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A SUGGESTION TO STATE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS

You will be receiving a complimentary subscription to A.L.A. Washington Newsletter. May we ask that you:

1. Read it, so you will keep informed.
2. Route it in Round-Robin fashion to the members of your Executive Board so that they, too, will keep informed of the work of the Washington office.

Since most state library associations contributed to the Washington office fund, all members of executive boards should be kept informed. Thank you.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL

The Public Library Demonstration Bill H. R. 874 (Madden, D., Ind.) was reported out favorably by the House Committee on Education and Labor. The next hurdle is to get a Rule from the Rules Committee after February 9th. Lay and professional support is needed to influence members of that Committee listed below. Democratic members are starred.

*Sabath, Adolph J., Ill., Chairman	Herter, Christian A., Mass.
Allen, Leo E., Ill.	*Lyle, John E., Jr., Texas
Brown, Clarence J., Ohio	*McSweeney, John, Ohio
*Colmer, William M., Miss.	*Madden, Ray J., Ind.
Cox, E. E., Ga.	*Smith, Howard W., Va.
*Delaney, James J., New York	Wadsworth, James W., N. Y.

Senator Hill has asked the Democratic Policy Committee to schedule S. 130 on the Calendar for debate. Bring your Senator up-to-date.

Copies of replies received from legislators will be appreciated by the Washington Office.

John Wood is from Ga. rather than from Va. as listed in last Newsletter. Sorry.

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

As announced in Volume 2, No. 1, the ALA Washington Newsletter is available to libraries on a subscription basis at \$5 per year. Individuals interested in the ALA legislative program will be placed on the mailing list without charge. Address all inquiries to the American Library Association, Hotel Congressional, 300 New Jersey Avenue, S. E., Washington 3, D. C. This will be the last issue sent to former subscribers who do not renew subscriptions.

WHAT IS A STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

It is more than four years since each state library association was asked to appoint a committee to be called its state federal relations committee. Because officers in associations change each year it is possible that some of the presidents of associations are not clear about these committees.

Suggested for the make-up of such a committee are:

1. A Chairman (formerly called a "coordinator").
2. A Publicity Manager (to be appointed by the Chairman rather than by the President of the association, which would make it possible to get a local newspaperman or some other librarian who might be convenient).
3. President of the state library association, who will serve as a consultant.
4. Director of the state library extension agency, who will also serve as a consultant.

Will you please check on the committee in your state to see that its membership is full and encourage it to lead actively in your state the efforts toward passage of the Library Demonstration bill and any other matters that might come to it? Please be sure to report to the Washington office who members are, so they can be placed on the mailing list to receive A.L.A. Washington Newsletter free.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE AT MIDWINTER

Members of the state federal relation committees had a lively meeting at Midwinter. Executive Secretary John Mackenzie Cory "snuck off" from the Executive Board meeting to give a first-hand account of the new Washington office and to announce the appointment of Mrs. Malmberg as Director.

Harry Peterson, Librarian of the D. C. Public Library gave an excellent account of the hearing at which Mrs. Malmberg, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Graham, and Mr. Dunbar of the U. S. Office of Education spoke. (Education and Labor hearing on H.R. 874)

Resolutions identical to those passed by the ALA Federal Relations Committee were adopted (printed elsewhere in this Newsletter) thanking Paul Howard, John M. Cory, and Aubry Lee Graham, and pledging support to Mrs. Malmberg.

LATEST ON WASHINGTON OFFICE FUND

Report from Raymond C. Lindquist
Chairman, ALA Federal Relations Committee

If you were not at the Midwinter Conference of ALA you can hardly imagine the interest displayed over the campaign for funds for the Washington office. At Council meeting the first day Raymond Lindquist, Chairman of the Federal Relations Committee, presented a report on the progress of the campaign. The library associations of thirty states were reported to have made pledges on behalf of the librarians of their states. Besides this, it was reported that ALA Divisions were within \$100 of reaching their goal in the campaign for 1949-50, that the publishers were

over the top in their quota, and that the campaign for \$1,000 of personal contributions from members was about to get underway.

Everyone was thrilled with the way people began speaking up from the floor -- telling of action taken by still other associations, one librarian reporting that the only reason we had not yet heard from their state was that the association was waiting for its new stationery before reporting its contribution. After hearing from several other states, Miss Essae Culver, State Librarian of Louisiana, brought down the house by offering her shoes, whereupon President Milton Lord opined that he would rather have her give the price of a pair of her shoes. Next came Homer Halvorson, Librarian of Johns Hopkins University, suggesting that the hat be passed. Well, it didn't get done that session, but at the Saturday session some \$145 in cash and checks and pledges were dropped into two hats that were held at the doors as people left at the end of the meeting. About \$200 additional in personal contributions was taken in at the Conference, mostly by Lucile Nix, President of the Extension Division.

Of the \$11,000 to be raised for the two-year period, it was reported that \$1,315 in pledges was still needed from state library associations, \$1,500 from ALA Divisions, and \$770 from individual contributions. This means, according to Mr. Lindquist, that the state associations and the ALA Divisions will need to renew their pledges for 1950-51 if we are to be sure of the full-time office continuing after next September 1st, when the second year under the present arrangement begins.

Personal contributions of modest amounts -- \$2.00 or \$5.00 or \$10.00 -- were announced as being in order. Many have said they would like to participate, and they are reminded that such checks can be sent to Lucile Nix, President, ALA Library Extension Division, 92 Mitchell Street, S.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia, or Maryan Reynolds, c/o State Library, Olympia, Washington, to be credited through the Extension Division. General gifts may be sent to Raymond Lindquist, Cuyahoga County Library, Cleveland 13, Ohio.

WASHINGTON OFFICE APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Margie Sornson Malmberg has been named Director of the ALA Washington Office for a six months' period covering the expected duration of the 81st Congress. Mrs. Malmberg, who has served ALA as a legislative consultant during January will have her residence and office in the new ALA Office in the Hotel Congressional, Washington 3, D. C. A graduate of the University of Minnesota Library School, Mrs. Malmberg has been librarian of the Viroqua, Chippewa Falls, and Appleton Public Libraries; and most recently, Executive Secretary and Legislative Representative of the Wisconsin Library Association.

Mrs. Aubry Lee Graham, who has served as part-time ALA Washington Representative since October 1, 1949, will continue her affiliation with the ALA as a consultant.

Mrs. Ruth Doherty is now Secretary of the ALA Washington Office after experience with a local publishing company and with several Texas firms.

NORTH DAKOTA KEEPS PLUGGING

Among the many states where they have been leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to build support for the Library Demonstration bill is North Dakota. Mrs. Hazel Webster Byrnes, Director of the State Library Commission, and her cooperative North Dakota librarians, have written twice to all their Congressmen and have letters from all expressing their support of the bill, and earlier they offered to help in getting the bill out of committee. The North Dakota librarians have worked so cooperatively with the State Federation of Women's Clubs that at the Council meeting of that group in November the Federation voted to launch a campaign to purchase a bookmobile for the State Library Commission. That shows that it pays to let the public know about library needs -- even when discussing the Library Demonstration bill.

Please let us know what other states are doing.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY ALA FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, January 26, 1950

WHEREAS, The work of the ALA Washington Office has marked a forward step in the efforts toward successful federal relations and national relations of the American Library Association, and

WHEREAS, The work expended on building support for the extension of library service, specifically through the Library Demonstration Bill, has aroused much interest about the problem in all parts of the United States, and

WHEREAS, The A.L.A. Washington Office, under its first director and his staff, exemplified not only practices of good administration but also high professional ideals and competence; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Federal Relations Committee of the American Library Association go on record as commending highly the work of Paul Howard as the first director of the ALA Washington Office, from 1945 to July 1949.

WHEREAS, The first phase of the work of the ALA Washington Office has promoted a marked interest in, and dissemination of information about the Library Demonstration Bill to members of Congress and to the nation at large, and

WHEREAS, This work has been executed with marked progress by two preceding directors, Paul Howard and Aubry Lee Graham; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Federal Relations Committee of the American Library Association pledges its continued and sustained support to the new director, Mrs. Margie Sornson Malmberg, and to the Executive Secretary of the American Library Association, John Mackenzie Cory, for his active cooperation and constructive suggestions, especially during that period when the ALA Washington Office was without a director.

Above resolutions endorsed unanimously by those attending the meeting of the state and national federal relations committees on Friday, January 27, 1950.

People without library service ranked by State

<u>Totals</u>	147,849,000	33,281,196		520
	<u>Total Pop^{1/}</u>	<u>Pop. without Library Service^{2/}</u>	<u>% Without</u>	<u>Counties Without</u>
Delaware	311,000	none	2 none	none
Massachusetts	4,713,000	none	none	none
Rhode Island	743,000	526	.07	none
New Hampshire	544,000	3,000	.5	none
California	10,665,000	84,270	.8	2
Wyoming	284,000	2,778	.9	1
Utah	682,000	10,000	1.4	1
Connecticut	2,019,000	35,325	1.7	none
New Jersey	4,873,000	151,542	3.1	none
North Carolina	3,864,000	210,518	5.6	3
Vermont	369,000	27,000	7.3	none
New York	14,392,000	1,280,455	8.9	none
Washington	2,582,000	261,857	10.1	2
Ohio	7,989,000	850,000	10.6	1
Michigan	6,352,000	702,903	11.0	5
Nevada	174,000	22,569	12.9	6
Maryland	2,175,000	286,377	13.1	1
Tennessee	3,234,000	434,566	13.4	20
Oregon	1,736,000	277,700	16.0	none
Illinois	8,449,000	1,425,141	16.0	3
Maine	909,000	164,551	18.1	none
Indiana	3,994,000	753,652	18.9	1
Colorado	1,215,000	299,125	24.6	6
Pennsylvania	10,633,000	2,696,113	25.3	1
Wisconsin	3,355,000	853,000	25.4	1
Montana	521,000	138,079	26.5	3
Arizona	745,000	199,242	26.7	3
Louisiana	2,630,000	741,209	28.2	35
South Carolina	2,001,000	584,849	29.2	1
Arkansas	1,964,000	574,874	29.2	9
Minnesota	2,977,000	945,395	31.7	6
Missouri	3,935,000	1,395,352	35.5	7
Virginia	3,102,000	1,111,270	35.8	28
Georgia	3,196,000	1,165,568	36.5	14
Kansas	1,947,000	737,416	37.8	3
Iowa	2,643,000	1,128,759	42.7	none
Alabama	2,920,000	1,265,542	43.4	22
Nebraska	1,285,000	595,254	46.3	12
Texas	7,532,000	3,500,000	46.3	150
Idaho	592,000	304,882	51.5	10
South Dakota	649,000	338,840	52.2	15
Florida	2,494,000	1,329,000	53.2	24
New Mexico	589,000	321,080	54.5	8
Oklahoma	2,302,000	1,339,833	58.2	12
West Virginia	1,941,000	1,168,608	60.0	13
Kentucky	2,893,000	1,770,038	61.4	52
North Dakota	605,000	385,500	63.7	10
Mississippi	2,130,000	1,407,638	66.0	29

^{1/}Bureau of Census estimate July, 1949.

^{2/}U.S. Office of Education January, 1950.

January 20, 1950

Note: Latest figures for population without library service unavailable for Ala., Ariz., Calif., Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, N.J., N.D., R.I., and Wyoming.

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