RESOLUTION TO ALA MEMBERSHIP MEETirn; Ill DALLAS, JUNE 1971

This year we two librarians hit the national press when we were

subpoenaed by a Federal grand jury as witnesses in a conspiracy case, ·then labelled the Harrisburg 6, now called the Harrisburg named after Harrisburg, Pa. l ocale of the grand

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VOTED, That the ALA Council endorses The American Library Presence Abroad.

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of the requirements for instituting MAI investigations set forth in
the Program of Action adopted earlier, Chairman ruled the motion to commit out of order. An amendment to Item 2 to omit reference to
the Grand Jury System was defeated, and the RESOLUTION AS STATED
IN EXHIBIT 3, p.7-8 WAS ADOPTED.

Ga Force Resolution (See Exhibit 3, p.l). Frances ounc1 or rom t1e Library Association, expressing
the opinion that the matter included in the Whereas statements constitutes invasion of privacy and labeling, and therefore ~IOVED the deletion of all matter previous to the initial quotation mark, and that if what follows is adopted it be placed in the ALA Policies manual. Mr. Moon challenged the decision of the

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of such criteria. (3) Libraries do nut advocate the ideas found in their collections. The presence of a magazine or book in a library dues not indicate an endorsement of its contents by the library. (4) Nu one pe1·son should take the responsibility of labeling publica-tions. No sizable group of persons would be likely to agree either on the types of material which should be labeled or the sources of information which should be regarded with suspi-cion. As a practical consideration, a librarian who labels a a

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tnxdum pn:se11tc·d h\' the use of spY-inu in libraries hv gun.'rnment agen-ci~s; (2) that ALA go on record against the use of the grand jury procedure to intimidate anti-Vietnam War ac-tivists and people seeking _justice for minority communities; (3) that ALA deplun:i and go on record against the use of the Cons pi racv Act of 1968 ~s a weapon against the citizens of this countrv who arc being indicted for such ~vcrt acts as meeting, telephon-in!.!, discussing alternative method_s. of biingin!.! about change, and wntmg !ette~-s;. (4) that the ALA Merr:1b':rship_ at Dallas assert the confidcntrnhty of the professional relationships of librar-ians to the people they serve, that these relationships he respected in the sa~c manner as medical doctors to their patients, lawyers to their clients, priests to the people they serve; (5) that ALA assert that no librarian would lend himself to a role as informant, whether r voluntarilv 1-cvcaling circulation
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ecorcls or identifying patrons and thL·ir reading habits.

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Be it resolved: The Amenean Library
/\ssociat ion endorses the following statcmcnt of position: "The American Librarv Association recognizes that there ·exist minorities which arc not ethnic in nature but which suffer op-pression. The as~ociat ion recommends t h,it libraries and members st renuouslv combat discrimination in SLT\'ice to

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