RESOLUTIONS

The seminar organised by the Zambia Library Association Copperbelt Branch on 19-20th March, 1984 at the University of Zambia at Ndola was on the plight of Secondary School Libraries on the Copperbelt, based on the results of the survey of School Libraries on the Copperbelt conducted in 1982.

Having ACKNOWLEDGED the fact that the school libraries problem was a complex one and that it required such institutions as the Ministries of Higher and General Education and Culture, Zambia Library Services, Parents' Teachers' Association, Zambia Library Association, National Educational Company of Zambia, District Councils through their public libraries and Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines Public Libraries to address themselves to it, the Seminar:

- NOTED with regret the absence of participants from the Ministry of General Education and Culture, the Zambia Library Services, National Educational Company of Zambia and the majority of Secondary School teachers invited;
- EXPRESSED concern at the current confusion between the Ministries of General Education and Culture and the Ministry of Higher Education over the responsibility for provision of School Libraries and the training of School Librarians;
- OBSERVED the inadequacy of the present educational system in preparing the individual for self reliance in the discovery of information.
and utilization of knowledge and that libraries as
information resource-centres could put a person on the
road to discovering things on his own with confidence and
- RECOGNIZED the importance of libraries as necessary Resource
Centres in our educational system, but that they were not
 accorded appropriate attention.

The Seminar made the following RESOLUTIONS:

1. **ON THE ROLE OF THE PARTY AND ITS GOVERNMENT**
   
   1.1 That the two Ministries of Education should RESOLVE as
to who should be responsible for the provision of
School Libraries and the training of School Librarians,
and that the relevant ministry should formulate clear
cut policy on both the provision of libraries and the
training of School Librarians.
   
   1.2 That the Seminar IDENTIFIED the Ministry of General
Education· and Culture as the Ministry to be responsible
for School Libraries and that as such should formulate
clear cut policy on the training and provision of School Librarians.

   1.3 URGED this Ministry to CREATE a School Libraries
INSPECTORATE to supervise School Libraries service OR
should bring back Zambia Library Services to assume
this responsibility within the Ministry of General
Education and Culture.

   1.4 That the Inspectorate so established in preference to
ZLS be responsible for:
a) The provision of School Libraries,
b) the provision of qualified teacher Librarians;
c) the provision of financial and material support to sustain such libraries;
d) setting up and maintaining standards for school libraries;
e) spelling out the need for school library buildings.

2. ON THE AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION RESOURCES

2.1 That NECZAM, through the Kenneth Kaunda Foundation, should be given the necessary foreign exchange to facilitate the purchase of publishing materials as well as relevant published materials for sale or distribution to schools;

2.2 That the Kenneth Kaunda Foundation should not have the monopoly of publishing educational materials but that other capable publishers should also be allocated sufficient foreign exchange to supplement the efforts of the KKF.

2.3 That because of the expressed serious need for books in school libraries the government should RE-ORGANISE the entire publishing industry in Zambia.

3. ON THE ZAMBIA LIBRARY SERVICES

3.1 That the terms of reference for ZLS be REVIEWED in order to make them responsive to the present day
information needs of School Libraries in Zambia;

3.2 That having noted that the ZLS had not lived up to expectation as an information facilitator due to personnel, financial and other problems, its responsibilities to schools be clearly RE-DEFINED and MANDATED by the Ministry responsible.

4. ON THE PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS

4.1 That the PTAs in these Schools should RECOGNISE and IMPROVE the pivotal role they play and should assume the following responsibilities:

a) raise funds for school libraries;

b) solicit for book donations;

c) undertake specific projects that will make parents encourage their children to use libraries.

5. ON THE ZAMBIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

5.1 That as a matter of urgency, dialogue be ACTIVATED by the Association to facilitate necessary INTERACTION between itself, the Ministry responsible and the teachers organising the School Libraries.

5.2 That the Association should in future INVITE teacher librarians to Annual General Meetings and ENCOURAGE them to become members.

5.3 That the Association OFFER professional advice to
all those concerned with the organisation of school libraries.

5.4 That in conjunction with the University of Zambia Department of Library Studies, should ORGANISE seminars, workshops and other short courses for school library personnel.

6. ON THE DISTRICT COUNCILS AND THE ZCCM

6.1 That District Councils and the Zambia Consolidated copper Mines Limited (ZCCM) through their public libraries should PROVIDE mobile library services to schools.

6.2 That Public Librarians be ENCOURAGED to INTERACT with school Librarians in order to maximise the provision of library services to school children.

7. THAT THESE RESOLUTIONS BE LODGED WITH ALL THE RELEVANT MINISTRIES AND ORGANISATIONS.

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