

# ALA SoCial Responsibilities Round Table Newsletter

"There can be no meaningful participation without information." --- Words of wisdom from a member.  
See Page 8.

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## MIDWINTER SCHEDULE, 1972: SRRT Meetings

## OTHER ALA MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO SRRT

SAT. Jan. 22	Palmer House	Palmer House
	<i>CHICAGO!</i>	<i>ONCE AGAIN!</i>
	8:30-6 SRRT Clearinghouse PDR 5	8AM-6PM Freedom To Read Foundation PDR 9
	" " Service to Poor People TF Plr B	8AM-noon JMRT New Librarians Expectations & Realizations Com Plr C
SUNDAY Jan. 23	8:30-10 SRRT Action Council PDR 14	8 - noon Lib.Serv.to Disadvantaged Coord Com PDR 5
		9 - noon ALA Staff Comm on Mediation, Arbitration & Inquiry PDR 4
		12 - 4 PM Budget Assembly Adams R.
	8-9:30AM Service to Migrant Workers R.733-4	9 - 12 Committee on Organization PDR 9
	10-12 LS Student Affiliates TF R.733-4	10-4 Executive Board Crystal R.
	" " Minority Recruitment TF 1 Adams R.	10-6 Intellectual Freedom Committee PDR 7
		10-12 Legislation Committee State BR
MONDAY Jan. 24	2-4 Service to Prisoners TF PDR 14	2-10:30 Accreditation Committee Hearings State BR
	4:30-6 Chicanos TF R.733-4	2 - 4 Legislation Committee: Legis. Assem R733-4
	" " Women's Liberation TF PDR 14	2 - 6 Planning Committee R.748
	8:30-10 Affiliate Group Liaison Mtg PDR 8	4:30-6 Ethics Committee R.777
	" " Gay Liberation TF 1 Adams R.	8:30-10:30 Publishing Board PDR 6
TUESDAY Jan. 25	2-4 East Coast Conspir. Docum. TF R.762	8 - 9:30 Planning Committee PDR 8
	2-4 Government Publications TF R.733-4	10 - 1 ALA Council I Grand BR
	4:30-6 SRRT Action Council & Coalition for Change Wabash Plr	2 - 6 Executive Board Crystal R.
		" " Intellectual Freedom Committee R.775-6
	8-9:30 Alternatives in Print TF R.738	8:30-10:30 Membership Information Meeting Grand BR
WEDNESDAY Jan. 26	4:30-6 SRRT/JMRT Child Care for Chicago Conf. Comm. R.777	8 - 12 Intellectual Freedom Committee Plr B
	" " Sex Related Media TF Plr B	" " Publishing Board PDR 6
		" " Program Eval. & Support Comm. PDR 1
		2 - 4 ALA Council 2 Grand BR
		4:30-6 Lib.Serv. to Labor Gps. Joint Comm. R.731
		8:30-10 President's Program Grand BR
		8 - 9:30 Planning Committee PDR 7
THURSDAY Jan. 27	8-9:30 Media Centers-Free Schools PDR 11	8 - 12 Intellectual freedom Committee Plr A
	10-12 Mobilizing Community Prog. Res'ces-Interp.Underst'dg. TF PDR 11	" " Program Eval. & Support Comm. PDR 1
	2-4 Gay Liberation TF 2 PDR 14	10-4 Executive Board Crystal R.
	" " Cl'hs for Ref.& Acquis. Inf. on Minorities TF R.752	10-4 Legislation Committee PDR 9
	4:30-6 Affiliate Group Liaison Mtg. Plr A	2-6 Accreditation Committee Hearings Monroe R.
	8:30-10 Action Council (Membsp Mtg?) PDR 14	
FRIDAY Jan. 28	8-9:30 Minority Recruitment TF 2 PDR 14	8-9:30 Program Eval. & Support Comm. PDR 1
	2-4 SRRT Clearinghouse (& Action Council?) PDR 7	10-1 ALA Council 3 Grand BR
		2-4 Executive Board Crystal R.
		4:30-6 Chicago Conf. Program Committee PDR 14

To Enlighten the Uninitiated - ABBREVIATIONS USED ABOVE:

TF Task Force PDR Private Dining Room Plr Parlor R. Room  
LS Library School Mtg Meeting BR Ballroom

**YOU'RE RIGHT, WE GOOFED - -  
on the November Issue!**

In the interests of cutting costs, and holding our support of the U.S. Postal Service to the minimum, Clearinghouse took out a bulk rate mailing permit. The last issue. (No. 16, marked November) was the first one mailed thus. The results were disastrous! Delivery took from 1 to 3 weeks, or more, the days lengthening, apparently, as the mail traveled east (perhaps hung up at each transfer point). Then, to hold down printing cost, we tried a new method, (typing directly on the masters, instead of having negatives made for the offset process). Too late, we discovered some printed copies were hardly readable. Just to be able to control the problems in the future, we'd like to hear from you if your copy was unreadable, and to know, for various locations, when copies were received.

The worst of the delay was the absurdity it created in the ballot on changes in SRRT's basic organizational document. The ballot must have been received by some 2/3 of the SRRT membership *after* the Dec. 7 deadline it specified for return in time for counting! But, have no fear! All is not lost! Before you could say -- Antidiseestablishmentarianism, Action Council to the rescue! AC mailed a 2nd ballot to all SRRT members, 1st class, of course, with a Jan. 7th deadline, on which we have ↓

**RESULTS OF THE MAIL BALLOT**

**On Changes, Additions, Deletions to the SRRT  
"Organization and Action"**

The ballots returned to me as of Jan. 7, 1972 (131 of 1200 SRRT members) were as follows:

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
1.) 5.a.	<u>126</u>	<u>3</u>
2.) 3.	<u>123</u>	<u>7</u>
3.) 4.a.4.	<u>126</u>	<u>4</u>

The O & A are thus changed accordingly. A note concerning the counting of the ballots: In order to insure that everyone who sent me a ballot (whether from the Newsletter [yellow] or the supplemental mailing [white]) had their vote counted, I have included in the above results every ballot returned to me [whether yellow or white] *except* in cases where there was an immediately obvious duplication (i.e.: if I had in hand a yellow and white ballot from the same name, address and zip code).

*Dick Akroyd*  
Action Council Recording Secy..

**THIS IS WHAT WE VOTED -- LEST WE FORGET --**

- 1) 5.a. Personal members can act as individuals at the annual and Midwinter meetings of the Round Table which shall take place at the annual and Midwinter meetings of ALA.
- 2) 3. Membership will consist of personal members and of affiliate members who will be free to act using SRRT. In addition, organizational 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.
- 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 March 1.

**NO POLITICIANS WANTED**

Only Hard-Working Organizers Need Apply

The Secretary Announces:-

**SRRT ANNUAL ELECTIONS**

Once again it is time to *Volunteer* for election to Action Council or Clearinghouse. As abefore, we will be electing 5 new Action Council members, and 3 new Clearinghouse members, to take office at the Chicago Annual Conference in June, 1972. Those elected will serve for two years.

As you know, any ALA/SRRT member can run for a position on Action Council or Clearinghouse by simply *Volunteering* to do so. Hopefully you have already made up your minds to do just that. After that the procedure is quite simple:

Your name, your Committee preference (AC or CH), a statement of your concerns about policy and/or action concerning the social responsibility of librarians, and a short biographical (where you work is usually sufficient) should be submitted to me by March 1. It would also be helpful if you would include your preferred mailing address.

I will then collate this information and send it out with a ballot to the entire SRRT membership. Voting will be on the basis of the statements only. The deadline date for returning the ballot will be clearly marked on it. Results of the election will be sent individually to each candidate. They will also be reported in the pre-Chicago Conference Newsletter. A full report of the election will also be given at the SRRT Business Meeting in Chicago.

Remember: Name, Address, Committee Choice, Statement and Short Biographical Note. Send them to me (Dick Akroyd, Special Collections Dept., Wilbur Cross Library, Univ. of Conn., Storrs, Conn. 06268) by March 1.

DICK AKROYD  
AC/Recording Secretary



"All power to the board of directors!"

# AN ATTEMPT TO UNITE THE PROFESSIONS AND SOLVE OUR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

Were you curious as to the content of the resolution by Staughton Lynd, endorsed by Action Council Nov. 7th, at its Washington, D.C. meeting? The resolution, presented by the Radical Historians' Caucus to the American Historical Association meeting the last week in December, is excerpted below:

### On sharing the Burden of Joblessness:-

Whereas, An adequate long-range solution to the job crisis in the profession involves society's allocation of resources to higher education, the need for trade unions of college teachers, and other elements not encompassed by this resolution, But whereas, nevertheless, In a time when jobs are scarce, any group of workers should attempt to share what work there is as equally as possible,

AND WHEREAS, This situation could be alleviated, if members of the profession teaching full-time and making more than an adequate income\* gave up a part of their work and income, and if other members of the profession without any work at all were given part-time jobs at a full-time rate of pay (e.g., 1/3 of a full-time salary for 1/3 of a full-time load), thus making jobs available to qualified professionals with childcare responsibilities and to those who wish to combine part-time teaching with part-time practical activity in politics, art, etc.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the profession here assembled believe that university departments should seriously consider a policy of spreading available work equally among qualified members of the profession by paying part-time teaching at the same rate as full-time teaching and by making part-time work available.

\* The annual cost of a "higher budget" for a 4-person family in Spring, 1970 was \$15,511 (U.S. Dept. of Labor News, April 1, 1970).

### Is This an Intelligent Approach to the Job Shortage?

Reporting SRRT action, Jackie Eubanks, AC Coordinator, wrote to Jim O'Brien, of the Radical Historians' Caucus, on Nov. 15th:

At our meeting (on Nov. 7), we considered the resolution offered in your last newsletter by Staughton Lynd. We an Action Council:

- 1) Endorse the resolution to the professional historian's association if you want to use it; however, we have reservations about the resources, meager as they are, being shared instead of demanding more resources.
- 2) Are taking steps to prepare a similar statement relating to the conditions of library workers like ourselves for submission to ALA membership at our annual meeting in June, 1972. We thank you for the impetus this resolution has offered our group to deal directly with the real economic conditions of library workers.

The Radical Historians Caucus itself is not in total agreement with the direction of the resolution, as is made clear in an article in its Newsletter, Dec. 1971 (the same issue that carries AC's letter of endorsement). Thomas A. Krueger, of the University of Illinois History Dept., writes:

The...resolution...fails to relate the present crisis in the academic job market to the misallocations of resources inherent in a capitalist economy... Lynd asks a small segment of the nation's upper-middle class to solve its economic problems through work-sharing, the same solution to the problem of unemployment imposed on American workers by industrialists during the Great Depression. In both cases, the proponents of work-sharing fail to explain why those who are victimized by the system should be made to bear the burden of its failures when they have no control over it and are not responsible for its malfunction.

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Jessica, Everywoman/LNS

A few weeks ago, Shirley Olofson died in a car crash. Her accomplishments in Kentucky, at ALA with ACONDA, JMRT, and other sundry committees will be detailed elsewhere. All her activities were notable for her drive, insight and humor.

Shirley cared about us. She listened. She believed deeply in human rights and acted to assure them both within and without ALA. She was socially responsible without being shrill.

She was concerned about ALA, about the profession, about the problems of Kentucky and, indeed, about the world, and yet she kept her sense of humor. She could laugh at herself, at ALA and the world. Her schemes for the enlivenment of the profession will be remembered by some of us even longer than her very real accomplishments as a superb librarian.

-- Joe Lindenfeld.



## HOW BIG? Soooo Big! Membership in 1971:

### Report from AC Coordinator.

In 1970 the first official ALA-SRRT enrolled about 1050 "charter" members. In 1971, we added nearly 500 new ALA members, but 382 dropped out who were "charter" members. Why? Where did they go? Should we follow?

In July, Action Council sent a "We miss you" letter to those who dropped out, saying in part "SRRT is concerned about membership. Possibly the most political act possible for an individual in ALA is choosing to join or not to join all of it or a part of it. We on Action Council are concerned about your choice and what determined it -- because that determines the SRRT community." This was followed by a short questionnaire form of possible reasons for leaving SRRT, including the opportunity to donate \$2.00 to continue to receive the newsletter to Midwinter '72, and to add comments and concerns.

What were the results? 89 out of 382, or 23% returned the questionnaire; this was a sizeable return from people who had dropped out. SRRT received \$106.00 in donations as a result of this mailing (which cost \$30.56), and 49 people asked to keep in touch via the newsletter. In general, money was the factor most commonly mentioned; high dues of ALA were noted in most returns. Below is a table of the responses in terms of membership in ALA and SRRT.

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| 1. DROPPED SRRT, NOT ALA                           | 20 |
| † 8 - No money                                     |    |
| § 6 - SRRT has gone too far                        |    |
| † 5 - SRRT has not gone far enough                 |    |
| * 1 - No time; personal commitments heavy          |    |
| 2. DROPPED BOTH ALA AND SRRT                       | 29 |
| † 19 - Donation enclosed                           |    |
| § 2 - No donation; anti-SRRT                       |    |
| † 5 - No donation; money tight                     |    |
| * 1 - No donation; no time                         |    |
| † 2 - Out of librarians' community of interest now |    |
| 3. MEMBERSHIP QUESTION NOT ANSWERED                | 31 |
| † 18 - Donation enclosed                           |    |
| * 8 - Computer error at ALA; will rejoin           |    |
| * 1 - ALA life member; friendly personal note      |    |
| 4 - Returned from P.O.; Undeliverable address      |    |
| 4. * Reinstated ALA and SRRT                       | 9  |

The symbols next to the tabulation of returns indicate the interpretation of the results, the direction of the move out of SRRT:

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|------------------------|----|
| † ... MOVE OUT OF ALA  | 57 |
| * ... BE BOLDER IN ALA | 11 |
| § ... PULL BACK IN ALA | 8  |

Typical of the comments leading to these interpretations are the following taken from the returns.

MOVE OUT OF ALA: "I did discontinue my ALA membership after my one year at the student rate. What is the procedure for joining SRRT alone?" -- "I dropped both ALA and SRRT because of a tight budget... an enclosing a check for \$10.00." -- "Some people here who don't belong to ALA want to join SRRT. Can they?"

BE BOLDER IN ALA: "Need a fomenter for Midwest Conf. Try me!" -- "We definitely do NOT want SRRT out of ALA. Its ferment is vital and we feel if it breaks away ALA will suffer a loss of vital ideas and SRRT will suffer from a terminal attack of navel watching."

PULL BACK IN ALA: "I was disgusted by the communication I received about homosexuality. Stick to librarian-ship." -- "SRRT has gone too far! That is, too militantly activist. I am an 'unreconstructed liberal' ... I am for reorganization of ALA into a more responsive structure." -- "Heartily disagree with stand on Angela Davis."

What does this mean for the SRRT community? If we are to follow the direction of the majority who replied, it means we must be bolder. Perhaps we should consider leaving ALA; (our newsletter is mailed to nearly 1500; our affiliates include 500 people, most of whom are non-ALAs) after all, of the dues we all pay, only \$5.00 goes for SRRT activity, and the rest, \$25.00 on up, may be going for anti-SRRT activity, since it is outside our control, in Council. If we are to follow the minority who replied, who may reflect a majority opinion of ALA non-SRRTers, we should try to reach out to them in ALA. It seems that these are the two alternatives: in or out. Following this consideration then, if the Council election in ALA does not result in a majority elected that SRRT can endorse in coalition and can live with (that means winning 76 seats!), we should leave ALA and join our SRRT community! If the election does result in a SRRT supported majority, we should advocate immediately lowering dues in ALA, and welcome the community back! Run for Council -- and let's discuss this at membership in June!

J.E.

WHAT  
NOW,  
PEOPLE?



### PEOPLE TO PEOPLE: A SRRTer's service role!

Noted in Nov. '71 Monthly Review:

A correspondent in South India writes to tell us about a large study group ("more than 100 members including doctors, engineers, lawyers, teachers, and students") that meet regularly to discuss questions of Indian and international concern. "Our chief handicap," he says, "is lack of reading material for our library. Our meager funds, depleted by the devaluation of the rupee, have made it practically impossible for us to buy magazines and books. We shall therefore be highly grateful to you if you could kindly request your readers to send us their used magazines and books -- even paperbacks would serve our purpose." The address is C.S. Pillai, Sec'y., Kulasekharapuram, Mysiadu P.O., South India.

You can send at least one book from your own collection for direct service!

BRIEF NOTES OF SRRT AFFILIATES' ACTIVITIES

Bay Area (Calif.) SRRT has new officers: Joyce Crooks, Pres.; Sue Critchfield, Secy. At the request of SRRT, a group of students and faculty members met with the Dean of the UC School of Librarianship to discuss admission policies, with special regard to members of minority groups. Further meetings and reports are planned.

The Conference of Concerned Law Librarians, SRRT-affiliated, has been active in the American Association of Law Libraries, particularly on questions of minorities, prisoners' rights, women's rights, and peace. It operates on a national basis, meetings to be held annually in conjunction with the AALL convention. George Grossman, University of Utah Law Library, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112, was recently reelected Chairman, with Iris Wildman, Chairwoman-Elect, to take office in 1972.

Missouri Library Association-SRRT appears to be very active. The TF on Obscenity and Pornography is deeply concerned about restriction of the adult's right to read, acquire, or view materials, as evidenced in the closing of adult book stores, ordinances against "Hair" and "Jesus Christ Superstar", etc., in the state. A handbook is to be compiled, giving information about the issues involved, studies done on obscenity and pornography, procedures to follow when restrictions are threatened, etc. The TF on the 1972 elections plans dissemination to college, school and public libraries of information that libraries would not find in other publications, such as voter registration of 18 year-olds, how to serve the local voter, and information on issues and candidates.

Mountain Plains LA JMRT, also a SRRT affiliate, is trying to unite all forward-thinking librarians in the area for more effective library services, considering that, in such a sparsely-populated area, the luxury of both JMRT and SRRT cannot be justified. Recently elected to office were: Chairman, Carol White, University of Wyoming Library, Vice-chairman, Donna Jones, Colby Community College Library, Colby, Kansas, and Secy.-Treasurer, Ann Tomas, Jefferson County Public Library, Golden, Colo.

Rob Gutzke would like to hear from any contact persons of Affiliate Groups, with whom he has not been in touch. His job is feeding news from the Affiliates into the newsletters; sometimes, as the contact person changes, the new representative is not informed of the need to forward minutes and other news to Rob. Write him at Olin Hall, 4550 Scott Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63110. Rob has recently been trying to stimulate activity in states that have no SRRT Affiliates. Anyone interested in reporting activities in these states, of interest to SRRT members, might let him know this. He notes that the following states lack SRRT reporters:

Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO? SRRT TREASURER'S REPORT

Interim Finance Report 6/1/71 to 10/31/71 (as given to Action Council, Nov. 6, 1971)

<u>Income</u>		
Special Contributions - "We Miss You" Mailing		\$106.00
Plus Cash Balance as of June 1, 1971		<u>6,510.04</u>
	*Estimate of Current Balance	<u>\$6,616.04</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
**Conference Expense (Dallas)		\$309.85
Mailings		174.34
Newsletter		654.00
Stationery		110.00
Task Force on Migrants		8.47
Task Force on Women		7.23
Task Force on Minorities		67.00
Task Force on UPS Microfilm Indexing		115.56
***Task Force on Gay Liberation		621.48
	Total Expenses	<u>2,067.93</u>
	Estimate of Cash Balance Oct. 31, '71	<u>4,548.11</u>
		\$6,616.04



NOTES

- \* We have yet to receive a current report of dues, sales, and other earnings from Chicago.
- \*\* Included in this amount is \$33 which was paid out twice, to D. Akeroyd once, and by ALA a second time.
- \*\*\* In light of the size of this expenditure, future authorizations for any Task Force should have clear time and amount limitations.

Jim Wright, Treasurer.

## RECENT NEWS FROM THE TASK FORCES

Members of the SRRT TF on Government Publications are circulating petitions to establish a Government Documents Round Table (See Page 9). They need 100 signatures of personal ALA members by Midwinter. The petitions will be presented to the Committee on Organization and hopefully the petition will be voted upon at the June conference. Discussion on the proposed Round Table will take place at the TF meeting at Midwinter, Tuesday, Jan 25, 2-4 p.m., as well as at the meeting of the ALA Committee on Public Documents, Wednesday, Jan. 26, 4:30-6 p.m.

TF on Alternatives in Print is in production on Edition Two, with volunteers representing several states and Switzerland. The European member is sending items published by movement groups there, so AIP 2 will be international and multilingual in scope. It will appear early in 1972 from, again, the Ohio State University Libraries Publications Committee. Anyone still wishing to contribute can contact Nimi Penchansky, 67-35 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, N.Y., 11367.

Philadelphia SRRT, a while back, had a regular spot in the schedule for members to bring to the attention of others, items they'd come across that were particularly worthy of notice by other socially responsible librarians. We herewith present a few of the same:

### MEDIA NOT TO MISS

According to Rob Gutzke, a new quarterly giving current annotated listings of the newest writings by and about Black people was to begin publication in '71. Titled Black Books Bulletin, it was listed at \$2.00, and intended to include critical reviews, commentaries, and news from the Black publishing houses. Address is given as 7848-50 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago 60619.

We hope that anyone who has not yet seen "A GAY BIBLIOGRAPHY", prepared by the Task Force on Gay Liberation, and revised June 1971, will request it from Barbara Gittings, P.O. Box 2382, Philadelphia, PA. 19103. A single sheet, printed both sides, it is an attractive and up-to-date listing of books, pamphlets, periodicals, and articles "intended to draw attention to some worthwhile materials that have received little publicity, as well as to emphasize items that tend to move away from standard negative views about homosexuality".

TF on East Coast Conspiracy Documentation is still looking for volunteers to cover Boston area newspapers. Members of the group forward articles from designated newspapers to provide information on press coverage of the Berrigan trial and other 'conspiracy' cases. Contact Betsy-Carol Sellen at Brooklyn College if interested.

TF on Media Centers in Free Schools has about 30 members, now visiting free schools in their areas and exploring the kinds of cooperation and reinforcement which might be offered by established libraries. A possible project is a directory of free school facilities. Ray Barber, Coordinator, is now at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla. 32306 (Room 404, College of Education).

Clearinghouse for Reference and Acquisition Information on Minorities TF (they want all of that in their name!) is going full steam with Core Committees working to survey reviewing media, bibliographies, indexes, special collections, etc., which identify materials on minority groups. Already active are Committees on Asian American, Black American, Haitian, and Puerto Rican materials, and groups on the American Indian, Chicanos, and other minorities (Jewish, Appalachian, women) are organizing or being discussed. Volunteers and information welcome by all. The August SRRT Newsletter carried the TF's list of minority publishers. Anyone with additions to the list is asked to contact the TF Coordinator, Joan Neumann, History Div., Brooklyn Public Library, Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11238.

NOTE: One of the recommendations made to Clearinghouse at the AC meeting in November was to include single pages from each Task Force in the Newsletter, as a substitute for separate TF newsletters. The petition of the TF on Government Publications, page 9, is a first such effort. TF's are urged to prepare pages of news, or other information they would like to circulate to the membership, and get them to the editor of each issue, well before the deadline. We ask that material be typed, in final form, just as it is to appear in the Newsletter, and that each TF hold its material for any particular issue to one page (one side). As an alternative, we could accept single sheets printed both sides, if they are forwarded in offset finished form, ready for insertion in the Newsletter (2,000 copies). Editors will reserve the right to select from the material received those of first priority, if too many are received for one issue.

Editor of the next Newsletter (Post-Midwinter, deadline February 10) is Judy Mowery, University of Akron Library, Akron, Ohio 44304. This issue will give particular attention to news of the Task Forces. The following issue will be edited by Rob Gutzke, Olin Hall, 4550 Scott Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63110 (deadline tentatively March 31).



### THE LATEST on "FAIR PLAY" in the LIBRARY WORLD

For the many SRRT-ers concerned about the firing of black employees at the Library of Congress, there is little news from ALA. Black Congressman Walter Fauntroy tried to appear before the ALA Legislation Committee, meeting in Washington November 21-23, to gain support for his bill to achieve more equitable treatment for black employees at LC, but was unable to get through to the Committee. Whatever the explanation (the Committee appears to hold hotel personnel responsible), the incident can only damage whatever goodwill the American Library Association may have previously called forth in Washington.

The Fact Finding Team of the ALA Staff Committee on Mediation, Arbitration and Inquiry (MAI) has also met in D.C. and heard a lot of testimony, and is due to meet again the first week in January to hear more. More interesting to those going to Midwinter is the information

that Joslyn Williams, black attorney at LC, is expecting to appear before the Legislation Committee in Chicago, to discuss the bill of Congressman Fauntroy.

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While there is no change in the action taken by the ALA Executive Board on October 28th, declaring the case of CHOICE editor, Peter Dairon, closed, the scuttle-butt flying the library circuit these days is that there may be some new developments by Midwinter. Perhaps Action Council's recommendation to ALA Council to instruct the Executive Board to reopen the case has taken effect?

One aspect of the case in dollar figures is highlighted in a letter of AC Coordinator to David Clift, printed below:

November 22, 1971

Dear David Clift:

At the Action Council meeting November 6, the case of ALA vs. Peter Dairon was discussed. The Action Council has certain questions arising from its discussion which we expect you, as accountable officer, can answer for us and for membership.

We need to know:

- 1) how much, in dollar figures, of ALA staff time, travel expenses, and legal expenses have been committed in the process of the firing of Peter Dairon, and
- 2) how much, in dollar figures, of ALA staff time, travel expenses, and legal expenses have been committed to the administration of CHOICE since the firing of Peter Dairon.

We expect the answers to these two questions to be made available to Council at Midwinter meeting, or in the January issue of American Libraries.

We understand the difficulty of making estimates on the figure of staff time, and anticipate that the figures will be able to be fully explained.

Sincerely,

JACKIE EUBANKS

AND -- HAVE YOU SEEN (CRL News Jan. '72, p. 18)  
the full-page, 2-column list of names of  
ACRL MEMBERS WHO JOIN  
E.J. JOSEY IN PROTESTING THE  
DISMISSAL OF MR. PETER DOIRON ? ???

MORE MEDIA NOT TO MISS --

The following, by Pat Rocca, in the NJ Librarians for Social Responsibilities Newsletter, Dec. '71, warrants attention:

The Storefront; a community of children on 129th Street and Madison Avenue, by Ned O'Gorman. Harper, 1970. 91 p. \$1.25.

If I had read the LJ review of The Storefront I never would have picked up this book. But luckily I have a friend who is a teacher who loves children and she recommended that I read it.... It is essential reading for anyone interested in library outreach.... O'Gorman traces the history and success of the Addie Mae Collins Library and Storefront School which he established five years ago in Harlem. The book is filled with anecdotes and descriptions of the "city of the dispossessed" and there is hefty criticism of the Headstart program. But what impressed me most was O'Gorman's earnest belief "in the people, in their right to life and to all-that life means: food, education, happiness, freedom, peace". The small storefront was stocked with books (everything from Plato to Mary Poppins), magazines, animals, toys and music. Gradually the people came. The very real problems O'Gorman faced as a white man in Harlem are not ignored. He spent a long time being broken in to the city -- but after five years he and his library were a part of the scene.

Also noted in the NJ ... Newsletter, Dec '71:  
1971 Homosexual National Classified Directory,  
Tangent Group, 3473 1/2 Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood,  
Ca. 90068. A small pamphlet listing such things as  
movie houses, ad agencies, baths, bars, magazines,  
legal aid, bookstores, that cater to homosexuals.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

The GI coffeehouse known as The Covered Wagon, in Idaho, burned down recently, and asks for help in the form of books and funds from anyone who can spare either. Address P.O. Box 729, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647.

The TF on Service to Prisons, of Philadelphia SRRT, is publicizing Horizon, a publication of the inmates of Philadelphia's Holmesburg Prison, now available for sale to the public. An "in-house" publication up until October, it will now be available for purchase by outsiders. Filled with essays, announcements, stories, poetry, and artwork, its inch-thick mimeographed format is a good value for the 50¢ selling price. Plans to sell on a subscription basis, in a new offset format, are being considered if the demand warrants. Viewers of the 2 art exhibits of work by inmates of the Holmesburg Prison, sponsored by the Phila. TF, know the fine quality of their art work. Orders, prepaid, may be sent to Mrs. Catherine M. Strand, Na-Cat Production Co., Inc., 3740 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19140.



VOICES FROM OUT THERE: --

12/8/71

Letter to the Editor --

Liz Futas wrote two editorial letters published in the Nov. 1971 Newsletter, that I hope will be carefully reviewed and seriously considered. I can wholeheartedly support her stand on an active Action Council. I don't much like having only six or less of us making such important decisions for the entire membership. We need the benefit of more minds and various perspectives.

Only with ten active Action Councillors, who are conscious of and responsive to the needs of membership, will you be well represented. I urge the membership to make their views known to Action Council. I also support Liz when she calls for more leadership from the ranks and a real election for both Action Council and Clearinghouse. Let's make this important commitment to ourselves.

Liz calls for an amendment to allow Clearinghouse an Action Council vote. She says Clearinghouse needs a stronger voice in policy-making decisions. I have to disagree. Clearinghouse only has to take the initiative. It seems Clearinghouse has been reluctant to assert itself in the past. Hopefully that is behind us. Miriam Crawford was at the Action Council meeting in D.C. and spoke forcefully her ideas. She had that right and I'm glad she exercised it, and trust she'll continue to do so.

I don't feel she could have done more if she had a vote. However, by seeking out the news SRRT members should know and by use of editorials and letters in the Newsletter - Clearinghouse can have a tremendous voice in policy-making. It definitely takes strong Clearinghouse members to do this. This year we have strong members on Clearinghouse. I commend them. Right on.

Peace and love,

Tyron D. Emerick  
Action Council

12/13/71

Miriam:

I am glad to see that mailing has been switched. Unfortunately, I question how much good it's doing. 1) I received the November issue on the 11th of December (thus being too late to vote on the SRRT changes, which I am going to write Dick and explain). 2) This was only the second time I have received a copy, at all. I know some may have been lost in the mail, but... 3) This has caused some problems, viz., a) I had renewed my ALA membership, which I was dubious of, and then found out that I could have denied them the money, b) I received the FTRF material on, and sent a check on November 18, not realizing I could earmark the money for the Merritt Fund, c) I am unable to exercise my franchise since I got the bloody ballot too bloody late!

If things move as fast in the SRRT's as I think they do, what I see ain't what I'm getting. I realize the problems in putting the newsletter (or whatever it is) out to begin with, coupled with mailing delays at Salt Lake City and in the U.S. Postal Rip-off, can give everyone headaches. But, I'm not everyone, I'm me, and this delay has cost me coin, lost me a chance to signify my disgust with ALA, lost me a chance to follow my principles with FTRF, and a chance to vote. Add 'em up and that's one hell of a lot to lose for one person over non-receipt of 22 pages of print. I hope to hell this improves in the future, because if you can't get the information to the people that need it when it is needed, what good are you? In the same vein (jugalary there can be no meaningful participation without information. \* Well, yes there can be, but most of us would like to know what we're getting into, rather than jump in cold. As for participation at a physical location, you can't if you don't know where it's to be held or at what time or what the problem is in the first place.

Other than that, you're all doing fine  
for mental anarchy,  
Jim Tilton.

\* We thought this phrase appropriate enough to request Jim's permission to use it as the masthead quote on this issue.

Your editor, as Clearinghouse Secretary, replied promptly to the above letter, with approximately the same apology that appears on Page 2.

INTERESTED in Academic Library SERVICE?

Proposed: A Task Force for

American College and Research Libraries SERVICE

Purpose: A comparative investigation of size and the racial composition of the population we serve and the size and racial composition of the young people we could be serving if they were not imprisoned, with the goal of outlining program for ALA membership endorsement on Open Admissions.

Know anyone who might be interested in this TF?

-- Jackie Eubanks

Radical Historians' Resolution (contd. from p. 3)

The sacrifice Lynd calls for would be noble if carried out. But the stress on sacrifice distracts attention from the long-term problem of humane manpower use in the American economy. A radical organization ought to analyze the problem and suggest solutions to it. It also ought to analyze the place of its own profession within the total system....

Since AC voted to prepare a resolution on the same subject for submission to the ALA conference in June, readers may want to give thought to the questions posed above.

"The dirtiest book in all the world is an expurgated book." -- Walt Whitman  
(Thanks to Antiquarian Bookman, May 17, 1971, for reminding us.)



### Petition for the Establishment of a Division or Round Table

The purpose of this petition is to request the establishment of a Government Documents Round Table.

in the American Library Association.

According to the Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1A, 100 signatures are required for the establishment of a round table.  
(number)

All signatures must be those of personal members of ALA.

The statement of function and responsibility of the unit proposed is: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) To provide a forum for the discussion of problems, concerns, and exchange of ideas of librarians working with government documents.
- 2) To provide a force for initiating and supporting programs to increase the availability, use and bibliographic control of documents.
- 3) To contribute to the extension and improvement of education and training of documents librarians.

I favor this petition to establish a Government Documents Round Table,

in the American Library Association.

[Please write legibly]

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Library \_\_\_\_\_

**These petitions forms may be mechanically reproduced for use by members.**

The above petition is being circulated by the SRRT Task Force on Government Publications, which hopes to obtain the required 100 signatures to present to the Committee on Organization at ALA Midwinter conference, the week of January 23, 1971.

Forward signed petitions to: Bernadine E. Hoduski, 515 B N. Florence, Lee's Summit, Mo. 64063

## KNIGHTS OF THE ROUNDTABLE. UNITE!

### Danger Threatens!!

Item 1, From American Libraries, Dec '71, p. 1128:

“(The ALA Executive Board) received a report from ALA counsel with recommendations for action on the status of round tables. The report was forwarded to the Committee on Organization which is currently studying the problem of round table responsibilities for a possible report at Midwinter.”

(Problem? What problem? Read on...)

Item 2, From letter, Oct. 25, 1971, William D. North, ALA

counsel, to David H. Clift, ALA Executive Director:

“You have requested me to analyze and evaluate the status of ALA Roundtables and the legal implications of their status... The roundtable...is, in our opinion, an inherently dangerous organizational concept...”

Item 3, dated Dec. 17, 1971:

To: Chairmen of ALA Round Tables

From: Coordinator, ALA- SRRT Action Council

You may have noticed in the report (American Libraries Dec. 71, p.1128) on the Executive Board meeting that

ALA staff had legal counsel prepare a document on the status of round tables in the ALA.

Enclosed is a copy of that document, which Executive Board has referred to the Committee on Organization. Please see page 4 of the document... Would you believe that you belong to an inherently dangerous group?

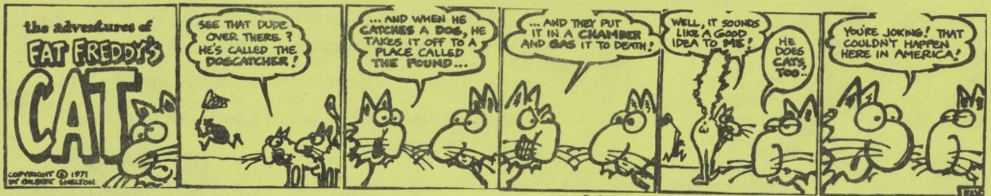
SRRT is arranging for a counter legal opinion on the subject before Midwinter. See you then!

Jackie Eubanks.

Also pertinent is the report in the same issue of AL on the joint meeting of the ALA Publishing Board and Editorial Committee on Oct. 24th, which included a proposal for bringing all division and round table editorial and publishing committees into a subcommittee status.

(AL Dec '71, p.1129)

SRRT will have copies of the report prepared by ALA counsel at Midwinter. As Jackie says, see you then!



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