

ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table Newsletter

December 1, 1969 No. 3

JOIN SRRT

Personal members of ALA may join SRRT this year by checking off the appropriate box on their ALA membership form.

Groups organized regionally or locally to work on problems of the social responsibilities of libraries and librarians may join SRRT as affiliate members. Send one dollar and a brief description of your activities to Joan K. Marshall, SRRT Clearinghouse Secretary, Brooklyn College Library, Bedford Ave. and Ave. H, Brooklyn, New York 11210.

The privileges of affiliate membership are receipt of the RT's publications and the opportunity to

publicize your activities and make pleas for financial assistance through the newsletter. The responsibilities of membership are action on your local or regional level and action in keeping the Clearinghouse informed of your activities.

TO RECEIVE THE SRRT NEWSLETTER

The SRRT has no intention at this time of selling subscriptions to its newsletter. Institutional members of ALA that wish to receive it regularly should check off SRRT membership on their ALA membership form. Groups, such as library school student organizations, that wish to receive the newsletter should join SRRT as affiliate members.

SRRT Elections

The Sept. 1 Act carried the SRRT election notice. As stated there, SRRT has abandoned traditional "nominating committees" in favor of a system of self-nomination--you VOLUNTEER to run. We have encountered a serious difficulty in implementing this new system--too few volunteers! Ten people will be elected to the Action Council and six to the Clearinghouse this year. Fifteen people volunteered; phone calls and personal contacts have added eight

more names to the list of candidates. We need more names. Please VOLUNTEER!

Send the form following to Marjorie W. Barker, Prince Georges County Memorial Library, 507 7th St., Laurel Md. 20810 as soon as possible. Include a brief statement on a topic such as the following: Intellectual freedom, Function of a library, ALA--present and future structure. This statement, rather than you establishment experience, will appear in a future issue of the newsletter and on the ballot.

NAME: _____

CHOICE OF ACTIVITY: Action Council _____ Clearinghouse _____

PRESENT POSITION: _____

PAST PROFESSIONAL ASSIGNMENTS: _____

LIBRARY SCHOOL, DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENTS (present and past in the order of their importance to you): _____

Midwinter 1970

Conference hotel accommodations next Spring.

A suggestion in Jet that "next year should be the time leaders of major national organizations come up with exciting plans to patronize the businesses that blacks own in convention cities" was the impetus to the formation by Jackie Eubanks of an SRRT Task Force which has arranged Midwinter accommodations at the black owned Roberts Motel #2, 3756 South Michigan Avenue.

In the interest of fostering student attendance and participation in ALA conferences, the SRRT urges that those librarians attending Midwinter who are able to do so pay for a roommate at the Roberts. A reservation postcard is enclosed in the newsletter

The SRRT has taken this action at ALA Midwinter with the expectation--hope--that ALA will react by including black owned facilities in the Detroit

ATTENDANCE AT ALA MIDWINTER MEETINGS

The September ALA Bulletin (p.1164) included a reminder to ALA members of the Associations Midwinter Meeting Policy; "Meetings of committees and boards of the ALA ... are intended to be closed working sessions." However, a chairman may invite specific individuals and may admit "as passive observers, ALA members officially attending the Midwinter Meeting who have written in advance to the chairman for permission to attend that chairman's session." Consult the November ALA Bulletin for names of chairman to whom you may wish to write.

An invitation to SRRT meetings is enclosed in the newsletter; you must return the post card to Bill DeJohn.

SRRT MIDWINTER MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday	1/18	8:30-10:30pm	Task Force on Intellectual Freedom
Monday	1/19	8:00- 9:30am	Action Council
		8:00- 9:30am	Clearinghouse
		10:00-12:00am	Action Council/Clearinghouse
		2:00- 4:00pm	Task Force on ALA Reorganization
Tuesday	1/20	7:00-10:00pm	Task Force on Recruitment of Minorities
		2:00- 4:00pm	Task Force to Evaluate Reprinting of Negro Literature
		8:30-10:30pm	Task Force on ALA Reorganization
Wednesday	1/20	8:00-12:00am	Task Force on Evaluating Outreach Programs
		4:30- 6:00pm	Task Force on Intellectual Freedom
		4:30- 6:00pm	SRRT Affiliate Groups Coordination
Friday	1/23	8:00-10:30am	Task Force on ALA Reorganization
		2:00- 4:00pm	Action Council

NEW YORK AREA

TWA CHARTER FLIGHT TO CHICAGO

ALA MIDWINTER CONFERENCE JANUARY 1970

Leave: Saturday, January 17, 1970 7:30pm LaGuardia Airport, N.Y.C.

Return: Anytime within one year.

Price: \$75.60 round trip.

For reservation, send check and this form BY DECEMBER 12 to:
Nancy Hanssen, 275 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11205.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

RETURN FLIGHT: Date _____ Time _____ (indicate morning, afternoon, or evening)

You may omit the return information if you prefer to make your own return reservation.

ENCLOSE CHECK FOR \$75.60 payable to Nancy Hanssen by DECEMBER 12

Related Groups' Activities

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The NATIONAL FREEDOM FUND FOR LIBRARIANS, which has been well publicized in recent issues of Library Journal, has been endorsed by a number of state library associations and has collected from individuals and various state library associations to date \$2,600.00.

The PITTSBURGH REFORM MEETING, October 3-5, and the actions which resulted from it, particularly in relation to Council platform statements and an alternative Council slate, have been, and will continue to be, covered in the Library Journal and the Wilson Library Bulletin. Please see these publications for information.

LIBRARIANS FOR PEACE

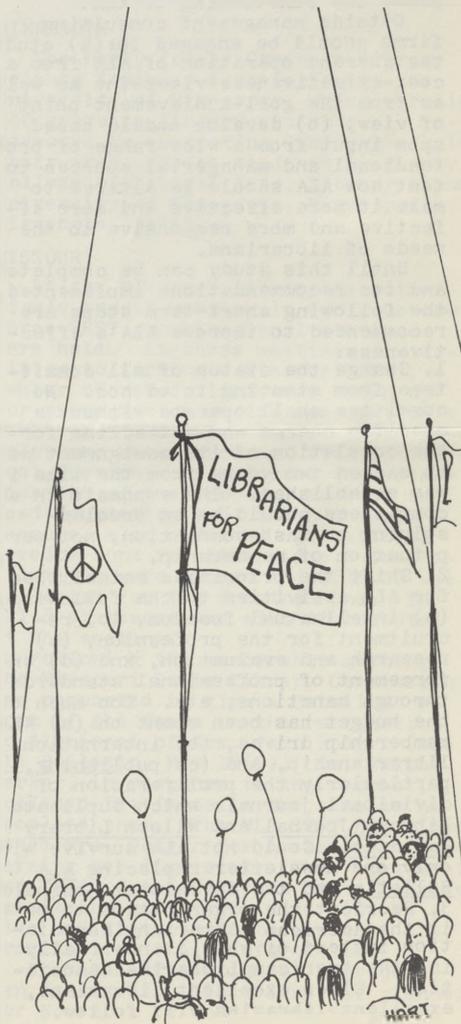
Librarians representing the CFC, National Call for a Library Reform, National Freedom Fund for Librarians, SRRT and local affiliates (there is an overlap) participated in the Vietnam Moratorium demonstrations in Washington, D.C. November 13-15. Approximately two hundred librarians registered at the local assembling point, the home of Brian Aveny. Housing arrangements had been made by local librarians, informal transportation arrangements were constantly being made, and a huge pot of something hot--it was cold in Washington that weekend--was almost always on the stove.

From Aveny's, librarians went to one of the New Mobilization Committee's Reception Centers, St. Mark's Church, two blocks away for buses--and to be truly inspired by the remarkably fine work of the New-Mo Committee--to Arlington and the beginning of the Death March.

On Saturday, after assembling at Aveny's, librarians marched under the banner Librarians for Peace. We did not march on Pennsylvania Avenue, however, since we were among the thousands that a two hour parade permit successfully prevented from reaching the Avenue before it expired. The thousands marched instead down the mall toward the Washington Monument. The American flags that usually fly at the base of the monument has been removed; the Librarians for Peace banner was raised

to join the banners expressing the similar sentiment of other groups. We were noticed--we hope we made an impact.

There will be a Librarians for Peace program on Friday, December 12, 2:00-5:00pm at Columbia University, Butler Library, Library School Lounge, 5th floor.



National Task Forces

REPORT FROM THE SRRT TASK FORCE ON ALA REORGANIZATION

Based upon information supplied by our members, and our own investigations into ALA organization, we recommend that the following long-range project be undertaken to improve the functioning of ALA:

Outside management consulting firms should be engaged to: (a) study the current operation of ALA from a cost-effectiveness viewpoint as well as from the goal-achievement point of view, (b) develop models based upon input from a wide range of professional and managerial sources to test how ALA should be altered to make it more effective and more responsive to the needs of librarians.

Until this study can be completed and its recommendations implemented, the following short-term steps are recommended to improve ALA's effectiveness:

1. Change the status of all committees from stanting to ad hoc. No committee shall operate without a specific charge and a deadline for the completion of its assignment not to exceed two years from the time it was established. The emphasis in all committees should be on problem-solving or task-completion, not perpetuation of membership.
2. Shift the priorities established for ALA activities to the following:
 - (a) intellectual freedom, (b) recruitment for the profession, (c) research and evaluation, and (d) enforcement of professional standards through sanctions, etc. Too much of the budget has been spent on: (a) ALA membership drives, (b) international librarianship, and (c) publishing, particularly the proliferation of divisional journals which duplicate Library Journal and Wilson Library Bulletin. Could not ALA survive with only one newsletter replacing ALA Bulletin and the divisional journals?
3. Reorient the organization to make it the American Librarians Association instead of what it now really is, the American Libraries Association. Given excellent librarians, excellent libraries will follow.

Since the new dues structure will virtually eliminate institutional memberships, this reorientation becomes all the more desirable.

When unnecessary programs have been eliminated, dues may be reduced accordingly. Both actions are needed to enlarge membership in ALA.

With regard to election procedures, we recommend the following:

1. Eliminate the Nominations Committee.
2. All candidates for election (including Council) should place themselves in nomination, with supportive nominating petitions signed by ALA members. The number of signatures and the number of candidates for each position shall initially be a matter of Council decision, with subsequent membership ratification. The self-elimination procedure of SRRT should be considered.
3. In Council, all past presidents should be eliminated as voting members, except for the last three. Their voting seats should be filled from the ranks of members-at-large. Past presidents should be eligible to run for Council as at-large members. At-large members should no longer represent divisions, which are already represented by divisional presidents.
4. Every candidate for ALA office should prepare a platform statement supporting his candidacy, to be distributed to members along with ballots.
5. Selection of committee members and chairmen should continue as at present, with positive attempts made to eliminate multiple committee assignments. Membership applications should include space to indicate one's desire to serve on a committee, with space also to list areas of special interest for committee assignment.

REPORT FROM THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ON NEW DIRECTIONS FOR ALA

The Activities Committee on New Directions for ALA met on September 26 and 27 at ALA Headquarters with President Dix and Executive Director Clift to discuss its assignment, consider how best to discharge its obligation within the time allotted for its existence and plan its sche-

dule of activities. It was the view of the Committee that for the Association as a whole the most important current priorities for action are the following broad areas:

1. The Association's social responsibilities, its relevance to social concerns and its commitment to the fundamental values of our society. This category obviously includes library service to the disadvantaged and the international interests of the Association.

2. Manpower, including recruitment generally but specifically with emphasis on recruitment of people oriented toward service to disadvantaged minority groups. This category also includes the improvement of library education and efforts to better the welfare of members of the profession.

3. Intellectual freedom, including both development of improved procedures for responding to the need for support and assistance of members when under attack or illiberal pressures and of positive community educational programs to forestall such pressures.

4. Further democratization of the Association, including: more meaningful involvement of a greater number of members; more participation by younger members; greater responsiveness of the Association to the concerns of the membership; broader participation in the decision-making process; improved mechanism for eliciting the views of libraries on important issues.

5. Legislation, including involvement of a much larger number of members in support of progressive legislation and assistance to the state association chapters to make them more effective in this respect.

6. Planning and research, including the determination of areas in which research offers the greatest likelihood of benefit to librarianship and the development and refinement of projects for which outside support should be sought.

It seemed obvious to the Committee that if the Association was to make itself more responsive to membership, involve more of its members in decision-making, re-orient its program

in keeping with its highest priorities and make itself more adaptable to the changing needs of society, some restructuring of the organization would be necessary. Furthermore, it was made quite explicit in the discussion that the Committee's emphasis on the six broad priority categories referred to above does not imply any denigration of the many other concerns and priorities of the Association as a whole or of its constituent groups. Clearly, the Committee is not a representative body selected to insure attention to the many laudable special concerns of the divisions, chapters, round tables, or affiliated organizations. The charge to the Committee relates to the major concerns of the Association as a whole and it was to the identification and discussion of these that the members tried to address themselves.

To meet the requirement that a preliminary report be prepared by Midwinter it was determined that the first draft of this report must be completed and available to the Committee members for their study by January 1. To make this possible, the members of the Committee organized themselves into six panels, each of them to concern itself with one of the priorities, prepare a document defining it more precisely in terms of our objectives and of what would be involved if the Association were to undertake a vigorous program to achieve those objectives.

The Committee will meet again just before Midwinter to complete its preliminary report, which will be presented to Council on January 20. The President's Program on January 21 will be devoted to discussion of this report. A meeting room in the Sherman Hotel will be reserved; members of the Committee will be available to hear testimony from any constituent groups or individual members of ALA who wish to present statements or otherwise express their views with regard to the Committee's assignment, its thinking thus far or the strategy it should follow before preparing its final report. Members of the Committee will be present at the Sherman afternoons on January 19, 20, and 22 and in the morning on January 21.

The Task Force on Community Participation, in their attempt to define community participation in relation to libraries, kept stumbling across the often repeated need for an evaluation of existing outreach programs. They decided to take on this task. A detailed method of investigation was outlined. The project looked very promising, but unfortunately, of fifteen volunteers to the Task Force contacted only three responded.

Mickie Vaccaro (288 Chestnut Hill Ave., Apt. 22a, Brighton, Mass. 02135), TF Coordinator and her three correspondents have come up with a few substitute programs which they will try, if no support can be gained nationally, locally.

The Task Force on Intellectual Freedom has held a number of meetings and discussed a number of issues and possible areas of concentration. They have supported the demand for a Support Fund and Complaints Procedure, offered their suggestions on the proposals put forward at the November ALA Executive Board meeting, and assisted in wording the resolution on Intellectual Freedom presented at the NYLA Convention held at Lake Placid.

At a meeting on Nov. 22 they decided on one major project. They will attempt, by soliciting volunteers from each state and major city, to have branches in each state which will be responsible for awareness of all attempts at censorship on the local level, investigation and documentation of these through items in local media, and reporting their findings to their State Intellectual Freedom Committees, to the Chairman of the Intellectual Freedom Task Force, and to the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom.

Anyone interested in this project--many volunteers in each state will be needed--should contact Miss Jean-Anne South, Coordinator, Intellectual Freedom Task Force, 6040 Kennedy Blvd. East, Apt. 2L, West New York, New Jersey 07093.

A new Task Force on the Recruitment of Minorities to the Library Profession has formed. The objective of the group is to present to the ALA Council

a proposal from SRRT for an ALA ACTION Program of aggressive recruitment of library personnel from minority groups. The time limits of achieving this objective are that this ACTION Program be prepared and presented at Midwinter 1970 to the SRRT Council, ALA Recruitment Committee, and the Executive Board, and that this ACTION Program be ready for presentation to the ALA Council at the Detroit Conference 1970.

The responsibility of task force should be to gather statistical data and establish goals and priorities that ALA should actively seek in recruiting minorities. The group intends, for example, to review library school entrance requirements and to study the availability of graduate schools and the need to create them in states where none exist. The TF's first meeting was November 14 in New York City. The coordinator is James R. Wright, Director, Genesee Community Library, 115 South Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14604 (716-546-2260).

What is happening regionally

LOCAL GROUPS PLEASE NOTE

Miss Betty-Carol Sellen, Brooklyn College Library, Bedford Ave. & Ave H, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11210, is the SRRT Action Council member designated to provide assistance and information to affiliate groups. The coordinators of such groups, or anyone considering forming locally, should contact her.

There will be a meeting of Affiliate Group Representatives at ALA Midwinter to discuss what has been done so far in local areas, consider problems and questions, and exchange ideas. It is hoped that most local groups will have a representative there. Those that cannot should send a written report to Betty-Carol Sellen for presentation at the meeting.

ILLINOIS

The first meeting of the Illinois SRRT, September 16, was fully reported in the Library Journal (Nov. 1, p.3943). At their second meeting, October 30, the most important action taken was the passage of a resolution: "The ISRRRT states its conviction that li-

brary administrators have a duty to respect the conscientious dedication of those staff members who feel constrained to observe the moratorium on the war in Vietnam."

At the Illinois Library Association Conference at Peoria, Gordon McShean, RT Coordinator, and Ruthanne Boyer, RT Public Relations, held an open house to publicize ALA SRRT and ISRRT. Approximately one hundred persons (1/10 of the conference registrants) attended; half of the registrants were reached with brochures. Ruthanne Boyer, after the conference, spoke to an informal gathering of University of Chicago Library Science Graduate School students and faculty about SRRT's. This publicity campaign has stimulated interest in forming RT's in Champaign-Urbana, Rock Island, DeKalb, and Chicago South Side-Gary. New members were also gained for the ISRRT. They are now planning on publishing a newsletter. For information contact Gordon McShean, Dundee Township Library, Main and Third Streets, Dundee, Illinois 60118, 428-3661.

INDIANA

An Indiana SRRT is forming. For information contact Kathy Weibel, c/o Metro Corps, 1100 Massachusetts Street, Gary, Indiana.

MICHIGAN

At the Michigan Library Association conference, October 22-24, the 321.8 statement was distributed. A summary of the statement was read at the General Sessions Business Meeting and at the JMRT membership meeting. The statement generated much interest and sympathetic support.

A meeting to organize a Metropolitan Detroit SRRT was held October 26. Twenty people attended; an action project was not decided upon at this first meeting, but two future meetings are scheduled. For information contact Skip Rosenthal, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, Michigan 48128.

Mr. Rosenthal arranged a meeting, around mid-September, with Michigan's ALA Councilors to discuss the June ALA Conference and ways of making Council more effective and more re-

sponsive to the membership. Many of the Councilors, while expressing opposition to the actions at the Conference of the Congress for Change and the SRRT, expressed eagerness to hear from the membership. While the turnout at the meeting, only thirty, was discouraging, it was generally felt that the meeting was worthwhile.

MINNESOTA

The newly formed Graduate Library Science Students Association at the University of Minnesota, which enrolls 180 graduate library students, is interested in contacting SRRT members in their area. Write to Janet S. Kinney, College of Liberal Arts, Library School, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455.

MISSOURI

At the Missouri Library Association's annual meeting in early October three SRRT organizational meetings were held. At these meetings, in addition to forming a Missouri SRRT, a number of resolutions were drawn up for presentation at the Association's membership meeting. Two of these resolutions were concerned with intellectual freedom--one endorsed the establishment of the proposed Freedom to Read Foundation and, as an interim measure, also endorsed the National Freedom Fund for Librarians. The resolutions were passed and \$216.00 was collected for the Freedom Fund. The 321.8 statement was also distributed at the meeting.

Following the membership meeting, the Missouri State Library Commission was requested to give a detailed report of the facts in the resignation or dismissal of Mrs. Joan Bodger (see ALA Bulletin, May 1969). Dr. Ralph Parker, in response to the request, outlined the facts in the case as he recalled them. The MLA SRRT has since asked Mrs. Bodger for a statement concerning her dismissal. This statement and that of the Missouri State Library Commission will be printed side by side and distributed to Missouri librarians for their information.

An MLA SRRT meeting of Metropolitan Kansas City librarians was planned for November 20 to discuss Social re-

sponsibility and how it can best be practices in the KC area. The coordinator of the MLA SRRT is Bernadine Hoduski, Serials Cataloger, UMKC Library, 51st and Rockhill Rd., Kansas City, Missouri 64110.

NEW JERSEY

At the business meeting of the New Jersey Library Association a resolution was passed commending the October 15 Vietnam Moratorium to the NJLA and to the entire library profession of New Jersey; the resolution further supported the right of librarians to participate in the Moratorium, within the limits of maintaining public service in a given institution, without fear of reprisal.

The NJSRRT held a program meeting during the NJLA Conference; New Jerseyans confront their libraries; the case for social responsibility. Five speakers challenged librarians to action.

Three task forces are being formed by the NJSRRT: library education, community services, and intellectual freedom. A newsletter will be published as a "call to action" to the RT's members. The newsletter will outline possible areas of concern for the three task forces and will ask members to indicate areas of their interest. The actual direction of each task force will be determined by the group themselves. For information contact Miss Kay Cassell, 1 Highgate Drive, Apt. 406, Trenton, N.J. 08618.

NEW YORK--FINGER LAKES

Forty concerned librarians and library science students met in Ithaca on October 30 to discuss starting a local SRRT. The group heard a summary of some of the stirrings within the profession since June ALA from Tom Bonn of Cortland State; Dave Kaser of Cornell summarized the decisions made at the first Dix-Mix meeting. At the meeting volunteers formed an Organization Committee which was to make recommendations to the group at the next meeting.

The agenda of the Organization Committee's meeting covered the purpose and structure of the organization (including geographic scope), publicity

for future meetings, relationship with the national round table, the issue of the social responsibilities of academic librarians, and issues around which the group might structure itself.

The entire report is too lengthy for inclusion here, but of possible interest to forming SRRT's may be their recommendations on the last item of the agenda. They recommended that the group consider some or all of the six "priorities for action" of ALA's Activities Committee on New Directions as a structure of concern under which action groups could be formed to deal with specific issues. For example, one of the New Directions Committee's priorities is Manpower; the Organization Committee suggested as areas of action the recruitment of blacks for local library positions, and the establishment of programs for training library technicians and securing recognition of the program's graduates.

For information contact Tom Bonn, Cortland State College Library, Cortland, N.Y. 607-753-2525 (work), 347-4192 (home, Etna).

NEW YORK--NEW YORK CITY

The NYSRRT held its first organizational meeting of the year on October 13. A number of the action groups that had formed last year reformed: Public School decentralization bibliography and materials collection, Community involvement, Library assistance to the Central Brooklyn Neighborhood College, Committee on a more responsive ALA, Access to libraries. A number of new action groups formed. One is preparing a subject heading list for the indexers of the Radical Research Center (Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. 55057) which indexes the alternative press; another group is organizing the alternative press collection of the Liberation News Service so that the collection will be more accessible and, hopefully, so that gaps in the Library of Congress collection may be filled from this source. A group involved in activating media programs formed; a happening is planned in April. A Librarians for peace group, which was active in the November 13-15 Washington activities, also formed.

The NYSRRT was active at the NYLA meeting in late October. At the membership meeting informational notices were distributed by NYSRRT representatives concerning the National Freedom Fund, 321.8, and NYSRRT. Of eight NYSRRT sponsored resolutions, unanimous affirmation was given to those on intellectual freedom, election reform in NYLA, reform in library school curriculum, and to a position resolution on student intellectual freedom. Dissonance on a resolution to increase the contribution to the National Freedom Fund from \$100 to \$250, in addition to the Childrens and Young Adults Services Section's \$100 pledge, was overcome. A resolution supporting faculty status for academic librarians was defeated by the membership in favor of a projected stronger resolution of the College and Universities Section.

The last two NYSRRT sponsored resolutions--concerning the Vietnam War and the Moratorium--were declared out of order by President Gosnell who thereupon adjourned the meeting. Dr. Gosnell later apologized for his hasty adjournment to the speaker for the resolution, but he reaffirmed his belief that the resolutions were out of order. Also later, the official gavel disappeared creating a minor turmoil.

The next meeting of the NYSRRT is December 18. Non-members who wish to be placed on the mailing list are asked to contribute \$5.00; the RT does publish a newsletter from time to time. For information contact Valerie Rankow, NYCSRRT, Box 2688, N. Y., N. Y. 10011.

OHIO

The Ohio SRRT met October 17 during the joint Ohio/Indiana Library Associations meeting in Cincinnati. There was not time at that meeting to discuss specific projects and to start action groups, but Judith Mowery, University of Akron, intends to publish a newsletter which will list problems, projects, and people interested in working on them. The group also hopes to publicize its activities in the OLA Bulletin.

During the conference, the SRRT distributed 321.8 buttons and their statement and the National Freedom Fund statement. At the membership

meeting, the SRRT presented two motions requiring platform statements from library association candidates for office (state and national), and a motion on intellectual freedom. The motions were passed by a large majority.

Three members of the SRRT were asked to meet with the OLA Executive Board, and at this meeting, they were asked to explain their position on aspects of OLA, were urged to continue making suggestions to the Board for action, and were given the opportunity to present two more suggestions for immediate action: one concerning the right of the membership to elect a representative to serve during a leave of absence of a state ALA Councilor, the other urging the endorsement of the National Freedom Fund for Librarians. The SRRT believes action will be taken by OLA on these two suggestions.

Of possible interest to forming SRRT's: the Ohio SRRT was offered round table status by the OLA's Executive Board, but the three SRRT members who had met with the Board turned it down because they felt that a formal, structured state-wide organization would be superfluous and cumbersome--tending to retard rather than initiate action.

SEATTLE

Agnes Griffen called a meeting in Seattle to talk with other librarians in the area about forming a RT in that city. They met November 5. The group is especially interested in working with students on curriculum reform at the University of Washington School of Librarianship. For information contact Agnes Griffen, King County Library, 1106 East Union, Seattle, Washington 98122.

OF INTEREST TO FORMING SRRT's.

A limited number of copies of the ALA SRRT and the New York SRRT Organization and Procedure (Bylaws) are available from George Hathaway, 853 President St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215.

A future edition of the newsletter will include a copy of both these documents.

The NATIONAL CALL FOR A LIBRARY REFORM will sponsor, independently of ALA, various activities during Midwinter on issues of social concern to librarians. Activities are being planned by members of SRRT, CFC, Librarians for Peace, 321.8, etc; they will include several large open meetings, applied workshops, films, etc. Special materials and resource people will be available. For further information contact National Call for a Library Reform, P. O. Box 10150, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232.

BROTHER, COULD YOU SPARE A DOLLAR?

The SRRT is broke! One dollar from each of you would repair our finances until we begin to collect dues. Send to Bill DeJohn, Missouri State Library, 308 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

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A SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dr. Russell E. Bidlack, Dean of the University of Michigan's newly designated Library School (Ann Arbor 48101), has appointed a Curriculum Committee which is charged with a review of the entire present library science curriculum at both the master's and the doctoral level.

Rose Vainstein, Chairman Curriculum Committee, wrote to the SRRT because of the Committee's desire and need for feedback on recommendations for specific change in library education. The Committee--five faculty members and four students -- is interested in suggestions on the length of the master's program, core and elective courses, generalization vs. specialization, innovative approaches to teaching and learning, interdisciplinary needs and cognate courses, pros and cons of internships and/or field experience as an official part of the master's degree program, etc.

Does anyone have ideas for this Committee?

SRRT CLEARINGHOUSE

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JOIN or START an **SRRT** and get involved.

ALA SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES
ROUND TABLE--MIDWINTER 1970

The Action Council of the SRRT
invites the following ALA member,

to the meetings of the SRRT.

Patricia Schuman

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Action Council

Betty-Carol Sellen

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Action Council

If you intend to use the invitation opposite
at ALA Midwinter, you **MUST** return this card
to Bill DeJohn.

I wish to attend the SRRT meetings to
be held at ALA Midwinter 1970.

Signature

Roberts Motel No.2 Reservation Form

No. in Room	Type of Room	Price per Person			
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1	Single	10.00			
2	Single, 1 roommate	13.00	6.50		
2	Double, 1 roommate	12.00	6.00		
3	Double, 2 roommates	15.00	7.50	5.00	
4	Double, 3 roommates	18.00	9.00	6.00	4.50

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SRRT Midwinter Alternative

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