

Let me read a little of what he said in a couple of letters and see if you have had that experience.

In one letter of April 27, 1966, he expressed concern to Dr. Frank L. Schick, Coordinator of Library Statistics, National Center of Educational Statistics, U.S. Office of Education, about the article in the March issue of *Special Libraries* and the new system that would be used.

He was concerned that it would mean a delay of information being made available to colleges and universities. He says:

Statistics on expenditures and salaries are of little use in administrative planning if they do not arrive until a year or more after the period they represent particularly in these times of rapidly changing costs and library growth and support.

On April 12, 1967 he wrote to Mr. A. M. Mood, the Assistant Officer of Statistics, Office of Education, indicating the changes that had occurred. He said:

The fact that the request blank carries printed directive please return on or before October 1st, a date that passed over 6 months ago, clearly indicates that something is seriously wrong with your new procedures for gathering college and university library statistics.

He then questions what little value this will be. He said:

If library figures are to be of any use in planning budgets and in support of state legislative requests the data from the most recent fiscal year ending June 30th are needed by the following January or February.

Instead the latest publication, he said, that is available now is institutional data for 1963-64. Have you had that same experience and what would your comments be on Mr. Stanford's criticism of the U.S. Office of Education?

Mr. GELFAND. We have had similar experience, the statistics do come out. At least in the past they have come out rather late. I won't say they are useless, we have made good use of the statistics however late they have been.

Certainly it would be far better for us if we could have prompt tabulation and publication of the statistics.

I think since you received these letters, or the latest one of these letters, the statistics for 1965-66 have been published and although I personally have not received my copy yet, I have seen a notice of the publication.

That is comforting.

Miss KRETTEK. That is an ALA publication, not U.S. Office of Education. It was done through a grant from the Office of Education because they were unable to compile the statistics at that time. It was wholly an emergency situation.

The only library statistics that have come out since the reorganization is this one publication by ALA. There has not been a library statistic from the U.S. Office of Education in several years.

Mr. QUIN. Evidently things were going quite well prior to that, because in his letter of April 27, 1966, he said:

As you know, the ACRL and the Association of Research Libraries was delighted when the Office of Education assumed full responsibility for the collection and publication of library statistics of colleges and universities a few years ago.