This issue is edited and produced by a new group of people, and there will be some changes to look for.

No one can be as in touch with SRRT concerns as Sandy Berman, the previous editor. He promises to continue to help, and has contributed to this issue what I think is a list of SRRT's most urgent concerns:

1. Unionization/workplace democracy (See "how to recognize a union organizing attempt"—does your group have an "unusual social consciousness" or use a "strange vocabulary" in front of the boss?)

2. Unemployment/job-sharing/reduced Library School intake (It might interest you to know that while N.Y.C. is laying off 1500 teachers, Philadelphia had hired 900 new teachers due to a three year old union contract specifying class size limits of 33 pupils.)

3. Greater, people-oriented access and service... much wider representation of little "alternative, non-conglomerate products in library collections; development of more survival-type info-delivery; popular cataloging, especially on the public library plane, involving less research/academic-gear'd rubbish, like ISBD and "cm." sizes as well as more analytics, catch-title entries, and contemporary 20th century subject terms (let's use this newsletter to get these innovations out to the rest of the profession)

4. Overcome the elitism, classism, etc. endemic to the whole profession (amen.)

If you like any article in here, please photocopy it and send it out to five non SRRT'er librarians you know. Let them know how to subscribe and join SRRT (you don't have to belong to ALA).

If you don't like anything in the newsletter, CONTRIBUTE your own material! The deadline for the next issue is Nov. 15th. And write me about any criticisms, suggestions, etc.

The SRRT meetings at the San Francisco Conference were lively and productive. Before the conference, there was much talk about SRRT getting out of ALA and possibly forming an alternative organization in conjunction with the Women Library Workers. The issue came up and was heatedly discussed at our membership meeting.

A few people felt that it was time to stop playing ALA's games and start something new, but the majority of speakers argued that SRRT has achieved considerable change within ALA and should stay in and continue to work for social responsibilities.

The consensus I gathered from the membership meeting and the two Action Council meetings was that SRRT should put its energy into ALA and return to the more active role we played a few years ago -- sponsoring candidates, writing resolutions and generally keeping a close eye on the Association. Jerry Shields, a long time SRRT activist and new member of Action Council has offered to share his experience in resolution writing with anyone who has ideas for shaking up ALA. If you've got an issue and need help getting it into the most effective form, write to Jerry at 289 Sherbrooke, Williamsville, NY 14212.

Even if you can't afford to come to conferences, you can still have input. One SRRT'er sent us a resolution opposing subminimum wages for full time students working in libraries. Action Council endorsed it and presented it to the ALA membership. Many library directors got very excited about having ALA go on record supporting a minimum wage for student workers and the resolution was promptly referred to about five different committees. It wasn't instant victory, but this issue is now being dealt with by the Association.

(Continued on page 2)
ETHNIC MATERIALS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Carmine Diodati, Coordinator. ALA Conference program with Nancy Larrick, speaker. Ms. Larrick's theme was that the flow of newly published intercultural books for children is slowing down... (and) we do not have enough highly readable, stereotype-free books which will contribute to children's understanding and sympathy toward our multicultural world. However, Ms. Larrick feels that the more serious problem is the apathy of which teachers and, in some cases, librarians are a part of this passive situation. As a matter of fact, the greatest issue we face in the decade ahead is not getting more intercultural books from the publishers — important as that is — but "in-courcing" all teachers, librarians, school and administrative parents into the welcome book committees of their multifaceted cultures." Business meeting: 1. Chicago 1976 meeting should be a workshop on the use of multietnic media in schools and libraries. The following publications are now available: MULTI-ETHNIC MEDIA: SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHIES IN PRINT, ed. by D. Cohen, ALA $2.00. 2. BIBLIOGRAPHIC SOURCES ABOUT THE JEWISH AMERICAN EXPERIENCE, ed. by H. Herman, ALA, in press. 3. Ethnic newsletters to each dealing with ethnic Americans containing a mix of titles for children, young adults, and adults. Available from ALA with $2.50 in stamps for each item.

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JEWISH CAUCUS

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Another way to change A.L.A. is to get more sympathetic people elected to Council. This year, several SRRT members ran and missed getting elected by only a few votes. If you belong to A.L.A., VOTE, and if you don't, buy tomorrow's newspaper, and think about joining. It's only $35 now plus $5 for SRRT. SRRT is once again the Round Table with the most personal numbers, but our numbers are still declining. I think the San Francisco Conference proved that SRRT still has a lot of energy and perhaps now is the time to expend some of it and reenchant A.L.A. into an association that represents us.

by Nancy Kallum-Kone

Action Council Coordinator

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NCLIS REPORT IS "ENDORSED" BY ALA

From an article written for the SRRT Newsletter by Gerald R. Shields

The first objective listed in "Toward a National Program for Library and Information Services: Goals for Action... reads: "Ensure that basic minimums of library and information services are adequate to meet the needs of local communities are satisfied... A single paragraph of expanded comment follows for slightly more than half a page. Objectivistic group thinking is the law in the NCLIS progress reads as follows: "Plan, develop and implement a nationwide system of library and information service."

This followed by 12 pages of expanded comment which outlines the federal responsibility in six major areas. In this a clue as to which has first priority in thinking and planning for action by NCLIS? Is this the priority thinking of the American Library Association?

...There are two immediate areas in which SRRT can function and that is through its task force ability. How about a NCLIS Task Force that tries to cover its meetings, critiques its reports, asks questions? (that's one) Or, don't forget the President's Conference that Cooke Seals is going to be funded. It has to begin at the state level with planning conferences and it would need some support groups that have considerable impact at the state level to see to it that the alternatives to a national network of library and information designed to further increase the power of the "have" gets the kind of recognition it deserves. One of SRRT's most important values in the very near future can be in providing the criticism that the leadership of (ALA) feels too timid to express.

The NCLIS report is called Toward a National Program for Library and Information Services: Goals for Action. The 106p. booklet is free (in limited quantities) from the Commission, 1717 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006; or from BudCoes, GPO, Washington, DC 20402 (Stock No. 052-003-0008605, $1.45).

WOMEN BEHIND BARS

A resource tool for women prisoners with descriptions of outside support groups. Legal aid and education, prisoners union, etc. Also, review and listing many sources p. $1.75 (Resources for Community Change, PO Box 2186, Wash., D.C. 20009)

University of Virginia, Audiovisual Educational Center, 314 Found St., Army Apt. #401

"Women in Prison" film which will play three days. This ABC television documentary gives a sense of prison conditions in a way that the written word never can. It is of (mostly)居室 prisoners showing instructors to prisoners in the program's Control Unit, the way prisoners are treated, the camera slowly panning along a tray containing dozens of magazines and a big comic book. Reformers for Women is the voice express in that they are to help handle the prisoners better. Much of the focus consists of prison media and what if anything is being done regarding these prisoners. Although the focus is on criminal, but is a painful case both for the oppressiveness and the effectiveness of confinement.

IS ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT GOING AIPE?

Mimi Penchansky and Rhoda Epstein will serve as co-coordinators for the next issue. As Mimi says, since Rhoda and I are both media freaks, we hope to add to our ever-growing list of media pubs other than print—audio and video tapes, films, posters, records, photographs and anything else we can unearth with the help of our volunteers.

Before rushing off to attend the 3d San Francisco International Book Fair, the Task Force met with Ruth Gottstein and Gail Larrick from Glide (in our publisher's home town!). The U of Toledo group submitted the list of "honestest libraries" from their search—25 Native American reservation libraries have been sent the new AIP (75-76). We also discussed a new title to help people know that AIP includes more than printed media. How about ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT, ET AL.? (Some feel it's about time we went AIPE!)

Anyone wishing to work on AIPE (AIPE), anyone having suggestions for inclusion, please write: Mimi Penchansky, TF on AIP, Queens College Library, Flushing, NY 11367.

---from reports by Bernard Poliashuk and Mimi.

Steve Squire of Committee for a Social Movements Collection in Charlottesville, Virginia, writes that two committee members, including Steve, will be resigning, but that they are still trying to drum up some action via library displays of social movements collections. They dream of a workshop which would motivate local activists and explore new uses of collections beyond the purely archival. Steve asks if there are any Virginia people (SRRT's or anybody) who would be interested in a workshop or conference? If so, write the Committee at Box 395x, Newcomb Station, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

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SRRT TASK FORCE ON WOMEN: SF AS AN ORGANIZING SPREE

On Tuesday evening of ALA feminist librarians met to discuss forming a group outside ALA. Helen Josephine reported on the Women's Fair (sponsored by the TF on Sunday, ed.). Carole Leita reported on having groups both within and outside of ALA and Pat Schuman discussed the caucus idea and supported the development of a network of women. The group after discussion voted to form a group known as WOMEN LIBRARY WORKERS which would work on issues outside ALA while the SRRT Task Force on Women would continue to address itself to ALA related issues. A second meeting was held on Thursday noon. Carole Leita agreed to send out a questionnaire to all interested members in getting opinions on organizational matters. Regional groups were also begun. The group plans a national organization and the formation of local groups. For further information, contact Carole Leita, 555 Buboce, PO, San Francisco, CA 94117.


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Connecticut Women in Library Service (CWILS), a SRRT affiliate, is planning to sponsor two workshops in the near future; one on assertiveness training and one on use of time. If anyone has had an experience with either of these subject areas, write: Arlene Bielefield, Asst. Dir., Russell Library, 113 Broad St., Middletown, Conn. 06457.

BAY AREA SRRT ALERT

Word has reached them of the arrest of Maria Luz Fernandez Alvarado, a librarian at the Cuban Embassy in Madrid. They have heard that she has been treated with great immunity, put in isolation, denied a lawyer, possibly tortured while being tried, and that her rights to a fair trial were also in danger Elizabeth Katz of Bay Area SRRT writes to ask you, as concerned librarians to express concern to the Spanish government.

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WOMEN BEHIND BARS

AN ORGANIZING TOOL.

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After reading several articles in SRRT indicating that many librarians are concerned about finding work, I decided to send this report on the Life/Work Planning Conference I attended in Kansas City from June 8 through June 21, 1975. My interest in job strategy evolved out of my own realization that I did not have what I considered to be "adequate" methodologies for finding work that interested me; Barbara Greer

I conducted research on job strategy; I perused traditional and non-traditional literature, did an extensive ERIC computer search, read through government documents, talked to people in the field, and visited the Occupational Library at Michigan State University. As a result, I produced an extensive bibliography on the subject, which I used to complete my Masters degree in Library and Information Services at the University of Toledo. Out of the entire list of over 200 resources, I felt that the works of Richard Nelson Bolles, What Color is Your Parachute? and John Crystal's work, Where Do I Go From Here With My Life?, were the most outstanding on the subject. The Life/Work Planning process is being taught at several community colleges and four-year colleges throughout the country. Only those who have gone through the process themselves can really understand it enough to really teach it. It has been successfully presented to groups of all ages and cultural and economic backgrounds.

The Bolles book is highly readable, interestingly illustrated, and will turn your mind upside-down in a matter of two hours or so. The Crystal book is designed to be a student manual, and contains descriptions of steps to use in the process and how to go through them. The Crystal book is very difficult to understand unless you have attended a workshop, or gone through the process yourself. However, both the Bolles and Crystal books are necessary resources in pursuing Life/Work Planning. The importance of these resources for librarians and information people is twofold: (1) They can help librarians find use for their skills in other fields besides the library profession; (2) Knowledge of these resources is essential for use by library patrons who, more and more, need more sophisticated tools to plan their time and lives more effectively, as well as search for meaningful work. For more detailed information write to Barbara Green, Univ. of Toledo, Dept. of Inf. & Lib. Services, Room 304, Icleod, OH 43606.

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FROM DOLLARS AND SENSE 324 Somerville Ave. Somerville, MA
Our Social Responsibilities Round Table began in 1968 within the American Library Association, and our effect has often been to act as the conscience of the ALA—not a pretty role—rather librarian-ly and frustrating, in fact. Membership meeting walk-outs, ringing demonstrations, and that sort face us within ALA as action. However, through TASK FORCES and AFFILIATE groups, SRRTers have been able to keep it together building for an alternative that is less de-humanizing. Absolute disgust with the non-acceptance of the professional organization of ALA needs to keep a concerned library worker from acting on an issue. Social issues that affect every one of us require our attention more than the red tape and quagmires of parliamentary dodges of ALA. Many SRRT members, though, are concerned about ALA goals ("the biggest game in town") to stay in it and to attempt changing it to change library service.

Such a responsiveness toward social issues and membership's concerns has happened within ALA since SRRT members began to work upon the system.

TASK FORCES

Task Forces are issue-oriented groups that form for a stated purpose, act with consciousness-raising efforts or special programs, and then dissolve themselves when they feel that they have served their purpose. Several SRRT Task Forces have been so successful in achieving part or all of the professionals to their needs and issues that they have become a permanent part of ALA as a Round Table, or an ALA headquarters office. Task Force members include people from any or all units of ALA (and from outside ALA) from any type of library or service. In this way, the Task Forces provide and exchange of information on the issues from a variety of viewpoints. Some examples of past and present Task Forces are: ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT, ETHNIC MATERIALS, INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM, PRISON SERVICE, STATUS OF WOMEN, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING AND ADVANCEMENT OF MINORITIES...and the list goes on. Task Forces may form by simply sending a statement of purpose and duration to the Action Council. Task Force Coordinators must be members of ALA and of SRRT.

AFFILIATES

Affiliates are usually, though not necessarily, local groups. Sometimes they are part of a state or a regional library association. Sometimes they exist independently of any other groups. These groups become Affiliates because they share SRRT goals concerning library workers' social role. As Affiliates, these groups may share communications and receive organizational and sometimes even monetary support from SRRT. Members of an Affiliate do not need to be members of ALA or even SRRT.

JOIN OR START A SRRT & GET INVOLVED

Our by-laws, the ORGANIZATION AND ACTION, provide for easy membership participation. Members volunteer and then act with support from two small units of elected volunteers: ACTION COUNCIL, the budget-policy body and CLEARINGHOUSE, the independent communications arm of SRRT. Action Council is made up of six to ten members, and Clearinghouse is made up of up to six members. Both groups are elected by half each year to provide some continuity. Elected members may not serve two consecutive two-year terms, to guarantee openness. This year's elected groups appear below, with addresses for your access.

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NANCY KELLER-ROSE, 203 35th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121. (COORD. NATOR)

DIANE GORDON ARDOUFF, 25 Grout Avenue, Providence, RI 02906. (CONFERENCE PROGRAM)

BARBARA J. FORD, 420 W. Pennsylvania, Urbana, IL 61801. (TASK FORCES' COORDINATOR)

LIZ DICKINSON, Tech Services Dept., Hennepin County Library, 3001 York Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407. (AFFILIATES' LIASON)

GERALD B. SHIELDS, 283 Sherbrooke, Williamsburg, NY 14132. (TREASURER)

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LYNNE BIRDOS, 33A West 14th North, Seattle, WA 98109. (SPECIAL PROJECTS)

AVERY WILLIAMS, Roosevelt University Library, Chicago, IL 60625. (CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS)

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JEAN McLAUGHERN, Camden County Library, Voorhees, New Jersey 08043. (SECRETARY)

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Deas Carr, 225 Dr. Harry, 403, Prescott, AZ 86301. (TASK FORCE AND AFFILIATES NEWS)

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LINDA HATZ, Wolfson Library, 180 Town Center Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406. (EDITOR)

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