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The Council Meeting of the American Library Association, Southeastern Regional Branch, convened at the Municipal Pier, Main Auditorium, Miami Beach, Florida, on the 29th of October, 1949, at Nine-Fifty-five o'clock, a.m., Mr. Milton E. Lord, President of the Association presiding:

PRESIDENT LORD: The Council Meeting of the American Library Association, Southeastern Regional Branch, will please come to order.

I desire to call upon Mr. Danton, to deliver an address on the "Report of the American Library Committee on Intellectual Freedom".

...Mr. Danton proceeded to present his report to the members, by utilizing prepared material in reference thereon...

PRESIDENT LORD: Thank you, Mr. Danton.

If there are any questions or comments to be made, will the members in attendance please submit them at this time.

MISS BARKER: Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask if the "Report of the Committee on Intellectual Freedom", will be submitted to the members of the Council?

PRESIDENT LORD: I will call upon our Executive Secretary Mr. Cory to answer your question.

SECRETARY CORY: Miss Barker, we shall see if it can be mimeographed in the field of "Intellectual Freedom" at the very least and if possible published in the American Library Association Bulletin.
PRESIDENT LORD: Are there any further comments or questions?

MR. GRAHAM: What was the action taken by the Committee at Swampscott, Massachusetts, on the amendment of the resolution opposing the abuse of loyalty investigation?

PRESIDENT LORD: It was queried by the members at the Swampscott, Massachusetts meeting and by all individuals present who were members of the Council or not concerning this question, as to the use of the word, namely, use of loyalty investigation and then at the word abuse of loyalty investigation.

There was a motion of hands at that meeting of those who favored one or the other. I will be happy to test the sense of this meeting, if you would like me to do so.

We will ask those of you to raise your hands, as to the feeling in this regard.

Will those individuals who wish to have the form remain the abuse of loyalty investigation, please raise their hands...

(Members in favor of resolution raised hands)

PRESIDENT LORD: Now, will those who feel that they desire to revert to the original form, in which the use of the loyalty investigation appears, raise their hands please...

(Members in favor of the resolution raised hands)

PRESIDENT LORD: It is very clear that the sense of this meeting is that the original form of this resolution, namely, the use of loyalty investigation be re-approached. Is there any ques-
tion or further comment?

(No questions or comments were raised)

PRESIDENT LORD: I will now read the "Report of the Committee on Committee Appointments".

(President Lord proceeded to present his report to the members, by utilizing prepared material in reference thereon)...

PRESIDENT LORD: Are there any questions or observations that anyone would like to make, as to the report just presented and with regard to the procedure being followed?

(No questions or observations were raised)

PRESIDENT LORD: I will now call upon our Executive Secretary Mr. Cory, to deliver his report.

(The Executive Secretary, Mr. John MacKenzie Cory, proceeded to present the "Report of the Finance Committee;" his own "Report of the Executive Secretary"; and the "Report of the Fourth Activities Committee, Part II, of the Washington Library Association Resolution")

PRESIDENT LORD: During the first year of Mr. Cory's administration, we are already certainly better established and on a stronger basis than ever before.

Are there any questions any of you ladies and gentlemen would like to submit, with regard to the reports given by our Executive Secretary? If so, please submit them at this time.

MISS PETTUS: I would like to ask Mr. Cory about the budget being raised by campaign for Federal relations, since I
am not quite sure whether clarification will be made of the five-thousand dollars, other than through American Library Association funds to be raised by contributions?

PRESIDENT LORD: Mr. Cory, will you answer the question?

SECRETARY CORY: For the support of the Washington office, whether the five-thousand dollars would be raised from the membership or from capital endowment, the budget is fifteen-thousand dollars.

That amount will come from the three following sources:

A five-thousand dollar appropriation from the general budget, included in the regular budget of the organization; a five-thousand dollar appropriation from capital endowment and a five-thousand dollar appropriation to be raised through divisions, State Associations and other friends of libraries, during a period of two years and this amount to be raised in two years.

It will be matched by an endowment capital of the organization up to five-thousand dollars. In accordance with the action taken by the Council at the January 1949 meeting, all action taken at the Regional conferences will be reported to all succeeding conferences up to 1950.

At the Far-Western conference, the resolution which had been approved and submitted by the Washington Association previously, was in turn approved at that time.

It was in turn submitted at the Trans-Mississippi Regional conference and approved by an overwhelming majority of the voters.
These facts have been published in the American Library Association Bulletin and are now available to the members of the Council.

PRESIDENT LORD: These facts have now been brought to the attention of the Council and if anyone wishes to make comment please do so now.

(No comment was raised)

PRESIDENT LORD: Here is a report in presentation of the interesting approach to the Association which has been made by the Public Library Inquiry.

One of it's tasks was to look at librarians in Associations, particularly the American Library Association.

As part of his study, Dr. Oliver Garceau, on behalf of the Public Library Inquiry made a detailed report. He is not in attendance here today, but we are fortunate to have Dr. Robert D. Leigh, who has volunteered to speak in behalf of Dr. Garceau concerning the American Library Association as an Association of Librarians. Dr. Leigh...

(Dr. Leigh summarized the Garceau findings under these main heads:)

1. The problem of democratic control and membership participation in the American Library Association.

2. The problem of specialized group interests and their autonomy to be harmonized with general librarian interests and unified organization.

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3. The problem of balance and relationship between National, State and Local Librarian Associations.

PRESIDENT LORD: Thank you, Dr. Leigh for your interesting summary of the findings of the Inquiry Report compiled by Dr. Oliver Garceau, relating to the Professional Associations in the library field.

Are there any questions or comments of any sort? This is not to be a comment on the report that has been made, but a statement of cataloging and classification.

MISS PETTUS: I would like to read something to the Council which will be of interest in this regard...

PRESIDENT LORD: Will you come to the platform and present these facts please Miss Pettus?

(Miss Pettus, proceeded to present facts effecting, by utilizing prepared material in reference thereon)

PRESIDENT LORD: Thank you, Miss Pettus. The Council has by it's action taken last January 1949 when the "Report of the Fourth Activities Committee" was made and received and the Committee was discharged, provided for it's establishment and designated the Ex-Officio Committee of the American Library Association.

For your interest, that particular Ex-Officio Committee is set up with a President and President-Elect of each of the eight divisions, by the naming of other representatives.

That committee, is charged with the taking of statements received at the Regional meetings or any other source whatever, with
the view of reporting those to the Council at the 1950 meeting.

They are gradually coming in and prior to the January 1950 meeting of the Council will be made available.

Is there any further business to come before this meeting? If not a motion is in order to adjourn...

...Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was then adjourned at eleven-fifteen o'clock, a.m., thereon.