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Criminal penalties

There has also been discussion about the necessity for criminal penalties under the Act with consequent effects. It is understood that this matter is being examined in order to determine whether there could be substitution of civil penalties, such as those under the Trade Practices Act (Section 78-79) which still involve fines but do not result in a criminal conviction being recorded against an individual's name. Those concerned could well let the Attorney-General know their views.

In any case, it is the view of those legally qualified that in view of the wording of the Act and of normal legal procedures that such penalties would be likely to be applied to those who deliberately rather than accidentally breached the Act.

Other problems

Details of other problems that arise in the introduction of the Act could be sensibly addressed to the Executive Director of the Association as a further opportunity will occur for discussions with the Department on these matters. Such material should include specific examples of the problem to illustrate it.

McMicken Award

THE AUSTRALIAN Library Promotion Council is seeking nominations for the third Alfred McMicken Award. The Award will be presented at the national opening of Australian Library Week on 18 September 1981 in Melbourne.

All nominations must be accompanied by a statement detailing the work accomplished in library promotion by the person nominated. For more information contact the Executive Director, ALPC, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Vic 3000. Closing date for nominations is 14 August 1981.

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The Trade Exhibition will be in the Bonython Hall on the University campus and in the adjacent Brookman Hall. These magnificent old buildings will add to the tone of the exhibitions and their close proximity to the other venues will make them easy to visit as often as participants might desire.

It is anticipated that a broad range of other exhibitors will complement the more traditional library suppliers and booksellers. Interest has already been expressed from places as far away as the Netherlands, India and Spain. (And don't forget that South Australia is the state for wineries and opal fields.)

The exhibition is still in the planning stages and prices therefore are not available but if you or your company is interested, now's the time to contact Peter Daniel & Co Pty Ltd, 220 Pacific Highway, Crows Nest, NSW 2065. Telephone (02) 929 8188, Telex AA 26062.

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