From the Chairman, John M. Carter

ALA's 1977 Midwinter Meeting will be held in Washington, January 28 through February 4. For those IFRT members who are planning a trek to the nation's capital, here's a comprehensive listing of intellectual freedom meetings.

**Freedom to Read Foundation, Board of Trustees**

Saturday, January 29  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Senate Room  
Sheraton Park Hotel

**ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee**

Sunday, January 30  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
Richmond Room  
Sheraton Park Hotel

Monday, January 31  
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Assembly Room  
Sheraton Park Hotel

Wednesday, February 2  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
Parlor E-830  
Shoreham Hotel

Thursday, February 3  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
Warren Room  
Sheraton Park Hotel

**AASL Intellectual Freedom Information and Representation Committee**

Monday, January 31  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
Arlington Room  
Sheraton Park Hotel

Tuesday, February 1  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
Arlington Room  
Sheraton Park Hotel

**ALTA Intellectual Freedom Committee**

Saturday, January 29  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Potomac Room  
Sheraton Park Hotel

Sunday, January 30  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Room F-151  
Shoreham Hotel
CSD Intellectual Freedom Committee

Saturday, January 29  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Dover Room  
Sheraton Park Hotel

Sunday, January 30  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
F-150  
Shoreham Hotel

Monday, January 31  
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
F-151  
Shoreham Hotel

Tuesday, February 1  
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
F-168  
Shoreham Hotel

Intellectual Freedom Round Table, Executive Committee

Sunday, January 30  
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Marshall Room  
Sheraton Park Hotel

Tuesday, February 1  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Warren Room  
Sheraton Park Hotel

YASD Intellectual Freedom Committee

Monday, January 31  
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Tudor Room  
Shoreham Hotel

Wednesday, February 2  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
Room F-145  
Sheraton Park Hotel

And Something For Everyone!—Congressional Breakfast

Thursday, February 3  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Regency Ballroom  
Shoreham Hotel

Nominees Sought for Immroth Memorial Award

Clara O. Jackson, chairperson of the committee for the John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions to Intellectual Freedom, has requested that IFRT members submit names of candidates for the award. Please write to Prof. Jackson at 424 E. Summit St., Kent, Ohio 44240.

The IFRT REPORT is issued irregularly to all members of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table of the American Library Association. Members who wish to subscribe to the ALA NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM at the special rate authorized by the IFRT Executive Committee should send name, address, and $6.00 (payable to ALA) to the IFRT Staff Liaison, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.
CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table was called to order at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, July 18, 1976 by David W. Brunton, chairperson.

Present were:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
John M. Carter
R. Dean Galloway
Clara O. Jackson
Ronald J. Kaye
Edward L. Whittaker
Ella Gaines Yates
David W. Brunton, Chairperson

REPRESENTATIVE:
Jean-Anne South (FTRF)

STAFF:
Roger L. Funk, Staff Liaison

GUESTS:
Carrie Alford
Mary Biblo, Incoming Director
Stephen L. Cogil, Incoming Director
Karl Weiner, Incoming Vice-Chairperson

Absent were:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
Marilyn Gell
Evelyn Geller
Gerald R. Shields
Barbara Immroth

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The MINUTES of the Executive Committee's 1976 Midwinter Meeting (Chicago) were approved as distributed.
REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Brunton stated that he would report on his activities as the various items on the agenda were taken up.

Mr. Carter asked for suggested names for committee appointments.

Ms. Yates distributed an interim report on IFRT income and expenditures (Exhibit I).

REPORT OF STAFF LIAISON

Mr. Funk reviewed the results of the 1976 election. Elected were:

   Chairperson-elect: Karl Weiner
   Secretary: Ione Pierron
   Directors: Mary Biblo and Stephen Cogil

Mr. Funk announced that the following meeting times had been reserved for the 1977 Midwinter Meeting (Washington, D.C.) and Annual Conference (Detroit):

1977 Midwinter

IFRT Executive Committee: Sunday, January 30, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
   Tuesday, February 1, 8:00-9:30 a.m.

1977 Annual Conference

IFRT Executive Committee: Friday, June 17, 8:00-9:30 a.m.
   Tuesday, June 21, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

IFRT Program: Monday, June 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

IFRT Membership: Tuesday, June 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

[Please Note: The Membership Meeting was later changed to Monday, June 20, 4:30-6:00 p.m.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Galloway stated that I.F. Stone would appear at the IFRT program on July 21. He asked whether the Immroth Memorial Award, approved prior to the Annual Conference (Exhibit II), should be presented to Mr. Stone at the program meeting. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that the award should be given at the program.

Mr. Kaye reported that the Membership Promotion Committee had prepared a flyer for distribution at the conference, and that the Membership Promotion Committee would be represented at the JMRT orientation meeting.
In the absence of Mr. Cors, Mr. Brunton called attention to amendments prepared by the Bylaws Committee for presentation to the membership on July 22 (see MINUTES, 1976 Membership Meeting, Exhibit II).

PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

Mr. Whittaker, chairperson of the ad hoc committee on priorities and objectives, presented a report (see MINUTES, 1976 Membership Meeting, Exhibit III). After brief discussion, Mr. Whittaker moved the adoption and implementation of the priorities and recommendations of the report. Ms. Yates seconded.

When it was suggested that the report should be presented to the membership for its approval, the motion on the floor was amended by the addition of the clause, "subject to the approval of the membership."

The Executive Committee then

VOTED, That the priorities and recommendations of the report on IFRT priorities and objectives be adopted and implemented, subject to the approval of the membership.

FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION

Ms. South reviewed actions taken by the Trustees of the Freedom to Read Foundation at their 1976 Annual Meeting. [For the full report of Ms. South's discussion, see MINUTES, 1976 Membership Meeting.]

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Mr. Funk asked the Executive Committee whether an IFRT membership directory should be distributed to the members following the conference. Ms. Jackson moved, Mr. Whittaker seconded, and the Executive Committee

VOTED, That a 1976 IFRT membership directory be distributed to the members.

IMMROTH MEMORIAL AWARD

A question was raised concerning the precise title of the Immroth Memorial Award which was approved by the Executive Committee prior to the Annual Conference. Mr. Whittaker moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the Executive Committee

VOTED, That the title of the Immroth Memorial Award be: "The John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions to Intellectual Freedom."

The question of whether the award should be presented to I.F. Stone at the 1976 Annual Conference was again raised. In view of the fact that the format, etc., of the award had not been decided, Mr. Galloway asked whether the presentation of the award should not be postponed.
It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that it should be announced that I.F. Stone would be the first recipient of the award, and that it would be presented to him following the 1976 Annual Conference.

**DONATIONS TO OIF AND FTRF**

Mr. Brunton asked whether the Executive Committee should make specific recommendations to the membership with regard to donations to the Office for Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read Foundation. The question of the donations was scheduled for discussion at the 1976 Membership Meeting.

It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that the question of the amounts to be donated to OIF and the FTRF should be decided by the membership.

The meeting was recessed at 10:00 a.m.

**SECOND SESSION**

**RECALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table was recalled to order at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, 1976 by David W. Brunton, chairperson

Present were:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: John M. Carter
R. Dean Galloway
Ronald J. Kaye
Gerald R. Shields
Edward L. Whittaker
Ella Gaines Yates
David W. Brunton, Chairperson

STAFF: Roger L. Funk, Staff Liaison

GUESTS: Carrie Alford
Ione Pierron, Incoming Director
Karl Weiner, Incoming Chairperson-Elect

Absent were:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Marilyn Gell
Evelyn Geller
Barbara Immroth
Clara O. Jackson
COUNCILOR CAUCUSES

Prior to the 1976 Annual Conference, Ms. Jackson asked that the IFRT Executive Committee discuss "chapter councilors and councilors from a particular state caucusing about grass-roots level issues like censorship."

Mr. Shields reported that his experience showed that such caucuses were seldom successful. For example, a call for a meeting of ALA councilors in the New York City area produced one.

It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that the question of the involvement of councilors and others could be handled in the context of a larger discussion of local-level activities of the IFRT.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Carter asked for, and received from the Executive Committee, authority to submit the names of committee appointments to the Executive Committee for approval by mail.

Mr. Carter called for the establishment of an Immroth Memorial Award Committee as a standing committee. It was then moved, seconded, and

VOTED, That a standing committee be established for the John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions to Intellectual Freedom.

Mr. Carter stated that he would ask the committee to design the format of the award and to establish criteria. He added that he would inform the committee that the Executive Committee had selected I.F. Stone as the first recipient of the award.

LIAISON PERSONS

The following liaison persons were appointed for 1976-77:

- Intellectual Freedom Committee: Carrie Alford
- Freedom to Read Foundation: Jean-Anne South
- LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund: Joan Goddard

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES

Questions were raised concerning the advisability of establishing a committee on planning, or priorities. The question was not resolved; Mr. Whittaker pointed out that in presenting his report on priorities and objectives to the membership, he had recommended that the Executive Committee, rather than a special committee, handle the review of priorities and objectives.

1977 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mr. Shields announced that he served on a special committee to plan the ALA President's Program for the 1977 Annual Conference. He stated that
there would be a day-long workshop on Tuesday of the conference week which would be devoted to three aspects of the post-industrial era that will affect libraries, including professionalism and access to information. He said a call would be issued in October for discussion leaders, and that intellectual freedom discussion leaders would be needed.

Mr. Funk was asked to revise the 1977 conference schedule for IFRT so that the meeting of the membership would immediately follow the program meeting.

**NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM**

Mr. Funk announced that effective January 1, the NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM would be priced at $8.00 per year. He asked whether the Executive Committee wished to continue the $2.00 subsidy for IFRT members. The Executive Committee agreed that the subsidy should be continued at the $2.00 level.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Funk, Staff Liaison
### INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM ROUND TABLE

Income and Expenditures for the Period 9/1/75-5/31/76

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MEMORANDUM

TO: IFRT Executive Committee
FROM: Roger L. Funk
RE: 1976 Annual Conference

DATE: June 24, 1976

I. Intellectual Freedom Award

Per the suggestion of Ed Whittaker, I have called the members of the Executive Committee concerning the award discussed on p. 5 of Ed’s June 7 memo on priorities and objectives. I reached Geller, Galloway, Jackson, Kaye, Yates, Whittaker, Shields, Carter, and Brunton. All but one favored an IFRT award and, if possible, its presentation to I.F. Stone at the 1976 Annual Conference.

I talked at length with Ed and Jerry concerning the nature of the award, possible problems, etc. Jerry and Ed finally agreed on the following idea for presentation to the Executive Committee at the meeting scheduled for Sunday, July 18:

Intellectual Freedom Medal

TERMS: Presented to an individual for outstanding contribution(s) to intellectual freedom

DONOR: Intellectual Freedom Round Table

DATE ESTABLISHED: 1976

FREQUENCY: Annual

FORM: Engraved medal

ADMINISTERED BY: IFRT Executive Committee

SELECTION: By the IFRT Executive Committee; nominations are invited

USUAL DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: January 15

WINNER ANNOUNCED: At ALA Annual Conference

AWARD PRESENTED: At IFRT program

If the Executive Committee approves some object (e.g., a medal), Jerry suggests that a "token" object be presented to I.F. Stone at the program and the genuine article sent to him when it is designed and made.
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM ROUND TABLE
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES
1976 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

July 22, 1976

Chicag Palmer House Hotel

CALL TO ORDER

The 1976 Membership Meeting of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table was called to order on Thursday, July 22, 1976 at 2:15 p.m. by the chairperson, David W. Brunton. The presence of a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The MINUTES of the Membership Meeting held July 3, 1975 in San Francisco were approved as distributed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Mr. Brunton, chairperson, noted that much of the work of the IFRT was carried out through committees, and that reports from the various committees would follow presently. Referring to one special action taken by the Executive Committee, Mr. Brunton announced that an IFRT award had been established: The John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions to Intellectual Freedom.

Mr. Carter, chairman-elect, explained that actions to encourage formation of IFRT affiliates had been postponed due to the question of their role in relation to the intellectual freedom committees of the various state library associations. In announcing that he would establish a committee for the John Phillip Immroth Award, he urged the membership to participate in IFRT committees.

The interim report of the treasurer, reflecting a May 31 balance of $5,697 (Exhibit I), was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Galloway, chairperson of the Program Committee, which was responsible for arranging the appearance of I.F. Stone at the 1976 Annual Conference, pointed out that there would be vacancies on the Program Committee, including the chairpersonship, at the close of the conference.
Mr. Kaye, chairperson of the Membership Promotion Committee, announced that his committee had prepared a membership flyer, "What's Your Intellectual Freedom IQ," which was distributed during the conference. Mr. Kaye stated that his committee believed that the round table needed to increase its action programs before a more substantive promotion brochure could be developed; he suggested several possible programs, and added that his committee was willing to undertake a study of how the IFRT could best complement existing intellectual freedom groups. In closing, he announced that buttons with the message "For Freedom's Sake--Support Your Local Public Library" had been distributed at the JMRT orientation meeting.

**AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

In the absence of Mr. Cors, chairperson of the Bylaws Committee, Mr. Carter called the membership's attention to proposed bylaws amendments concerning liaison persons (Exhibit II). He briefly explained that the purpose of the liaison persons would be to establish regular communications with ALA units concerned with intellectual freedom.

Ms. Geller moved, Mr. Kaye seconded, and the assembled membership unanimously

**VOTED, That the proposed amendments be adopted.**

**FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION**

Ms. South, a Trustee of the Freedom to Read Foundation and IFRT's representative to that organization, reported on actions taken at the July 17 meeting of the Foundation Board of Trustees.

In the case of Moore v. Younger, the Foundation suit challenging California's "harmful matter" law, the Foundation had won an exemption for school and public librarians from the provisions of the statute.

In Smith v. U.S., which the Foundation had succeeded in bringing before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Foundation continued its support of Jerry Lee Smith, who was convicted in federal district court in Iowa for mailing sexually explicit materials within Iowa—a conviction which was sustained by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit despite the fact that the Iowa legislature had decriminalized the distribution of so-called obscenity to adults. The Foundation Trustees also authorized the preparation of an amici brief to be filed on Smith's behalf in the names of the American Library Association and the Iowa Library Association.

In response to a request from attorneys representing Harry Reems, an actor in DEEP THROAT who was convicted in U.S. District Court in Memphis for conspiring to distribute the film, the Foundation voted to support an amicus brief and to donate $500 to a legal defense fund established on Reems' behalf.
In 1979, the Freedom to Read Foundation will hold a special meeting during the ALA conference week to celebrate the Foundation's tenth anniversary.

**REPORT ON PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

As the head of the ad hoc committee on IFRT priorities, Mr. Whittaker presented a report (Exhibit III) outlining three priorities and a list of goals for the round table.

In discussing his report, Mr. Whittaker suggested that the last sentence of the first paragraph (recommending establishment of a permanent committee on priorities and objectives) be deleted, and that the function of reviewing IFRT priorities and objectives on a regular basis be assigned to the Executive Committee.

At the conclusion of the review of his report, Mr. Whittaker moved the adoption of the priorities and recommendations of the report with the last sentence of the first paragraph deleted. The motion was seconded.

At the conclusion of the discussion, which emphasized the importance of involving as many members as possible at the local level, the assembled membership

**VOTED, That the priorities and recommendations of the report on IFRT priorities and objectives be adopted with the last sentence of the first paragraph deleted.**

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

After a brief review of the round table's history of contributions to the Office for Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read Foundation, it was moved, seconded and

**VOTED, That $500 be contributed to the Freedom to Read Foundation.**

During the discussion of a contribution to the Office for Intellectual Freedom, Mr. Whittaker pointed out that a 10 percent assessment of all round table dues income had been proposed in a report to the ALA Council. It was then moved, seconded and

**VOTED, That IFRT contribute $500 to the Office for Intellectual Freedom as a donation of 10 percent of IFRT dues income to the ALA.**

During the discussion of contributions, it was noted that future expenditures of the round table in efforts to implement IFRT priorities and objectives could preclude large contributions to other organizations.
ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following persons were elected to the Nominating Committee: Pamela G. Bonnell, Janette Neal, Jean-Anne South, Robert D. Wood, and Jean Barry Molz, chairperson.

ALA STATEMENT ON PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

Mr. Brunton announced that the ALA Committee on Professional Ethics had requested that the various ALA units forward their comments on the 1975 document (Exhibit IV).

Mr. Galloway and others spoke in opposition to the second paragraph ("A librarian should learn and faithfully execute the policies of the institution of which one is a part and should endeavor to change those which conflict with the spirit of the LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS"). Mr. Galloway said the statement would not help a person strongly committed to the LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS who worked in a library with bad policies. He added that "faithfully execute" should not be used in the case of any policy contrary to the LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS.

Several members suggested that the paragraph should be revised to read: "Faithfully execute those policies which do not conflict with the LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS."

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED, That the IFRT recommend to the Committee on Professional Ethics that the second paragraph of the 1975 statement be revised to establish as an ethical norm that the librarian should learn and faithfully execute those institutional policies which are not in conflict with the LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS and endeavor to change those which are in conflict.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Funk, Staff Liaison
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MEMORANDUM

TO: IFRT Members

DATE: June 14, 1976

FROM: Bylaws Committee, Paul B. Cors, ch.

In accordance with a request from the IFRT Executive Committee, the Bylaws Committee has prepared the additions to the Bylaws that appear below.

These proposed changes in the Bylaws will be voted on at the IFRT membership meeting to be held in Chicago on Thursday, July 22, at 2:00 p.m. in the Adams Room of the Palmer House.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO IFRT BYLAWS

Article VI, Section I, to be amended as follows (additions in capitals):

The officers of the Round Table and the chairpersons of standing committees shall constitute the Executive Committee. THE LIAISON PERSONS SHALL BE EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WITHOUT VOTE.

Proposed new article:

ARTICLE XII. LIAISON PERSONS

Section I. The Round Table shall be represented by one liaison person each to the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, and the boards of directors of the Freedom to Read Foundation and the LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund. Liaison persons shall be personal members of the Round Table, appointed by the chairperson for a one-year term; they may be reappointed at the discretion of the chairperson. Liaison persons shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee of the Round Table, without vote.

Section II. The duties of the liaison persons shall be to present the concerns of the Round Table to the aforementioned committee and boards, and to report the actions of these bodies to the Executive Committee and membership of the Round Table. Liaison persons shall be expected to attend the regularly scheduled open meetings of that committee or board to which they are the Round Table's representative.
Date: June 7, 1976

TO: IFRT Executive Committee

FROM: Edward L. Whittaker, IFRT Secretary
and Ad Hoc Priorities Committee

SUBJECT: IFRT Priorities and Objectives

Whatever priorities and objectives are adopted by the Intellectual Freedom Round Table, they should not be "forever cast in stone" - but rather should receive constant review. As the national and local intellectual freedom scene changes, the IFRT should be flexible enough to meet changing needs of its membership. (Recommendation: a permanent Committee on Priorities and Objectives be established with the IFRT Chairperson being an ex officio member.)

The priorities stated below are based upon Executive Committee discussions at ALA in San Francisco and Midwinter 1976 in Chicago, San Francisco membership meeting discussion, and the response to Roger Funk's memo of 2/11/76 to the membership re IFRT objectives. The objectives for IFRT goals are based primarily upon the input of eight IFRT members (including three Executive Committee members) in response to the 2/11/76 memo to the membership and secondarily upon the 1/18/76 and 1/22/76 Executive Committee meetings. (The "measurable terms" added to the objectives and the various recommendations are my own.)

PRIORITY 1: IFRT shall develop and implement action programs which support, inform, educate, and involve the librarian at the local level in intellectual freedom matters. (Recommendation: a "Local Action Program Committee" be established within the Executive Committee and consisting of the elected directors of IFRT and the IFRT Chairperson - elect, who shall serve as chairperson of the committee. This committee will meet during Midwinter to formulate the next year's local action programs, which are to be finalized prior to the summer conference's membership meeting. (Note: for 1976-77 programs the committee will need to meet during the summer conference in Chicago with programs finalized by mail in early fall and approved by mail by the Executive Committee.)
PRIORITY 2: IFRT shall operate each year within its income from the annual dues for that year. Any carry-over "cash balance" may be utilized only for unusual expenses which further IFRT priorities and specific objectives; such utilization must be approved by the IFRT Executive Committee. It is, therefore, recommended the IFRT Treasurer develop an annual budget for the next fiscal year based upon current year's membership income and present this budget for approval at the first Executive Committee meeting at the summer conference of ALA. Due to changing numbers of members, the budget will be reviewed and modified by the Treasurer for approval by the Executive Committee at ALA Midwinter and upon receipt of March 31 membership numbers. (Note: such reviews and modifications may be simplified if upon previous years experience in memberships at Midwinter time are used and projected for remainder of year.) Annual budgets shall be based upon existing IFRT priorities, input from appropriate committee chairpersons, and indication of the next years proposed donation and program expense levels of the Executive Committee. (See "Addendum" for projections of this year's budget.)

PRIORITY 3: IFRT shall continue its national level intellectual freedom activities. These activities include, but are not limited to the following: sponsorship or co-sponsorship, whenever possible, of one program of significance at the annual summer ALA conference; publication of an IFRT newsletter; donations to the Freedom to Read Foundation and the Office for Intellectual Freedom; appropriate support of the Le Roy C. Merritt Memorial Fund; and liaison with the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Freedom to Read Foundation.

Objectives for IFRT (goals = purposes of IFRT from Article II of the Bylaws)

GOAL: FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, AND PROBLEMS IN INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

OBJECTIVES:

1. IFRT shall annually develop and implement at least one program activity which will support and involve at least 25% of its members at the local level in intellectual freedom matters.

2. IFRT shall annually develop or co-sponsor the development and production of at least one intellectual freedom material(s) which can be easily used on the local level by 75% of its members.

3. IFRT shall sponsor or co-sponsor, whenever possible, one program of significance at the annual summer conference of ALA. Such programs will be summarized in the IFRT newsletter and distributed whenever suitable in the appropriate format at cost of reproduction plus nominal fee.
4. IFRT shall devote up to one-third of its annual membership meeting time to a forum of practicing librarians who have been involved in bonified disputes or problem areas of intellectual freedom. (The Executive Committee shall identify and obtain the participation of such librarians.)

GOAL: CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM MATTERS

OBJECTIVES:
(see also objective 4 under preceding goal of "forum for discussion")

1. IFRT shall publish quarterly an IFRT newsletter which will include, among other things, IFRT activities and programs, Chairperson's report, news of IFRT affiliates' activities, IFRT membership promotion, appropriate summaries from ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom and Freedom to Read publication, LeRoy C. Merritt Memorial Fund and Freedom to Read membership information, and appeals for help - as approved by the IFRT Executive Committee - in support of intellectual freedom matters. (Recommendation: the IFRT Secretary be responsible for editing the newsletter and will work in close cooperation with the Chairperson and ALA Staff Liaison.)

2. IFRT shall annually publish in its newsletter a description of the roles and how the individual librarian can relate to each of these organizations: Intellectual Freedom Round Table and its affiliates, state intellectual freedom committees, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, Freedom to Read Foundation, and the LeRoy C. Merritt Memorial Fund.

3. Time be allotted at the annual IFRT membership meetings for state organizations involved in intellectual freedom to briefly report on their activities.

4. If not done by another group, IFRT shall annually list with brief annotation the various federal and state laws affecting libraries' and librarians' intellectual freedom.

5. If not done by another group, IFRT shall annually survey, compile, and distribute in standardized format examples of up to ten outstanding state intellectual freedom programs with appropriate information for the replication. Distribution shall include IFRT members, state Intellectual Freedom Committees, state libraries, and graduate schools of library science.

6. If not done by another group, IFRT shall annually identify, reproduce, and distribute in appropriate format up to five outstanding programs of national, state, or local origin on Intellectual Freedom at cost plus nominal fee. (Recommendation: the first such program for reproduction and distribution be I. F. Stones's speech at the 1976 summer conference and that it be available in video tape, audio cassette, and printed formats.)

7. If not done by another group, IFRT shall annually publish in its newsletter an "Intellectual Freedom Directory" of resource people with addresses, availability, and I.F. area of specialization.
GOAL: GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR INVOLVEMENT AMONG MEMBERS OF ALA IN DEFENSE OF INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

OBJECTIVES:

1. IFRT shall in implementing its objectives to fulfill its goals shall actively involve 20% of its membership, including all its elected officers and committee members.

2. IFRT's newsletter or special bulletins shall include appeals for help — as approved by the IFRT Executive Committee at its semi-annual meetings, by mail, or by phone — of its members in support of intellectual freedom matters; appropriate support mechanism will be indicated. IFRT shall also attempt to publish its appeals for help and follow-up reports (including level of involvement) on its appeals in the American Libraries.

3. IFRT shall annually furnish state intellectual freedom committees with names and addresses of IFRT members in their state. It shall encourage IFRT members to participate in state intellectual freedom committees and aim at 5% involvement annually.

4. IFRT shall actively promote establishment of at least three new IFRT affiliate chapters annually for the next ten years. State, local, or regional IFRT affiliate chapters should appropriately compliment state intellectual freedom committees as the national IFRT compliments ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

5. IFRT and/or its affiliate chapters shall devise at least one fund-raising activity annually for local implementation in support of the LeRoy C. Merritt Memorial Fund; such fund-raising activities will be carried out in at least ten locations annually.

GOAL: GREATER FEELING OF RESPONSIBILITY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ALA POLICIES ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

OBJECTIVES:

(see also objectives under preceding goal "opportunity for involvement")

1. IFRT shall establish an annual national award of appropriate nature for an individual whose support or activities for the values of intellectual freedom have been outstanding. Such awards shall not be limited to librarians, and are preferably to be presented at the annual summer conference program or membership meeting. (It is Jerry Shield's and my recommendation that the first award be presented, this Bicentennial year, to I.F. Stone for his devotion to and exemplary work in the field of intellectual freedom over many years. It is therefore requested that the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson immediately take a telephone survey via Roger Funk of the Executive Committee to determine if such an annual award should be undertaken by IFRT, if approved should the first recipient be I. F. Stone, and ideas for an "award of appropriate nature." An inscribed plaque and a "token" check of $100?)
2. IFRT shall annually develop and implement at least one activity or program for the local librarian of meaningful promotion of solidarity among librarians regarding intellectual freedom. (The same "Local Action Program Committee" recommended in "Priority 1" would be responsible for this.)

Editorial comment: when IFRT establishes its priorities and objectives for implementing its goals, learns to plan ahead and within its annual income, involves and offers its members at the local level something more than a worthwhile annual conference program, then I will believe that the Intellectual Freedom Round Table has begun to fulfill Phil Immorth's vision and labors for it.
ADDENDUM: 1975-76 PROJECTED BUDGET

INCOME

Cash Balance 1/31/75  $3,364.87
1976 Dues (862)  4,310.00
4,310.00

EXPENSES
(based upon 9/1/75-3/31/76 expenses and coming expenses)

OPERATING COSTS
(Postage, printing, etc.)
Membership Promotion

PROGRAMS
1976 Annual Conference  2,000
Co-sponsorship (children's)  200

DONATIONS (proposed)
Freedom to Read Foundation  250
Office for Intellectual Freedom  500

750

$5,644**

CASH BALANCE 8/31/76  $2,030.87

*62.506% of income
**$1,334 more than income (not including membership promotion)
Statement on Professional Ethics, 1975

Introduction

The American Library Association has a special concern for the free flow of information and ideas. Its views have been set forth in such policy statements as the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read Statement where it has said clearly that in addition to the generally accepted legal and ethical principles and the respect for intellectual freedom which should guide the action of every citizen, membership in the library profession carries with it special obligations and responsibilities.

Every citizen has the right as an individual to take part in public debate or to engage in social and political activity. The only restrictions on these activities are those imposed by specific and well-publicized laws and regulations which are generally applicable. However, since personal views and activities may be interpreted as representative of the institution in which a librarian is employed, proper precaution should be taken to distinguish between private actions and those one is authorized to take in the name of an institution.

The statement which follows sets forth certain ethical norms which, while not exclusive to, are basic to librarianship. It will be augmented by explanatory interpretations and additional statements as they may be needed.

The Statement

A Librarian

Has a special responsibility to maintain the principles of the Library Bill of Rights.

Should learn and faithfully execute the policies of the institution of which one is a part and should endeavor to change those which conflict with the spirit of the Library Bill of Rights.

Must protect the essential confidential relationship which exists between a library user and the library.

Must avoid any possibility of personal financial gain at the expense of the employing institution.

Has an obligation to ensure equality of opportunity and fair judgment of competence in actions dealing with staff appointments, retenions, and promotions.

Has an obligation when making appraisals of the qualifications of any individual to report the facts clearly, accurately, and without prejudice, according to generally accepted guidelines concerning the disclosing of personal information.