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**IS SRRT DEAD?!**

Letter to Editor:

In short: 1) SRRT does not seem to have gained much from its experience as a group except possibly to become more like the ALA Establishment. (Said differently, SRRT as an organization either does not exist or poses no challenge to the ruts of ALA.) 2) Individual SRRTers griping about Vegas...but attending only a few meetings and not even meeting with each other to plan opposition, new goals, or necessary tactics.

Maybe it is revolutionary to have fun & good times (be free by doing one's own thing), but I have a hunch it's only a bourgeoisie revolution. According to our name, we're supposed to care about offsetting the neglect and/or exploitation of those who are not part of the bourgeoisie. So where were the SRRTers: sure, some attended the general SRRT membership meetings and some went to some of the special programs. But where were the caucusses to map out SRRT strategy for the next day's battles at the ALA membership meetings?

Or aren't there any more causes worth planning for and organizing around in advance? The burden seems to rest on a few individuals and some hasty planning while the possible battles are developing. It rests on individuals as usual—but why then should we have a group?

I am distressed that I and the rest of SRRT didn't do more to ensure continuous progress against ALA's lack of concern about disserviced peoples. I think a lot of SRRTers used the general environment as an excuse for their/failure to mobilize our vision for better library service (if not for a better world).

True, one part of the environment was a definite hinderance to grouping, viz., the SRRT Suite. Too (most) often it was locked—belying its title of "hospitality suite." Next year, I understand arrangements will be made to have it personned at all times by a SRRT rep so that other SRRTers can drop in, congregate, or whatever. I would suggest whoever sleeps there be assigned certain times of service; in fact, perhaps service in lieu of any payment might induce greater participation.
But, this might have been possible this year if enough people had complained verbally to AC Co-ordinator Emerick or Suite Manager McLaughlin and put enough nasty notes on the door.

And those who use the suite for bunking purposes were hardly examples of a community. Tho there were complaints (again) about eating prices, distances, waiting, etc., few really followed up on a plan to get food co-operatively. There has been talk of this for next year's convention--especially stimulated by Lynne Rhoads and including food brought in from the outlands, and I know it takes a fair amount of planning to be completely successful, but come on! we could have made it work this time in the time we were together.

I don't absolve myself from responsibility since I used the suite in which to eat and sleep. I did not really try to assist the organizing of us into a food co-operative. But my defects are no less damming in the person of anyone else; just because I see the need for "Party discipline" doesn't mean that I am the best one to effect it.

I don't think we need to be in lock-step just because we organize ourselves; neither do we need to become just another ALA subunit. Organization should be done only to the extent it is the most efficient means of countering the status quo and reactionary aspects of the larger culture in which we find ourselves.

If SRRT is dead & buried in Vegas, it is not because Vegas killed it but because we have been growing older & sicker for some time now (like from Dallas). The question is: are we?

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To SEX RELATED MEDIA TASK FORCE members and friends

Dear Sexy People:

The response to our program in Las Vegas has been excellent (various media people have solicited reviews of the books and magazines covered, and our speaker has been asked to write an article). It would be nice if we could do a similar--but different--thing at next year's conference, and also add other educational projects (the reviews in other magazines seem preferable to issuing our own bibliography; an ultimate goal might be the establishment of a commercially viable review magazine for sex related publications). If we can establish the fact that a respectable nationwide "community" of non-taboo-observing readers exists, libraries and the Supreme Court may have to take note.

We will need renewed dedication by task force members if we are to continue. Our business meeting at Las Vegas did not come off because of lack of proper listing in ALA conference calendars and because of a very poor room assignment. I have been coordinator for two years, and it would be good to have someone else to take that job over (I'd still be willing to assist as a TF member!). I have some personal problems which will make it difficult for me to do a proper job this year anyway. This letter is an appeal to all of you to write and offer your assistance, ideas and enthusiasm. It would be terrible if we had to fold the task force after starting things so well at Las Vegas.

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AC COORDINATOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP

This report is being offered to membership upon the completion of my term (June 1971 to June 1973) on Action Council, and as Action Council Coordinator for the past year. It includes a brief review of Action Council activity since the Chicago Conference and a number of observations and recommendations about SRRT and Action Council in general.

First, some comments about the position of Coordinator for Action Council. It is, to a large degree, a reflection of the personality that holds it. This is both expected and acceptable. However, a coordinator is to coordinate, and he should do just that. This means he or she is responsive to the will of Action Council. The Coordinator cannot act on his own, as he always represents Action Council.

It is not the responsibility of the Coordinator to force his will on Action Council. This would be highly undesirable. As he is the representative of Action Council, he must represent its will even when it is different from his own. Should he be unable or unwilling to do so, he has no choice but to resign. Should he not resign, it is Action Council's responsibility to select someone who will represent it.

This should not be construed as handcuffing the Coordinator. It does not limit him in handling the new situations as they arise. Normally, he can draw upon the general philosophy expressed by his Action Council for guidance. If at any time he is in doubt, he must consult with Action Council before acting. To take action contrary to the will of Action Council would be an abuse of the Coordinator's authority.

The Coordinator is a volunteer. He, as is true of all SRRT leadership, is compensated only by the satisfaction of seeing librarianship become more socially responsible. In most cases the Coordinator will be the full-time employee of some type of library. Being Coordinator is extremely time consuming, and one person cannot adequately do all its assigned tasks. Personally, without having my office secretary to handle correspondence and the use of Xerox, I couldn't have gotten the job done. I question how well it's been done, except to say I haven't been satisfied. It should be remembered that not all future coordinators may have the services or money available to them that past coordinators have had. Recommendations are made below which would lessen the load of the Coordinator, maintain the responsibility of Action Council and serve membership even more effectively.

Enough about the Coordinator. I hope this will clarify for membership what it is and what it isn't. I know the picture has been unclear in recent years.

Regarding Action Council activities since Chicago, I honestly feel much has been accomplished. True, we had our problems—especially with inactive members. More on that later. The outgoing Action Council was especially good at spending money. This is not a criticism, because necessary projects needed funding. They approved at the Minneapolis Fall Meeting a record task force budget of $5,025. Also financial support was given Beacon Press Defense Fund ($500), Flood Damage Fund ($200), United Alternative Exhibit ($225) and Alternative Conference on Services to Prisoners- aftermath ($186.4). I doubt that the expenditures will surpass last years Action Council's, but it will be close.
Other activities have included study of Freedom to Read Foundation restructuring; pressured the Executive Board to withdraw and restudy SCMAI's McConnell Report; lead the fight to reject SCMAI's attempt to drop out of the Library of Congress investigation; and called ALA's attention to the problems inherent in the Nixon Administration's proposed Rules of Evidence. In-house activities included authorization of a membership brochure and recommendations for Bylaws changes to bring about a more efficient organization (which were passed).

The past accomplishments provide solid foundations for the new challenges we face and for old ones yet to be solved. Among the old challenges, is the unsettled matter of the discrimination at the Library of Congress. I want you to know that I'm fed up with the "Micky Mouse" we're getting from the ALA Executive Board and SCMAI on this. Mr. Wedgeworth may think the Council and membership are more interested in the quality of an LC study than by its submission on an arbitrary date, but I say two years is long enough to wait. Too long. Action must come now. This struggle must continue to be of the highest priority to all SRRT membership.

SCMAI should and must know that we feel they hit an all-time low when they tried to sweep both LC and the McConnell case under the rug at Midwinter. It is now SCMAI's responsibility to earn the respect of membership that they need to function.

The Freedom to Read Foundation continues to flounder. It is a weak shadow of what it could and should be. Its state of affairs has been brought on by those who control it, who are more interested in continuing their control than making it work. They would blame SRRT for its weakness, yet it is their responsibility to make it beneficial enough that all would want to join. Fortunately, they are restudying its structure with an eye to changing it. I wish them well. Action Council's "task force" on the Freedom to Read Foundation has studied and made recommendations for restructuring. They would do well to strongly consider these recommendations. A democratized Foundation would be a strong and forceful organization supporting intellectual freedom and libraries.

What about SRRT? We aren't problem free. Within the last year the suggestion has been made that SRRT disband. The question has been asked: has SRRT outlived its usefulness? To both, I must answer—NO! There is yet much that we should do. We do have our problems, however. Some I wish to review here.

As you noted, if you cast your SRRT ballot, we still have a problem with volunteers in SRRT elections. The national leadership is important. I'm greatly bothered by the fact that many socially responsible persons and groups are starting and carrying out programs completely unaware of the successes and failures of similar programs elsewhere. That's not socially responsible! Why must we always make the same errors and waste the little money we have while we're doing it? Why not share and re-enforce each other? Why must we be so independent that those we serve must suffer?

The two major tasks of national SRRT are to handle national problems and projects, and to provide communication and coordination links between local, state and regional social activist groups. This requires strong, hard-working, dedicated people on Action Council and Clearinghouse. Surely enough of these people exist to have a full and strong slate of candidates. Too many times people have been "talked" into running. Only when they've been elected, they have not served. This has made it extremely difficult for these committees to fulfill their responsibilities.

The weakened leadership many times has brought criticism to those who have tried hardest to serve. Why is it that those criticizing rarely volunteer to serve? The weaknesses of the committees, and I speak mostly about Action Council, have resulted in abuses by some members of their authority and power.
This has been tremendously detrimental to SRRT. It has resulted in ill will, leadership unprovided, scheduling problems, loss of membership and communications breakdowns. Still, those who complained didn't volunteer to assist in improving the situation.

Too many Action Council and Clearinghouse meetings have been lacking in membership participation. Where are the members who complain because they are left out of the plans and decision making in SRRT. Action Council and Clearinghouse are your representatives, so let them know what you're thinking. Let them know what you think we should be doing.

Thanks to Suzanne LeBarron, our affiliates program is improving. It was strongly organized and rapidly growing with the strong assistance that Jackie Eubanks provided as Affiliates Liaison. Yet, until recently it was in disarray, because of weak members on Action Council over the last year and a half. At the same time, SRRT benefited from strong assistance for task forces, and task force activity has grown. We now have eighteen, mostly very active, task forces. In the last year, we saw one task force become a round table, which now has 539 members. It is the fifth largest round table out of a total of ten in existence.

This growth has been gratifying as some really good things have resulted from their efforts. It has also created some problems. One of the most critical is in convention scheduling. This has become a mammoth activity. Six task forces are putting on eight large scale programs, in addition to the general SRRT program. One is also having a day long demonstration program; while another is providing a week-long service. SRRT has forty-five meetings and programs on the official schedule. I venture to guess that this rivals many divisions in number.

Having served while on Action Council as both the Coordinator and last year as Task Force Liaison, I can assure you convention scheduling has grown so much that neither of these officers can handle it and fulfill their other responsibilities. Therefore, I recommend to Action Council that one of the other members of that committee be designated responsible for convention activities, to include scheduling and the SRRT booth. This person should be responsible to the Coordinator in organizing the schedule.

We have received complaints regarding this, especially on program announcements. Some have been justified, some have not. Understanding the tremendous task they have, I cannot fault convention management. They have made some errors, but have kept them to a minimum. However, we cannot turn our conference planning or scheduling over to them. Also, it can't be done by task forces or affiliates. It must and will be done by Action Council, but a. must help. Many task force programs weren't anywhere near ready when the program deadline arrived. We helped as best we could by making a handout for the Convention Pak-a-Sak. The Library Journal editorial (June 1, 1973) is quite right to urge a better effort from us and all other ALA units.

Another factor facing us, which strongly relates to convention scheduling and services, is the matter of ALA assessments. I suspect that the demands we've been making for convention space is at least partially responsible for ALA staff thinking that round tables should shoulder some of ALA's expenses. However, other factors are also involved. Nevertheless, ALA Executive Secretaries recommended to C.O.P.E.S. that round tables "be charged an administrative service charge for the administrative service of the ALA headquarters."

My reply to this, after consultation with Action Council, was to recommend that such assessments as the Executive Secretaries suggested by applied first to the
affiliates of ALA. I further recommended that ALA should investigate the administrative costs of other units of ALA, stating that inadequacies would be found that should be corrected so that the actual costs of these units' programs and operations are paid for.

Unfortunately, I have learned that O.O.P.E.S. has accepted the ALA service charge on round tables concept, and is recommending the charge be 10 percent of each round table's budget. I understand it will be presented to ALA Executive Board for adoption during the Vegas Conference. After discussing this with Bernadine Hoduski, Coordinator, Government Documents Round Table, we jointly issued a call for a meeting during the Conference of all round table leadership to review the proposal. We feel the recommendation should be fully and openly discussed. Too many factors aren't being adequately considered—such as, the fairness of a percentage charge when services used vary among round tables, and the fact that many round table members only join ALA so they can actively participate in their round table.

Also, another critical matter is at issue. As I read the ALA Constitution and Bylaws, such a charge is unconstitutional and thus would require a bylaws change before implementation. It would be a disaster should a precedent be set in this. I strongly recommend that SRRT membership force ALA to openly discuss the issue; act on it in a constitutional manner; and should charges be adopted, that they be appropriate to the use SRRT makes of ALA services.

Additional organizational matters that require determination by Action Council include the Fall Action Council Meeting and analysis of SRRT membership needs and interests. As the budget of SRRT grew, so came the need for a Fall Action Council meeting. When it originated, most of Action Council membership was on the East Coast and the major reason for calling it was to highlight the discrimination problem at the Library of Congress.

The item of business to consume the most time, next to the LC situation, was the budget. The item most discussed at last year's fall meeting of Action Council was the budget. All study to this point indicates that budgets cannot be drawn up and submitted until the fall of each year. Correspondence cannot adequately handle a subject as vital and as much need of discussion as this is. Yet SRRT's budget can all afford the price of an Action Council meeting with all members in attendance, and all members should have an opportunity to attend. This Action Council never suspected when it agreed on a Fall meeting in Minneapolis, with transportation expenses of members to be paid by SRRT, that it would cost nearly $1,000. Even then, not all members attended. SRRT just can't justify that kind of expenditure. Such a meeting would be even more expensive for the new Action Council because for the first time, its membership reaches from coast to coast.

Consequently, since the budget review does need to take place in the Fall (plus other items of business generally need consideration by Action Council), I recommend to the new Action Council that their Fall meeting be replaced by a one to two hour telephone conference call. This, of course, would require a complete instruction of agenda items and their background materials early enough for study by each member. This way, the items can be intelligently discussed, feelings shared and insight exchanged.

As to the analysis of SRRT membership needs and interests, even though I'm sorry to report there has been no full or frank analysis of the Spring 1972 questionnaire, I strongly recommend the new Action Council author another. Membership in the earlier questionnaire expressed a strong desire for periodic questionnaires. This provides a needed opportunity for membership participation and input. Circumstances have changed enough that it is now vital to seek membership feelings on where SRRT
should be going and what it should be doing. Action Council periodically needs this kind of widespread direction.

Another matter of great concern, and one to be discussed at the membership meeting at Vegas, is Election Bylaws change. Action Council discussed such changes at Midwinter, but was unwilling to deal with the Bylaws quota requirements. It was felt that the subject should be presented to membership for a full and open discussion. Every honest effort has been made to provide a balanced Action Council and Clearinghouse. Yet, problems persist.

The tragic part of the Quota Bylaw is that when Action Council at Dallas agreed to recommend it to membership, all knew and stated it wouldn't work. The current election is a perfect example of the problem we face. There were adequate volunteers for election to Action Council, yet two qualified candidates weren't elected even though there's still one vacancy. However, they were of the wrong sex—reverse discrimination in action. I hope and trust that membership will decide this issue now.

In closing this report, I feel that SRRT continues as the heart of ALA. It is hoped that the membership will not only support and pressure it to be so in the future, that someday SRRT will be ALA. I would be remiss if I neglected here to offer a word of thanks for all those who have worked hard for SRRT this past year. Affiliates, task forces, Clearinghouse, Action Council and general membership.

At this time, I especially want to thank someone who has supported SRRT since its inception. Who has been with us all the way, and who, I trust, will continue to offer such support in his new capacity. We have been most fortunate to have had as A.A. Staff L. A. N., the editor of American Libraries, Jerry Shields. On behalf of SRRT, I thank him.

Peace and love,

Tyron W. Emerick
Action Council Coordinator
1972-1973

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The TF on AIP met reluctantly in Las Vegas on June 29th. We regretted not being in a publishing center; the only evident publications locally available were The Gamblers Book Club and the guide to cat houses being sold by the Nevada Library Association. At the meeting, discussion was related to the fall publication of the third edition of AIP. Glide Publishers, the printing arm of the non-profit Glide Foundation of San Francisco, is investigating the cost of AIP for possible publication, with the complete approval of the OSU Libraries Publications Committee and of the Task Force. In the next two months a contract will be completed with one of these publishers.

The data for the third edition has increased again. Over 800 groups and small presses will be represented. In addition, an article on distribution of these publications will be included. This article will reflect the state of concentration by the freepress now on distribution, and will hopefully help librarians more easily order and acquire freepress.

At the meeting Noel Peattie and Sandy Berman commented that AIP was being used, and in fact reviewed as a bibliography rather than as a buying tool. One focus of future promotion will be to concentrate on educating librarians to its use, so that in addition to setting on a reference shelf, AIP will be used in book purchasing acquisitions sections of libraries.

A new program of the TF was proposed: to provide support to either (1) ALA exhibitors to donate space to freepress in NY or, (2) to help organize a New York book fair of freepress to coincide with the ALA Conference next year. Volunteers are needed to work on this project; please contact the coordinator. This effort was proposed as a new inroad on expanding intellectual freedom, offering direct freepress-access to librarians.

Jackie Eubanks will continue as Coordinator through publication of the third AIP edition. Volunteers are needed for the fourth edition, and for the exhibit program in New York. Please contact, Nowl Jackie Eubanks, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, New York 11210.
WASHINGTON SRRT

Washington SRRT members decided at their June meeting that they needed education in parliamentary law in order to participate more effectively in official library meetings (How not to be railroaded into something undesirable because of ignorance of parliamentary mechanics) and are now taking classes in parliamentary law given by a registered parliamentarian in the Seattle area. The class requires 24 hours of attendance, at the end of which time students should be sufficiently prepared to pass the exam qualifying them to become registered parliamentarians themselves. The fee is $20.00 per person. For information on similar arrangements which may be effected in your area, write to the National Association of Parliamentarians, 116 West 47th St., Suite 217, Kansas City, Mo., 64112, Mrs. Karl Kiekert, Secretary.

TF ON WOMEN

Wilma Scott Heide's talk on the TF on Women/LAD/PAS program (funded by the TF) was a resounding success. Ms. Heide set the tone of her speech in her opening remark that the feminist movement meant, among other things, that "She has risen", following this statement with a discussion of the modus operandi of discrimination against women and a call to action against this discrimination.

The TF business meeting included reports on the job roster for women qualified to fill administrative and specialist positions (Margaret Myers, Graduate School of Library Science, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903), and the talent bank for women interested in and qualified to fill advisory, non-remunerated positions in government, etc. (Sherrie Bergman Friedman, Roger Williams College Library, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809). Women interested in being included in either of these resource files may request forms from Ms. Myers or Ms. Friedman.
TASK FORCE ON PEOPLE'S LIBRARIANS

Riding the crest of interest developed at Las Vegas with the "Adopt-A-Librarian" buttons, flyers, and an unsuccessful resolution, this Bay Area SRRT project was expanded to a task force.

Operating under the basic assumption that employed librarians can help the jobless in their profession, the Bay Area project funds two librarians working on alternative programs—the money being provided by pledges from about twenty-five working librarians.

The Task Force is seeking members from all over libraryland who are interested in helping their not-so-fortunate sisters and brothers. Using the same idea as the adopt-an-orphan-from-a-far-off-land technique, the TF hopes to develop starter kits, program notes, and publicity ideas in order that interested librarians or library organizations can develop people's librarian programs in their local areas.

We need your ideas, help, support and love. Coordinators: Pat Haggarty and Ed Cavallini. TF address: 659 S. 15th St., San Jose, CA 95112.

ALTERNATIVE CONVENTION LIFESTYLE PLANS

Conditions at Las Vegas were so miserable that, on the one occasion on which the SRRT suite was open and a number of SRRT members were able to get to it, an alternative convention lifestyle was discussed and developed for coordination. This involves such items as SRRT members who wish to participate in the project bringing to the SRRT suite dried foods such as granola, nuts, tea, coffee, instant soups, bouillon, instant milk, whole grain crackers, raisins, prunes, cheese, etc., and sharing these in a common pool. Special foods brought by individuals might be reserved by them for their own use. (Diabetic, allergic problems, etc.) Rose and Isak Arbus of New York have offered to compile a list of inexpensive nearby restaurants for the New York convention. Hopefully a similar list of nearby inexpensive hotels could be provided well in advance of the convention. Several SRRT members have expressed interest in this project (TF on Women members, especially) and Jim Sanders, TF liaison (Columbia Library School) has offered to help coordinate activities. Suggestions or volunteer labor may be temporarily, at least, addressed to him at 25 Charles St., New York, NY 10004, Phone, (212) 929-0322.
Women's History Library vs. Bell & Howell

The most important thing about the Bell & Howell story outlined below, is that we learned our lesson the hard way, and so have been seeking funds for the last two years to microfilm the rest of our material ourselves. Not only the journals, newspapers and newsletters since Bell & Howell cutoff date of October, 1971, but our entire collection including our 2000 subject files. (Note: There are 334 titles on Bell & Howell film, 2500 issues.)

Seeking funds for this project has made it impossible for us to be open to the public. We did just receive a small grant for the microfilming and will try to seek more for cataloging the material. But since we've received no money for operating expenses, there are many missing issues in the collection since Oct. '71, and we would like all COSMEP members to RUSH in sending for our list of them so they can send us copies from personal or organizational files for microfilming by us early this fall.

Also, we are in the bad position of endorsing Bell & Howell's 1971 microfilm of our collection, which we are only doing because we made them re-film it while we handed it to them page by page in June, 1972. They had filmed it in Dec., '71, upside down and backwards and out of order. Also, we withheld our endorsement for another year (till June '73) until they published our version of their botched up inventory catalog of the film, "Table of Contents." They couldn't even alphabetize the first words right much less put Woman before Women, and they left out issues they actually had filmed, etc., ad nauseum.

It would help us, the publications and the users, tremendously if libraries did buy the film called HEPSTORY by Bell & Howell, even though it will also help B&H, because the small royalties we will get if they are widely sold will help get us out of hock. Also, those possible royalties are all we have towards actually gathering missing material for the update, which we will film and distribute on a non-commercial, non-profit basis (if everyone who cares will also kick in some bread starting right now!).

I just don't believe that people should give their material to Bell & Howell to film and distribute because they have lost parts of ours and have advertised it only once in an issue of Library Journal, which has a big story on us. (They have sold 90 so far! Their weakest link is in their bibliographical control and they can't get an inventory straight and they refuse to do a subject index. They even refuse to give us money to print the listings we have available on cards, the titles of the articles issue by issue which we could xerox for $40. Our whole operation has been irreparably crippled by B&H, as well as our precious collections.

We are in hock up to our ears to the lawyers who helped us tremendously to force Bell & Howell to distribute the film even though B&H refused to repay to us the $10,000 of production costs. What the world needs most at this point is for librarians to come and liberate this information by volunteering to get it on film, for everyone to use.
HOW IT ALL BEGAN

1) We ourselves had no income—our staff was paid by a federal student financial aid program which was matched by donations. Also, all the material here was donated. The Federal Work-Study Program was slashed. We are barely together with a handful of volunteers.

2) All the other microfilm companies wanted us to pay them to film the material and we would have to distribute it. In early 1971 we didn't have all the facilities to do that—we had no capital and no staff.

When Bell & Howell offered to pay our expenses to put it together it seemed like a good deal. And they would distribute the microfilm and pay us royalties.

Also, they were very interested in our 2000 subject clipping and pamphlet files, and promised to film those too. They came on like hip radicals but really what happened is the bottom fell out of the microfilm market in libraries because of the federal cutbacks there too. B&H tried to get out of filming the vertical files and then out of filming the women's periodicals as well. In the legal battles that ensued, it became clear that they had psyched out that our main object was getting the material available to other people through libraries and not making a profit. Which is why it ended up with our being able to force them only to film the material and we are still in debt from production. They only put up between $2,000 to $3,000 of their own money—they say more—but they consider an advance on our own royalties a gift from them. They cancelled paying the $10,000 production cost—so the royalties which were supposed to go towards the three years collection before they met us had to pay for the first film's production with no royalties till late 1973 for the update itself.

Meanwhile, they constantly say to the public its our fault everything was messed up and that they don't have an update available!

Also, Xerox was one of the companies we wrote to in 1970. They took our idea and wrote to the periodicals themselves, which is O.K. as long as people don’t make an exclusive contract with Xerox and can have the benefit of both the deals with Xerox and with Bell & Howell through us, and now also directly from us anything that is published after October, 1971.

There are more atrocities, but the important thing is to organize people with bodies and funding to do the job right. We hope you will join us, and the task force that is forming, to film, catalog, and distribute our unique collections. Send money, all kinds of office supplies and equipment, to the Women's History Library, 2325 Oak St., Berkeley, Calif. 94708.
WOMEN'S HISTORY LIBRARY GRANT

The Women's History Library has received a small grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (H.E.W.) to partially fund an innovative Internship and Consultation Program beginning July 1, 1973. The program will train students, teachers, librarians, and women's center's organizers for at least three-month periods in the collection and organizational procedures of the Library.

The Library will become a training center for interns through this grant. By actively participating in the collecting, cataloging, and organizing of ephemeral material on women, interns will learn how to create or augment women's centers in their own localities. Although the Fund did not allow stipends for interns under the grant, interested institutions can cooperate by granting academic credit to students, and sabbaticals to teachers and librarians. For those institutions who cannot send interns to the Library for training, staff members may be commissioned for on-site consultation in 1974.

Because no major funding has been received for the enormous operating costs of the Topical Research Library and International Women's History Archive, which constitute the Women's History Library, it cannot be open as a public library. Instead, the staff's efforts will be focused on intern training and on microfilming the material for national distribution and use through local libraries.

The Internship and Consultation Program will be a success only with your help. The Program was only partially funded, and the Library must seek outside funding for intern stipends, operational costs, and staff salaries. You can help by becoming a volunteer, donating money, supplies, or equipment, or telling us of your contacts with corporations or foundations.

The first training period for interns through the grant will start January, 1974, and enrollment is limited to twelve interns. On-site consultation will begin in Spring, 1974. Interested individuals or institutions should contact:

Ms. Connie Maske
Program Director
Women's History Research Center
2325 Oak St.
Berkeley, California 94708

The deadline for filing intern applications is October 15, 1973.
Resolutions adopted unanimously at SRRT Membership Meeting, Tues., June 26:

- Since the Supreme Court has lately encouraged the outright, wholesale censorship of sex-related material,

  And since the most vulnerable and so most likely victims of such censorship are underground, alternative, and freepress publications,

  The Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association emphatically states its belief that sexual, no less than political, philosophical, artistic, and other material, should enjoy full First Amendment protection,

  Strongly recommends that American libraries finally recognize their unfulfilled obligation to the many sexual minorities and interests among their publics by amply stocking material relevant to them,

  And urges those who may be victimized by the recent Court decision to request legal, financial, and spiritual help from ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom, Freedom to Read Foundation, and Leroy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund.

  This resolution is to be transmitted to the Liberation News Service, Alternative Feature Service, and other freepress as well as library media.

- Since elemental decency forbids the granting of even posthumous honors to known war criminals,

  The Social Responsibilities Round Table herewith disassociates itself with the American Library Association's intention to contribute a plaque or other form of memorial to the Lyndon B. Johnson Library.

- WHEREAS, librarians have traditionally supported the rights of the individual to free access and choice of information,

  WHEREAS, farmworkers have severely restricted sources of information due to their economic and social living conditions, and

  WHEREAS, librarians recognize the common need for due process and fair labor practices in libraries, as well as in agriculture,

  NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Library Association supports the non-violent efforts of the farmworker to determine his own future, including the right to vote for the union of his choice through open and fair elections.

Submitted by: Martin J. Zonliqts, Coordinator, SRRT TF on Library Service to Migrant Farworkers
WHEREAS: Freedom of expression is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, and is a right of particular interest to the library profession, and

WHEREAS: Librarians should be free to express controversial opinions without fear of punishment by their employers, and

WHEREAS: Many librarians at the University of Chicago have advocated the organization of a labor union for over two years, and

WHEREAS: That institution has used a variety of methods to delay an election which might result in the legal recognition of collective bargaining agents, and

WHEREAS: On June 15, 1973, the positions of six professional librarians were abolished by the University of Chicago Library administration on 15 minutes notice, and

WHEREAS: Four of these positions were held by persons most active in advocating the organization of a union, and

WHEREAS: Length of service, merit or other rational criteria were not used, and

WHEREAS: Faculty and students have indicated their opposition to the action of the library administration by the formation of committees, picketing in protest, and by massive refusal to use the library on June 25, 1973, and

WHEREAS: Approximately 90% of the library staff refrained from appearing at work on Monday, June 25, 1973, in direct protest against the library administration's actions, and

WHEREAS: The defense of intellectual freedom is a responsibility of this profession, be it, therefore,

RESOLVED: That the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association censure the University of Chicago Library.

A modified version of this resolution was adopted by ALA Membership at its Wednesday, June 27, 1973, meeting. The ALA resolution directed SCAMI to make an investigation of the University of Chicago Library's personnel policies and procedures, and urged the University to reinstate the six discharged staff members to their positions without prejudice pending SCAMI action.

The people involved: Pat Coatsworth, Documents librarian, who spoke to SRRT at June 26 membership meeting; Sharon Irvine, Reserve circulation librarian, who also spoke; a Mr. Greene, Education librarian; a Ms. Arnold, Philosophy & Theology librarian; and two others who don't want to get "involved!"

Protest letters need to be sent to University of Chicago President Edward H. Levi and Provost Thomas Wilson (5801 S. Ellis) and to Stanley McElderry, Library Director (1100 E. 57--all Chicago 60637). SRRT voted a token contribution of $10.00. You can send contributions to: Local 103A, Distributive Workers of America, % Coatsworth, 5746 S. Maryland Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60637. Make checks out to Local 103A, Distributive Workers of America.
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BYLAWS CHANGE

Since at election time each year the quota system (equal representation of men and women) acts to deny qualified and willing women volunteers from serving SRRT, membership voted to reword the bylaws to read: "...at least 50%--a simple majority--of Action Council and Clearinghouse shall be women."

SRRT BROCHURE

At Las Vegas SRRT unveiled an attractive, informative membership brochure which was put together by Suzanne LeBarron (words) and Thomas Phelps (graphics). If you would like to receive a single copy for yourself or for passing on to a friend and potential SRRTer, or if you need a quantity, write to:

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