ACRL Amendment Defeated in Council

At the first meeting of the ACRL Board of Directors on Monday evening, June 21, the Committee on Academic Status made known its serious reservations about the proposed Program of Action of the ALA Staff Committee on Mediation, Arbitration and Inquiry. It moved that the Board support an amendment to the Program which would provide that the staff committee “shall not have jurisdiction over matters relating to the status and problems of academic librarians except on an interim basis,” and that the interim should last only through August 31, 1972. It also stipulated that procedures be set up by ACRL to protect the rights of academic librarians. (For the full amendment see the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings in this issue.) The Board agreed the amendment should be brought before the ALA Council when the Program was proposed.

At the Council meeting on Friday, June 25, the program of action was presented. Mr. James Holly, ALA Councilor and member of the ACRL Board of Directors, moved the amendment which was seconded by Mr. E. J. Josey. On a roll call vote, the amendment was defeated 137 to 19 with two members answering “present.”

At the Midwinter Meeting in Chicago in January 1970, the ALA Council voted that the results of all roll call votes be published. Following is the vote on the ACRL amendment.


**Present—**Page Ackerman, John A. Axam.

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