EDITORIAL

LINDA KATZ

This issue is edited and produced by a new group of people, and there will be some changes to look for.

No one can be as in touch with SRRT concerns as Sandy Berman, the previous editor. He promises to continue to help, and has contributed to this issue what I think is a list of SRRT's most urgent concerns:

1. Unionization/workplace democracy (See "how to recognize a union organizing attempt"... does your group have an "unusual social consciousness" or use a "strange vocabulary" in front of the boss?)
2. Unemployment/job-sharing/reduced Library School intake (It might interest you to know that while N.Y.C. is laying off 1500 teachers, Philadelphia had hired 900 new teachers due to a three year old union contract specifying class size limits of 33 pupils.)
3. Greater, people-oriented access and service... much wider representation of little 'l', alternative, non-conglomerate products in library collections; development of more survival-type info-delivery; popular cataloging, especially on the public library plane, involving less research/academic-minded rubbish, like ISBD and "cm." sizes as well as more analytics, catch-title entries, and contemporary 20th century subject terms (let's use this newsletter to get these innovations out to the rest of the profession)
4. Overcome the elitism, classism, etc. endemic to the whole profession (amen.)

If you like any article in here, please photocopy it and send it out to five non SRRT'er librarians you know. Let them know how to subscribe and join SRRT (you don't have to belong to ALA).

If you don't like anything in the newsletter, CONTRIBUTE your own material! The deadline for the next issue is Nov. 15th. And write me about any criticisms, suggestions, etc.

K-R sez:

The SRRT meetings at the San Francisco Conference were lively and productive. Before the conference, there was much talk about SRRT getting out of ALA and possibly forming an alternative organization in conjunction with the Women Library Workers. The issue came up and was heatedly discussed at our membership meeting.

A few people felt that it was time to stop playing ALA's games and start something new, but the majority of speakers argued that SRRT has achieved considerable change within ALA and should stay in and continue to work for social responsibilities.

The consensus I gathered from the membership meeting and the two Action Council meetings was that SRRT should put its energy into ALA and return to the more active role we played a few years ago -- sponsoring candidates, writing resolutions and generally keeping a close eye on the Association. Jerry Shields, a long time SRRT activist and new member of Action Council has offered to share his experience in resolution writing with anyone who has ideas for shaking up ALA. If you've got an issue and need help getting it into the most effective form, write to Jerry at 289 Sherbrooke, Williamsville, NY 14212.

Even if you can't afford to come to conferences, you can still have input. One SRRT'er sent us a resolution opposing subminimum wages for full time students working in libraries. Action Council endorsed it and presented it to the ALA membership. Many library directors got very excited about having ALA go on record supporting a minimum wage for student workers and the resolution was promptly referred to about five different committees. It wasn't instant victory, but this issue is now being dealt with by the Association.

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Speaking of alternative materials (as they call all that GOOD stuff), a bibliography of the items in the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom conference display is available finally. It's 50c, from ALA/OLF, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.
NCLIS REPORT IS "ENDORSED" BY ALA
from an article written for the SRRT Newsletter by Gerald R. Shields

The first objective listed in "Toward a National Program for Library and Information Services: Goals for Action" reads: "Ensure that basic minimums of library and information services adequate to meet the needs of local communities are satisfied..." A single paragraph of expanded comment follows for slightly more than half a page.

Objective number eight and the last in the NCLIS program reads as follows: "Plan, develop and implement a nationwide network of library and information service." This is followed by 12 pages of expanded comment which outlines the federal responsibility in six major areas. Is this a clue as to which has first priority in the thinking and planning for action by NCLIS? Is this the priority thinking of the American Library Association?

...There are two immediate areas in which SRRT can function and that is through its task-force ability. How about a NCLIS Task Force that tries to cover its meetings, critiques its reports, asks questions? (that's one) Or, don't forget the President's Conference that Eileen Cooke feels is going to be funded. It has to begin at the state level with planning conferences and it

IS ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT GOING AIPE?

Mimi Penchansky and Rhoda Epstein will serve as co-coordinators for the next issue. As Mimi says, "Since Rhoda and I are both media freaks, we hope to add to our ever-growing list of media pubs other than print--audio and video tapes, film posters, records, photographs and anything else we can uneasy with the help of our volunteers."

Before rushing off to attend the 3d San Francisco International Book Fair, the Task Force met with Ruth Gottstein and Gay Larrick from Glide (in our publisher's home town!). The Toledo group submitted the list of "neediest libraries" for their search--25 Native American reservation libraries have been sent the new AIP (75-76). We also discussed a new title to help people know that AIP includes more than printed media. How about ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT, ETC.? or ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT, ET AL.? (Some feel it's about time we went AIPE!)

Anyone wishing to work on AIP/5 (AIPE?), anyone having suggestions for inclusion, please write: Mimi Penchansky, TF on AIPE, Queens College Library, Flushing, NY 11367.

Steve Squire of Committee for a Social Movements Collection, Charlottesville, Virginia, writes that two committee members, including Steve, will be resigning, but they are still trying to set up some action via library displays of social movements collections. They dream of a workshop which would motivate local activists and explore new uses of collections beyond the purely archival. Steve asks if there are any Virginia people (SRRT'ers or anybody) who would be interested in a workshop or conference.?? If so, write the Committee at Box 395x, Newcomb Station, Charlottesville, Va 22903.
conceivable impact at the state level to see to it that the alternatives to a national network of library and information designed to further increase the power of the "haves" gets the kind of recognition it deserves.

...one of SRRT's most important roles in the very near future can be in providing the criticism that the leadership (of ALA) feels too timid to express.

The NCLIS report is called Toward a National Program for Library and Information Services: Goals for Action. The 106p. booklet is free (in limited quantities) from the Commission, 1717 K St. N.W., Washington, DC 20036; or from SuDocs, GPO, Washington, DC 20402 (Stock No. 052-003-0008605, $1.45).

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Audio-visual Educational Center, 416 Fourth St., Ann Arbor MI 48103

"Women in Prison," cl 1974, $20.55/three days
This ABC television documentary gives a sense of prison conditions in a way that the written word never can: the blare of loudspeakers shouting instructions to prisoners in the highly-automated Los Angeles County Jail for Women; the camera slowly panning along a tray containing dozens of doses of thorazine at the Ohio Reformatory for Women as the nurse explains that these are to help handle the prisoners better. Much of the film consists of prisoners telling their own stories of the abuse of body and mind. Although the film's critical content is not

CONNECUT IOMEN IN LIBRARY SERVICE (CWILS), a SRRT affiliate, is planning to sponsor two workshops in the near future; one on assertiveness training and one on use of time. If anyone has had an experience with either of these subject areas, write: Arlene Bielefield, Asst. Dir., Russell Library, 119 Broad St., Middletown, Conn. 06457.

BAY AREA SRRT ALERT
Word has reached them of the arrest of Maria Luz Fernandez Alvarado, a librarian at the Cuban Embassy in Madrid. They have heard that she has been treated badly, held incommunicado, put in isolation, denied a lawyer, possibly tortured while awaiting trial, and that her rights to a fair trial are also in danger.

Elizabeth Katz of Bay Area SRRT writes to ask you, as concerned librarians to express concern to the Cuban

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Resources:
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Newsletter about Life/Work Planning. Available free from the National Career Development Project, 627 Taylor St., No. 22, S.F., CA 94102. Tel. no. 415/771-5236.
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Our Social Responsibilities Round Table began in 1968 within the American Library Association, and our effect has often been to act as the conscience of the ALA—not a pretty role—rather irritatingly and frustratingly, in fact. Membership meeting walk-outs, ringing denunciations, and that lot face us within ALA as action. However, through TASK FORCES and AFFILIATE groups, SRRTers have been able to keep it together building for an alternative that is less dehumanizing. Absolute disgust with or the non-acceptance of the professional organization of ALA need not keep a concerned library worker from acting on its issue. Social issues that affect every one of us require our attention more than the red tape and guile of parliamentary dodges of ALA.

Many SRRT members, though, are concerned about ALA enough ("the biggest game in town") to stay in it and to attempt changing it to change library service

AFFILIATES

Affiliates are usually, but not necessarily, local groups. Sometimes they are a part of a state or a regional library association. Sometimes they exist independently of any other group. These groups become Affiliates because they share SRRT goals concerning library workers' social role. As Affiliates, these groups may coordinate communications and receive organizational and sometimes even monetary support from SRRT. Members of an Affiliate do not need to be members of ALA or even SRRT.

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Our by-laws, the ORGANIZATION AND ACTION, provide for easy membership participation. Members volunteer and then act with support from two small units of elected volunteers: ACTION COUNCIL, the budget-policy body and CLEARINGHOUSE, the independent communications arm of SRRT. Action Council is made up of six to ten members, and Clearinghouse is made up of up to six members. Both groups are elected by half each year to provide some continuity. Elected members may not serve two consecutive two-year terms, to guarantee openness. This year's elected groups appear below, with addresses for your access.

ACTION COUNCIL, 1975-76

NANCY KELLIUM-ROSE, 247 25th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112, (COORDINATOR)
DIANE GORDON KADONOFF, 25 Grotto Avenue, Providence, R.I. 02906, (CONFERENCE PROGRAM)
BARBARA J. FORD, 204 W. Pennsylvania, Urbana, Ill. 61801, (AFFILIATES' RELATIONS)
GERALD R. SHIELDS, 289 Sherbrooke, Williamsville, NY 14212, (TREASURER)
JOSLYN N. MILLER, 70 E. 10th St., Apt. 6E, New York, NY 10003, (SECRETARY)

CLEARINGHOUSE, 1975-76

Jeanne Bagby, Valencia Branch Library, 202 West Valencia Road, Tucson, AZ 85706, (AFFILIATES NEWS)
Dess Campbell, 228 Gurley, Apt. A, Prescott, AZ 86301, (TASK FORCES AND AFFILIATES NEWS)
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