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 8, named after Harrisburg, Pa. locale of the grand jury hearings. What has happened to us is of extreme importance to our profession.

We move:

(1) that ALA membership meeting at Dallas recognizes the danger to intellectual freedom presented by the use of spying in libraries by government agencies.

(2) that ALA go on record against the use of the grand jury procedure to intimidate anti-Vietnam war activists and people seeking justice for minority communities.

(3) that ALA deplore and go on record against the use of the Conspiracy Act of 1968 as a weapon against the citizens of this country who are being indicted for such acts as meeting, telephoning, discussing alternative methods of bringing change, writing letters.

(4) that the ALA membership at Dallas assert the confidentiality of the professional relationships of librarians to the people they serve, that these relationships be respected in the same manner as medical doctors to their patients, lawyers to their clients, priests to the people they serve.

(5) that ALA assert that it is expected that no librarian would lend himself to a role as informant, whether of voluntarily revealing circulation records or identifying patrons and their reading habits.

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