Of Bookmobiles—and Bombers

Jim Dwyer

You say that your library can't afford books and other materials? Cutting back on staff and hours? Ever get the feeling that you're in the wrong place at the wrong time?

Perhaps you should have gone to work for GE, Rockwell International, or the Pentagon. While defense appropriations have mushroomed in the last decade, funding for human services such as health care, education and libraries, housing, pollution control and mass transit has dwindled. The United States now has the largest military budget in its history and President Ford is expected to ask Congress to approve a $130 billion ($130,000,000,000) allocation for defense for Fiscal Year 1977. And this is peacetime?

For years we have been told that "military spending is good for the economy: it creates jobs", yet while we spend over $100 billion on armaments, nearly a tenth of the labor force is idle. This is partly because the production of sophisticated weaponry tends to be capital, energy and resource intensive rather than labor intensive. This type of spending is also highly inflationary because vast sums of tax monies are invested with no return in the form of consumer goods and services. (More money buying fewer goods).

The newest star in the Pentagon's constellation of high-priced destructo-toys is the B-1 bomber. In the earliest stage of his administration, President Carter will decide whether or not to authorize production of the B-1. Starting with $1.5 billion for FY 1977, the eventual cost of the program has been projected to be $92.5 billion according to the Center for Defense Information and the Brookings Institute. This boils down to a cool $90 million per plane, the approximate cost of operating nine community colleges, each serving 10,000 students, for a year. This is three times the amount spent on federal grants for library services (LSCA Title I funds) in fiscal '73.

The B-1 might be expected to produce 22,000 jobs at peak production. The same $92.5 billion would produce 52,000 jobs in the education and library fields. At least it would help us all stay open on Sundays.

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So what can you do? You could start by writing President-Elect Jimmy Carter at Plains, Georgia, 31780. You can also participate in demonstrations to be held in over a hundred American cities on January twenty-second. Contact your local chapter of the American Friends Service Committee or Clergy and Laity Concerned for details or write the national headquarters of these organizations (AFSC, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102; CALC, 150 Broadway, NYC 10038).

Remember that for the cost of one B-1 bomber (out of a proposed 244) we could supply, staff, and operate a fleet of 1200 bookmobiles for a 90,000,000 volume saturation booking of the entire countryside.

"Prisons turn rebels into revolutionaries. Committees silence them forever." — Gunnar Olsson

**TRUCKIN' ON DOWN**

**THE LINE**

our own FORD!

**NEWS FROM THE CO-ORDINATOR**

SRRT Action Council will meet three times during ALA Midwinter in Washington (see schedule for times and places). The Sunday meeting will be a goals and planning session for the 1976-77 Action Council. All past Action Council members are particularly invited to attend and share their experiences and perspectives of SRRT's past activities and future plans.

On Tuesday, Action Council will meet and each task force will give a report on its activities of the past year and plans for the next year as well as their budget request. Discussion will then focus on SRRT's budget for the next year.

The final meeting on Thursday will include a review of Midwinter activities and a finalizing of plans for the Detroit conference. If anyone has any additional agenda items to suggest, let me know before the conference.

It is also time to begin thinking of finding people who are interested in serving on Action Council next year (term beginning after the Detroit Conference). If you cannot attend Midwinter and are interested (or have suggestions of others who might be) please send me a short statement expressing your interest before Midwinter. If you will be at Midwinter you may submit your petition at that time. It is essential that we have concerned, interested people who are able to attend conferences to run for Action Council.

Barbara J. Ford, Action Council Co-ordinator

**TASK FORCE COORDINATORS, 1976-77**

**ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT, ETC.:** Mimi Penchansky, Queens College Library, Flushing, NY 11367; **CHICANOS TASK FORCE:** Patricia Tarin, 4602 Los Feliz Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90027; **ETHNIC MATERIALS INFORMATION EXCHANGE:** David Cohen, 68-71 Bell Blvd., Bayside, NY 11364; **FARMWORKERS TASK FORCE:** Martin Zonlig, Stanislaus County Free Library, 1402 Eye St., Modesto, CA 95354; **GAY LIBERATION:** Barbara Gittings, PO Box 2383, Philadelphia, PA 19103; **LIBRARY SERVICE OF LANGUAGE COLLECTIONS:** L. Wertheimer, Metropolitan Toronto Library Board, 223 College St., Toronto M5T 1R5 Canada; **STRATEGIES ON FACING FINANCIAL CRISSES:** Ed Herman, 150-52 Melbourne Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367; **TASK FORCE ON WOMEN:** Linda Crowe, 1356 Scott Avenue, Winnetka, IL 60093; **LIBRARY SERVICE OF LANGUAGE COLLECTIONS:** L. Wertheimer, Metropolitan Toronto Library Board, 223 College St., Toronto M5T 1R5 Canada; **STRATEGIES ON FACING FINANCIAL CRISSES:** Ed Herman, 150-52 Melbourne Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367; **TASK FORCE ON WOMEN:** Linda Crowe, 1356 Scott Avenue, Winnetka, IL 60093; **GAY LIBERATION:** Barbara Gittings, PO Box 2383, Philadelphia, PA 19103; **LIBRARY SERVICE OF LANGUAGE COLLECTIONS:** L. Wertheimer, Metropolitan Toronto Library Board, 223 College St., Toronto M5T 1R5 Canada; **STRATEGIES ON FACING FINANCIAL CRISSES:** Ed Herman, 150-52 Melbourne Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367; **TASK FORCE ON WOMEN:** Linda Crowe, 1356 Scott Avenue, Winnetka, IL 60093;
The following is correspondence in reference to subject headings, "see" references, and people:

To L. Huish
I don't think "hardly any one can afford to go back and .. change subject headings." In the UNABASHED LIBRARIAN #1 (Nov. 1971) I described a way that subject headings may be cheaply and easily changed (and have been at the Orange (N.J.) Public Library.

The problem of a central service supplying "printed" cross references is a massive one and includes more than the preparatory printing the cards. How will they be ordered, stocked, delivered, and billed - will everyone get everything anytime they join? etc.

Public libraries should get together and set up their own complete cataloging service for the 30,000 titles from which most of us buy.

These titles are still submerged in the 250,000 items L.C. catalogs each year. We should set up our own service (I have been suggesting this for years) or pressure Dr. Daniel J. Boorstin, Librarian of Congress to do "special" public library cataloging. National Library of Medicine headings are printed on appropriate LC cards. Why can't Sandy Berman's headings be printed on "our" cards - public librarians have an obligation, I believe, to communicate their cataloging frustrations directly to the Librarian of Congress and to their representative in Congress.

This is very important.

Yours for Reader-oriented cataloging. Marvin H Scilken, Ed.

THE UNABASHED LIBRARIAN, GPO
Box 2631, NYC 10001

From Sandy Berman about my suggestion that he receive royalties for use of his subject heading work:

"No 'royalties' wanted. It's more than enough 'repayment' to simply know that some folks not only dig the 'work' but also use it.

Sanford Berman, Head Cataloger Hennepin County Library York Ave. So. at 70th Edina, Minn. 55435

And finally, on the subject of people-helping subject headings and "see" references was the following:

A Mr. Bill Wonds of Woods Library Publishing Company hastened to inform me that his company indeed provides cross-reference on regular catalog cards, ready to file for only $35.95.

However, he uses Sears subject headings and as an idea of his up-to-date cards, actually sent as an example: NEGROES-EDUCATION

The poor man does not know it, but he is part of the problem, not part of the solution.
The Ethnic Materials and Information Exchange Task Force members will assemble in Washington at the ALA Midwinter Meeting (see schedule) to discuss:


2. Progress report on program for Detroit with OLIST as the co-sponsor: Tentative title: The Emerging American Identity, From Fragmentation to the new Pluralism; a. Tentative speakers—Prominent American writers representing major ethnic groups are being contacted with the cooperation of the publishers.

3. The EMIE Bulletin—plans for its early publication. Important items of information concerning ethnic publications, programs, and organizations are needed from our colleagues for publication in the Bulletin. We will pass on all such information to the editors.

4. Prospects for a publication of a basic library collection of ethnic materials. Other publications.

5. New directions—Follow up on the multicultural workshop held in Chicago in 1975; availability of tapes, etc.


Nancy D’Amico asked that Newsletter subscribers consider forming re-vitalized local SRRT affiliates by making use of a mailing list of national SRRT members in your area.

If anyone is interested in a particular geographic/zip code area, please request a listing from Nancy D’Amico, Roger Williams College Library, Bristol, RI 02809.

The Ethnic Connection—Making the Ethnic Connection

An ethnic materials conference, "Making the Ethnic Connection," sponsored by the Rhode Island SRRT Affiliate, was held on April 29th at Rhode Island College. Nearby 75 librarians attended sessions on library programs, acquisitions problems and financial considerations of serving ethnic groups who often are unserved.

The program consisted of an historical overview of ethnic groups in the Rhode Island-Massachusetts area; library services for the Spanish-speaking in Boston, which includes a referral service, talent nights, film programs, and bibliographies; and library services for the Portuguese in New Bedford.

"The Buyers and Sellers," a panel of librarians and publishers, explored problems common to acquiring materials regardless of the ethnic group the library is trying to serve: access to popular works, delayed delivery of orders, duplication of acquisitions resulting from blanked orders, translation and transliteration difficulties, acquisition of "easy" picture books on folklore for adults, and constantly fluctuating currency conversion rates.

Booksellers then explained how they attempt to solve these problems. Linda Goodman described Bilingual Publications Company, which specializes in Spanish language children's literature as well as English language and American publications. The company is geared to the needs of school systems as well as public libraries. Ms. Goodman requested input from librarians on materials that they would like to find available.

Joan Ferguson represented InterCulture Associates, the largest importer of Indian materials, which emphasizes audio-visual materials including media kits on the Maryannu and artifact kits of various anthropological interest.

Asabilis Torres, a former librarian, describing Torres and Camera, a publishing company which deals with materials for the Portuguese, explained some of the difficulties encountered when dealing with foreign materials. Everything purchased by his company must be "saleable" in one year as Portuguese and Brazilian materials are not returnable. Thirty percent of the book price is consumed by freight costs and related expenses. For example, the words "Printed in Portugal" must be stamped in English in the back of every book from Portugal in order to clear customs. It is also the responsibility of the purchasing company to prove that the author is getting royalties. The dollar fluctuation is so great that it is difficult to quote a price to the buyer, and in addition, many books are out of stock and/or out of print in less than one year.

Further, review sources are lacking and there is no BOOKS IN PRINT for Portuguese materials.

Finally, barbershops, grocery stores, etc. sell more Portuguese materials than bookstores, since few readers go to bookstores.

One librarian suggested that community organizations are a good place to seek funds for purchase of ethnic materials.

Affiliates - Making the Ethnic Connection

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The following is a letter sent to Edward J. Blume, Chief, Subject Cataloging Div., Processing Dept., The Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540:

Dear Mr. Blume,

Equal employment legislation like the Civil Rights Act of 1964, together with recent Administration policy statements and directives on the same subject, proscribe federal use of sex-referent language with respect to occupations. Indeed, such statutes and instructions prompted the U.S. Dept. of Labor to revise nearly 3500 job titles (e.g., changing Foreman to Supervisor, Bus Boy to Dining Room Attendant, etc.).

As library-users and employees, however, we find that institutions following LC's subject-heading scheme regularly catalog material on specific jobs under exclusively masculine heads (e.g., BOATMEN, BUSBOYS, FOREMEN, CITY COUNCILMEN, FIREMEN, FISHERMEN, LONGSHOREMEN, LUMBERMEN, STUNT MEN).

This practice not only contradicts the law and violates explicit government policy, but also flagrantly insults women, clearly implying our unfitness to handle certain types of work: the traditionally "male-only" jobs.

Well, we reject those stereotypes as demeaning and stifling. Thus, we ask that the Library of Congress at once undertake the systematic reform of all sexist occupational terms (e.g., replacing FIREMEN with FIRE FIGHTERS, FOREMEN with SUPERVISORS, etc.)

Let there be no mistake: This is a top priority matter as far as we're concerned, not one that can be "indefinitely postpone[d]."

TWIN CITIES WLW

AFFILIATES

The somewhat defunct Philadelphia Phila. SRRT has slides available for any SRRT group who would like to use them for a fund-raising poster. The slides are very pretty, colorful pictures of a balloon (giant Around-the-World in Eighty Days type balloons) race held in Philadelphia for the Bicentennial celebration.

The photographer has given the Phila. SRRT permission to use the slides for a poster without paying him royalties. For more information, contact Linda Katz in care of this newsletter.

CURRICULUM VITAE:

WHAT I NEVER WAS

Stunt flyer, test pilot; sand blaster; bartender; draft resister; ambulance driver; driver; dope dealer; chain gang rock 'n' roller; salvage diver; printer's devil; pimp or pervert.


After Brya Nove, worked a bit, got married, was wife, then mother three times over. Increasingly, what I never was Rattles in my head:

ERIEY-CHILD

MERRITT FUND

One of the earliest action projects of SRRT was to try to get ALA to give concrete support (meaning money, of course) to those librarians who actually supported the ideals of intellectual freedom in practice and who got into trouble for so doing.

The LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund is now constituted to be able to meet that need and to do a little more with its broader definition of who may request aid.

The Fund really needs donors. Also, people need to know the Fund is there to apply to for help.

Write to Betty-Carol Sellen for more information or your contribution: Brooklyn College of the City Univ. of New York, Bedford Ave., and Ave. H, Brooklyn, NY 11210.
When is a co-op not a lodging house? Have there been other questions and co-op lodging complained about by COOPERATIVE HOUSING JOURNAL’s Special Joint Issue on Cooperative Housing. Write to: THE NEW HARBINGER, Co-op Publications, Box 1301, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106, $8/yr.

The Senate Subcommittee to Investigate Juvenile Delinquency has released two volumes on the problem and possible solutions for school violence and vandalism. Write to Sen. Birch Bayh, Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 for a free copy.


A writer and photographer concerned with race and sex stereotyping has come up with a product from her company, WHD OPERAHS. "People on the Job" is a series of twenty photographic posters of non-sexist, non-racist men and women at work. $1 per set. Box 548, Aldridge Station, Oakland, CA 94618.

ALA (ALA?) has a new newsletter called the AMERICAN INDIAN LIBRARIES NEWSLETTER. It’s free of change from Jean Coleman, P.O. Box 50 E. Hanover St., Chicago, IL 60601. Send information and notices to Dr. Cheryl Metoyer, National Indian Education Assoc., 115 Second Ave., So., Minneapolis, MN 55403.

For your reference use, there is an "Annotated Selective Bibliography of Contemporary Jewish-American Women’s Novels" in No. 16 of the NEW YORK CULTURE REVIEW. 1870 60th St., Brooklyn, NY 11203, $7/yr.; $9 institutions.

The following are brief reviews of some of the books we have been running out of space in the last few issues and one or two other books which give us some of the interesting things that pass our way. These are not intended as carefully considered critical reviews.

RECON, a monthly newsletter, lets you know how the Pentagon is spending our money. Find out more about the Stop the B-1 Bomber (see article by J. Dwyer elsewhere in this newsletter) Campaign. 3070, P.O. Box 14602, Phila., Pa. 19154.

A substantial number of multiethnic titles are identified in the new Sixth Revised Edition of RECOMMENDED PAPERBACK BOOKS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, edited by SRRT’s own David Cohen. $10 an individual copy will be mailed free to schools and libraries when requested on official letterhead. Book Mail Service, Inc., 151 E. 57th St., Jamaica, NY 11435.

A small press has made the big book, SPEAKING OF THE NEW YORK TIMES. BEYOND OUR CONTROL by Tom Engelhardt was praised for his portraits of Americans in the 70’s, gathered as he travelled the country. The book is distributed by RW, Box 1735, Rochester, NY 14650 and Bookpeople, 1740 Seventh St., Berkeley, CA 94710. $4.95/depex. This is the final book published by Riverpress Press.
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### Schedule

**SATURDAY, JAN. 29**
- Council Committee on Committees: 2 - 4 p.m., SP - Marshall Rm.
- SRRT Clearinghouse: 4:30 - 6 p.m., SP - Taft Rm.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 30**
- SRRT Action Council: 7 - 10:30 p.m., SP - Richmond Rm.
- Status of Women in Librarianship: 8:30 - 10:30 p.m., SP - Assembly Rm.
- YASD Sexism in Adolescent Lit.: 8:30 - 10:30 p.m., S - Room F-166

**MONDAY, JAN. 31**
- Alternatives in Print. T.F.: 10 - 12 noon, SP - Room E-129
- SRRT Multilingual Library Services: 10 - 12 noon, S - Forum Rm.
- HR LSD Service to Local Jails Resolution Com.: 4:30 - 6 p.m., S - Rm. F-156

**TUESDAY, FEB. 1**
- SRRT Task Force on Women: 10 - 12 noon, SP - Sheraton Hall
- Council and Executive Board: 8 - 9:30 a.m., SP - Sheraton Hall
- SRRT Chicano T.F.: 10 - 12 noon, SP - Arlington Rm.
- COUNCIL: 2 - 4 p.m., SP - Holmes Room
- SRRT Action Council: 4 - 6 p.m., S - Executive Room

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2**
- SRRT Gay Liberation T.F.: 8:30 - 10:30 p.m., S - Executive Rm.
- SRRT Gay Liberation/YASD Media Selection & Usage Com.: 8 a.m. - 10:30 p.m., SP - Assembly Rm.
- SRRT Task Force on Women: 10 - 12 noon, S - Club Room A
- COUNCIL: 2 - 4 p.m., S - Regency Ballroom
- SRRT Farmworkers T.F.: 10 - 12 noon, S - Press Room
- Status of Women Com.: 8:30 - 10:30 p.m., SP - Continental Rm.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 3**
- LAD PAS Racism & Sexism Awareness Training Com.: 10 - 12 noon, SP - Adams Room
- SRRT T.F. on Women: 4:30 - 6 p.m., SP - Assembly Rm.
- Status of Women in Librarianship: 2 - 4 p.m., S - Forum Rm.
- SRRT Action Council: 4:30 - 6 p.m., SP - Richmond Rm.