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## SRRT TASK FORCE NOTES

### ETHNIC MATERIALS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

► EMIE Round Table Approved:

The Ethnic Materials Information Exchange (EMIE) Task Force has been elevated to the status of Round Table. The decision by the Committee on Organization (COO), was regarded by EMIE members attending ALA-Philadelphia as a step towards upgrading future EMIE programs in cooperation with other agencies interested in library work, with and for the benefit of ethnic groups all over the country. The petition to COO had been presented by David Cohen, past EMIE coordinator and was supported by the Council Committee on Minority Concerns and the Advisory Committee to the Office of Library Outreach Services.

► Past Programs of EMIE available on Tape:

1974 Ethnicity and Librarianship,  
What is it?

- 1975 Advances in Multiethnic Media Since 1965
- 1976 Multiethnic Workshop: Advances in Training and Service
- 1977 Ethnicity and Librarianship: The New Pluralism
- 1978 Tracking Community Ethnicity
- 1979 Getting to Know Your Ethnic Community
- 1980 Selected Outstanding Programs Servicing Ethnic Groups in the Local Community
- 1981 Building Bridges: Strategies for Multilingual Collection Development
- 1982 No Way But Up: Impacting Ethnic Communities

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To: SRRT Members

From: Linda Pierce, SRRT Coordinator

The Philadelphia Conference proved to be exciting, interesting, tiring, and a reminder of how much the American Library Association needs SRRT and its members.

The major controversy of the conference was the recommendation of the Executive Director to the Executive Board to eliminate the Office for Library Outreach Services (OLOS) as part of the cutbacks necessary to balance the budget. Approval of this recommendation would have meant elimination of the Office, termination of Jean Coleman's position, and distribution of her responsibilities to other offices.

At the membership meeting on Monday, July 12th, overwhelming support was voiced for OLOS and a resolution to continue the Office and its functions was unanimously passed by membership. Council also supported the continuation of the Office and the membership resolution. The Executive Board met Thursday and voted not to discontinue the office.

I feel that this decision was a sign that SRRT can make a difference in ALA actions and policy and should be seen as encouraging to all SRRT members. SRRT Task Forces introduced several resolutions to membership. Those which were passed supported the right of the Chicago Public Library to vote on unionizing (Library Union Task Force) and supported the nuclear freeze campaign (Peace Information Exchange Task Force). Another resolution dealt with monitoring and working against bills currently before Congress which would deny funds to agencies which per-

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form, reimburse, or refer people for abortions; such bills would limit the accessibility of information and could conceivably affect libraries and information centers (Feminist Task Force).

Action Council met three times during the conference. The agenda included election of new officers, a report on the ALA Committee on Planning's project of developing procedures to monitor how well ALA groups are meeting ALA priorities, discussion of the budget, and a request to support a new task force on International Human Rights (see p.4)

The formation of another task force and requests for additional funds from existing task forces means that the SRRT budget is becoming increasingly tight. The best way to solve this problem is through increased membership. One of my goals as coordinator of Action Council will be to build our membership base. I will be working with Bonnie Jo Dopp who was appointed membership coordinator of SRRT. Membership figures for all round tables are provided on p.9 in this Newsletter.

Names of all Action Council members and officers are listed on p. 11 and I encourage everyone to contact these people with suggestions, questions, complaints or any information about SRRT/ALA activities that you think we should be aware of. As the new coordinator of Action Council, I am particularly interested in hearing from SRRT members. There is no way that SRRT can be a viable and effective round table without support and input from individual members. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all outgoing Action Council members and officers. In particular, I would like to thank Barbara Pruett, 1980-82 Coordinator; Betty Turock, 1980-82 Treasurer; Marjorie Joramo, 1980-82 Conference Arrangements Coordinator; and Bill Galaway, 1981-82 Secretary. All of these people spent many long hours of work on SRRT business and their efforts have resulted in new procedures, a new constitution, and a smoothly running round table. They deserve our thanks and appreciation.

# ALTERNATIVE NOTES

## CHANGE IN TITLE (HEAVEN FORBID)

A handout given to participants in a workshop held for editors in Philadelphia, included a section on Changes. "If it is decided that a change in size, format, or (Heaven forbid!) title is necessary...'

If the reader will turn to the first page of this Newsletter, it will become apparent that the title is actually SRRT Social Responsibilities Round Table Newsletter ALA, and not the SRRT Newsletter, as it is popularly called. Ulrich lists it as A L A Social Responsibilities Round Table Newsletter and OCLC as American Library Association. Social Responsibilities Roundtable. I could not find a listing in CONSER.

Those who have never tried to catalog or trace a periodical may think this a trivial matter, but anyone who has ever dealt in any way with periodicals will realize that something must be done.

Sanford Berman, a past editor, refers to it in Technicalities, V.2#6, June 1982, p. 8, as SRRT Newsletter and since that is what is generally known as, it would seem that thus it should remain.

The banner, then, needs to be changed to reflect its true title. At an Action Council meeting in Philadelphia, it was suggested that SRRT members be notified and asked for suggestions. Please do so by letter to the editor (address on p. 2) so that this problem can be resolved in San Antonio in January.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Three librarians in the New York City area willing to assist in the nitty-gritty work of preparing bibliography cards for "An Annotated Gay/Lesbian Studies Bibliography of Resources Selected from Non-Homosexual Periodical Publications, with Subject Headings and Cross-References." The project requires that the group work together once every two months for about two hours, and meet twice a year to prepare the final draft of the Gay Books Bulletin - an effort

that involves a few hours of time and the typing of about ten pages worth of bibliographic materials each. If you are interested in volunteering, write:

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## INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

The June 1982 issue of Choice, V.19#10, has a bibliographical essay on "International Human Rights," by Natalie Hevener. It is a useful checklist with a good general introduction, but is quite dated and even lacking some important titles.

For example, of the serials mentioned, Human Rights Directory (published by Human Rights Internet, 1979) has been updated by three separate directories and the 1972 volume by Inter-American Commission on Human Rights has been followed by two editions of Inter-American Yearbook on Human Rights (last published in 1976, which is perhaps indicative of the status of human rights in Latin America since then.) A glaring oversight is the absence of the annual Amnesty International Report from the list in Choice.

The five-volume work, Case Studies on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms; a World Survey, ed. by Willem A. Veenhoven (Matinus Nijhoff, 1976) and Karel Vasak's The International Dimensions of Human Rights; Textbook for Teaching at the University Level (UNESCO, 1979. Reprinted by Greenwood Press) should seemingly have been listed, as should a book like The Fourth World; Victims of Group Repression, ed. by Ben Whitaker (Schocken Books, 1973)- albeit "minority rights" could be technically distinguished from "human rights" in some people's minds.

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# INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TASK FORCE

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## Statement of Purpose:

The SRRT Task Force on International Human Rights serves to extend the concerns of American librarians for social justice to all peoples throughout the world. The recognition of issues on the national level to which SRRT and other groups in ALA are committed, including such concerns as children's rights; freedom of information and intellectual freedom; rights of institutionalized persons and of minorities; women's rights; civil and other rights, is inseparable from the promotion and protection of these rights in other countries.

## Functions:

1. To coordinate the identification of human and informational resources with which to address the problems and issues of international human rights;
2. To promote within the library profession an increased awareness of international human rights;
3. To serve as a forum and to provide support for any persons who wish to address aspects of international human rights issues within the library profession and within libraries and library programs;
4. To identify and to serve as a coordinating unit for communicating with similar groups in other professional societies, such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Bar Association and others.

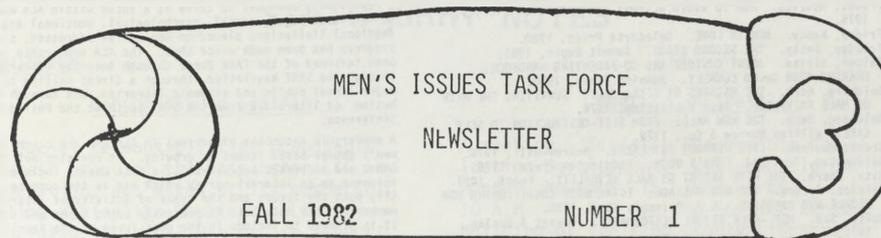
## Immediate Goals:

1. To inform the ALA membership of the establishment of this Task Force;
2. To develop a network of persons in ALA who are concerned about promoting and sharing information about international human rights;
3. To plan and implement meetings and communications for effectively meeting the purposes of the Task Force.

## Other Goals:

1. To encourage librarians, as citizens as well as information providers, to be personally knowledgeable about and to participate in the work of international human rights organizations, such as Amnesty International;
2. To conduct correspondence with librarians in other countries to assess specific information-related human rights problems, such as censorship and denial of access to information;
3. To promote professional attention to the works of authors and organizations, and to periodical publications which are banned, censored, or otherwise repressed in their country of origin; or in support of librarians in foreign countries whose concern for freedom of information is endangered;
4. To engage in other activities which alert or promote attention in the United States and in foreign countries to the issues of human rights.

See p. 3 for Lee Regan's review of a bibliographical essay on "International Human Rights," by Natalie Hevener. Choice, V.19 #10. June 1982.



# MEN'S ISSUES TASK FORCE

## NEWSLETTER

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### A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE MEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT

With the advent of the women's liberation movement, some men have been re-examining their lives, and finding alternatives to traditional gender-based behavior and roles. There are a growing number of men who are willing to search for new ways to live their lives. While not organized on a national level, there are thousands of men's groups which meet in cities all over the country on a regular basis.

The focus of the men's movement is still very personal. Individual growth through consciousness raising groups is one of the most important ways to bring men together in a non-competitive, nurturing environment. It can be very exciting for a man to discover gradually that he can turn to other men for moral support, in the way he had previously turned to women.

Another very important tool for a man interested in personal growth is the body of literature written about men's issues in recent years. By reading these books, primarily written by men who have gone through changes in their lives, someone who is beginning the process can discover alternatives for growth, and make informed choices about his alternatives. Even for those men who have successfully changed their lives, it is still important to touch base now and then to reaffirm that the choices that they made and are continuing to make are right.

There are a number of important elements to the philosophy of men's liberation. Perhaps the first and most important is learning to get in touch with and be comfortable with one's own feelings. For generations, young boys have been told that crying is not manly, that the best way to express anger is by lashing out physically, and that in general feelings do more harm than good. This concept alone may be one of the primary causes for the significantly higher incidence of heart attacks, ulcers, and successful suicides among the male population.

Another very important change is for men to realize that they do not have to be homosexual to be emotionally or physically close to other men. Women have been confiding in, and helping, one another with problems for generations. They have also been the prime source of nurturing for men. This is a burden some women are no longer willing to carry. Men are learning to turn to one another for comfort and support, and finding that men can be very helpful in dealing with personal problems. Other men have often been in a similar situation, and while they may not have a simple solution, they may be able to share their feelings and offer some worthwhile insight and guidance.

Another major change some men are making is relating to women as equals, rather than second class citizens or objects. On a personal level, a liberated man is willing to carry his fair share of housework and child rearing, as well as encouraging and supporting the woman he is emotionally involved with to grow in the way which seems most beneficial to her. On a professional level it means he gives women equal consideration for their work and ideas, equal opportunity for advancement, equal responsibility for and in job titles, and doesn't ask anyone to do a specific job simply based on her or his gender.

Men are also re-examining their place in the work force, and taking on jobs such as elementary education, nursing, preschool teaching, and even secretarial work as an alternative to a traditional career. Men are also becoming single parents, gaining responsibility in a growing number of custody cases, and providing a nurturing environment in which to raise their children.

Finally, on a societal level, men must be willing to share the reins of power. That includes politics, finance, opinion leadership, law, and any other situation in which one person has power over another. The liberated man begins to see the awful absurdity and injustice of allowing a few members of less than half of the species to control the overwhelming majority of real power in this country, and the world.

In the future, men and women both will probably join in a common cause: the removal of all gender-based legislation from the law books. It may then be possible to have a fairer system for marriage, divorce, inheritance, and all other legal activities where one gender has an advantage over the other.

This dream may be a long time coming. It has been said that it is only in the generation of the children of the children of those who make a change that the change comes to maturity.

Whether we like it or not, we are all in this together. Oppressed in such a way that it will be impossible for the bonds of oppression to be thrown off in the classic, violent manner. If both men and women can help one another and be tolerant of new roles that one or the other are trying, be supportive of change, be willing to provide fair and uncritical feedback, one day we may wake up to find we have a lot fewer problems than we had not so long ago.

Jim Rucker

The following list of men's books has been compiled over a number of years, from many sources. Some of these books may not have been written specifically with the men's movement in mind, but they are relevant, nonetheless. All citations have been checked in *Books in Print*.

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- Atkin, Edith, & Rubin, Estelle. *PART TIME FATHER*. Vanguard Press, 1976.
- Atlas, Stephen L. *SINGLE PARENTING: A PRACTICAL RESOURCE GUIDE*. Prentice-Hall, 1980.
- Avedon, Bert. *AH MEN*. A&W Publishers, 1980.
- Bednarik, Karl. *THE MALE IN CRISIS*. Greenwood Press, 1981.
- Billier, Henry, & Merlidith, Dennis. *FATHER POWER*. Doubleday & Co., 1975.
- Blaine, William L., & Bishop, John. *PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR THE UNMARRIED COUPLE*. Sun River Press, 1976.
- Brown, Howard. *FAMILIAR FACES, HIDDEN LIVES: THE STORY OF HOMOSEXUAL MEN IN AMERICA TODAY*. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1977.
- Buber, Martin, Kaufmann, Walter Jr. *I AND THOU*. Charles Scribner's Sons, 1970.
- Buscaglia, Leo. *LOVE*. Fawcett Book Group, 1982.
- Carrera, Michael. *SEX: THE FACTS, THE ACTS, & YOUR FEELINGS*. Crown, 1982.
- Chev, Peter. *THE INNER WORLD OF THE MIDDLE-AGED MAN*. MacMillan, 1976.
- David, Deborah S., & Brannon, Robert eds. *THE FORTY-NINE PERCENT MAJORITY: THE MALE SEX ROLE*. Addison-Wesley, 1976.
- Dinnerstein, Dorothy. *THE MERMAID AND THE MINOTAUR*. Harper & Row, 1976.
- Dubbert, Joe. *A MAN'S PLACE: MASCULINITY IN TRANSITION*. Prentice-Hall, 1979.
- Edwards, Marie, & Hoover, Eleanor. *THE CHALLENGE OF BEING SINGLE*. New American Library, 1974.
- Farrell, Warren. *THE LIBERATED MAN*. Bantam, 1974.
- Fasteau, Mark. *THE MALE MACHINE*. McGraw-Hill, 1974.
- Firststone, Ross. *A BOOK OF MEN: VISIONS OF THE MALE EXPERIENCE*. Stonehill, 1978.

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 Franks, Maurice. HOW TO AVOID ALIENATION. New American Library, 1975.  
 Friday, Nancy. MEN IN LOVE. Delacorte Press, 1980.  
 Frican, Betty. THE SECOND STAGE. Summit Books, 1981.  
 Galper, Miriam. CHILD CUSTODY AND CO-PARENTING HANDBOOK: SHARING YOUR JOINT EQUALLY. Running Press, 1980.  
 Goldberg, Herb. THE HAZARDS OF BEING MALE: SURVIVING THE MYTH OF MALE PRIVILEGE. Nash Publishing, 1976.  
 Goldberg, Herb. THE NEW MALE: FROM SELF-DESTRUCTION TO MYTH CARE. William Morrow & Co., 1979.  
 Green, Maureen. LIFE WITHOUT FATHERING. McGraw-Hill, 1976.  
 Heidenstein, David ed. MAN'S BODY. Paddington Press, 1976.  
 Hite, Shere. THE HITE REPORT ON MALE SEXUALITY. Knopf, 1981.  
 Inkeles, Gordon. THE NEW MESSAGE: TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING FOR PEOPLE WHO EXERCISE. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1980.  
 Jolly, Sam. MSP--MALE SEXUAL PERFORMANCE. Gosset & Dunlap, 1975.  
 Jolly, Sam. MEN'S BODIES, MEN'S SELVES. Delta Books, 1979.  
 Kanowitz, Leo. EQUAL RIGHTS: THE MALE STAKE. University of New Mexico Press, 1981.  
 Karsk, Roger, & Thomas, Bill. WORKING WITH MEN'S GROUPS, VOL. 1, NEW ED., New Community Press, 1979.  
 Korda, Michael. MALE CHAUVANISM! HOW IT WORKS AND HOW TO GET FREE OF IT. Ballentine Books, 1979.  
 Kregel, Leonard. OF MEN AND MANKIND. E.P. Dutton, 1979.  
 Levine, James A. WHO WILL RAISE THE CHILDREN? NEW OPTIONS FOR FATHERS. J.B. Lippincott, 1976.  
 Lyon, Robert. MEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES: MASCULINITY TODAY AND TOMORROW. Prentice-Hall, 1981.  
 Lyon, Harold C. Jr. TENDERNESS IS STRENGTH. Harper & Row, 1978.  
 McFadden, Michael. BACHELOR FATHERHOOD. Ace Books, 1978.  
 Masters, William & Johnson, Virginia E. HOMOSEXUALITY IN PERSPECTIVE. Little, Brown, 1979.  
 Montagu, Ashley. TOUCHING: THE HUMAN SIGNIFICANCE OF SKIN. Columbia University Press, 1971.  
 Morgan, Elaine. THE DESCENT OF WOMAN. Bantam Books, 1973.  
 Nichols, Jack. MEN'S LIBERATION: A NEW DEFINITION OF MASCULINITY. Penguin Books, 1975.  
 Nin, Anaïs. IN FAVOR OF SENSITIVE MEN AND OTHER ESSAYS. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1976.  
 Orason, Mark. THE HOMOSEXUAL QUESTION. Harper & Row, 1977.  
 Parke, Ross D. FATHERS. Harvard University Press, 1981.  
 Petras, John W. ed. SEX: MALE/GENDER: MASCULINE READINGS IN MALE SEXUALITY. Alfred Publishing, 1975.  
 Pleck, Elizabeth H. & Pleck, Joseph H. THE AMERICAN MALE. Prentice Hall, 1980.  
 Pleck, Joseph H. & Sawyer, Jack eds. MEN AND MASCULINITY. Prentice Hall, 1980.  
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 Pogrebin, Letty C. GROWING UP FREE. Bantam Books, 1981.  
 Prather, Hugh. NOTES TO MYSELF. Bantam Books, 1976.  
 Rochlin, Gregory, M.D. THE MASCULINE DILEMMA: A PSYCHOLOGY OF MASCULINITY. Little, Brown, 1980.  
 Rogers, Carl R. ON BECOMING A PERSON. Houghton Mifflin, 1961.  
 Shafrin, Merle. SOME MEN ARE MORE PERFECT THAN OTHERS. J.B. Lippincott, 1979.  
 Shafrin, Merle. WHEN LOVERS ARE FRIENDS. J.B. Lippincott, 1978.  
 Shapiro, Evelyn, & Shapiro, Barry. THE MEN SAY, THE WOMEN SAY. Delacorte Press, 1979.  
 Sherman, Allan. THE RAPE OF THE A.P.E., Playboy Paperbacks.  
 Skjel, Eric W. & Rabkin, Richard. THE MALE ORDEAL: ROLE CRISIS IN A CHANGING WORLD. Putnam, 1981.  
 Snodgrass, John, ed. FOR MEN AGAINST SEXISM: A BOOK OF READINGS. Times Change Press, 1977.  
 Steinberg, David. FATHER JOURNAL: FIVE YEARS OF AWAKENING TO FATHERHOOD. Times Change Press, 1977.  
 Steinberg, David. WELCOME BROTHERS: POEMS OF A CHANGING MAN'S CONSCIOUSNESS. Red Alder, 1976.  
 Steiner, Claude M. SCRIPTS PEOPLE LIVE. Bantam Books, 1975.  
 UNBECOMING MEN: A MEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING GROUP WRITES ON OPPRESSION AND THEMSELVES. Times Change Press, 1971  
 Wagenvoort, James & Bailey, Peyton eds. MEN: A BOOK FOR MEN. Avon, 1978.  
 Wagenvoort, James A. Bailey, Peyton eds. WOMEN: A BOOK FOR WOMEN. Avon, 1978.  
 Weiss, Robert S. MARITAL SEPARATION. Basic Books, 1975.  
 Weitzman, Lenore J. THE MARRIAGE CONTRACT: SPOUSES, LOVERS, AND THE LAW. Free Press, 1981.  
 Wishard, Bill & Wishard, Laurie. MEN'S RIGHTS: A HANDBOOK FOR THE 80's. Cragmont Publications, 1980.  
 Zibersfeld, Bernard & Ullman, John. MALE SEXUALITY. Little, Brown, 1978.  
 Zimbardo, Philip G. SHYNESS: WHAT IT IS WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT. Addison-Wesley, 1978.

The SRRT Men's Issues Task Force began at Denver Midwinter as a result of a proposal to serve as a focus within ALA whereby gender-based legal, social, psychological, emotional and professional limitations placed on men can be addressed, steady progress has been made since then. The ALA membership has been informed of the Task Force through American Libraries, through the SRRT Newsletter, through a direct mailing to 200 major school, public and academic libraries, and through distribution of literature from the SRRT booth at the Philadelphia conference.

A membership data base of persons in ALA who are concerned about men's gender-based issues is growing. It contains not only names and addresses but as well, in most cases, includes a response to an interest survey which had as its purpose to identify both the issues and the types of activity of interest to members. This data base is presently being keyed and analyzed. It is planned to include in the next issue of the Newsletter some results of that analysis.

An organizational meeting was held during the Philadelphia conference. This provided an opportunity to open discussions, to add significantly to the membership data base, and to identify specific immediate plans. Two pages of the SRRT Newsletter will be available for a Task Force newsletter on a regular basis. This arrangement is thought at this time to be less expensive, to reach a larger audience and to require less energy overhead than would a separate newsletter. The Newsletter is a quarterly publication. Contributions are requested and should be addressed to P.O. Box 740 College Park, MD 20740.

Several hundred copies each of an Introduction to the Task Force, an interest survey, a bibliography of information resources on men's issues and a membership registration form were distributed in Philadelphia. These are available upon request at the above address. The two membership requirements are that the person be a member of SRRT (and therefore receive the Newsletter) and that the person renews his/her entry in the Task Force membership list at least once per year.

The Philadelphia experience provided many new contacts with both men and women alike who recognize men's issues as the yet unaddressed side of a 'person' liberation movement. Several immediate and critical needs emerge, mostly for a mountain's worth of consciousness raising. First, the Task Force must clearly be for everyone, men and women alike. Men's issues are not just problems for men. A nearly ten-year shorter life expectancy for men and a male-only draft registration law are everybody's problem. Just as women's earning 59¢ on the dollar is everybody's problem. The need for consciousness raising about this point could be no more blatant than it is in the text of the ALA resolution passed in Philadelphia to rescind the ALA boycott of non-ERA states. The final, "to be further resolved" announces that, "... the American Library Association is on record as strongly in support of equal rights for..... for women." Equal rights are for everyone. Progress toward the goal of equal rights requires energy from everyone.

Second, the Task Force must skillfully raise consciousness about its scope of purpose. Sexism results in gender-based advantages and disadvantages for both men and women. The women's movement has sensitized us only to women's disadvantage issues. The women's movement has not addressed how beautiful it is to be a mother because that message requires no special effort. For the same reason, the Task Force need not address the advantages of economic and political power for men. Our purpose is to focus on men's disadvantage issues. Clarity on this point is a critical issue not only for us but also for the men and women whom we must as well be able to enable us as individuals to continue to adequately support the women's movement. One great difficulty is to come up with a name for the Task Force (and for the Newsletter) which says all of this. Any ideas for this sticky problem will be greatly appreciated.

Third, the Task Force must skillfully define its scope of activity. Gender-role discrimination against men is pervasive, perhaps more so than for women. Unless careful definition takes place, at least at the outset, the needs will outstrip our energies. Whether we are planning conference programs, publishing resource lists, interfacing with other men's issues organizations or actively encouraging other organizations within ALA to grow out of their own sexism, the energy needs to be focused.

Fourth, we need to plan now for whatever activities are to occur in San Antonio and Los Angeles. Conference events are planned far in advance. Meeting space has been scheduled for San Antonio and program space for Los Angeles. No program has been developed for Los Angeles as of this time. If that is to happen, the planning for it must be completed within the next two months. Further, the annual budget for July 1, 1983 - June 30, 1984 must be submitted at midwinter, 1983. SRRT has limited funds to allocate to Task Force so those who plan activities which require financial support need to come forth with specific plans by midwinter.

Carl Hays, Chair and  
 Action Council Representative

"Orphans are boys." - - Daddy Warbucks, Li'l Orphan Annie

# STATE SRRT NOTES

## WASHINGTON

### Censorship in Seattle

The Social Responsibilities Roundtable Interest Group of the Washington Library Association, was asked at its membership meeting during the Washington Library Association's Annual Meeting to support a Seattle retail store in its attempt to find rental space. The book store, Revolution Books, which is the retail outlet for Liberation Distributors, makes available works by Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Mao as well as socialist and Third World periodicals and pamphlets. The Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association noted, in a letter written in support of the store: "It distresses us as booksellers that Revolution Books, one of our members, is being denied access to retail space in what smacks of the basest form of censorship." A letter in The Nation, February 13, 1982, p.162, by Edward Neill suggests that there is a pattern of discrimination nationwide:

"There have been six evictions and eviction attempts in little more than a year. In December 1980, the Berkeley, California, store was evicted by police; in May 1981, the Boston store was evicted; in New York City, the bookstore fought eviction attempts in December 1980 and July 1981; the Seattle store was evicted after a long court fight, in October 1981; and now, the New York City Revolution Books, at 15 East Thirteenth Street, again faces eviction.... All the landlords initially chose to rent to the bookstores, but later, sometimes within weeks and without any clearly stated reasons, changed their minds. On the face of it, it looks like a case of political harassment."

The Washington Group decided unanimously to support this book store's right to rental space.

### Meeting in Seattle

A meeting, "Socially Responsible Collection Development," will be held on Monday, November 15, 1982, from 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. in the Service Center building of the King County Library, 300 8th Avenue, North Seattle, WA 98109.

This inquiry into marketing ideas for libraries will begin with a panel of experts, including Irene Heninger, Librarian for the Kitsap Regional Library; Professor Carol Obermiller, University of Washington; Sig Hanson, the Baker & Taylor Company; Dan Levant, representing the user, and an active member of the American Civil Liberties Union, and a small press representative. The intent is to challenge many prevalent marketing ideas. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Bernard Polishuk,  
Chair  
SRRT/Washington Library  
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GROUPS KNOW WHAT YOU ARE  
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### THANK YOU

Jean E. Coleman, Director of the Office of Library Outreach Services, wants to thank the members of SRRT for their support during the ALA Conference in Philadelphia, when due to budget cuts, it had been recommended that OLOS be eliminated.

As Linda Pierce, SRRT Coordinator, reports in her memo to SRRT members on p. 2, the situation was resolved satisfactorily for OLOS and SRRT.

## ALTERNATIVE NOTES (cont. from p. 3)

### INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

Other works, such as People Matter: Views on International Human Rights Policy, by Theo van Boven (Meulenhoff, 1982) are too recent and "foreign" to expect on such a list, but this raises the most relevant point - of what use are these lists? How many of the titles on the Choice list are still in print? How many held in the average college or large public library? Perhaps the list in Choice should more properly be titled, "A Selected Retrospective National Bibliography on International Human Rights."

Lee Regan  
International  
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CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD

- Winners of the Coretta Scott King Award for 1982, were:  
Mildred Taylor, author of  
LET THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN (Dial)  
John Steptoe, illustrator of  
MOTHER CROCODILE (Delacorte Press)
- Honorable Mention winners were:  
Alice Childress, RAINBOW JORDAN  
(Coward)  
Kristin Hunter, LOU IN THE  
LIMELIGHT (Scribner)  
Mary E. Mebane, MARY (Viking)  
Tom Feelings, DAYDREAMERS (Dial)

- Arrangements are being made for the acceptance speeches, written and presented by Steptoe, and written by Taylor and presented in her absence by Phyllis Fogelman, editor at Dial, to be printed and made available. Watch for an announcement.
- ALA Council has accepted the Coretta Scott King Award as an official unit award of SRRT and will now be listed with the other ALA Awards.
- You don't have to be Black.... Any SRRT member interested in joining the Coretta Scott King Award Task Force is welcome to become part of what is an exciting selection and presentation.

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MILITARISM AND THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE

At the Philadelphia meeting of Action Council, a suggestion was put forward that would relate next year's Task Force programs to militarism and the nuclear arms race.

Since the military mindset of those in power in our society threatens both social justice and human survival, would it not be appropriate for SRRT Task Forces to give some consideration to how the arms race is impacting on their particular concerns? There is a growing realization that issues of social justice are in one way or another related to militarism. Civil rights advocates, feminists, union organizers, fighters for gay rights, civil libertarians - all of us are affected by militarism, whether it be by the consequences of the budget shift from social services to the arms buildup, by the patriarchal socialization of our children that is at the heart of militarism, or by the domestic and foreign racist policies that maintain militarism. If unchecked, militarism will spread into ever increasing areas of our society and threaten the very existence of groups - like SRRT - committed to social change. The ultimate bond is our survival as human beings.

Last summer's ALA resolution to support the nuclear freeze was a forward step. Another professional organization - the National Education Association - at its convention last summer set the issue of militarism as its priority for the coming year. Let's follow that example. What more appropriate group within ALA to call for a dialogue on the issue than SRRT? If we take the lead now and by our actions show other divisions of ALA just how critical we regard this issue, we will be in a good position to offer proposals for a positive course of action.

That is the thinking behind the suggestion that SRRT Task Forces place the issue of disarmament and militarism for deliberation at mid-winter and consider ways that their present concerns relate to those issues. SRRT Task Forces may already have plans for the 1983 Conference; yet the issues are so linked that programs already scheduled can be adapted, however tangentially. The suggestion is that each program give some time to an analysis of the theoretical, economic and moral factors that tie the concerns of their Task Force to the nuclear arms race; when brought together there is a good chance that these analyses would offer the parameters of a very positive program for ALA.

Brad Chambers

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