

ALA SoCial Responsibilities Round Table Newsletter

"The Task Forces and Affiliates are
the backbone of SRRT....."

Tyron Emerick
Action Council

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Post-Midwinter

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midwinter '72 — some highlights

ALA COUNCIL

Voted 91 to 74 in favor of a resolution from the ACRL Board that Peter Doiron be paid a retroactive and continuing salary, and that the position of CHOICE editor not be filled, until MAI findings in Mr. Doiron's case are presented and acted upon.

Heard the report of the LC Inquiry Team indicating that de facto racial discrimination exists in the Library of Congress, approved the report and its recommendations, offered a vote of gratitude to the Team, and were thanked by Joslyn Williams in one of the most worthy and moving addresses delivered on the Council floor in recent years.

Accepted a report from the Committee on Organization endorsing, among other things, the establishment of a Government Documents Round Table (initiated by a SRRT Task Force) and of an ad hoc ALA Committee on Equal Opportunity in Libraries.

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION

Presented a report to Executive Board indicating that "there are several areas in which the relationship between round tables and ALA can be described, at best, as ambiguous," but that "in view of the uncertain future of the present organizational structure of ALA, the Committee on Organizational feels that it would be unwise to recommend major changes in written policy at this time."

"In reviewing the testimony and upon considering all plausible interpretations of it, the Team found a pattern of actions for which it could conceive no other motivation than racial discrimination."

"The race-related problems of the Library of Congress and their potential solutions are clear. They probably differ little from those of many other libraries in the land. . . ."

Report of the Library of Congress
Inquiry Team

AC AT MIDWINTER

SRRT Action Council, working against some odds, met several times in Chicago to transact business. The first meeting, scheduled for Sunday night, consisted largely of an on again-off again debate on the merits of continuing the session with only three to four AC members present. (of the seven present in Chicago and at various times during this meeting, some arrived late, some left early, and some simply wandered into the room and out again.) Three points of view emerged: that AC, being delegated to act for membership, and having no quorum according to bylaw, should be prepared to act no matter how few were present; that action on matters vital to membership should not be considered without at least a majority of AC, preferably more; and that the three members there should discuss but not vote. It was suggested at various times that the four (out of six) members of Clearinghouse present be asked to sit in for absent AC members (suggestion ignored) and that the SRRT members present decide if they wanted AC to act with only three people (suggestion ignored).

Before, during, and after the above contretemps, some items managed to get considered. Jos Williams gave a detailed summary of the events leading up to and following the visit of ALA's Inquiry Team to LC. Tyron Emerick described the progress of the Coalition effort to produce endorsements and an alternative slate for ALA Council elections (199 questionnaires sent to Council nominees, 135 returned; a total of 24 volunteers to have their names placed in nomination by petition). Joan Marshall reported on the Freedom to Read Foundation, and recommended, although some inconsistencies appeared in the operating budget and the promotion of the Merritt Fund had been inadequate, that SRRT make no move to withdraw support at this time.

Tuesday afternoon found all seven AC members ready for meeting #2, which opened with a filmstrip presentation and brief address by a representative of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee Chicago Office. UFWU is currently boycotting Walgreen's and nine growers who never signed the grape contract, and after a 7-month moratorium, during which lettuce growers attempted to obtain repressive legislation, a lettuce boycott is imminent.

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The following resolution, sponsored by the Task Forces on Chicanos and on Service to Migrants, was passed (amendments italicized):

- WHEREAS, librarians are among those workers who have fought over the years for adequate compensation and status and
- WHEREAS, the farmworkers in the United States are among the lowest paid and most exploited groups and
- WHEREAS the UNITED FARMWORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, AFL-CIO, under the inspired leadership of Caesar Chavez is fighting to gain the farmworker rightful and adequate compensation and status, THEREFORE, be it presented by the SRRT TASK FORCES ON CHICANOS and ON LIBRARY SERVICES TO MIGRANTS that the following action be taken by Action Council:
- RESOLVED, that SRRT donate \$200 (two hundred dollars) to the NATIONAL FARMWORKERS SERVICE CENTER, the educational, non-profit, tax exempt corporation established by the United Farmworkers Organizing Committee to further the educational, legal, medical, and consumer rights of the farmworker and \$100 to the union strike fund; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that this action be communicated to the appropriate government, labor, and agri-business organizations and to the LIBRARY PRESS.

Jackie Eubanks announced that the Task Force on American Indians had dissolved to regroup as a committee of LAD.

It was decided that a letter of support be sent from AC to the LC Inquiry Team, along with an expression of anticipation for continuing attention.

Joe Lindenfeld announced his resignation from AC, and a letter of resignation from Gay Detelson was also acknowledged. Asked to elaborate on his reasons, Joe described the changes in his situation and direction since his return to library school, and expressed his feeling of growing remoteness from AC concerns, a feeling for which he attributed responsibility to himself and not to AC. Jackie Eubanks indicated that AC would finish the year at less than full power rather than try at this late date to fill expiring terms or hold a special election.

I SAID KEEP ON TRUCKIN'...



FURTHER CHICAGO NOTES

from Miriam Crawford

Office of Recruitment Advisory Committee presented to the Executive Board a proposal by the State Library of Illinois to develop a pilot program in Chicago, for training minority group students, funds to come from LSCA. Ten students would be involved initially, in library school training and internships, for which they would receive \$6,000 stipends plus tuition. ALA is asked to provide \$5,000 assistance the first year, and to continue the project through the Office of Recruitment after the original funding has ceased. Once again it was black member who carried the weight of the issue, as Augusta Baker argued her Executive Board colleagues into endorsing the proposal, and asking COPEs to find the money for it. At the final Council meeting, COPEs reported that it, had managed to allow Endowment funds to be used for ALA's initial support. A second proposal, to supplement this one, is to be presented by the Office of Recruitment in June.

Bill Eshelman, WLB editor, can be thanked for calling attention of Council and the Executive Board to the staff "Plan for Professional Exhibit, ALA 1972", which appears to give our Madison Ave. type exhibitors the determining voice in the type of exhibit allowed by ALA, and in what is to be considered acceptable behaviour, and would disallow participation for two years by unacceptable professional exhibitors. Examples cited by long-time Exhibits Chairman Chris Hoy of groups drawing protests from the exhibitors in Dallas were the booth of the SRRT Task Force on Gay Liberation and the Krishna troupe. As a result of the potential dangers in such control pointed up by Mr. Eshelman, the Executive Board turned the Plan over to a subcommittee for further consideration. Those named to the subcommittee were Augusta Baker, Evelyn Levy, and Bob McLaren, chairman.

Elected to the Executive Board for the term 1972-76 were Richard Doherty and Roberta Young.

At SRRT membership meeting Thursday night, three University of Chicago library staff members, working to get recognition for a union there, spoke on their problems. Affiliated with District 65, the Retail and Distributive Workers Union with a long reputation of fair employment practices, they would welcome letters of support to **The Maroon**, UC student newspaper, to the Director of Libraries, and to the University.

The second half of the meeting was devoted to a report and discussion of Action Council decisions and the need for greater responsiveness to SRRT membership. While there was general approval of the AC action earlier in the week, contributing \$200 to the United Farm Workers Service Center and \$100 to its Strike Fund, there was also caution expressed that our funds might better be carefully expended towards more needed objectives related to our own work, rather than to further symbolic goals. To achieve a greater responsiveness to membership, it was agreed that a questionnaire be sent out twice a year, getting a reaction to recent decisions, and to questions expected in the coming months. A first such questionnaire to membership will go out in the next month or so.

Bill Hinchliff called attention to the "rape of Federal City College" by its administration and to the short changing of its students, dramatized in his own recent termination of employment there. A few Task Force on Drug Abuse and Mental Health is proposed by Sam Simon. And help is needed by Joan Goddard in working with the Librarian's Tribe and her Special Projects Committee, from people who can assist in preparing mailing labels for one or more states from the **American Library Directory** or state directories.

THE GREAT END OF LIFE IS
NOT KNOWLEDGE, BUT ACTION.

T. H. Huxley

AN EDITORIAL

Many thoughtful people said many thoughtful things during Midwinter week. We draw upon three of them for the text of this brief sermon to the SRRT membership.

Item: Binnie Tate, in a Task Force meeting, speaking of policy-making from the bottom up.

Item: Joe Lindinfeld speaking of SRRT being "too concerned with ALA and not enough concerned with Podunk Public" (Joe meant this **not** as an indictment of SRRT but as an interpretation of his withdrawal from Action Council).

Item: Tyron Emerick expressing "a need for guidance for these things we call Action Council and Clearinghouse."

It seems clear that there are flaws in the SRRT system. No one ever expected there wouldn't be. But the flaws can never be erased without the involvement and participation of -- guess who? If policy-making is to come from the bottom up in SRRT as in the community, it must come from -- who? If real links are to be identified between the SRRT organization and the needs of Podunk Public, the identification must be made by -- who? If AC and CH are to be guided in the best ways to represent and promote the interests of the SRRT membership, the guidance must come from -- who?

We can't be isolated from each other. We can't work at odds with each other. We don't always agree with each other. which was evident at Chicago; all the more reason why everyone ought to be heard.

In the coming months, AC will be trying to find out what you're, thinking about actions they've taken and directions they've followed. Tell them. If you're dissatisfied, run for a seat on AC or CH yourself. If you think this Newsletter should be more than the voice of Action Council and Clearinghouse, make it be the voice of membership as well. Your voice.

SRRT is not ten people, or sixteen people, or 150 people. SRRT is 1400 people. SRRT is YOU.

And don't forget it.

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JMRT STUDENTS TO CHICAGO CONVENTION

an editorial comment by Liz Futas

Please bring pressure on the library school nearest you to send from its alumni or student fund one student to represent the school at the June Conference. Some provision on the Chicago end will be made. There is \$2000 which JMRT receives to provide for these students. So far they plan to spend it on publicity and paper. Is this what students should be faced with? Publicity for ALA and JMRT? I think SRRT should join in, maybe even with money to provide essentials to these students, like rooms in the hotel or food or even transportation. I'd like to hear from some of you out there. (105 East 24th St., NYC - 10010.)

As a step toward clarifying and interpreting the functions of Action Council and Clearinghouse in the SRRT organization, members of each group offered to summarize their roles for publication in the Newsletter. Here is the statement prepared on behalf of AC.

SRRT ACTION COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

To stimulate, promote and initiate needed reforms in ALA policy, structure and direction. Provide a forum or platform for various groups or issues (both directly and indirectly) involving adequate library service. Promote and stimulate support for various groups requesting assistance from the Library Profession on library oriented issues. Provide guidelines and organizational aid in establishing SRRT Task Forces or affiliate groups. Co-ordinate and provide funding for the efforts of SRRT Task Forces or affiliate groups. Inform SRRT membership, through Clearinghouse, on issues and actions pending SRRT consideration.

Tyron D. Emerick and
Ellis Hodgins

SRRT ELECTIONS

The last issue carried a plea for volunteers to run for Action Council and Clearinghouse. We repeat the plea. Don't wait for someone else to do it; VOLUNTEER. The deadline is March 1, and if this Newsletter reaches you too late, VOLUNTEER anyway; yours may be the last, best, necessary offer. The work is hard, and time-consuming, and energy-draining, and nerve-wracking. It takes people who are good and dedicated. Good. And dedicated. And that's you, isn't it?

Send name address, committee choice (AC or CH), statement of concerns about social responsibility of librarians, and short bio, to Dick Akeroyd, Special Collections Dept., Wilbur Cross Lib., Univ. of Conn., Storrs, Conn. - 06268. DO IT!

a report from the BACKBONE

The comment by Action Council member Tyron Emerick quoted on our masthead reflects, we think, a feeling shared by anyone who has been in touch with the programs and activities of the groups referred to. Sitting in on their meetings at Midwinter made this Editor realize more than ever how much good work is going on out there, and how unsung the majority of our heroes are.

Earlier this year, the Newsletter included a special section of reports from Affiliates. Here we bring you the companion issue, featuring the true story of SRRT Task Forces in action. We dedicate it to them, and to the many hundreds of librarians doing similar work about which we may never learn.....



CLEARING HOUSE FOR REFERENCE AND ACQUISITION INFORMATION ON MINORITIES

This TF now has Core Committes working on materials related to the following groups: Asian-American, Black-American, Haitian-American, Puerto Rican, Rumanian-American, American Indian, Appalachian, Jewish-American, and Chicano. Each Core Committee will survey, bibliographically, the materials in its field and the control of the literature, seeking to identify work completed, in progress, and yet to be done. It is an information exchange, and the TF intends to avoid duplication and stimulate new work for reference and acquisition information.

(Coordinator: Joan Neumann, Brooklyn Pub. Lib., Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn - 11238)

TASK FORCE ON CHICANOS

This year's major project is the development of a booklet listing an annotated basic collection of Chicano materials in all media. The work has been divided among the states represented on the TF. Topics include a list of Spanish-speaking/Spanish-surnamed librarians in the U.S., biographical sketches of well known Chicanos, and sources of Chicano materials, as well as the usual bibliographical data. The Booklet should be ready by June.

The Chicago meeting was devoted largely to the UFWU presentation later seen at Action Council's meeting, and the TF decided to co-sponsor the resolution calling for a contribution to the UFW Service Center.

(Coordinator: Elizabeth Martinez Smith, L.A. Co. Pub. Lib., 1550 Beverly Blvd., Montebello, Calif. - 90640.)

TASK FORCE ON LIBRARY SERVICE TO MIGRANTS

Meeting at Midwinter, the TF heard a taped discussion of the "Biblioteca Campesina" project conducted last summer by the Stanislaus Co. Free Public Library in Modesto, California. The tape prompted a discussion of experiences and general problems encountered in meeting the library needs of a mobile, semi-literate population. Ms. Pauline Winnick, of the U.S.O.E., suggested that the TF consider developing guidelines for service to migrant populations, and Joe Lindenfeld stressed the importance of identifying workable, practical, specific methods and "strategies" for such service.

The TF decided to begin by serving as a clearinghouse for libraries and librarians actively serving a migrant community. As an initial step, a questionnaire will be sent out to gather information on the following points: population served, collection development, administrative and jurisdictional conflicts encountered, and staff selection and training. Pat Harris agreed to abstract the results for presentation at the annual conference. If anyone has leads on library programs designed to serve migrants which might be unknown to the TF and therefore not reached by the questionnaire, the information should be sent to Pat at 816 S. Adams, C601, Westmont, Ill. - 60559.

Coordinator Martin Zonlight mentioned that a recent court decision in Michigan ruled that migrant camps are semi-public, and therefore access to them must be granted to any nonprofit organization, and the TF was cheered by the implications of this. (Inquiries about the decision can go to Martin at the Stanislaus Co. Free Library, 1402 Eye St., Modesto, Calif. - 95354.)

The Tf agreed to co-sponsor a resolution to Action Council requesting a donation to the National Farm Workers Service Center. Members also decided to request display space in the SRRT booth at the June Conference, possibly in conjunction with the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

TASK FORCE ON GAY LIBERATION

The Midwinter meeting focused on the TF's plans for the June Conference. Programs being considered include a follow-up to last year's successful lecture on Mike McConnell's case and a panel discussion/media presentation. An updated version of the gay bibliography distributed last year will be available, and the TF will again have a suite, probably in the Palmer House, for rap sessions and get-togethers. In addition to book and periodical displays, the TF will again offer the annual Gay Book Award, and a "surprise literary event" is promised.

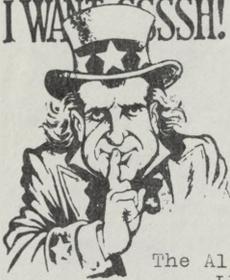
A list of projects was developed earlier for 1971-72 and beyond. An annotated bibliography of gay-oriented books, articles, periodicals, and audiovisuals will appear in Library Journal late this spring. The TF has also amassed a display exhibit of materials which will be offered to libraries through the library press. Other proposals are a pamphlet of pointers, to be sent to gay organizations, on working with libraries, and the review of encyclopedia articles on homosexuality with a view toward developing recommendations to eliminate prejudice and confusion. (Coordinator: Barbara Gittings, 241 S. 21st. St., Philadelphia - 19103)

TASK FORCE ON ALA-IFLA

A new TF formed to monitor relations between ALA and the International Federation of Library Associations. IFLA is one of 42 groups with which UNESCO has broken off contact due to their affiliation with branches or other operations in South Africa, Rhodesia, or the Portuguese colonies in Africa. UNESCO wishes proof that such branches do not practice or support racist policies.

The TF has written the ALA Executive Board suggesting that ALA terminate membership and relationships with IFLA until UNESCO has restored its status, and that ALA refrain from any affiliation with organizations violating the principles of human rights and social justice. (Coordinator: Evert Volkersz, Library, SUNY at Stonybrook, N.Y. 11790)

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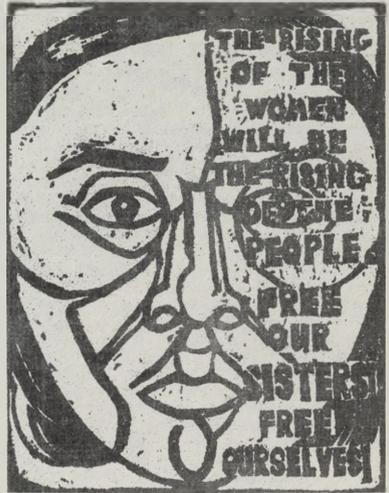
TASK FORCE ON GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Going out of business now that their major project has been accomplished and a Round Table on government documents has been approved for ALA.

During its Midwinter meeting, the TF had a lively discussion on recurring problems plaguing documents librarians. They have been in touch with the Supt. of Docs. about enforcement of the law requiring listing of all documents in the Monthly Catalog, and about the need for a user's conference for librarians going into the documents on microfiche program. They also discussed the problems arising from recall of documents, and the legal status of librarians ignoring such requests (e.g. the recent Army recall of a manual dealing with bomb-making).

These and other issues will undoubtedly continue to be examined by the new Round Table. We applaud their work, congratulate their success, and wish them well.

(Bernadine Hoduski, 515B N. Florence, Lee's Summit, Mo. - 64063.)



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TASK FORCE ON WOMEN

In conjunction with the coalition planning to operate a child-care center at the June Conference, the TF on Women will ask ALA to supply funding for such service as a regular Conference expense. Other plans for Chicago include a program dealing with the design of affirmative action questionnaires and programs and a meeting to which members of women's labor organizations and similar groups in the Chicago area might be invited.

The TF notes the following for people involved in local or other action:

- any affirmative action statements designed to promote equality should emphasize sex as strongly as race
- some kits have been created as guides for combatting discrimination. . . one is available from NOW in New York
- it is up to EVERY WOMAN to put pressure on state legislatures and on Congress to pass an unamended Equal Rights Amendment

During Midwinter, the TF presented a resolution, which was endorsed by Executive Board and passed by Council, calling upon Council to request the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to conduct a nationwide statistical study of librarianship. The TF itself is working on a roster of women seeking administrative positions in the profession.

A 58-page study by Berkeley librarians on women's status in their library is being done by Anne Lipow, Library Systems Office, 416 Main Library, Univ. of Calif. at Berkeley, Berkeley-94720. Ask for the Report of the Affirmative Action Committee.

(Coordinator: Michelle Rudy, 1403 LeCore Lane, Manhattan, Ks. - 66502)

NEW PUBLICATION

WOMEN'S STUDIES ABSTRACTS
P.O. Box 1
RUSH, N.Y.
Quarterly - \$10 per year

TASK FORCE ON THE RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, AND ADVANCEMENT OF MINORITIES

One of the busiest of SRRT's task forces, this group met twice at Midwinter to hear about and discuss:

1. a report on the status of the minority recruiter proposal for the ALA Office (highest priority after increase in ALA Staff salaries);
2. a survey being undertaken by New York SRRT members to determine the number of minority personnel in decision-making positions in New York's larger public libraries (the questionnaire may be useful to other such surveys, and can be obtained from TF Coordinator Ada Jackson, 400 Central Park West, 4N, NYC - 10025);
3. the need for an information clearinghouse to keep track of recruitment projects, scholarships, and other financial aids available to minority students (Peggy Barber suggested using the ALA Office for Recruitment, and all such information should be sent to her there);
4. the possibility of a regular section of classified ads in library periodicals to bring students and opportunities together, and the need to feed library information to the minority placement offices on campuses having them; ;
5. the desirability of incorporating the TF's philosophy into any policy writing for an ALA Manpower Office;
6. the publication this spring, by SUNY at Geneseo, of last year's pre-conference proceedings, to be called **Parity Now** and to sell for \$4.00;
7. a possible handbook to answer frequent requests coming to the TF for aid in the face of discrimination in libraries.

One of the longer discussions revolved around the dilemma of whether to concentrate TF interest on the promotion of minority personnel at high administrative levels or on recruitment at the lower levels. Several members pointed out that the movement of minorities into policy-making positions would promote the improvement of conditions at all levels. Binnie Tate urged the group to concentrate attention on recruitment from the community as part of an effort to aid the emergence of community power and to alter the structure to provide for policy-making from the people upwards.

The TF asks SRRT membership cooperation in the following;

--Letters of support for the recommendations of the Report of the Library of Congress Inquiry Team to be sent to senators, congressmen, and state library agencies. Copies of the Report are available from Judith Krug at ALA Headquarters, and it will be published in the **March American Libraries** (Ed. note to the library press: The Report should be read by non-ALA members, too!)

--Any articles referring to charges of discrimination in libraries, especially LC, should be clipped from local newspapers, etc., and sent to Carol Garving, Rutgers Univ. Graduate School of Library Service, New Brunswick, N.J. - 08903.

TASK FORCE ON ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT

As has been reported, the second edition of AIP goes to press before spring. Coordinator Mimi Penchansky has been assigning the final subject headings and expected to send the copy to Irene Braden at Ohio State during February.

Although there is no need for volunteer labor on the current edition, Mimi has been faced with some problems and questions which may be the basis for further TF action under a new coordinator. For example, should the TF's goal be to see AIP taken over by a commercial or Movement publisher, or might it better remain in SRRT's hands? Should the next edition include a subject guide to individual items? Should there be a companion volume to cover periodicals? Should listings for Movement bookstores include their sale stock as well as their own publications? Do volunteers on the project have any common problems? Do the users of AIP have any common problems?

Mimi emphasizes the need for fresh viewpoints, innovations, reactions, new directions, and she hopes that prospective as well as experienced TF members will bring their best thinking to Chicago in June.

(Mimi Penchansky, Paul Klapper Lib., Queens College, Flushing, N.Y. - 11387).

TASK FORCE ON MEDIA CENTERS IN FREE SCHOOLS

Members of this TF have been quietly busy on several projects. A directory of nearly 1000 free schools in the U.S. and Canada has been compiled, and will be expanded as new data come in. A survey was undertaken on media services existing in free schools, and the statistics were expected to be computer-ready by February 1.

Ray Barber, TF Coordinator, has received inquiries about the prospects for employment of librarians in free schools. He is in contact with the Teacher Dropout Center, the Summerhill Society, and the New Schools Exchange, and hopes that the TF will be able to work out some means of getting positions and interested librarians together. The TF also has a compilation of extracts from descriptions of free schools, and although reproduction costs are prohibitive at this time, Ray is trying to come up with a way to make it available.

Some members of the TF met informally at Midwinter to discuss additional goals and directions. Anyone who couldn't make that meeting, or who has contacts with free schools in her or his area, or who simply has some questions or suggestions for action can contact Ray at 680 West Virginia, Apt. 26, Tallahassee - 32304. Among the possibilities for Chicago in June: a meeting featuring free school students from the Chicago area.



THE OPEN SOCIETY, THE UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE, THE UNPLANNED AND UNINHIBITED ASSOCIATION OF MEN FOR ITS FURTHERANCE -- THESE ARE WHAT MAY MAKE A VAST, COMPLEX, EVER GROWING, EVER CHANGING, EVER MORE SPECIALIZED AND EXPERT TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD, NEVERTHELESS A WORLD OF HUMAN COMMUNITY.

TASK FORCE ON SERVICE TO PRISONERS

Just getting underway, the TF expressed in Chicago a particular concern with the real access, or lack of it, prisoners have to materials supposedly placed in jails and prisons for their use. A survey will be made of state departments of corrections and state library institutional consultants to find out what state standards apply to local jails.

The TF drew up, during Midwinter, "An Appeal to Presidential Candidates and Political Party Platform Committees In Behalf of Inmates of Jails, Juvenile Halls, Prisons, and Other Correctional Facilities", an eloquent statement calling for commitment to the support of adequate multi-media libraries in such institutions. The Appeal was presented to AHIL and to the Legislation Assembly in the hope that it would become a part of ALA's expression of concerns to the platform committees.

Another appeal is to the SRRT membership to feed to the TF any and all information on established or prospective programs of library service to inmates of correctional institutions. Send to Joan Goddard, 1171 West Latimer, Campbell, Calif., - 95008.

TASK FORCE ON SEX-RELATED MEDIA

Still exploring the best ways to pursue its goals, this TF welcomes suggestions and ideas. See Newsletter No. 16 for a summary of their concerns. (Coordinator: Gordon McShean, 345 West Dr., Lompico nr. Felton, Calif. 95018)

In accordance with a request from Action Council, we publish here a list of the budget allocations to SRRT Task Forces for the current year.

AIP	350.00
Chicanos	50.00
CH Minorities	50.00
Drug Abuse	50.00
East Coast	50.00
Gay Lib	764.00
Govt. Pub.	400.00
Media Centers	50.00
Migrant Work	50.00
Intergroup Underst.	50.00
Prison Libraty Serv.	50.00
Recruit. Minorities	200.00
Serv. Poor	50.00
Sex Rel. Media	50.00
Women	287.20
Stud. Affil.	50.00
Und. Press	300.00

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AND MORE ADDRESSES...

Some Task Forces are not reported on here, either because they are still organizing or because their activity hasn't changed since the last report. We include the addresses of their coordinators to facilitate communications and volunteering.

East Coast Conspiracy Documentation

Betty Carol Sellen, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11210.

Mobilizing Community Program Resources for Intergroup Understanding

Laurel Fischer, Akron Public Library, Akron, Ohio 44305.

Service to Poor People

Carla Alexander, 411 A Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.

Student Affiliates

Nancy Hanssen, Pratt Institute Library, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11205.

Underground Press Syndicate Index

Joan Marshall, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11210.

Drug Abuse

Ed. has no address at press time, but will pass on any correspondence sent to her at the Univ. of Akron Library, Akron, O. 44325.



Richard F. O'Hair, of the American Atheist Press, has contacted a SRRT member to express interest in the proposal for a Task Force on religious and athiest materials. The AAP, an affiliate of the Society of Seperationists, was established to publish Madalyn Murray O'Hair's study on the removal of prayer and the Bible from public schools when Ms. O'Hair could find no other American publisher who would handle it.

If anyone has been contemplating the launching of such a Task Force, this might be an oportune time. If you'd like more scoop on the AAP venture, Mr. O'Hair is at 4012 Sinclair Ave., Austin, Texas, 98767.

affiliates news

Bay Area SRRT

.....succeeded in getting Baker & Taylor in Reno to stock **Steal This Book**. All it took was a stern letterwith copies to major library journals.....

.....wrote to Bell & Howell Microfilm Div. "expressing apprehension of yet another collection (Women's History Library) microfilmed without an index (a worthy project for avid letter-writers. Ed.)

.....is planning a minority employees survey in Bay Area libraries and a committee on women's liberation in the library profession.....

Odds and Ends from Jan. 12th meeting

- Correspondence: TO - Shirley Chisholm supporting her candidacy for U.S. President.
- TO - Library Journal expressing our displeasure in the sexism displayed in the Bill Katz article (Dec.15, 1971).
- TO - A.L.A. Committee on Accreditation urging in their proposed standards the inclusion of standards relating directly to enrollment of minority students in library schools.
- TO - 7 paperback publishers protesting their inclusion of advertisements within the text of their publications.

Missouri Library Association SRRT.....

.....has new TFs on Fair Representation on Library Boards and Status of Women.....still operating are TFs on Obscenity and Pornography, the 1972 Election, and Local Correctional Institutions.....



FROM: LI - SRRT
SUBJ: Report on action

We have been working since Dallas on establishing a continuing library program for the Nassau County Jail, a detention center and short-term prison facility with about 800 inmates. An active education program run by volunteers, and an active counselling program run by Fortune Society were being supported by a "library" room full of outdated and irrelevant public library discards.

LI-SRRT also sponsored a "free-for-all" at the Nassau County Library Association Annual Institute in November. In addition to a discussion of the jail project, presentations were made on (1) status of women in public library employment in Nassau County, with particular emphasis on administrative positions and salaries (report available from LI-SRRT to anyone interested), and (2) priorities for library development in the County a local issue involving an about-to-be-built multi-million dollar central reference library for the County, the scope and plans for which were seriously questioned by SRRT.

LI-SRRT Coordinator is Joe Covino, Great Neck Library, Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, NY 11024.



"We are not listening to your demands until you agree to accept what we offer."

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"Implementing the Supreme Court Decision on Prison Legal Library Service" will be the subject of a one-day conference to be held April 22 on the Berkeley campus. Co-sponsored by the Bay Area SRRT Prison Task Force and the University of California School of Librarianship, the conference will feature librarians, corrections officials, legislators, former prisoners, criminologists, and lawyers. Copies of the program are available from Celeste MacLeod, 2838 Woolsey St., Berkeley - 94705.

SRRT of Ohio.....

.....has passed out of its former existence after an exhortation to its members to reorganize at local levels where action could be more successfully issue-oriented. Signs of life are evident in Toledo and Cleveland, while remaining SRRT members in Akron-Canton-Kent are gestating in quiet communion and pursuing individual Action.....

It's too late for a Valentine, so here's a message in honor of the month's patriotic holidays. Liberate patriotism!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness.
America, America
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control
Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life.
America, America
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.
America, America
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

CHILD CARE IN CHICAGO

The SRRT-JMRT Committee on child care for the Chicago conference expects to have child care available from Monday, June 26 to Friday, July 1, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. A professional will be hired to supervise the service, assisted by area students. The children (eligibility - infant to 14 years) will be in day care or day camp situations, and the Committee hopes tours of the city and its cultural facilities will be provided.

SRRT members of both sexes who plan to use the service and/or who can donate a 4-hour block of time to the children, please send the following information to Liz Futas, 105 E. 24th St., NYC - 10010.

Name _____
Address _____

I am bringing _____ children
to Chicago, aged _____

I can
cannot give a 4-hour
block of time to the project.



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1. A request for help should be submitted to Clearing-house through the Secretary (Miriam Crawford 1971-72) at least three weeks in advance of the proposed mailing.
2. The group must prepare its material for mailing and provide 1500 unsealed envelopes, already stamped, if a first class mailing is preferred.
3. If bulk rate is preferred, CH will forward a bill ahead of time for the cost of postage at 1, 2, or 3 oz., plus the cost of printing our permit on a wrapper sheet, CH will expect a check to precede or accompany the mail to be processed.

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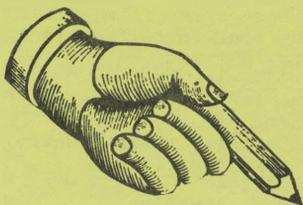
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Special Interests?

The Urban Information Interpreters Inc., a not-for-profit educational firm in College Park, Md., will hold a Summer Institute on "Preparation for Urban Information Practice: a Futures Approach". The four-week Institute will be held twice, in June and July, with each session limited to 25 participants. Designed to bring powerful intellectual and action tools to the task of changing conditions for the urban poor, the program addresses a crucial problem facing librarianship -- the preparation of trained manpower for change in this area of urban information service. Cost of tuition and fees for each session is \$380. For further information and application forms, write

Robert Morris
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