**Social Responsibilities Round Table Newsletter**

**JANUARY 1972**  
**PRE-MIDWINTER**  
**EDITOR, MIRIAM CRAWFORD**  

**OCTOBER SCHEDULE, 1972: SRRT MEETINGS**

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**OTHER ALA MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO SRRT**

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**ABBREVIATIONS USED ABOVE:**

- TF: Task Force
- LS: Library School
- Mgr: Meeting
- Plr: Parlor
- Br: Ballroom
- R.: Room
YOU'RE RIGHT, WE GOOFED -
on the November Issue!

In the interests of cutting costs, and holding our support of the U.S. Postal Service to the minimum, Clearinghouse took out a bulk rate mailing permit. The last issue (No. 16, marked November) was the first one mailed thus. The results were disastrous! Delivery took from 1 to 3 weeks, or more, the days lengthening, apparently, as the mail traveled east (perhaps hung up at each transfer point). Then, to hold down printing cost, we tried a new method, (typing directly on the masters, instead of having negatives made for the offset process). Too late, we discovered some printed copies were hardly readable. Just to be able to control the problems in the future, we'd like to hear from you if your copy was unreadable, and to know, for various locations, when copies were received.

The worst of the delay was the absurdity it created in the ballot on changes in SRRT's basic organizational document. The ballot must have been received by some 2/3 of the SRRT membership after the Dec. 7 deadline it specified for return in time for counting! But, have no fear! All is not lost! Before you could say — Antidisestablishmentarianism, Action Council to the rescue! AC mailed a 2nd ballot to all SRRT members, 1st class, of course, with a Jan. 7th deadline, on which we have

RESULTS OF THE MAIL BALLOT
On Changes, Additions, Deletions to the SRRT "Organization and Action"
The ballots returned to me as of Jan. 7, 1972 (131 of 1200 SRRT members) were as follows:

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The O & A are thus changed accordingly. A note concerning the counting of the ballots: In order to insure that everyone who sent me a ballot (whether from the Newsletter [yellow] or the supplemental mailing [white]) had their vote counted, I have included in the above results every ballot returned to me [whether yellow or white] except in cases where there was an immediately obvious duplication (i.e.: if I had in hand a yellow and white ballot from the same name, address and zip code).

Dick Akeroyd
Action Council Recording Secy.

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NO POLITICIANS WANTED
Only Hard-Working Organizers Need Apply

The Secretary Announces:

SRRT ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Once again it is time to Volunteer for election to Action Council or Clearinghouse. As before, we will be electing 5 new Action Council members, and 3 new Clearinghouse members, to take office at the Chicago Annual Conference in June, 1972. Those elected will serve for two years.

As you know, any ALA/SRRT member can run for a position on Action Council or Clearinghouse by simply Volunteering to do so. Hopefully you have already made up your minds to do just that. After that the procedure is quite simple:

Your name, your Committee preference (AC or CH), a statement of your concerns about policy and/or action concerning the social responsibility of librarians, and a short biographical (where you work is usually sufficient) statement, should be submitted to me by March 1. It would also be helpful if you include your preferred mailing address.

I will then collate this information and send it out with a ballot to the entire SRRT membership. Voting will be on the basis of the statements only. The deadline date for return of the ballot will be clearly marked on it. Results of the election will be sent individually to each candidate, and also reported in the pre-Chicago Conference Newsletter. A full report of the election will also be given at the SRRT Business Meeting in Chicago.

Remember: Name, Address, Committee Choice, Statement and Short Biographical Note. Send them to me (Dick Akeroyd, Special Collections Dept., Wilbur Cross Library, Univ. of Conn., Storrs, Conn. 06268) by March 1.

Dick Akeroyd
AC/Recording Secretary

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"All power to the board of directors!"

Good Times/
AN ATTEMPT TO UNITE THE PROFESSIONS
AND SOLVE OUR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

Are you curious as to the content of the resolution by Lynd, endorsed by Action Council Nov. 7th, at
Washington, D.C. meeting? The resolution, presented by the Radical Historians' Caucus to the American Hist-
orial Association meeting the last week in December, is accepted below:

**During the Burden of Joblessness:**

The annual cost of a "higher budget" for a 4-person family in Spring, 1970 was $15,511 (U.S. Dept. of Labor News, April 1, 1970).

Is This an Intelligent Approach to the Job Shortage?

Reporting SRRT action, Jackie Eubanks, AC Coordinator, wrote to Jim O'Brien, of the Radical Historians' Caucus, on Nov. 15th:

At our meeting (on Nov. 7), we considered the resolution offered in your last newsletter by Stoughton Lynd. We on Action Council:

1) Endorse the resolution to the professional historians' association if you want to use it; however, we have reservations about the resources, meager as they are, being shared instead of demanding more resources.

2) Are taking steps to prepare a similar statement relating to the conditions of library workers like ourselves for submission to ALA membership at our annual meeting in June, 1972. We thank you for the impetus this resolution has offered our group to deal directly with the real economic conditions of library workers.

The Radical Historians Caucus itself is not in total agreement with the direction of the resolution, as is made clear in an article in its Newsletter, Dec. 1971 (the same issue that carries AC's letter of endorsement). Thomas A. Krueger, of the University of Illinois History Dept., writes:

The...resolution...fails to relate the present crisis in the academic job market to the misallocations of resources inherent in a capitalist economy. Lynd asks a small segment of the nation's upper-middle class to solve its economic problems through work-sharing, the same solution to the problem of unemployment imposed on American workers by industrialists during the Great Depression. In both cases, the proponents of work-sharing fail to explain why those who are victimized by the system should be made to bear the burden of its failures when they have no control over it and are not responsible for its malfunctions.

(continued on page 8)
HOW BIG? Soooo Big!

Membership in 1971:

Report from AC Coordinator.

In 1970 the first official ALA-SRRT enrolled about 1050 "charter" members. In 1971, we added nearly 100 new ALA members, but 382 dropped out who were "charter" members. Why? Where did they go? Should we follow?

In July, Action Council sent a "We miss you" letter to those who dropped out, saying in part "SRRT is concerned about membership. Possibly the most political act possible for an individual in ALA is choosing to join or not to join all of it or a part of it. We on Action Council are concerned about your choice and what determined it -- because that determines the SRRT community." This was followed by a short questionnaire form of possible reasons for leaving SRRT, including the opportunity to donate $2.00 to our newsletter to Midwinter 72, and to add comments and concerns.

What were the results? 89 out of 382, or 23% returned the questionnaire; this was a sizeable return from people who had dropped our. SRRT received $106.00 in donations as a result of this mailing (which cost $30.56), and 49 people asked to keep in touch via the newsletter. In general, money was the factor most commonly mentioned; high dues of ALA were noted in most returns. Below is a table of the responses in terms of membership in ALA and SRRT.

1. DROPPED SRRT, NOT ALA 20
   - 8 No money
   - 6 SRRT has gone too far
   - 5 SRRT has not gone far enough
       * 1 No time; personal commitments heavy

2. DROPPED BOTH ALA AND SRRT 29
   - 19 Donation enclosed
   - 2 No donation; anti-SRRT
   - 5 No donation; money tight
       * 1 No donation; no time
   - 2 Out of librarians' community of interest now

3. MEMBERSHIP QUESTION NOT ANSWERED 31
   - 18 Donation enclosed
       * 8 Computer error at ALA; will rejoin
       * 1 ALA life member; friendly personal note
   - 4 Returned from P.O.; Undeliverable address

4. * Reinstated ALA and SRRT 9

The symbols next to the tabulation of returns indicate the interpretation of the results, the direction of the move out of SRRT:

† ... MOVE OUT OF ALA 57
* ... BE BOLDER IN ALA 11
§ ... PULL BACK IN ALA 8

Typical of the comments leading to these interpretations are the following taken from the returns.

MOVE OUT OF ALA: "I did discontinue my ALA membership after my one year at the student rate. What is the procedure for joining SRRT alone?" -- "I dropped both ALA and SRRT because of a tight budget... am enclosing a check that was returned to me by ALA..."

BE BOLDER IN ALA: "Need a fomenter for Midwest Conf. Try me!" -- "We definitely do NOT want SRRT out of ALA. Its ferment is vital and we feel if it breaks away ALA will suffer a loss of vital ideas and SRRT will suffer from a terminal attack of navel watching."

PULL BACK IN ALA: "I was disgusted by the communication I received about homosexuality. Stick to librarianship." -- "SRRT has gone too far! That is, too militantly activist. I am an "unreconstructed liberal" ... I am for reorganization of ALA into a more responsive structure." -- "Heartily disagree with stand on Angela Davis."

What does this mean for the SRRT community? If we are to follow the direction of the majority who replied, it means we must be bolder. Perhaps we should consider leaving ALA; (our newsletter is mailed to nearly 1500; our affiliates include 500 people, most of whom are non-ALAers) after all, of the dues we all pay, only $5.00 goes for SRRT activity, and the rest, $25.00 on up, may be going for anti-SRRT activity, since it is outside our control, in Council. If we are to follow the minority who replied, who may reflect a majority opinion of ALA non-SRRTers, we should try to reach out to them in ALA. It seems that these are the two alternatives: in or out. Following this consideration then, if the Council election in ALA does not result in a majority elected that SRRT can endorse in coalition and can live with (that means winning 76 seats!), we should leave ALA and join our SRRT community! If the election does result in a SRRT supported majority, we should advocate immediately lowering dues in ALA, and welcome the community back! Run for Council -- and let's discuss this at membership in June!

J.E.

WHAT NOW, PEOPLE?

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE: A SRRTer's service

Noted in Nov. '71 Monthly Review:

A correspondent in South India writes to tell us about a large group ("more than 100 members including doctors, engineers, teachers, and students") that meets regularly to discuss Indian and international concern. "Our chief handicaps are lack of reading material for our library. Our meager funds and the devaluation of the rupee, have made it practically impossible to buy magazines and books. We shall therefore be highly grateful if you could kindly request your readers to send us their used books...."

Miss V.K. Pillai, Sec'y., Kulasekharapuram, Madura P.O., 57

The call is answered by the following.

LISB
BRIEF NOTES OF SRRT AFFILIATES' ACTIVITIES

San (Calif.) SRRT has new officers: Joyce
Pres., Sue Critchfield, Secy. At the request of
a group of students and faculty members met with
the UC School of Librarianship to discuss
union policies, with special regard to members of
library groups. Further meetings and reports are
planned.

Conference of Concerned Law Librarians, SRRT-
affiliated, has been active in the American Association
of Law Libraries, particularly on questions of minori-
ty prisoners' rights, women's rights, and peace. It
meetings held on a national basis, to be held annu-
al in conjunction with the AALL convention. Georgia
Blanton, University of Utah Law Library, Salt Lake
City, Utah 84112, was recently reelected Chairman,
Hilda Wildman, Chairwoman-Elect, to take office in

UR Library Association-SRRT appears to be very
active. The TF on Obscenity and Pornography is deeply
concerned about restriction of the adult's right to read,
ead or view materials, as evidenced in the closing
of bookstores, ordinances against "Hair" and "Jesus
Superstar", etc., in the state. A handbook is
compiled giving information about the issues in-
cluded in these resolutions, and directions to follow when restrictions are threatened, etc.

A study on the 1972 elections plans dissemination to
other school and public libraries of information that
they would not find in other publications, such as
registration of 18-year-olds, how to serve the local
and information on issues and candidates.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO? SRRT TREASURER'S REPORT
Interim Finance Report 6/1/71 to 10/31/71 (as given to Action Council, Nov. 6, 1971)

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Total Expenses                            2,067.93
Estimate of Cash Balance Oct. 31, '71      4,548.11
$6,616.04

have yet to receive a current report of dues, sales, and other earnings from Chicago.

ad in this amount is $33 which was paid out twice, to D. Akeroyd once, and by ALA a second time.
right of the size of this expenditure, future authorizations for any Task Force should have clear time and amount
tations.

Jim Wright, Treasurer.
Members of the SRRT TF on Government Publications are circulating petitions to establish a Government Documents Round Table (see Page 9). They need 100 signatures of personal ALA members by Midwinter. The petitions will be presented to the Committee on Organization and hopefully the petition will be voted upon at the June conference. Discussion on the proposed Round Table will take place at the TF meeting at Midwinter, Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2-4 p.m., as well as at the meeting of the ALA Committee on Public Documents, Wednesday, Jan. 26, 4:30-6 p.m.

TF on Alternatives in Print is in production on Edition Two, with volunteers representing several states and Switzerland. The European member is sending items published by movement groups there, so AIP 2 will be international and multilingual in scope. It will appear early in 1972 from, again, the Ohio State University Libraries Publications Committee. Anyone still wishing to contribute can contact Jimi Penchansky, 67-35 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, N.Y., 11367.

Philadelphia SRRT, a while back, had a regular spot in the schedule for members to bring to the attention of others, items they’d come across that were particularly worthy of notice by their socially responsible librarians. We herewith present a few of the same:

MEDIA NOT TO MISS

According to Rob Gutzke, a new quarterly giving current annotated listings of the newest writings by and about Black people was to begin publication in 1971. Titled Black Books Bulletin, it was listed at $2.00, and intended to include critical reviews, commentaries, and news from the Black publishing houses. Address is given as 7848-50 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago 60619.

We hope that anyone who has not yet seen "A GAY BIBLIOGRAPHY", prepared by the Task Force on Gay Liberation, and revised June 1971, will request it from Barbara Gittings, P.O. Box 2382, Philadelphia, PA. 19103. A single sheet, printed both sides, it is an attractive and up-to-date listing of books, pamphlets, periodicals, and articles "intended to draw attention to some worthwhile materials that have received little publicity, as well as to emphasize items that tend to move away from standard negative views about homosexuality".

TF on East Coast Conspiracy Documentation is still looking for volunteers to cover Boston area newspapers. Members of the group forward articles from designated newspapers to provide information on press coverage of the Berrigan trial and other "conspiracy" cases. Contact Betty-Carol Sellen at Brooklyn College if interested.

TF on Media Centers in Free Schools has about 30 members, now visiting free schools in their areas and exploring the kinds of cooperation and reinforcement which might be offered by established libraries. A possible project is a directory of free school facilities. Ray Barber, Coordinator, is now at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.32306 (Room 404, College of Education).

Clearinghouse for Reference and Acquisition Information on Minorities TF (they want all of that in their name) is going full steam with Core Committees working to survey reviewing media, bibliographies, indexes, special collections, etc., which identify materials on minority groups. Already active are Committees on Asian American, Black American, Haitian, and Puerto Rican materials, and groups on the American Indian, Chicano, and other minorities (Jewish, Appalachian, women) are organizing or being discussed. Volunteers and information welcome by all. The August SRRT Newsletter carried the TF's list of minority publishers. Anyone with additions to the list is asked to contact the TF Coordinator, Joan Neumann, History Div., Brooklyn Public Library, Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11238.

NOTE: One of the recommendations made to Clearinghouse at the AC meeting in November was to include single pages from each Task Force in the Newsletter, to substitute for separate TF newsletters. The petition of the TF on Government Publications, page 9, is a such effort. TF's are urged to prepare pages of news, other information they would like to circulate to the membership, and get them to the editor of each issue, well before the deadline. We ask that material be typed in final form, just as it is to appear in the Newsletter, that each TF hold its material for any particular issue one page (one side). As an alternative, we could single sheets printed both sides, if they are forward offset finished form, ready for insertion in the Newsletter (2000 copies). Editors will reserve the right to make any changes from the material received those of first priority, if many are received for one issue.
THE LATEST on “FAIR PLAY” in the LIBRARY WORLD

Many SRRT-ers concerned about the firing of employees at the Library of Congress, there is news from ALA. Black Congressman Walter F. Fauntroy tried to appear before the ALA Legislation Committee in Washington November 21-23, to gain support for his bill to achieve more equitable treatment for black employees at LC, but was unable to get through the Committee. Whatever the explanation (the Committee appears to hold hotel personnel responsible), the incident can only damage whatever goodwill the American Library Association may have previously called forth in Washington.

The Fact Finding Team of the ALA Staff Committee on Mediation, Arbitration and Inquiry (MAI) has also met in D.C. and heard a lot of testimony, and is due to meet again the first week in January to hear more. More interesting to those going to Midwinter is the information that Joslyn Williams, black attorney at LC, is expecting to appear before the Legislation Committee in Chicago, to discuss the bill of Congressman Fauntroy.

While there is no change in the action taken by the ALA Executive Board on October 26th, declaring the case of CHOICE editor, Peter Doiron, closed, the scuttlebutt flying the library circuit these days is that there may be some new developments by Midwinter. Perhaps Action Council’s recommendation to ALA Council to instruct the Executive Board to reopen the case has taken effect.

One aspect of the case in dollar figures is highlighted in a letter of AC Coordinators to David Clift, printed below:

Dear David Clift:

At the Action Council meeting November 6, the case of ALA vs. Peter Doiron was discussed. The Action Council has certain questions arising from its discussion which we expect you, as accountable officer, can answer for us and for membership.

We need to know:
1) how much, in dollar figures, of ALA staff time, travel expenses, and legal expenses have been committed in the process of the firing of Peter Doiron, and
2) how much, in dollar figures, of ALA staff time, travel expenses, and legal expenses have been committed to the opposition of CHOICE since the firing of Peter Doiron.

We expect the answers to these two questions to be made available to Council at Midwinter meeting, or in the January issue of American Libraries.

We understand the difficulty of making estimates on the figure of staff time, and anticipate that the figures will be able to be fully explained.

Sincerely,
JACKIE EUBANKS

A N D — HAVE YOU SEEN (CRL News, Jan. ’72, p. 18) the full-page, 2-column list of names of ACRL MEMBERS WHO JOIN EJ JOSEY IN PROTESTING THE DISMISSAL OF MR. PETER DOIRON?

CAN YOU HELP?

GI coffeehouse known as The Covered Wagon, in Soho, burned down recently, and asks for help in the re-erection of books and finds from anyone who can spare her. Address P.O. Box 729, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647.

MORE MEDIA NOT TO MISS —

Dear, by Pat Rocca, in the NJ Librarians for Social Responsibilities Newsletter, Dec. ’71, warrants attention:


I read the LJ review of The Storefront never would have picked up this book. But luckily I have a friend who is a cheer who loves children and she recommended that I read it. It is essential reading for anyone interested in library work. O’Gorman traces the history and success of the McCall Library and Storefront School which he established five years ago in Harlem. The book is filled with anecdotes and descriptions of the “city of the dispossessed” — there is hearty criticism of the Headstart Program. But what struck me most was O’Gorman’s earnest belief in the idea of a store front in the right to life and to all that life means: food, clothing, happiness, freedom, peace. The small storefront stocked with everything from Plato to Mary Poppins, magazines, animals, toys and music. Gradually the people came. The very real problems O’Gorman faced as a man in Harlem are not ignored. He spent a long time broken in to the city — but after five years he and his staff were a part of the scene.

Just noted in the NJ ... Newsletter, Dec. ’71:

Homosexual National Classified Directory. Argent Group, 3473½ Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood, P.O. 90068. A small pamphlet listing such things as movie houses, ad agencies, baths, bars, magazines, gal aid, bookstores, that cater to homosexuals.

JUL.
VOICES FROM OUT THERE: --

12/8/71

Letter to the Editor --

Liz Futas wrote two editorial letters published in the Nov. 1971 Newsletter, that I hope will be carefully reviewed and seriously considered. I can wholeheartedly support her stand on an active Action Council. I don't much like having only six or less of us making such important decisions for the entire membership. We need the benefit of more minds and various perspectives.

Only with ten active Action Councillors, who are conscious of and responsive to the needs of membership, will you be well represented. I urge the membership to make their views known to Action Council. I also support Liz when she calls for more leadership from the ranks and a real election for both Action Council and Clearinghouse. Let's make this important commitment to ourselves.

Liz calls for an amendment to allow Clearinghouse an Action Council vote. She says Clearinghouse needs a stronger voice in policy-making decisions. I have to disagree. Clearinghouse only has to take the initiative. It seems Clearinghouse has been reluctant to assert itself in the past. Hopefully that is behind us. Miriam Crawford was at the Action Council meeting in D.C. and spoke forcefully her ideas. She had that right and I'm glad she exercised it, and trust she'll continue to do so.

I don't feel she could have done more if she had a vote. However, by seeking out the news SRRT members should know and by use of editorials and letters in the Newsletter - Clearinghouse can have a tremendous voice in policy-making. It definitely takes strong Clearinghouse members to do this. This year we have strong members on Clearinghouse. I commend them. Right on.

Peace and love, 

Tyron D. Emerick

Action Council

12/13/71

Miriam:

I am glad to see that mailing has been switched. Unfortunately, I question how much good it's doing. 1) I received the November issue on the 11th of December (thus being too late to vote on the SRRT changes, which I am going to write Dick and explain). 2) This was only the second time I have received a copy, at all. I know some may have been lost in the mail, but... 3) This has caused some problems, viz., a) I had renewed my ALA membership, which I was dubious of, and then found out that I could have denied them the money, b) I received the FTRF material on, and sent a check on November 18, not realizing I could earmark the money for the Merritt Fund, c) I am unable to exercise my franchise since I got the bloody ballot too bloody late!

If things move as fast in the SRRT's as I think they do, what I see isn't what I'm getting. I realize the problems in putting the newsletter (or whatever it is) out to begin with, coupled with mailing delays at Salt Lake City and in the U.S. Postal Rip-off, can give everyone headaches. But, I'm not everyone, I'm me, and this delay has cost me coin, lost me a chance to signify my disgust with ALA, lost me a chance to follow my principles with FTRF, and a chance to vote. Add 'em up and that's one hell of a lot to lose for one person over non-receipt of 22 pages of print. I hope to hell this improves in the future, because if you can't get the information to the people that need it when it is needed, what good are you? In the same vein (jugular) there can be no meaningful participation without information. Well, yes there can be, but most of us would like to know what we're getting into, rather than jump in cold. As for participation at a physical location, you can't if you don't know where it's to be held or at what time or what the problem is in the first place.

Other than that, you're all doing fine for mental anarchy.

Jim Tilton.

We thought this phrase appropriate enough to request Jim's permission to use it as the masthead quote on this issue.

Your editor, as Clearinghouse Secretary, replied promptly to the above letter, with approximately the same apology that appears on Page 2.

INTERESTED In Academic Library SERVICE?

Proposed: A Task Force for
American College and Research Libraries SERVICE

Purpose: A comparative investigation of size and the racial composition of the population we serve and the size and racial composition of the young people we could be serving if they were not imprisoned, with the goal of outlining program for ALA membership endorsement on Open Admissions.

Know anyone who might be interested in this TP?

-- Jackie Eubanks

"The dirtiest book in all the world is an expurgated book." -- Walt Whitman

-- Bookman, May 17, 1971, for

Radical Historians' Resolution (cont'd. from)

The sacrifice Lynd calls for would be noble if carried out. The stress on sacrifice distracts attention from the long-term problem of humane manpower use in the American economic organization. The problem and solutions to it. It also seemed to the place of its disorientation within the total system...

Since AC voted to prepare a resolution on this, I would like to give thought to the questions posed above.
Petition for the Establishment of a Division or Round Table

The purpose of this petition is to request the establishment of a Government Documents Round Table.

According to the Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1 A, 100 signatures are required for the establishment of a round table.

All signatures must be those of personal members of ALA.

The statement of function and responsibility of the unit proposed is:

1) To provide a forum for the discussion of problems, concerns, and exchange of ideas of librarians working with government documents.
2) To provide a force for initiating and supporting programs to increase the availability, use and bibilographic control of documents.
3) To contribute to the extension and improvement of education and training of documents librarians.

I favor this petition to establish a Government Documents Round Table,

in the American Library Association.

[Please write legibly]

Name._________________________________________ Library_____________________________________

These petitions forms may be mechanically reproduced for use by members.

The above petition is being circulated by the SRRT Task Force on Government Publications, which hopes to obtain the required 100 signatures to present to the Committee on Organization at ALA Midwinter conference, the week of January 23, 1971.

Forward signed petitions to: Bernadine E. Hoduski, 515 B N. Florence, Lees Summit, Mo. 64063
KNIGHTS OF THE ROUNDTABLE. UNITE!
Danger Threatens!!

Item 1, From American Libraries, Dec '71, p. 1128:
"The ALA Executive Board received a report from ALA counsel with recommendations for action on the status of round tables. The report was forwarded to the Committee on Organization which is currently studying the problem of round table responsibilities for a possible report at Midwinter."

(Problem? What problem? Read on...)

Item 2, From letter, Oct. 25, 1971, William D. North, ALA counsel, to David H. Clift, ALA Executive Director:
"You have requested me to analyze and evaluate the status of ALA Roundtables and the legal implications of their status... The roundtable is, in our opinion, an inherently dangerous organizational concept..."

Item 3, dated Dec. 17, 1971:
To: Chairmen of ALA Round Tables
From: Coordinator, ALA- SRRT Action Council

You may have noticed in the report (American Libraries Dec. '71, p. 1128) on the Executive Board meeting that ALA staff had legal counsel prepare a document on the status of round tables in the ALA.

Enclosed is a copy of that document, which Executive Board has referred to the Committee on Organization. Please see page 4 of the document... Would you believe that you belong to an inherently dangerous group?

SRRT is arranging for a counter legal opinion on the subject before Midwinter. See you then!
Jackie Eubanks.

Also pertinent is the report in the same issue of AL on the joint meeting of the ALA Publishing Board and Editorial Committee on Oct. 24th, which included a proposal for bringing all division and round table editorial and publishing committees into a subcommittee status.
(AL Dec '71, p. 1129)
SRRT will have copies of the report prepared by ALA counsel at Midwinter. As Jackie says, see you then!

JOIN or START an SRRT and get involved.