

A.L.A. Executive Board Meeting  
June 21, 1942, 10:00 A.M.

Present: Charles H. Brown, President; Harold F. Brigham; Althea M. Currin; Lucy E. Fay; Milton E. Lord; Flora B. Ludington; Keyes D. Metcalf; Carl M. White; Carl H. Milam, Executive Secretary; Marion A. Milczewski; William H. Clift, Assistant to the Executive Secretary; Julia Wright Merrill, Chief of the Department of Information and Advisory Services; Mr. Edwin E. Williams, Assistant to Mr. Metcalf.

President Brown called the meeting to order.

Pres. Brown: We will commence with No. 5.

(No. 5, Committees) (Mr. Metcalf, Committee on Committee Appointments)

Mr. Metcalf: There have been quite a few changes in the committee appointment suggestions:

It was VOTED, that the Committee on Aid to Libraries in War Areas be dropped and become a Subcommittee of the new Board on International Relations, when the Board is created.

It was VOTED, that Margaret L. Ellsworth, Mount Holyoke College Library, South Hadley, Massachusetts, be appointed to the Bibliography Committee.

It was VOTED, that Mrs. Fanny R. Howley, Public Library, Seattle, Washington, be appointed to the Committee on Work with the Blind.

It was VOTED, That the Executive Board reappoint the members of the Committee on Council Credentials and make recommendation to Council.

It was VOTED, That Keyes D. Metcalf contact Wharton Miller, Chairman of the Editorial Committee, and give him authority to act in the matter of the new appointment to the Editorial Committee.

It was VOTED, that Herman H. Henkle, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., be appointed to the Board of Education for Librarianship.

It was VOTED, That Robert E. Scudder, Northwestern University Library, Evanston, Illinois, and James Hugh Conway, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois be appointed to the Election Committee.

It was VOTED, That the recommendation that the Committee on ~~Educational~~ Films on Libraries be discontinued and become a Subcommittee of the Public Relations Committee be approved.

It was VOTED, That Mrs. Mary M. Gillham, University of Toledo Library, Toledo, Ohio, be appointed to the Friends of Libraries Committee.

Mr. Metcalf: Regarding the International Relations Committee, we expect that Council will make that Committee into a Board. In that case the Board will choose its own Chairman. If it should remain a Committee I suggest that Miss Flora B. Ludington be made Chairman; members be Milton E. Lord; John R. Russell; Rudolph H. Gjelsness; and Charles H. Brown; and that Mr. William Warner Bishop be consultant. Terms are to be determined by lot.

Mr. Metcalf: I am hoping to have a consultation with the Chairman of the Library ~~and~~ Equipment and Appliances Committee this week.

Miss Fay: This Committee seems to be confining its work to international business machines.

Mr. Milam: I suggest sending a communication to the Chairman telling him it must not limit its reports to machines of any one company.

Mr. Metcalf agreed to take care of this.

It was VOTED, That the appointments be approved with the recommendation that the Chairman of the Committee on Committee Appointments communicate with the Chairman of the Committee on Library Equipment and Appliances.

It was VOTED, That Miss Tommie Dora Barker, Library School, Emory University, Emory University, Georgia be re-appointed for a one year term, and that Mr. John M. Cory of the U. S. Office of Education be appointed for the full term on the Library Extension Board.

(No. 2, Proposal for a New Public Library Division and Other Proposed Divisions.

Mr. Wayne Shirley, Chairman of the Divisional Relations Committee joined the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

Mr. Shirley: The main item of business is the attempt to get a Division of Public Libraries established and the nucleus of the proposed Division will be the Small Libraries and the Branch Librarians Round Table with a possibility of the Lending Round Table. There has been some talk from the Order and Book Selection people that they would like to join. There will be a recommendation from the Committee on continuance and status of the Small Libraries Round Table, that this organization take the first step toward division status.

There was some discussion regarding the proposal.

Mr. Brown: It might be best to announce plans are being made.

Mr. Shirley: I think that is just as far as we can go.

Mr. Milam: It seems to me that we have an opportunity to hold back those that are most eager to get started if we think that by holding them back we can get a better long time proposal six months or a year later. Now from this discussion I would gather that this group generally thinks there should be a public Library Division with sections on Large, Medium, and Small Libraries; possibly a section on reference work, possibly a section on lending work and on adult education in public libraries. Now if a year from now that Committee could bring in a plan to which these larger groups have agreed for a complete coordinated division of that sort, it seems to me it would command more respect and we would be off to a better start than if we sort of slip up on it with one or two people getting together.

Mr. Brown: I think it should be thrown open to Council and pave your way.

Mr. Shirley: The only proposal that I expect to bring in <sup>or</sup> is a report of the Committee that seems probable is the report of the Division of Professional Education (tentative name) composed of independent organizations of American Library Schools and Professional Training Round Table. They have drawn up a constitution which, if effected we shall be in position to move for the establishment of that Division.

Mr. Shirley left the meeting.

(No. 5, Committee Appointments continued)

It was VOTED, That Donald Strout, University of Indiana  
Bloomington, Ind.  
Library, ~~Columbia, Missouri~~, be appointed to the  
Committee on Library Literature in Translation.

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It was Voted, That the following be appointed to the  
Membership Committee:

It was recommended that the Parent Education Committee be discontinued and that it become a subcommittee of the Adult Education Board. Miss Merrill questioned whether it could then function as a joint committee with the National Council of Parent Education. The reply was in the affirmative.

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It was Voted, that the Executive Board approve the recommendation of the Chairman of the Parent Education Committee that the Parent Education Committee be discontinued and that the work of the Committee be carried on by a subcommittee of the Adult Education Board.

It was VOTED, That the Executive Board approve the appointment of Mr. Charles E. Rush, University of North Carolina Libraries, Chapel Hill, as a member, and Mr. J. Periam Danton, Sullivan Memorial Library, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as chairman of the Committee on Photographic Reproduction of Library Materials.

It was VOTED, That the Executive Board approve the appointment of Mr. Paul North Rice, New York Public Library, New York, to the Board of Resources of American Libraries.

It was VOTED, That the Executive Board approve the appointment of Miss Josie Batcheller Houchens, University of Illinois Library, Urbana, ~~for~~ a two year term, and of Mr. Ralph A. Ulveling, Public Library, Detroit, Michigan, for a five year term, to the Board on Salaries, Staff and Tenure.

It was VOTED, that the Executive Board approve the recommendation to drop Cecil J. McHale from the Statistics Committee.

It was VOTED, That the Executive Board approve the appointment of Miss Irene Hayner as Chairman of the Subscription Books Committee.

Wartime  
The Committee on Education and Information.

Mr. White: I feel that the government is doing the work of this Committee.

Mr. Brown: Committee was of some help in the early days in bringing together in Washington a fairly representative body of librarians who could present the viewpoint of the libraries. It did accomplish something in that way.

Mr. Metcalf: The committee should be dropped. We can count on the Libraries and the War Committee to take over this work.

It was VOTED, That the Executive Board approve the discontinuance of the <sup>Wartime</sup> Committee on Education and Information.

It was then VOTED, That the Committees as discussed be appointed and that the President be authorized to fill vacancies.

Mr. Metcalf then read a recommendation regarding Subcommittees which is to be presented to Council. *(Exhibit)*

Mr. Metcalf then expressed his thought that a vote thanks be given to Mr. Williams, which was accorded him by the Board.

Mr. Brown proposed that the meeting adjourn for luncheon at 12:45 and resume at 2:00. This was agreed upon and the Board adjourned for a five minute recess.

(No.9)  
It was

The meeting was resumed at 11:27 A.M.  
VOTED, That the Executive Board approve the prospective grant from the Rockefeller Foundation for the purchase of fifty copies of the Library of Congress catalog and for the distribution of these volumes through the American Library Association.

(Exhibit C.)

(No. 10) (Trustee of Endowment Funds)

It was

VOTED, That Mr. John F. Utt, Chicago, Illinois, be reappointed as a trustee of endowment funds.

(Miss Farquhar joined the meeting.)

(8 - Out-of-Print Books Project)

After some discussion it was suggested that when Mr. Metcalf presents the report and recommendation that he suggest that it should be referred to the Executive Board for further study.

(Mr. Lord joined the meeting at 11:45)

(No.1 - Adult Education Work) (Appointment of An Adult Education specialist)

Exhibit E

Mr. Milam:

The chances are that we will close the year with a smaller deficit - my gamble would be \$10,000 or \$12,000. We think the serious financial problem is not in the present deficit but the probable future income. We anticipate that the A.L.A. will gain no considerable prosperity from war activities and that on the contrary we will suffer from the war taxes and that the outlook for our income during the next two or three years is much more discouraging than any of us are willing to admit.

Mr. Brown: The income from endowment will be up somewhat this year because of extra dividends on stocks made at the close of last year. The general opinion is that it will be considerably less because of the tax program of the government, and the income from stocks next year is going to be decidedly less. That will be a headache for the Budget Committee next September. It does affect the petition from Headquarters and the work of the Adult Education Board.

Miss Farquhar: I think the important thing is postwar planning as it is very important in adult education. There is a need for people who can go out/<sup>to groups</sup> and lead them and organize them and tie up their work. We find them in the Morale Committee's proposition of the study of our background, of democracy, rights, and duties, and we are going to call on the reader's advisors to be the people to do that job. They must have someone at Headquarters to whom they can come for help when they get in a rut - and for inspiration. It will be a hard job. If there were some one who had a lot of extra time and could take it on as an added responsibility we wouldn't feel so strongly the need of filling this position.

Mr. Brown: The demands on headquarters is going to be increased. The war work will have to go on. I believe this whole question will have to go over until the Budget can be taken up in September. It will be very dangerous to attempt to fill a position until we can get a look at the whole budget and see where we stand.

This was agreed upon by the Board.

Mr. Milam: In the presence of the Chairman of the Adult Education Board I should like to say that Mr. Brown and I agree, I think, that the two biggest problems facing the American people next to winning the war is - one, whether we are going to go back to some kind of "normalcy" or follow along Mr. Wallace's revolutionary road - and to whether we want

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this county to participate in international organization of the world for a peaceful future. I am wondering whether those two problems which undoubtedly offer an opportunity for adult education effort on the part of all agencies of education and enlightenment could in some way be made the basis for a recommendation which might come from the Adult Education Board for our own ~~confirmation~~ if we don't have any money for it this Fall. I mean to say that I think the words "Adult Education" have lost their power during this present time. ~~Nobody cares~~ We are trying to do certain things. Here are two things in addition to winning the war to which I think libraries can make an enormous contribution if their energies can be directed along that line. It might justify an emergency fund or funds for international activities. In other words, I am suggesting that your Board consider whether it could present to us proposals that are more definitely tied up with the job that has to be done within the next two or three years.

Mr. Brown: If you could make that statement and mention the need of the education of the American people on the steps necessary to insure permanent peace in line with the plans of Wells and Wallace, it would work very well. I think that is the best kind of approach possible.

(Miss Farquhar left the meeting.)

(No. 3, Libraries and the War)

Mr. Brown: The Committee met last night and covered considerable ground.

Mr. Milam: It was agreed to make the work of the Committee more important. It was recommended that the Committee hold a meeting during the summer to review all the war work that ought to be done by libraries, and to see what the committees are doing. We thought we had the right to call to the attention of any board or committee work that should be done that is not being done that falls in the field of that special board and committee inas far as it involves the war effort. Mr. Hopkins is to frame a letter.

The Committee had a docket of 18 items. There are several which involved recommendations to the Executive Board, or recommendations which the Board should be called upon to express its opinion. First was the Book Campaign. Sherman and Connor reports were read. The Board of Directors would like to know what various people thought about continuing and discontinuing and, if continuing, on what kind of basis. The decision will be made by the Victory Book Campaign Board. The Committee voted to urge the Victory Book Campaign Board to adopt a more liberal policy.

Study by Mrs. Danton. Aid to libraries in defense areas and aid to school and college libraries. The Federal Relations Committee Chairman was asked to confer with Dunbar when the latter arrives and bring in a resolution endorsing federal aid.

War Damage Corporation. Rationing and Priorities. Conservation of Cultural Resources. Possible shortage of librarians. Documentary distribution. The Committee on documents is preparing a program of recommendations which might conceivably be somewhat in that conflict with the activities ~~and~~ Beal's Committee and Dunbar have been engaged in.

Need for an A.L.A. office in Washington. Some discussion of international relations. Committee recommends that the Executive Board authorize with respect to emergency activities the president and Executive Secretary, after consultation with the Committee on Libraries and the War, to present a request for further funds to the Carnegie Corporation if there should be such a need.

It was

VOTED, That the Executive Board approve the recommendation of the Committee on Libraries and the War, ~~to present a request for~~ that the President and the Executive Secretary, after consultation with the Committee ~~to~~ present a request for further funds to the Carnegie Corporation, if there should be a need,

Mr. Milam:

Assist other Committees. Postwar Planning. Discussion of Educational relationships in local communities. Publication on books and the war like Koch's book, but more emphasis on individual libraries.

It was

VOTED, That the Executive Board accept the report of the Committee on Libraries and the War and that the recommendations contained therein <sup>it concurred in</sup> ~~be concurred in~~.

(4, International Cultural Relations)

Mr. Lord reported on a meeting he had come from in Washington.

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Mr. Lord: Well, I was asked on short notice to go down to Washington on the way out to attend, since Milam couldn't <sup>attend</sup>, a meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Division of Cultural Relations of the State Department, at which there was to be discussion of the European and impingement of international relations, whereas I gathered that particular group had concerned itself with Latin America if any emphasis had been said to be placed heretofore. The discussion at the beginning was around the topic of the place of minority groups in this country but ~~they as to~~ what they meant to the country. There were several speakers, particularly Louis Adamic, Hoskins from the State Department and two or three others, incidentally. The particular emphasis of that seemed to be away from consideration of minorities (on the agenda) and to get away from <sup>use of the</sup> the terms hyphenated such as German-Americans, Japanese-Americans, etc., and perhaps shifting emphasis on Ralph Turner who has been attached to the Division from another agency, perhaps to think of us all as we can the overseas Europeans who here in America have worked together to produce a living unity, despite what the Axis propaganda is to the contrary, showing us what we had done living together successfully was exactly the same thing which might have to be done in connection with the various European countries. A number of resolutions were forthcoming. But to point up by way of example the sort of things that came up. The plight of the Japanese-Americans who are native born American citizens, sometimes with Japanese parents in their immediate preceding generations. Individuals who for instance are having difficulties in being accepted through hysterical reasons in their own community and who are in danger of being classed with Nationals Japanese, and who,

if not properly cared for furnish an excellent point around which Axis  
propaganda, <sup>revalues</sup> i.e., that because they are a different color, ~~although~~ <sup>from other</sup>  
American citizens, ~~yet~~ they are not being given a fair deal in the  
country. One person even brought out that there was a strong point  
to be used to the effect that the 14th Amendment in their case was ~~being~~  
There  
being overlooked. ~~It was~~ brought out the difficulties that some of  
these people have, being of high intellect but not subject to employ-  
ment in defense industries, not legally but extra legally, just be-  
cause they were Japs. It was pointed out that a good deal could be  
done in the way of various communities which have educational centers  
in their midst, being made to realize these people should be given  
a treatment as American citizens and if they could be taken into var-  
ious groups not as groups as such but as individuals here and there,  
there would be done a very definite personal accomplishment that  
would avoid Axis propaganda. Adamic brought out the fact that some  
of the minority groups here have been not of very advanced intel-  
lectual training. They weren't of the literate stock, but yet they  
overlook their own background, they try to forget their own national  
cultures. It was clear that all present felt that it would be de-  
sirable that it be stressed not only what these people have in  
national cultures but what we could point out their national cultures  
had done for us. He pointed out that it was unsound Americanism to  
be afraid to acknowledge what a foreign background had been. It  
was opposed to note the American scene as a melting pot but as a point  
of a place in which all of these things could be synthesized into  
what is an American accomplishment.

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Another point was a considerable discussion of what the training must be for the American to share and contribute widely in the rehabilitation of the European continent after the war. *who?* It was pointed out that as there is being conducted a training school for those members of the army who are going to be acting on behalf of the United States as an army of occupation, and the number of European areas, that it was very important that civil groups, civil leaders be trained and ready to take over the task which the Army, itself, cannot handle. The Army will take care of ~~work~~ physical administration of those areas. He felt very strongly of the necessity of our being ready to cover what is not being covered in other directions, the field of nutrition, housing, the very great problem of physical relief in provision of food, but still more the necessity of taking in a country like Germany a whole generation of youngsters, brought up under a new philosophy, who will have to be virtually remade, believing that there would be need of a large number of people. He first mentioned fifty or sixty thousand going to have to be active. He came down ~~to~~ to the possibility that if we had a thousand ~~aid~~ ~~distinction~~ ~~aid~~ individuals trained to be the leaders in this work, then with some ten thousand aids something could really be accomplished. Mr. Walter Kotsnig<sup>ch</sup> referred to distinction of aids from leaders. He had in mind that the key people in all activities will have to give leadership but vast numbers of younger people ~~who~~ would like to do something and all they knew was what they had learned in an academic course. He pointed out how at Smith they have begun with the Summer Session of training looking toward an acquisition of the social background, the foreign background ~~these~~ necessary for all of this ~~in~~

in addition to academic minors. It was in the mind of many people of the Department of State which the Division of Cultural Relations has just assigned to an individual named Ralph Turner, to draw up a study and indicate the lines along which they must carry on their field of research into this whole problem. Turner has an excellent mind. He has only been there a week and he was feeling his way and looking to see what could be done. It is obvious he has to come down to earth. If I gather correctly this seems to represent in its Advisory Committee the first very extensive approach on an organized basis to the consideration of the Post-war problem in so far as it affects the European sphere. *Scene*

Mr. Brown: Your remarks are of great significance to the A.L.A. The system of education will have to be changed in order to have permanent peace. The place of libraries will have influence in those countries.

Mr. Milam: Was there any discussion of machinery that might be developed with respect to the first part of your remarks?

Mr. Lord: No. It was interesting to me to sit ~~in~~ on that. I should say the trends of thought of most of the people was on very general planes and I should say a rather marked tendency toward the philosophical. There was no time to get to any specifics.

Mr. Milam: The reason I asked that was because the last question Thomson asked me when I saw him was, "Who is going to assume the responsibility for leadership in doing those things that need to be done in our own country to educate ourselves about foreign people, foreign cultures, and international cooperation. The State Department can't do it. Who should."

Mr. Brown: It is important that the A.L.A. should be represented in meetings such as this.

Mr. Lord: In personal conversation I found invariably a falling back upon the place which books and libraries could play. It didn't come out in the discussion formally because it wasn't down to practicalities, but individually it came out.

Milam:

Mr. ~~Lord~~ I think we can slide right into sub-topics of this No. 4.

Mr. Milczewski read the report which he had prepared on the study of the use of books and other printed materials in cultural propaganda. Mr. Milam questioned whether a year's time is needed as the project provides, as a shorter term had been talked about.

Miss Ludington: First we had thought of it as six weeks and then at the last committee meeting we thought three months or even six might be needed. It has been brought up as a year's project. My own feeling is that if the proper person were found it could be done three or four or six months. I made a trial of the German periodicals. I believe that the person to do the job should be a good linguist and that foreign periodicals be searched for information. The British Consul has some material in New York, and a great deal is confidential in nature, but presumably could be made available if chosen.

It was

VOTED, That the Executive Board approve the project on the use of books and other printed materials in cultural propaganda on the basis of a six month's period with the understanding that there will be a journalistic report rather than a scholarly document, and on the basis of a total not to exceed \$5,000.

2:00

The meeting was resumed at 2:00 p.m.

The same Board members were present.

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Mr. Brown:

There <sup>will be</sup> ~~is~~ a vacancy on the Executive Board because Miss Warren ~~resigns from the Executive Board on Friday of this week.~~ <sup>selection as First Vice President</sup> Mr. Lord and Miss Ludington are appointed a nominating committee of two to recommend nominations to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Warren's resignation.

(4 b, Books for Europe)

Mr. Milczewski read the report regarding American books abroad. <sup>(Exhibit G)</sup> It was then

VOTED, That the proposal for the continuation of the Books for Europe project be approved by the Executive Board, with the understanding that funds ~~that funds~~ are to be obtained, and a policy of liberalization of the program be accepted.

Miss Ludington then read the proposed project for a book on technical library processes. <sup>(Exhibit H)</sup>

Mr. Milam:

One item that is worthy of mention is that we thought of a man coming to this country and attaching himself to, say the University of Michigan, with Gjelsness as consultant, and Gjelsness would receive an honorarium for this purpose, as well as money to other readers of the manuscript. This is a substitute for the proposal carried in the committee reports for years, that is the translation of Akers and Mann, etc. into Spanish.

Mr. Milam replied in the negative to a question asked by Mr. White, whether there would be any likelihood that expenses may be shared by any Latin American agency or government.

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(Mr. Dudgeon joined the meeting at 2:25)

Mr. White: I think there is a ceiling which can be reached <sup>by</sup> an agency for Latin America. We can all work with projects of this sort in which a good deal of the value of the project is killed unless there is some contribution from the other side.

It was VOTED, That the Executive Board approve the project for a book on technical library processes to be compiled by a qualified Latin American librarian, to be brought to the United States on a travel and research grant.

(4, A. International Cultural Relations)

It has been proposed that the American Library Association establish a central office in Washington, D. C.

Miss Ludington: Quoting Dr. Leland, he told Dr. Bishop and me that he thought the A.L.A. couldn't do a thing which would help the agencies in Washington more than to establish such an office. They were in need of some one to whom they could turn for information and advice. It would look toward post-war activities and would set up an agency which could be thinking toward the service that books and libraries can render in the post-war period.

It was VOTED, that the Executive Board approve the establishment of an office in Washington, subject to the adoption of Miss Ludington's report by Council and the obtaining of funds.

(5,b) (A.L.A. Fourth Activities Committee)

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(5, C) (Decentralizing Committee Appointments)

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It was

VOTED, That the Executive Board approve the  
Chairman  
~~recommendation of the Committee~~ of the Com-  
mittee on Boards and Committees ~~(to the Council.)~~

*Following recommendation  
to Council to be made  
by*

No. 6 and No. 7.

Miss Merrill brought up the question of why divisions should  
into the  
come ~~to~~ Council.

Mr. Brown:

One of the greatest things is <sup>to</sup> get divisions to function as  
national organizations for themselves. In the future any national  
organization will be taken in on its merits.

*Chairman*  
Mr. Brown is to be the second representative on the Council  
of National Library Associations.

(Mr. Leslie E. Brown joined the meeting at 3:10 p.m.)

(No. 11, Educational Relationships in Local Communities)

*(Exhibit)*  
Mr. Leslie E. Brown read his report which he is to present  
to the Council. A change was suggested, i.e., "for the Committee,  
Leslie E. Brown, Chairman."

(Mr. Leslie E. Brown left the meeting at 3:30)

(No. 12)

Proposal to issue postcards to be used in ordering public  
documents was referred to.

<sup>3</sup>  
(No. ~~14~~)

It was agreed that the policy of closing doors at General  
Sessions and Council meetings during speeches be continued.

<sup>4</sup>  
(No. ~~15~~)

It was

VOTED, That the Executive Board approve the minutes  
of the meetings of October 6 and 7, and December 27,  
28 and 30, 1941.

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*(Mr. Ford and  
Miss Huntington)*

It was voted

VOTED, That on the recommendation of <sup>the</sup> a special <sup>Executive Board</sup> nominating committee, Miss Ruth Savord <sup>be</sup> ~~was~~ elected a member of ~~by~~ the Executive Board to fill the vacancy which <sup>on June 22 Althea H.</sup> will occur when Miss Warren is elected to the position of President-Elect and First-Vice President.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P. M.