IFRT REPORT

From the Chairperson, Jean-Anne South

▷ Leave your heart in San Francisco, but take something home, too. See the special listing of annual conference programs on intellectual freedom beginning on page 3.

▷ A little help for our friends. The Collectors' Network and Russell Benedict would like IFRT's help, so be sure to read the letter from Mr. Benedict on p. 5.

▷ If you're really in the helping mood, this issue of the REPORT includes forms for volunteers and contributors. Please don't overlook the calls for help from the Office for Intellectual Freedom, Mr. Benedict, and the LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund, whose recently expanded scope means new aid for librarians.

▷ Finally, there's a different kind of call for assistance from Amnesty International, regarding the imprisonment of a Spanish librarian.

▷ Attached for your information are the minutes of the IFRT Executive Committee's meeting at the 1975 Midwinter Meeting in Chicago.
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM ROUND TABLE
1974-75

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Intellectual Freedom at the Golden Gate

Programs on intellectual freedom at the 1975 Annual Conference in San Francisco (June 29-July 4) will cover topics ranging from invasion of privacy by computers to self-censorship by librarians.

On Monday (10:00 a.m.), the Intellectual Freedom Committee will be joined by the Information Science and Automation Division in sponsoring a program on the right to privacy and the invasion of privacy through access to computer data banks. Panelists who will discuss this controversial topic include Bela Hatvany, president of Computer Library Services Inc.; Carol Parsons, member of the President's Domestic Council Committee on Right to Privacy; William Fenwick, attorney; and Irving Klempner, professor at the SUNY-Albany School of Library and Information Science.

The American Association of School Librarians will also sponsor a Monday program session. Beginning at 2:00 p.m., a series of group discussions on "Crucial Issues for School Media Specialists" will include a session on intellectual freedom. Leading the discussion will be Alex P. Allain, former president of the Freedom to Read Foundation and noted library trustee; Frances C. Dean, media specialist with the Montgomery County Public Schools; Roger L. Funk, assistant director of the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom and IFRT Staff Liaison.

On Tuesday (10:00 a.m.), the Intellectual Freedom Round Table's program will feature Judith Serebnick, doctoral student in library science at Rutgers, who will report on her study of recent court decisions and legislation on obscenity and their effects as perceived by librarians and booksellers. Ms. Serebnick's research took her to ten American cities where she conducted interviews to determine whether the threat of tougher obscenity laws had encouraged new self-censorship. Also scheduled to appear on the program panel are Evelyn Geller, doctoral student in sociology at Columbia University, and Marjorie Fiske, whose famous 1959 study BOOK SELECTION AND CENSORSHIP raised major questions about the profession's commitment to intellectual freedom in libraries.

Tuesday evening (at 8:30 p.m.), Russell Benedict and the Collectors' Network will present a program in cooperation with the Intellectual Freedom Committee. In planning for this program, on organizing and exchanging alternative literature, Mr. Benedict decided the collectors would need assistance and has called for volunteers from IFRT (see following story and form on last page of this issue).

Throughout the day on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Collectors' Network will hold an open house in the St. Francis Hotel for librarians who are interested in talking with network members about library problems and needs in collecting alternative literature/ephemera.
Here's our day-by-day listing of intellectual freedom programs and business meetings. All times indicate beginning hours of scheduled sessions.

Friday, June 27

Freedom to Read Foundation, Board of Trustees  
9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
Hilton - Continental Parlor 3

Sunday, June 29

Intellectual Freedom Committee  
10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
Sir Francis Drake - Tudor Room

Monday, June 30

Intellectual Freedom Committee/Information Science and Automation Division - Program  
10:00 a.m.  
Hyatt Union Square - Plaza Square Ballroom

AASL - Program ("Crucial Issues")  
2:00 p.m.  
Hilton

CSD Intellectual Freedom Committee  
2:00 p.m.  
Civic Auditorium - Room 314

IFRT Executive Committee  
6:00 p.m.  
Sheraton-Palace - Forty-Niner Room

Tuesday, July 1

Intellectual Freedom Round Table - Program  
10:00 a.m.  
Hilton - Continental Ballroom 6

Intellectual Freedom Committee  
2:00 p.m.  
Sheraton-Palace - Forty-Niner Room

Collectors' Network - Program  
8:30 p.m.  
Hilton - Pacific Room

Wednesday, July 2

Intellectual Freedom Committee  
2:00 p.m.  
Hyatt Union Square - San Francisco Room B

CSD Intellectual Freedom Committee  
10:00 a.m.  
Civic Auditorium - Room 320

Thursday, July 3

Intellectual Freedom Committee  
8:00 a.m.  
Hyatt Union Square - San Francisco Room A

IFRT - Membership Meeting  
2:00 p.m.  
St. Francis - California West Room

IFRT Executive Committee  
4:30 p.m.  
Hilton - Teakwood Room B
Collectors and Curmudgeon Crave Cooperation (from IFRT)

Russell Benedict ("old enough to tell the truth and get away with it"), indefatigable founder of the Collectors' Network, needs help in staffing the Network's two-day program at the San Francisco conference. If you can volunteer a couple of hours or so, please return the form on the last page of this REPORT.

Mr. Benedict, who was profiled in AMERICAN LIBRARIES (see box on next page), writes to IFRT members:

The purpose of our efforts [on Tues., July 1 and Wed., July 2] is to inform librarians on the uses of alternative literature. In so doing, we of the network will be describing the practicality and moderate cost of collecting and organizing such material, when using the methods we use.

The purpose of an information service going for two whole days is to let as many interested persons as possible sit down, ask questions of someone who knows, and get answers--so far as possible--addressed to the individual questioners.

At the daytime sessions, then, IFRT members may aid in the following ways:

Welcome incoming persons, advising them on getting desired information.

Staff the literature table, at times.

Themselves answer all questions about intellectual freedom matters, IFRT, etc.

Take part in discussion groups, etc., asking pertinent questions.

At the evening meeting, there will be a literature table as above. There or near the entrances, IFRT members can advise persons entering, identifying the persons speaking, etc.

IFRT members can be of invaluable aid. By making the project more effective, they will have contributed to the increase in collection and use of alternatives/ephemera, which I believe will result.

The network will be telling collectors or would-be collectors good ways of building a collection; to solicit material without offering payment; to work with one or more other collectors, exchanging spare times, information, and favors; to use TOP SECRET and other publications to locate sources to whom solicitations of literature may be addressed. The key idea is organization with other collectors.
Russell Benedict—Curmudgeon and Collector

If librarians want to know what they ought to do, there are two alternatives. One is to attend graduate library school. The other is to work with someone who hasn’t gone to library school but who is a librarian to the depth of his soul.

Such a person is Russell Benedict. If you were lost in the desert and saw him coming over the next sand dune, you might think you had found the way home. The more avaricious would expect him to lead them to a gold claim, but the more sophisticated would realize that here’s a fellow who knows how to smoke a cigarette—you cut them in two and smoke them in a cigarette holder—Camels or maybe Chesterfields.

Why is Russell Benedict a prototype librarian? It’s because of his “Top Secret,” the key to a collector’s network. “Twenty-one individuals, collecting ephemeral and radical literature for public-service institutions in 13 states, compose this loose, informal organization.”

If you want to receive “Top Secret,” you must pay $8 per year (available from Russell Benedict, Special Collections Department, University of Nevada Library, Reno, NV 89507). Don’t be surprised with what you receive. Issued twice a month post-paid, first class, is a photocopy of notes hand-printed by Russell Benedict. According to Russell: “It earns praise despite its faults. It has not yet won a Pulitzer Prize.”

That’s modesty speaking, for the student of journalism will remember Benedict as an important documentor of journalism. He is the single person who will get credit for documenting alternative newspapers today.

But if you want to understand and appreciate Benedict, you must see him for what he is. “As what’s his name says, ‘Now let me make one thing perfectly clear.’ I am not typical of the collectors for whom I speak.” Yet Benedict is a hard-nosed character: “These methods were developed at University of Nevada’s Getchell Library at Reno, and tested by five years of use in 12 other states. We have successfully demonstrated that costs per unit of results are far lower than costs to a library working alone. We have shown that such a collection is practicable, even in a library short of funds; and that the acquisition rate of a collection is increased by as much as 50 percent by our network’s assistance.”

If you want to join Russell Benedict’s network, you can’t. It is entirely too large. “The amount of material handled by myself as coordinator—which means redistributor—is quite large. In the 12 months now ending, the amount reaching my office was estimated at three-quarters of a ton (2,000 lbs. for city slickers).”

Benedict has also been known to wax poetic: “Things that are published with no address / Should be bought with anonymous checks, I guess, /—And they won’t get space in my TS.” In addition to Benedict’s annotations, “Top Secret” carries annotations from other network members, and generally makes lively and entertaining reading.

“The primary purpose of ‘Top Secret’ (my publication) is to tip off collectors to sources from which material has recently been obtained—in effect sources probably still active, and to whom members may send letters of solicitation. Background information on sources with my comments, news of network members and their work, and personal notes are also included. Since many of us are not students of the Right and/or the Left, special efforts are made to foster both interest in, and understanding of, the material we handle.”

“Top Secret” is Russell Benedict’s personal addiction and is published at his personal expense, yet he replies automatically: “The account of methods will be sent out to all who give us their names and addresses. The newsletter, valuable to anyone interested in such material, is available to anyone caring to subscribe.

Thus both our methods and our continuing supply of information may be used by everyone.”

Why is Russell Benedict a curmudgeon? You have to take him at his word. “We don’t know of any such other networks; and we have little information of other collections like ours. . . . It is reasonable to foresee our assistance, or assistance like ours, reaching quite some number of similar collections. And our advice to who listen is ‘Try it. You’ll like it.’” And, oh yes, he will send you a certificate, signed by the governor of Nevada, which certifies he is really a curmudgeon if you care to ask him for it.

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If we assume that a substantial number of libraries want to enter this field (as the reaction to our efforts may indicate) then IFRT in two different ways might function to aid trend. One, it might aid libraries wanting to collect in finding another with which to work. (Note--they don't have to be near each other.)

Two, material suitable for collections frequently reaches libraries, only to be discarded or placed on the "help yourself" table. What if it were customary to send such stuff to an existing or beginning collection, where it would be put to use? (You'll hear me and other networkers preaching this idea.)

I'm not ashamed of speculating, as above. There's nothing illogical in IFRT assisting the practice of what it preaches--Article 2 of the LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS.

Sincerely yours,

Russ Benedict ("Grand Acquisitor" or Moochus Literatus Rex)

Mr. Benedict warns that the network cannot now offer membership to more than a few, at least until their present method of operation is changed. (One topic of discussion in San Francisco will be finding ways to assist other collectors in establishing little networks, etc.)

Perhaps Mr. Benedict's caveat about an enlarged network should be treated as an invitation for a new effort on the part of IFRT, cooperating with the Grand Acquisitor to find ways of mutual assistance.

Torture in Spain

IFRT member Zoia Horn forwarded the appeal below from Amnesty International. She writes: "Each profession should, it seems to me, be sensitive to others in the profession. Ours is one of those that because of its concern with freedom of communication, with ideas that may be inimical to some political governments, is vulnerable, and can be threatened and prosecuted. We must make our collective voice speak out in their defense, as we indeed have in the case of Raisa Palatnik."

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
3618 Sacramento Street
San Francisco, California 94118

March 12, 1975

Dear Friend of AI:

After allegations of ill-treatment and torture of Genoveva Forest and others, who were arrested following the bombing of a Madrid cafe on Sept. 13, 1974, had received widespread international attention, similar reports have reached
the outside world about another young woman, detained in connection with the same case.

When the group of nine had been arrested, MARIA LUZ FERNANDEZ ALVAREZ, a 24 year old librarian at the Cuban Embassy in Madrid, took care of Ms. Forest's children, but a week later she herself was arrested, and AI recently received allegations that she was subsequently subjected to the same brutal treatment as the others. Her friends in prison saw her last on Sept. 29 when she was transferred to the Yeserias women's prison in Madrid. Her face looked very tired and old, she was badly bruised, particularly on her arms, and bald spots showed on her head where strands of hair had been pulled out.

In addition, Maria Luz Fernandez was held in isolation and incommunicado for almost four months, an exceptionally long period of incommunicado detention by even Spanish standards. The method of isolating a detainee is, according to another member of the group who underwent it, "worse than the most severe torture, for it makes a human being lose life's normal equilibrium and arrive at a situation where everything is possible: suicide, acceptance of anything."

Several strong letters of protest by her detained friends about her treatment were smuggled out of prison in the beginning of January, and two days later the incommunicado was lifted. With 14 other detainees, including the original group of nine, she is now awaiting trial for the cafe bombing. Two of them, Genoveva Forest and Antonio Duran, also face charges of complicity in the assassination of Prime Minister Luis Carrero Blanco in December 1973, and it is feared that the death penalty may be asked for them.

There are strong indications that these charges are false, and AI is investigating possibilities to adopt these people as prisoners of conscience.

*You can help by writing courteously-worded letters, urging humane treatment *and a fair trial for Maria Luz Fernandez and the others, and requesting an *independent inquiry into reported ill-treatment to:

Exce lentisimo Senor Don Carlos Arias Navarro  
Al Excelentisimo Senor Ministro de Justicia  
Presidente del Gobierno  
Don Francisco Ruiz-Jarabo y Baquero  
Presidencia del Gobierno  
Ministerio de Justicia  
Castellana 3  
Madrid SPAIN  
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Please remember to forward any responses you may have to the AI office.

Round Table Heads Meet at ALA HQ

A meeting of ALA round table chairpersons and ALA staff was convened April 29 in Chicago by ALA President Edward Holley and Executive Director Robert Wedgeworth. The meeting was mandated by a 1975 Midwinter action of the Council, which in calling for the session also voted to postpone a ten percent assessment of
round tables approved by the Executive Board.

The one-day meeting was devoted largely to a discussion of the role of round tables within the complex ALA structure. Comments on the proposed assessment (based on round table expenditures) centered on the services provided by ALA headquarters, including membership processing and assistance from staff liaison persons.

No action was taken at the meeting but a "task force" to study the round tables and their problems was appointed. Three round table chairpersons will serve on the task force: James A. Harvey (JMRT), Nancy Kellum-Rose (SRRT), and Anthony Miele (GODORT). A member of the headquarters staff will be appointed by Mr. Wedgeworth.

Dwyer Reports on CCRC

James R. Dwyer, IFRT's representative to the Catalog Code Revision Committee, submits the following report on the AACR.

Among the groups represented on the Catalog Code Revision Committee are the Intellectual Freedom Round Table and the Social Responsibilities Round Table. One might ask what possible interest such groups might have in the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules. Briefly, the two main concerns of the representatives of these bodies have been the alteration of rules to make the catalog more accessible to users and the removal of sexist and other value related language from the text.

Some individuals have observed that the AACR is written exclusively by and for catalogers or have referred to it as the rules to the games that librarians play. In cases where the code seems to be oriented toward the mystical principle of "full bibliographic identification and integrity" at the expense of the patron we have attempted to make changes in the latter's behalf.

An example of this is Rule 43, which previously mandated that the fullest form of an authors name be used but has been changed to opt for the commonly known form. Persons seeking the works of E. E. Cummings, for example, will now be able to look directly under the short form. Some would argue that the use of cross references make this a moot point, but what if the patron does not understand or is put off by such a device? Or what of misfiled or nonexistent cross references? It is a duty of the librarian to clear potential barriers from the catalog and, in the words of Ranganathan, "save the time of the reader."

The catalog user benefits indirectly from improvements in the code which make it more logical, readily understandable, and unambiguous because such changes foster the growth of consistent, usable catalogs. To this end attempts are being made to consolidate similar rules. Examples include the combination of rules 4 and 5 ("Works produced under editorial direction" and "Collections") and the expected revamping of the section on "Works of authorship of mixed character" (7-16). Improved indexing will direct the cataloger from specific types of works to the relevant general principle. Hence the movement away from the proliferation of specific rules of the 1948 Code begun in the 1967 AACR is being continued on the second edition.
If everyone responsible for the description of materials in their collections were well versed in the theory and practice of cataloging, we might expect that a single edition of the AACR would be sufficient. Many librarians, though, especially school librarians, are responsible for a variety of services and do not always have the time or inclination to wade through a thick, mysterious tome. Cataloging by analogy is sometimes easier. The snag here is that divergent interpretations of different sets of rules can be found in most catalogs and the pre-existent confusion is perpetuated.

In view of this situation, the possibility of publishing an abridged edition for school, small public, and other non-research libraries is being explored. To suit the needs of another special group, students and others with limited incomes, it is proposed that a paperback edition be published simultaneously with the hardbound rather than at a later date.

One of the main editorial features of the new edition will be the removal of exclusively masculine pronouns from the text. By replacing these with plural (their, them) or joint forms (he or she, his or her) a change called for by many can be accomplished with relative ease. There will also be an increase in the representation of female authors in the examples. Other loaded or questionable words or usages are to be replaced with more objective language (e.g., substituting "orientation" for "slant").

The Catalog Code Revision Committee is attempting to make the code more objective, logical, clear, and easily applicable for the sake of both librarians and the general public. Hopefully, the Joint Steering Committee, the final arbiter of additions and changes, will approve our recommendations and proceed in the same spirit.

Your comments and contributions should be sent to: IFRT REPORT, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.
MINUTES

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM ROUND TABLE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1975 MIDWINTER MEETING

Tuesday, January 21
Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, January 23

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table was called to order at 2:15 P.M. on Tuesday, January 21 by Jean-Anne South, chairperson.

PRESENT:
David W. Brunton
John M. Carter
Patricia F. Finley
R. Dean Galloway
Clara O. Jackson
Jane B. Robbins
Laura Smith
Edward L. Whittaker
Jean-Anne South, Chairperson

Roger L. Funk, Staff Liaison

ABSENT:
Evelyn Geller
Florence McMullin

GUESTS:
Eileen D. Cooke
James Dwyer
John Phillip Immroth
George R. Linder
R. Kathleen Molz
Pat Rom

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The MINUTES of the Executive Committee's meetings at the 1974 Annual Conference in New York City were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The statement of income and expenditures for the year ended August 31, 1974 was approved as distributed. (Exhibit I)
EDITORIAL INDEPENDENCE OF AMERICAN LIBRARIES

In a letter sent prior to the 1975 Midwinter Meeting to Ms. Cooke, Director of the ALA Washington Office, Ms. South invited Ms. Cooke to address the question of the relationship between the Washington Office and AMERICAN LIBRARIES, as well as the question of revisions of ALA policy defining the responsibilities of the editor of AMERICAN LIBRARIES. The inquiries were prompted by the resignation of AMERICAN LIBRARIES Editor John Gordon Burke and Assistant Editors Jill S. Reddig and Mary C. Lux following a directive from ALA Executive Director Robert Wedgeworth calling for the dismissal of reporter Peter A. Masley.

After being introduced to the Executive Committee, Ms. Cooke stated her belief that objective, independent coverage of Washington news and communications with the ALA Washington Office were compatible. She reported that her attempts to establish contacts with Mr. Masley had failed. In citing an example of the kind of information she had attempted to communicate to him, Ms. Cooke said she had tried to advise him of the appearances of such persons as former ALA President Jean Lowrie before Congressional committees and subcommittees.

During the ensuing discussion, it was agreed that an inquiry into the particular circumstances of the resignations of the editors was not the responsibility of a body like the IFRT Executive Committee. It was agreed, rather, that the Executive Committee should address itself to problems of ALA policy governing AMERICAN LIBRARIES.

A question was raised concerning the status of AMERICAN LIBRARIES, and whether it could be viewed as a house organ which must present a point of view dictated by the organization owning it. Mr. Carter, Ms. Robbins, and others expressed their opinion that it is necessary to distinguish between, say, the publication of a manufacturer and the publication of a pro bono publico organization devoted to the First Amendment freedoms of speech and the press.

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was the consensus of the Executive Committee that an IFRT statement on the editorial independence of AMERICAN LIBRARIES should be prepared, for presentation either to the Council or to the Committee on Organization's subcommittee on AMERICAN LIBRARIES. Messrs. Brunton, Carter, and Galloway volunteered to draft a statement for later presentation to the Executive Committee.

ASSESSMENT OF ROUND TABLES

Mr. Brunton announced that he would attend the meeting of the Committee on Program Evaluation and Support during which a proposed assessment of round tables would be discussed (i.e., an assessment of ten percent based on each round table's annual expenditures). In response to Mr. Brunton's request for expression of the Executive Committee's opinion on the proposed assessment, Mr. Galloway and others pointed out that
the various round tables use ALA Headquarters' services in varying degrees, and added that they thought it would be unfair to charge all ALA round tables at a uniform rate which disregards differences in actual services provided to the Round tables.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The report of the Nominating Committee (Exhibit II) was submitted by the chairperson, Mr. Carter. Mr. Carter explained the process by which candidates were selected: all names suggested to the committee were submitted to all members of the committee, who in turn voted for those who they thought should be nominated.

Mr. Whittaker moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the Executive Committee VOTED, That the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr. Galloway, chairperson of the Program Committee, reported that the committee had decided to present a panel discussion at the 1975 Annual Conference. He said that the committee members had agreed on a program which would be initiated by Judy Serebnick, who would report on her research on the effect of the Supreme Court's obscenity decisions and state obscenity laws on librarians and booksellers. Mr. Galloway commented that Ms. Serebnick had discovered a great deal of self-censorship and caution on the part of librarians and booksellers, (patterns apparently established long before the court decisions), and that her findings were so closely related to earlier findings of Marjorie Fiske that the committee was considering asking Ms. Fiske to be a member of the panel to discuss Ms. Serebnick's findings. Evelyn Geller was also mentioned as a panelist who could report on the history of intellectual freedom in libraries.

It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that the Program Committee should proceed with its planning. Mr. Galloway suggested, and the Executive Committee agreed, that final plans and the program budget could be approved by mail following the Midwinter Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Ms. Smith announced to the Executive Committee that Carolyn Forsman had found it necessary to resign from the Membership Promotion Committee, that Charles Patterson had not been able to attend meetings, and that pressing commitments on her part prompted her to recommend that the Executive Committee establish a new Membership Promotion Committee. The Executive Committee agreed to appoint a new committee, and Ms. South said she would present names for the approval of the Executive Committee at the second session.
BYLAWS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Paul B. Cors, chairperson of the Bylaws Committee, reported to the Executive Committee by letter. With regard to a question about bylaws provisions for affiliates, Mr. Cors said that "the SRRT and GODORT models seem to me to offer a good precedent from which I see no reason for IFRT to depart significantly." With regard to a question raised regarding the subordination of the Executive Committee to the membership, Mr. Cors commented that "the existing language of the Bylaws is in my opinion clear enough to require no rewording . . ."

The meeting was recessed at 4:30 P.M.

SECOND SESSION

RECALL TO ORDER

The 1975 Midwinter Meeting of the IFRT Executive Committee was recalled to order at 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, January 23 by Jean-Anne South, chairperson.

PRESENT: John M. Carter
          Patricia F. Finley
          R. Dean Galloway
          Clara O. Jackson
          Edward L. Whittaker
          Jane B. Robbins
          Jean-Anne South, Chairperson
          Roger L. Funk, Staff Liaison

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GUESTS: James Dwyer
          Zoia Horn
          George R. Linder
          David Reich
          Pat Rom

BYLAWS COMMITTEE'S REPORT (continued)

The Executive Committee returned to its discussion of bylaws provisions for affiliates. Ms. Robbins suggested that the SRRT model would be a better one to follow than that of GODORT.

After a brief discussion, Ms. Robbins moved, Mr. Whittaker seconded, and the Executive Committee
VOTED, That the Bylaws Committee be requested to present bylaws provisions for affiliates, and that these provisions be presented to the membership for approval at the 1975 Annual Conference.

IFRT REPRESENTATIVES TO IFC AND FTRF BOARD

Ms. South reported that the Freedom to Read Foundation Board of Trustees had voted to invite the IFRT Executive Committee to send an official observer to its meetings. She explained that the Trustees had taken this course of action as an interim step while they studied the general question of the representation of ALA units on the Board of Trustees. Official observers have all the privileges of Trustees except the right to vote.

With regard to earlier action of the IFRT Executive Committee, concerning appointment of an Executive Committee member to the IFC, Ms. South reported that it was the understanding of the IFC that there was no present ALA practice or policy concerning the appointment of representatives of units to committees of the Council. She added that the IFC had invited the Executive Committee to send a regular observer to its meetings, and that the observer would receive all documentation sent to IFC members.

At the conclusion of the chairperson's report, Mr. Carter moved, Mr. Whittaker seconded, and the Executive Committee

VOTED, That the chairperson be empowered to appoint representatives of the IFRT to attend meetings of the FTRF Board of Trustees and the IFC.

After the action was taken on the appointment of representatives to the FTRF Board of Trustees and the IFC, Mr. Whittaker suggested and the Executive Committee agreed that efforts should be made to establish formal two-way communications between the IFRT, the FTRF, and the IFC.

EDITORIAL INDEPENDENCE OF AMERICAN LIBRARIES (continued)

Ms. Jackson reported that Mr. Burke had informed the SRRT Action Council that in his opinion the issue of his resignation was closed.

Ms. South announced that the Committee on Organization's subcommittee on AMERICAN LIBRARIES would hold hearings at the San Francisco conference. She also announced on Mr. Brunton's behalf that at the subcommittee's 1975 Midwinter Meeting it was pointed out that the current ALA policy on AMERICAN LIBRARIES is insufficiently precise.

The Executive Committee then turned its attention to a resolution prepared for the Council's agenda (Exhibit III).

After brief discussion, Mr. Whittaker moved, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Executive Committee
VOTED, That the resolution on ALA policy governing AMERICAN LIBRARIES be approved.

[Due to lack of time to meet the Council's 24-hour rule on resolutions, the IFRT resolution on AMERICAN LIBRARIES was not added to the Council's agenda. It was later mailed to members of the COO subcommittee on AMERICAN LIBRARIES.]

During the subsequent discussion, in which it was agreed that SRRT should be invited to co-sponsor the IFRT resolution on AMERICAN LIBRARIES, a question arose concerning possible IFRT endorsement of an SRRT resolution censuring Robert Wedgeworth and Eileen D. Cooke. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee, in accordance with a motion passed at the 1974 Annual Conference, that it would devote its attention exclusively to questions of principles affecting the editorial independence of AMERICAN LIBRARIES.

1976 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mr. Reich met with the Executive Committee on behalf of the 1976 Centennial Conference Program Committee. Various plans and suggestions were discussed, and the IFRT Program Committee announced that it was considering Pete Seeger as a speaker for its program at the 1976 Conference.

Ms. Finley called the Executive Committee's attention to a program planned by the Children's Services Division's Intellectual Freedom Committee (Exhibit IV). The CSD program was endorsed in principle by the IFRT Executive Committee.

J. MORRIS JONES - WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA - ALA GOALS AWARD

Ms. South announced that the IFC had considered submitting an application for a grant under the J. Morris Jones - World Book Encyclopedia - ALA Goals Award to support the appeal of the California Superior Court's decision in Moore v. Younger. After brief discussion, Mr. Whittaker moved, Ms. Finley seconded, and the Executive Committee

VOTED, That the IFRT co-sponsor an application for a grant under the J. Morris Jones - World Book Encyclopedia - ALA Goals Award to support the appeal in Moore v. Younger.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The chairperson suggested and the Executive Committee approved the following persons for committee appointments:

Program Committee: Joseph F. Lindenfeld, Janette Neal.

Membership Promotion Committee: Janice Beck, David Cohen, Irma Freeman Dillon, Marvin Scilken, and Anne Sweat.
RENTAL OF SUITE

It was the decision of the Executive Committee not to rent a hospitality suite at the 1975 Annual Conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made by the chairperson:

Joslyn N. Williams had agreed to head a committee to promote the LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund.

The Council would be asked to approve a spring meeting of round table chairpersons at ALA Headquarters to discuss the proposed ten percent assessment of round tables.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee had scheduled a review of the LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Funk
Staff Liaison
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM ROUND TABLE

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1974

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Cash Balance August 31, 1974

$5,222.30 - $3,220.76 = $2,001.54

*Includes payment of expenses of three students who participated in program at 1974 Annual Conference.
Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with IFRT Bylaws, Article IV, Section 6, the Nominating Committee presents the following as its slate of candidates for the 1975 IFRT election:

**Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect (one to be elected)**

John M. Carter
George Linder

**Treasurer (one to be elected, for two-year term)**

William Snyder
Ella Gaines Yates

**Directors (two to be elected, for two-year terms)**

Marilyn Gell
Terry Hubbard
Charles Patterson
Gerald Shields

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Kaye
George Linder
Caroline Morris
Patricia Rom
John Carter, Chairperson
RESOLUTION ON POLICY FOR AMERICAN LIBRARIES

WHEREAS, The ALA prides itself on its support of intellectual freedom and the principles expounded by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, American Libraries is the official journal of the ALA; and

WHEREAS, Recent questions have arisen regarding the freedom of the editorial staff of American Libraries to gather and report news of major library issues; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the ALA Council directs the formulation of a clear and unequivocal editorial policy which guarantees to the editor of American Libraries independence in gathering and reporting news and opinions.

--Moved by Jean-Anne South, Councilor at Large, on behalf of the IFRT Executive Committee, and

--Seconded by Zodia Horn, Councilor at Large, on behalf of the SRRT Action Council
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AND CHILDREN: 1876 - 1976 with a look to the future

Jointly sponsored by the CSD Intellectual Freedom Committee and the CSD National Planning of Special Collections Committee

Purpose: The historical approach to this issue is not only appropriate for the occasion of the Centennial but would broaden librarians' perspectives and give us fresh insights into the present day situation and into problems surrounding the publication and library selection of materials for children.

Our primary concern is with attitudes toward intellectual freedom for children and with the exclusion of certain ideas from children's books in different periods for different reasons.

Program Outline:

This would be a two hour program

1st paper - "The Child in American Society - 1876-1976
(40 min.) This paper would consider society's view of the child as reflected in materials provided for the child with the purpose of forming the child to fit society's wishes.
Included would be the child's view of himself or herself.

The author of this paper would be a psychologist who is also a cultural historian.

Critique - Questions and criticism from the audience sparked by two "planted" critics from disciplines complementary to the speaker's, e.g. a literary historian and a sociologist.

Break (15 min.)

2nd paper - Concentrating on a specific period within the 100 years, this paper would consider in what ways and why books presenting dissenting views were not published for children and those published omitted from selection tools thus reflecting society's attitudes toward those dissenting views.

The author of this paper would be a social and literary historian.

Critique - Questions and criticism from the audience sparked by two "planted" critics from disciplines complementary to the speaker's.

EXHIBITION - Books from 1876 - 1976 which illustrate the content of the papers and the issues involved.
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AND CHILDREN: 1876 - 1976

Budget implications

Speakers' honoraria - $350 - 700.

{Speakers' travel expenses

"Planted" critics travel expenses} We expect the speakers and critics to come from the immediate Chicago area or the Midwest and thus reduce travel expense.

Exhibition - Duplicating costs of descriptive list or catalog.

Mounting costs.

Possible shipping costs.
LeROY C. MERRITT HUMANITARIAN FUND

The LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund was established as a special trust in memory of Dr. LeRoy C. Merritt. It is devoted to the support, maintenance, medical care and welfare of librarians who are in the Trustees' opinion:

1. Discriminated against on the basis of sex, sexual preference, race, color, creed or place of national origin;

2. Denied employment rights;

3. Threatened with loss of employment or discharged because of their stand for the cause of intellectual freedom, including promotion of freedom of the press, freedom of speech, and the freedom of librarians to select items for their collections from all the world's written and recorded information.

The Merritt Fund is governed by a board of three trustees who are elected by donors to the Fund.

Applications for Aid

Applications for aid should be sent to: The Trustees, LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611 (312-944-6780).

Donations

The Merritt Fund is supported solely by donations and contributions from concerned groups and individuals. Contributions to the Merritt Fund are not tax-exempt because they are used to give direct aid to individuals without reference to Internal Revenue Service requirements regarding tax-exempt organizations. Hence contributions do not qualify as personal tax deductions for donors.

Who Was LeRoy C. Merritt?

Dr. Merritt, who died in 1970, was one of the library profession's staunchest opponents of censorship and one of its most vigorous defenders of intellectual freedom. Graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1935 with a B.A. and a certificate in librarianship, Dr. Merritt received a Ph.D. in librarianship from the University of Chicago in 1942. His diversified career included working at the Milwaukee Public Library, serving as librarian at Longwood College, and participating in a Special Services project for the Armed Forces during the Second World War. From 1946 until 1966, Dr. Merritt served on the staff of the University of California School of Librarianship at Berkeley. He was appointed Dean
of the School of Librarianship of the University of Oregon in Eugene in 1966.

Dr. Merritt published many articles on intellectual freedom and was perhaps best known to fellow-censorship foes for his editorship of the American Library Association's NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM, which post he held from 1962 until 1970. In 1970, H. W. Wilson published his book, BOOK SELECTION AND INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM.

For his outstanding accomplishments in the field, Dr. Merritt was selected in 1969 as the first recipient of the Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award. True to his principles, he immediately contributed the entire cash award of $500.00 to the Freedom to Read Foundation, becoming the Foundation's first benefactor.

Dr. Merritt also served as chairman of the California Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee and as a member of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee (1959-65).
DO YOUR FRIENDS A FAVOR

The LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund is a unique agency. Your contribution will make it easier for your friends to defend their principles.

☐ Yes, I want to support the Merritt Fund. My check (payable to the LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund) is enclosed.

Name ____________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State _______ Zip _______

Contributions should be sent to: LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

DO YOURSELF A FAVOR

As a member of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table, you are entitled to order the ALA's bimonthly NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM at the special rate of $4.00 (regular price $6.00 per year).

Don't miss the NEWSLETTER's regular reports of censorship of library and school materials, as well as special reports on the Freedom of Information Act, reform of the federal criminal code and dozens of other items affecting the First Amendment.

☐ Please enter my one-year subscription to ALA's bimonthly NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM. Enclosed is $4.00.

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Please check □ New Subscription □ Renewal Order

If you are already a subscriber to the NEWSLETTER, this order will extend your present subscription. Please do not cancel your present subscription.

Payment (check or money order payable to the American Library Association) must accompany this special order.

Send to

Staff Liaison
Intellectual Freedom Round Table
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

May 1975
Help Staff the OIF Exhibit

If you're going to San Francisco and can spare a little time, your help in staffing the OIF exhibit would be a life-saver to the OIF staff.

The OIF exhibit contains out-of-the-mainstream periodicals of all kinds--materials (in the words of the LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS) "presenting all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times."

You'll find that an hour or two at the booth--discussing intellectual freedom and the exhibit materials with new friends--can be one of the most rewarding conference activities.

If you'd like to help, just return the form on the reverse. Further details will be sent to you from OIF.
RETURN TO: Roger L. Funk, Staff Liaison
Intellectual Freedom Round Table
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

FROM: ________________________________ (Name) ________________________________ (Title)

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I WILL BE ABLE TO SERVE AT THE INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM EXHIBIT BOOTH (#954–BROOKS HALL AND CIVIC AUDITORIUM) AT THE TIMES CHECKED BELOW:

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(PLEASE RETURN BY JUNE 16, 1975)
Volunteer Time Needed by the Collectors' Network

If you can help the Collectors' Network at the San Francisco conference (see story p. 5 this issue), please fill out the form on the reverse and return it today!

As soon as this form is received, additional information will be sent to you.
RETURN TO: Roger L. Funk, Staff Liaison
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50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

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