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LAUNCHING OF THE LAUC

Approximately sixty librarians from various UC campuses met at Fresno on October 25 to hear the report of the Steering Committee and to consider some of the immediate organizational problems of the Librarians' Association of the University of California (LAUC). William Treese, chairman of the Steering Committee, presented the report of the committee and served as chairman *pro tem*; Jean Hudson, secretary for the San Francisco meeting, again served as secretary *pro tem*.

Although the details of the ratification vote will be distributed with the minutes, it should be noted that the vote was 64 against and 299 for approval of the "Proposed Structure." Berkeley, which approved the Structure 79 to 6, had a 47 per cent voting return; Los Angeles, which rejected the Structure 49 to 37, had a 50 per cent voting return. On other campuses, the returns varied from 64 to 100 per cent of the professional staff.

In its report, the Steering Committee recommended Assembly consideration of the problem of membership of special university units, such

as those at Los Alamos, Livermore, Berkeley Radiation Laboratory and the Davis and Los Angeles medical schools; procedural requisites for formal meetings; scope and limitations of standing committees; problems of organizational communication; and problems of revision and amendment of the Structure and the Statement of Purpose, Objectives and Implementation. The Steering Committee, which had completed its original task, was asked to act as a nominating and elections committee, except that committee members who become candidates for office are to be excluded from the committee. Nominations from the floor were as follows: President: Eldred Smith, UCB; Fay Blake, UCLA. Vice-president: James Mink, UCLA; Richard Moore, UCSC. Secretary: Fay Blake, UCLA; Shirley Walton, UCR.

J. Richard Blanchard, university librarian at Davis, reported briefly on the progress of the Spiess Report through the Committee on Privilege and Tenure and the Budget and Interdivisional Relations Committee of the Assembly of the Academic Senate.

During the latter half of the meeting, Mrs. Johanna Tallman, UCLA, presented a resolution critical of the "Proposed Structure." A motion was passed 47 to 11 disassociating the meeting from certain aspects of the resolution. Mrs. Tallman also presented a petition for an amendment to section III, D of the Structure.

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