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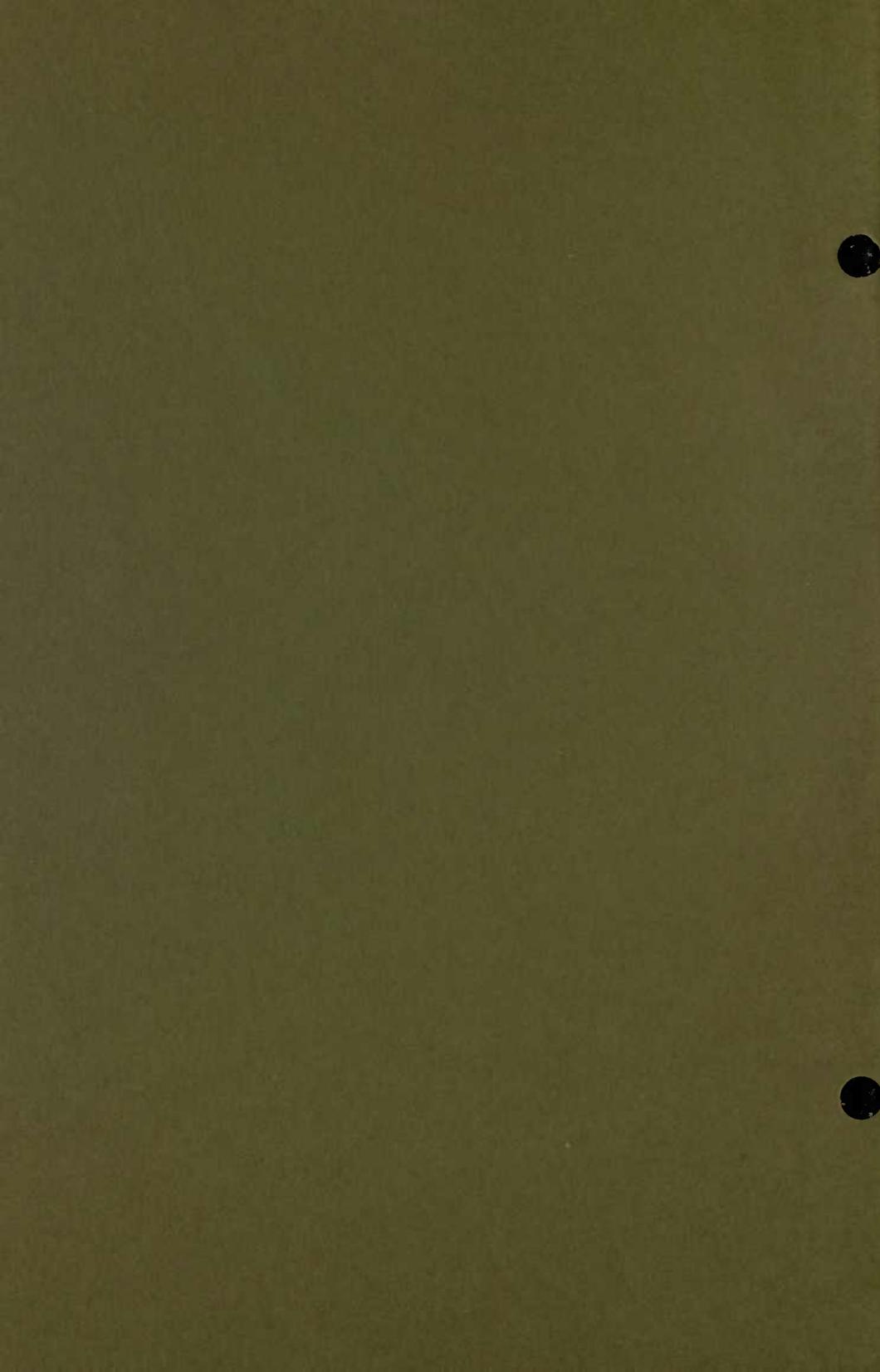
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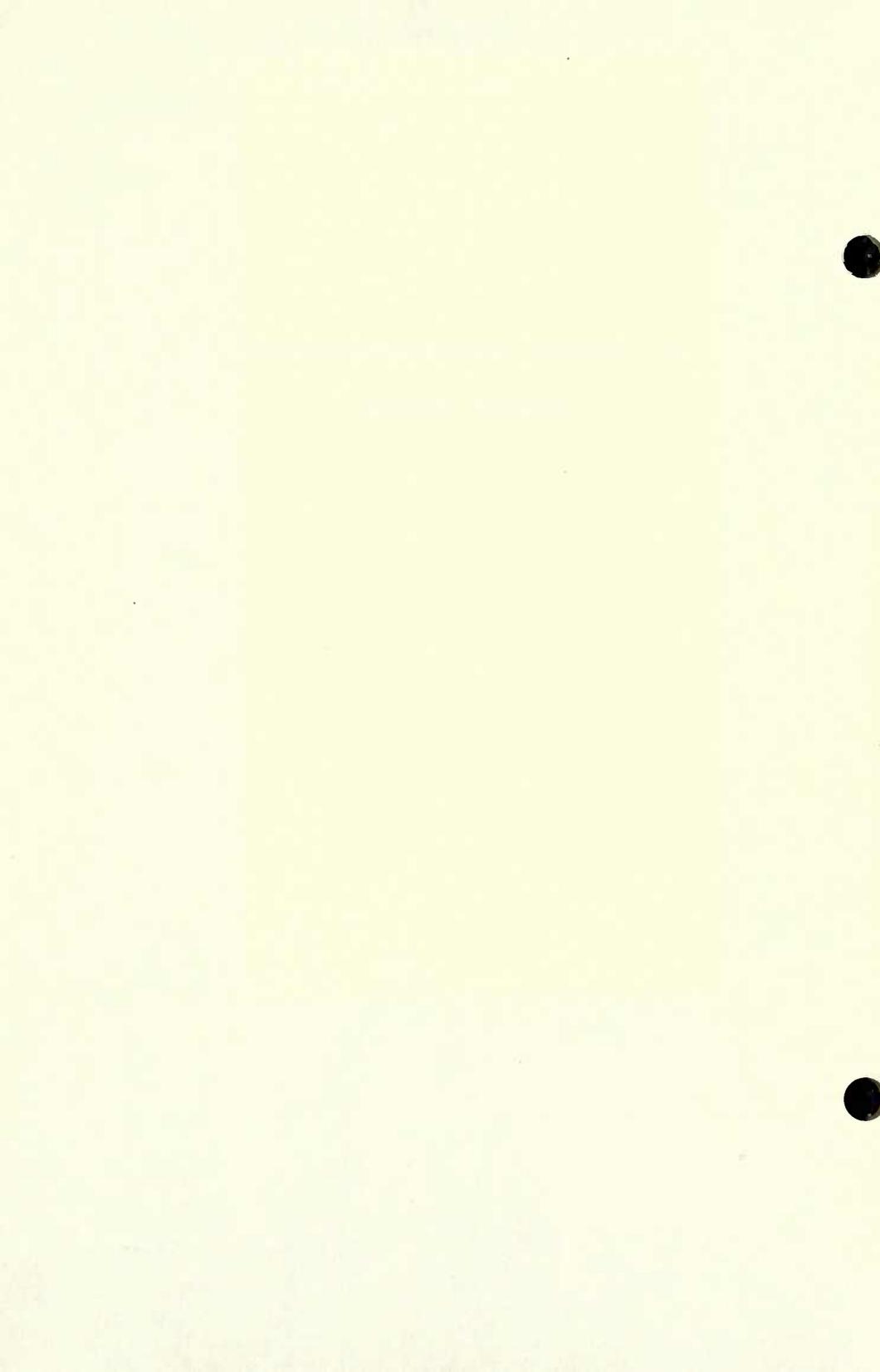
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FOREWORD

When one ponders wearily the aftermath of any professional meeting, he cannot help feeling that much of what was said and done had been already committed to either the air waves or a publication. When one is involved in the planning of an activity such as the thirteenth Allerton Park Institute, October 31-November 3, 1965, on The Changing Environment for Library Service in the Metropolitan Area, pre-meeting apprehension and post-meeting "blues" are unquestionably the result. At the risk of expressing unwarranted optimism about this conference, however, neither set of unnerving reactions was of much consequence.

The institute announcement presented to the prospective participant an outline which was both ambitious and important. The immense complex of problems and activities which we blithely label the metropolitan situation was to be analyzed and projected; the problems of librarians serving in the four major types of libraries in metropolitan areas were to be considered, and presumably made more solvable. Both elements of the total concept were accomplished by the speakers who agreed to present papers. Somewhat immodestly, the editor of these proceedings suggests that both outline and speakers fitted together like well-oiled gears in a precision machine. This analogy is not entirely inappropriate, for without the consideration by librarians of the external forces at work which determine the parameters of library service in our ever-compacting cities, and without the help of those engaged in analyzing these parameters, not only librarianship, but also all of society may suffer. The intent of the conference, then, was to help shape for the participants some of the dimensions of this major social movement of our times.

There is another important thrust which makes these proceedings, and thus the institute which generated them, of more than passing interest: the provision in 1965 by the federal government of legislation to strengthen all four types of libraries. The Allerton Park Institute of 1962 dealt with the impact of the Library Services Act on public librarianship. The Institute of 1965 could be thought of as a prelude to consideration of how the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Higher Education Act, and the Medical Library Assistance Act will enable these types of library units to function more effectively and fully in the cities of our country. The projections of population change, the problems of socio-political processes, and the operational difficulties of education systems at several levels are germane both to a consideration of the problems of metropolitan areas

and to the future of libraries. Readers of the proceedings, papers will be reminded of the need for constant interchange of ideas, and for constant reference to these limiting conditions on the role of libraries in modern times.

The Allerton Park Institute Committee takes this opportunity to thank again those who worked so hard and so well to provide the papers made available in these proceedings. In addition, all those who attended the conference deserve thanks from the committee for their participation in the discussions, formal and otherwise, which are always so important a part of the Allerton Park Institute climate. The planning committee for this Institute consisted of these members of the Graduate School of Library Science faculty: Lois W. Beebe, Instructor; Herbert Goldhor, Director; and Harold Goldstein, Professor, Chairman.

A special word of thanks is due to Mr. Henry C. Campbell, Chief Librarian, Toronto Public Library, for his willingness to conduct an additional session on selected aspects of the Toronto Metropolitan Plan. Dr. Peter Hiatt, Assistant Professor, Division of Library Science, Indiana University, and consultant, Indiana State Library, also contributed to the success of the institute with his résumé of Ralph Blasingame's paper. The Library Services Branch, U.S.O.E., and the National Center for Educational Statistics, U.S.O.E., graciously provided a staff member each to serve both as participants and resource persons for the institute.

All Allerton Park institutes depend on the effective coordination of details too numerous to mention with which the Division of University Extension (DUE) deals. Every institute in the past has been fortunate enough to gain complete cooperation and even greater involvement than in the normal line of duty from their staff members. Mr. E. L. [Buck] Schroth, Resident Manager, Allerton House, provided the utmost in "tender loving care" of all those in residence, and also gave of his time to present his excellent picture story of Allerton House.

Finally, Jean Somers, Editorial Assistant, Graduate School of Library Science, and Ruthann Harris did the necessary work of editing and assembling these papers. Their efforts have made possible the thirteenth volume of the Allerton Park Institute proceedings.

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Chairman

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