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MONDAY MORNING SESSION

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May 27, 1940

The first Council Meeting of the American Library Association, held in conjunction with the Association's Annual Conference at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 26-June 1, 1940, convened at 11:35 A.M., following adjournment of the First General Session. President Munn presided.

PRESIDENT MUNN: The Council will come to order, please.

We will have a report from the Special Committee on Honorary Memberships.

... Mr. George B. Utley read the report of the Special Committee on Honorary Memberships, copy of which is submitted with this report (Paper marked No. 1) ...

(Insert paper)

PRESIDENT MUNN: Mr. Utley expected to make a motion. I have to break in very rudely to explain to you that we changed the By-Laws too soon. We did not foresee this. Mr. Utley's Committee is working under the By-Laws which we repealed an hour ago. Under the old By-Laws it was provided that upon nomination of the Council, honorary members could be elected by the Association. Mr. Utley's Committee is a Committee of Council and was operating in that way. Under the new By-Laws, honorary members are to be nominated by the Membership Committee, and the Membership Committee never heard of what Mr. Utley is talking about here.

Are you willing to suspend the By-Laws, which can be done by a two-thirds vote, so that Mr. Utley, who is bringing in this perfectly good motion, can obtain your will?

MR. BROWN: I so move.

MR. DUDGEON: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT MUNN: It has been moved and seconded that the By-Laws be suspended for this particular action.

MR. DANTON: I have to tried to leaf through this, and can't find the section; but isn't it true that the By-Laws can be suspended only by vote of the Association, and not by vote of the Council?

PRESIDENT MUNN: I hope not.

MRS. HELEN E. WESSELLS (Port Richmond Branch, N.Y.P.L., Port Richmond, New York; Membership Chairman): I recommend that

Dr. Hill and Dr. Putnam be nominated for honorary membership.

MR. UTLEY: The Chairman of the Membership Committee has made this motion, so it is appropriate for this Council to act upon the motion made by the Chairman of the Membership Committee.

I think, Mr. President, the Chairman of the Membership Committee is the person who should make the motion. I think possibly she should move, first, that Frank Pierce Hill be nominated to the Association for Honorary Membership; and if the Council acts favorably on that, then the Chairman of the Membership Committee should nominate to the Association Herbert Putnam as honorary member. I think the two should be handled separately.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Now I think we are going straight.

MRS. HELEN WESSELS: I move that Frank Pierce Hill be nominated for honorary membership in the American Library Association.

MR. VITZ: I second the motion.

... The motion was voted upon and carried ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: This now becomes a recommendation of Council which, under the new By-Laws, will be referred to the Association as a whole, where it must be passed by two-thirds of those present and voting.

MRS. WESSELS: I move that Herbert Putnam be nominated for honorary membership in the American Library Association.

MR. VITZ: I second the motion.

... The motion was voted upon and carried ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: It becomes a recommendation of Council to the Association as a whole.

Thank you for your collaboration in getting it through two sets of By-Laws.

MR. UTLEY: I am going to make a motion anyway. If I can't make that one, I am going to make another.

We had hoped very much that Dr. Hill could be present at this meeting to round out his fiftieth conference. If he had been with us, he would have attended fifty annual conferences of the American Library Association.

Mr. Milam tells me that he has received a letter from Dr. Hill expressing his regret, and I am sure he is spelling it with a capital R. I know he would be here if he could.

Mr. President, I am going to move that the Secretary be authorized on our behalf to send Dr. Hill affectionate greetings and our regret that he cannot be here at his fiftieth meeting, but to express to him our pleasure that he is, as he says, expecting to attend the conference next year.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Do I hear a second?

MR. DUDGEON: I second the motion.

... The motion was voted upon and carried ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: We have one more report, by Mr. Spaulding.

MR. FORREST B. SPAULDING: Mr. President and Members of

the Council: I am sure this is entirely legal.

At the October meeting of the Executive Board, a Special Committee on Censorship was appointed, which reported back to the Executive Board yesterday. I was asked, in behalf of that Committee, to bring this report to the Council.

... Mr. Forrest B. Spaulding read the report of the Special Committee on Censorship, copy of which is submitted herewith (See paper marked No. 1a) ...

(Insert paper)

MR. SPAULDING: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Council authorize the appointment of a Committee on Intellectual Freedom to Safeguard the Rights of Library Users to Freedom of Inquiry.

MISS MARGARET JEAN CLAY (P.L., Victoria, B. C. Canada): I take pleasure in seconding that.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Are there any questions you would like to ask Mr. Spaulding? (None)

... The motion was voted upon and unanimously carried ...

MR. SPAULDING: Mr. President, may I say to the Council that we are indebted for the help of two non-librarians who worked with me on this Committee: Mr. Sterling North, the eminent literary critic of the Chicago Daily News, and Dr. Alfred C. Nielson, President of the Grand View College, in Iowa.

SECRETARY MILAM: This is the first opportunity the Program Committee has had to express publicly its regret at the arrangements for Thursday evening. We regret, not that we are to have a Town Meeting of the Air; but that it had to be on the night when many library schools are having their banquets. We are extremely sorry for that conflict, but there appeared to be nothing we could do about it. Since the arrangements were made, NBC has projected itself into the picture and has moved forward another half hour the opening of the broadcast program. As a result, the warming up session of the Town Meeting will be held at seven-thirty. The broadcast will be from eight until nine.

... Announcements regarding Town Meeting of the Air
Broadcast ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: Thank you, Mr. Milam.

Does any member of Council have anything that should
come to our attention before our next meeting on Friday morning?
If not, the meeting stands adjourned.

... The meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M. ...

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

May 31, 1940

The second Council Meeting convened at 10:15 A.M., President Munn presiding.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Council will come to order.

The first item of business on our docket is a recommendation concerning librarian refugees. That item will be presented to you by Mr. Danton, the Chairman of the Committee on International Relations.

MR. J. PERIAM DANTON (Sullivan Memorial Library, Temple University, Philadelphia, Penn.): Mr. President, Members of the Council: This very brief report does not, I fear, reflect the vast amount of correspondence which was not necessarily carried on by the Committee on International Relations, but was received by the Committee.

The report is only a reflection of the opinion of the Committee, and I suspect it may be that members of the Council will like to ask questions. If they do, I shall be very happy to try to answer them.

We have put just as little into this report as possible in order to make it brief.

The Committee on International Relations has for some months attempted to find a solution to the several problems connected with the general question of refugee librarians. It has solicited opinion and received some suggestions which--

chiefly because action upon them required funds--it has been impossible thus far to follow.

The Committee is of the opinion that the problem is so important and that its difficult and specialized nature requires such careful study as to call for the appointment of a special committee.

The Committee on International Relations recommends the immediate appointment of such a committee.

PRESIDENT MUNN: You have heard the report which calls for a special committee to deal with this problem of the library refugee. Is there a second? You made your report in the form of a motion, did you, Mr. Danton?

MR. DANTON: Yes.

MR. HEYL: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Is there any discussion? (None)

Are you ready for the question? This is a special committee which would be appointed by the Executive Board.

... The motion was voted upon and carried ...

MR. DANTON: Mr. President, the Committee would like to make another report.

The Committee is somewhat embarrassed in this matter because it is not entirely certain that this report is in order, or that it should be presented to the Council. It is inclined to think that the report is in order and that it should be presented.

The Secretary of the British Library Association wrote

to the Secretary of the American Library Association on November 6, 1939 a letter concerned with the problems of providing books and libraries for the English fighting forces. The letter included the following sentence: "Some of us think that there may be many among the people of the United States who would like to give some practical expression to their sentiments and would appreciate the opportunity to contribute, not to a directly war-like effort, but by giving books or mon^{ey}~~ies~~ for the organiza^stion of libraries."

The Executive Board referred this letter to the Committee on International Relations, with the request that the Committee seek the advice of the Department of State and make a recommendation to the Executive Board. Since that time we have been given to understand that it would be appropriate for the Committee to report to the Council.

In answer to our inquiry to the State Department as to whether or not the action of the A.L.A. of the type implied would be inconsistent with American neutrality and the laws which have been laid down by the President in that regard, we were told that: "It is at least open to doubt whether the proposed activity of the American Library Association would not be contrary to the rules and regulations governing the solicitation and collection of contributions for use in belligerent countries." It is however possible that by registering with the State Department the Association would be permitted to act if it should

decide to do so. That implication is one which the Committee draws on its own responsibility from the very lengthy documents which were sent in by the State Department. A majority of the Committee, by correspondence vote, has expressed the opinion that some positive action should be taken on the request, if permitted by the State Department. That, of course, would not be known until we tried it. The Committee believes that a general policy with regard to all such requests should be adopted; and it recommends that this policy provide for the publicity by the A.L.A. of such request after investigation by the Committee, provided that the agency making the request arrange for the collection and transmittal of books and money.

There is a great deal behind that. I might say, simply by way of brief explanation, that the Committee is of the opinion that it is very likely that a considerable number of such requests might come to the A.L.A., which has no satisfactory machinery, at present at least, for collecting or transmitting books or money, and the transmittal of books at least would probably cost money.

That is the end of the Committee's report and its recommendation. I think it is only fair, however, to add this: We were first asked, as you will note in the opening paragraph of this report, to make a recommendation to the Executive Board. That report would have been made at last Sunday's meeting of the Board, but it was impossible to get a vote of the

Committee, primarily perhaps because this subject is one which has a great many difficult and complicated ramifications, and it could not be settled to the satisfaction of the Committee by correspondence.

The Executive Board, at its meeting last Sunday, gave the Committee on International Relations some advice, which the Committee has, partially at least, seen fit to ignore. This is informally, and not verbatim, from the Executive Board meeting of last Sunday: "The members of the Board appeared to believe that the general situation and our knowledge of it are such that the members here do not see how the International Relations Committee could present at this time a project in proper shape for approval by the Council."

We are not presenting a project. We are presenting a report and a recommendation on policy, and if the Chairman understands the sense of the Committee, that is at least something which the Association can and should do. That is the sense of the report: That a desirable policy be adopted by the Association.

PRESIDENT MUNN: One of the most important by-products and incidents of Mr. Danton's report is the indication that the A.L.A. after all, even before the Third Activities Committee got started, was not an oligarchy. He told us the Committee had seen fit to ignore the recommendations of the Executive Board, and I can assure you that that happens frequently.

Mr. Danton did not make a motion. The question is

rather an open one for your discussion if you wish to consider it. The Committee thinks that the Council should establish some general policy and principle in regard to the treatment of the requests which come to the A.L.A. from other organizations requesting our endorsement and cooperation in the collection of money or books, or both, for the troops of warring nations. Is that a fair statement?

MR. DANTON: Yes; Mr. President, I would like to move the adoption of the policy suggested in the Committee's report.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Would you like to read the exact wording rather than to leave it to my summary?

MR. DANTON: The Committee believes that a general policy with regard to all such requests should be adopted; and it recommends that this policy provide for the publicity by the A.L.A. of such requests after investigation by the Committee, provided that the agency making the request arrange for the collection and transmittal of books and money.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Mr. Danton makes that as a motion. Is there a second?

MISS MIRIAM D. TOMPKINS (Sch. of Library Service, Columbia University, New York): I second the motion.

PRESIDENT MUNN: It is open for our discussion.

MR. LAWRENCE HEYL (Princeton Univ. Library, Princeton, N.J.): Books, yes; but why is there money involved in this?

MR. DANTON: I think the question is: Why is there money involved in this? The report is very brief. It also does not reflect a vast amount of correspondence. We have been told by the Secretary of the British Library Association that a good many books have already been given, presumably in England, for the use of the British fighting forces, but that the great need is for money to buy the sort of books which we all know are not often given. Maybe there wouldn't be any money involved, but the Committee is covering that contingency. Certainly the British Library Association's request does ask for both.

PRESIDENT MUNN: This motion would empower the Executive Board; would it empower the Executive Secretary in the interim to endorse and publicize any movement after investigation?

MR. DANTON: I should think that is a matter for the Executive Secretary to decide.

MR. MILAM: Mr. President, I want to say that Mr. Danton had these recommendations in my hand twenty-four hours ago, and I did not find time to open the envelope. It is not his fault that he hasn't had this advice in advance, if there is any advice.

As he read this, my question was whether there is an attempt now to establish a policy, or to authorize and instruct somebody--and I wasn't quite clear who--to establish a policy. It seems to me this falls somewhere between those two possi-

bilities. The Committee believes that a general policy should be adopted, and it recommends that this policy provide for the publicity by the A.L.A. of such request after investigation by the Committee, with a proviso or two.

Was it your thought, Mr. Danton, that something more would evolve by way of a policy before any action resulted?

MR. DANTON: No, I think not. If I understand the sense of the Committee, it is that this policy would or would not now be adopted. That is, that the Council and the Executive Board, if that is necessary, would say either that we will do this or we will not. It is the hope of the Committee that the Council will agree to do it.

MR. JULIAN A. SOHON (P.L., Bridgeport, Conn.): Can you give one or two instances of how that might work out? Will there be time for much help to be given?

PRESIDENT MUNN: That possibility has been foreseen and is covered to some extent in Mr. Danton's report. I don't know whether occasions might arise on which it would be embarrassing. In defense of your Executive Board, and purely for your information, I would like to say that we passed this item after some discussion, because of the fact that the present war is not following established charts for a war. We do not know what may be required. If the war proceeds as we now fear it may, there will be no time for any books. If the two sides get into trenches and fight this war out in respectable manner, we thought

the Midwinter Meeting would be soon enough to talk about books. I don't know whether that gives Council any suggestions or not. That was the Board's way of looking at it.

MR. DANTON: I don't want to take any more time on this than necessary, but answering the last question, or partially answering it, I may say that the documents which were sent to us by the State Department do, under certain well defined conditions for individuals and agencies in this country, allow them to solicit money for medical supplies, food, clothing, and other items. I think those are the only specific items mentioned. We cannot see that there is a great deal of difference. Books were not mentioned, but we think that the spirit of the regulations as laid down by the President would not be violated by the solicitation of money for books.

MR. GEORGE B. UTLEY: Approval of this recommendation may be exactly what the Council ought to do, but it seems to me the issue is so clouded in various ways that the wise thing to do would be to postpone action until the situation is more clarified. That is my own personal opinion.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Is there further discussion? You have heard the resolution. Is the issue clear?

MR. CHARLES H. COMPTON (P.L., St. Louis, Mo.): I think the issue is not clear. I feel with Mr. Milam that I am not certain what this resolution means. I think it would be very difficult to vote on it, not knowing what one is voting for.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Is there any discussion? Is there disposition to send it back to Committee? That, of course, would obviously mean a delay of six months if it were sent back to the Committee.

MR. COMPTON: I think it does not state whether you are authorizing the Executive Board to formulate a policy.

MR. DANTON: It is asking the Council to adopt the policy.

MR. DUDGEON: What is the policy? It is not clear what the policy is.

PRESIDENT MUNN: It recommends that this policy provide for the publicity by A.L.A. of such requests after investigation by the Committee, meaning the International Relations Committee, provided the agency making the request arrange for the collection and transmittal of books and money.

You are asked to endorse and give publicity. The safeguard is the investigation by the International Relations Committee. Is the issue clearer now?

MR. COMPTON: Somewhat.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Is there any further discussion?

MR. MILAM: I would like to find out, without any formalities, whether this group of Council members and others present would like to have American librarians who wish to do so contribute books for the use of the British Library Association with the British fighting forces. Would you mind asking for a

show of hands on that? We are not committing ourselves to anything, but that is the question which has not been clear. I think that is the real issue.

PRESIDENT MUNN: You have heard Mr. Milam's question. It is purely informal, a straw vote. If you are willing, raise your hands.

... Raising of hands ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: It is a clear majority, certainly.

MR. MILAM: Then I wonder, Mr. President, under those circumstances--and I am suggesting this as a means of getting along with the business--whether the Council would be willing to refer this to the Committee and to the Executive Board with power.

MR. COMPTON: Who has the power?

PRESIDENT MUNN: The Executive Board would have the power in that case to decide.

MR. MILAM: Here, of course, it would be the Council.

MR. COMPTON: I make a motion to that effect.

PRESIDENT MUNN: We have a motion properly before us now.

MR. COMPTON: I make it as an amendment.

... The amendment was seconded ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: May I combine the amendment with the motion?

MR. DANTON: Please.

PRESIDENT MUNN: It has been moved and seconded that Mr. Danton's motion be referred to the Executive Board with power to act. Is there a second to this combined motion?

MR. UTLEY: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Is there discussion? (None)

... The motion was voted upon and carried ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: We have done just what the Activities Committee said we should not do: We have passed it from the Council to the Executive Board.

MR. MILAM: I understand that this motion still anticipates that the Executive Board will expect the advice of the International Relations Committee on policy to be established.

PRESIDENT MUNN: I regret that I have been called from the room unavoidably, and I am going to ask Mr. Milam if he will at this time give the type of report which is called for by the new By-Laws. Mr. Milam is as much surprised and grieved, I am sure, as I am surprised.

MR. MILAM: I am a very good Chairman. I can go ahead with the business.

... Mr. Milam assumed the Chair ...

CHAIRMAN MILAM: Mr. Munn would like us to pass the question of racial discrimination until he returns and so the next item of business is a recommendation of a committee to consider the substitution of divisional periodicals for the

A.L.A. BULLETIN, THE HANDBOOK or THE PROCEEDINGS, Mr. Dudgeon, Chairman.

... Mr. Dudgeon read the report of the Committee on Substituting the College and Research Library Journal for the A.L.A. BULLETIN, copy of which is submitted herewith (Paper marked No. 2) ...

CHAIRMAN MILAM: Is there a second?

... The motion included in the report of the Committee was seconded ...

MR. PAUL NORTH RICE (Chief, Reference Department, N.Y.P.L. New York, New York): As a member of the A.C.R.L. I should like to voice the hope that this recommendation will be defeated. I think it would be most unfortunate if there would be not one publication that necessarily goes to all members of the A.L.A.

MR. WILLARD P. LEWIS (Penn. State College Library, State College, Penn.): In answer to Mr. Rice, I would like to point out that there is an alternative--that either the A.L.A. BULLETIN or the A.L.A. HANDBOOK and PROCEEDINGS may be substituted.

MR. DUDGEON: No.

CHAIRMAN MILAM: May I read the recommendations? I think there is some doubt as to what it is.

"We recommend that for an experimental period of two (2) years beginning January 1, 1941, members be permitted to substitute 'College and Research Libraries' for the A.L.A. HANDBOOK AND THE PROCEEDINGS; that this committee be charged with the duty of a continuous scrutiny of the effects and results of such substitution and that it report to this council with its recommendation whenever during the two year period any further action may become necessary or desirable."

MR. WILLARD LEWIS: I beg your pardon, Mr. Chairman. I would like to say this in answer to Mr. Rice's point. The COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES contains the handbook and proceedings of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

It seems to me that that is an important thing to all of the members of the A.C.R.L.

CHAIRMAN MILAM: Mr. Rice, does the reading of the resolution change your comment? Were you referring to the BULLETIN? It sounded to me as if you were thinking of an exchange for the BULLETIN.

MR. RICE: No, sir. I think it would be most unfortunate if any section of the A.L.A. received some publication of the section instead of a publication of the American Library Association as a whole.

CHAIRMAN MILAM: According to this resolution, as I understand it, the member would still receive the ten news numbers of the BULLETIN, but he would choose to take COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES instead of the HANDBOOK AND PROCEEDINGS.

MR. DUDGEON: That is correct.

CHAIRMAN MILAM: Is there any further discussion?

MR. THOMAS P. FLEMING (Medical Library, Columbia University, New York): If we are still under the old set-up, there are many people who paid three dollars under the A.L.A. and never got the HANDBOOK and the PROCEEDINGS anyway. I cannot see this substitution is going to make such a considerable difference.

MR. DUDGEON: I suppose we will have to concede that it applies during this experimental period only to those who receive both. These are the things they would forego if they

received the JOURNAL in lieu thereof.

CHAIRMAN MILAM: Is there any further comment? If not, are you ready for the question? The question is on the adoption of the recommendation of the Special Committee.

... The motion was voted upon and carried ...

... President Munn resumed the Chair ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: That was a divided vote, and the Chairman declared it passed. Is there any desire for a count of hands? (None) It was clearly passed.

The next item on our docket is one about which I wish to make a preliminary statement.

... President Munn read a statement in regard to the report of the Special Committee to study the need for reconsideration of action taken on racial discrimination (See paper marked No. 3) ...

(Insert paper)

PRESIDENT MUNN: Miss Rose will now make the report of the Special Committee.

... Miss Ernestine Rose, Chairman, read the report of the Special Committee (See paper marked No. 4) ...

(Insert paper)

MISS ERNESTINE ROSE: Mr. President, I move the acceptance of this report.

... The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: We now come to an item of business which has been brought to us by our Trustees Section. That item is to be presented to us by the Chairman of a Special Committee of the Trustees Section, Mr. Lawrence J. Harwood.

MR. LAWRENCE J. HARWOOD: President Munn, Executive Secretary Milam, Members of the Council, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am sorry this has been referred to me due to the fact that Mrs. Tomlinson, President of the Trustees Section, is at another meeting.

... Mr. Harwood read letters dated April 23, 1940 and paper entitled "Citation of Trustees", which are submitted herewith (See paper marked No. 5) ...

(Insert paper)

MR. HARWOOD: Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Mr. Harwood moves adoption of the report from the Trustees.

... The motion was seconded ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: Are there any questions you would like to direct to Mr. Harwood? It is a carefully worked out, carefully considered plan. Are you ready for the question?

... The motion was voted upon and carried unanimously...

PRESIDENT MUNN: Miss Rose is doing double duty this morning, I discover. She has a report from a Committee to Study Means of Cooperation for Civic Education.

MISS ERNESTINE ROSE: Mr. President and Members of the Council: I hold here a resolution submitted for the approval of the Council by the Adult Education Board. This resolution follows up what the Board feels to be an important suggestion made in an address delivered by John W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, before the annual meeting of the National Association for Adult Education last week in New York.

I asked the Council's permission to quote such parts of this address as will make its meaning understood. I hope you won't think this is an excuse for me to make a speech. I would call your attention, however, to the fact that there is a rather epoch-making suggestion here which may lead to practical action in this time of crisis. The suggestion is made by no less a person than the Commissioner of Education of the United States.

... Miss Rose read excerpts from the address of
Dr. John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education. See
marked copy of his paper submitted here with (Paper marked
No. 6) ...

(Insert paper)

MISS ROSE: This is the resolution submitted for your approval.

... Miss Rose read resolution submitted for approval of the Council by the Adult Education Board of the A.L.A., copy of which is submitted herewith (See paper marked No. 7) ...

(Insert paper)

MISS ROSE: I move that this be accepted.

MR. HAROLD BRIGHAM: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT MUNN: The resolution comes from the Adult Education Board. Is there discussion? (None)

... The motion was voted upon and carried ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: The motion is carried; the Committee will be appointed.

The next item concerns appointment to your Finance Committee, and it will be presented by your President-elect, Miss Culver.

MISS CULVER: I am sorry, I am not ready. May I present it a little later?

PRESIDENT MUNN: A very little bit later.

MISS CULVER: I didn't know it was to come up at this time. I thought it came up at the Executive Board meeting. I haven't the names here.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Miss Culver will attempt to get those, and we will bring that up last.

Mr. Lester is the Chairman of the Committee on Committees, and he has some work for us to do.

MR. CLARENCE B. LESTER (State Free Library Commission, Madison, Wisc.): The Committee on Committees, in presenting these few items, has in mind the revamping, or at least a thorough examination, of board and committee set-ups, statements of function and other matters in that connection which must be

undertaken by the incoming Committee on Committees during the next year. We had, for instance, several items of possible statement of function of committees established by the Executive Board at its meetings last October and December. Under the new By-Laws, such committees continue for at least two years without Council action, and we suggest that statements of function of that kind may well be left to the more exact examination to come. Therefore, the items which I do present are such as we hope may be helpful during the interim and do not contemplate action which may be taken later.

The Committee on Committees submits to the Council the following recommendations for action:

1. That the College Library Advisory Board be discontinued when an equivalent has been set up under Divisional Organization.

I move that the recommendation be adopted by Council.

... The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried ...

MR. LESTER:

2. That the Committee on Chapters and Sections be discontinued and that the Statement of Functions of the Committee on Divisional Relations be amended by inserting the word "Chapters" before the word "Divisions."

I move the adoption of this recommendation.

... The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried ...

MR. LESTER: No. 3 might well have involved us in considerably more study and a somewhat broader recommendation than we are presenting, but again I remind you that what we are attempting to do here is to give you a preliminary basis for

continuing action and leave the more complete examination to the next committee. This recommendation concerns the results of a meeting at Chicago last winter, participated in by the Committee on Library Radio Broadcasting, by the Committee on Visual Methods, by a number of others who were concerned with at least a part of the field which has just been presented by Miss Rose in her recommendation.

The result of that was a joint recommendation from both of those committees, that the separate committees, as such, be discontinued, that a single committee with the name Audio-Visual Committee be established. We have been assured that that term covers the whole field. And the two committees joined in a recommendation also that the new organization be set up as a board. We do not attempt to determine that relation at this time. It again is something that should be left for further consideration in connection with the whole set-up.

We do, however, believe that the Council might well authorize at this time by formal action a new committee taking the place of the two old ones, so that they can accomplish more completely the work for which they are set up.

I will read the whole recommendation, and I suggest that unless there is some question about it, we might adopt the whole thing at once. The recommendation is as follows:

3. That the existing committees on Library Radio Broadcasting and on Visual Methods be discontinued as Special Committees and a new Special Committee established with the name Audio-Visual Committee.

That the following Statement of Function be adopted for this Committee:

To study all materials of an Audio-Visual nature in relation to the service of public, school and college libraries; to promote the use of such materials by libraries; and to further the establishment of national or regional clearing houses for such materials.

Mr. President, I move the adoption of the recommendation.

... The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried ...

MR. LESTER: The next recommendation is a bit of remedial change which perhaps might have been left, but which Mr. Clift suggests might well be taken at this time. It is merely an elimination which is necessary to prevent a duplication:

4. That the words, "to make recommendations concerning the A.L.A. forms and regulations for uniform statistics be eliminated from the Statement of Functions of the Committee on Library Administration.

Last December, in setting up our new Committee on Statistics, we expanded the Statement of Functions so that it covers that field.

Mr. President, I move the adoption of this recommendation.

... The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried ...

MR. LESTER: The fifth and last recommendation again came to us from the Activities Report. I may say that in consideration of this we ran into the situation that has come up in connection with a number of other matters. Some of us who

are broad constructionists felt that there were already terms in our charters for committees which gave the power which was contemplated. Others have pointed out that rather consistently through the Activities Report and the action on it, there has been a tendency to make specific statements rather than to leave things to implication of broader statements.

There was referred to us as a Committee on Committees from the Activities Report by the action of Council the question of incorporating in the Statement of Functions of the Board on Salaries, Staff and Tenure certain phraseology regarding investigation of cases of dismissal.

We have considered that and we present a recommendation which will incorporate the proposed phrasing within one phrase of the Statement of Functions already given to that Board. In order to try to make it clear, I am stating first the word to be incorporated and then giving you the wording of the whole phrasing with those words incorporated:

5. That the words "and to investigate, when it may seem desirable, cases of dismissal," be inserted after the word "Tenure," in the phrase regarding tenure in the Statement of Functions of the Board on Salaries, Staff and Tenure, so that such phrase as amended will read:

"To assemble information and make recommendations relative to guarding security of tenure, and to investigate, when it may seem desirable, cases of dismissal, in professional library positions."

We believe that it meets the recommendation of the Activities Committee which had the approval, in principle, at least by reference from Council to us for consideration. That

is, perhaps, a rather complex explanation, but unless there is some question about it, I will move the adoption of that recommendation.

... The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: The next item on our docket concerns the question of divisional reorganization, and will be presented to you by Mr. Brigham.

MR. HAROLD BRIGHAM: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council: The Committee on Divisional Relations has one recommendation to present. We would like, if we may, to precede that with a statement growing out of the experience of the Committee during this conference in its meetings with various groups which have considered reorganization.

There has been a tremendous amount of activity on the part of existing groups with reference to their own reorganization and possible merger with other groups. The effort of the Committee on Divisional Relations to participate in these various meetings might remind one of the strange action of the ball in a pin ball machine, if you know what I mean. But the work that has been done at this conference within groups on reorganization can be considered most encouraging in every way, as it seems to assure the early reorganization of the A.L.A. through careful, well-planned study.

The preliminary statement that I would like to present is primarily the wording of the Chairman of the Committee, but it

does bring together some suggestions as to procedure which seem to be specially important to get to the Chairmen of Reorganization Committees, of groups of all kinds at this time.

With that in mind we present these five suggestions relating to method and procedures of reorganization:

1. That all existing groups first consider possible union with other related groups to form a division before assuming they should continue a separate group.
2. That existing groups welcome overtures from related groups to the extent of willingness to study possible merger to form a division.
3. That the first step in such a study of possible merger be not separate canvassing of the membership of each group asking whether or not they form merger, but the formation of a joint Committee for a joint study looking to the preparation of proposed Articles of Agreement to form the basis of possible merger. These Articles of Agreement would incorporate the essential provisions of the new A.L.A. By-Laws and should include an appropriate statement of the purposes of A.L.A. reorganization.
4. That such proposed Articles of Agreement, arrived at by a joint committee, be sent to all members of the separate groups, so that all will be considering the same proposal.
5. That these proposed Articles of Agreement be then fully discussed at separate meetings of the several groups concerned. At these meetings decisive action may be taken.

I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if there may be discussion of those before I present the recommendation?

PRESIDENT MUNN: Are there any questions you would like to ask Mr. Brigham concerning these matters of policy?

Mr. Brigham has a Committee which has been working

intently throughout this week with representatives of many different groups, and if this reorganization is successfully carried through, we will owe a great deal to the efforts of Mr. Brigham and his steering group.

Suppose you make your recommendation, Mr. Brigham.

MR. BRIGHAM: The recommendation, Mr. Chairman, relates to the first request of a group to have divisional status. It comes from that Section of the A.L.A. which was the first to organize under the old organization plan. It therefore means that that first Section is requesting to be recognized as the first Division under the new organization of the A.L.A.

Considering its historical significance, may I read it in full?

"The Association of College and Reference Libraries, by action at its business meeting May 30, 1940, having fulfilled all the conditions imposed by the new A.L.A. By-Laws, hereby makes application for recognition and acceptance by the American Library Association as a Division of that Association. By action of the Board of Directors of the Association of College and Reference Libraries, in response to a petition, the Agricultural Libraries Section of the American Library Association has been accepted as a Section of the Association of College and Reference Libraries.

"Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) "P. L. Windsor, President
"Willard P. Lewis, Secretary
A.C.R.L.

"Cincinnati
"May 31, 1940."

The Committee on Divisional Relations is pleased to report that in its opinion the conditions of the new By-Laws have

been fulfilled to permit the A.C.R.L. to become the first Division of the American Library Association, with the Agricultural Libraries Section as one of the sections of that Division. We, therefore, recommend that this request be granted and that this new Division be set up.

I move the adoption of that recommendation.

... The motion was seconded ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: Mr. Brigham's motion comes under Section 1 of Article VI, which reads: "Upon recommendation of the Committee on Divisional Relations, the Council may establish divisions under the following conditions," and then it sets out the matters which Mr. Brigham has assured you have been complied with in relation to the Association of College and Reference Libraries.

Is there discussion? (None)

... The motion was voted upon and unanimously carried ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: You may tell them that it was unanimously adopted, Mr. Brigham.

Miss Culver, your President-elect, is ready with the Finance Committee nominations.

MISS CULVER: Mr. Munn and Members of the Council: I seem to have been rather tangled up here in the very beginning. You will remember at the last Council meeting it was decided that the members of the Finance Committee must be members of the

Council. None of the members of the outgoing Finance Committee is a member of the Council, and at least one I had chosen for this Committee is not a member of the Council at the present time. It has not been possible to check up on who are the new members of the Council.

I am going to ask you to approve a Committee that will be appointed after careful checking, and since it must be from members of the Council, I am sure I cannot go very far wrong. I am sorry I cannot present the names to you this morning.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Are you willing to give your new President authority to appoint this Finance Committee from among your own members?

MR. WILLIAM J. HAMILTON (P.L., Dayton, Ohio): Mr. President, I make such an authorizing motion.

... The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried ...

PRESIDENT MUNN: They have confidence in your selection, Miss Culver.

Is there any new or other business which should be brought before the Council at this time? (None)

I have a word of greeting here from Dr. Hill in response to your greeting to him. He says:

"The writer returns most grateful thanks for the Council's affectionate greetings and expresses the hope that the 1940 conference may be as successful as its predecessors. It would have been a joy to celebrate my fiftieth attendance with you in Cincinnati."
(Applause)

There appears to be no new business. The Constitution

or By-Laws--I am not sure which--require that the Secretary and the President report to you each year on the state of the Association. I don't know how much of a report you want. My own notion is this: That it would have been better had the President been required simply to lay himself open to questions. So much gets into the BULLETIN or the LIBRARY JOURNAL. It is the Council's business, and one way or another it gets to you.

By tradition the Executive Secretary makes quite a comprehensive report. Certainly I have no intention of dealing with the same matters and keeping you here to listen to two of us. I am going to ask Mr. Milam to give whatever he wishes by way of a report.

First of all, however, I will stand here for about fifteen seconds so that anybody can ask me why I did or did not do something. If I stepped from the path, here is your opportunity to find out why. I have had to answer several such inquiries during the year. You may be sure of that.

If there are no questions, I will ask the Executive Secretary for his report.

MR. MILAM: Mr. President, I think it would be torture to submit any formal report to a Council meeting at this stage of the conference. About a month ago, in anticipation of several trips that were ahead, I took a day off to dictate some notes for a report, and then I went away and left those notes with the members of the staff, and they came back in a folder an inch

thick. I also found that Mrs. Rossell had decided, with the approval of other members of the staff, that the annual reports this year were to be published a month earlier than usual, so I have to submit an annual report for publication on July 1, and I am not going to expose my hand completely and have to write another between now and July 1.

I would like to talk for two or three minutes, with the understanding that you may interrupt me and ask me a question, and it will be a purely current report.

Last week I spent three days attending a meeting of the National Advisory Committee of W.P.A. White Collar Projects. We were asked by Mrs. Roosevelt, in what capacity I do not quite know, except that we began our meetings in the Red Room at the White House. It was made clear to us that we were free to make any suggestions or criticisms about W.P.A. projects, and before the meeting was over there was a resolution adopted which I presented, asking each member of the Advisory Committee to solicit the advice of his colleagues in the same field concerning the present objectives, political situation and activities of the W.P.A. That means that before the next meeting in the autumn, I am soliciting your advice about what W.P.A. library projects ought to be. About 30,000 people are now doing library work in the United States under W.P.A. We have been yelling for Federal aid. We are getting it. I don't know whether it is \$5,000,000 or \$25,000,000 a year. It is there. Maybe we wish

it weren't, but it is there. We are using it. Now let us make it as good as we can, and I will try to be your agent if you will tell me what it ought to be.

I also spent one day last week with the Implementation Committee of the American Council on Education. One of the interesting things that has developed in the last few months is a new Committee on Educational Films which has now a small grant of \$5,500 , and that grant is available through June 30 of next year, I believe, or something like that. The purpose of that Committee and of the grant is to make a study of the responsibility of libraries, if any, for handling or servicing or giving information about films which have educational value for children, youth or adults. The Committee has been quite active at this session.

The Committee, incidentally, is a joint committee. Miss Rothrock is Chairman. There are four other library members, I believe, and then we have representatives on that Committee from the motion picture project of the American Council of Education, Mr. Hoban, the American Films Center, Mr. Slesinger, and the Association of School Film Libraries, Dr. Wardlaw, of Cincinnati.

One of the things which has been very much on the minds of some of us during the past few months has been that we really deserve--the A.L.A.--less loyal support from the school librarians than we do from some other groups, because we have not done so

well for them what really needs to be done; and one of the results of this discussion at Headquarters has been the preparation of, or project for, a curriculum materials bulletin which would do for the teacher, the school librarian and the teacher librarian about what the BOOKLIST does for the small or medium-sized public librarian, but would cover not only books, but pamphlets, periodicals, pictures, slides, educational films, perhaps even radio programs.

Incidentally, that project was endorsed by the Implementation Committee of the American Council on Education.

The next step is for us to invite the N.E.A. and the Progressive Education Association to appoint representatives to serve with two from our Board on Libraries to Children in working out detailed plans for a cooperative enterprise.

I have a lot of notes here, but they seem stale. They remind me just a little bit of one of Mr. Lord's trustees who was in Chicago not long ago, and we wanted to get him ready to be a godfather to the Friends of the Libraries in Boston. So Mrs. Dixon and I went down and called on him. He was very busy at his convention, and is a little deaf. We weren't quite sure that he knew what we were talking about. We didn't stay very long. But as we left, I think we understood his confusion. He had to make a speech of fifteen minutes, and he said, referring to the morning's newspaper, "It seems so silly to say anything today in the light of what has happened to Holland."

That is the way I feel about these notes I made three weeks ago. They are all meaningless.

There is only one thing down here that perhaps is related to that event, and that is the item we have called, "Libraries and Democracy." You remember that you adopted a statement at the Midwinter Conference which was later published as "Libraries, 1940."

Following the adoption of that statement, which expressed in noble words our feeling about our capacities to be useful, to making people realize that the world is not safe for democracy and that democracy cannot be taken for granted, and that we could help the people to understand it, I called the attention of the Executive Board to the fact that the adoption of that statement necessitated doing something about it.

I am reminded of that by the note that I have in front of me, but I cannot report at length upon it, because that report has been made by Mr. Ulveling this week. We assembled as much information as we could about what the A.L.A. had been able to do, and more particularly about what you had been able to do in line with those sentiments which we so nobly expressed at the Midwinter Conference. I hope that those of you who are here will remember that an informal report on the basis of information assembled by the office has been made this week, which was done by Mr. Ulveling. It should have, I think, our very thoughtful concern, particularly in view of what is happening, having in

mind also the recommendations presented by Miss Rose this morning for a joint, positive program of the agencies of education and communication, not to destroy or restrict or to censor, but to encourage an understanding of the democratic way of life.

I think I had better stop, Mr. Munn. The rest will all be in my annual report. If you want to know what it is, you can ask me now or later.

PRESIDENT MUNN: Thank you, Mr. Milam. Unless someone else has some business to bring before the Council, this Council meeting becomes history.

... The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M. ...
