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The presentations and discussion centered around the issue of increasingly limited access of authors of color to mainstream publishers. Dr. Killens, noted African-American author, called for a forum of African-American publishers, politicians, and other leaders to develop strategies to publish and disseminate materials to the black community. He stressed that authors who promote positive, non-stereotypical images largely go unpublished, and he noted as an example the resistance of mainstream publishers to his manuscript on the great black Russian, Alexander Pushkin.

Walter Dean Myers, noted children's book author, shared conversations he has had with editors of major publishing houses who say they have not been approached by black authors, a claim Mr. Myers stated was ludicrous. He stressed that for a book to be considered successful, six to ten thousand copies must be sold in the first printing. He pointed to the over 25,000 libraries in the U.S. which should provide an ample market for black books--if they are marketed well and if librarians generate orders.

contacted (including several outside North America) and 104 U.S. and Canadian publications and organizations had also been approached. The former probe netted three thesauruses which, together with five previously collected by Gregg and working group member Bob Ridinger, bring to eight the total number of subject lists in the group's possession. Although the press/societies mailing did not turn up any lists, it did serve the useful purpose of creating an awareness of the Group's work among those contacted.

The next phase of the project, merging the several lists, has begun with the assistance of the computer facility of the Museum of Anthropology at Northern Illinois University under the direction of Bob Ridinger. The resulting master list of raw terms will require review and editing by members of the working group and organizations directly involved in library services and research in the lesbian/gay community (e.g. Canadian Gay Archive, Toronto; Gerber-Hart Library, Chicago; International Gay and Lesbian Archive, Los Angeles; Lesbian & Gay Rights Centre, Wellington, New Zealand; Lesbian Herstory Archive, New York). The group plans to have a preliminary draft available for examination at Midwinter.

Although the group's focus is presently placed upon the successful completion of a subject thesaurus, significant work has begun in preparing a union list; Bob Ridinger has completed a "Preliminary Periodicals Listing" (36 p.) of the titles in the International Gay and Lesbian Archive and is completing a similar list of the Gerber-Hart Library collection. Capturing the titles in these two major U.S. collections is the beginning of what the group plans to be a comprehensive international union list of gay and lesbian periodicals. Ridinger will present the two lists at Midwinter.

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to support the efforts of South African librarians to resist these oppressive policies,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Library Association call on all American librarians to support the struggle for freedom, justice, and equality within a multiracial democratic society in South Africa, and be it further

RESOLVED, that ALA write the appropriate government agency in South Africa expressing opposition to the present system of unequal library service and education and to the widespread censorship of the press and banning of authors and their works, and be it further

RESOLVED, that ALA go on record as opposing any future reentry into the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) of the South African Library Association in its new guise as the South African Institute for Librarianship and Information Science, until this Institute takes a strong stand in favor of open membership and equality of library service and education, and be it further

RESOLVED, that ALA urge bibliographic utilities, such as OCLC, and other cooperative ventures, not to expand their services or make investments in South Africa under the present regime, and be it further

RESOLVED, that ALA urge the Dewey Decimal area tables and history schedule for South Africa planned for the 20th edition by Forest Press, that were prepared by SAILIS, be revised to reflect the history of all South Africans, and be it further

RESOLVED, that ALA urge American libraries to develop collections on South Africa that reflect the full diversity of viewpoints and experience in that country, particularly to consider securing materials from such alternative and

authoritative sources as the African National Congress, the Africa Fund and the American Committee on Africa, the International Defense and Aid Fund, the South African Institute for Race Relations, and Ravan Press, and these publications be made accessible through library catalogs by the assignment of sufficient and appropriate subject headings, and be it therefore further

RESOLVED, that ALA invite library colleagues in South Africa to tell American librarians how we may help them achieve a free flow of information, open and responsive library service, and a more just and humane society. VLchCY)fceCY(fcrCE5a

the two organizations.

The Morison case, in which an American was convicted of selling a photograph of a Soviet ship to a British publication, will be appealed, and the FTRF will probably file an amicus curiae brief because the case seems to invite an American version of Britain's Official Secrets Act.

The board plans to have an emergency meeting as soon as possible after the Meese Commission report is released.

The "propaganda films" case, involving three films released by the National Film Board of Canada (Acid from Heaven, Acid Rain: Requiem or Recovery?, and If You Love This Planet) was discussed. Apparently, lists of the number (not the names) of viewers of films deemed "foreign propaganda" are to be sent to the Internal Security Section