priority over other bills.

It seems that the Administration has trouble ironing out the details of what it wants Congress to do. In the meantime the opposition is taking advantage of openings and may develop more strength than was thought possible at first. Secretary Brannan of the Department of Agriculture, just given charge of domestic legislation, may be able to add the necessary push to the Administration program.

The Library Demonstration Bill seems to be well ahead of the field and with vigorous support might get through before the situation gets hopelessly snarled.

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CIVIL LIBERTIES CONFERENCE

The National Citizens Conference on Civil Liberties will be held in Washington February 15 and 16. This meeting of representatives of more than 100 national organizations (not on any proscribed list) will be of interest to librarians. It will consider problems of civil liberties under the following heads: Government and Civil Liberties, Academic Freedom, Civil Rights, and Human Rights.

Findings and recommendations of the Conference will be presented to participating organizations and to the President of the United States.

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LOUISVILLE P. L. GETS RADIO STATION PERMIT

The Federal Communications Commission has okayed a permit for a new non-commercial radio station (FM) to be operated by the Louisville Public Library. This is believed to be the first grant of its type.

Library officials expect to erect their 10-watt transmitter at a cost of about \$9,000, and plan to send programs to city schools, library branches, and the University of Louisville.

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TELEVISION AND THE LIBRARY

The Washington Office has recently received some queries regarding the impact of television on libraries. We need your help in compiling data for the use of reporters and others interested in the subject of "television and the libraries".

There is enclosed a questionnaire containing some questions which have been asked. Will you please check it and return as soon as possible. If you have had experience with television in your library, detailed accounts will be very useful.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This is a blanket acknowledgement and thanks for the many newspaper clippings on the Library Demonstration Bill and reports of committee activity in contacting members of Congress which you have sent. The letters are very gratifying and enable us to keep our record of Congressional attitude up to date.

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SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

As of today, we have received 22 subscriptions to the ALA WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER. This is a good start, we feel. An advertising piece is going into the mail this week in an effort to obtain new subscribers.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

EXCHANGE OF PERSONS

The Washington Office continues to receive requests from librarians abroad for information about how they can come to the U. S. and work in an American library. Some wish to exchange positions with American librarians; others wish to come in on an internship; still others want permanent positions here.

The International Relations Report for October asked for information from American libraries or librarians who could participate in the exchange program. Response from American libraries was practically nil. We are again calling this to your attention. If there are American librarians who would like to exchange positions with a librarian abroad and who can make arrangements for the exchange with their library, please let us know about it so that we can assist in the exchange.

To participate under present regulations, an American library should be able to grant a year's leave of absence with pay to its own employee. In return, the library would receive the services of a foreign librarian for a like period of time.

A number of difficulties arise under this arrangement, but none are insurmountable. Usually, the foreign librarian's salary is not adequate for American living conditions and must be supplemented by such means as provision of free lodging. Salaries of English librarians are closer to our own than others, so more successful exchanges may be worked out with them.

If we can get the names of a dozen libraries which will be willing to participate in an exchange-of-persons program, details will be furnished. Please send to the Washington Office the following information:

1. Name of library.
2. Country with which exchange is desired.
3. Type of work wanted in exchange (e.g., reference, cataloging, branch, children's, etc.).
4. Type of specialty offered in exchange.

Arrangements will probably take some time, but this information is necessary to start negotiations.

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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LIBRARY

Plans for the establishment of the International Youth Library in Munich are going forward. Negotiations are in progress concerning plans to ask Miss Margaret Scoggin, of the New York Public Library, who leaves in April for a three months' visit to Europe to make a survey of the International Youth Center, with resulting suggestions for its operation.

Miss Scoggin will also investigate, upon A.L.A. request, informal educational opportunities for youth in the three Allied zones.

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NEW DIRECTOR OF BIBLIOTECA BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Miss Bertha Harris, who has been Librarian of the Benjamin Franklin Library in Mexico City, has recently been appointed Director, following the resignation of Mr. Andy Wilkinson.

Mr. Wilkinson returned to the States last December, prior to reporting to a new assignment with the State Department in Buenos Aires.

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UNIVERSITY OF CHILE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Plans for rehabilitation of the University of Chile Medical College are going forward. Dr. Armando Larraguibel, Dean of the Medical School, has been invited to visit the United States under grants from the Rockefeller Foundation. He will bring with him an English-speaking architect. They plan to arrive in April and will visit several American medical colleges, so that by comparative analysis they will be able to present in concrete form their plans and means at a meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges in June.

Mrs. Eileen Cunningham, Medical Librarian at Vanderbilt University, has recommended that a library subcommittee be appointed to assist in plans for rehabilitation of the project.

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UNESCO CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN CLEVELAND

The Second National Conference of the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO will be held in Cleveland March 31-April 2. Mr. Howard and Miss Mauseth of the Washington Office have been invited by the Commission to attend this Conference.

The National Commission consulted the Washington Office regarding an A.L.A. exhibit at the Conference, to include the following:

1. An exhibit of children's books and materials on creating international understanding, to be integrated with the regular exhibit, and an exhibit of adult books on the same topic.
2. One or two panels calling attention to the role of the library in creating international understanding.
3. Materials stressing the role that small libraries can play in international relations.
4. Display of a bookmobile.

These exhibit suggestions follow plans which the Cleveland libraries were already considering as a Cleveland exhibit. To avoid confusion and duplication in arranging exhibits, a Cleveland committee will have charge of this part of the exhibit.

The Washington Office expects to prepare an exhibit of A.L.A.'s work in the educational reconstruction field.

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ALA RECEIVES GRANT FOR LIBRARY SCIENCE MATERIALS FOR JAPAN

On January 20th the Rockefeller Foundation made to the A.L.A. a grant-in-aid of \$7,000 "toward the cost of purchasing and shipping to the University of Tokyo books and other materials for the study of librarianship".

A bibliography has been sent to the University of Tokyo for checking. As soon as it is returned, purchasing of the materials will begin.

In an attempt to reduce the work load of the Washington Office, purchasing and shipping will be handled from the Chicago Office.

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FOREIGN LIBRARIANS TO VISIT THE U. S.

The Washington Office has drawn up itineraries for three German librarians who will come to the United States this spring under the auspices of the U. S. Military Government in Germany. They are:

(1) Miss Gertrud Baruch, chief librarian of the Volksbuechereistelle, Bayreuth, which has supervision over a large number of town and rural libraries in the area of Bavaria, in which Bayreuth is located. Miss Baruch, who speaks English, is a library school graduate. While Miss Baruch's primary interest will probably be in rural library service and small city libraries, she will also be interested in large city libraries in America.

(2) Dr. Hanns W. Eppelsheimer, librarian of the University of Frankfurt library and also of the Frankfurt City Library (scientific library). He is chairman of the Trizonal Committee on Libraries and advisor on libraries to the Minister of Education of the State of Hesse. He edited Deutsche Bücher, 1939-1945, a bibliography for Germany which may be regarded as the counterpart to Books Published in the United States, 1939-1945. Dr. Eppelsheimer holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Marburg.

(3) Dr. Werner Mevissen, Director of the Volksbuecherei of Bremen. In addition to heading the city library, he also has charge of branch libraries in towns and villages outside of the City of Bremen. His set-up is somewhat similar to the organization of library service in cities in this country where there is both a county and a city library.

The librarians are now being processed in Germany. It is hoped that they will arrive in the United States sometime during March.

In addition to visits to public, college and university libraries, the itineraries include the Library of Congress, the U. S. Book Exchange, Federal libraries, commercial binderies, and publishing houses.

Mr. Leonard Jolley, of the Selly Oak Colleges Library, Selly Oak, Birmingham, England, will arrive in New York on April 11th. He will visit U. S. libraries for five or six weeks.

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RECENT VISITORS TO THE WASHINGTON OFFICE

Two Australian librarians, Miss Phyllis Mander-Jones and Miss Elizabeth Hall, recently called at the Washington Office. They have been traveling through the United States visiting libraries under the auspices of the Carnegie Foundation.

Miss Mander-Jones, of the Mitchell Library, Sidney, is at present on her way to Mexico, Chile, and Peru. Miss Hall, of the Commonwealth National Library in Canberra, will be in Washington for three or more weeks, spending the major part of her time at the Library of Congress.

Dr. J. Zuckerman, head of the clearing house for publications, Libraries Division, UNESCO, Paris, is in Washington this week to discuss with the U. S. Book Exchange, Library of Congress, Washington Office, and other agencies, matters of mutual interest. He called at the Washington Office Monday morning, February 14, and brought an encouraging report of UNESCO library activities.

Miss Lilian Foley, librarian of the Australian News and Information Bureau in New York, spent several days in Washington last week. During her visit the Office had several talks with her.

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LIBRARIANS GOING ABROAD

Miss Elizabeth Randalls--to Ceylon, where she will be librarian and Public Affairs Officer. She was formerly at the Veterans Hospital library in Marion, Indiana.

Miss Katherine Davis--to Brussels, as librarian of the U. S. Information Library. She was formerly Assistant Librarian at the Public Library, Worcester, Mass.

Miss Rosemond Cook--to the Biblioteca Benjamin Franklin, Mexico City. She was formerly at the New York State Teachers College at Brookport, New York.

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CARL SAUER RESIGNS

Carl Sauer has resigned from the position as Acting Chief, Division of Libraries and Institutes, Department of State. Laurence S. Morris, who has been assistant chief of the Division, will succeed Mr. Sauer as Acting Chief.

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"LIBRARIES IN THE U.S. 1939-1943" FOR FOREIGN LIBRARIES ONLY

The H. W. Wilson Co. listed in a recent issue of the Vertical File the title LIBRARIES IN THE UNITED STATES 1939-1943 as a free publication of the AIA International Relations Office.

This publication is for distribution to libraries abroad. We are sorry that it is not possible for us to distribute the publication to American libraries; however, funds appropriated for the copies which the Washington Office now has were specifically for foreign distribution.

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