

RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA

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WHEREAS, Newspapers are organs of free expression and essential to the free flow of information, and

WHEREAS, On October 19, 1977, the Republic of South Africa shut down dissident newspapers and arrested or banned 19 of their editors,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Library Association condemn the abridgement of free expression and urge President Carter and the Congress to impose sanctions against South Africa, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ALA delegation to the International Federation of Library Associations be instructed to introduce to that body a resolution censuring South Africa for this violation of human rights.

Submitted by

~~Nancy Kellum-Rose~~

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by Council Resolutions Committee

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EXHIBIT 18

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ADOPTED by the  
Council of the American Library Association  
January 26, 1978  
Transmitted by

Robert Wedgeworth  
Secretary of the Council

committee had considered the magnitude of both subjects and decided to split racism and sexism and develop a program for racism for the 1978 Summer Conference, and for sexism at the 1979 Summer Conference. Ella Gaines Yates stated that the Association is in the midst of a problem that should be addressed early, and a combination would surely weaken either program. Ellen Gay Detlefsen, recognized with consent of Council on Norman Horrock's request, asked on behalf of the Council Committee on Status of Women in Librarianship for a commitment of both time and funds when sexism will be discussed in the same terms as the model program on the racism awareness training program. The President pointed out that it was clear to the Board that it had a commitment but didn't have the money, and the Board did support the recommendation and directed that the funds be made available. This problem won't be present for 1979 because the budget has not yet been drawn up. Debate was closed on Ruth Tighe's motion, and it was, with Treasurer Chait's negative vote,

VOTED, That WHEREAS, In July 1976, the Library Administration Division (LAD) was directed by Council to develop "...a model program on providing racism and sexism awareness training for library personnel"; and

WHEREAS, LAD's Personnel Administration Section appointed an ad hoc committee, which has completed this task; and;

WHEREAS, The model program cannot be offered to ALA's membership without financial support from ALA;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That ALA allocate the \$9,160 necessary to fund demonstration of the model program on the training of library personnel in racism awareness for presentation at the 1978 Annual Conference.

Patricia Schuman yielded to Jane Anne Hannigan who moved adoption of Council Documents #19, 21, 24 and 31 with a change in wording in CD #24, paragraph four, line four, after the word "that" insert "materials for," and line five, strike the words "as subjects." (Word changes made at the maker's request.) The motion was seconded by Alice Ihrig. Because Resolution #31 was to be revised from the floor, the mover, Peggy A. Sullivan moved to amend the motion to remove CD #31 from the blanket motion, and duly seconded, the amendment passed. Patricia Schuman submitted, and Council accepted an editorial change to CD #19 to give the new IFLA title correctly, "International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions," whereupon, it was

VOTED, That the ALA Council adopts CD #19:  
RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA (as amended) -  
Exhibit 18, CD #21: RESOLUTION ON LIBRARY  
SERVICES FOR YOUTH - Exhibit 19, CD #24:  
RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE  
CHILD (as amended) - Exhibit 20.