Newsletter

Copy-deadline dates: August 31; October 31. Send "feedback," short bibliogs. & directories, Task Force and affiliate news, draft resolutions, data on "things to get," reviews, muckraking morsels, deleted expletives, and anything else worth sharing with SRRT colleagues to Sandy Berman, Editor, 2412 Girard Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55405. Garlands for this one go to masthead-designer Jerrie Anderson, our new typist, patrice o'shea; Dorothy Broderick, who begins an explosive, nothing-like-it-anyplace-else column; printer Dick Gauthier; and Sherrie Bergman Friedman, miracle-worker, bill-payer, & inesia-fanatic.

Newsletter contents are regularly cited—and sometimes abstracted—in CALL (Current awareness--library literature), published bi-monthly by Goldstein Associates, 35 Whittmore Road, Framingham, Mass. 01701. We're happy—in fact, proud—to report that a full-scale Newsletter review appears in the Mar./Apr. '74 issue (v. 3, no. 2), p. 11-12. Since it represents the first serious attention ever accorded our 5-year-old rag by the "library press," here are a few excerpts:

The SRRT Newsletter is, on a trial basis, being issued under stable editorship... and, for circulation, subscription, and distribution purposes, from a single mailing point... Nos. 28 & 29/ are newsletters in the best sense of that word.

The editor/ not only manages to transmit the news that his colleagues submit, but, wherever appropriate, updates that news and/or appends related commentary or documentation. As a consequence, even the unSRRTain outsider feels that he or she has an "overview" of the unfamiliar.

That overview will, of course, be one of materials assembled and presented from extremely biased points of view. (No, don't tell me I know that you can say much the same thing about 'objective reporting.' In fact, I wouldn't be surprised...if the new SRRT Newsletter weren't a much better example of advocacy journalism in the library field than the sole example cited by Wm. K. Eschelman in his "Social responsibility and the library press"...)

There is even, if you'll pardon just one Bayou leave, a lagniappe in the...Newsletters. Because of the rather poor access to alternative publications and sources provided by the traditional bibliographic control apparatus in librarianship (as well as some difficulties associated with the real-time use of some of the alternative access tools), the Newsletter serves as a very convenient "finding tool" for a wide range of alternative or "alternative-oriented" publications that are cited in specific news items or under the "Things to get" category.

In sum, I'm real plus about the contents and utility of the SRRT Newsletter... and hope...that the trial period becomes permanent... Being a conservative where serials control is concerned, I also like knowing that the Bristol address will keep me from bristling every time I want to find out where my next Newsletter is coming from. Finally, not being Bill Katz, I'll let you determine whether the subscription prices...suit your purse and perspective. My hope is that they do.

Treasurer's report

Today I received an "Interim Statement" from ALA Controller Meldon C. Kirk covering the period Sept. 1, 1973, through Feb. 28, 1974. From this, I'm going to calculate deductions of outstanding obligations to give us a functional balance, which I estimate at about $700.--Helen R. Wheeler, 7940 Jefferson Highway (Apt. 215), Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809 (4/12).

TF/Affiliate Fair re-scheduled, Bagdikian to speak at AC program

Because of a time-conflict, SRRT's two umbrella-programs have been changed from the hours-à-dates shown in ALA's "tentative" schedule. So mark your calendars accordingly:

* TASK FORCE/AFFILIATE FAIR. Wednesday, July 10, 8:30-10:30 p.m.
  Switched from Thursday eve. All TF Coordinators are being personally notified.

* BEN BAGDIKIAN. Thursday, July 11, 8:30-10:30 p.m.
  Who's Ben? He's a McCarthy-Era veteran who knows the inside story of how the Girl Scout Handbook was censored. A militant, articulate libertarian, his long connection with journalism & the mass media makes him the right person to talk on media censorship—by means of both explicit government control & less-explicit, but just as real, corporate control. Among the specific topics he'll
discuss are the kinds of media manipulation that produce "entertainment social values" (or Establishment Brainwashing), information-loss resulting from monopolized distribution channels, and the mounting, increasingly sophisticated attacks on First Amendment rights. If you're an intellectual freedom freak, cable TV freak, or small-press-alternative-information freak, this is THE program for you Thursday evening in NYC. (P.S. A few representative titles from among Ben's many publications: Information machines: their impact on men and the media; In the midst of plenty: the poor in America; The shame of the prisons; and The effete conspiracy and other crimes of the press.)

While Mom and/or Dad mess around in Gotham... Gulliver's Trails, an outfit famous for its imaginative trips, offers a custom-made sight-seeing program for youngsters from 6 to 17 during the ALA-bash:

- Monday, July 8 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. "Little Old New York" A grabby day in lower NYC: boat-ride to the Statue of Liberty; Wall Street & Trinity Church Yard; Chinatown lunch; visit to South Street Seaport.
- Tuesday, July 9 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. "Exciting Midtown Highlights" Includes behind-the-scenes guided tour of NBC studios; walk-through at the fascinating Museum of the City of NY; Pasticcia pizza-lunch.
- Wed., July 10 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. "Room at the Top" Top of the Empire State Building; VIP guest-bit at a special film-screening; Automat lunch; wonders of Time Square & Manhattan viewed from a double-decker bus.
- Thurs., July 11 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. "Academy and Zoo" Visit to the Police Academy & Bronx Zoo, replete with camel & pony rides (at Zoo only).

All children will travel with their own age-group, accompanied by college-student guides. Prices: $12.95 per day, covering all expenses (yeah, lunch, too). To register in advance, indicate which program(s) you'd like & mail a check to: Gulliver's Trails, 441 West 49th, NYC 10019. For the tardy, a GT rep will be on hand in the Registration area at both the Americana & NY Hilton hotels. Students & unemployed colleagues may get a discount through Susan Vaughn, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, NY 11210. NOTE: For parents with early-morning or late-afternoon stints, a spot will be assigned to drop off & pick up children.

Evening programs: On Tuesday, the 9th, a trip to Radio City Music Hall + dinner for pre-teens (6-12) @ $12.50. Also, dinner & a Broadway show for Teens (13-17), same night @ $15.

Three-to-five activities: A nursery program will be available from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. daily-Monday-Thursday, July 8-11-@ $8.00.

Ms. Vaughn, who provided the above data, notes that "all programs are subject to change." But of course.

Council on Interracial Books for Children to conduct stereotype-clinic "How to identify and counteract stereotypes in your library," a clinic on the detection of racism & sexism in children's books, classic & contemporary, will be presented by CIBC--in conjunction with the Children's Services Division--from 2-4 p.m. on Monday, July 8th. Beryl Bankfield, author of Africa in the curriculum, & Albert V. Schwartz, Asst. Prof. of Education, Reading, Language Arts & Children's literature (Richmond College, CUNY), will first rap on "New criteria," then chair a panel-discussion by Asian-American, Black, Chicano, Puerto Rican, & Native American Resource Specialists. Also on tap: A/V shows & exhibits. Based on courses now being given under the Council's aegis at Columbia Teachers & Richmond Colleges, the clinic is to take place in a ballroom accommodating up to 500 persons. Which damn well ought to be PACKED!

For last-minute details and info-sheets on the Columbia/Richmond seminars, contact Nellie Hester or Brad Chambers at the Council on Interracial Books for Children, 1841 Broadway, Room 300, NYC 10023; 757-5339.

Task forces People's Librarian Project: where it's at, money-scene, help-pitch RUTH BLANK isn't being paid, yet, contrary to reports in the March PLP newsletter. Funds for the Indian Center in San Jose have been held up, though Ruth is still hopeful of being paid by the Center, beginning in July. Ruth wrote to us and asked to be considered again for PLP money. Due to a deficit in our budget (i.e. money is not coming in as hoped), she won't receive a "Full Salary" from PLP, but will get all available funds. Barbara and Werner are paid each month. Ruth can be contacted at the San Jose Indian Center, 90 South 2nd Street, San Jose, California, 95113. Telephone (408) 292-5440. If anyone knows of libraries that might have useful duplicates or unwanted gift materials, please contact Ruth, since this is one of the main ways the Center's library grows.
WERNER HERTZ is still busy with the Peoples Energy Collective. If you haven't yet ordered the Peoples Energy Handbook for your library, do so directly from Werner for $1.50 plus postage at Peoples Energy, 4911 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, California, 94609; (415) 652-6555. PE recently installed a computer terminal, hooked up to Project One in San Francisco. PE can program-in information and get information on a broad variety of topics, including housing, employment, social action groups and Russian wolfhounds wanted. Stop and ask for a demonstration, or write to Werner for more info.

BARBARA PRUETT continues her work at the UFW Information Center in La Paz. Recent setbacks for the Union (teamster contracts, court injunctions) make it more important than ever that we support Barbara's work there. If you have supplies, money or information, contact Barbara c/o Information Center, P.O.Box 62, Keene, California, 93531.

PLP plans a program meeting at ALA-New York for Tuesday, July 9 (4:30-6 p.m.). Program suggestions welcomed.

PLP financial statement (May-Dec. 1973):

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Year-end balance: $101.58

Notes:
1. Besides providing publicity, the buttons showed a profit of $79.50.
2. An average of 21 persons each month sent a pledge to the project.
3. Average monthly income from pledges was $228.00.

HELP! WE NEED SOMEBODY! No, not the Beatles. The People's Librarian Task Force. We're putting together a how-to-do-it thing for interested folks, to distribute at ALA/NY. And we'd like your 2- or 3-sentence reason for supporting the TF. A kind of endorsement. We plan to set-up sort of a Question Person column. If you can, please send your statement to Pat Mitchell, 434 66th St., Oakland, CA 94609. Quick. (Reason for the short notice is that this is a late addition to our thing.) Include your name (if you like), your position-title, and where you do it. Literary gems not required; just your gut-level feelings. Thanks in advance for your help. And especially, thanks for your support of the People's Librarian TF.--Ed Cavallini, Co-Coordinator, 639 S. 15th St., San Jose, CA 95112 (5-2).


For the first time at an ALA Conference, a program will be devoted to the librarian's responsibility for servicing American ethnic groups. In addition to the disadvantaged minorities, consideration will be given to white ethnic groups in the community. Discussion will focus on the librarian's role, whether city-centered or suburban, in consciously developing multi-ethnic collections and services. A distinguished panel has been assembled to deal with the question of "Ethnicity and Librarianship" on Tuesday, July 9, at the City Square Motor Inn, 790 Seventh Ave., NYC (between 52nd & 53rd Streets). The Council on Interracial Books for Children has made a generous contribution to help defray expenses for this event, scheduled to run from 10 a.m. until 1-2 noon in "Constitution Hall." The speakers:

- Irving M. Levine, Director
  American Jewish Committee's
  National Project on Ethnic America

- Eleanor Holmes Norton, Chairperson
  New York City Commission on Human Rights

- Michael Novak
  Author, Rise of the unmeltable ethnics
  Rockefeller Foundation Consultant in
  the Humanities
  Commonweal writer

- Milton Welterz, author and editor
  National Book Award winner for
  Langston Hughes biography

Agenda for the TF's business session, tabbed for 8:30-9 a.m. on the same day:

- Organizing an Asian-American section.
- Recommended changes in cataloging & classification to achieve better treatment of racial & ethnic groups (by LC, the H.W. Wilson Co., etc.).
- Report on the current status of minority publishers.
- Need for monitoring & evaluating minority-related A/V materials.
- Production of bibliographic resources for all ethnic groups.

For further info, contact Coordinator David Cohen, 68-71 Bell Blvd., Bayside, N.Y. 11364; (212) 229-1510.--Edited from 4-30 flyer & news-release.

Jobs: excerpts from the TF's April newsletter

Anyone wishing a copy of Michael Moran's report on the survey of U.S. Library Placement Services should write Patricia Henderson (Librarian, Valencia Community College, P.O.Box 3028; Orlando, Florida 32802). She also has an excellent study of an Ohio job-hotline that she'll mail to persons sending a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope. ALA's Office for Library Personnel Resources has much material that may interest job-aspirants; e.g., a recent bulletin on Minority Recruitment, focusing upon career-advancement for "minority" employees in academic & public
libraries who qualify for admission to a 5-year ALA-accredited library ed. pro-
gram. For copies, write Marilyn Salazar, Minority Recruitment Specialist, OLR,
ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. *Freebies from Coordinator Terry McLaugh-
lin (Director, Portsmouth Public Library, 1220 Gallia St., Portsmouth, Ohio 45662): old Job TF bulletins; discussion of technical factors in buying an automatic tele-
phone answering unit for a job hotline; reprint of Margaret Myers' April '73 article, "A guide for library job-hunters"; & a piece on OLA's Jobline.

Women: Midwinter roundup, etc. ←
A Chicago potpourri Liz Dickinson kicked off the business meeting with a short
presentation on the job roster's status (complete report appears in the TF's March
newsletter, p. 2-4). Roster has grown to the point where in its present form it's
unwieldy & extremely demanding in terms of the work involved. Discussion of prob-
lems & alternatives led to a reorganization of the way the roster will be handled.
Conensus was that since hirings appear to be few, because of the immense amount
of labor attendant to circulating the roster + small return, initiative & follow-up
activity with respect to any one job should be left to the applicant, who would not
simply wait to be contacted by personnel officers, but would write directly to
apply for jobs of interest. Instead of rosters of women being distributed to em-
ployers, a system of bi-weekly announcements of job openings, with pertinent info,
will be circulated to all roster-members. A small fee for this membership will
cover costs of reproducing and mailing (est. @ $5 p.a.). Statistics can also be
kept more easily on the usefulness of the roster by means of duplicate copies of
job correspondence forwarded to the Roster Coordinator. Liz is working out the
conversion-details. New system is expected to be operational by June... *Plea was
made for volunteer Newsletter-editors, since the work of the TF Coordinator is
slowly becoming terrifically heavy. Also, as a matter of better TF-functioning,
it's desirable to have the sheet edited by women other than the Coordinator--to get
as many TFers involved as possible. Suggestion arose that Bay Area SRRT women
could handle the editing. Details of that are to be worked out... *The talent bank
changed hands, from Sherrie Bergman Friedman to Jo Ann Malina, 4248 Anna Ave.,
lyons, Illinois 60534... *Margaret Myers will again, with other TF members, up-date
the TFW bibliography on Women in Librarianship. Send bibliographic info on new
publications, reports, etc. to her at the Grad. School of Library Service, Rutgers
Univ., 189 College Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08903... *It was decided that the TFW
New York-program would deal with means of filing sex-discrimination complaints.
HEW, EEOC, State, & New York City agencies will be asked to send a representative,
and a civil attorney (Feminist) is to be invited--all to provide brief descriptions
of their services & answer questions from the audience. Carol Hanson will prepare
informational kits, including a summary of what kinds of things constitute sex
discrimination, for distribution at the meeting... *A protracted discussion of the
penalties of protesting discrimination and of the retaliation experienced by women
who have filed formal complaints of sex discrimination was followed by a proposal
that Council women be organized to work for equitable treatment for women. By the
end of the Mid-Winter meeting, this group seemed well on the way to formation... *The TFW, at ALA/Las Vegas, decided that it was growing too large for the SRRT
structure. Various possible alternatives were discussed, with separate Round Table
Status favored. By Mid-Winter, however, the financial condition of ALA, with the
consequent dues-structure changes and the implications of these changes to the
future of Round Tables and even Divisions, swung TFW opinion in the direction
of establishing a group separate from ALA, as the Black Caucus is separate, to be
named something like "Feminist Librarians Caucus". Some drawbacks to this proposal
are the necessity to establish administrative machinery for dues, etc.; and
(2) difficulty of obtaining space at ALA meetings. Advantages are (1) autonomy; &
(2) the possibility of recruiting many members who do not care to or cannot afford
to belong to ALA. The issue will be further discussed and hopefully decided in NY.

Affiliates

Minnesotans support Guinea-Bissau, slam bias in Webster dictionary ←
M-SRRT on March 26th sent the following message--signed by Coordinator Janet Kinney
(2222 Girard Ave. S., Apt. 12, Minneapolis, MN 55405)"to the Committee To Support
The Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2nd Floor, 16th Madison Ave., NYC 10016):

Dear Friends,

Our organization, the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the Minnesota
Library Association, being firmly committed to self-determination and social
justice for all peoples, heartily endorses your Message of Support and Solidarity
to the People and Party of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau:

*We recognize the independence and sovereignty of the Republic of Guinea-
Bissau.

*In this historic moment, we join with the people of Guinea-Bissau in cele-
brating this latest triumph over Portuguese colonialism and its allies.

*Guided by the determined leadership of the Partido Africano de Independencia
da Guine e Cabo Verde (PAIGC), this great expression of the right of self-
determination attests to the strength and will of a vigilant people.

Recognizing that newly independent governments have had to resist international pressures aimed at undermining their sovereignty, we pledge our solidarity with you in the face of any pressures.

Be assured that your countrymen and women are welcome among us.

Be assured also that we are prepared to discuss exchanges between our peoples, based on equality and mutual respect.

In the spirit of liberation and good will, we rejoice with you.

We wish to be counted among those who welcome this newly-formed, independent government. Further, we urge the U.S. Department of State to extend prompt and full recognition to the Republic and demand that the Portuguese immediately terminate their illegal military presence there.

I women are welcome among us.

To add further exchanges between our countries, we believe that the racist, sexist, and ethnocentric connotations of certain terminology found in basic reference tools employed by our profession should be clearly indicated. Indeed, it is the duty of any decent, fair-minded lexicographer to do so.

We should like to take this opportunity to further suggest a stronger "status label" than simply "Slang: WOMAN" for such patently defamatory nouns as "broad" and "chick." It can now safely be said that these terms--like "nigger"--are "usu. taken to be offensive." They can no longer be regarded merely as instances of colorful vernacular speech. Nor can the pristine definition of "mammy" as "a Negro, Black, or mulatto woman servant to white children, esp. formerly in the Southern States" be permitted to stand unqualified. That term is still employed today, and is much-detested by Afro-American women.

With thanks in advance for your serious attention to these matters.

CWILS: full-steam ahead

On January 23rd, CWILS organizers met with a group of prospective members at the New Haven Women's Center. We watched the skillful and sensitive feminist film "Joyce at 44," made plans for the future, and discussed the need for a regular bulletin to announce CWILS activities and publicize resources and projects of general interest to women in libraries. CWILS newsletter is intended to fill that need.

We will issue it monthly to everyone on the CWILS mailing list, and welcome news items from our readers. Send them to: Judy Malanat, 129 York St., Apt. 4-C, New Haven, Conn. 06511... In order to facilitate communication and tailor action to local needs, CWILS has formed two regional groups. Southwestern Connecticut CWILS will be coordinated by Barbara Martin, Greenwich Library, 101 w. Putnam Ave., Greenwich, Conn. 06830; Eastern Connecticut CWILS by Gretchen Hammerstein, Toad Ridge Rd., Middlefield, Conn. 06455. Susan Kadel, Branch Librarian of the Fairfield Woods Library, Fairfield, Conn., will handle membership requests for both groups... The most ambitious CWILS project under way is the compilation of a list of Connecticut libraries offering substantial resources on women. It will describe each library's holdings, both print and non-print, and/or its special programs, publications, booklets, or information files relating to women's issues. If your library has feminist strengths which should be included in the catalog, please notify your regional CWILS coordinator... Send us a cassette tape and we will send you a transcription of "Sexism in Children's Books" excerpts from a T.V. show prepared by Gretchen Hammerstein--and "Liberty Isms" a collection of infuriating anti-feminist cliches compiled by a CWILS member for a State Library Service Center Workshop in Oct., 1973. Total time: 30 minutes. Mail tapes to: Gretchen Hammerstein, Toad Ridge Road, Middlefield, Conn. 06455.

Feedback

Just a note of thanks for the very informative January Newsletter /no. 29/. For one who is very new to the meanderings & maneuverings of ALA, it's a real pleasure to find such a coherent--and committed--publication. (It particularly appreciated
the continuing support of UFW and your reactions to the Kodak come-on...).--Susan Hargreaves, Student, Grad. School of Lib. & Info. Science, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 129 Grandview (No. 7), Pittsburgh, PA 15211 (3-11).

2.  Re SRRT Newsletter no. 29: A twenty-one gun salute. The very best issue ever put together. Complaints, bouquets, needing...information...offense and defense—a lively number. January dated. Arrived 11 Mar. OK, but one or two items show a February deadline?? Excellent source listings. BUT NOTE: South African panorama is not available gratis. Scope is. Likewise Canada Today. Soviet life from Gorky, Nort America, China reconstitutes, and Vietnam (North) monthly. Again, hooray and a bow to all who contributed to No. 29. Peace.--Dolph Pursee, 2265 Crest Drive, Fortuna, CA 95540 (3-12).

3.  Mr. Doiron has encouraged me to re-reply to his (Action Council's?) comments (no. 30, p. 3-17), thus seemingly reversing his (their?) blanket condemnation and considering individual actions, and the reasons for those actions, of separate human beings, or, at least, of this one. It is refreshing to know that members care to know why councillors vote as they do.

Quite simply, my vote, made in thoughtful consideration of all the same points made in your's about freedom of speech, representation of all points of view, etc., was against hearing more, at that time, from the University of Chicago people in order that I might be enabled to hear most of the rest of the agenda, especially since it was becoming abundantly clear that nothing else was possible for SCMAI to do until litigation ceased.

Concerning Document 32 (impeachment of the President), I voted not to spend more time on it because (notwithstanding any opinion I have, and the document's inappropriately worded) it was properly not a damn whether ALA votes to impeach the President or not. I thus again voted to hear what I could of the rest of the agenda, items over which, hopefully, we have some influence.

Your very open attention to my use of the Freedom to Speak is appreciated. With sincere hopes that I haven't wasted your time nor interfered with someone else's same Freedom, I thank you.--Peggy Brooks Smith, Councillor-at-Large, 1428 Boswell, Crete, Nebraska 68333 (3-17).

Editor's note: Our genuine thanks to Ms. Smith for taking the time and trouble to respond. Only three Councillors did so. Hardly enough to warrant much confidence in this body's ability to justify its own actions or willingness to engage in frank, open dialogue with its critics. We do desire that her "on the spot," but perhaps Ms. Smith can explain how she—and many others—could be so sure about SCMAI's incapacity to conduct the full investigation of personnel policies and procedures at the University of Chicago Library overwhelmingly mandated by ALA's membership in Las Vegas. Now, without hearing firsthand testimony from the three UC librarians, could anybody possibly certain that the case did not transcend purely legal or labor issues, that it did not involve possible abridgements of Intellectual Freedom? And why should the current, specific litigation invalidate the membership's directive to examine the general personnel situation there? The questions are rhetorical. The inescapable answer is that Councillors could not know whether SCMAI simply "copied out" or truly lacked jurisdiction because they refused to know. Further, however "poorly worded," the impeachment resolution deliberately connected the President's known misdeeds to the profession's own, publicly-declared values & social commitments. In terms solely of Realpolitik it might, indeed, "matter not a damn" that ALA censured Mr. Nixon. But in terms of our collective soul and conscience, it matters a great deal. For if we can't muster the will to recognize when we are subjected to mere histrionics which have been used to keep the Association from involvement in any socially meaningful action, while its propagandists proclaimed the opposite.

4.  Dear Sherrie and Friends:

I am enclosing $3 for non-ALA membership in SRRT, realizing that I will have no vote wishing only to keep in touch with fellow idealists. I have been in ALA for all of the ten years I have been a librarian, and I have been in SRRT since it was the CONGRESS FOR CHANGE. I will regret that I can no longer coordinate the Task Force on Sex Related Media, but I feel that I can probably do more for that cause outside the Association.

I am not joining ALA because I have finally concluded that library organizations, as presently structured, can provide us with little more than a learned facade—a front that only too easily conceals the doves pasted by apathetic and gullible members, mutual-back-scratching administrators, teachers and library consultants, and the Association's obstructionist bureaucrats. I suppose there is no need for me to document the subterfuges which have been used to keep the Association from involvement in any socially meaningful action, while its propagandists proclaimed the opposite.

I realize there are still a few honest seekers-of-reform optimistically struggling--most of these are readers of the Newsletter. If it takes them as long as it took me to become discouraged, the energies needed to save the profession will be totally dissipated. Perhaps some would be interested, as I am, in becoming part of an international library worker's organization if it could somehow be accomplished without bureaucratization, prestige-seekers and the multiple-meeting syndrome. Meanwhile, I will scan the Newsletter with awful fascination as it continues to show
the good guys getting it from the bad guys—for the game is one you cannot win.

Read in Peace.—Gordon Me$Irean, Box 1112, Modesto CA 95353 (l-I9).

On April 9th, Sherrie Friedman replied:

Dear Gordon,

...Thank you for your very moving letter, moving because, yes, you are sadly correct that ALA is often “little more than a learned facade.” Some of us are still hanging in there, idealistically trying to change ALA from within, but realistically I wonder if after ten years I too might not become tired.

I was sorry to read in newsletter #30 that you have recently undergone surgery. I hope that you are on the mend and that you’ll still make it to one of the conferences, at least in ’75 in San Fran.

Thank you for your non-ALA SRRT membership check, testimony to the true function of SRRT: an alternative forum for those who have given up on ALA.

Peace.

I received SRRT Newsletter #30, and you’re still doing great. Thanks for the two CALL mentions, although I feel somewhat ambivalent about the suggestion on page 12 “to index the vital, typically under-financed professional mags that Library literature misses”, since CALL is already indexing all of the other titles you mention. Still, CALL doesn’t get around like Library literature and doesn’t provide subject access, so maybe it’s not a bad idea. I sure wish Library literature would do it, though...

Just got the last Synergy. A recap issue on BARC, but it includes the 1972-73 index... Should be mentioned in next SRRT. Best.—Sam Goldstein, Editor, CALL, 35 Whittemore Road, Framingham, Mass. 01701 (4-6).

Addendum (4-11): 1) The proposed index strikes me as “SRRT” of self-serving, that is, not likely to have much impact beyond the same audience that tends to read titles like those listed (CALL’s inclusion being due solely to its decapital status). If that’s what you want, fine, but if you want to hit a larger audience, it seems to me you can do so only through indexing in Library literature, since that’s the only bibliographic tool pushed in American library schools, and the only one most library school faculty and operating librarians feel comfortable with (alas!, said he ruefully). In short, I’d try to bring pressure... on Library literature, rather than dissipate my efforts in a possibly duplicative—and probably audience-limited—tool. 2) If I were determined to force a task (no, ho, ho) in this direction, I would not restrict myself, as Library lit. does, to any fixed list of journals, but, using such a list as a base, I would develop a “topical profile” that caught the relevant and even more elusive stuff that crops up as special issues or discrete items in non-library journals. For example, CALL caught the WorkForce & Race today “specials”—if they come to his attention. So why not aid in this identification-process by forwarding samples of new, relevant professional mags, as well as abstractable shits from unusual sources? b) CALL subscription-rates: $25 (North America), $35 (elsewhere).

Incidentally, there are several more indexing-candidates not now handled by Lib. lit.: MJLSR newsletter II (65 Witherspoon St., Princeton, New Jersey 08540; editors: Darby Fleming, Sarah Hatcher); Alternative press revue (Alternative Press Syndicate, Box 26, Village Station, New York, N.Y. 10014); a perfect complement to PW, which Lib. does cover); Press censorship newsletter (Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, Room 310, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20006; editors: Ruth MacNaughton, Philip Lehman); and Index: censorship (Writers & Scholars International, 15 Bow St., London WC2R 7AH, United Kingdom; editor: Michael Scammell).

Editor’s note: Sam’s too bloody modest. Sure, CALL’s status may be “decapital.” Still, we thought it worth indexing not merely on the basis of its shoestring budget, but by more important Goldstein’s goodies—ranging from profiles and surveys to reviews and abstracts, are refreshingly independent, tough, meticulous, literate, and frequently—Lord Melvil, forgive us!—funny-as-hell. Inasmuch as we’re on the subject, two more CALL-related items: a) As Sam noted in his missive, he’ll readily cite or summarize relatively fugitive, potentially valuable stuff—like the WorkForce & Race today “specials”—if they come to his attention. So why not aid in this identification-process by forwarding samples of new, relevant professional mags, as well as abstractable shits from unusual sources? b) CALL subscription-rates: $25 (North America), $35 (elsewhere).

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6.<] Newsletter Staffers: Wanted to tell you I appreciate your efforts in producing a new SRRT newsletter that hits hard and informs on more than SRRTified activities. This is truly a newsletter, instead of being overly self-conscious of lay-out and graphic design.

I like the new SRRT newsletter. Thanks for keeping the information flowing.

—Phyllis Baker, P.O. Box 1866, Cheyenne, WY 82001 (4-25).
Alternatives/action

Try it, you'll like it: New York Book Fair, July 2-9

More than 200 small book and magazine publishers from throughout the nation will display material from their presses at the first New York Book Fair, an exhibition to be held July 7, 8 and 9 in the New York Cultural Center, 2 Columbus Circle, Manhattan.


Often termed "alternative media," these houses are characterized by a willingness to publish talented new writers and controversial or special-interest material not considered "commercial" enough for major publishing corporations. Many of the country's leading writers have gotten their start--or continue to publish--with such presses.

As Len Fulton, Dustbooks-impressario & publisher of the International Directory of Little Magazines and Small Presses, wrote recently:

"Just a few conglomerates now control most major publishing houses. It begins to approximate the oil cartel," says Jackie Eubanks, the Brooklyn College librarian coordinating the fair. "Small, independent publishers, including feminist and minority groups, can't begin to compete in the process of promotion and distribution of books. Hence the need for this fair, which will point up an important part of the publishing scene that many people are unaware of."

The three-day gala is being jointly sponsored by Friends of Books and Comics/East, an organization of small presses modeled after a similar group in San Francisco; the Committee of Small Magazine Editors and Publishers (COSMEP); and the American Library Association's Social Responsibilities Round Table. It is supported in part by the New York State Council on the Arts and Brooklyn College of the City University of New York.

More than 20,000 people are expected to attend the event, which coincides with the annual meeting of the American Library Association.

In addition to booths displaying the publications of specific publishers, the fair will offer three combined exhibits of Feminist, Third World and General publications. Also, there will be continuous poetry readings--many by leading bards--from 2 to 10 p.m. on both Monday and Tuesday, July 8 and 9.

The fair, occupying several floors of the New York Cultural Center, will be open to the public from 2 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, July 7, and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on both Monday and Tuesday, July 8 and 9. Admission is free. For further details, write or call Jackie Eubanks at Friends of Books and Comics/East, 60 Romain Street, #106, Brooklyn, New York 11201; phone: (212) 780-5652 (days), (212) 624-2290 (nites).

---Edited from 4-9 news-release.


PBC: "We want the Revolution NOW!"

The Peoples Bicentennial Commission is pleased to be able to attend the July ALA Convention. We look forward to meeting with members at the SRRT booth and suite.

* The PBC is a non-profit, public foundation established on the belief that it is time to reaffirm the democratic principles of the Declaration of Independence and of the American Revolution. Today, we face economic and political crises as great as those of 1776. Like our ancestors, we must meet the challenge to our democratic birthrights. We must dedicate ourselves to a new patriotism - one that calls for allegiance to the revolutionary, democratic principles that launched our first national rebellion to tyranny.

* The PBC in Washington, D.C., as the only active nationwide bicentennial commission,
is working with a number of major institutions by providing constructive, citizen-involved programs for our 200th birthday.

We will bring with us to the ALA convention printed materials developed over the last two and half years to promote community initiation of bicentennial programs. We will also have with us study guides and display kits developed by our senior staff historian, Page Smith. Mr. Smith, one of America's eminent historians, has written of women within the narrative of the revolutionary period, soon to be published by McGraw-Hill. His effort in this, as in all his work, is to make history available and accessible to all members of the community. He is working to develop various communication tools to provide useful information to the general public.

We hope that people presently working with library facilities will join with us and others across the country to make the bicentennial a truly valuable era of change.

If there is not already a PBC in your community, and you would like to start one, let us know and we can put you in touch with other members of the Committee of Correspondence in your area.

If you have contacts with community organizations, church, school, labor, service or neighborhood groups, please acquaint them with the PBC materials. They may want to integrate many of the ideas and programs as well as the perspective into their ongoing work.

We also encourage members of the Committee to carry on their own media campaign to spread the PBC approach and program. Writing stories or doing interviews with the local city newspaper, specialized publications including church newsletters, labor papers, school publications, guest appearances on local radio and TV talk shows, speaking before various organizations, etc. are all important in spreading the peoples Bicentennial message. If your local radio and TV stations are not airing our public service programs, let us know and we can send you the spots to present them.

We are expanding outlets for distribution of Common Sense magazine. If you would like to distribute copies or know of a book store, or other outlet that would be a good central distribution point for your community, we can make arrangements to send bulk orders.

Finally, if you think it would be helpful for a PBC staff person to visit your locale, we can probably arrange it on the travel schedule.

Working together, we can recapture our revolutionary heritage and build on it a society worthy of our legacy. In the Spirit of '76., Sheila Rollins, Peoples Bicen
tennial Commission, 1346 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9121.

Editor's note: We've received a Commission-kit. And it's impressive. So are the two posters that handsomely reprint rabble-rousing Jeffersonian remarks. Among the kit-items: a "Don't tread on me" button; 64-p. booklet, First principles, loaded with lovely, inflammatory quotations from Tom Paine, Abigail Adams, Mercy Warren, George Mason, the Big W, et al.; illustrated, fold-out "Syllabus & study guide to the American Revolution"; tabloid-size "Introduction" & publications-checklist; newspaper-like one-shots (e.g., "Community programs for a Peoples Bicentennial," "The light in the steeple: Religion & the American Revolution," "Tree of liberty: the revolutionary tradition in America today"); and copies of PBC's news magazine, Common sense. The full kit, including a year's sub to CS, costs $7. A packet of introductory materials they'll send free. To convey a little of CS's latter-day "spirit of '16," here are a few captions from the April issue: "Baltimore cages Indians in Bicentennial zoo" (which was later picked up in its April/May number, p. 11), "GM, Ford aided Nazis," "Corporate tyranny: 200 years after King George," & "Oneonta, N.Y.: PBC calls for impeachment general strike.

Union women organize national coalition

The Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) was "born" in Chicago, March 23 and 24, at a founding conference attended by over 3,000 union women who determined purposes and structure for CLUW. Purposes include 1) Organizing unorganized women; 2) Affirmative action in the workplace; 3) Poltical action and legislation; 4) Participate with women within their workplace. As a group, CLUW did not call themselves feminists, but women of all ages and from all parts of the country were represented. Membership is limited to union members and women from 58 unions participated. An annual conference is planned, to adjust structure which is not responsive to member
ship and coordinate State Chapter and National CLUW activity. National officers: Linda, Secretary- Treasurer, JAW, Detroit, National Chairwoman; Addie Wyatt, Meat Cutters, Chicago, National Vice-Chairwoman; Joyce Miller, Clothing Workers, New York, Vice-President, East; Clara Day, Teamsters, Chicago, Vice-President, Midwest; and Elinor Glenn, Service Employees, L.A., Vice-President, West.

Woman's Day at CLA

The Canadian Library Association has set June 24th as the date for Woman's Day. Plans are starting to gel for a fantastic 24 hours during the Winnipeg-conclave. The program promises to be fantastic. An inspirational Canadian feminist drama group just getting together with some New York theatre women, expert puppeteers and creative minds, has been invited to perform. Now all we need is a little help from our friends. The day will take a lot of coordinating and we need woman-power to make it
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happen so anyone is interested in getting together AV displays, book exhibits, group sessions, refreshments, or moral support, please contact Emergency librarian: 110-14 Chatsworth, Toronto M6R 1A5. We can make a day to remember.

Feminist Press appeal

New friend or old friend, we believe you share our awareness of the need to publish material of particular concern to women: quality books--Smedley’s Daughter of Earth and Tillie Olsen’s edition of Davis’ Life In The Iron Mills--as well as educational material from our Clearinghouse on Women’s Studies.

Frankly, this is an appeal for help. We need your contribution in order to go on meeting this need.

Most of you know that we are a non-profit, tax-exempt organization operating with a small, hardworking staff--and, because of the tremendous inflation in production costs, a deficit. We need money to meet rising costs, for urgently needed staff, to embark on new publications, to print and mail our new catalogue. We believe expanding sales will make this possible in the future. But we need your financial help now, in order to weather a critical period.

If you believe The Feminist Press should continue to exist--and grow--we urge you to show your concern and support.

We realize that many of our friends and supporters are also caught between rising costs and limited income. If you cannot make a larger contribution at this time, we believe that you will at least $35 to cover the costs of the new catalogue--and to let us know we have your encouraging support.

We also offer you the opportunity to make a double gift. If you send a $50 contribution, we will mail a set of our children’s books to a child care center, school, or library of your choice. For a $75 contribution, two sets will be sent to your designated institution. A gift card from you will be enclosed. All contributions, modest or generous, are tax-deductible.

Send contributions, orders, & catalog-requests to The Feminist Press, State University of New York/College at Old Westbury, Box 334, Old Westbury, Long Island, N.Y. 11568; (516) 876-3086.

An open letter to librarians concerned with prisons

For the past two years I have been involved with various activities related to Trenton State Prison; during the past year I have been actively working with an inmate committee, Forum Project. Also, over the last two years I have been a member of SRRT’s Task Force on Prison Libraries. The TF meetings I’ve attended—rap sessions with prison librarians, parolees, or members of the Fortune Society—have not been helpful in my volunteer work inside a 139-year-old maximum-security prison. For reasons which should be obvious, nobody wants to become an “ex” faster than a convict. In an effort to make programs more relevant to concerned librarians, I have repeatedly contacted other TF members who were planning programs in our geographic area to suggest that they invite some real live inmates to address a meeting. For example, a speaker’s bureau of three inmates who are able, willing, and yes, eager to go out into the community to tell it like it is. Since its formation a year ago, there have been almost 200 speaking engagements before a wide variety of church, civic, and professional organizations. My letters suggesting such a program for TF members have never received the courtesy of a reply.

If there are some of you who are truly concerned about prison libraries—i.e., libraries within an institution serving an inmate population—you have the opportunity while at ALA to experience a prison situation. It is a short train ride from New York to Trenton where you can:

∗ Attend a Forum Project meeting. Time: 9-12 every Saturday morning. Typically, 6 members & 6 inmate guests participate, together with a maximum of 15 outside visitors.

∗ Schedule a tour of Trenton State Prison through the Superintendent’s office. (At the time of writing, the tour was not planned to include the wing built in 1835, where a 20-year-old prisoner was scalded to death last December.)

If enough people want to meet with the inmate speaker’s bureau, I’ll try to arrange an outside session during the ALA conference. For further details, contact “Hap” Laws, Director, Forum Project (Drawer “N,” Trenton, NJ 08625; (609) 393-3544), or myself.--Priscilla Linsley, Librarian, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N.J. 08540; (609) 921-3900 (Ext. 2664).

Things to get

There’s a new Feminist publishing house in England: VIRAGO LTD., 27 Smith St., London SW3 4EW. The Directors—Andrea Adam, Rose Boycott, Carmen Callil, & Marsha Rowe—exclaim (with no little surprise) that they’ve “actually discovered a group of librarians here—in favour of Women’s Liberation... The name of the woman we have been dealing with,” they say, “is Anne Colwell,” associated with “Librarians for Social Change” at “35 Hartley Road, London SW19 1JA.” Look for Virago’s list books in about May ’77. But even before then ask to be put on their mailing list. And also check out LSC, which itself issues a regular newsletter, through Ms. Colwell...
CA 95694, writes: "Since you come out more often than I do, you might tell the
reading public that by sending $12 to Spanish Refugee Aid, Inc., 80 E. 11th St., NYC
10003, they can get an original poster by Calder (supply limited). The poster has
blows red and blue balloons celebrating in a white sky. It's their twentieth year." A
worthy suggestion, Noel, which we'd be glad to second... SPOKEN FROM MY HEART is a
20-minute, 16mm, color film that tells the story of the 1973 Wounded Knee Liberation
through the words of Old People & grassroots AIM supporters on the Pine Ridge Reservation.
The insufferable condition was forced under the 1934 Reorganization H., U.S. Government, BIA, & churches are finally exposed by the very people who have
experienced so many years of oppression by these laws and institutions. Much of the
film was shot during the liberation itself. To rent, buy, or arrange for showings,
both to educate public & raise desperately-needed funds, contact WLAB/OC at
333 Sibley St., Suite 505, St. Paul, MN 55102, ATTN: WAYNE... 

The H.W. Wilson Co., since 1958 has published a Business Periodicals index, but
never complemented that entrepreneurial reference-tool with a Labor Periodicals
index, although Ulrich provides an international sampling of over 275 titles under
"Labor unions." The Minneapolis Public Library is like most others in maintaining a
large, active Business and Economics Dept. that issues a periodical Books for
business roster, but apparently hasn't got around yet to establishing a Labor Dept.
or printing Books for labor checklists. "By 1921," writes Elwin H. Howell--in The
new sociology: essays in social science and social theory in the twenties, ed. by Irving Louis Horowitz (N.Y.: Oxford Univ. Press, 1964), p. 333--"the
American/ capitalist elite had been able to liquidate radicalism, roll back the
tide of reform, and consolidate a new position of dominance--one that has not been
seriously threatened since then. But the capitalist elite could no longer justify itself in
terms of the traditional capitalist ethic--rags to riches, every man a
capable creature. Rather, it found its justification in the concept of Americanism,
which was implicitly identified with capitalism--the open-shop crusade of the
'American plan'--and became the accepted rationalization of capitalist power." That rationalization may well underly, at least in part, the
library world's basically pro-capitalist, anti-labor bias, evidenced equally by the
increasingly profit-oriented bibliographies, and the public librarian's
inability to liquidate radicalism's excesses. If we're short-changing our working-class, wage-earning patrons who have as much right
to information on how to organize, strike, or restructure the "free enterprise system as stockholding patrons have to material on how to "make a killing" on the
market, but "rights" are dead-letters without back-up resources. To help correct
the pro-business imbalance, we'd like to start citing selection guides & publishers on
"the other side." For starters: Pluto Press Ltd. (Unit 10, Spencer Court, 7
Chalcot Road, London NW1 8LH, United Kingdom) specializes in radical & labor
publications, ordinarily in both paperback & hardcover editions. Among their in-print titles: Pat Kinnersly's Hazards of work and how to fight them;
examining the major occupational hazards, showing how they can be identified and
controlled in a systematic way when workers are organized for safety"; Richard Hyman's
53-p. Marxism and the sociology of trade unionism, "a revolutionary socialist approach
to trade unionism and its analysis by industrial relations orthodoxy"; Colin
Barker's Power game (92 p.), a "militant's handbook on the power industry, placing
this struggle in the wider context of the class struggle"; and Sheila Rowbotham's
182-p. Hidden from history: 300 years of women's oppression and the fight against it,
which presents a mass of material on feminism and socialism in the women's movement
in Britain: Black Rose Books, located at 3934 Rue St. Urbain, Montreal 131,
Quebec, Canada, lately issued an anthology edited by Gerry Hunnius: PARTICIPATORY
DEMOCRACY FOR CANADA: COMMUNITY CONTROL AND WORKERS' CONTROL. "What does participatory
democracy mean in the workplace? Trade unionists Andre Bekerman, Chris
Trower, Harry Greenwood, and Jim Tester answer this question. Andre Gorz and
Hunnius contribute overviews." The whole tome sells for $1.45 (cloth) or $1.45
(paper). The 7/3/4 AIE lists 30 publishers under "Workers" and another 40 under
"Working class" as: "A list of publications that deal with the working class," mostly
books, pamphlets, and book-length selections as Essays on industrial democracy, Industrial Democracy in Great Britain, How and why industry must be democratized, Democracy in the motor industry, Democracy on the docks, the debate on Workers' Control, and Can the workers run industry?, plus pamphlets like "The quality of life and Workers' control," "Women's liberation in the 1970's," "Disarmament, BIA, government," "Women's liberation and Workers' control," "Opening the
to the new society: planning and Workers' Control." In Honolulu, the
Labor-Community Alliance (2232 Puna St., 96817) produces Hoehland, a "pro-labor
newspaper," while in San Pedro, California, the League for Economic Democ-
ocracy (Box 1858, 9073), an "independent group of libertarian economic social-
ists," produces a monthly newspaper, The Wisconsin patriot (3-month trial subs free)...
A PRELIMINARY BIBLIOGRAPHY: WOMEN IN AFRICA has just surfaced, under the auspices of UCLA's Graduate Women in History, in a 100-copy, mimeographed edition. Forty-seven pages long & containing about 540 entries, it was compiled by Jocelyn Murray and is intended to be a working draft for something more definitive. Readers are asked to send their comments, corrections and suggestions, together with new items and especially new research being undertaken, to the compiler—from whom gratis copies may also be requested— at the African Studies Center, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024. This is a fine, painstaking project, a real bibliographic achievement. Ms. Murray deserves plaudits, encouragement, & substantive feedback.

"Dustbooks is proud to be a small press, a member of a growing international tribe of writers, editors—workers—and publishers. Since 1963, the Dustbooks imprint has covered three lines of publishing activity: A literary periodical (Dust, currently suspended), a series of chapbooks of both prose and poetry, and a series of trade periodicals that detail information about the books literary magazines' authors and editors from the small and underground presses." Since the early sixties, the publisher"--Len Fulton--"has been fully committed both to putting contemporary literature into print, and to researching and defining its sources and vehicles." That's the gospel truth, friends, reprinted (without permission) from the cover of Dustbooks' just-released 1974 catalog. To get the whole, wonderful schmier--announcing & describing such sine qua non staples as the INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY OF LITTLE MAGAZINES AND SMALL PRESSES, BRITISH DIRECTORY OF LITTLE MAGAZINES AND SMALL P[RESS, DIRECTORY OF SMALL MAGAZINE/PRESS EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS, SMALL PRESS REVIEW, and SMALL PRESS RECORD OF BOOKS—write Len at P.O. Box 1056, Paradise, CA 95969...

Speaking of small presses (admittedly, a favorite topic), here's the poop on another: "In 1970, a group of women started the Women's Press Collective. We are feminists with widely different life-experiences. For three years we have been learning to run a print shop, as well as to collect materials to publish. We are beginning now to build a broader distribution network for feminist books, with prices most women can afford. Although we still barely meet our expenses, we are working towards supporting some of our group through the press. We think of the press as a resource of the women's movement. It has two functions for us. It is a school where we can learn skills & new ways to work together. It is also a tool for spreading our visions of ourselves and analyses that are useful to us. Though financial backing must be found for each individual project, we welcome manuscripts and all forms of feedback." Seven items already bear the WPC imprint: EATING ARTICHOKEs, EDWARD THE DUKE, CHILD OF WISESELF (book & poster), THE COMMON WOMAN, ELEPHANT POEM COLORING BOOK, and WOMAN TO WOMAN. None are priced higher than a buck-fifty, and they appear soon; POETRY AND DRAWINGS by Brenda Avery, PAT PARKER'S PIT STOP, and LESBIANS...AK OUT II, "a Lesbian autobiography." Attractive flyers plus a checklist that also cites the principal Bay Area periodicals & sister-publishing-houses are free from 5251 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94618...

Confirmed for the "Moore on Sunday" show, it runs for 25 minutes. It's titled JACK AND JILL, CINDY AND KAREN: A SPECIAL KIND OF LOVE STORY. In it, a Lesbian pair and Gay male couple share their relationships with the Public Affairs Dept. of Channel Wayside, Minneapolis, MN. It's a rare, remarkable videotape, available for loan, dub or sale through U of Minnesota Resources, 510 Arbor Center, Minneapolis, M N 55455...

Does your library count even a few radicals, folk-singers, labor-movement historians, or America-addicts among its clientele? If so, this is an item guaranteed to please 'em: the ORIGINAL IWW SONGBOOK, currently in its 36th ed. (75c from Industrial Workers of the World, 752 West Webster Ave., Chicago, IL 60614). What's it got? Nothing less than the best of "Wobbly" ditties, dating from as early as 1889. And as an extra bonus: the moving & memorable preamble to their statement of principle ("We are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.").)

A new journal has been taking shape most of this year. It began with a small group that had been stimulated by the experience of working together in Tanzania to confront basic issues that conventional Western scholarship seldom raises. Now that a radical perspective on African problems is finally emerging, it's hoped to present a vigorous debate, drawing upon knowledge of different African realities & on the theories & approaches that have informed revolutionary movements elsewhere. The REVIEW OF AFRICAN POLITICAL ECONOMY (Merlin Press, Suffrage Wharf, 2-4 Westferry Road, London E 14, UK) is intended to sharpen tools of analysis, but will also strive to relate to the ongoing struggle on the continent by reaching an audience not confined solely to intellectuals or the already committed. The REVIEW further aims to analyze the operations of imperialism at the center as they affect the African. The editors, working with groups in Tanzania & Senegal, with radical French scholars, & with others in Scandinavia, the U.S., & Canada. Each thrice-yearly issue of the new publication, running to about 50,000 words, will contain 5 or 6 articles plus book reviews & documents. The material should be informative, seriously argued & thoroughly argued, but without jargon, heavy-footnoting, & the turrid, unpalatable prose of most academic organs. Subscribers also automatically get the "Radical Africana" bibliography currently produced by Chris Allen in Edinburgh. Theme for the 1st number: "The nature of African under-development." And for the 2d: Transnational corporations." Contributing editors include Basil Davidson, Colin Leys, Claude Wellaloux, Ken Post, & Tamas Szentes. Merlin Press, which publishes the annual Socialist Register, is to handle distribution & production, but the magazine is mainly financed by its supporters. The yearly subscription-tab: £1.50...
The Barnard College Women's Center invites feminist librarians to collaborate on the 3rd ed. of Women's work and women's studies, an annual interdisciplinary bibliography, during the summer of 1974. Interested persons should write or call Mary Wexford, co-editor, at The Women's Center, Barnard College, NYC, 10027; (212) 858-2067...

Judicial sexism: The editor of the Wounded Knee Trial newsletter, a woman, related in issue no. 5 (3-10-74) -- that "since the beginning of these trial proceedings," she had been sitting in the press section of the court room in order to receive clear information. Although not "an accredited member of the press," she was definitely "doing press work and was welcomed" by the other reporters. Then, she continues, "for some reason the U.S. Marshals decided that as she did not have a press card, she should not be in the press box." So they removed her, saying the reporters had been complaining. Immediately afterwards, defense lawyer Mark Lane "drew up a petition stating that 'accredited members of the press' did not have any objection to the defense newsletter editor sitting with them. All reporters signed the petition, which was then brought to Judge Nichol," who "remarked that THE REPORTERS SIGNED THE PETITION BECAUSE THE...EDITOR WAS PRETTY AND THEY LIKED TO SIT WITH HER." Emphasis added. As noted in SRRT newsletter no. 10 (p. 10), the weekly trial reports are available from the Wounded Knee Legal Defense Defense committee at 333 Sibley St., Suite 605, St. Paul, MN 55101. Although relatively underplayed by the national press, but no less serious than the St. Paul proceedings, is a parallel trial underway in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, involving three women defendants charged with "burglary & larceny at the Wounded Knee Trading Post on February 27, 1973." This case, being tried before Judge Warren K. Urbom, began on May 7th & was later due to move to Lincoln, Neb., where Urbom sits as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court. It's only the first of what will be several federal "non-leadership" trials springing from last year's Wounded Knee Liberation. The WKLD/DC publishes a separate newsletter covering the Sioux Falls/Lincoln events. To get it, write P.O. Box 255, Sioux Falls, SD 57101. No charge for either publication, but a contribution would be most welcome. And appropriate...That the "media ignore Wounded Knee" is Paula Giese's charge in the May/June 74 North country anvil (no. 11), p. 20-23. The previous issue (no. 10) ran her "Government on trial," an exclusive summary of the Indians' real grievances, including the breaking of treaties that guaranteed vast areas of land. Both numbers cost 75¢ each from The Anvil, Box 252, Millville, MN 55957. Also obtainable @ 2/$ is reprints of two earlier articles by Kenneth E. Tilsen: "What really happened at Wounded Knee"...

Responding to an invitation from ALA President Lowrie to recommend candidates for the upcoming Librarian-of-Congress race, Dr. Helen K. Wheeler on April 25th nominated Nettie Taylor, Lillian Bradshaw, Jessie Carney Smith, & Clara Jones... A symposium on what the priorities should be for LC's next top-kick will highlight the July '74 WLA.

Pages 541-62 of the March 2d Congressional quarterly service weekly report featured boxed biographical snippets on the House Judiciary Committee staff, tidily divided into "chefs" and "cooks." If the obvious implication is correct, the Judiciary Committee is probably the only Congressional unit whose staff is composed wholly of Native Americans. And thus deserves unending commendation from everyone committed to Affirmative Action, Red Power, etc. If, however, the cited staffers are not Americans, the publisher, Congressional Quarterly, Inc. (1735 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006), should be firmly told to "cease-end-desist" from employing such cheap, debasing, third-rate-cowboy-flick terminology...

Lynne Rhodes supplies this "one woman's report" on the "alternative convention lifestyle in Winter"... As TPW Coordinator, I felt I had to stay at the Palmer Hotel (expensive), but not to eat there. I took about 10 lbs. of homemade granola (ate about half), one 10 oz. jar of Tang, cut about half with Vitamin C crystals, 1 box of chocolate drink (large), which was too sweet & to which I added 2 c. powdered milk & a c. cocoa. I don't think the total cost for everything was much over $15. And it sustained me excellently for the entire week. I spent nothing at all on food at Winter. Also, Washington SRRT Alternative Convention Lifestyle Task Force has arranged alternate housing for the WLA Annual Meeting. Convention-goers may use the Yakima Valley Community College Residence Hall, if they so wish. Cost: $5 per night if you bring a sleeping bag & towels, $5 if linen is furnished. Many SRRT members are using this much less expensive, survival-type housing...

Maybe the characters at Hotline need some Remedial Reading help. Or maybe just a shot of adrenalin. Something, anyway, the 2d page of their April 22d issue, that was pasted into the SRRT/Black Caucus nominees for AIA Council. Apart from the willfully snide & entirely gratuitous comment that the joint "alternative" slate somehow represented an "East Coast, or even 'New York-New Jersey'" conspiracy, the Hotline honchos--who obviously picked up this super-scoop from our own March newsletter--failed to include California Patrick Sanchez among the endorsement for WLA President. Where Gerry Shields was "endorsed by both groups."

Had the hurried Hotliners examined #30 a bit more carefully, they might have discovered the Sanchez-item on p. 15 & further realized that neither SRRT nor the BC formally endorsed Gerry; only the Newsletter did. If THAT garbled mess typifies Hotline-accuracy, the fat-cat rag can safely be ignored...
System-shaking, etc.

Sexist/racist subject headings under fire

On April 2d, Dr. Helen Ripper Wheeler (Apt. 215, 7940 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809)--a member of the ALA Council, SRRT AC, SRRT TF on the Status of Women in Librarianship Steering Committee, & Asst. of Feminist Consultants--directed the following letter to Ms. Nancy J. Williamson, Chairperson, RTSD/CCS Subject Analysis Committee (c/o Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1, Canada):

Booths are manned by women and children. In Louisiana a woman representative is a legislator/an. And we have two female chairmen of accredited library schools!

English-language words, terms, and phrases reflect sexist attitudes towards females in patriarchal society. And they reflect them both in concept and usage.

One way of countering via professional librarianship is to tackle the whole area of subject-headings.

As a feminist librarian who has attempted to do something positive about sexism in librarianship and media, may I urge your committee to make a formal statement to the press and to take a stand leading to action for non-sexist subject headings?

Ten days later, Lynne Rhoads, Coordinator of SRRT's TF on Women (4004 Whittman Ave., N., Seattle, Washington 98103), submitted this statement to Ms. Williamson:

The ALA SRRT Task Force on Women is deeply concerned that sexism is perpetuated by the library profession in many of the subject headings adopted and in common use throughout American libraries.

We therefore formally request that the matter of sex discrimination in subject-headings be included as an item on the agenda of the RTSD/CCS Subject Analysis Committee meeting at the ALA annual meeting in New York, and that at that time members of the Task Force on Women be scheduled to give to the Committee a presentation on sex-biased subject-headings.

Helen Wheeler, in her letter to you dated April 2, has encouraged your committee to "take a stand leading to action for non-sexist subject-headings." The Task Force on Women also encourages you to take a stand opposing sexist subject-headings and offers to assist you in every way possible.

Please let us know your response to our request so that, if you so decide, our Committee on Sexist Subject-Headings may be prepared to give a presentation to your Committee in New York.

Margaret Wyer, Asst. Professor at the Graduate School of Library Service, Rutgers University (189 College Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08903), on May 1st wrote Ms. Williamson:

I would also like to add my support to the requests of Helen Wheeler and Lynne Rhoads...that your committee consider the area of non-sexist subject headings at the ALA conference meeting in New York this July.

Although the Library of Congress seems to be making some headway in its supplements to the subject heading list, there still is considerable work to be done to eliminate the remaining sex-biased headings and to monitor the upcoming 8th edition.

Leadership from your committee in this matter is extremely important; I hope that you feel this way also. Thank you for your consideration.

Copies of all the above correspondence went to the Chief of LC's Subject Cataloging Division, the library press, key figures in the Women's Movement, and leading Feminist periodicals. In the meantime, Joan K. Marshall, Chief Cataloger at Brooklyn College Library (Brooklyn, N.Y. 11210) & Coordinator of SRRT's UFO Indexing Task Force, advised Ms. Williamson in a May 8th missive:

I have volunteered to act as Coordinator of the Committee on Sexist Subject Headings of the SRRT Task Force on the Status of Women. I urge you to allow us, as has been requested, to present oral documentation on the presence of sexism in Library of Congress subject headings to the Subject Analysis Committee at your meeting this July.

We intend to submit, in advance of the New York City Convention, a written report documenting sexism in LC subject headings to your Committee. Without oral testimony, however, our report would not be complete. As with minority groups, women librarians have become aware of the damage language does to the society's image of them and to their image of themselves. The sense of urgency that is felt cannot be conveyed adequately in writing.

If we as librarians, and as educated members of society, believe (as I most firmly believe) that subject headings in and of themselves are educational, and that they can and should, therefore, be influential in eliminating unconscious and unreasoned bias toward members of society, we must insist that the bias that subject headings now exhibit be eliminated.
are the "written report," Joan would appreciate immediate input from con-
colleagues. She asks that respondents particularly identify objectionable
uptors & cataloging practices, suggest new & revised forms, cite relevant lit-
& precedents, and communicate specific anti-sexist changes made at their own-
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