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RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA

WHEREAS, In ALA Policy #103.12 on the Abridgement of the Rights of Freedom of Expression of Foreign Nationals the Association
affirmed the right of freedom of expression to all peoples, and

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 ~ody a resolution censuring South Africa for this
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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 sttre~yweaken 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