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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Not too long ago in our Association Bulletin the cry for "something to happen" was raised by a young whipper-snapper who has since moved on to bigger and better things. Perhaps our association moves slowly but it moves surely and it seems to be gaining on itself in spite of itself. Your immediate past president appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on new directions, to examine the structure and practices of the association and if you stayed for the afternoon session at the spring meeting on May 11, you got a brief view of their concerns and recommendations for the future of your association. If you did not stay for the meeting this month's bulletin will come as a surprise -- as will the sudden increase in the frequency of communications between the Executive Board and the membership.

We have "come a long way, baby," and the challenge



RILA PRESIDENT
WILLIAM D. ALEXANDER IV

to your elected officers during the coming year is to keep us in motion, to continue the explorations of the Ad Hoc Committee as well as implementing those immediate and specific changes not requiring majority approval of the membership.

We are listening for feedback from you as we go into this new year... so, don't just sit there after you read this issue from cover to cover, speak out. You are the Association!

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Editorial--

People usually join an organization in order to keep up with some area of interest be it recreational, academic, or professional. A photography enthusiast joins a camera club to find out what others are doing in the media and to take advantage of the other members' skills and background in order to improve his own skills. In turn he may offer his skills to others likely to benefit from them. A library association is not much different. It needs interested people and with these people it shares members' professional skills and activities. To be a successful organization, the members need to be bonded by common knowledge as well as by interest. Communication then is the key word of any formally organized body of people.

Until recently, RILA has been able to function with a quarterly publication of profes-

sional articles and ads plus its semi-annual meetings of spring and fall with the Executive Board meetings held behind closed doors. RILA has not flourished this way. Change was imminent, and Mr. Charles Crosby, past-President, was its major trail-blazer. Mr. William Alexander, President, expects to continue along this path of change. An Ad Hoc Committee, established by Mr. Crosby, is being continued, and the committee's first firm change is already being implemented... the changes in the bulletin.

The bulletin will not be as slick or "high class" as some journals but will be, perhaps, more current and more relevant than it has been in the past. It will be coming out ten times a year, rather than four, in the more compact form you see here. We have changed the numbering of issues in order to coincide with the RILA fiscal year of June to May. (This way the first issue of the year will always deal with the new officers of the association.) The bulletin shall try to be one of news instead exclusively of long professional articles. News to be included will be of all kinds, fitting into the following headings:

1. News (state, regional, local) of libraries and librarians.
2. Career Opportunities (jobs sought and positions to be filled).
3. Materials Swaped (items of use to another library which is no longer of use to the owning library, ie: a 5th ed. of a reference tool still current when the library now owns the 6th ed.)
4. Letters to the Editor.
5. Minutes of the Executive Board meetings and committee reports.
6. Legislative news.
7. RI authors or books on RI .

We hope this new bulletin will be of use and of interest to all. The new format needs active support. A knack for cartooning, typing, news gathering and such are talents you shouldn't let sit idle. Make known your interests and talents. The association is yours. Use it and help it!

D. Johnson

1970-71 Financial Statement

Bank Balance	\$1,712.72
Receipts	5,709.65
Total Cash (Available)	<u>7,422.37</u>
Total Disbursements	6,242.06
Bank Balance, April 30, 1970	\$1,180.31



WALTER
WHITNEY

Financial Statement:

In order to acquaint the membership with the financial situation of the Association, I am presenting the following financial statement for the year ended April 30, 1971:

It is important to note that expenses exceeded receipts by \$532. Outside of ordinary expenses, activities showing a loss are conferences and bulletins and, of course, the \$500 scholarship. Action has been taken to reduce the deficit of the bulletins. It is up to the Executive Board to decide whether to increase dues and conference charges or to curtail some activities. Somehow expenses must be brought in line with receipts.

In the seven fiscal years ending in 1970 the expenses exceeded the receipts by about \$1,200 reducing the cash balance from \$2,900 to \$1,700, an average of \$171 per year, compared with deficit of \$532 in fiscal 1971.

W. F. Whitney
Treasurer.

LIST OF NEW OFFICERS OF R. I. L. A., 1970-71

PRESIDENT: William Alexander, Westerly Public Library,
596-2877

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dolores McKeough, Champlin Memor-
ial Library, West Warwick, 828-3750

TREASURER: Walter F. Whitney, Providence Public
Library, 521-7722

RECORDING SECRETARY: Sally Wilson, R.I. College,
831-6600

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Barbara Wilson, D.S.L.S.
277-2726

Members at Large: Charles Crosby, Providence Public
Library, 521-7722

Richard Olsen, R.I. College, 831-6600

Oscar Guilbeault, Naval War College,
841-2641

A.L.A. Counselor: F. Charles Taylor, Providence Public
Library, 521-7722

(All of the above are members of the Executive Board.)

NEWS NOTES

The annual convention of the Association of Jewish Libraries will be held in Israel, August 2nd to the 22nd.

Mrs. Maryland A. Estes, Librarian at the William G. Braude Library of Temple Beth-El, will attend as a delegate. Mrs. Estes is corresponding secretary of this international association.

Ruth L. (Mrs. C. Bernard) Clarke has been appointed South Kingstown Library Co-ordinator, effective August 1. She will continue in her present position as Librarian of the Robert Beverly Hale Library, Matunuck. As Coordinator, she succeeds Mr. William Kasius, who is also retiring as Librarian of the Kingston Free Library.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

A.L.A. Membership:	Miss Dorothy W. Budlong, D.S.L.S. 277-2726
Conference:	Ann Parent, Pawtucket Public Lib. 722-3520
Government Relations:	Elliott Andrews, R.I. State Lib. 277-2473
Intellectual Freedom:	James Giles, Cranston Public Lib. 781-9580
Library Education:	Helen Kelly, U.R.I. Extension Lib. 831-7550
Library Trustee:	Ernest Denomme, 160 Bristol Ferry Rd. Portsmouth, R.I. 683-0342
Membership:	Elin Crowley, Peace Dale Lib. 783-4085
N.E.L.A.:	Mrs. Richard Waters, Newport Public Lib., 847-8720
Nominating:	Carolyn Hearn, Westerly Public Lib., 596-5600
Public Relations:	Kathy Mundy, Providence Public Lib., 521-7722
Publications:	Derryl Johnson, Providence Public Lib., 521-7722
Recruiting and Scholarship:	Hanna Agonis, Westerly Public Lib., 596-2877

NEWS NOTES

Special Libraries - Medical

The 6th edition of Union List of Medical Journals, Providence, R.I. was published September 1970. The list represents the holdings of twenty-two Rhode Island libraries and one Massachusetts library of periodicals currently received and indexed in the Index Medicus. Certain titles not indexed in the Index Medicus and a few older periodicals not received at present have been included because of demand and importance. The Union List was compiled under the direction of Josephine R. Carson, Librarian of the Biological Sciences Library, and copies may be purchased through her office. Price: \$6.50.

SPRING MEETING REVIEW

The spring meeting of RILA was held on May 11, 1971, at the Ramada Inn in Seekonk, Mass. Registration was slightly hampered by the narrow hall in which it was set up. And despite a few murmurs about the RILA meeting being held in Massachusetts, everyone seemed to participate in most of the activities -- beginning with the "Right to Read" address by Rev. Ennio Cugini. Controversy caused a special meeting room to be set aside for questions and answers later that morning. For a further look at Cugini, see this issue's article "Ring Around the Right."

The business meeting included the secretary and treasurer reports plus the induction of officers; plus three resolutions presented by the Intellectual Freedom Committee. These resolutions were (1) to formally adopt the ALA Library Bill of Rights, (2) to accept ALA's resolution applauding the Commission on Obscenity and Pornography; and (3) to voice strong opposition to PL#1607 recently enacted by the RI State Legislature prohibiting "the display of obscene, lewd or indecent publication

publications or materials in places frequented by minors." All were accepted. The Regional Standards of RILA, printed in the spring issue of the bulletin, were voted upon and accepted. The recipient of the 1971 RILA scholarship was announced as John Joseph Parillo.

The luncheon began later than scheduled in order to compensate for the extra time allotted to Rev. Cugini for questions based on his address earlier that morning. The luncheon began with a lively tabloid of a stereotyped 1890's 1890's book-librarian emerging into a mini-skirted multi-media librarian accompanied by a well-chosen medley of songs, ending with "You've come a long way, Baby..." The tabloid was presented by members of Mrs. Salvatore's library science classes at URI and was enthusiastically received by all. The luncheon followed.

Mid-day speaker was Mr. Thomas J. Galvin, Director of Students at Simmons College, Graduate Library School. His topic was "There are no Evening Colleges in Heaven" which was a general and wit-filled address regarding the need for continuing education for librarians. He maintains that any professional should

continue taking courses long after attaining a degree to remain aware of our profession's growth and to keep individual librarians from stagnating.

After Mr. Galvin's relaxing talk, librarians split into two groups. Mrs. Lucy V. Salvatore, Asst. Professor at U.R.I.'s graduate library school held a media session with tapes, films and other non-book materials while next-door Mr. Alexander, our newly elected President, moderated an Ad Hoc Committee presentation covering five points for change. As description of Mrs. Salvatore's program is nearly impossible -- it is something to be personally experienced -- we will brief you on the Ad Hoc Committee's five points.

- (1) to initiate a system whereby the RILA chooses, works towards and hopefully attains a goal at the end of each year, or other time period to be set;
- (2) to consolidate the ten standing committees of RILA into three consisting of administrative business, public affairs business and professional business;
- (3) to change the format of the RILA Bulletin to a news-oriented publication.

(4) to program two events concurrently in order to attempt to reach the broadest range of library interests at all times, giving RILA members a wider choice of programs and a better chance of hearing something of interest;

(5) to invite members of other Rhode Island library associations to join RILA at perhaps half RILA membership fees.

During the entire day there was a display of material gathered by the Intellectual Freedom Committee and an attractive young librarian demonstrating the art of making paper flowers.

The programs were greeted with enthusiasm and all programs were well attended. May the next meeting show the same or greater success. Mr. Frank Hannaway and his hard-working committee certainly did a fine job in balancing programs of interest to meet most interests.

Photos on following pages:
Head Table with Mr. Galvin,
Mr. Alexander and Mr. Crosby;
Rev. Cugini;
Part of Rev. Cugini's audience;
Mr. Hannaway, Conference
Chairman;
Flower art.



"The Right

Annual

Luncheon

"No Evening Colleges in Heaven"

"The New Look in School Libraries -
The Media Center"



nt to Read - Who Decides?"



Business Meeting



Ad Hoc Committee
Discussion



RING AROUND THE RIGHT: Cugini vs. the Librarians

If ever a man felt surrounded and stranded in alien territory, it was Reverend Ennio Cugini, pastor of the Clayville Church in Foster, Rhode Island, on the occasion of the RILA Spring Meeting at the Ramada Inn on May 11th. He was the invited guest speaker of the Intellectual Freedom Committee whose intention it was to present a colorful and serious spokesman for the major obstacle to intellectual freedom -- namely censorship.

According to Reverend Cugini, censorship is "the act of canceling out what is evil and



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wrong", and, on that basis, he frankly admits to being a censor.

Reverend Cugini's interpretation of who decides what we may read is "by what standards". For him, the first standard is the Bible from which he quoted parts of Exodus, Chapter 20. Having been labeled a book-burner himself, he challenged the librarians where we were when the Bible was banned from the public schools by the Supreme Court. Did we oppose such an action in the home of intellectual freedom? Surely not! This was perhaps Reverend Cugini's only sound point of the morning. His second standard is knowledge of our nation's constitution. Anything anti-democratic or against the teachings of the Bible are all a "censor" needs to use in order to choose what should be read.

From there, he launched himself upon a tirade against the North Scituate High School, where his own children are students, for their attempt to conduct a course in black lit-

erature. The bibliography, a copy of which he snatched from his brimming briefcase, was nothing, he claimed, short of a Communist Party reading list, supporting such authors as Malcolm X, Eldridge Cleaver, and W. E. B. DuBois.

To anyone who finds a Communist under every blanket, no amount of strategy or logic in debate can prevail. It was fortunate then that time did not permit a question period which would surely have released havoc.

As librarians, we are watchful that all sides find freedom of expression. We must also be wary that, in the guise of intellectual freedom, we do not innocently encourage the liberal to the discouragement of the conservative.

There is no more appropriate assembly for Reverend Cugini to address than a group of librarians whose guiding light shall be intellectual freedom.

Emma Beebe,
Intellectual
Freedom Comm.

MATERIALS SWAPPED

(a column at present empty - a brand new section for libraries who prefer not to throw things away when they still have some use and value left in them)

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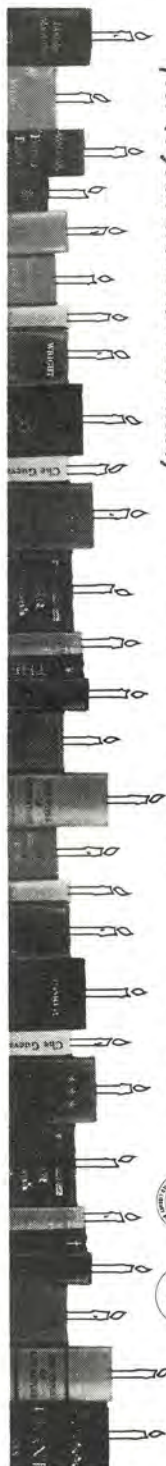
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