

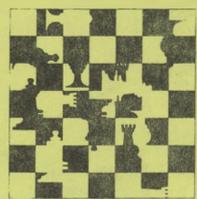
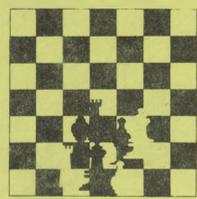
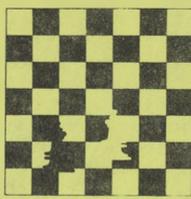
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We will be electing six new members of Action Council and five for Clearinghouse to take office at the Las Vegas Conference. Our procedures depend on VOLUNTEERS. The AC positions include five two year terms and one term of one year (completing the second year of a position vacated by resignation). In CH there are three two-year terms and two one-year terms (again, due to resignation). This illustrates the need for volunteers who are reasonably sure that they are really committed to serving out the full term, with its attendant responsibilities, to which they might be elected. Due to bylaws requirements, two each of the AC and CH positions are open to women only because both CH and AC

must be made up of half men and half women. And, four of the AC and three of the CH positions are open to men only. The procedure to volunteer is as follows: Write a statement about your concerns, noting which committee you wish to serve on, giving a short biography of yourself, and mail all three things to the Recording Secretary of AC, Helen Wheeler, 7940 Jefferson Highway #215, Baton Rouge, LA. 70809, by May 1, 1973. The statements will be collated and mailed along with a ballot to the entire SRRT membership by May 7, 1973. Voting will be on the basis of the statements only. Results will be sent individually to all candidates, and will be announced at the first AC meeting in Las Vegas.

effective organization, for we are doing things that can't be done anywhere else at this time. Even the establishment knows that to be true.

There are up to six positions to be filled on AC and five for CH. Obviously, new membership will dominate the leadership of SRRT in the years ahead. Now is the time for those who believe in SRRT to make the necessary sacrifices and to volunteer. Directions for volunteering appeared in the last newsletter and appear again in this one in the editors column. Volunteer your services today, but only if you are willing to work hard at a very important task. Don't let yourself and others down. Be socially responsible.

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AC COORDINATOR SAYS:

It's that time of year again. Election time! This is becoming one of the most difficult of times for SRRT leadership. Many members don't seem to realize the work that has to be done by Action Council and Clearinghouse in order for our organization to accomplish its purpose. Whether some members like it or not, fruitful action of any magnitude or permanence requires some organization. Something has to hold us together, to give Task Forces a home, provide funds, champion non-establishment causes, and provide communication among us. All this takes work, work done by Action Council and Clearinghouse. As long as I've been a member of SRRT, there have been plenty of complainers. Those who say that SRRT should be doing this but not that. They say, "What good is SPRT anymore?" However, when we ask members to volunteer for either AC or CH, few are the number who step forward. Not even the complainers seem willing to expend the effort to try to rectify their complaints through a position of leadership. Some of those who do volunteer and are elected turn out to be non-workers. This means that important work is either not done or done poorly. I realize that some in the membership think only of AC as a policy-making body, and overlook its function as a working council of members assigned to specific tasks, such as affiliate or task force liaison, treasurer, program and membership, just to name a few. Admittedly, I didn't know what I was getting into when I volunteered. I'm just completing two of the busiest years of my life. SRRT office consumed more time than all the other dozen or so responsibilities I've had in ten years of professional activity combined. We need volunteers who are socially responsible enough to take on these leadership positions and put in the hard work needed to make SRRT an

editorial

For those of you who actually start reading columns labeled editorial, this probably doesn't concern you. You are probably the kind who have volunteered in the past or who do not need an extra push to come out and do the right thing. This is for those of you who haven't as yet served on Action Council or Clearinghouse and have inclinations in those directions. I urge you now to send your name, statement of purpose and biography to me, or more correctly to Helen Wheeler, Secretary of Action Council, before the day is out. It seems to me that I've written these words before, maybe a hundred times, and, to tell you the God's Honest Truth, I'm getting mighty tired of doing it. I would just say to myself, "forget the whole thing," if I didn't care so much about what happens to SRRT after I leave it. (just Clearinghouse, mind you, and that is due to a forced retirement because of the bylaws). I'd like to look back on the last two years with pleasure, but I can't. The work has been rewarding, but not what I'd call a pleasure. It's hard, day to day grinding kind of work, not something you can do one or two weeks a year when the business and annual meetings come along. I say this not to scare off anyone who is interested, but to show those of you what the commitment requires. It seems as if many who run for these committees don't know what they are getting into. We have had four resignations this year, and I don't think that should ever happen again. I would rather have four people on CH (as is the case now) who really work than six who say they will work and then can't or won't come through. I consider it much crueler to resign in mid-stream than not to run at all. So please, when you write us that you'd like to take over and help, mean it.

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letters

From Gilbert McNamee comes a letter about our listing of SRRT members running for ALA Council this year. "I was shocked--nay, hurt--to find in the February, 1973 issue, a list of SRRT members who are candidates for ALA Council and not find my name on the list. I have been a member of ALA SRRT since the beginning, as I recall, or close to it. . . .The names of Richard Waters and Fichard Boss were also omitted. Could they, too, be SRRT members? . . .we find that both Binnie Tate and Schuyler Mott, whom you list have withdrawn their nominations and have been replaced by Brigitte Kenney and Avery Williams. Could the latter two be SRRT members? I might add, being "picky" and a little angry, that the names of Peter Doiron and Edward De Sciora are both misspelled on your list. . . .My only consolation if I'm not elected to Council will be that I can put some blame on the "literature." (McNamee's letter has been edited down for publication by a red in the face editor. We are truly sorry and will campaign for you here in New York to see that at least we can garner some of the votes we might have lost you.) EF

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From Barbara Conway comes a letter partly in praise of the last newsletter, but also to correct the fact that her name was also inadvertently left off the SRRT nominations for ALA Council. I add just for edification of the members that in addition to these corrections, they should please keep in mind that the proper way for us to vote is called bullet voting, and it means not voting necessarily for the number of candidates called for. Ask around for advise not only on who to vote for, but how.

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To all SRRT Members: At a Clear-in-house meeting with some Action Council members present, during Mid-winter, I threw out an idea that effectively split those present into two equal groups. After listening to the justifiable complaints of the CH and AC members present that the

large body of SRRT members are: a) hiding or ignoring their membership in SRRT; b) ignoring CH as an information disseminating body; c) working at a local level with no interest in coordinating with the national SRRT structure; d) not responding to the need for new people to take AC and CH positions; I suggested that perhaps it was time for SRRT to re-organize and redirect itself. . . . (there follows two pages of historical background for the following suggestions by the author) We would maintain a skeletal national structure for inter-group contact and the dubious benefits that we derive from ALA. The emphasis of SRRT would be on the local-state-regional levels. This would hopefully expand our present membership and give us the broad base of support that we need to be a powerful voice in ALA. The broad base would enable us to rally at times of national concern and then return to work at our various local level. As a personal response, I am going to try and spread the word and spend some time this coming year working with DCSRRT. I think we all should consider the above as a viable solution to our problems and weigh the benefits and deficits that would result. I look forward to hearing from members who wish to discuss this possibility. Jim Tilton 4906 Fran Place #202 Alexandria, VA 22132 (this letter was edited with permission of the author. EF)

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How nice it is for an editor of a SRRT newsletter to be praised for a job well done, instead of berated. Accolades have come in for Tom Phelps, editor of the last newsletter, and let me tell you, he really deserves them. Two hard, hard years of work and very little reward do not make one feel terrific. From one editor to another, thanks. EF

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The Bay Area SRRT begins a new program this year: ADOPT A LIBRARIAN. The Bay Area SRRT Peoples Librarian Committee has started a program to develop professional jobs for unemployed librarians funded by employed librarians. The money is being raised by asking working librarians to pledge up to \$20.00 per month in order to pay bare subsistence wages of \$250.00 per month for a 20 hour work week. Job assignments range from establishing a street library, to working in a university alternative media center, to doing research for other Bay Area SRRT committees and Task Forces, or to any other project agreeable to both the librarian and the committee. The committee is soliciting pledges in any amount from anyone interested in helping fellow librarians. This is a real opportunity to develop professional experience and provide some income in this period of tough job markets. It is also a nice way to ease the consciences of those of us lucky enough to be working. Send checks, pledges, and information requests to Bay Area SRRT, 600 Gravatt Drive, Berkeley, California 94705.

THE NEW BAY AREA SRPT COORDINATOR IS PAT MITCHELL, 600 GRAVATT DRIVE, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94705.

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Social Movements Collection, our SRRT group in this area, has published for our own use a directory of SRPT ALA membership, which it got out of the ALA Directory. This list, which is available to us free (by state, not the whole list, please) can be obtained from Lauren Stayton, Alderman Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901. Please ask only for the state in which you are interested. This affiliate has also volunteered to get a list out of ALA SRPT members by division and committee membership. It will be ready by the Las Vegas Meeting. We hope to have it ready for distribution then.

From the Minnesota SRRT comes this statement:
 In light of the recent article, "Antithesis in librarianship: social responsibilities vs. the Library Bill of Rights," written by David K. Berninghausen, and published in the November 15, 1972 issue of the Library Journal; the Minnesota Social Responsibilities Round Table of the Minnesota Library Association wishes to assert its disagreement with the content and intent of the article. The overwhelming number of articles of response by active librarians published in subsequent issues of the library press demonstrate the fallacies inherent in the article. As an organized group of socially responsible librarians, we have worked for social change, and through our actions we have realized the philosophy of the Library Bill of Rights. Therefore, we urge all librarians to actively make available all types of information to individuals and groups. This is our concept of Social Responsibility.

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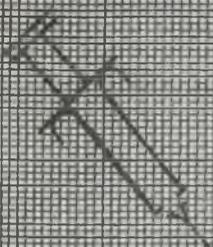
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As reported in the last newsletter, the trend with affiliates seems to be to become part of the state organization and to slowly, or in some cases not so slowly, infiltrate the state organization. Washington SRRT did it, and now Ohio SRRT has done the same. In addition to becoming part of the state library organization, they have restructured it so that it resembles the national SRRT form. Maybe AIA will begin to take our resolutions on their structure seriously this year?!

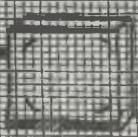
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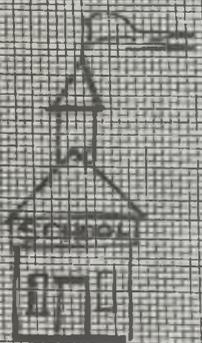
Drug Abuse, Addiction and Mental Health Task Force reports that its new coordinators are Anne Corbin, Pierce County Library, 2356 Avenue S, Tacoma, Washington 98402, and Susan Ellsworth, 2307 Metzert Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783. The task force is making available to SPFT members a reprint of an article which first appeared in Nation's Cities, January, 1973, concerning a drug abuse program in effect in the city of Long Beach, New York. In this program, the library cooperated and it might be a prototype for your area. If you want a reprint, send a number 10 stamped, self-addressed envelope to Sam Simon, Long Beach Public Library, 111 West Park Avenue, Long Beach, N.Y. 11561.

video-cable



By examining the Video/Cable Task Force's budget, which it has submitted, it appears that they are one to watch for at the coming Las Vegas meeting. They will report their actions in full in the preconference newsletter.

media free schools



The Task Force on Media Free Schools is in desperate need of a new coordinator. They have until the Las Vegas meeting to find one or they will then disband. Is there anyone out there who has committed themselves to Free School activities and would like to become a coordinator for this task force and keep it on the move?

women

UCSB Librarians' report issued: Numerous evidences of discrimination against women working in the University of California, Santa Barbara Library at librarian and library assistant levels are detailed in the report just received. Spearheaded by the Berkeley report and using it as a working model, each of the campuses is undertaking the job of analyzing the status of women in their respective libraries. Santa Barbara is the first to appear. The results parallel the Berkeley findings. For details, see the article by Anne Lipow, Library Systems Office, Berkeley, in Library Union Caucus Newsletter, vol. 1, nos. 4-5, Nov.-Dec., 1972.

Sex Discrimination at Purdue Library: According to a report not yet officially released, sex discrimination at the Purdue University Libraries exists on all levels above the rank of instructor.

The Task Force on the Status of Women in the Profession is very interested in collecting and publishing data describing discrimination in all libraries. If you want to share your information, be it an informal survey or a formal written report, please contact the coordinator, Michelle Rudy, 403 Waldron, West Lafayette, In. 47907.

Women's Preconference: Preconference planning committee has drawn up a proposed agenda for the 1974 preconference on the Woman Librarian: Her Job Situation, to be held before the New York Annual ALA Meeting. It will be a two day preconference and consist of workshops, panels and group discussions on the library profession, its image as women's work and problems faced by women librarians concerning race, age, parenthood, and the library school tracking problem. Input is needed now, so please contact either: Betty-Carol Sellen, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11210, or Kathy Weibel, Chicago Public Library, 115 South Pulaski Rd., Chicago, Illinois 60624.



ups indexing

The index to the forty-one reels of Bell & Howell/Underground Press Syndicate Underground Press Microfilm collection is scheduled for completion by Midwinter 1974. Final editing has begun. The Alternative Press Center will produce and distribute the index, and those of us who have been working on this project for the last two years are going to celebrate its completion with wild abandon at the 1974 Midwinter meeting. If you would like to get in on the fun, there is still time. Participation in this project at this date means almost instant reward since, come hell or high water, the index will be completed within the year. We need additional indexers--first come, first assigned--join us. Send your name to Joan K. Marshall, SRRT Task Force on UPS Indexing, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11210. (P.S. I can arrange to send you the film if you don't have it).

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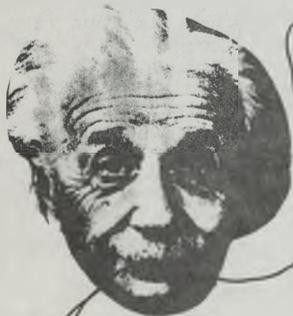
EMIE Task Force has revised their list of minority publishers in answer to many requests. Since the list was published last year, names have changed, one publisher has gone out of business, and many more have been identified. The list is almost doubled with most of the additions being Chicano and Asian-American. The materials vary in quality and in political stance. Some you will know from glowing reviews; others may not fit your libraries needs, but check them out. Send for the lists, please, not for free review copies. Their budgets are tighter than yours. For the list, send a stamp addressed envelope to Tom Phelps, 1004 South 15th East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84105.

a.i.p.

OSU Libraries will be advertising Alternatives in Print, 2nd ed. in future issues of Village Voice, Great Speckled Bird, Los Angeles Free Press, the Militant and the Guardian. Watch for them. After two years of "underground" bestsellerdom, AIP is reaching out for sales to its general public. If you don't have a copy yet, it's \$2.75 to SRRT members, \$4.00 to everyone else. From Publications Committee, Ohio State University Libraries, 1858 Neil Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43210.

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Suzanne LeBarron reports on behalf of Bob Hertz, St. Paul Public Library, about the 509th rule which would, if enacted, allow the government to withhold materials from government depositories and possibly to control (and thus restrict) the printing of government documents. This seemed to be a direct attack on intellectual freedom. SRPT has been in almost continual communication with interested parties, including Bernadine Hoduski (chairman GODORT), Gerry Shields, Judith Krug, and Josh Williams, SRRT rep. to FTRF. Copies of Rule 509 can be gotten from your government depository or from Clearinghouse editor, Liz Futas, 63 Ave. A, N. Y., N. Y. 10009, or maybe from Judith Krug at ALA Headquarters. Josh Williams and Judith Krug feel that library interests should be presented at future hearings. Yet to be determined is whether ALA will respond. A SRRT response, possibly with Government Documents Round Table, may need to be forthcoming. Josh Williams is drafting such a statement just in case. SRRT Action Council has written president of ALA, Katherine Baich, who has assured us that the matter is being discussed on that level. Keep this in mind because an overall attack may have to be mounted in Las Vegas.



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Suzanne LeBarron STILL NEEDS MORE TAPES FROM US ANSWERING THE ALL IMPORTANT QUESTION, "CAN HELEN TRENT FIND ROMANCE AFTER 35 WITH A LORD?" OR, IF YOU CAN'T ANSWER THAT ONE, TRY "WHAT IS A SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE LIBRARIAN?" NO MORE THAN TWO MINUTES, PLEASE, AND SEND TO SUZANNE (for details see the last newsletter). NOW SHE ALSO NEEDS PEOPLE TO MAN THE BOOTH (woman the booth? person the booth?). SO WE SHOULD ALL SEND OUR NAMES TO HER WITH ANY PREFERENCES AS TO TIME (the exhibit area opens at 9:00 on Sunday, so those of you who come in for the preconference should be able to do that). WRITE SUZANNE NOW, BEFORE YOU FORGET. HER ADDRESS; 238 IRVING AVE. NO., MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55405. TO START THE BALL ROLLING, LET ME BE THE FIRST TO ENLIST VIA THIS COLUMN. I'M YOURS, SUZANNE, FOR AT LEAST TWO HOURS! NEXT??

SUITE

Terry McLaughlin has agreed to be room manager for the SRPT suite at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel. Daily Rates will be \$8.00 maximum per bed and \$2.00 for floor space in a bed room or \$1.00 for floor space in the parlor. For reservations, contact Terry at the Portsmouth Public Library, Portsmouth, Ohio 45652.

RESIGNATIONS

Received from Ellis Hodgkin AC: The term was to finish in June, so the unfilled duties will be carried out by Suzanne LeBarron. Carol Streib and Brian Nielsen CH: the term would finish next year, so two positions will be filled by volunteers for one year in the coming election.

Miscellaneous

Members of SRRT are to be on the lookout for the name Jerome (Jerry) B. Ginsberg among those nominated for the Freedom to Read Foundation. He is a paperback book distributor, staunch supporter of the American Civil Liberties Union, a former vice-president of Bantam Books, and a helluva good man. Sam Simon, former coordinator of the Drug Abuse Task Force asks that we throw our support behind this man.

Attention all concerned librarians: a request appears on the horizon from KVST-TV, 1633 Westwood Blvd., Rm. 201, Los Angeles, CA. 90024, for information on the following subjects. What does your group do in its attempt to solve local social problems? Do you have film or video of any of your activities? Would you send us any booklists you have developed along these lines? If the answer is "yes" or if you are interested or in the neighborhood, why not look them up or see if you can help them along.

The Women's Information Center Project at the University of Maryland School of Library and Information Services in College Park, Md. 20742, began operations on Jan. 15, 1973 in room 4110 of the new undergraduate library under the direction of Andrea Burgard and Lynda Byrd. The WIC will serve groups as well as individual university employees, students, faculty, and staff. The information center will answer questions about services and programs available for women in the D.C. area. It will have statistics on the status of local women and also national women. It will have current information on women's activities on campus and in the metropolitan area, and information about the availability of books and articles that deal with women's issues. It will have current information about the regulations against sex discrimination, and will be prepared to help women file complaints with appropriate agencies. It will be a Clearinghouse for information about many types of women's groups as well.

"The Library as Organization: a view from the middle," a Las Vegas preconference sponsored by LAD will be held on Sunday, June 24, 1973 jointly sponsored by JMRT, LED, and Staff Development Committee of the LAD's Personnel Administration Section. They will present an overview of middle-management and provide information and ideas to assist participants in developing and refining management expertise. Speakers will include Raymond Lutz, Ella Yates, Richard Boss, and Anthony Greco. Program is free to registrants of ALA Conference, but will be limited to 200. Advanced registration is required. Send name, title and institutional address to Office for Human Resources, ALA, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, Illinois 60611.

The VSC Workforce edition which was done by various SRRT members is now out. Its cost--only \$1.00. When you write indicate the March-April, 1973 issue, or they are liable to send you an earlier one. Write to Vocations for Social Change, Box 13, Canyon, California 94516.

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 Helen Wheeler, SRRT Recording Secy, 7940 Jefferson Highway, Apartment 215, Baton, La. 70809, by May 1, 1973.

4A1 to read: An Action Council of six, eight, or ten members shall be elected by mail following procedures outlined below, and shall take office immediately after the annual business meeting. At the annual conference, the new Action Council will meet under the auspices of the outgoing coordinator, and the offices of Coordinator, Recording Secretary and Treasurer will be filled by the new Council from volunteer members. . . . (remainder of article unchanged)*

4A3 to read: The term of office for both committees shall be two years, with three to five members being elected each year for Action Council and three for Clearinghouse.*

* changes are shown by underlined words.

From AC (reasons for change)

Three ideas were in mind when the proposal was made, all to allow for greater flexibility for organization. First it was felt that AC might not always need ten members. It didn't help insure action just to pack AC with non-working members. The numbers on AC must stay even to maintain the quota system of half women and half men. Secondly, the change-over time for both AC and CH was required by the byelaws, as after the annual conference didn't allow for an easy transitional period. This change-over period forced an annual fall meeting of AC which we hope to eliminate as a result of this amendment. Finally, the rewording regarding officers of AC allowing the flexibility to combine the Recording Secretary and Treasurer into one person should it be desirable at some future time.

MARK AND MAIL THIS BALLOT TODAY (NOT TOMORROW!!!!!!)

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