3 STRIKES—YOU'RE OUT! (UNTIL THE NEXT INNING)

Since the ALA Office of Minority Recruitment was approved by Membership and Council, it has been deprived of funding three times—once last spring when COPES returned to the ALA general fund the remaining money from that set aside to fund new programs resulting from ACONDA and the priorities of social responsibilities, etc. (of which the Office of Min. Recr. was one); again in Dallas when staffing of the office was put off by the Executive Board at their end-of-the-conference Saturday meeting, supposedly because they did not have a formal job description before them; and now once again at the ExBd meeting at the end of Oct.

James Wright made a plea at the ExBd meeting for staffing the Office for the ALA Black Caucus and for SRRT's Action Council and TF on Min. Recr., of which he was chairman when the TF cosponsored the June '71 preconference on min. recr. Those present at that preconference, as well as the Advisory Committee to the Office of Recr., expressed approval of creation of the new office and staff.

Since June, the ALA Office of Recr. was asked to offer an alternative plan to the new office. When presenting this plan for five regional, paid consultants instead of the new ALA staff position, the present Office of (contin. p. 18)

MEMBERSHIP RATIFIES 100 AT-LARGE MEMBERS FOR NEW ALA COUNCIL MAKE-UP

Membership reportedly has overwhelmingly ratified ALA Council's vote to change the Council make-up to 100 at-large, plus representatives from each state chapter, elected by ALA members who are also members of the chapters. AASL, ISAD, and ACRL had asked their members not to vote for the change, which removes direct representation for divisions (though many at-large councilors will be members of particular divisions). The negative count was reportedly only 500 votes.

NEGIGIBLE PROGRESS ON ALA'S INVESTIGATION OF LC'S PERSONNEL PRACTICES

After ALA Membership and Council reluctantly passed a diluted form of the resolution calling for action on LC's hiring, personnel training, and promotion practices, the ALA Staff Committee of Mediation, Arbitration, and Inquiry sent a form requiring justification of an investigation to Joslyn Williams, who introduced the resolution. A late July inquiry by SRRT's Action Council led to a visit to Washington by Gerry Shields, a member of Committee on MAI, and subsequent appointment of a committee, which is reportedly scheduled for hearings in Washington in late November.

On Nov. 6-8, in order to "convey its grave concern to the Librarian of Congress," Action Council met in Washington, heard from representatives of the fired black employees of LC, and on the 8th, held a sit-in meeting and tour of LC. AC also heard about the House of Representatives Black Caucus bill for an "Equal Employment Opportunity Program" (see AmLibs, Nov. '71, p.1027-8), which does not specifically mention training and promotion opportunities, but presumably includes them in "the full realization of equal opportunity through a positive, continuing program."

The report of Philadelphia Area Librarians SRRT (p.9) gives addresses for letters to non-ALA persons working on the LC situation. Judith Krug is the ALA staff member on the committee appointed to investigate. (Don't ask us why the OIF staff person was appointed instead of the LAD exec. secretary.)
ALA GOOF ADVERTISES SRRT ALTERNATIVE!!!

If you belonged to ALA in 1971, you are now receiving your membership renewal notice. Ironically, considering last year's drop in ALA membership, the Headquarters Staff has thoughtfully inserted the indication (Affiliate) next to the SRRT dues checkoff. This is no doubt intended to give you pause, and to remind you that you can be active in a SRRT Affiliate and/or get this newsletter without joining ALA. If you can't afford ALA or if you're disillusioned, what Staff has suggested is a good alternative and a way to keep involved. Nixon's NEP is hitting all of us workers in the pocket; you could save $25-$125 in basic category dues by not renewing your membership in ALA. You might even be able to donate some of that savings to SRRT for action programs or to the ALA program of your choice. Several people did this in 1971. If you do not join ALA but stay in touch with SRRT, your loss as far as activity in SRRT is concerned would be ineligibility to vote or volunteer for Clearinghouse or Action Council. You could still act in task forces and in Affiliates.

However, if you are a staunch ALA reformer and are joining ALA for '72, you can ignore the alternative advertised by ALA Staff and be assured that you 1) need not be a member of an Affiliate Group nor 2) become a one-man Affiliate Group by checking the SRRT dues box. Your checkoff gives you full voting membership, and you can mix it up by volunteering!

Still, it's nice that ALA Staff has offered an alternative to SRRTers. Action Council Coordinator has informed them of their slip-up.

J.E. for Action Council

JOINING FTRF? ... WHAT ABOUT THE MERRITT FUND?

Due to the fact that the Leroy Merritt Humanitarian Fund is not mentioned in the membership solicitation form of the Freedom to Read Foundation, we must urge you to remember it yourselves and to point out to others that it is possible (and, we feel, desirable) to join the FTRF and have voting privileges while specifying that your membership fee of $10 or more is to go to the Merritt fund rather than to the tax deductible part of the FTRF treasury. The Merritt fund is, of course, the part of the treasury which is available to provide help for those out of work or otherwise in need of funds due to a censorship fight or struggle for other rights. It is actually the only part of the FTRF treasury which is now...
RESOLUTION ON LC: AN APOLOGY??

Thanks to David Clift and some faithful ALA SRRTers, my attention has been drawn to the fact that ALA Membership and Council passed Joslyn Williams' resolution on institutional racism in the Library of Congress in mightily diluted form, compared with the original, which was passed by Action Council and which I caused to be printed in the last Newsletter. I erred in stating ALA had passed the undiluted form; I should have known better. I'm not surprised at the dilution; I'm just disappointed again.

I didn't attend those ALA meetings in Dallas. David Clift apparently has no choice; he attends all ALA Membership and Council meetings—he's always there, silent. SRRT members had a choice in Dallas; I chose to attend only some Membership and Council meetings myself. But I don't still think that diluted resolutions in these bodies will result in any action in carrying them out—not after two years of watching ALA diligently. Do you?

The Library of Congress is operating outside laws of public employment, leading to abuses we have seen demonstrated and attested to, such as firing without review as well as proven institutional racism in employment and promotion. The recent case of Barbara Ringer (9/27/71 PW) in the Copyright Office shows that this oppression extends also to whites who happen to be nonracist. (Perhaps control of LC should be taken from Congress, if that body does not operate its own service agency according to laws it has passed and the Bill of Rights it is bound to uphold?)

Action Council will continue to work on the resolution we voted on for SRRT concerning the Library of Congress.

J.E. for Action Council


BE A MINORITY RECRUITER: Be sure you have on hand a few copies of the Philly SRRT-ALA Office of Recruitment folder BE A BLACK LIBRARIAN and the new ALA Office of Recruitment brochure, both available from ALA, 50 E. Huron, Chicago 60611. Someday minority group members will have an advantage in employment as libraries finally offer more varied staffs to their publics. Let's work to hasten that time!

Due to great savings in postage, we have obtained a BULK RATE POSTAGE PERMIT and are mailing the newsletter from Salt Lake City, where a volunteer group is working with the printer and then assembling and mailing the finished product.

BULK RATE MAILING DOES NOT GUARANTEE FORWARDING THEREFORE, BE SURE TO SEND YOUR NEW ADDRESS TO THE CLEARINGHOUSE IF YOU MOVE. Please check with any SRRT members you know who have moved lately to be sure they have sent a new address to Clearinghouse. Liz Futas, 105 East 24th St., NYC 10010, is doing the mailing list upkeep.

If you SEND A NOTE OF WHEN YOU RECEIVED THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR BALLOT ON THE CHANGES IN THE O & A, it will help us to evaluate the bulk rate mailing in time-money terms.

TWO LIBRARY SERVICE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY 1971 NAACP CONVENTION LAST JULY

"Fair and Equal Representation on Public Library Boards of Trustees"

Whereas, a fair and inherent right to fair and equal representation at the policy making level is a basic right of all citizens served by public libraries.

Whereas, equal and fair representation is not practiced in the appointment of citizens to represent the total community on State and local library boards of trustees, and

Whereas, since the public library is one of the important non-school agencies which contribute to the educational and informational needs of all citizens from pre-kindergarten to post-graduate, and since blacks and other minority Americans are in too many instances ignored, not included, and in too many instances are not appointed in sufficient number to represent a fair representation of the population, be it hereby

RESOLVED that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People vigorously supports fair and equal representation on boards of trustees of public libraries which will make fair and equal representation of the public served in the composition of all public library boards, and that this communication be sent to all branches of the Association as stated policy and further.
that the National Education Director communicate this position to all known state and local officials who are responsible for appointments to public library governing boards.

"Public Library Services to White Academies"

Whereas, many local communities are circumventing the intent of Congress and the meaning of the Constitution by establishing private academies for whites only in order to evade integration in the public schools, and

Whereas, public libraries are, in many instances, providing books and services to these academies, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we commend the Black Caucus of the American Library Association for their efforts to end practices in public libraries and school libraries which are discriminatory, and call upon the American Library Association to act swiftly and vigorously on the findings of the ALA Black Caucus, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Office call on all Federal and other public agencies to withdraw funds immediately from any public or school library which supplies books or services to all-white private academies.

The contrast between the latter of the above NAACP resolutions and the lack of progress by the ALA IFC in carrying out the ADA resolution on public library service to private white academies established to circumvent school integration is striking. The IFC report in the Sept. American Libraries (p.891-2) states that the committee received "allegations" of such activity and wrote to the four librarians accused, receiving denials or explanations, and thus the committee did not see what it could do further besides offer a strangely limited interpretation of the intent of, and possible guidelines for carrying out the charge of the resolution, which was passed in Detroit in June, 1970.

As to the responses of the four "accused" librarians—what did IFC expect, that they would say, "Oh, yes, we serve segregated schools and we're proud of it"? In this day and age, one can at least hope that such would not be the response, but one still cannot assume that the full picture can be gotten by sending a letter of inquiry to the "accused."

The ALA IFC interpretation of the intent of the 1970 resolution is based on their belief that the resolution causes problems by seeking to call for censuring libraries for giving library service rather than for failing to give service, which is the usual situation when the Library Bill of Rights has been violated. THE CALL FOR CENSURE OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES CONTRIBUTING TO THE CIRCUMVENTION OF SCHOOL INTEGRATION IS NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO THE LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS, BUT RATHER TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND INTERPRETATIONS OF IT BY THE COURTS AND LEGISLATIVE BODIES. THE CALL OF THE 1970 ALA RESOLUTION AND OF THE 1971 NAACP RESOLUTION IS NOT TO CENSURE LIBRARIES FOR GIVING SERVICE, BUT FOR HELPING TO PROLONG SEGREGATION!

ALA IFC has suggested that the new Committee on MAI take over on the resolution, which is appropriate, but not necessarily likely to produce results. Moreover, IFC has offered stringent requirements to be met before any censure (or lesser reprimand, one supposes) would be given to offending libraries. These requirements seem unduly legalistic and likely to produce claims and counterclaims with offering of evidence and hair-splitting instead of the hoped-for change in policy and practice. In addition, (2) and (4) seem to "require" activities that are more extensive than those mentioned in the resolution, in that they claim the need to show "excessive" service to private segregated schools rather than service at any level.

This reaction of ALA IFC is yet another example of the problems of assigning work to a group of people who may or may not have the amount of motivation necessary and who may have too strong a feeling of the need to be "responsible" (read: cautious) in making statements or reporting situations which call for action. There are times when situations call for commitment and motivation in larger measure than caution, and when volunteer action can be more productive than assignment to the "appropriate" committee, or as IFC feels in this case, an inappropriate committee because no appropriate one existed then.

WHAT WE NEED IS ACTION ON THIS! WILL THE BLACK CAUCUS GO ON FROM HERE? ANOTHER VOLUNTEER GROUP? MAI? WHAT CAN BE DONE TO AVOID THE CRY OF "IRRESPONSIBLE" THAT WE HEARD EVEN WHEN JOSLYN WILLIAMS USED LC'S OWN STATISTICS IN HIS CALL FOR ACTION ON THE NATIONAL LIBRARY RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION PRACTICES?


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TENTATIVE SRRT SCHEDULE
FOR ALA MIDWINTER '72

A more definite schedule will appear in the
pre-Midwinter newsletter, but for your
prior planning convenience, the days on
which the various TF's and committees are
now scheduled to meet are:

Sunday: TF Min Rec I; TF Poor People; Action
Council I
Monday: TF Migrant Workers; TF Amer Ind;
TF Lib Sch Stu Assoc; TF Prisons;
TF Women; TF Chicanos; TF Gay Lib I;
Affiliates I; ALA ExBd
Tuesday: ALA Council; TF East Coast Conspir­
acy; TF Govt Pubs; Action Coun II;
ALA Membership; ALA ExBd
Wednesday: TF AIP; TF UPS Index; TF Min Pub;
TF Sex Rel Media; ALA Council II;
President's Program
Thursday: TF Media Free Sch; TF Community
Resources; TFGL II; Affiliates II;
AC III; ALA ExBd
Friday: TF Min Rec II; ALA Council III;
ALA ExBd

This does not include Clearinghouse meet­
ings which are not scheduled yet, nor is it
a complete schedule. Meetings can be added
any time for existing or proposed TFs, etc.

ALKS WITH DOMS THRU PHILLY SRRT!

ALA PRESIDENT KEITH DOMS will speak with
the Philadelphia Area SRRT on Dec. 14.
If you have questions you would like to
have discussed with him by the SRRT
group, you may send them to Miriam Craw­
ford, 4200 Parkside Ave., Philadelphia,
Pa. 19104, and she will try to include
your concerns in the discussion. Or, of
course, you can write to him at the Free
Library of Philadelphia and get a res­
ponse from him directly!

what ARE all
those affiliates
doing ??

TURN THE PAGE
BAY AREA SRRT has talked with several guests at monthly meetings, including a freelance bibliographer who develops and distributes lists on social concerns and believes libraries should have files of all local government publications, minutes of council meetings, etc. Laura X of the Women's History Research Center asked for help in indexing her collection of materials (40 journals, 40 newspapers, 300 newsletters), which is to be microfilmed, unindexed, by Bell & Howell. After group members requested volunteers to help index B & H underground newspaper microfilm, the opinion was expressed that B & H should be paying for the index.

Several letters have been written by group members (after the ideas were approved by the group) and then typed and sent by the secretary for the whole group. These have included letters on proposed legislation to legalize homosexual acts between consenting adults and to extend to local jail inmates the civil rights guaranteed for state prisoners; to newspaper and ALA and CLA IFC's re LAPD sgt making "surveys" of the "moral climate" of various Calif. communities; to SF Bd. of Supervisors and committee re report on non-victim crime; to Oakland City Council re ban on more bookstores in city; and to CBS-TV supporting stand on "Selling of the Pentagon."

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Community Resources: prepared three page list for libraries to use as a basis for providing similar information for local areas; trying to get community resources listed in telephone yellow pages and also more useful indexing and subject divisions; plans newsletter to each library system in Bay Area, containing community calendar of information hard to find and changes of names and dates of previously scheduled events. Prison Libraries: collected background information; checked into censorship in prisons; made survey of city and county library service to local jails; had successful July workshop for libraries giving jail service and those planning to begin; wrote to San Quentin re recent censorship; has continuing interest in prison law library bill and other state prison reform bills still pending. Intellectual Freedom: analyzing survey taken of treatment of "sensitive" materials; questioning Wilson Co. about prior censorship in Reader's Guide, Essay & General Lit. Index headings and inclusions; concerned about (continued on page 11)

A CLA SAN DIEGO CHAPTER ON THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF LIBRARIES is forming, with concerns including library recruitment, particularly from minority groups; library services to the elderly; community information services, such as directories of neighborhood organizations; continuing education for librarians, especially in current affair affecting libraries; library services to the disadvantaged and unserved; the status of women in the profession; library services to correctional institutions; and the role of libraries in the improvement of the environment. The first project is compiling a bibliography of non-print local library resources treating minorities in America, for distribution to educational organizations.

At press time it is unknown whether the group plans to affiliate with ALA SRRT.

CONCERNED LIBRARY STUDENTS, a group of San Jose State College Library Dept. students concerned about social, community, and school problems, have departmental recognition and are an ALA SRRT Affiliate Group.

In the past year CLS has set up a Paperbacks for Prisoners program, sponsored student-faculty meetings, set up coffee service, worked on a Student Community Information Program (SCIP) to set up a current events paperback collection in the SJSC library, developed seminars on job searching, put out newsletters (Headnotes* -- loftier than footnotes), put out a departmental student directory, invited an author (Peter Beagle) to campus, started a textbook exchange for library school students, initiated work for a Beta Phi Mu chapter at SJSC, and suggested a special course, Library Communications Seminar, which the founder of CLS, Ed Cavalini, now a graduate, is teaching this semester.

CLS hopes to enlarge the Paperbacks for Prisoners program to include more outlets (perhaps halfway houses) and to supply services such as story telling in Juvenile Hall. They are setting up informal potluck dinners in students' homes to invite active librarians to speak with students. The used textbook exchange (including sending some books to Bill Hinichliff for use in teaching library use courses at Lorton Prison in Washington, D.C.), coffee service, and student directory have been implemented for the new year, as well as a new orientation guide for new students in the library school.

SEE AFFILIATE ADDRESSES ON PAGE 11 -- AND START A NEW ONE!!
COLORADO

COLORADO LIBRARIANS IN TRANSITION (COLT) was active at the Colorado Library Association convention this fall, presenting several resolutions for membership action, having an audience-panel discussion of controls on the media, providing a hospitality suite or "Getting Your Head Together Room," and offering an exhibit booth display of underground newspapers and magazines and examples of variations in reporting the same incident in papers from left to right.

The purpose of the COLT program meeting was to make library people more aware of all the issues that surround an incident such as the release and attempted suppression of the Pentagon Papers, as these issues relate to the entire scope of censorship. Focusing on the question of the role of all media in controlling opinions and information to the public, COLT gathered representatives of law, underground press, films, TV, radio, straight newspapers, and libraries for the panel, emphasizing that librarians should not forget they are part of the total information structure in this country.

One COLT resolution, passed by the CLA membership, was to form a committee to study and recommend changes in the CLA Constitution and By-Laws to, in effect, make CLA more democratic. Another resolution, calling for CLA to publicly support freedom of the press and speech in the controversy of the base commander banning an independent GI paper from distribution on Lowery Air Force Base, was voted down by CLA membership. As a result of pressure from COLT the CLA Intellectual Freedom Committee presented the ALA policy of circulation records access for the approval of CLA, and the members did adopt the ALA policy.

New COLT officers are Elizabeth Morrissett and Dave Brunton, co-chairmen, and Ann Thomas, secretary-treasurer.

CONN SRRT is planning a survey of Connecticut libraries to determine the extent (or existence) of their holdings of Alternative Press publications and the purposes of these collections (research, recreation, browsing, etc.). This survey will be carried out through a combination of personal visits and mailed questionnaires. As a base for determining which libraries to visit at the outset, aside from 4 or 5 of the largest, Dick Akeroyd and Joanne Hyde of UConn Lib. have requested from the Radical Research Center a subscription list of those Conn. libraries currently receiving the Alt. Press Index. They will also try to obtain a list of purchasers of Bell & Howell's microfilm collection of underground newspapers.

Contact Dick or Joanne if you have any suggestions or information for this project. They would like to have assistance with the visits to libraries and other parts of the project, as well as hoping to expand the survey to the rest of New England if possible. CONN SRRT's address is Box 287, Storrs, Conn. 06268.

D.C. and CONN.

DC SRRT and CONN SRRT formed a collective action ALTERNATIVE INFORMATION SOURCES PROJECT at the SRRT Charette on Social Effectiveness in Baltimore last May. AISPP is seeking information concerning libraries and librarians actively involved in the collection and use of alternative/underground press publications. They would like to know briefly about the history, purposes, and scope of these collections and, if possible, they would like to have a list of titles currently received. The purpose is to make this (OVER)
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information available regularly for publi-

cation in the Liberation News Service (LNS)
so underground newspaper readers will learn
about these collections.

AISP also plans to gather and serve as a

clearinghouse for information concerning
the use of other forms of alternative media
in libraries, especially video tape and FM
radio. They hope to establish regular links
with LNS, Vocations for Social Change, and
other movement publications for regular
publication of articles about radical lib-

rarianship and to advertise jobs of inter-

est to radical librarians.

If you are interested in AISP and/or have

ideas or information that you think might
be of interest, contact Lynne Bradley, 411
A St. S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003, or Dick
Akeroyd, Special Collections Dept.; Univ.
of Conn. Library, Storrs, Conn. 06268.

KANSAS

KANSAS SRRT organizational efforts were
began last spring at the KLA convention
when the president of KLA and director of
libraries at K State, Dr. Richard Farley,
and Rosemary Henderson, director of library
services for Coffeyville JC, planned an in-
formal SRRT meeting, focused on the general
idea of "students look at Libraries and Lib-

rarians." About a dozen students at K State
Univ. expressed their opinions and answered
questions from librarians. Attendance was
excellent with people turning away at the
door for lack of more standing room. Libra-
rians were asked to sign up after the pro-
gram if they were interested in further
activities and the response was good.

Efforts are being made to formalize a SRRT

group this fall, with Rosemary Henderson,
Michelle Rudy of ALA SRRT TF on Women, and
Tyron Emery of Action Council working on
the organization.

KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN SRRT Affiliate hopes
to revitalize soon, with projects related to
the Kansas City area specifically.

MISSOURI

MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SRRT concen-
trated on the social responsibility of the
MLA Executive Board (attempting to stimulate
members to open lines of communication be-


tween themselves and those they represent and
to report decisions made) and tried to change
the restrictions placed on the Executive

8 Secretary's office by the Exec. Bd. After
determining the composition of MLA SRRT, the

coordinator did use the option to vote on
the MLA Exec. Bd. several times, but felt


was less important to vote than to vigorous-
ly express SRRT's views on various issues.

MLA SRRT began a survey of libraries which
provide service to the disadvantaged, but did
not find nor inspire many libraries to give
such service. Whether this is a true picture
of library service in Missouri or simply an
inadequate response to the survey is uncer-
tain. The group attempted to make a contribu-
tion to the Atzlan Center in KC for books,
but the MLA treasurer held up the check.

Some 20% of the SRRT membership responded to
a questionnaire designed to let them deter-
mine activities which could gain their par-

ticipatory interest.

At the MLA conference this fall, the joint
presentation by IFC, JMRT, and SRRT of a
multi-media presentation apropos of censor-
ship, immediately followed (without a break)
by Bill Irving's Value Game was successful.
A resolution was passed by MLA membership
that the Exec. Bd. should investigate bud-

geting procedures to make fair allocation
of monies to units.

NEW JERSEY

NEW JERSEY LIBRARIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSI-
BLEILITIES has had good success with their
major project of setting up a library for
migrant workers in Cranbury, with flyers ad-
vertising weekly parties at the YMCA in Aug.
and Sept., a HOT LINE to call if workers
felt wages or working conditions violated
state law (collect calls accepted--sponsored
by NJ Dept. of Labor and Industry), and vari-
ous services available at the elementary
school housing the library, free health cli-
nic, and bargain basement store. Library
programs and materials were offered every
Wednesday evening, Aug.-Oct.

NJLSR were active as a group at the NJLA
1971 Spring Conference, with a hospitality
suite, offering lists of Social Action Orga-
nizations of NJ, Controversial Materials--
A Working Bibliography, Drugs--A Non-Hyster-
ical Bibliography, NJ Hot Lines and Drug
Help Centers, and Ella Yates' biblio of
books successfully used in reach-out programs.
NJLSR also sponsored a program, "Is There
Discrimination Against Women in Libraries?"
with lively, hilarious and sometimes infuri-
ating discussion. Results of NJLSR's survey
of women in libraries were announced at that
program, including the fact (cont.)
NEW YORK

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SCIENCE STUDENT COUNCIL & STUDENT ASSOCIATION is, obviously, a student affiliate of SRRT, with the liaison currently being an informational one. They receive and publicize SRRT activities; encourage membership and attendance at a variety of library association meetings; and plan a schoolwide program of assemblies/colloquia, course evaluations, social activities, and the like. They are interested particularly in information about and ideas from other library school affiliates and in plans for SRRT action on library education and recruitment.

FINGER LAKES SRRT members rode with the staff of the "Blue Bus" during the summer. This is a mobile information-recreation vehicle, sponsored by Ithaca Economic Opportunity Corporation and manned mainly by students in Cornell U's Human Affairs program. The "Blue Bus" will visit rural communities throughout the fall and hopes to have a video tape recorder in the near future. They are anxious to learn of any suitable video tape recorder programs connected with community action as well as those of an entertainment nature which might be suitable for the bus.

At the Sept. 22 meeting they received a request from the Ithaca Welfare Rights Organization, which is setting up a children's workshop and would like to establish a library of materials. SRRT members were able to suggest several sources of funding and intend to follow through with written proposals for funding if the organization fails to obtain the necessary books.

As a result of the Welfare Rights request, SRRT has started discussions with the Tompkins County Day Care Center coordinator to explore the feasibility of a circulating collection of children's books for nursery schools and day care centers of the county, including delivery service to both public and private children's care operations.

Finger Lakes SRRT continues to discuss producing a television program centered around libraries in the region. The difficulty is not so much funding as locating librarians willing to help outline and produce the program.

NEW YORK SRRT met at the NYLA annual conference with other NY State SRRT Affiliates. One meeting was a discussion of background for new people; the second was a work meeting patterned after the ALA SRRT program meeting in Dallas, with everyone divided into small action groups.

NY SRRT is concentrating on a prison library service project, working with Libraries for Prisons, a non-profit group which will concentrate on fund-raising and equipment and materials buying, while NY SRRT prepares a 5000-title computerized bibliography of basic titles, helps with letter-writing to public library and government officials demanding to know why 11,000 residents of NYC have no access to library facilities, and organizes volunteer librarians to go into jails to teach inmates how to set up and maintain the libraries. They would appreciate any information from groups which have experience in prison library service which would be helpful for their project.

NT SRRT members are also forming an editorial committee to assist with the national TF to index the Bell & Howell underground newspaper:

Pennsylvania

Two recent projects of PHILADELPHIA AREA LIBRARIANS SRRT (PAL SRRT) were (1) "The Other Side of the Eye," an exhibit and sale of paintings by men in city prisons, held Nov. 7, and (2) a meeting with two representatives of the Black Employees of the Library of Congress, resulting in a call to PAL SRRT and other librarians to write to Congressman Wayne Hays, Chairman, Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, Room 305, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20025, to Representative Charles C. Diggs, Chairman, The Black Caucus, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20025, and to L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress, 3721 49th St., Washington, D.C. 20016.

The PAL SRRT TF on Recruitment of Minorities/ALA Office of Recruitment brochure, "Be a Black Librarian," met with favorable response at the Black Expo in July in Philly. The Pa. State Library asked for names of minority group members to whom they can send information about state traineeships. PAL SRRT decided to participate again in Operation Native Son, a recruitment-for-jobs effort at Christmas time, in an effort to recruit minority group members to librarianship.

The Intellectual Freedom TF is completing analysis and description of their survey of libraries' holdings and policies. Write to S. J. Leon, Northeast Regional Library, Cottman Ave. & Oakland St., Philadelphia, PA 19149. (OVER)
The Women's Liberation TF worked on a WL bibliography and with a local WL group on organizing its files.

Service to Prison Libraries TF also laid plans to collect donations of recent magazines from library staffs to be sent to the city detention center, establish a procedure to help inmates in area jails purchase books, contact several lawyers groups to explore possibilities of donations for legal materials in the prison libraries, and contact other groups in the city concerned with prison reform, including the Barbed Wire Society.

Last spring a panel discussion was held using "The Black Librarian in America," ed. by E.J. Josey. The work of the "Free Wheeler," the Free Lib. of Philly's mobile unit, was presented at a summer meeting. In Sept. Dr. Mark Sacharoff spoke on prospects for anti-war work in the coming year. Keith Dorns, President of ALA, will speak with the group in Dec.

A continuing interest is "The Minority Book Industry Development and Insurance Fund," established by the Council for Interracial Books for Children to provide support and capital for bookstores, printers, and publishers in the area. PAL SRRT passed a resolution at the council's request to help them in fund-raising efforts with foundations and also wrote to the American Assoc. of Book Publishers and to the ALA Liaison Committee with Publishers.

TEXAS

No formal SRRT groups have formed and reported yet in Texas, but a volunteer group of librarians in San Antonio are providing library service at the jail, and the Community Education Dept. of Dallas PL has several projects, including jail library service, adult education, literacy services, and cooperative efforts with local women's liberation and environmental groups. CT Dept. members hope to join with other librarians soon to form a SRRT group.

WASHINGTON

WASH SRRT became an official Interest Group of WLA last spring, with a statement of purpose similar to that of ALA SRRT. Meetings are monthly (with refreshments!), and a lively newsletter reports in detail.

TASK FORCE REPORTS: Participatory Management: TF wrote a management manifesto and sponsored a lively participatory management meeting at WLA conference last spring.

Library Service to Spanish Speaking Americans: TF had an exhibit at WLA conference, including Spanish materials, bibliographies, craft work by Chicano prisoners, information on urbanization problems facing Chicanos, and some ideas for positive community action. People-Oriented Library Education: Continuing Education Committee will work with U. of Wash. Sch. of Lib'rnship Alumni Assoc. since they also have a Contin. Educ. Comm. Curriculum Comm. is working on specific ideas concerning reorganization of library school courses. Closed files have been abolished at U. of Wash. Lib. Sch. and files will no longer be kept on students.

For reference for prospective employers, present and future students may register with the College Placement Service. Disposition of the alumni file has not been decided. Questionnaires on field work were distributed to each student participating in the Spring, 1971, Field Work Program and results are available. Underground Press: TF developed a workshop for the Pacific Northwest Lib. Assoc. meeting in keeping with the conference theme of local history, to display a very representative collection of underground or counter-culture media produced in the Northwest, including radical political papers, magazines, and pamphlets, publications of self-aware racial and ethnic groups and those arising from the sexual revolution, and "anything else that is interesting, funky, and appearing outside of the normal publishing channels." Women's Liberation: TF requested that members write to the United Good Neighbors Fund and to a local radio station to protest a cut in funds and a radio program urging same because of WL activities, abortion referral service, and Gay Women's Alliance meetings at the University YWCA. A brief discussion of the position of women in librarianship was held at a special session on "You and Rights" at WLA.

Many members of Wash SRRT signed a letter of protest sent to ALA Executive Director, David Clift, concerning his original refusal of the ALA SRRT contribution to the Angela Davis fund as an expression of support for intellectual freedom, social concern, and appreciation for her pointing out the lack of reading material in NYC jails.

ROB GUTZKE WANTS TO KNOW IF AFFILIATE GROUP CONTACT PEOPLE DO NOT LIKE THE NEW REPORT FORM FOR SENDING INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER. ADDRESS: Owen Hall #822, 4550 Scott, St. Louis, Mo. 63110.
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*BAY AREA SRRT contin. from p.8:

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Joe Lindenfeld
1519 Simpson, Apt. 105
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Action Council Affiliate
Group Liason

BAY AREA SRRT contin. from p.8:

subject headings on LC and Wilson cards. Book Selection: sent display to Dallas ALA, including samples of materials suggested for inclusion in library collections.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

(1) survey of programs for minority students at UC and San Jose State College library schools, compared with what is happening at Simmons, MIT, the Univs. of Michigan and Maryland, etc.; (2) survey of minority group members employed by Bay Area libraries; (3) speaker from UC Ethnic Studies Dept. to discuss publications about minorities; (4) women's liberation group; and (5) membership list.

NEW JERSEY LSR contin. from p.8:

That 860 replies were received from 200 questionnaires sent.

NJLSR has a TF working on NJ prisons; contact Bill Kneedler, Plainfield PL, 8th St. at Park Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060, phone: 201-787-7111.

The NJLSR newsletter for July 1971, edited by Martha Williams, is packed full of information on publications, abortion clinics, sources of pamphlets on "SR" type topics, and other tidbits, including Source—the Organizer's Catalog, "a resource encyclopedia of exposes, counter-institutional services, community control projects, and organizing strategies for institutional takeover." Thirteen issues of Source are projected, each on a different subject. 75¢ per issue, $8 for whole set; first issue Summer, 1971: Source 2115 S St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008. "Source is going to be a most fantastic thing if its creators don't get discouraged by the immensity of the project; kind of combination of Vocations for Social Change and Whole Earth Catalog but much more comprehensive than either, or anything else. Packet describing the whole project is available."
Formed in June, the TF has already had encouraging response from persons outside and inside the library field. Inquiries have been received on starting "sexual adventure" collections in public libraries; on special interest questions such as sexual offenders in prison, the Guyon Society, and Gay Literature; and on possible interest in a planned microfilming of back runs of sex-related journals. Dr. Mary S. Calderone of SIECUS wrote to applaud efforts to have libraries stock the "best and most informative materials possible in the whole area of human sexual behavior..." and to offer suggestions of policy. "SIECUS is trying to establish human sexuality and sexual behavior as an important field of scholarship, orientation in which will be found to be a basic requirement for practice of many professions, whether in teaching, medicine, religion, youth work, or criminal justice."

The TF has a few bibliographies, e.g., the CHOICE erotica series for research collections, the appendix to the Student's Society of McGill Univ.'s BIRTH CONTROL HANDBOOK, the SIECUS PUBLICATIONS AND REPRINTS LIST, and the SRRT TF Gay Lib GAY IS GOOD bibliography. TF bibliographers will prepare lists for specific situations and purposes.

Working members are needed for the TF. Contact the coordinator, Gordon McShean, 5003 Trask, Oakland, CA 94605; phones: 415-865-6044 or 415-562-7759.

**TASK FORCE ON SUBJECT INDEXING THE UNDERGROUND PRESS SYNDICATE/BELL & HOWELL MICROFILM UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER COLLECTION—A PROGRESS REPORT**

The project is off the ground! I wasn't sure it could be done, but now am quite certain that, with the participation of enough of you, WE CAN DO IT!

Some libraries have allowed job time to indexers, but most volunteers are just that. Some institutions (Chicago Public, UCLA at Santa Barbara, and the Univ. of Oregon) have volunteered to index their cities' papers. Five library schools are participating (Univ. of Wisconsin, Kansas State Teachers College, Indiana Univ., Northern Illinois Univ., and Univ. of Alberta) and a number of others are considering offering indexing to their students as a volunteer project, an indexing for credit project, or in lieu of a term paper in an appropriate course.

An editorial group is getting organized in New York. We will take care of correspondence, the establishment of new subject headings when necessary, coordination of computer operations, and whatever.

Most of the reels have been assigned, BUT we still need indexers! Many people who have volunteered have committed themselves to indexing a full reel—that is a hell of a lot of indexing! VOLUNTEER! You can index as much or as little as you like. We can send the film if you don't have it, but we really need all you librarians who do have access to the film! Or, more accurately, volunteers who have been sent the film (we only have one set to distribute) need you to cover part of their reels.

Write to Joan K. Marshall, Coordinator, ALA SRRT TF on ... (it is such a rotten long title—if anyone can come up with an abbreviation, acronym, whatever, tell me), Brooklyn College Lib., Brooklyn, NY 11210.

**SUGGESTED TASK FORCES: SERVICE TO GIFTED CHILDREN and SERVICE TO APPALACHIAN GROUPS— IN APPALACIA and also as new city dwellers in Chicago, etc. Write to Terry McLaughlin, Portsmouth Public Lib., 1220 Calla St., Portsmouth, Ohio 45662, if you want to work on the latter. Rob Gutske of Clearinghouse—Olin Hall #822, 4550 Scott Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63110—knows someone interested in gifted children, so write him.

TO START A NEW TASK FORCE, contact the Action Council liaison, Tyron Emerick, 2104 N. 75th Terrace, Kansas City, Kan. 66109, and the Clearinghouse reporter on TF's, Judy Mowery, 1808 Carter Ave., Akron, Ohio 44301. Ask for other TF members through the Newsletter and by announcing meetings to be held at Midwinter (deadline for next Newsletter Dec. 15—send notice to Miriam Crawford, 4240 Parkside Ave., Philadelphia Pa. 19104), at the June ALA Conference or anywhere else that you and others can get together and WORK!!

DO IT!
The more things change; the more they are the same."

While cheering some SRRT principles and actions, I cannot help but get the feeling that at heart it is merely another group full of its own ideas which it would impose on others when, and if, it gained a firm hold on A.L.A.

To be brief, may I refer to the August 1971 (No. 15) issue of the Newsletter. On p. 13 Dick Akeroyd asks: "Can you imagine a SRRT 'establishment'?!!" On p. 4, however, there is a cry of warning that outside funds might lead to loss of control!! (Copies attached.)

Sincerely,
Sister Mary Dennis Lynch, Librarian
Rosemont College, Rosemont, Pa.

MIRIAM CRAWFORD'S REPLY:
I appreciate your taking the time to write your reaction to SRRT activities and publications.

There are times when I, too, disagree with particular actions or statements that have been put forth, just as we all seldom are in complete agreement with all the day-to-day activities of the organizations we support. However, I think in the particular instances you cite, you have misconstrued the concerns of the SRRT leadership. It was not that those presently in leadership would lose control, but that, by accepting money from non-library agencies, foundations, etc., there might be subtle shifts in the emphasis of our work, pressures recognized too late, perhaps, that would not reflect the outlook of the SRRT membership. Isn't this the frequent fear, in any organization, when funds are accepted from a source that the membership does not control?

But SRRT is not immune to the development of a bureaucracy of its own, I believe. There are a number of members, and at least some of those elected to office, who are concerned about the danger, and attempt to find ways of reflecting the sentiments of those they are supposed to represent. The emphasis, it is true, is on doing rather than long-range planning, and there are times when this produces action that may represent the few present at a particular meeting, rather than the larger constituency. But there are some 1200 ALA members of SRRT, not all of one point of view. The control has to be exercised through their activity and their speaking out.

I would like to see the pages of the Newsletter used more effectively, to represent the diversity of views among these members, to stir up an active exchange of opinion; and I hope to get space for such letters. May I have your permission to print your letter to start the ball rolling?

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Miriam I. Crawford
SRRT Clearinghouse Coordinator

On the social responsibility of PARTICIPATION

The basic organizational and action principle of SRRT is participation. The formal organization exists to promote and facilitate individual and group action, not as a group that exists for the sake of existing. Do you see things around you that need to be done? Who doesn't? In most cases two or more can accomplish more than one alone, so find out who will help on a local or national project and GET TO WORK. Nothing will happen unless someone does it!! To find out what else is being done by kindred spirits on similar projects, contact Action Council and Clearinghouse members and individuals listed in the Newsletter. Which brings us to the need for people to volunteer to coordinate SRRT activities on a national or local basis. PLAN NOW TO DO SOMETHING NEXT YEAR--OR NOW! Join a local or national task force, hopefully attending meetings. But don't limit yourself if you cannot get to meetings--there are many things you can do with mail and phone communication. Or help with the important job of serving as a local or national "officer" for SRRT, to help keep things moving smoothly and efficiently. Next Newsletter will tell the procedures for VOLUNTEERING FOR ALA SRRT ACTION COUNCIL AND CLEARINGHOUSE. PLAN AHEAD TO VOLUNTEER! And if you do not have a local SRRT yet, by all means get it together! Somewhere you will find several others who want to get something done, at some level of commitment!!

VOLUNTEER!
RESULTS OF VOTE ON USE OF SRRT MAILING LIST FOR NON-SRRT MAILINGS

In accordance with an Action Council decision at the Thursday, June 24, 1971, Business Meeting in Dallas, a mail ballot was placed in the August 1, 1971, Newsletter concerning the following question: Should the SRRT mailing list be turned over to movement groups and small publishers requesting it?

Seventy-one ballots were returned. The results were as follows:

- 20 Clearinghouse can use judgment and give mailing list to groups and publishers who request it.
- 47 Clearinghouse should do all the mailings requested; the list should not leave their control.

Four of the 71 did not respond directly to the choices given on the ballot, but added their own choices as follows:

- 3 Absolutely no use of the SRRT mailing list for other than SRRT mailings.
- 1 Clearinghouse should use its judgment in doing the mailings (a combination of the two choices on the ballot).

Four of those voting for the original choices also suggested that Clearinghouse charge a fee either for the mailing list itself (2) or for doing the mailings (2).

One member, voting for distribution of the list, wanted to know what we had to hide.

Another member, voting for Clearinghouse to do the mailings, also volunteered to help. They'll need it!

A final note: one anonymous member, voting for absolutely no distribution of the mailing list, threatened to drop out of SRRT if either of the two choices on the ballot were approved. Have fun, Clearinghouse, there's at least one less piece of mail for you to handle! -- Dick Akeroyd

WHAT IS THE LIBRARIANS TRIBE?

GETTING TOGETHER, ACTION, COMMUNICATION, WORK, MUTUAL AID, GATHERING AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION—whatever is needed that is not being accomplished by the more formal SRRT channels such as this newsletter (five or six issues per year) and communications to and from task forces and local affiliates. The Tribe will best be explained by actions we take and by working with people across the country (around the world, no doubt) to get them involved in the movement for active libraries and librarians. We can serve to spread news or calls for action and to gather information on a wide geographic basis and in a specified local area—especially in the intervals between newsletters and when there is an emergency or confidentiality involved.

Many of you already serve as members of the Tribe without thinking of your actions in those terms. Ever visit another SRRT group or individual while travelling? Ever send out a call for action to friends or others you know you can count on for action in an emergency? (Bill Hinchliff did, and we sent a plea (belatedly, unfortunately) to some of the current Tribe list to ask for letters to the ALA Exec. Board before their Oct. 25-27 meeting—on staff for the new Office of Minority Recruitment and on action on the LC institutional racism investigation.) How about helping "un-Affiliated," non-ALA, but nevertheless "SRRTifiable" librarians in isolated areas become part of the movement? Help spread brainstorming sessions beyond Action Council, Clearinghouse, or any one TF or Affiliate Group, and also translate the ideas into action!

The main reasons for having a Librarians Tribe as such are to remind us to do more communicating and to be sure that we cover as much as possible of the library world when we do communicate. So let us know if you are already functioning as a Tribe member or if you want to begin. Also tell what area you can "cover"—geographic or otherwise. Then we'll send out a call for people in unrepresented areas to help out too—when we know what areas are unrepresented!

Current Tribe coordinator is Joan Goddard, 127 West Latimer, Campbell, CA 95008. Phone: home-408-374-4697; work-408-287-2788, x818.

Let's Get It Together!
Celeste West and Elizabeth Katz are putting together a BOOK about you—by you. A patchwork color quilt: _ crazy/not so crazy. Write them about your confrontation with the Library Establishment, which side delivered the final zap and why. Celebrate and/or mourn the outreach program you tried. Write how you stopped worrying about the bombast and learned to love the media. Write your utopian flashes—libraries as the People's university; simultaneous catalogs; ALA goes yippie; and other stoned-soul delights. Obviously, library science needs V*I*V*I*F*Y*I*N*G, so donate some of your zest, be it righteous indignation, gentle hope, mirth, or madness. They need commitments IMMEDIATELY and first drafts RIGHT AWAY. Median length of individual contribution: 1000-5000 words or more or less, depending on your trip. Double space preferred, but format free-wheeling. . .Projected publication, Spring 1972, the great god Biblos willing. Comments, suggestions, quotes, ideas, PICTURES(!) gratefully received too. If you can't contribute directly, please pass this on to some other librarian, library school student, teacher, patron, or fellow traveler who may want to. Please contact, on the slightest provocation: Celeste West, Editor, SYNERGY, SF Public Library, Civic Center, San Francisco, CA 94102. Phone: 415-558-2814 (mornings)


PREJUDICES AND ANTIPATHIES: A Tract on LC Subject Heads Concerning People, by Sanford Berman, is finally in print. 249 pages of critical analysis of subject headings which now "can only satisfy parochial, jingoistic Europeans and North Americans, white-hued, at least nominally Christian (and preferably Protestant) in faith, comfortably situated in the middle- and higher-income brackets, largely domiciled in suburbia, fundamentally loyal to the Established Order, and heavily imbued with the transcendent, incomparable glory of Western civilization..." Order from Scarecrow Press, P.O. Box 656, Metuchen, NJ 08840, for $7.50 per copy. Every Tech Services Dept. and library school should have at least one copy! And every one else too!

ALTERNATIVE CAREER PATH LITERATURE is being sought by Temple Univ's Career Services office. How is your library's career collection? VOCATIONS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE, Canyon, CA 94516, should be just the beginning of an expanding collection as students explore different types of life styles and non-traditional careers. Mentioned by TU in asking for help in accumulating a body of literature are jobs promoting social change, such as teaching in free schools, building new communities, and draft counseling.

While checking libraries' holdings and plans for the above, be sure social science, law, etc., librarians have information on the MEIKLEJOHN CIVIL LIBERTIES LIBRARY, 1715 Francisco St., Berkeley, CA 94703, for those doing research in civil rights, civil liberties, draft and military, poverty, and related issues, especially when legal materials are needed.

And then there's the WOMEN'S HISTORY RESEARCH CENTER, 2325 Oak, Berkeley, CA, relatively new, with no institutional funding, but including periodicals, books, pamphlets, term papers, clippings, tapes, songs, directories, bibliographies, reviews—material on eighteen hundred topics related to women.
A LIST OF BLACK BOOKSTORES—ORDER FROM THEM! from Bill Hinchliff, Federal City Coll., Wash.

A J William's Bk. Store
7907 South Rhodes
Chicago, Ill. 60619

A-S Stationery & Bk. St.
751 E. 80th St.
Chicago, Ill. 60619

Ada Park Book Store
1403 W. 111th St.
Chicago, Ill. 60643

Afro-American Heritage
1321 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60605

Claiborne's Bk. Store
2308 E. 71st St.
Chicago, Ill. 60649

Ellis Book Store
6447 S. Cottage Grove
Chicago, Ill. 60637

Black Unity Bk. Store
14734 Oakley Ave.
Harvey, Ill. 60426

Shrine of the Black Madonna Cultural Center
13535 Livermore
Detroit, Mich.

Vaughn's Book Store
Specialist in Afro-American History
12273 Dexter St.
Detroit, Mich. 48206

Drum & Spear
1902 Belmont Rd. N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

Timbuktu Market of New Africa
462 Mitchell St. S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Lake Region Book & House
8517 S. State St.
Chicago, Ill. 60619

The Book Shoppe
1750 E. 79th St.
Chicago, Ill. 60619

World Wide News Bk. St.
102 E. 51st St.
Chicago, Ill. 60615

Zion Book Store
606 E. 47th St.
Chicago, Ill. 60653

Forum Book Store
7101 S. Stewart
Chicago, Ill. 60621

JRW Book & Variety
1914 E. 79th St.
Chicago, Ill. 60649

Bronze Books Library
4754 W. Pico St.
Los Angeles, CA

Marcus Books
540 McAllister St.
San Francisco, CA 94111

More Book Store
1435 Fillmore St.
San Francisco, CA 94111

National Memorial Book Store
101 125th St.
New York, NY

University Place Bookshop
840 Broadway
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Friends of Books and Comics are planning the First Annual San Francisco International Book Fair for Dec. 16-17 in Golden Gate Park, during the CLA convention. Purpose is to focus attention on new publishing directions, including new magazines and underground comics.
From Joan X. Marshall, SRRT’s Freedom to Read Foundation Board of Trustees Representative  
(I beg your endurance—this is a long memo. I could have made it longer.  
If anyone wants additional information about FTRF and Merritt Fund,  
let me know!) 

The Freedom to Read Foundation is on the third step of an ambitious membership/fund-raising campaign.

Step one was a "request to renew" mailing to all FTRF members. The request to renew which I received (as a member) did not mention the Merritt Fund. I wrote to Judith Krug asking why the membership application did not include a place to check off a non-tax deductible (tax deductible and non-tax deductible will be stressed ad nauseam throughout this memo) contribution to the Merritt Fund. I wrote to Mrs. Krug on September 15; I sent a copy to each of the FTRF Board members. I have not received any replies.

Step two was (and is) a promotional campaign conducted at state association meetings under the auspices of local IF Committees. The literature distributed at the New York Library Association meeting mentions the Merritt Fund but does not mention the possibility of joining the Foundation by making a $10.00 non-tax deductible contribution to the Merritt Fund. In fact, the promotional lit gives one the impression that the Merritt Fund is supported by the Foundation rather than by volunteer contributions. The Foundation (as explained, at length, by ALA counsel) cannot give monies to the Fund because it is non-tax deductible. The membership envelope forms (which, I am certain, have been printed in sufficient quantity to last throughout this promotional effort) do not provide a Merritt Fund contribution check-off box.

Step three is a mailing to all FTRF Board Trustees requesting that they attempt to solicit ten $100.00 members for the Foundation. I was sent (rather than a reply to my letter) a three page form letter; I was told that if I couldn’t get it typed, I could send the list of solicitees back to Mrs. Krug; she would have the letters individually typed and sent back to me for signature. (All of this is coming out of our dues--ALA and/or FTRF!) The promotional lit still does not make the relationship of FTRF and the Merritt Fund clear (that the Merritt Fund is non-tax deductible is mentioned--because we are soliciting large contributions?). And the envelopes are the same.

The message is becoming clear. If you want to make a contribution to the Merritt Fund--you have to know how to do it. The opportunity is not being offered! I would like to raise the $1,000 requested of me--even $2,000 or more. But for the Merritt Fund!

SRRT (and others long before SRRT came into existence) fought to convince ALA that librarians under fire needed some means of immediate assistance. We got the FTRF; it was not what we wanted! SRRT fought (at FTRF Board meetings) to establish what has become the Merritt Fund. SRRT then argued (it seems like a life-time, but I guess we should take heart—it will be two years this Mid-winter) that support for the Fund must be available through membership in the FTRF. (How many groups--none of them doing just what you want--does a librarian have to join to support IF?)

The failure of the promotional lit to express the relationship of the Foundation and the Fund for the benefit of those who do not know too much of either is unpardonable. But the failure to provide even a check-off spot for a non-tax deductible contribution to the Fund, for those who either do or do not know which of the two possibilities of defending intellectual freedom they wish to support, is unconscionable. The fund raisers were professional enough to include on the flap of the membership form envelope: "Your postage stamp on this envelope is an extra gift to the Freedom to Read Foundation." How much more money might have been raised for the Merritt Fund if, below the box on the membership form that says that your FTRF membership is tax deductible, there had been a box reading: A contribution to the Leroy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund will help us support librarians (and others) in need of immediate support in their struggle to gain our ends. This contribution is non-tax deductible.

(over)
If the FTRF fails to gain support and falters (FTRF and ALA have the same tax exempt status—ALA can do whatever FTRF is doing), the Merritt Fund goes on. And it moves under the control of ALA—so we will have some say in its policies.

A check for $10.00 to the Leroy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund qualifies you as a member of FTRF, but more importantly, it will document our belief that IF is the province of ALA—let ALA fight the court battles, and we will support the librarians involved in the court battles (or, more to the point, before they get to the point of a court battle) through the Merritt Fund.

Join as an individual member, not as a SRRT Affiliate—each $10.00 is a vote in FTRF (it does not mean much, but a vote is a vote). If you wrap this letter around your check, it will demonstrate SRRT’s clout—if enough of us join Merritt, that is.

(By the way—in case you hadn’t heard—contributions to the Leroy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund are NON-TAX DEDUCTIBLE—enuf said. It is a "humanitarian fund!"

MORE LETTERS TO SRRT

Clearinghouse needs a stronger voice in policy-making decisions. It has always been the philosophy of SRRT that the independent Clearinghouse has the viewpoint needed to report Action Council’s doings. What it really has done has been to weaken Clearinghouse to the extent that any Action Council co-ordinator, whether weak or strong, would be able to control the news reported to members. There are occasions when actions are planned by the Council unknown to Clearinghouse. For this reason, it has lately been a Clearinghouse policy to ignore Action Council altogether or to use Action Council’s own statements of what’s been happening. This must stop. Call for an amendment at Midwinter for a mail ballot to be sent to members, to allow Clearinghouse an Action Council vote.

Elizabeth Futas

Action Council met in Washington, D.C. over the November 6th weekend. The meeting, reported elsewhere in this issue, culminated in a demonstration on the steps of the Library of Congress. This was an action taken by AC for all of us in SRRT. Present were four of the ten members of Action Council. None of the meetings held that weekend was attended by more than six members. Where were the ten people we elected? Are our votes going to elect non-action Action Council members? Is this what we need: four strong active people running an organization of 1200 members? I think it’s about time we took stock of our structure and made sure we have enough say in what’s going on. Let's get ten active people on our Action Council and let's make sure those who don't care about it get off. (contin. above)

ACTION COUNCIL AGENDA—NOVEMBER 6-7

FTRF—no mention of Merritt Fund
Publishing Angela Davis pamphlet
Joint program with SORT?
Lynch problem—V.A. // TF budget requests
U of Chicago support
LC support // DC support
Writing AC position statement
Write up Wilson grant requests?

To set up new org or national office
To set up our own fund for IF
To . . .

Alternative election slate for ALA Council and/or endorsement of candidates of Nominating Committee
SRRT brochure // Doiron case status
Staughton Lynd resolution?

OFFICE OF MINORITY REC. (contin. from p.1)
Recr. staff member, Peggy Barber, made it clear that much support had previously been shown for the new staff position and that she also prefers that plan. However, the Recr. Advisory Com. chairman had written the ExBd asking for postponement until the committee could consider the regional consultant plan at Midwinter. This letter, plus the current lack of funds, was enough excuse for another delay by the ExBd. Funds for ALA are to be sought from foundations, etc., with first priority being the regular salary increments for ALA staff, which haven't been made yet this year, and second priority being minority recruitment--of some type.
THE FOLLOWING CHANGES, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS TO THE SRRT ORGANIZATION AND ACTION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY ACTION COUNCIL. THEY ARE NOW SUBMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL. PLEASE MARK THE ATTACHED BALLOT AND RETURN TO DICK AKEROYD, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPT., UNIV. OF CONN. LIBRARY, STORRS, CONN. 06268, BY DECEMBER 7, 1971.

Underlines are deletions; (italics) are additions.

1.) 5.a. Personal members can act as individuals at the annual (and Midwinter) meeting(s) of the Round Table which shall take place at the annual (and Midwinter) meeting(s) of ALA.

Reason for this change: To allow for broader individual geographic participation over time. ALA has set the precedent, by offering West Coast members a chance to participate in Midwinter 1971 membership meetings. Our first membership meeting under this change will be in Chicago in January, 1972.

2.) 3. Membership will consist of personal members and of affiliate members who will be free to act using SRRT. ((In addition, organisational members of ALA may choose to support SRRT and receive communications for a donation of $10.00 per year, but shall not be entitled to membership privileges.))

Reason for this change: ALA told their organizational members they could be Affiliates for $1.00! Affiliates are outlined as groups of people, not institutions, in the O & A. Affiliates operate directly with Clearinghouse. Adding this will enable SRRT to communicate with more people perhaps, and get support from libraries run by people who are "institutional" rather than "professional" about ALA. $10.00 was a compromise between the $5.00 advocates and the $25.00 advocates.

3.) 4.a.4. Individual members who wish to volunteer to serve on either elected committee will submit their names, their committee preference, a statement about policy and action on social responsibilities of librarians, and a short biographical note to the Recording Secretary of the Action Council by November 1. (March 2.) ...

Reason for this change: The November date was in the O & A in order to have ALA headquarters handle the election. SRRT has never used ALA for elections; this change provides for more flexibility and late volunteering (after Midwinter meeting). A set of election procedures has been developed to coincide with this change and will be printed in the pre-Midwinter newsletter if the change is approved.

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MARK AND MAIL THIS BALLOT TODAY!

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

1.) 5.a. _____ _____

2.) 3. _____ _____

3.) 4.a.4. _____ _____

MUST BE MAILED BY DEC. 7, 1971, to Dick Akeroyd, Special Collections Dept. Univ. of Conn. Library, Storrs, Conn. 06268.

Exercise your Social Responsibility —

MAIL THE BALLOT!

Only 71 of 1500+ voted on use of the mailing list by non-SRRTers!!
DEADLINE FOR PRE-MIDWINTER NEWSLETTER is Dec. 15, due to holiday mail. If you have an article after that date, contact Miriam Crawford, the editor, before sending late items. Send all items to her at 4240 Parkside Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19104. Phones: home-215-877-1250; work-215-787-8240. Reports on SRRT activities at state library association meetings and calls for action at Midwinter will be especially welcome for this pre-Midwinter newsletter.

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GERRY SHIELDS, editor of American Libraries, will continue as ALA STAFF LIASON TO SRRT.

RANAE PIERCE AND OTHER SALT LAKE CITY LIBRARIANS are serving as volunteer members of Clearinghouse, coordinating between newsletter editors and the printer in Tom Phelps' absence (SRRT inspired him to go to lib. school) and collating and mailing the newsletter under new bulk rate permit.

ANNUAL DIRECTORIES OF SRRT MEMBERS have been suggested by Ellis Hodgin of Action Council. Write him at College of Charleston Library, Charleston, S.C. 29401, with comments, ideas for uses, offers of help, financing ideas.

"Social Responsibility" Reprints

Need handouts for state association or affiliate group meetings? Reprints of Pat Schuman's May 1969 LJ article and three of the speeches from the SRRT Atlantic City program are available free from Miriam Crawford (address above left). Stamped self-addressed large manila envelope appreciated for single copies; write to inquire about multiple copies. The speeches, those of Major Owens, Geraldine Clark, and Bill Hinchliff, are as relevant today as in 1969.

SRRT CLEARINGHOUSE
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JOIN or START an SRRT and get involved.
On Monday, Nov. 8, at noon a rally was held on the steps of the Library of Congress.


Media coverage was adequate, including a news TV spot on the LC situation. The event was covered by the Tuesday Washington Post. The DCPL situation was ignored by local media, even though it probably involves more DC residents.

On Saturday, November 7, the SRRT program at MI DWINTER was planned as a gathering of ideas and information. Speakers included: Jos Williams, Black Employees of Library of Congress, Judith Block, Labor for the Humanities, and Pat Schuman, editor of CHOICE. A special committee was to meet to make recommendations for change in the Library of Congress.

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The SRRT Archives program was successful, with an eye on history and the accumulation of its records. Action Council decided its archives are worth preserving to guide future SRRT-ers on the lessons and mistakes of the present. An institutional depository for SRRT records, that can provide reference access when needed by SRRT members, will be sought. A library school with archival facilities and interest in social change organizations would be most appropriate.

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REPORT OF ALA-SRRT ACTION COUNCIL MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C., NOVEMBER 6-7, 1971.

SUPPORT OF BLACK EMPLOYEES FIRED BY LIBRARY OF CONGRESS MADE THE MAIN FOCUS OF FALL MEETING: The 13 fired employees and their union, Local 1826, American Federation of Government Employees, scheduled a rally on the steps of Library of Congress for Monday, November 8th. SRRT members planned to stay on in Washington to participate. Also planned for Monday by SRRT were a press conference, an observation tour of LC, and an interview requested with the Librarian of Congress.

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Letter from COSMOP to SRRT was routed at Saturday meeting "How could we get PUBLISHERS WEEKLY to reverse itself on its policy of not listing among forthcoming books pamphlets less than 40 pages? This policy of theirs sounds good, but in practice it discriminates against the small movement publisher as well as the publisher of poetry chapbooks."

At the Sunday meeting of Action Council, the Radical Historians Caucus resolution prepared by Stoughton Lynd was endorsed by AHA, and a similar statement for conditions of library workers is being prepared for the annual meeting of ALA.

"FACTS ARE DEAD AND UNCHANGING BUT EXPLANATIONS ARE ALIVE AND ALWAYS CHANGING" --- Li Tse-chao (1888-1927) Librarian, University of Peking.