

was the problem of reorganization and the ACONDA study. Miss Edmonds referred back to the membership meeting at the Annual Conference in Detroit and stated that the officers wanted to know the membership's wishes on federation or a similar concept. She then asked Mr. Lou Jacob, Chairman of one of the Task Force committees, to read the goals which his group had drafted. These were read. (See Exhibit III of the ACRL Board of Directors Meeting in this issue.)

Following Mr. Jacob's presentation the discussion centered around the feasibility of separation from ALA or federation; it was felt that perhaps ACRL should go along for the time being on an "as is" basis, while a program was being worked out and alternatives explored. Mr. Arthur McAnally, University of Oklahoma, then made a brief statement. He referred to ALA as chaotic, unchangeable, and beyond hope. He mentioned that the Committee on Academic Status has been hamstrung financially and interfered with by other units of ALA. He said ACRL is suffering attacks on its publications program, and although paying the largest amount in dues of any division, was getting little in return. He said we must control our own destiny, work for our own members, set our own dues and decide on our own programs. He felt we should poll the entire membership to determine which course they wished to follow—complete separation, federation, or organization as ALA wishes. If we should decide to go the separation route, he declared, a target date of September 1, 1973, should be set. It was also suggested that in the interim all academic librarians who are not presently members of ACRL should be questioned to learn if they would be inclined to join the Association once it served primarily their interests.

Miss Edmonds adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:15 p.m. ■■

SURVEY UNDERWAY

A nationwide survey of library and information center statistics and data practices is underway. This announcement was made by the National Center of Educational Statistics of HEW's Office of Education. The study will be conducted by Herner and Company, Washington, D.C., library and information systems consultants. It is the first step toward development of a national statistical information system for the collection, analysis, and coordination of data on all types of libraries and information centers. The survey will cover both publicly and privately controlled institutions and library development and training activities.

The pretest version of the survey materials

will be forwarded to approximately 100 federal and state agencies and nongovernmental organizations. The final version will be sent to the heads of all government agencies in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and other areas under the jurisdiction of the United States. In addition, it will be sent to nongovernmental organizations such as professional associations and accrediting bodies.

A basic purpose of the study is to identify and characterize existing mechanisms within state and federal agencies as well as nongovernmental organizations for the collection and reporting of library and information center statistics and data.

A further purpose of the study is to identify and characterize agencies and organizations that do not presently deal directly with such statistics or data, but might, through present statistical or data-gathering activities in other areas, have the potential to do so. The survey questionnaire will not only ask a limited number of questions pertaining to practices at the state and national levels, but will also request copies of all survey, instruction, or report forms used to solicit information. It will also request copies of any reports, directories, or other end-products generated by the agencies or organizations as a result of their statistical or data-gathering activities. ■■

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