8 January—Friday. I have been informed of my selection to represent the University of Washington Library School at ALA midwinter, expenses to be paid by the Alumni Association. I'm to stay in a suite with members of the SRRT Clearinghouse.

17 January—Sunday. Leave Seattle in the 40's, arrive in LA in the 80's. With smog. No one at the airport bus terminal has heard of the San Carlos Hotel, so I take the Biltmore bus and trust to luck, which pays off, since the S. C. is across the street. Go upstairs to find five people in the suite, two being guests in search of a crash... Off to the Biltmore to ALA registration. Then to car of crashers for dinner of oranges, cookies, shared sandwich. Then to meeting. This is Action Council. Possibly it is reflective of it being the first day, but there is no action, but mainly wrangling. It appears that SRRT is composed of an Action Council (elected), the Clearinghouse (elected), and a number of task forces, whose heads are self elected. Anyone wanting to see something done is free to start a task force, get volunteers, and do it. Funds and aid are available from Action Council, and communications are available through Clearinghouse. There seem to be no rules or regulations, and participatory democracy is the order of the day. Many of the members seem to want more direction, but each suggestion brings rebuttals of "If you want it done, do it." Some recriminations are heard, and the meeting breaks up with no one quite satisfied. My initial impression - SRRT is organizationally ripe for takeover by any man on horseback. No likely candidate in sight. Most people drift up to the SRRT suite - luxurious but cheap because heavily populated. It's mostly old home week stuff, with occasional flareups about Action Council.

18 January—Monday. Nothing till two, so I wander around LA and the Biltmore. Librarians are everywhere. The temperature goes up to 95. Intellectual Freedom and Minority Recruitment task forces meet in the afternoon, but not much happens. Intellectual Freedom appears to be too broad an area for a task force and is foundering, although local groups orientated to a specific issue in the general field appear to be having success. After dinner the force on affiliate groups meets. Something has solidified, and for the first time SRRT seems to be moving. Reports are heard from various local groups, and the emphasis is on methods of organizing. I am again struck by the organizational looseness, but note that in this case it seems to work. I can now identify one of the leading forces of this looseness and of SRRT - Jackie Eubanks. I must get to know her. Again, all adjourn to the SRRT suite.

19 January—Tuesday. My two suitemates from Clearinghouse invite me along to Knotts Berry Farm in the morning, since there is only Council. Clearinghouse has done an immense amount of work in the last year, I discover, and with its mailing lists now compiled will be indispensable to any national SRRT activities. General membership meeting starts at two, and we are all down front, I to observe, others to work. The meeting, with breaks for dinner, lasts till nearly eleven. Lack of background knowledge makes most of the meeting confusing to me, but one interesting point arises. A SRRT member introduces a motion with some incorrect figures in it and is corrected from the floor. For the rest of midwinter I hear and overhear comments on this. It is absolutely essential for a reformer to do his (or her) homework. Fortunately, this incident is not typical of Action Council or SRRT members at large.
After general membership meeting breaks up many SRRT members drift off to a publisher's cocktail party and then to the SRRT suite for more strategy sessions.

20 January-Wednesday. Somehow I make it to the cataloging in source task force at 8. It appears that trade publication CIS is imminent; LC needs guaranteed funds in greater amount than they have, since the program must be successful this time around. The task force is therefore concentrating on government documents and is making progress, though the thrust is at the moment is to try and get all documents reported to GPO and LC. In the afternoon is the library school student's task force. Not too many students get to come to ALA. Michigan sends its class officers and there are also representatives from Illinois, Columbia, USC, UCLA, and some recent graduates of Berkeley. The thrust of the meeting is that a communications network should be established, probably through Clearinghouse, connecting the student associations at the various schools. Much could be done with this concept and I hope it goes through. UW will certainly participate. More good news - Wilson is going to send one student from each accredited library school to Dallas. Hopefully SRRT will be ready to adopt these students as they have adopted me. I have a political discussion over dinner with Jackie Eubanks. After dinner, another general membership meeting, and later more discussion in the SRRT suite.

21 January-Thursday. During the morning, discussion. From 2 to 4 I skip SRRT and go to an ASL directors board meeting. (State libraries are my interest) It's quite a contrast from membership and some SRRT meetings - no ego trips, and not very exciting; just people doing a job calmly and efficiently. I miss the affiliate group meeting, but much of the same business is covered in Action Council, which I do get to. This time the meeting holds together; much is discussed and acted on. A new task force activity on the American Indian is discussed and plans for Dallas are described. Programs on library and information services for incarceration centers and documentation of the Kissinger kidnap "conspiracy" are announced. After dinner is the status of women at ALA. Struck by small no.(30)there and not all sympathetic. Plans for raising the consciousness level through presentation of sexist aspects of children's literature are arranged for Dallas.

22 January-Friday. Somehow, up by 8, and to the last SRRT meeting, again for the Intellectual Freedom task force. One major point arises - if a state intellectual freedom committee conducts an investigation, the ALA committee will not in the future make a second investigation. It appears that hostile witnesses can't be forced to give depositions twice. ALA will be glad to assist in the first investigation, however. There is a council meeting from 10 to noon, but I have to check out, pack, say goodbyes, and get out to the airport by 1:30, so I proceed to do that. It was back to a rational temperature in Seattle, with rain, as one would expect. The week was a good one. I met four very good people, which is better than I've done for some years. I was slightly politicized, largely by the discovery of an organization through which relevant work can be done on a local and national level. I didn't understand a lot of went on (personalities play to large a part at ALA for any stranger to do that), but I did see enough to know that when I negotiate my first library job one condition will be free time to go to ALA.

CHARLES FAY

SRRT in the Spring, Tra La...

Spring regional meetings of SRRT Affiliate Groups and other SRRT members are now being organized. There is no set program or schedule yet--a special issue of the SRRT newsletter in March will report on Affiliate Group member meetings in L. A., Affiliate group reports for the newsletter, and on final plans for regional meetings. As of the end of Midwinter, 4 or 5 regional meetings will be held in the last two weeks of April or first week in May -- on Saturday and Sunday. In East, Washington-Baltimore; in Midwest, Ann Arbor-Detroit; in the Northwest, Seattle; and Southwest, TusconS.F. or L. A. Watch for the special issue--plan to attend--mark your calendar NOW for SRRT.
There was a meeting Sunday evening at which reports from representatives of SRRT to ALA establishment units were featured; Joan Marshall reported on the Freedom to Read Foundation, and Arthur Curley spoke on ACONDA. These reports reflected frustration and a growing doubt of membership commitment that seems to be the result of working with the ALA establishment. These reports were followed directly by a questioning of the function of AC in SRRT in regard to ALA reform; a reaffirmation of the principle of participatory democracy and of leadership following rather than dictating membership direction was made by AC members. However, a storm of non-communication on this question followed, and the almost 100 observers gradually dispersed in reaction to what was clearly communicated -- a "bad trip" meeting.

Unfortunately, one of the items on the AC agenda came up after the majority of people had left (see FREE ANGELA, p.6) and so although all the AC members present were in accord about the passage of the resolution, action on it was postponed until after it was announced in the IF Task Force meeting Monday.

The Thursday meeting was more together, since AC was dealing with SRRT matters and not ALA relations. A newly formed Task Force on American Indians was granted $300 for a proposal they presented for a meeting with resource people in Dallas. Other new task forces were announced for formation in Dallas in L.A., or in the interim.

A Philadelphia SRRT Affiliate Group member introduced two resolutions concerning affiliate communications; AC directed the Affiliate liaison to accommodate the requests. A special of the SRRT newsletter was approved by AC, to be primarily devoted to the Affiliate Group regional meetings. This meeting went swimmingly, and reflected the trust existing among SRRT activities on their professional concerns and community.

AC will meet again in May to coordinate input from the regional meetings and to plan for Dallas action.

Minutes of the AC meetings should be available soon; you can address requests to the Clearinghouse Secretary for them. The above was just a note of summary and analysis on the meetings in L.A.

A WORD FROM CLEARINGHOUSE

This is the third national newsletter prepared by Clearinghouse. Its more journalistic tone is perhaps indicative of the direction we should move in the future. This year we tried to let you know what people are doing, what they had to offer, and when they needed help or information. We are sufficiently structured now to have fairly efficient channels of communication, to maintain a usable and up to date mailing list, and to be able to issue newsletters and communications at moderate cost without placing ourselves under outside organizational control. We still have continuing work to drive down costs and to cut the time spent on uncreative labor.

Besides the urging for a more journalistic and analytical bent, many people have felt that Clearinghouse and the SRRT Newsletter could provide the quick access to information lacking in the traditional library media.

We cannot deny that there is a great deal of month to month labor involved in Clearinghouse activities, but it should not be thought of as a mere typing and stamp licking job. Now that most of the initial bugs have been overcome, creative and challenging direction can come from Clearinghouse. Three of the six positions will be filled in this years election and it is important that MEN and women run that can and have the desire to move SRRT and Clearinghouse further into the arena of action SRRT has urged since its inception.
STOP ALL INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM INVESTIGATIONS ON THE STATE OR LOCAL LEVELS unless you want to take TOTAL responsibility for the outcome.

This is an urgent call to all intellectual freedom watchdogs everywhere. We learned at the midwinter conference that, in what may be its greatest step forward so far, the ALA intellectual freedom committee has decided that it has primary responsibility for investigating alleged intellectual freedom violations. It had previously been religious in deferring to state committees before doing anything. While we can only applaud this new stand which will give victims one central place to register their complaints, and help eliminate the all too frequent slipshod volunteer investigations and buck passing, it should be noted that there is need of one strong word of caution: ALA LEGAL COUNSEL HAS ADVISED THE COMMITTEE THAT FROM NOW ON IT SHOULD NOT HANDLE CASES WHICH HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

The possibility exists that cases presently being investigated by state or local intellectual freedom committees will jeopardize a person's chance of having the case continued by the ALA office. It is also to be noted that this development will have bearing on recent state association actions to provide themselves with investigatory bodies, and on the recently passed resolution of the SRRT Task Force on Intellectual Freedom which, if adopted by ALA, would require ALA chapters to have "viable" I. F. committees.

It is to be emphasized that even ALA staffers seem a little unclear on the implications involved. Can we be sure they have the resources to handle all the investigations made necessary by the present wave of repression? And if they also take over responsibility for tenure cases (as was their stated intent at Midwinter), what then? We might end up with the kind of committee and office we have been crying for for years. Meanwhile, a little healthy scepticism might keep them honest. The message is HOLD BACK YOUR HOPUNDS, but don't defang them yet! Report all intellectual freedom matters to ALA-IF in Chicago, and send a copy of the report to the SRRT I. F. Task Force c/o Jean Anne South 2401 Calvert St. NW, Washington, D. C. 20008.

MORE INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM CONCERNS

What does it mean when so few libraries have underground newspapers that there are often attempts to remove the few such items from library collections? What does it mean when a statement of commendation is passed by a state library association for a large city library and its director, a well-known intellectual freedom writer and enunciator, for resisting such an external censorship threat—even though the materials in question were placed on closed shelves as the response to the threat? Rather than working to extend the public's understanding of intellectual freedom and the importance of free, open access to all types of materials, the director, followed the oft-repeated reaction of agreeing (apparently) with the external censors that certain materials are not appropriate for public view. After indicating by his actions that they should be secreted away, available only to those who explicitly ask for them, he "explained" the action to a group of library school students by admonishing them to judge him by what he says and does today, rather than what he has said and written in the past in support of intellectual freedom. What does it mean --- FOR LIBRARY SCHOOL EDUCATION? --- FOR INDIVIDUAL LIBRARIANS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IN SUCH SITUATIONS? --- FOR SRRT?

WOULD YOU BELIEVE that at a meeting of the IFC it was decided that the right to confidentiality of records couldn't be neatly brought into the Library Bill of Rights (and that was the end of the discussion) since the LBR's basis is Article I of the U. S. Bill of Rights and confidentiality of records would have to be based on Article IV. (By not protecting a person's right to read what he wishes to without possible harassment, we are limiting the freedom to read.)
The Intellectual Freedom Committee also discussed, quite seriously (although understand that the matter was brought up to illustrate the hypocritical attitude of librarians towards their Bill of Rights), the matter of dropping the restrictions against discrimination on account of age from the Library Bill of Rights since almost all libraries and librarians did, in fact, so discriminate.

LEROY C. MERRITT HUMANITARIAN FUND

The Merritt Fund was discussed at the FTRF Board meeting; the terms of the trust agreement, however, were not a matter to be voted on by FTRF since the agreement was made between Mrs. Merritt and the Fund's trustees. The persons acting as the Executive Board of FTRF shall be the trustees of the Fund, if, however (a very important: if, however), the FTRF ceases to exist, the Fund is not jeopardized. It will continue to operate with the same trustees—vacancies being filled by the Executive Board of ALA.

The trust agreement stipulates that the trustees "may use such part or all of the net income and principal of the trust property for the support, maintenance, medical care or welfare of such librarians as are in the trustees' opinion in a position of jeopardy with respect to their present employment as librarians or who have been discharged from any such employment because of their stand for the cause of intellectual freedom, including, but not by way of limitation, the promotion of freedom of the press, freedom of speech and the freedom of librarians to select items for their collections from all of the world's written and recorded information. The decisions of the trustees with respect to any such distribution shall be final and conclusive and subject to question by no one.

For purposes of funding, the Fund was originally envisioned as an entity entirely separate from FTRF (and ALA). After some discussion, however, Mr. North agreed that it could be made possible for anyone joining FTRF to earmark part (if over the $10.00 basic FTRF dues) or all of his dues to FTRF as a non-tax deductible contribution to the Merritt Fund. Perhaps we should work on ALA's dues structure? The Fund currently has to its credit: $1,560.

FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION

The discussion at the meeting of the Board of Trustees of FTRF, on January 23, 1971, was mainly of policies and guidelines for the use of the Foundation's Executive Board. One positive action was taken. It was voted to give Ellis Hodgins attorney the $550 needed for the preparation of a (I'm not sure this is the correct legal wording) Petition for a Writ of Certiorari; if the Supreme Court grants certiorari, they will review Ellis's case. Tenure—does a city employee work at the will of the city, and can he, therefore, be discharged at any time without stated reason—rather than IF, has become the grounds for the case; the FTRF Board felt, therefore, that the matter had become the province of LAD. The ALA executives on the Board all felt that the matter could and should properly be taken up by ALA (Mr. Clift suggested a source within ALA for the money). Mr. North, ALA's counsel, however, sounded a note of caution in relation to ALA's becoming involved in a Supreme Court case. Since the money was needed urgently (plus the rationale that the intellectual freedom issue was still in the background), the Board voted unanimously to give Ellis the money. That the importance of the case goes far beyond librarians was fully recognized; ALA will give Ellis any backing he needs.

Suggestions to the nominating committee of FTRF must be in by March 22. If you wish to run, please send your name and some background data to Joan K. Marshall Brooklyn College Library Brooklyn, N. Y. 11212. Candidates will be asked to make a statement of concern this year.

The National Freedom Fund for Librarians is polling its members (a $10 contribution makes you a voting member of the Foundation) to determine whether their remaining capital ($1,780) should be turned over to the Merritt Fund.
The following request for action was approved by the Action Council in L. A.:

**POLITICAL REPRESSION IS AN INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM ISSUE.** Because the arrest of Angela Davis is an example of this repression, the social responsibilities ROUND TABLE IS DONATING $200.00 TO THE ANGELA DAVIS DEFENSE FUND TO HELP PROTECT HER RIGHTS IN COURT. SRRT IS DOING THIS AS AN EXAMPLE OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM BY LIBRARIANS.

Moreover, SRRT ACTION COUNCIL INSISTS THAT POLITICAL PRISONERS AND OTHER PRISONERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCESS TO INFORMATION, AND AUTHORIZE AND WILL EXECUTE A MAILING OF THE APPROPRIATE SECTION ON CENSORSHIP IN THE MANUAL OF CORRECTIONAL STANDARDS TO PRISON SYSTEMS IN THE U. S. THIS MAILING WILL INCLUDE A LETTER TO THE NEW YORK CITY PENAL SYSTEM, WHERE, MISS DAVIS REPORTED, ALL ACCESS TO INFORMATION WAS WITHHELD. SRRT IS DOING THIS AS AN EXAMPLE OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM BY LIBRARIANS.

In Joe Walker's interview with Angela Davis that appeared in *Muhammed Speaks*, Miss Davis made specific mention of the difficulty of access to information available to women prisoners in New York City. In order to facilitate the action, Action Council designated one of its members to send a check in SRRT's name; a request for repayment from SRRT funds being held by ALA is being made. Individual SRRT'ers who wish to give further support can send donations to: National United Committee to Free Angela Davis, 3450 West 43rd Street, Suite 104, Los Angeles, California, 90008.

WRITE NOW!!

At ALA Council meetings on two occasions in L. A., the Chairwoman ignored calls for a roll call vote of councillors, and instead called for a vote of Council on whether councillors wanted to have a roll call ... At the end of the last Council meeting, a member asked the Chairwoman how members of ALA could protest what was seen as Council's derelection of responsibility to members. Letters of protest and publicity were the solution proposed by the Chairwoman: letters to the library press, to the Executive Board, to Council members. Right now, Write!!!!

This is one approach. Affiliate Groups (which we learned in L. A. are 80% non-members of ALA) take note! Is it possible that this kind of Council action and this kind of protest are what keeps 80% from joining ALA? Write...Now?
HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED EXACTLY WHAT WENT ON IN ALL THOSE CLOSED COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING ALA? SUPPOSEDLY THE PAST TENSE IS APPROPRIATE AS A RESOLUTION OPENING ALL MEETINGS WAS FINALLY APPROVED AT MIDWINTER. THE GRAPE VINE, HOWEVER, REPORTS THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE BIGGIES (NEWBERRY-CALDECOTT) DOES NOT INTEND TO COMPLY.

REGARDLESS WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS -- TAKE A LOOK AT THE PAST!!

DOES ANYONE FIT THE BILL?

THE FOLLOWING IS EXCERPTED FROM THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 1971 MEETING OF THE 1971-72 ALA NOMINATING COMMITTEE HELD IN LOS ANGELES. THE COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NOMINATIONS FOR VICEPRESIDENT-ELECT, TREASURER AND COUNCILLORS-AT-LARGE.

"IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISH SOME CRITERIA IN WRITING.... SOME CRITERIA AGREED UPON WERE:

1. SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE IN ALA STRUCTURE, SUCH AS EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COUNCIL. NOT JUST ALLIANCE BUT ROLE IN ASSOCIATION.

2. KNOWLEDGE OF ORGANIZATION; UNDERSTANDING ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

3. VISIONARY - LEADERSHIP QUALITIES; INITIATIVE; INNOVATIVE; SOME EVIDENCE OF HAVING ACCOMPLISHED SOME GOOD FOR THE ASSOCIATION.

4. DIPLOMATIC - EVIDENCE OF CULTURAL REFINEMENT; MUST BE ABLE TO REPRESENT PROFESSION AND AMERICAN LIBRARIES; MUST HAVE PRESENCE.

5. KNOWLEDGE OF LIBRARIANSHIP AND INFORMATION SCIENCE AND BROAD DIRECTIONS IN LIBRARIANSHIP; USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY, NEW MULTI-MEDIA APPROACH; INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION.

6. PHYSICAL STAMINA - AGE BRACKET BETWEEN 45 AND 55 DESIRABLE.

7. ARTICULATE."

AND FROM ACRL

WOULD YOU BELIEVE THAT IN A DISPUTE BETWEEN LIBRARIANS AND AN ESTABLISHMENT, ALA ESTABLISHMENT'S TRUST IS IN THE OTHER ESTABLISHMENT. THE ACRL COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STATUS RECEIVED DOCUMENTATION LAST FALL, FROM LIBRARIANS, OF A WORK SCHEDULE DISPUTE BETWEEN A LIBRARY AND A COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION. THE COMMITTEE WROTE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE DEPLORING (RATHER MILDLY, I'M TOLD) HIS ARBITRARY ACTION. THEY RECEIVED AN ANSWER FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE STATING (IN SUMMARY--THEY COULDN'T FIND THE LETTER ITSELF) THAT THEY HAD BEEN MISINFORMED, THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN SETTLED, AND THAT THEY (THE PRESIDENT AND COHORTS) NEITHER REQUIRED NOR APPRECIATED OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL MATTERS.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE COMMITTEE (AS I OBSERVED IT) WAS THAT THEY HAD BEEN MISINFORMED AND HAD HAD THEIR WRISTS PROPERLY SLAPPED. (THEY NEITHER ASKED THE LIBRARIANS IF THE CASE HAD BEEN SETTLED OR SENT THEM A COPY OF THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.) THE ASSUMPTION THEY SHOULD HAVE HAD OF ThEMSELVES FROM THE OUTSET WAS THAT, MISINFORMED OR NOT (AND THEY WERE NOT) THEY WERE NOT "OUTSIDE" AGITATORS, BUT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION TO WHICH THE LIBRARIANS INVOLVED BELONGED AND HAD, THEREFORE, THE RIGHT AND OBLIGATION TO SPEAK IN THE LIBRARIANS BEHALF. FORTUNATELY, THE LIBRARIANS INVOLVED ARE UNIONIZED.
New Task Forces set up at midwinter:

Task Force on the American Indian - Plans are under way for a major meeting for Dallas on the interpretation of Indian values and culture. Contact: Charles Townley University of Calif. at Santa Barbara Library Santa Barbara, Ca. 93106

Task Force on Library Service and Access to Information in Correctional Institutions. Contact: John Berry at LIBRARY JOURNAL

Task Force on Migrant Workers - No information is available as to what the goals of this group are. Contact: Martin Zonligä 1402 Eye St. Modesto, California 95354.

Task Force to Support the "Washington's Birthday Defense Committee" Contacts: Ann Sweat or Betty-Carol Sellen. The lawyers for the Berrigans, Eqbal Ahmad, et al need documentation of what the press is reporting about the "conspiracy case." Your assignment: select a newspaper from the required list; read all reports, articles, editorials, letters from the editor, anything that mentions the case. Clip, Xerox, or summarize the reports. Prepare weekly summaries of all reports found. Procedure: write to Betty-Carol Sellen, 252 E. 7th St., New York, N. Y. 10009. Tell her which of the newspapers you will promise to cover. Start with the February 14, 1971 issue. Cover every day published. Send articles and weekly summaries to: Stewart Schaar, P. O. Box 188, Madison Square Station, New York, N. Y. 10010. We need coverage of such things as Chicago Sun-Times, St. Louis Post Dispatch, Baltimore Sun, Philadelphia Inquirer (Betty-Carol has the full list). Also need coverage of CBS-TV news, NBC-TV news, any specials on the topic. Person covering should send date, time, summary.

Task Force to Index the Underground Newspaper Microfilm Collection. - The Underground Press Syndicate- Bell & Howell microfilm of underground papers, 1965-1969, is completed and has already been sold to many libraries. The collection is not subject indexed. Bell & Howell does not intend to index it, but SRRT does. We need volunteers (there are 28 rolls). If you wish to volunteer but don't have the collection in your library, I can supply it (on loan); I will also send a subject heading list (API subject headings) and instructions. Anyone interested, please write now to: Joan K. Marshall, Brooklyn College Library, Bedford Ave. & Ave. H., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11210.

Alternatives

New University Conference Caucus of ALA (alternative to SRRT as well as ALA, not Task Force). Contact: Jackie Eubanks Brooklyn College Library Brooklyn N.Y. 11210. Preamble to the NUC Constitution, June 1969: "The NUC is a national organization of radicals who work in, around, and in spite of institutions of higher education---- We join all those committed to struggle politically to create a new American form of Socialism and to replace an educational and social system that is an instrument of class, sexual and racial oppression with one that belongs to the people."
Task Force Reports from Midwinter


Gay Liberation - Rev. Troy Perry addressed the group in L. A. Plans are underway for a program in Dallas. Contact: Israel Fishman 268 Prospect St. E Orange, N. J.

Library School Student Affiliates. This task force still needs people - people who are committed to the goals of SRRT, who are interested in students, and, ideally, people who are so situated geographically that they could visit a library school and talk to the student body. We are trying to meet the students' need for a national organization by inviting library school student groups to become SRRT affiliates. As affiliates they can use our structure and newsletter for contact with each other, as well as for contact with working with professionals; they can become involved with A LA and SRRT while still in school; and they can help SRRT by keeping us informed of what is happening in library education. A contact person would have to get in touch with the student body and then, hopefully, visit the school to talk to the students and explain what SRRT is and does. He should be available after the initial visit to answer further questions and to provide continuity from year to year as the student body changes. If you think you might be interested in serving as a contact, drop a note to: Nancy Hanssen, Library Science Librarian, Pratt Institute Library, Brooklyn, New York 11205.

FUTURE OF SRRT??????

What is the future of SRRT? Maybe you have asked yourself that very question, but it is hardly likely that its uncertainty is as glaring as it is to those of us on Action Council and Clearinghouse. All during Midwinter SRRT was the object of discussion, comment, and criticism. There seem to be all kinds of people who feel that they could do a better job than the current officers. If this is true, then why is it that at press time (February 12) only two candidates for the five vacancies on Action Council have come forward. To my knowledge no one has appeared to run for the three Clearinghouse vacancies. Statistics show that this newsletter has a mailing list of over 1300 so it seems ridiculous that only two names have been submitted. Two of the words in our name are "social responsibility". Well, where is YOURS? Don't leave it up to your neighbor!! Maybe it does mean a lot of work, but isn't it time that you do more than read the newsletter and talk. All of the procedures were presented in detail in the last newsletter. If you cannot locate yours contact Dick Akeroyd, Special Collections Dept., Wilbur Cross Library, Storrs, Connecticut, 06268. ACT TODAY!!!!!!!!!!!!

DALLAS

SRRT Action Council has just learned that it will have a booth at Dallas. Help is needed in planning the set-up of the booth and VOLUNTEERS are needed to man the booth. Contact Pat Schuman 10 W. 16th St. New York, N. Y. 10011 for further details.
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FREEBIES FROM CLEARINGHOUSE

Action Council Minutes: Midwinter '71

Muhammed Speaks: A. Davis article

List of materials on Homosexuality, prepared by Task Force on Gay Liberation

SRRT Bylaws

Geographic or Interest Addresses

JOIN or START an SRRT and get involved.