The Committee of Small Magazine Editors and Publishers held their eastern book fair at Temple Univ., Philadelphia, on February 15th. It was a fun affair, although such issues as better distribution of small press materials was given serious thought.

The best story we SRRT'ers heard at the Fair was about the recent community occupation of NYPL's Columbia Branch. We got the following from a participant (or occupant), Mishka Chernofsky (his Yiddish pen-name), itinerant scholar and bee-keeper who was just passing through the neighborhood at the time in search of a particular delicatessen.

What he found instead was the Columbia Branch, a one-room library that has existed in the basement of the Butler Library since Columbia University donated the space in 1934.

For the past five years, the library had been cutting their services, but as Mishka noted, "not until library service descended from 'limited' to zero could a constituency organize to fight back."

The Board of Trustees of NYPL announced their decision to close eight branch libraries, including Columbia, with only five days notice. The evening before the closing, protestors occupied the library and began a twenty-four hour sit-in/read-in/sleep-in on tables, book stacks, and the floor.

Mishka says that the high point of the event was the breaking down of barriers between library patrons.

People who had been coming to the library since 1934 were finally introduced to each other by name. The library became an all-night cafe with poetry readings, political discussions, and food bought with money collected from passers-by outside. There were even party hats, notably a drum-major's hat designed by Mishka for the library-appointed security guard, who plays the bagpipe as a hobby.

Lest you think it was Columbia youth in a burst of nostalgia who created the protest, we want to note that it was mostly organized and conducted by "senior" citizens. Ida and Jesse Frankel, who are working on a book about the devastating health effects of retirement in this country, and long-time community residents, started the protest alert.

The end result was the hiring of CETA people to keep the library open three days a week, with one librarian instead of two. There is an ad hoc committee of citizens to plan regular social and cultural events, and a resolution to avoid becoming an all-volunteer library, as has been suggested by city officials.

Mishka concluded that politics (with a small "p") can be fun, but he is still pretty much disenchanted with political institutions. He sees subscription libraries as an answer for people like himself who use libraries "both traditionally and as an office, meeting house, and refuge when traveling."
EMONAL MATERIALS TASK FORCE ..... The meeting in Chicago for Midwinter
attracted 58 participants. They came to share with some of USOE Tn
organizations. Their findings and projects with the work of ethnic
in Chicago on Thursday, July 22, 1976, 8 am - 12 noon. Please contact David Cohen, 68-71 Bell Blvd., Bayside, N.Y. 11364, telephone 212-229-1510.

THEME LIBRARY BULLETIN will publish "A grim view of gay life: homosexuality in young adult literature." For a full article by SRRT's own Frances Hanckel and John Cunningham.

There will be a program on reference services a ALA in July on "Serving the Fearful Reader." The idea is to help librarians learn resources and how to help people find information and material on homosexuality; this may result in a directory of resources and information. There will be a program on the Status of Women in Librarianship. At the January meeting of ALA Council, this committee was charged with drafting general guidelines towards the establishment of a Standing Committee of Council on the Status of Women in Librarianship.

The Standing Committee will probably be responsible for collecting and disseminating information on women's concerns which are the responsibility of various units of ALA; and making recommendations for action to the Council.

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ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT, ETC. TASK FORCE ..... The deadline date for submission of materials and catalogs is April 1st. Publication is scheduled for Fall '76. Many new volunteers showed up at Midwinter! Workers will be asked to submit their names and addresses for inclusion in the book. Please send materials and catalogs to: 68-71 Bell Blvd., Bayside, N.Y. 11364, telephone 212-229-1510.

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Midwinter was a fairly quiet, basically organizational meeting. Action Council felt that we needed to put some effort into getting our own act together before we could be really effective in ALA. Much of our time was spent discussing what part we want to play in ALA’s summer celebration. After looking at the frothy proposed schedule, we decided to devote our program and membership meetings to nitty-gritty issues. We have invited Daniel Boorstin, the new Librarian of Congress, to our Tuesday program to discuss with him issues of social concern to the library community.

Our membership meeting will focus on current ALA legislation and proposed legislation that would push ALA toward more socially responsible positions. If you have issues or resolutions you’d like to see included, send them to Joselyn Williams, 1311 Delaware Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024.

One of the issues SRRT was involved with at Midwinter was the Statement on the Role and Function of Roundtables prepared by the Round Tables Task Force. As a member of the Task Force, I felt that it was a fair restatement of the status quo and would help protect Round Tables against unwarranted ALA interference. Council approved most of the document, but balked at the financial section, which allowed each Round Table to decide what, if any, contribution it would make to the ALA general fund. (Ed note: the assessment is now about 102, whereas SRRT utilizes ALA staff services between 1 – 5% of the time allotted to Round Tables.)

ALA Council referred the matter back to COPES and will take it up again at the Annual Conference.

Another SRRT sponsored issue at Midwinter was the Permanent Part-Time resolution introduced by the Peoples Librarians Task Force and passed by Council. This was the same action of the PLTF which announced its decision to retire as a National Task Force but remain a part of Bay Area SRRT. Despite all of their good work, including the resolution, two issues of PLOP (Peoples Librarian Occasional Papers) and five People’s Librarians supported within the last three years, the task force came to the realization that it was in fact a local group and didn’t have the energy or money to operate on a national level.

They haven’t lost faith in the concept of People’s Librarians who devote their energy to non-profit, socially useful projects while receiving support from employed librarians. The projects in the Bay Area have been very successful, and I would encourage all of you to consider such a project for your community. SRRT will provide information to you on how to set up such a project.

With SRRT’s new push to move ALA in positive directions, it is especially important that we vote for our own members running for ALA offices. We also need more people to volunteer to run for Action Council. The deadline has been extended to April 10, send your name and a short (150 words) statement of concern to Li Ilan Shapiro, 70 E. 10th St., Apt. M, New York City 10009. If you are interested. ♦ AND CLEARINGHOUSE!

For a while I didn’t think it would happen. After years of needling, cajoling, tactile flattery, and bobby soaking Eric Moon resisted steadfastly please that he run for the ALA Presidency. He agreed suddenly at the Midwinter Conference just past, and the petition was filed. In some circles, the news is probably being greeted with all the gastrointestine flux usually reserved for ulcers. But for me, it offers a hope that the busy fingers currently unraveling the changes made in ALA during the late 60’s and early 70’s can be stillled, for a while at least, by the rising of the Moon to the Presidency.

I intend to campaign by writing letters to ALA members offering arguments why this anti racist, anti sexist, anti elitist man who has not worked a library for years, but has had more influence than most who do opening up the profession, should be given the chance to head ALA. I hope you can join me.

There are great possibilities for campaign slogans such as “Moon over SCAM!”, “Join the Lunatic Fringe—Vote for MOON!”, “Dance by the Light of the MOON!”; or “For an increased ALA at the Top!”. The most important thing is to convince ALA members that a vote for Moon is a vote for halting the advances made in the association during the past few years. The issue is as basic as that.

—Gerald Shields, Action Council
DROITE DE LA PRESSE? PARESSE?

The following list of banned books in the union of South Africa comes from the United Nations NOTES AND DOCUMENTS, no. 2795, Feb. 1975.

It's easy to believe that James Baldwin, Nikki Giovanni, Che Guevara, Karl Marx, and George Jackson are banned, but how about the following:

DROITE DE LA PRESSE?

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WORKSHOPS, INSTITU TIONS, AND THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT comes from the information given from the following organizations:

THE NUCLEUS by John Fowles

COLUMBUS by Robert Roth

A CERTAIN SMILE by Francois Sagan

OUR BODIES, OURSELVES.

The following list of banned books includes:

NIM BYWELL, NAPOLISCO

512 11-page handout. Write to Tom Linn, 6224 Baynton St., San Diego, CA 92114, for information.

Religion, community are available from the publisher of THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON SOCIAL RESOURCES, Inc., P.O. Box 411, College Park, Md. 20740. The directory listing names, addresses, telephone numbers, ages, interests, and offers of those persons who are willing to donate a small amount of time to work with other classroom teachers.

ZEPM005 is a journal published by a small, non-profit group of San Francisco teachers, artists, and friends. They collect and print practical lesson plans, anecdotes, and games developed by other classroom teachers. Each issue is a "school primer." For example, Primer #1: "Facist Pedagogy" is "a collection of games on gov't repression, fighting pictures, love tidbits and the seven deadly sins. Written by 1011 Shinnan St., San Francisco, CA 94117 (for a catalog-

Supplement No. 1 of THE NATIONAL PRISON DIRECTORY, organizational profiles of prison reform groups in the United States, will be available from Urban Information Interpreters, Inc., P.O. Box 411, College Park, Md. 20740. The directory costs $25 and the supplement is $7.50.

Charles H. Kerr Publishing Co. has a new edition of Paul Lafargue's THE RIGHT TO BE LAZY. (P.O. Box 914, Chicago, IL 60690) Written by Karl Marx's son-in-law, it is a satirical work to expose what factory life and the 11-hour work day had done to the minds and bodies of workers. Lafargue wrote in his flight for the eight hour day and the socialist movement.
1974 Women's Preconference

Videotape copies of the ALA SRRT preconference on women, "Women in a Woman's Profession: Strategies," Douglas College, Rutgers Univ., 1974 have been supplied to the following libraries:

- Emory University
- Pawtucket Public Library
- SUNY at Albany, New York
- Graduate Library School
- Penfield Library
- School of Library Service
- Odegaard Undergraduate Library
- Penfield Library
- School of Library Service
- K.N.O.W.
- A-BICENTENNIAL STATISTIC

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ERAS REPORT

The Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution has passed 34 states; four more states must ratify it by March 1979.


ETHNIC MATERIALS PROJECTS

The following projects have been identified by SRRT Task Force/ Ethnic Materials Coordinator David Cohen as a result of Midwinter's meeting:

- Rick La Pointe (Sch. of Educ., Univ. of So. Dakota) - training native Americans as librarians for Indian reservations.
- Robert Booth (Wayne State) - Librarian training program with the focus on multi-ethnicity in an urban setting with some innovative TV programming.
- Lu Wynar (Kent State) - Special Center for Ethnic Publications which has already produced a directory of ethnic newspapers and periodicals as well as a directory of ethnic organizations.
- Harvard University is planning to publish "Ethnic Encyclopedia."
- Arnulfo Trejo (Univ. of Arizona, Tucson) - USO-E institute for the training of Spanish speaking librarians.
- W.B. Lukenbill (Univ. of Texas, Austin) - program to train librarians in skills of communication which reflect non-judgemental attitudes and behaviors.
- Bernadette Winter (School Library, Rockford, Ill) - Title IV, Indian Center where parents choose materials.
- Frank Stevens and Cheryl Metoyer (USO-E and U. of Illinois, Urbana) - program to produce Ph.D's with minority orientation to fulfill leadership roles.

FROM FEEDBACK

From Hennepin County Library, Edina, Minnesota, Dec. 1, 1975 issue.

LC has finally decided (although still not official) to change NEGROES. AFRO-AMERICANS will be used for the U.S., while the rest of the world's 'Negro' race will be dumped into BLACKS.

A beautifully produced booklet of 100 consciousness-raising books for women has been prepared by the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4510 Memphis Ave., Cleveland, OH 44144. The cost is 50¢; bulk rates available.

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More COSMEP/East

Another interesting person at the book fair was Harry Saffren, a part-time physics teacher who publishes a charming three-dimensional diorama/script called "Chimera, a complete theatre piece."

Harry says that science and theater use the same creative intellectual processes and he and his friends have put together a travelling play that uses technological effects.

They use puppets (puppeteers are all dressed in black with hoods) to stage a complete theatre piece. There is renewed interest in this country about the use of ECT, or electric shock therapy. It's use as punishment for mental institution inmates has been raised as an issue in the film "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," and in the new journal, "Madness Network News Reader."

"It's effects on memory was discussed in Fireig's best-seller, "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance," and now in "Shock Treatment is Not Good for Your Brain," by neurologist and patient's rights advocate, Dr. John Friedberg (Glide Publications, 330 Ellis St., San Francisco, CA 94102; $6.95 & $.50 postage and handling)."

Harry warns that his material may be R-rated because the puppets are nude. You can contact him at 340 E. Mechanic St., Philadelphia, PA 19144.

Heartfelt thanks go to Dan O'Neil for his illustrations from his heavenly book, "The Collective Unconscious," available from Glide Publications.

The Los Angeles Public Library has a union for the staff professionals called The Librarian's Guild (AFSCME Local 2525). They publish a monthly newsletter called The Communicator (Suite 319, 1636 W. 8th St., Los Angeles CA 90017).

One interesting issue raised in Bul. 8, No. 11, Nov. 1975, was an effort by the Guild to reshap what they consider to be an "inadequate, outdated, irrelevant" examination given to professionals by the Civil Service Commission. Civil service exams, of course, determine hiring and promotion decisions.

The members of the Guild lodged 223 separate complaints concerning two-thirds of the test questions, and filled statements about the rigid, antiquated view of librarianship that the test represents.

In a heartbreaking reversal, the Civil Service Commissioners first voted to "re-give" the exam and then, fourteen days later, changed their minds and decided to use the original exam as is.

The meetings and panels were videotaped in Philadelphia by Doug and Juanita Turner, who are also heading the C/E Library Project, with help from面积约100 library school students. Contact them for more information: 206 Clarke St., Syracuse, NY 13210.

COSMEP/EAST will be meeting again April 30-May 2 in NYC. In the corners and eves of the New York Book Fair. Watch for it!
AFFILIATES

Affiliates are usually, tho not necessarily, local groups. Sometimes they are part of a state or a regional library association. Sometimes they exist independently of any other group. 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.

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South Bay SRRT
Chairperson: Ruth Reynolds
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Woodside, CA 94062

Colorado Librarians In Transition
c/o Florence Jones
1520 Eighth St.
Boulder, CO 80302

Committee for a Social Movements Collection (CSMC)
Contact person: Steve Squire
Box 395 X
Newcomb Hall Station
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Connecticut Women in Libraries (CWILS)
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Long Island SRRT
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