ALA -- WORDS NOT ACTION? YOU CAN ACT NOW!

The resolution below was passed by SRRT Action Council, ALA membership, and ALA council in Dallas, concerning lack of equal employment opportunity at the Library of Congress, with much supporting data.

At the same time this resolution was being considered in Dallas, many employees of the Library of Congress, including librarians, staged a sit-in in LC to bring attention to their plight in honored civil rights protest tradition. To our knowledge and theirs, ALA has not supported these employees in their protest by communicating the ALA concern in the resolution to Congress or to the Librarian of Congress.

On July 14, the District Court denied a restraining order on the LC which had acted to fire the demonstrators, and fourteen demonstrators, all black, including none of the librarians, were summarily fired without due process. These employees are not under civil service although line and grade positions are granted in a bogus civil service fashion, and are therefore at the mercy or lack of it of the Librarian of Congress. The decision of the court is now being reviewed before the Court of Appeals. The Washington Post has carried these items, are they in your papers?

What is ALA's response to this explosive situation? ALA, in response, has sent a copy of the IFC form for investigation for an individual to fill out -- before IFC can investigate the matter. It would seem that a request for support resulting in a mandate from membership and council does not have any weight with ALA establishment procedures.

LC employees have not waited and are not waiting for ALA. Their situation has been brought to the attention of the Black Caucus of Congress. After reviewing with concern the plight of the black workers at LC, the Black Caucus has endorsed the position of the workers, and is calling for Congressional hearings on the situation at the LC.

What can we do? The Action Council spoke with concerned members of the LC staff and at their suggestion has sent a telegram to the President of ALA requesting prompt ALA supportive action in the Court of Appeals, as follows:

In the light of the resolution of ALA Council on the Library of Congress, and the restoration of some funds to the operation of the Office of Service to the Disadvantaged and Unserved, Action Council urges you to direct both the Committees on Arbitration and the IFC to report on the situation regarding the firing of 14 employees of the Library of Congress without due process. These employees, protesting the treatment of LC regarding black employees, were fired following their pursuit of first amendment rights of free speech to draw attention to their plight. Their hasty firing was an act of political repression of their civil rights, and of necessity of interest to ALA because of its interest in first amendment rights. Any appeal regarding their case is now being entered in the Court of Appeals of the Federal District Court. We urge you to employ the ALA counsel to offer support on ALA's behalf in their appeal.

Also, the Action Council has asked the SRRT-FTRF representative to inform the employees of how to enroll aid of the Merritt Fund. After consultation with LC employees concerned and the ALA Black Caucus, we urge individual SRRT members to:

1) Send money for the relief of the fired employees to: Local 1826, American Federation of Government Employees, Box 927, 1311 Delaware Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C.


3) Write to the ALA President, Keith Domén (Free Library of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103) urging him to act promptly to inform Congress and the Librarian of Congress of ALA's concern in this matter.

4) Write to David Cliff, ALA Executive Secretary (50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Illinois 60611) urging him to monitor the action of the Office of Intellectual Freedom in support of the ALA concern in the resolution, so that a prompt review and report can be given at the Midwinter meeting of Council by the Intellectual Freedom Committee. The same should be done for the Committee on Arbitration.

5) Write to your district Congressman and Senators, informing them of your concern for the importance of Congressional hearings on this matter.

The resolution below has no meaning unless an actual situation is resolved, unless these words relate to reality, with ALA help. Fine words with no action make a paper democracy, and mask an unfree people.

-- J. E. for Action Council

RESOLUTION Passed by AC, ALA membership, Council of ALA

Whereas, the American Library Association has repeatedly affirmed its belief in the principle of equal employment opportunity for all; and

Whereas, the Library of Congress, by virtue of its position as the national library, should be a beacon light in the field of equal employment opportunity; and

Whereas, the Library of Congress has failed to meet these responsibilities through

(a) its failure to eradicate patterns of favoritism in promotions based solely on racial grounds;

(b) its failure to provide an adequate opportunity for training which would allow its black employees to advance;

(c) its failure to mount a consistent effort to recruit blacks at all levels;

Therefore be it resolved that

1. The American Library Association assert that it is expected that all libraries shall engage in a positive policy of action in the field of equal employment opportunity;

2. The American Library Association convey its grave concern to the Librarian of Congress and request that the Librarian of Congress take immediate steps to remedy this deplorable situation;

3. The American Library Association create an ad hoc committee which shall be mandated to monitor and advise the Library of Congress in its enforcement of fair employment practices;

4. The American Library Association encourage its members to write to its members of congress requesting that the Congress investigate the equal employment practices of the Library of Congress and take such steps as are necessary to see that the fair employment practice laws of this land are enforced in the Library of Congress;

Submitted by: Joslyn N. Williams, Personal Member Washington, D.C.

Don't Miss!
the ballot on page 13,
the bargain on page 7!
The Board of Trustees of the Freedom to Read Foundation met in Dallas on June 18, 1971. The total membership of FTRF, as of May 31, 1971, is 488. Dues received, November 1969 through May 31, 1971, is $13,060.75. Contributions to the LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund (non-tax deductible—arm of the Foundation) totalled $2,390.00. Cash on hand as of May 31, 1971 (not including Merritt fund monies) is $2,012.00.

A great deal of time was spent in reviewing a detailed fund/member-raising campaign planned for 1971/72. The goal of this campaign is to have 4,870 members (4,470 of them new) and $113,000 in revenue by June 1972. The program is worked out in detail and anticipates—in order to reach the goal—drawing upon FTRF Board members, library trustees, State IF Committees, the library press, and (most importantly) dynamic activity on the part of the Foundation in opposition to state obscenity legislation.

At its January 1971 meeting, the Board resolved to establish an "Advisory Council." People in various fields who are nationally identified as supportive of the principles of intellectual freedom will be invited to serve. The purposes and functions of the Council (as discussed in Dallas) will be: 1) to help the Board of Trustees assess and further public interest in the goals of the Foundation; 2) to advise on long-range goals and plans of the Freedom to Read Foundation; 3) to consult with officers and staff of the Freedom to Read Foundation in the areas of their expertise as the need arises; 4) the Advisory Council will meet with the Board of Trustees at each ALA Midwinter Meeting.

At the January meeting the Board also voted to pay the costs of preparing a Writ of Certiorari in the appeal Ellis Hodgson is making to the U. S. Supreme Court. The writ has been filed, but the Court (as of the Dallas meeting) had not decided to review the case.

Two new matters came before the Board. First was the question of the Board filing an amicus brief in the New York City School District No. 25 (Queens) case. The Board decided, on advice of Bill North, ALA's counsel, to not involve itself in ALA's action in a court of original jurisdiction. Mr. North's reasoning (in a letter to Judith Krug, Executive Director of FTRF) is that: "While the tenor of the complaint is keyed to the question of obscenity or pornography, the thrust of the argument is that the authorities who are responsible for the library, be they the librarian, library trustees, Board of Education, etc., do not have the authority to determine what goes in and what comes out of library collections." The Foundation will consider the matter again if the case goes to the appellate level.

The second new matter considered was the Rochester, Michigan Community Schools effort to overthrow the banning of Kurt Vonnegut's Slaughterhouse Five. To quote: "In an action brought by Bruce Toldt, a member of the Rochester Community Schools Board, Oakland County Circuit Judge Arthur E. Moore ruled that 'Slaughterhouse Five' is anti-religious and its use in the Adams High School current literature course violates the First and Fourteenth Amendment. Judge Moore cited the U. S. Supreme Court’s so-called 'school prayer' decisions which barred schools from giving sectarian religious instruction. Judge Moore said that the 'complainant follows that anti-religious and anti-sectarian instruction may not be had in the public schools.'" The school board is appealing Judge Moore's decision, and since a local tax situation makes the use of public funds for the appeal impossible, they applied to the Foundation for support. They have been sent $500.00.

Finally, new business. Prompted by the New York Times' classified documents issue, the following statement was drafted:

WHEREAS, The controversy between the federal government and the New York Times has drawn into question the policies of the federal government relating to the classification and declassification of information, and

WHEREAS, The FTRF strongly supports the right of the public to hear what is spoken and to read what is written, and

WHEREAS, The FTRF believes that it is a gross abuse of the purpose and intent of security classifications to suppress information which does not directly and immediately endanger the national security,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the FTRF endorses a full Congressional investigation of the policies of government relating to the classification and declassification of information to:

A. Assure that such policies preserve the rights of the people;
B. Guarantee that such policies do not operate to contravene freedom of the press; and
C. Protect the trust of the people in the integrity of their government from being abused or exploited.

The statement was approved by the Board (with one dissenting vote). Motions to send the text of the statement immediately to Senator Mansfield's committee and the New York Times were passed unanimously.

That was done late Friday afternoon. Late Sunday, I learned that the statement still had not been sent out; that it had been presented to ALA IFC for their approval, by IFC to Executive Board for recommendation to Council and on Tuesday morning (at the first Council session) it was presented to Council with the word's American Library Association substituted for Freedom to Read Foundation. When questioned about this, Mr. Allain, President of FTRF, said that since a number of the Foundation's Board members were present at the IFC meeting and did not object to the delay, that he felt no one would object, and that they felt that the statement would be more effective coming from ALA and FTRF rather than from each organization individually.

His argument does not hold water! The Board discussed at great length the desirability of waiting for ALA to act first in this matter, and we decided that ALA could and should act on its own. And, parliamentarily even if the entire Board had been present at the IFC meeting, it was not a meeting of the Board, and Board actions should not have been overturned.

The incident is minor, but the principle is major. The incident reveals the hazards presented by the existence of two organizations that are separate but not quite. I really had not forum in which to legally voice my complaint. The Board had met and would not meet again for six months. Yet members of the Board, acting in their capacity as members of ALA, were still making FTRF decisions. I presented the incident to the Council, but they, even if they had chosen to do so, had no authority to act in the matter. I sincerely recommend that Council use us that the Board did not object to the delay, that they felt no one would object, and that they felt that the statement would be more effective coming from ALA and FTRF rather than from each organization individually.

Results of the election to the Board:

Ballots mailed: 436; Ballots returned: 267; Ballots disqualified: 1 (voted for 5 trustees).

Results:

- Dale Canelas 89
- Kenneth Duchac 106
- Ervin J. Gaines (elected) 122
- Robert K. Johnson 62
- Nina Ladof 113
- Daniel Melcher (elected) 124
- Roy Mersky 108
- R. Kathleen Molz (elected) 123
- Eli M. Obolet (elected) 130
- Richard L. Waters 70

The 1971-1972 Board members (elected members are listed first):

- Alex P. Allain (President, term expires 1972)
- William S. Dix (term expires 1972)
- Ervin J. Gaines (term expires 1973)
- Daniel Melcher (Treasurer, member of Executive Committee, term expires 1973)
- R. Kathleen Molz (term expires 1973)
- Everett T. Moore (Vice President, member of Executive Committee, term expires 1972)
- Eli Obolet (term expires 1973)
- Carrie C. Robinson (term expires 1972)
- Jean Aune South (term expires 1972)
- David A. video (member of Executive Committee, Executive Director ALA)

- Richard L. Darling (Chairman IFC)
- Keith Domon (President ALA)
- Florence McMullin (Chairman ALTA/IFC)
- Joan Marshall (SRRT Action Council Representative)
- Lester L. Stoffel (President LAD)
- Richard L. Waters (member of Executive Committee, JMRT Chairman's Representative)
- Judith F. Krug (Secretary and Executive Director non-voting member)

Joan K. Marshall
Action Council resolution to Membership ALA

SRRT Action Council meeting June 21, 1971, moved and unani­
mously voted to express its disapproval of the ACONDA recommenda­
tion proposing an additional study of the organizational structure.

Although ACONDA has indicated, most recently in its written
statement of June 22, 1971, that its failure to decide is justified by
necessary and sufficient reasons, we believe the membership should
have the opportunity to make such judgments.

Change is possible, if we have the will to demand it. Perhaps the
reason that ACONDA and ANACONDA decided not to forward
proposals for restructuring for membership action is that ACONDA
recognized that one of the alternatives it considered and presented as
an example of possible change would cause the death of this Association.

This Association can be reorganized and democratized instantly if it
is the will of the membership. In casting about for a model of organiza­
tion for membership consideration, we have discovered in our own
round table an absolutely wonderful model—the SRRT ORGANIZA­
TION AND ACTION, our Constitution and By-laws.

Action Council has therefore drawn up the principles for an ORGA­
IZATION AND ACTION for ALA, and now offers this substantive
substitute motion to the proposed study.

Action Council asks that membership vote this substitute motion
up or down in its entirety based on the following:
(a) do you reject ACONDA's explanation of why a further study of
reorganization is necessary?
(b) do you believe in freedom—do you want an association that
is run by and for its members?

Action Council is fully aware that this substitute motion, when
passed and referred to Council, may require some refinement before it
takes effect following Council's approval. We will be happy to make
ourselves available to assist Council in putting this plan into ACTION
NOW!

This was presented to membership meeting Wednesday night by
David Weill. It was defeated, but we hope it planted the seed.

NEW IN ORGANIZATION AND ACTION

The addition proposed in the last issue of the newsletter was
endorsed by Action Council and submitted to the membership, who
approved it at the membership meeting in Dallas.

Several new provisions have been called for in our O&A,
including provision for a membership meeting at Midwinter
meetings. If approved by Action Council or by petition, these
will be submitted to a mail ballot in the next newsletter.

Contact: Dick Akeroyd, Special Collections Dept., Wilbur Cross
Library, Univ. of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn. if you want to
become a structure freak and work on the formulation of amend­
ments and additions to the O&A.

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Major Responsibility 1971-72
Recording Secretary, SRRT

Contact and information on
groups outside the profession

Coordinator, SRRT

Contact and information
on ALA, liaison to Clearing­
house; Publicity

Liason to Task Forces

Contact and information on
professional/union groups;
not present in Dallas

Liason to Affiliate Groups

Treasurer, SRRT
COO was accepted with special commendation: best sent in; even resolution on the Peoples Peace Treaty, and will introduce it to SRRT voted to speak in support of placing the Harrisburg resolution on the

What can SRRT do? 1. Gather signatures on petitions this week. 2. Put red tags saying "Parity now" on Conference badges. 3. Let the Black Caucus take the lead in presenting a resolution but be ready to speak in support of the resolution.

Resolution for ALA membership meetings — 1. Action Council voted to speak in support of placing the Harrisburg resolution on the agenda of the meeting (A — below). 2. Action Council endorsed the resolution on the Peoples Peace Treaty, and will introduce it to SRRT membership meeting (B — below).

Report from Joan Marshall, SRRT representative to Freedom to Read Foundation. After her report, SRRT members suggested that Action Council push for evaluation of FTRF. It was suggested that Action Council draft a resolution urging ALA Council to investigate FTRF and to stop funding it administratively via Office of Intellectual Freedom. No action was taken on this suggestion.

As position of Chair is dropping, SRRT is growing. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that David Weill draft a resolution proposing the SRRT ORGANIZATION AND ACTION as a possible method of reorganization of ALA.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1971

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HIGHLIGHTS of the MINORITY RECRUITMENT PRECONFERENCE
Held in Dallas June 17 - June 19, 1971

The SRRT Task Force on Recruitment of Minorities and the ALA Recruitment Office were instrumental in coordinating the Minority Recruitment Preconference in Dallas from June 17 - June 19, 1971.

Highlights of the preconference were:

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

Keynote Address - Armando Rodriguez, Assistant Commissioner for Regional Office Coordination, Office of Education

Small Group Discussions on the following topics:
A. Whose responsibility is the recruitment of minorities? How can we develop cooperative programs involving library schools, professional associations, and employers?
B. What specific program methods should be developed for recruiting minorities?
C. What are recruitment standards? Should there be preferential treatment, more flexible admission policies, etc?
D. What social attitudes are still a barrier to recruitment, placement and advancement of minorities?

Speech on OFFICE OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR RECRUITMENT OF MINORITIES by Burton Lamin, Associate Commissioner, Bureau of Libraries and Educational Technology, Office of Education

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

A panel discussion on HOW ARE "PROFESSIONS" RECRUITING MINORITIES? Panel members: Mrs. Beecher T. Cassells, Health Careers Project Director, National Medical Association Foundation, Inc.; Clyde Giles, School of Social Work, New York State University, Buffalo; Mrs. Virginia Lucy Jones, School of Library Service, Atlanta University, GA; Arthur Kirwin, Albany Librarianship Training Program, School of Library Science, State University of New York at Albany.

SUMMARY OF PRECONFERENCE presented by Bob Clayton, School of Library Service, Atlanta University, GA; Arthur Kirwin, Albany Librarianship Training Program, School of Library Science, State University of New York at Albany.

II. Aftermath of Preconference on Minority Recruitment

At the conclusion of the preconference the ALA Advisory Committee to the Office For Recruitment and the SRRT Task Force on Minority Recruitment requested endorsement by Executive Board, Council, and all Divisions of ALA of:

1. The Position Statement on Recruitment and Employment of Minority Groups as adopted by the Association of State Library Agencies' Board at the Midwinter Meeting in Los Angeles and published in the ASLA PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER Spring 1971

2. The following resolution which was approved and adopted unanimously by all participants in the Preconference:

...That positive action be taken to design and implement policies for the recruitment, employment and advancement of minorities at all levels of library service by such means as scholarships, work-study programs and clearly designed and delineated career ladders; and through cooperation with other agencies such as graduate library schools, library associations, foundations and representative community groups work to attain these goals.

In keeping with the above resolution, the SRRT Task Force has decided to broaden its scope to include employment and advancement of minorities. Naturally, we can no longer be known as the Task Force on Recruitment of Minorities. Any suggestions for a new name or any ideas for projects for '71-'72 should be sent to the Coordinator.

D.C. PUBLIC: ACTION COUNCIL RESPONSE:

The critical situation existing at the District of Columbia Public Library was brought to our attention by DC-SRRT at the conference. It was reported to us that although the past Director announced his intentions to retire in April, 1970, a representative Search Committee was not formed until January, 1971; that the position was not advertised in the professional journals until June; that there has been no active national recruiting for qualified candidates, and that no representative has attended the annual conferences either last year or this year to recruit and interview candidates.

This Council agrees that the extended delay has critically affected vital service to D.C.'s citizens; that it has delayed active and imaginative program planning for the future; that it has severely affected staff morale; and that it has hampered needed experimental efforts vital in providing the citizenry of D.C. with the information, progress and services it deserves.

In an effort to expedite the selection of a new Director by bringing this issue to the attention of the public and to demonstrate the nationwide concern felt among socially aware librarians on this issue, the Action Council of the Social Responsibilities Roundtable of the American Library Association has unanimously endorsed the attached petition which is currently being circulated in the District communities and among the D.C. library staff.

Action Council has sent letters to the appropriate parties and press involved in the situation. We encourage individual SRRTers to act also on this matter. For information, contact Bob Craneberger, Action Council Member, Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR D.C. PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The District of Columbia Public Library has been without a Director for one year. Because of the urgency of the situation, a small group of staff and community members are circulating a petition calling for the appointment of a new Director who:

1. has proven experience in offering library service to the undereducated and underserved portion of the community, particularly in a large city setting
2. is sensitive to staff needs as well as community needs, and whose policies reflect his/her concern
3. is not afraid to critically examine the status quo, and who has the courage to experiment in new ways of delivering library service
4. is able to select capable staff, and who can delegate authority to them in order to save his/her energies and time for creative leadership
5. knows how to encourage initiative and utilize the potential and capacities of the staff
6. lives in the District of Columbia

In this city and at this time in history, we believe that a Black candidate who meets the above criteria should be selected for the following reasons:

(a) The District population is 75% Black; its school population is 95% Black; its key officials are Black; the underserved are primarily Black. Communication with each of these groups is necessary, and would be made more possible through a Black Director.

(b) We believe that management and budgeting experience should not be the first considerations; these talents can be hired. Warmth, sympathy, sensitivity, success in dealing with people, and a rapport with the community are the most important qualifications in providing future leadership.

NATIONAL UNION CATALOG?

Many thanks to the SRRTers who worked in Dallas on the translation of DER WEG NACH SAN RAFAEL FUR ANGELA DAVIS. The translation is now complete and is available to SRRTers for a $1.00 donation. Contact: Jackie Eubanks, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, New York 11210. Translators will get free copies with thanks, when you send your name and address to Jackie.
LIBERATION OF LIBRARIES UNDER WAY


Gay liberation roared HOWDY to the Dallas-held annual meeting of the American Library Association, June 20-26. Happily, the library convention was being held during Gay Pride Week. Working within the ALA structure, but using confrontation tactics or guerrilla theater when necessary, is the Task Force on Gay Liberation.

The gay lib contingent shattered the Association's traditional decorum by featuring a huge homosexual booth for an afternoon in the exhibit hall. Free hugs and kisses were distributed to all takers.

"We hope this will encourage people to be less afraid to express affection towards others of their own sex," said Israel Fishman, a librarian at Uplala College and coordinator of the gay group during its lively first year. Same sex kisses and hugs were shown on two Dallas TV channels and were also photographed by LIFE.

Two evening lectures drew sizable crowds. J. Michael McConnell, a librarian who was refused a job at the University of Minnesota after he applied for a license to marry another man, said in his address: "Gay librarians must continue working to hide their interpersonal orientation. We must demand protection by our professional organization against job discrimination. In another vein, McConnell called most books on homosexuality in libraries "just plain junk."

The next evening, librarians Joan Marshall and Steve Wolf gave a pair of talks under the joint title "Sex and the Single Cataloguer: New Thoughts on Some Unthinkable Subjects." They called for an end to classification and subject-heading systems that place homosexuality under "perversion" or "sexual deviance" or "sexual aberrations." Wolf, a librarian at the University of Maryland at断tett's in Boston, declared: "The current library classification and subject-heading systems do not reflect the changing social attitudes. Fifteen million gay men and women in this country refuse to be called sexual aberrations."

Attention was drawn to the task force and its work by vigorous leaflet-distribution of 4,000 copies of a brief pro-gay bibliography. Women and men from Dallas gay groups, helped hand out the list and push it through ALA channels in Dallas.

A highlight of the gay group's program was the presentation of the First Annual Gay Book Award to a lesbian during the business meeting of the Task Force on Gay Liberation. Isabel Miller, author of A PLACE FOR US, flew from New York to Dallas to accept the award. Her novel, which was written by the author when no commercial publisher would handle her book, has since 1969, attitudes about gay people have changed, and McGraw-Hill will be bringing out an hardcover edition of the book late this year.

"The value of a PLACE FOR US is that lesbianism is handled as a. mating as natural and spontaneous as any mature friendship or marriage should be," said Israel Fishman during the ceremony.

"It's time for our libraries to use our long list of authors as subject and create literature and other arts for ourselves instead of just for the straight world as we've always done before," said Isabel Miller in accepting the award. This year's book, a handsomely lettered scroll, cited the author as "Gay and Proud."

During the past year the Task Force has worked to sensitize the profession to discrimination against women in librarianship. A resolution on equal opportunity for women was passed at the January membership meeting in Los Angeles. The program meeting in Dallas emphasized sexism in children's literature through a slide and tape presentation prepared by two women's liberation groups. Two members of the Task Force testified at the IAD-PAS hearings on job discrimination in Dallas.

The Task Force intends to stay in existence for another year since we feel there is a great deal more to be done and the status of women in librarianship has deteriorated to some extent. Plans for the next year are as follows:

1) a day care center for librarians at the Chicago conference in 1972, and hopefully for ALA midwinter
2) insure that the salary survey is conducted annually
3) encourage non-sexist common and on sexism in children's literature at state library association meetings
4) work with CSD on sexism in children's literature
5) elimination of nepotism rules
6) better fringe benefits for women
7) encourage part-time work with fringe benefits for women and men
8) better salaries and job opportunities and in-service training for non-professionals in libraries.

NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL! A slide and tape presentation on sex stereotyping in children's trade books and readers is available through Ms. Pat Ross, Albert A. Knopf Co., New York, N.Y. It was shown at the Dallas convention by the Task Force on Women and asked a good discussion. The show is available for $60 cash from Fernists on Children's Media, P.O. Box 4315, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017. "Little Miss Muffet Fights Back" is an attractive, well-put-together list, but does not preempt the field. Compiling a list of non-sexist books is recommended as a consciousness-raising activity for local or general groups of children's librarians. Members of ALA-CSD who are interested in working on this problem through that organization please let us know.
A number of new task forces of the American Library Association's Social Responsibilities Round Table are to be set up this fall, and persons interested in establishing free access to controversial materials in libraries are being invited to assist them in their work.

Most of the members of the new task forces are former members of the Task Force on Intellectual Freedom which voluntarily disbanded in June of this year when it appeared that American Library Association staff officials would be unable to defend librarians and libraries against the attacks of censors. The coordinator of that task force, Miss Jean-Anne South of Washington, D.C., made it clear that persons interested in intellectual freedom should hold themselves ready to reactivate the task force if the programs of the national association should fail to be adequate in the defense of the principles upheld by librarians. Miss South has since taken a seat on the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the association.

The task forces which were formed thereafter were the result of a suggestion that an action program was now called for since the previous task force's function—as a clearing house with a defense stance—had been passive in nature. It was suggested that programs were needed to encourage libraries to acquire important materials which had previously been avoided because of taboos. As a start, task forces on "alternative" media and on sex related media were established, and another on religious and anti-religious materials was proposed.

The new task forces would compile basic bibliographies, check holdings in libraries, survey community demand for such materials, then work to see that libraries provided the needed materials or show cause for their failure to do so.

Other tasks related to the purposes of the task forces would be undertaken as needed, such as collecting representative materials, including or encouraging reviews and providing relevant educational materials and/or programs. It would be anticipated that members would work closely with others working in related areas, especially the compilers of the Alternative Press Index, the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom and various group spokesmen and publishers.

The new task force to form was the Task Force on Sex Related Media, under Coordinator Gordon McShean. He reports that the group is interested in establishing free access to controversial materials in libraries presently having "Mysteries," "Romances," "Science Fiction," "Westerns" and the like; a rationale for overlooking the labeling aspects of such a section and the need for a development of the subject.

The immediate success of the first edition of ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT mandates the continuation of this task force. Initial steps are being taken to begin work on the second edition. All old hands who would like to continue with this project as well as any new volunteers should contact the Coordinator—Mimi Penchansky, Queens College Library, Flushing, New York 11367. We've already gotten a European representative who has volunteered to send indexing of materials published by 100 groups in Europe in English, French, German, Dutch and Spanish for inclusion in the second edition.

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**ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT AVAILABLE TO PERSONAL MEMBERS!**

If you haven't bought your copy of ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT, here's your chance! It regularly sells for $3.50, but is available to personal members of SRRT for $1.50, sent in with this coupon. Only one copy per member at discount is available.

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FEMINIST BOOKS AVAILABLE

Librarians may be interested in purchasing books published by The Feminist Press, 5864 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21209. They are publishing non-sexist children's literature, a series of biographies on women and groups of women and reprints of forgotten works by women authors. The first group available includes "The Dragon and the Doctor," a picture book, a biography of Elizabeth Blackwell, a biography of Elizabeth Barrett Browning and a reprint of Rebecca Harding Davis' "Life in the Iron Mills." Contributions are also needed as well as manuscripts for possible publication and ideas for reprints.

Examples of their work were on display in Dallas in the SRRT Booth!

CHECK IT OUT!

The SAN FRANCISCO BOOK REVIEW is well worth your $4/year! Each issue has features like "Around the Alternative Press", "Sixbooks People Play", etc. SFBR: P.O. Box 14143, San Francisco, California 94114.

The COSMEP Newsletter (Committee of Small Magazine Editors and Publishers) can keep you current on the self-defined "avant garde" literature with added tidbits on the publishing libraries should be supporting. Send them some money ($10-$15) and ask for their newsletter! COSMEP: P.O. Box 703, San Francisco, California 94101.

The Underground Press Syndicate has got it together! Send them some money and ask for their newsletter and HOW TO PUBLISH YOUR VERY OWN UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER. Possibly the best way of serving your communities is putting this pamphlet in the control of groups you serve. UPS: Box 26, Village Station, New York, New York 10014.

Have you read HOTCHPOT? It is a socialist newspaper being published by a collective as a service/resource to people who are trying to do organizing in the human services, especially among workers and students. Recent articles: "Transformation: journal review", "The fallacy of community control", "How to evaluate proposals for National Health Insurance", "Construction wages, fact and fiction". HOTCHPOT: $3.50/year (50¢ for sample), Box 2492, Cleveland, Ohio 44112.

VOCACTIONS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE cooperated with SRRT by sending free samples of their magazine, VSC BULLETIN for people who want activist workers advertise their needs here! VSC: Box 13, Canyon, California 94516.

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TASK FORCE FOR REFERENCE AND ACQUISITION
INFORMATION ON MINORITIES

On June 20 at Dallas, a Task Force for Reference and Acquisition Information on Minorities organized to share what knowledge there is, to increase output for effort by avoiding wasteful duplication, and to act as a catalyst and rallying point for those interested in generating reference aids to fill the gaps in minority literature. To begin, core groups with interest in particular minority materials are forming to correlate and analyze information gathered on the state of the art in their areas. They seek to identify existing works, works in progress, and works needed.

The Clearinghouse is now seeking:

1. WORKERS for core group activity
2. MINORITY PUBLISHERS of books (see and use the list below)
3. MANUSCRIPTS for a publisher who wants to put out a Black history for junior high age.
4. INDEXERS working on Black literature and criticism—biographical information and indexing of anthologies and criticisms. One project underway at Brooklyn Public seeking others for cooperative work. (Object publication?)

All SRRT Task forces on service to minorities will be contacted directly for mutual aid in locating and developing materials. If you have interest or information, contact the Coordinator.

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LISTENING IN AT THE SRRT EXHIBIT BOOTH, DALLAS

"It is safe to leave this little box for collecting the money for this bibliography on sexism in children's literature. Aren't you afraid someone will steal it? Or not pay?" — ALA member

"Can I have some space here for a history and explanation of our urban minority recruitment library education program? These are free to anyone who wants them." — SRRT member

"I've spent half hour talking with the men who do maintenance work around the exhibit area about G1 organizing." — SRRT member from Oleo Strut, G1 organizing project in Fort Hood, Texas.

"Keep those people from Hare Krishna inside the booth. They shouldn't be wandering around about the exhibit area." — ALA Staff member

"No, I think if I made the suggestion that my company share their booth with a small publisher or a group of young people, I'd get fired. Those people should make it through the competitive system — we had to pay a lot for this booth, and bigger businesses get to buy more space." — Exhibitor at ALA

"The Exhibits Round Table doesn't have any meetings for business just the dinner, as far as I know." — Exhibitor at ALA

"Shouldn't someone make this booth neste? How do you expect everyone to get everything without browsing and spending time here?" — ALA member

"SRRT actually published this Alternatives in Print inside a year? I haven't seen any reviews in the library press, but I'll take one of those brochures. My library can buy it, I don't have the money for it..." — ALA member

"You give a discount only to SRRT members? Why not all ALA members?" — ALA member

"What a cute baby! That's the only child I've seen at the ALA Conference." — ALA member

"You people seem to be crowded. Other ALA booths are empty. Why don't you..." — SRRT member

"Is this vocations for social change free? All this is free!" — ALA member

"This is mind blowing! I've never seen so many middle class people concentrated on their thing from Oleo Strut speaker from Oleo Strut..." — Hare Krishna

"This book is filled with the spirit of Krishna. It will make your life richer to read it..." — Hare Krishna

"Why isn't there space for my church to exhibit at ALA? This is unfair..." — ALA member

"What is the baby saying? Krishna!..." — ALA member

"I'll take eight of those underground Dallas News, lad. Here's two bucks. Here you are, ladies. This is free from Gaylord. Gay—lord, get it? Ho, ho, ho..." — Exhibitor at ALA

"Here's a quarter. My son — he's 12— wants a button. Which one, son?... Peoples' Peace Treaty? Doesn't that have a picture of the North Vietnamese flag on it?... Ok! Ok!... Here..." — Dallas visitor to ALA exhibits

"What's this 'DIRTY BOOKS' section on this Bay Area SRRT display showing the Kama Sutra?! That's not a dirty book..." — ALA member

"Have you noticed all the guards down the aisle at the Hug a Homosexual booth? I've seen lots of guards in the exhibit area, but this is the first time I've seen guards wearing guns..." — SRRT member

"What are you SRRT people doing this week? Oh yes, here are the schedules. So many! Thanks." — ALA member

"I was here before and there was no one from SRRT here. Don't you people have a responsibility to make up a schedule and make your people..." — ALA member

"The exhibit area is now closed for this conference." — Loudspeaker.

"Hooray!" — Exhibitors at ALA. "Too bad, we needed more time... This was fun... It was nice talking with you...If they had a loudspeaker, why didn't they announce when votes were coming up in Council and Membership meetings?... Thank you, you should visit our temple in... There are only 30 disciples in Texas, but there are many more where you live..." — SRRT members and Hare Krishna.

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MEIKLEJOHN CIVIL LIBERTIES LIBRARY

SRRT has received the following communication from Chell de la Mere, a member of the SRRT Affiliate group in the Bay Area; we pass it on for your information. Materials as well as brochures from this library were available at the SRRT booth in Dallas.

"... Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Library works in an effort to inform laymen as well as lawyers of their constitutional rights and remedies. Much of the material contained in our collection has particular research value. Our microfilm project should be of interest to scholars in the fields of history, economics, labor history, sociology, political science, and black studies.

"As we are a totally unfunded, non-profit institution, we are dependent on sale of publications for survival. Now that budgets for the new fiscal year are being issued, we hope you will consider purchasing some of our material.

For further information, contact: Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Library, 1715 Francisco Street, Berkeley, California 94703.
SRRT TASK FORCE ON MIGRANTS REPORT

Meeting: June 24, 2-4 P.M.

Five members were present representing each of the three migrant streams. A tape of a discussion among the staff of the BIBLIOTECA CAMPESINA, Stanislaus County Free Library, Modesto, California, was played and discussed. It is available from the coordinator.

ACTIONS DISCUSSED AND ACTED UPON:

A. Search for information sources on migrant services and organizations excluding schools by migrant streams (East, Central U.S., West Coast). Each member will survey during the coming year his own region and will send his report to the coordinator.

B. Determining by migrant stream services if any offered by libraries to migrants.

C. Discussed the need for a newsletter to keep librarians serving migrants informed of each others problems and successes. The need for a newsletter was left to the discretion of the coordinator.

D. Tentative plans include the writing of an LSCA Title I project after the 1972 ALA Conference to finance a mobile service center to include a librarian. The librarian would work in the home community of the migrants during the Winter and would move with them through the camps. This proposal will depend upon an analysis of the data gathered during the coming year.

The entire discussion of the Task Force is available on cassette tape from:

Martin J. Zonigt, Coordinator
SRRT Task Force on Migrant Workers
C/o Stanislaus County Free Library
1402 E St.
Modesto, California 95354
209-526-8281

You will be interested in the APPALACHIAN PEOPLE’S HISTORY BOOK, by Suzanne Crowell and Karen Bolte-Mulloy, recently highlighted in THE MINER’S VOICE ($3/year, P.O. Box 255, Morgen-town, W. Va. 26505). The book contains sections on early organizing efforts of the UMW and is distributed free in the coalfields. Contributions of $5.00 for the publication are asked from those, like us, who can better afford it. For a copy, write Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), 3210 W. Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky 40211.

TASK FORCE ON PRISON LIBRARIES

Coord: A group of Boston Librarians working on prison libraries.

Mail Contact: Richard Hayes,
P. O. Box 255
Morgan-town, W. Va. 26505

Purpose: To run a national clearinghouse on local action programs to make prison library service equal to the best public library service. No national action is proposed for the first year. After a year’s work, we will re-evaluate the activity. Such a clearinghouse should already be the province of AHIL for example.

What kinds of information do we need to know?

1) What do people need to know about serving prisoners?
2) What problems have people encountered?
3) What programs have been successful, how can success factors be applied rapidly to other geographic areas.

Projects: 1) National clearinghouse, starting with initial mailing list of 50, plus SRRT newsletter and the library press. 2) Comprehensive survey of existing programs of straight agencies. 3) Contact with reform groups such as the Fortunate Society.

Know any people anywhere giving LIBRARY SERVICE TO LOCAL JAIL INMATES? Ask them to send a resume of the origins, methods, problems, successes, etc., to the SRRT Prison Libraries Task Force, c/o Dick Hayes, Paul Pratt Library, Cohasset, Mass. 02025. Or write up what you know about their service and ask them for corrections before you send it in for the September (hopefully) TFPL newsletter. Also send addresses for the TFPL mailing list.

TASK FORCE ON THE AMERICAN INDIAN

Coordinator: C. Townley
Action this year-

Meeting Scottsdale - March 1971 - drew up AIPLS (American Indian Program of Library Service) (continued) major points support American Indian Library Service to American Indians and the Majority Citizens – based on five year action program

Revised AIPLS during March-June, 1971 issued revised document at ALA Annual Meeting Sunday, June 20. The meeting was attended by approximately 200, main speaker Lola Hayden, AIO Executive Director. Those present were canvassed for interest and we recruited about 100 who will be asked to participate in implementation of the AIPLS document.

Action for next year-

1. We would like to continue as a task force of SRRT for another year.
2. We have had elections - Charles Townley Coordinator, Virginia Mathews Co-Coordinator, John Fletcher Co-Coordinator.
3. Action - Further work on implementation as outlined in AIPLS and finalization of document AIPLS.
SRRT TASK FORCES

So many people were energized at the Dallas conference! SRRT came to Dallas with eleven Task Forces, dropped two, and left Dallas with seventeen revitalized and brand-new TFs. Elsewhere in this issue are comments and reports from some of these groups for your information. Task Forces are open-ended; if you want to work on one, contact the coordinator. Participate! Task Forces will be officially meeting again in Chicago at Mindwinter ALA meeting.

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This went on for hundreds of years, until they had tried everything except helping each other out...

Georgia Straight/LNS
PEOPLES PEACE TREATY

At the Action Council meeting in Dallas, the Action Council voted unanimously to support the principles of the Peoples Peace Treaty. At the membership meeting of SRRT, the membership voted without discussion to approve the Peoples Peace Treaty principles. Since the discussion did not take place at the membership meeting, the following serves as an introduction to the principles of the Peoples Peace Treaty; these correspond with the proposals set forth for peace by Madame Binh last November, and repeated strongly just this month by her in Paris.

A JOINT TREATY OF PEACE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, SOUTH VIET NAM & NORTH VIET NAM

Introduction

Be it known that the American and Vietnamese people are not enemies. The war is carried out in the name of the people of the United States, but without our consent. It destroys the land and the people of Viet Nam. It drains America of her resources, her youth and her honor.

We hereby agree to end the war on the following terms, so that both peoples can live under the joy of independence and can devote themselves in building a society based on human equality and respect for the earth. In rejecting the war we also reject all forms of racism and discrimination against people based on color, class, sex, national origin and ethnic grouping which form a basis of the war policies, present and past, of the United States.

PRINCIPLES OF THE JOINT TREATY OF PEACE

AMERICANS agree to immediate and total withdrawal from Viet Nam, and publicly to set the date by which all U.S. military forces will be removed.

Vietnamese agree to participate in an immediate ceasefire with U.S. forces, and will enter discussions on the procedure to guarantee the safety of all withdrawing troops, and to secure release of all military prisoners.

“You’re Under Arrest”

AMERICANS pledge to stop imposing Thiệu, Kỳ and Khiêm on the people of Viet Nam in order to ensure their right to self-determination, and to ensure that all political prisoners are released.

Vietnamese pledge to form a provisional coalition government to organize democratic elections, in which all South Vietnamese can participate freely without the presence of any foreign troops, and to enter discussions of procedures to guarantee the safety and political freedom of persons who cooperated with either side in the war.

AMERICANS and VIETNAMESE agree to respect the independence, peace and neutrality of Laos and Cambodia.

Upon these points of agreement, we pledge to end the war in Viet Nam. We will resolve all other questions in mutual respect for the rights of self-determination of the people of Viet Nam and of the United States.

As Americans ratifying this agreement, we pledge to take whatever actions are appropriate to implement the terms of this joint treaty of peace, and to ensure its acceptance by the government of the United States.

Suggestions for implementation? In what ways can we as librarians help the people make the peace? Write on — to Clearinghouse!

Fuck War
This question was first raised in the February 1971 Newsletter. I'd like to quote in full the only direct response I received to it:

"This is a good question, and I'd like to respond. My library has as much intellectual freedom as I need so my time is spent productively, I think. No. 1 priority is assisting students to find material of all political viewpoints. To be honest I get enough of libraries during the day that I avoid volunteering. I like the projects I read of here, also find good things in LJ/American Librarian. I'm open to sharing jobs, especially regional, but my position doesn't create a high enough level of competition to decrease student-oriented time in order to run for a SRRT office. To be honest, I'm glad SRRT exists but would not be that shook up if it stopped. I have noticed here on campus that there are many organizational forms open for progressive movements .... (P.S. Will eat my words if H/IRS come by tomorrow.)"

Is this the feeling of the typical SRRT member? The response to this year's election would certainly seem to suggest as much, with some 80% of membership not voting. Think about it.

But what has all this to do with next year's election? Well, let's hope nothing. But then it is really up to all of us to make sure that it doesn't. I mean we all ought to be thinking now about running for office next year.

As you can see elsewhere in this Newsletter, the election procedures are going to be revised a bit, and will be published in the October Newsletter. That, however, is no reason to wait to decide whether or not to run, or even to write your position statement, since it will remain a volunteer system, and in all likelihood statements will not be limited to specific topics chosen by Action Council. They will be your own thing.

SRRT needs new faces and new ideas to keep it moving ahead. In fact, we thrive on it. Can you imagine a SRRT "establishment"? So, if you would like to volunteer, but feel a little unsure of what serving on Action Council or Clearinghouse is really all about, call or write to one of us, and we'll try to give you the benefit of our "experience." We were all there once you know, and anyway we could use the prodding. Keep us from getting stuck in one place too long, and then we all grow a little in the process — TOGETHER. In any event, SRRT is alive and well now; your commitment to action will insure that it stays that way.

Dick Akeroyd
Action Council Recording Secretary

1972 SRRT ELECTIONS; or, FUTURE OF SRRT?????? II

TASK FORCE ON LIBRARY SCHOOL STUDENT AFFILIATE

The activities of TFLSSA at Dallas suffered on many occasions due to competition with the Students to Dallas program. Many students who expressed interest on arrival in spending time discussing library "education" got diverted into other programs as the week progressed. The multi-media show put on by Dick Akeroyd was great, but started 30 minutes late, so that the few students who showed up had to split before the discussion began. On other occasions there were similar conflicts, and it was not until the end of the week that students got to talk to the people in SRRT about their own first-hand impressions of ALA.

The Students to Dallas program, which nurtured for some a strong degree of discontent with the ALA and publishing establishment that sponsored it, was not given enough attention by TFLSSA. Although the students came with varied points of view on ALA, there was a potential for establishing a contact in each accredited library school which was not exploited. The students themselves are getting a mailing list together and hopefully will keep in touch, sponsor joint student library association meetings where they can, and work toward improving the sad state of library "education" since I.E.D doesn't seem to be doing much.

At the students' press meeting on June 25, there was a general concensus among the students that no kind of joint statement would be issued, for the reason that this statement would be regarded by ALA bureaucrats as the final word of the students, dutifully read, filed away, and ignored. Many students commented on the fact that they were discriminated against as students by many exhibitors and some librarians at the conference; objection was made to the common definition of "professional librarian" which excludes the library student. By the end of the conference some students saw that the best hope for library schools was to break down the student/professional dichotomy by getting students in their own schools to get into more contact with "professionals" who will not "teach" them but share with them ideas, and energies.

Brian Nielsen

DALLAS CONFERENCE
SRRT BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES—Thursday, June 24, 1971

1. The amendment to the By-Laws in the June newsletter was presented and passed unanimously.

2. People's Peace Treaty was presented and endorsed unanimously without discussion.

3. Brought up for discussion was whether or not the SRRT mailing list should be turned over to Movement groups and small publishers:

- much discussion followed, generally against the idea, except with the proviso that Clearinghouse would actually do the mailings for those wishing it so that the group in question would never actually see the mailing list or in any way have access to it; it was also suggested that if this idea were to be put into effect, that Clearinghouse be expanded to 7 members to handle the extra work which would be involved.

- the final motion "to have Clearinghouse do all mailings requested by outside groups" was passed by a 31 to 29 vote. [Not many cared, there were about 400 in the room—ed.]

- Pat Schuman then suggested that a mail vote through the next Newsletter be conducted since this was really representative of Membership opinion. — A citizen Council accepted this suggestion and the mail vote will take place.

4. New members of Action Council (Tyrone Emerick, Joe Lindenfeld and Jim Wright) were introduced.

5. The selection of the third member of Clearinghouse was announced. He is Tom Phelps of the Salt Lake City Public Library.

—Dick Akeroyd
Recording Secretary
Much has been written about SRRT in the professional journals but few people outside the field know that radical librarians and the movement for social responsibilities in libraries exist. I'd like to write an article about SRRT for a general audience.

Since I can't make it to Dallas and interview people, can some of the action and feelings come to me, via the typewriter or the ball point pen? I'd like to hear from any SRRT members who feel motivated to write to me—their thoughts, reactions, feelings, frustration, excitement, goals—anything about themselves and their participation in SRRT, about the conference and the movement, how they view the library profession and the ALA, etc. I'd also be interested in information about projects of the various task forces—their effectiveness, problems, and what not.

I would greatly appreciate good photographs of SRRT in action, at Dallas, regional SRRT conferences, and task forces at work in your own areas.

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CONTACT OUTSIDE WORLD!

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLEARINGHOUSE

The Special Projects Committee of Clearinghouse welcomes more volunteers and ideas for communications projects and needs in addition to the Librarians’ Tribe (see article elsewhere in this issue) and large-scale mailing assistance for national and local task forces. Contacts: Joan Goddard; chairman, 1171 W. Latimer, Campbell, Calif. 95008; Sally Langston, Dallas and Tom Southam, Salt Lake City.

CLEARINGHOUSE COMMITTEE 1971-2

The following people are on your clearinghouse committee for this year and should be contacted if you have any items for publication in the newsletter or if you have any other type of news you wish imparted to the membership. This year’s editorship will be divided among the six official members, helped by our volunteers. This issue was edited by Liz Futas and the next issue will be done by Joan Goddard.

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