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Copy deadline-dates: Feb. 28; April 30; June 1; Aug. 31. Send "feedback," short bibliog., activity-reports, draft resolutions, data on "things to get," reviews, and anything else worth sharing with SRRT colleagues to Sandy Berman, Editor, 2412 Girard Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55405. Thanks again to Carole Hanson & Jerris Anderson, who typed and adorned this issue. Our gratitude, as well, to Sherrie Bergman Friedman, who splendidly manages the printing and distribution end.

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A few points seem appropriate here on "editorial policy." First, we print nearly everything we get, only altering texts for reasons of format or readability. Second, the new Clearinghouse decided at Vegas in '73 to let one person remain editor for a trial period of perhaps a year, rather than rotating editors as in the past. The object: to achieve greater consistency and continuity in both appearance and content. Third, a consensus had emerged among Task Force and affiliate people, in particular, that the newsletter should run more "hard" material and contact-information, saving space --if necessary--by reducing the amount of graphics. Accordingly, issue #28 carried no pictures, tho we trust most readers found the layout--if not jazzy--at least attractive enough and, most important, serviceable. (Realistically, we could never genuinely vie with Booklegger or WLB on a strictly visual plane. So the considerable outlay on printing and mailing seems more wisely invested in a product that directly and broadly serves SRRT members in a way that no other vehicle does. In short, we're not competing in a "fashion show" and don't expect an H. W. Wilson Award, but we are dedicated to meeting SRRTers' information needs as quickly, digestibly, and comprehensively as possible.) Fourth, with everyone's active cooperation, the newsletter can become an even better catalyst than before and assume some new, potentially valuable tasks: like publishing fuller documentation on key events and issues than the orthodox library press (we've already done it, for instance, re the Starr-appointment, Wheeler-suit, Ontario college librarians' struggle, and Black Caucus censure), noting relevant "things to get" that other-wise might pass unnoted in the literature, extending coverage to include pertinent developments in Canada and overseas, establishing fruitful links with like-minded persons and groups elsewhere in A.L.A., other professions, and the "real world," and providing an uninhibited forum for ideas, complaints, plans, and dreams. Incidentally, this issue SHOULD have appeared before the ALA Midwinter meeting, but difficulties in securing enough paper, coupled with Action Council inaction (meaning no pre-Midwinter SRRT schedule nor AC news), made that impossible. In future, we'll try to meet deadlines promptly, guaranteeing at least six solid issues a year. Amen.

Treasurer's report

I took over as Treasurer on 9/15/73, but was unable to get a statement of our balance from ALA immediately. I did receive a 1972-73 statement indicating an 8/31/73 cash balance of \$687.64, the balance given in ALA's 1972-73 Summary Report. Jean Coleman advised by phone on Oct. 25, 1973, that SRRT had "about \$600," with nothing anticipated as coming in until Midwinter meeting-time. I had to function accordingly in the interim.

I've had calls/notes from people, mostly in task forces and affiliates, who were wondering about reimbursement for their expenses. These bills should be channeled through coordinators to the Treasurer, but if anyone is owed any money or has unpaid bills, please feel free to let me know directly.

Action Council did not have an annual budget-planning meeting this fall. We can probably expect \$5,000 income in dues annually.

On Jan. 17, 1974, I received a statement from ALA indicating a cash balance as of Nov. 30, 1973, of \$1,055.56. However, I do not see clearly recorded under the expenditures some of the bills for which I have authorized payment. (ALA's nomenclature varies somewhat from ours.) I have personally authorized the following expenditures:

<u>Date</u> (i.e., when ALA requested to send check)	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>For</u>
Oct 26 73	\$ 235.04	Barbara Gittings/GL TF	phone & postage, '72-3
Oct 26 73	150.00	Ranae Pierce/C'hse	newsletter
Oct 26 73	217.45	Lee's Printing, SLCity	newsletter
Oct 26 73	18.00	Helen Wheeler	secy, 72-3; treas, 73-4
Nov 16 73	200.00	Sherrie Bergman Friedman/C'hse	newsletter mailing
Dec 6 73	15.23	Suzanne LeBarron/Program & publicity	phone
Jan 4 74	2.72	Betty Kohler	secy
Jan 17 74	283.50	Sherrie Bergman Friedman/C'hse	newsletter printing
	\$ 1121.94		

Since November 30, 1973, we have spent \$301.45, leaving a current BALANCE of \$754.11.--Submitted to Action Council on 1-18-74 by Helen R. Wheeler, 7940 Jefferson Highway (Apt. 215), Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

Budget

On 1/24/74, Action Council announced the following allocations through June:

People's Librarian	\$ 300	Day Care in NYC	\$ 125
Jobs	255	Suite	300
Prisoners	150	Program	150
Migrants	200	Action Council	200
Ethnic Materials	200	Clearinghouse	1250
Gay Liberation	350	UPS Index	50
Women	550	Drug Abuse	50
Cable/Video	450	Intimidation of the Press	50
Chicano	50	Mo Co Pro	50
AIP	200		

AC resolutions: Chicago, 1/21/74

1.

WHEREAS the American Library Association is committed to the principles of intellectual freedom and of freedom of information, and has stated its opposition to government intimidation and to the invasion of privacy of individuals, and

WHEREAS these same principles are incorporated into the basic legal structure of the United States, and

WHEREAS Richard M. Nixon, as President of the United States, has affronted these principles and is seriously charged with having violated both the Constitution and the laws he had sworn to uphold by: 1) establishing within the White House a personal secret police (the "plumbers"), operating outside the restraints of the law, which engaged in criminal acts, including burglaries, wiretaps without legal warrant, espionage, and perjury; 2) authorizing a program of wiretaps which were illegal and which were directed against political opponents, news reporters, and government employees; and 3) obstructing the administration of justice by such actions as his efforts to limit the FBI investigation of the Watergate break-in and to suborn the Ellsberg Trial judge; and

WHEREAS these infringements of the liberties of the people of the United States constitute a grave erosion of the Constitutional Bill of Rights and a more thorough destruction of the Library Bill of Rights adopted as a basic policy of the American Library Association, and

WHEREAS Richard M. Nixon has, by suspect means, further endangered the safety and welfare of the American people, particularly in these areas of concern to the American Library Association: 1) In impounding funds voted by Congress, thereby halting library programs needed by the American people; 2) In using blatant political patronage to bestow favors upon corporate campaign contributors, thus worsening the already serious economic situation of the disadvantaged and other major

portions of the population; and 3) In usurping the war-making powers of Congress, as in the bombing of the neutral sovereign state of Cambodia, deliberately concealing the bombing from Congress and the American people, even threatening to do so again under similar circumstances; and

WHEREAS the United States Constitution provides procedures for redress of these offenses by the President in Article II, Section 4, Article I, Section 2, Article I, Section 3, Article II, Section 2, and Article III, Section 2;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Library Association joins with civic and libertarian organizations such as the NAACP, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the American Bar Association Law Students Division in calling for the speedy impeachment of the President, and directs that this resolution be transmitted to the House Committee on the Judiciary, now considering such impeachment, and to the library press and principal American newspapers.

NOTE: The above text, a revision of the original AC resolution, was submitted to the 1973-74 ALA Council by Miriam Crawford as Document #32, but Council refused to consider it, due to a negative report from the Intellectual Freedom Committee which they also refused to discuss. A combination of ALA Councilors & the Chair thus denied both themselves & everyone else access to vital information plus the chance to publicly debate a major, professionally-relevant issue.

2.

WHEREAS the Membership of the American Library Association at the 1973 Annual Conference in Las Vegas resolved that SCMAI conduct an investigation of personnel policies and procedures at the University of Chicago Library, and

WHEREAS this resolution was endorsed by the Council of the ALA, and

WHEREAS SCMAI was directed to conduct its investigation and report back at the January 1974 Midwinter Meeting in Chicago, and

WHEREAS SCMAI has not in fact conducted the full and complete investigation required by the Resolution, and

WHEREAS the issues involved in the University of Chicago case transcend the problems of labor relations and litigation involving labor organizations or individuals formerly employed by the University of Chicago Library, and

WHEREAS serious questions of intellectual freedom are involved,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that SCMAI conduct the full and complete investigation of personnel policies and procedures at the University of Chicago Library in compliance with the resolution passed by the Membership and endorsed by Council at Las Vegas, and be it further

RESOLVED that SCMAI report back to the Council and Membership at the 1974 Annual Conference in New York City.

NOTE: SCMAI itself transmitted to the ALA Council an "information" document, dated "January 1974," which declared, in part, that a) "Union activity was central to the determination of the merits of the complaints," b) "although some policy issues of interest to ALA were identified, they did not appear to be central to the complaints filed," and c) "since the National Labor Relations Board is a judicial one with respect to labor relations, its findings are legally binding on all parties" and thus "SCMAI considered it inappropriate to enter the NLR case as an amicus since the issues in dispute were of fact; nor did SCMAI consider it feasible to attempt to mediate, arbitrate or inquire into matters that were currently under the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board." The report concluded: "After consulting with the Committee on Policy Implementation which is charged by the Council with ascertaining that the intent of the Program of Mediation, Arbitration and Inquiry is fulfilled, SCMAI, in accordance with Section V. A. of the Program, decided to take no action on the complaints against the University pending a final determination of the National Labor Relations Board at which time the complaints will be reviewed in order to determine appropriate action. The regional office of the National Labor Relations Board has recently completed its investigation. They found insufficient evidence that the University of Chicago had engaged in unfair labor practices and dismissed all charges which had been filed against the University by the union. Since the decision can be appealed, SCMAI will review the case once appeals have been exhausted or the time for filing an appeal has passed." After the report was presented (1/25/74), ALA Councilor Pat Schuman offered an amendment based on the above resolution. She asked Council to give permission to three involved University of Chicago librarians to speak. A majority of Council once again adamantly refused access to information by forbidding them the right to speak--although it had earlier allowed a non-ALA member (in fact, a real estate agent) to formally address the meeting!

3.

WHEREAS, on April 27, 1970, the University Librarian, by letter, offered to J. Michael McConnell the position of Head of the Cataloguing Division at the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Campus Library, and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 1970, McConnell, by letter, accepted the University Librarian's offer and terminated his then current position at Park College (Kansas City) in reliance on the contract, and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 1970, the University Attorney advised McConnell that the Board of Regents had voted to revoke his contract without stated reason, and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 1970, McConnell appeared in Federal District Court, represented by the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union, to contest the breach of contract and fundamental violation of constitutional due process, and

WHEREAS, on advice from his attorneys, McConnell waived for court purposes only, remedies to which he would have been entitled with regard to the University's breach of contract in order to press more strongly his rights for denial of constitutional due process, and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 1971, McConnell filed with ALA's Office For Intellectual Freedom (OIF) a request for action under the program of action in support of the Library Bill of Rights, and

WHEREAS, the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee voted at Midwinter 1971 to transfer McConnell's request for action to the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) for action, and

WHEREAS, the ACRL refused to take substantive action with regard to McConnell's request for action, and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 1971, the ALA Council adopted the Program of Action for Mediation, Arbitration and Inquiry (PAMAI), to be supervised by the Staff Committee on Mediation, Arbitration and Inquiry (SCMAI), and

WHEREAS, the PAMAI contained the restriction that "no formal inquiry will be made into cases which are in litigation"--a statement demanded by Judith Krug, the OIF representative to SCMAI, and

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction for the McConnell request for action was thereafter conferred upon SCMAI, and

WHEREAS, SCMAI has made no formal inquiry into McConnell's request for action during the continuance of litigation which ended with a denial of review by the U.S. Supreme Court in October, 1972, and

WHEREAS, SCMAI has made no formal inquiry into McConnell's request for action since the conclusion of litigation, particularly with regard to the University of Minnesota's bad faith conduct, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that SCMAI's final published report (American Libraries, January 1974) in so far as it states that SCMAI "has been precluded from taking meaningful action toward mediation and arbitration of this case," is not supported by said "report of the facts," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the McConnell request for action be referred back to SCMAI for immediate formal inquiry into all issues that affect fundamental fairness in accordance with the principles of Intellectual Freedom.

NOTE: Originated by M-SRRT, which voted its endorsement at a Minneapolis meeting on 1/9/74. Copies transmitted to SCMAI and the library press.

4.

WHEREAS the first stated priority of ALA is social responsibility and

WHEREAS the ALA Publishing Department has increasingly devoted itself and its resources to issuing costly, esoteric works like the Double Elephant Portfolio, German Xrile Press in America, and a history of strictly California libraries that are not relevant to contemporary professional needs and could more appropriately be published by university presses, state library associations, and in the specific case of Voices from Brooklyn - the pertinent public library,

ALA SRRT THEREFORE calls upon the ALA Executive Board to direct the Publishing Board and its Editorial Committee to undertake the publication of valuable, necessary materials more responsive to the priority indicated by membership, e.g. the HERSTORY Index, UPS Index, a Black genealogical handbook, woman's periodical index, and labor periodicals index.

NOTE: Copies transmitted to the ALA Executive Board, ALA Publishing Board, and library press. 4

5. WHEREAS the ISBD cataloging format is certain to further impede collection-access for ordinary library users and was devised and adopted in a high-handed, elitist fashion, without fully consulting the profession itself nor even attempting to determine possible adverse effects upon library users,

SRRT Action Council THEREFORE insists that total implementation of the ISBD(M) and announced ISBD(S) be delayed until it is ensured that non-ISBD cataloging data will be supplied to those libraries which do not want the new, obstructive format foisted upon them.

NOTE: Copies transmitted to the RTSD/CCS Descriptive Cataloging Committee and library press.
 ISBD(M) = International Standard Bibliographic Description (Monographs); ISBD(S) = International Standard Bibliographic Description (Serials).

6. On the basis of a Black Caucus news release dated November 18, 1973, which reports that ALA's Executive Director did not honor his solemn promise to appoint two additional members to the LC Investigatory Team nor to allow Union and BELC representatives to accompany the Team during its second visit to the Library of Congress in September, 1973, SRRT Action Council joins in the Black Caucus Steering Committee's condemnation of the ALA Executive Director's actions and demands that those original promises now be kept in order that the too long delayed investigation can be swiftly and fairly completed, with ample opportunity for employees to express their continuing grievances to the Team without fear of harassment or reprisal.

NOTE: Copies transmitted to the ALA Executive Director, SCMAI, Black Caucus, Librarian of Congress, and library press. SCMAI's own "Report" was submitted to Council as Document #26 and approved, with minor modifications, on 1/23/74. W. Carl Jackson, who chaired the Select Group to Visit the Library of Congress, declared in his presentation to Council that ALA should now promote "detente" rather than further "confrontation" among the principal parties. The Group--and Council--rejected censure, instead recommending that a "Coordinating Committee...representative of more divergent points of view be organized to assist in drafting and implementing policies and procedures regarding equal employment opportunities and affirmative action," that "the Librarian for Congress and his top administrative staff become more visible in directing the efforts of the Library's supervisors to implement changes in personnel policies, procedures and practices," and that ALA, "through cooperation with the LC union and staff organizations, continuously monitor...progress...in meeting these recommendations," requesting that LC periodically report to the Association on its affirmative action plans and furnish details concerning staff organizations. The Council overwhelmingly scrapped an earlier wording, proposed by E. J. Josey, which would have required rather than requested such LC reports. Clearly, despite their explicit authority to censure, the august Councilors did not believe they had the clout to "require" LC to do anything. And it was abundantly obvious that they felt no particular concern for the mass of Black LC employees whose relative employment position, as a BELC leader eloquently explained, has actually worsened over the past two years.

7. SRRT Action Council fully and vigorously endorses the statement on Equal Employment Opportunity Policy which is to be considered by the ALA Council at the 1974 Chicago Midwinter meeting, but demurs at the amendment of the policy presented to the Executive Board where a parenthetic definition of individual life style was attempted. We believe that the definition of individual life style is contradictory at base. We endorse the original wording "regardless of race, color, creed, sex, age, individual life style, or national origin," where ver these words appear in the policy statement, as proposed by the Committee in preference to the amended document presented to Council.

NOTE: Due to the large amount of opposition to the implementation section of the statement on Equal Employment Opportunity Policy on Council floor (1/25/74), SRRT felt that in order to get this essential document accepted, its statement on life style should be withheld pending future revisions.

8. WHEREAS, the American Library Association Annual Conference meets for the education and professional development of librarians and,

WHEREAS, said Association supports the priority of full access to information for every person and,

WHEREAS, all units except divisions and offices have been denied the usual and necessary exhibit facilities at the 1974 Annual Conference in favor of commercial exhibitors and,

WHEREAS, this discrimination in favor of commercial exhibitors prevents librarians full and easy access to professional information and inhibits the Association's responsibility to members,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Social Responsibilities Round Table demands equal booth space in the main

exhibit area with the commercial exhibitors at the 1974 Annual Conference.

NOTE: Adopted 1/24/74; copies transmitted to ALA Council and Executive Board.

Midwinter montage

Action Council named Dorothy Bendix as its new Affiliates Liaison. All affiliates are asked to promptly forward contact & other data to Ms. Bendix at the address cited in Newsletter #28... ALA attorney North, at Council I on 1/22/74, guardedly reported that the IRS was concerned about "certain activities" undertaken by "certain units." At stake: the Association's 103 tax-exempt status. The anxiety appeared to stem from alleged support of political candidates. Art Curley asked for specific charges. Miriam Crawford got to the guts of the matter by scotching the widespread rumor that SRRT had engaged in partisan politics. She particularly mentioned the packet of election-data prepared by SRRT's Finger Lakes affiliate some years ago, which had been briefly reported in the Round Table's newsletter. As far as anyone could determine, that relatively innocent episode, involving a group not directly connected with ALA, underpinned the whole IRS crusade.

More serious than the allegation itself, as Zoia Horn movingly stated, is the climate of fear, intimidation, and defensiveness that it appears to be spawning.

In sum, it's well to recall that the members are supposed to run this organization. Not the Internal Revenue Service...

Clara Jones & Allie Beth Martin, candidates for the ALA Presidency, appeared at a SRRT-sponsored question-&-answer program on Monday night, Jan. 21st. Mel Voigt NEEDED the event, which--although hardly electric (the "adversaries" graciously agreed with one another on almost everything)--could prove an important, democratizing precedent for future proxy-contests... Remark of the evening, tendered by Ms. Martin on the effect of earlier Vietnam-uproars within ALA: "We're seeing the fruits of that cleavage right now"...

It's become monotonously pro forma, but still disturbing: the bureaucracy's attempts to gag Round Tables. Mostly us. This time it came in the form of an addendum to a COO RT report to the ALA Exec Bd. Headed "Information regarding general procedures for Round Tables," it begins with the sparkling declaration that "Round Tables...have great freedom of activity in accordance with the ALA Bylaws..." & then proceeds to constrict that very "freedom" by enjoining RTs, "in their contacts with other organizations, agencies, and persons," from "adding the round table's name (thereby connoting ALA's name) to public statements, petitions, and such related documents," and from making contributions or pursuing projects "which can be construed as a statement of policy, such as...support of a case in which no determination of facts has been made by ALA." According to the addendum, "When there is any possibility that a round table action could be construed as a policy statement, the proposed activity should be cleared by the ALA president or the executive director to verify its policy or non-policy implications and to ascertain what other information must be acquired before a policy can or should be espoused." Implicit in such "helpful...procedural information" is the very Big Brotherism & prior censorship that the Association presumably finds so vile & repressive anywhere else.

Except that this isn't someplace else. It's right here in River City...

As in previous years, SRRT significantly broadened and invigorated ALA's electoral process by circulating petitions to nominate persons for Council whom the official committee had somehow overlooked.

Among the nominees: Jasper Schad, Peter Doiron, Suzanne LeBarron, Sandy Berman, Betty-Carol Sellen, Joan Marshall, Jackie Eubanks, Gerry Shields, and Liz Futas. We'll run a full list in the next issue...

TASK FORCES

Documenting Government Intimidation of the Press: Citations needed for upcoming bibliog.

The TF is now preparing a bibliography for publication. It has no official title yet, but will deal with Government and the Press: harassment of reporters, restriction of news coverage, and shield-law proposals. Entries will include as much information as possible, together with price and a brief annotation. The purpose is to stimulate librarians to widen their holdings on the Press and its current travails. Hopefully, the bibliography will be used as both a reading list and purchasing guide. Submit title-nominations, etc., to Coordinator Carol Ward, 2052 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

Jobs: Projects & hotline numbers

At its Nov. '73 Atlanta meeting, the TF decided to:

- Consider changing its name to "Job Coordination Committee of SRRT," which more closely expresses the TF's "hoped for" function and may eliminate some confusion with job placement groups.
- Collect ALA, SRRT, and other research projects on job hunting, recruitment, job hotlines, etc., and attempt to get them organized so that they would be available for users.
- Promote follow-up research on some projects already done in an attempt to update and fill in the gaps left by original reports.
- Compile an up-to-date list of Job Hotlines as well as placement services, information sources, newsletters, etc. offering jobs in the library field.
- Follow up on the response to the ALA job resolution.
- Investigate and pursue the placement service provided by the National Registry of Librarians to see how truly effective it is.
- Monitor state/local/regional Library Associations for job lines, supply them with information on establishing them, etc.
- Monitor or check on the ALA Office of Personnel Resources to find out what they are doing and what they plan to do in the job field, and see if our task force can use their resources and proposals.
- Work out a program of usage for the videotapes and determine our course of action in this regard.

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Ms. Catherine E. Reed, MLA Job Placement Committee Director, informs me that on January 10, 1974, the Maryland Library Association instituted a job hotline service. Interested persons may telephone 301-685-5760, twenty-four hours a day except on Wednesdays. The listing, to be changed on a weekly basis, includes library jobs available throughout the state.

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The Colorado State Library began a telephone jobline service as of January 1, 1974. Librarians wishing information on jobs in Colorado may call 303-892-2210 to hear a recorded message twenty-four hours a day. The message will be changed weekly. In charge is Ms. Doris Ellis, Personnel Development Consultant, Colorado State Library, 1362 Lincoln Street, Denver, Colorado 80203.

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Other job hotline numbers:

Southern California Special Libraries Association	-- (213)795-2145
California	-- (916)431-1222
New Jersey	-- (609)695-2121
Maryland/Washington D.C. area	-- (202)223-2272
Library of Congress	-- (202)426-6376

I've also heard from an ad hoc committee in North Carolina headed by John Heyer, Reference Librarian at the Univ. of North Carolina. He states they are interested in extending the current arrangement, essentially a public library vacancy list maintained by the State Library, to include all types of libraries in the state and perhaps some interview facilities at conventions. -- Terry L. McLaughlin, Coordinator, Portsmouth Public Library, 1220 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662; phone: (614) 354-7506.

AIP: 74-75 edition underway. Glide funds in trust. help needed for NYC Book Fair.

AIP-4 is off the ground! Coordinators of the 74-75 issue are Mimi Penchansky and Jackie Eubanks. Other volunteers: Susan Novick (NYPL), Barbara LoBrun (Camera 35), Bernard Polishuk (Wash SRRT), Sandra Bonnar (NYPL), and Sandy Berman (Hennepin County PL). If you want to join us, please contact either coordinator.

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Mimi & Jackie are listed as trustees for the funds the Task Force will hopefully get from AIP-3 sales. The Glide Foundation is holding the money in trust for us, to maintain both our control & tax status. We hope that the TF will become self-supporting in this way, so we will no longer draw from the SRRT treasury. AIP-3 is selling well, but could use your promotional aid. Brochures are available from Ruth Gottstein, Glide Publications, 330 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California 94102. If you're planning to attend a professional meeting soon, write for some to distribute!

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The TF needs your help in July! As our program meeting, we're co-sponsoring with COSMEP (Committee of Small Magazine Editors and Publishers) the New York Book Fair, to be held at Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center, July 7-9. Over 200 small & alternative presses will display their wares. In addition, three Combined Exhibits will accent the work of Feminist, Third World, and general/literary presses throughout the country. This is where you come in. We need volunteers to host the Combined Exhibits for the three days. Please fill out the following form or write to me, indicating the hours you can afford. For those of you who have supported AIP by purchase, but have found little time to assist in compiling the opus, here's your chance to become directly involved! And to have a part in this gala, ground-breaking affair! -- Jackie Eubanks (1/22/74)

Ethnic Materials Information Exchange: Midwinter meeting, NYC program

With the help of 30 participants, our agenda on Jan. 21st was covered as follows:

- Since only one Asian-American attended, the organization of the Asian-American Section was regretfully postponed.
- Plans were discussed and approved for a New York program on "Ethnicity and Librarianship" or "Library media services to the other white ethnic groups." To take place on Tuesday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, the emphasis will be upon librarians accepting the responsibility to service all the ethnic groups in their community, including the so-called "other white ethnic groups." Further, the librarian, wherever he or she may be, whether in suburbia or the city, is to consciously develop, identify, and acquire multi-ethnic materials, print and non-print. The speakers: IRVING M. LEVINE, Director, National Project on Ethnic America, American Jewish Committee, will present evidence of growing consciousness of multi-ethnic groups in various communities around the country. MICHAEL NOVAK, author, The rise of the unmeltable ethnics, Consultant in the Humanities for the Rockefeller Foundation, and Commonweal-contributor, will present the case for reaching white ethnic groups such as Irish, Italians, Jews, Poles, Slovaks, etc., with relevant library services. MILTON MELTZER, author and editor, National Book Award winner for his biography of Langston Hughes, has written extensively about Blacks and is now working on Jewish immigration to America. He will tell about his experiences as a multi-ethnic writer and the growth of his own consciousness as a Jewish-American. (We expect to add a fourth speaker, ideally someone like ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, Chairperson, NYC Human Rights Commission.)
- Joan Neumann made a report on minority publishers, reflecting plans for a new census of these houses and invitations to participate at the N.Y. Conference in the special Book Fair exhibits and an RASD program for meeting editors and publishers.
- We also agreed to assist Ms. Jean Coleman, Director, LSD Office, in arranging for young authors and illustrators to visit the Lincoln Center Book Fair for an exchange of ideas with our members.
- Among the tasks ahead, we decided to identify materials about minority women in children's books, assemble items about Portuguese, Roumanians, Haitians, and Italians in this country, & develop technical services' guidelines for the more correct and effective classification and cataloging of ethnic media.
- An interesting discussion about the pros & cons of writers using Black English arose, with a majority opposing this practice. During the "rap" there was a call for both competent reviewers of available material & consultants to editors for manuscripts in this area of ethnic studies. The need for ethnic writers remains urgent. -- David Cohen, Coordinator (1/22/74).

AFFILIATES

Mitosis on the West Coast: A hearty welcome to South Bay SRRT!

Because they found "the drive to San Francisco and Berkeley too much" and also believe that "Santa Clara Valley problems are different," a number of persons formerly active in Bay Area SRRT lately created another affiliate: South Bay. Coordinated by Rolene Bailey, the newborn outfit has already established four interest groups: Jail library service, jobs task force, community information, and service to free schools. Contact address: 755 Vonna Court, San Jose, California 95123.

Rhode Island erupts

Sherrie Bergman Friedman has announced formation of a Rhode Island SRRT affiliate. An organizational meeting is scheduled for February 20th. Possible activities include coordination with Outreach Network programs and creation of a Women in Libraries group. Contact address: P.O. Box 330, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809.

Bay Area highlights

Recent activities include two highly successful one-day workshops, conducted jointly with the UCB Library School and Public Library Executives of Southern California, on affirmative action and participatory management, several program meetings at the California Library Assn. Conference in Sept., and continuing support of the People's Librarian Project. 1974 Coordinator: Nancy Kellum-Rose, 247 25th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121; Secretary: Lee Laurea.

FEEDBACK

1.
Re "Prison Librarian Job Opening," Newsletter #28, p. 12. The announcement states "A black man is preferred." To carry such a sexist statement is a travesty of SRRT goals. It has been proven that women prison librarians are equally effective, often given more respect from both prisoners and guards. San Quentin now has several women guards--surely the idea that librarians in prisons must be male is something the profession and SRRT should fight. (In fact, now that I think of it, the new San Quentin librarian is female, too.) I recommend that SRRT write the person in charge of the prison library for which the opening is announced, denouncing his sexist and racist stand. -- Linda Haering, Box 1931, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 (1/3/74).

2.
Re #28, Nov. 73, p. 12, "Prison Librarian Job Opening": Expression of preference for a certain age, color, nationality, race, religion, or sex (Civil Rights Act/amended) in some ways is worse than blatant stipulation. Functionally, it is as discriminatory, especially when jobs are scarce and qualified personnel exist. Remember the days of cagey employers using required photographs to weed out blacks? Place for the 'voluntary' photo is still provided; as an affirmative action consultant recently told me: it can serve now to confirm females with androgynous first names, and some employers claim they can "spot homos."

So we reach the plateau of rationalization-- the "exception." "This job" is unique-- only a member of a certain age, color, nationality, race, religion, or sex can do it, or does it best. I personally know of an outstanding prison library service begun, administered, and provided by a white woman for an almost entirely black, male population. And before we regress to the rationalization stage about exactly how far she goes, she goes on the cell-block, behind the bars, locked in.

Shirley Chisholm said it for black women. So did Wilma Scott Heide for all women, at ALA in Vegas, as it happens. -- Helen Wheeler, 7940 Jefferson Highway (Apt. 215), Baton Rouge, LA 70809 (1/4/74).

3.
A 1,000 thanks for SRRT Newsletter #28 - I read every word and loved all the news. Congratulations on a job well done. We really appreciate the inclusion of Canadian news and merci for your encouraging words on Emergency Librarian! (we'll reciprocate)... -- Sherrill Cheda, Librarian, Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology, 1750 Finch Avenue East, Willowdale 428, Ontario, Canada (1/2/74).

4.
Congratulations re your excellent editorial work on the November SRRT Newsletter. It was delightful to read and extremely informative. Fortunately, it did not have much of the quibbling type of letters which we have read so much in the past. -- Evert Volkersz, Coordinator, SRRT TF on Intercultural Relations, c/o Library, State University of New York, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11790 (1/10/74).

5.
The announcement of the prison librarian job opening [#28, p. 12] was phrased in a discriminatory-sounding manner--"Black man preferred". If there is any reason why such an announcement is justified on any non-discriminatory (against women) basis, we would be interested in hearing it. -- Lynne Rhoads, Coordinator, TF on the Status of Women, 4004 Whitman Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103 (received 1/14/74).

6.
On Jan. 11, 1974, Ms. Grace P. Slocum, Chairman (sic!), OLPR Advisory Committee (c/o Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201), addressed the following letter to Peggy O'Donnell, Pat Schuman, Betty Carol Sellen, and Kathy Weibel as Co-ordinators of ALA/SRRT's Preconference on "The Woman Librarian":

Dear Co-ordinators:

I was somewhat puzzled by an item on page 4 of SRRT Newsletter #28 (November 1973) which indicates to me that SRRT is still looking for a vote from the Advisory Committee to OLPR concerning co-sponsorship of the 1974 pre-conference in New York on "The Woman Librarian: Her Job Situation." Perhaps the editor of the Newsletter is not aware of your telegram to Mr. Wedgeworth received September 25, 1973, in which you withdrew your request for OLPR co-sponsorship and your letter dated September 25 and received two days later in which you state your reasons for withdrawing your request. This action on your part eliminated the need for any further consideration of co-sponsorship by OLPR and the arrangements for a committee vote were cancelled.

Please bear in mind that a basic concern of OLPR and its Advisory Committee is the spread of fair employment practices in all libraries for all staff. We shall be very interested in seeing what

comes out of the New York pre-conference on women in furtherance of this goal.

Sincerely yours,

cc - Sanford Berman, SRRT Newsletter
Members of the Committee
Robert Wedgeworth
Ruth Frame

/No, the Newsletter editor was "not aware" of the cited telegram and letter. There was thus no intentional omission. Had we known about the GLPR pull-out, we would have reported it. Which powerfully suggests that there needs to be greater & better intra-SRRT communication.]

ALTERNATIVES/ACTION

Women's History Library: Interns wanted

Why an internship program? Frequently during the past 2 years, WHL has been asked for help in creating local women's resource collections. But we have never had the funding for staff & operating costs to provide such a service (except through our directories) or even to be open to the general public.

* We are pleased that our Internship & Consultation Program has been partially funded by the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (H.E.W.) because at last we will be able to bring the Library resources to many more of the people who need it. Unfortunately, the grant provides no money for interns. Thus, students, teachers, librarians & women's center organizers will serve as volunteer interns to learn our methods. They will especially join the task force whose challenging goal it is to prepare all collections for national distribution through microfilm copies in local libraries. (Incidentally, a 36-reel update to the original Bell-&Howell set will shortly be available from the Library itself). Inasmuch as there's no funding for other full-time staff at the Library, interns will also share general staff duties.

* Areas of concentration are: 1) Women's periodicals (acquisitions techniques for donated material); 2) Women's studies (acquisition of course outlines, bibliographies); and 3) Vertical File System & Acquisitions (topical classification system files, etc.).

* Our program staff will work with prospective interns & their advisors to arrange academic credit or sabbaticals through their institutions. Several colleges have already provided academic credit for field-study students working here, including: Oberlin College; U of Calif. at Santa Cruz; Calif. State U at San Jose; U of Calif. at Berkeley.

* The program staff will give preference to those applicants who: 1) have demonstrated a desire to develop a local women's resource collection; 2) are librarians, teachers, students, or women's center organizers; 3) can obtain academic credit or sabbatical leave; & 4) can stay at least three months. The library is an affirmative action organization.

* For application & additional information, write: Ms. Connie Maske, Women's History Library, 2325 Oak St., Berkeley, CA 94708.

* The deadline for filing intern applications for the spring session is February 28, 1974. -- Laura X (1/16/74)

HERSTORY indexing

Two librarians at CSULA in Los Angeles are setting-up a volunteer Task Force to index HERSTORY. the microfilm collection of women's periodicals published by the Women's History Research Center in Berkeley, Calif.

* HERSTORY is a one-of-kind collection. In order for it to be better utilized now & in the future & because of its immense historical value, it must be subject-indexed. Librarians are needed to devote 3 to 5 hours weekly for a period of 3 months to index 1 reel of the 23-reel microfilm collection. Any interested librarian should write directly to Jean Barnett or Ann Pettingill at Calif. State College, Los Angeles 90032.

"An open letter to Wendy Towner"

In a cover note, dated 1/10/74, to "Sandy and the rest of SRRT," Susan M. Ellsworth, a member of the TF on Drug Abuse, Addiction, and Mental Health (2307 Metzgerott Road, Adelphi, Md. 20783), explained: "Some time ago, Ms. Wendy Towner, a ... student at the Graduate Library School of Chicago, wrote a letter to me asking what I am doing to promote social awareness of drug abuse. Because some other people had asked similar questions, I decided to write 'An open letter to Wendy Towner.' Today I have finally gotten around to sending it to you. I am looking forward to reading any feedback that publication of this open letter in the Newsletter might generate." This is it:

Dear Ms. Towner:

Since you are about the third person to ask me to write something about the role of the librarian in promoting social awareness of drug abuse, and since I am inclined to be a bit lazy when it comes to writing, I decided to write an open letter to share with you and the others some of my thoughts on the subject.

As many of my friends know, I believe in the idea of a librarian - especially a budding librarian still in library school - working on the hotline, at the crisis center or other youth-oriented program. Back in November 1971, five graduate students from the University of Maryland's library school (including yours truly) started working at the Help Center, the College Park campus hotline. Many of the ideas I have since implemented there are ordinary library-type concepts applied to a hotline. Think of a hotline not only as a frontline detachment in the battle against the causes of drug abuse. Think of a hotline as a special library, with hotline workers as library technicians and librarians trying to meet the informational (as well as gut-level) needs of their client group. Think of yourself as an administrator or coordinator of a service project designed to meet these informational needs. And think of yourself as someone serving those who serve others. That is the key to making information useful, relevant and accessible to crisis center workers. Before we get into specifics, however, I'd like to let you know that absolutely none of the ideas I've tried could have been launched without a lot of help and constructive criticism from members of the Help Center staff, both past and present.

Back in the Fall of '72, I realized that the mainstay of our referral process, the community resources referral file, had completely fallen into disarray and, like Topsy, just grew that way. When I had first come on board the Help Center, two philosophies regarding the referral file seemed to prevail. The first was, the bigger the better. We had little cards on which were written pieces of quasi-helpful information ranging from the telephone number (but not the hours) of the local public health departments to a telephone number of a passport photographer who, said the card, never asked for real identification and would put any name on a passport photo. The second philosophy regarded the update method, which seemed to consist of assigning volunteers a section of the file box to update, completely without regard to the fact that cards for one resource place could be filed in five or six different places, thus not only wasting the time of all the different volunteers calling the same contacts to update the information on a single card, but also annoying the resource person who received possibly five or six calls from the Help Center asking for the same information. If ever there was a way for an organization to give itself a black eye over and over, this time-wasting procedure was it. So I got to work to change those two philosophies.

The first project I undertook was to design a genuine index for the community resources file. So-called "categories" pulled from Heaven-knows-where had been slapped into the file by a well-meaning but uninformed previous director and some of the staff. Armed with information about the kinds of subject headings we needed, and fortified by my own confidence that a genuine workable index for this file could be produced, I developed an index which I called the Community Resources File Index, or CoReFInd (and subsequently I became known as - you guessed it - "Corefinder"). As an example of an index, CoReFInd is hardly elegant. But do you know, with seventy-odd subject headings and references, the Help Center is really able to use it? I don't believe I've had a dozen legitimate complaints about it in the year it's been up. We must have done something right.

The second project was to design a standard format for those referral file cards. All too often the information on the cards had been either inadequate, misleading or just plain useless to the person reading it.

The third (and, I believe, the most educational) project was to teach members of the Help Center's resources committee staff how to research each community resource agency; how to make important decisions about the number and kind of subject headings each agency would receive; how to reject agencies from our referral file which did not meet certain criteria. Without this core group of hard-working volunteers to research our community agencies, we never would have gotten one inch off the ground. Fortunately, we completed in three months' time a project that a former director had told me would never be completed in a year.

Now what does all this have to do with promoting social awareness of drug abuse? Well, from where I look at it, no amount of book-pushing, film-showing or crafts is going to change a person's basic frame of mind. Either a person is of a frame of mind to experiment with drugs; or the person is already involved with drug abuse; or the person is not of a particular mind to get into drugs. Drug abuse is not, by itself, only a problem. Generally, it is a symptom of a larger problem in the area of mental health. With these concepts in mind, I have long since concluded that the role of the librarian in promoting social awareness of drug abuse is to provide informational support to those who are in the front lines of the battle against emotional depression, anxiety, confusion and all the rest of the emotional states which lead to drug abuse. As a Help Center phone aide myself, I have had to depend on the results of our efforts to standardize the resources file, and I am satisfied that the collective effort has been worthwhile.

But there is more that the librarian can do to promote social awareness of drug abuse. Keeping in mind the informational support function, I decided last year to put together an information-awareness training session for new trainees at the Help Center. The Help Center trains a new group of

phone sides at the beginning of each semester, and, due to the kind of information about sex, venereal disease, drugs and legal hassles we disseminate, I decided to pass on to the trainees some of the gems I had collected in library school about the differences between information-provision and advocacy. And then there was the old question about reading the Physicians Desk Reference word-for-word over the telephone. You can well imagine what's at stake if you pull that stunt!

Right now I'd like to say a word about the neighborhood Information Centers that we have been reading so much about lately. While I have no particular reason - or even desire - to knock the NICs, I believe that the NIC can potentially overlook an important reason that people start looking for information in the first place: they have to satisfy a need, very often a visceral need. I have yet to see substantial literature talking about training librarians to meet, even minimally, gut-level needs. And very few people ask questions about drugs and drug abuse unless they are involved, one way or another. Drug abuse just isn't one of those idle-question topics.

Many of our hotlines, crisis centers and other youth-oriented drug abuse and/or mental health facilities are doing an admirable job rapping with those who are, have been, or could become, potential drug abusers. But on the whole, from what I am able to see, these programs need informational support from dedicated, hard-working librarians able to shape that information to meet the needs of a special client group.

For the present, these are my main thoughts about the role of the librarian in promoting social awareness of drug abuse. I am open, in fact eager, to hear or read any new ideas you or your friends may have. I was pleased to get your letter the other day, and I hope this one explains some of the things you had in mind. Best wishes in completing your bibliography on time.

Reporters Committee defends press rights

In the last Newsletter, Carol J. Ward, Coordinator of the Task Force To Document Government Intimidation of the Press, outlined how the TF has heavily supported and closely cooperated with the Reporters Committee For Freedom of the Press. Since that Committee has clearly emerged as one of the few aggressive champions of intellectual freedom, its activities merit widespread publicity & encouragement among librarians.

Formed at an open meeting at Georgetown University in March 1970 "to defend the rights of the establishment, underground, minority and college press of all media," the Committee is "the only legal research and defense fund organization in the nation exclusively devoted to protecting the First Amendment and freedom of information interests of the working press." Operating largely on grants from major media organizations and asking no donations from reporters who may benefit from its help, the Committee provides funding, legal advice, representation and research services on both litigative long-term and emergency short-term bases to individual journalists and the working press as a class.

It has already participated significantly in more than a dozen legal battles, including the Earl Caldwell, William Parr, Media Access to Attica Prison, L.A. free press, & Gainesville 8 gag-order cases. The Committee maintains up-to-date files on recent cases at its Press Censorship Information Center; represents working press interests before Congressional committees considering legislation affecting press freedoms; favors an absolute pre-emptive federal shield law; conducts in-depth research studies on topics like press access to jails & the Freedom of Information Act; and publishes a bi-monthly Press Censorship Newsletter. "We think," they say, "that the Newsletter demonstrates most graphically that the vindication of the press by the Watergate scandal has not resulted in any substantial decrease in the existing legal threats to the First Amendment... We publish our Newsletter as a public service because we believe that many news editors and reporters are not aware of the magnitude of the censorship problem today." That final statement probably applies no less to librarians. However, there's no longer any excuse for such ignorance or inaction. Single copies of the Newsletter will be sent free on request & multiple copies at cost. To get on the mailing-list, write Ruth MacNaughton and Phillip Lehman, Editors, c/o Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, Room 1310, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. Further, the Committee welcomes complaints about serious infringements of the legal rights of the working press, together with inquiries about its operations. To register complaints or secure more detailed information, court opinions, briefs, case citations, data on pending bills, legislative analyses, news clips, etc., contact the Committee at the above address or phone Jack Landau at (202) 298-7460. This is a group whose concerns and actions mean much to librarianship, for if we handle products whose content has been limited or censored, our own collections and patrons ultimately suffer. Thus, the reporters' campaign for genuine free speech should also be our campaign.

WCCWRE agenda: Affirmative action, serials union-list, newsletter

Feminist faculty members in the University of Wisconsin system (4th largest in the country) are organized in the Wisconsin Coordinating Council of Women in Higher Education, a strictly unofficial but increasingly influential body concerned with all aspects of affirmative action on behalf of university employees and students.

This year several librarians who are WCCWRE members are seeking volunteers on the different UW system campuses to compile a Wisconsin union list of feminist serials which they would print and distri-

but more widely. A Wisconsin Women's Studies Newsletter, containing news items & bibliographic notes on new feminist publications, is circulated to WCCWHE members several times a year.

* More information can be obtained from Ed Bjorklund, Acquisitions Librarian, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Library, 2311 East Hartford Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201.

API: Progress report

We hope that everyone received their copy of Volume III, no. 1, of the ALTERNATIVE PRESS INDEX and that everyone thought that it was well done. We were amazed at how much bigger it was than the previous issues. The only thing we were dissatisfied with was the binding—we didn't realize that the pages would be apt to fall out after a certain amount of use, so we are now considering...a different binding.

* Volume III, no. 2 is now being compiled. We had hoped to get it out before Christmas but it now looks as though it will be in the mail by the beginning of February. What is holding us up is the large number of periodicals that haven't been indexed, so now most of our time is taken up by indexing. We have been sending out packets of back indexing...to new indexers and indexers who have some extra time, rather than assigning new periodicals. But our progress is slow, so if you know of anyone who would be interested in doing some indexing of 1971 and 1972 periodicals from the alternative press, please put them in touch with us.

* At present there are 3 of us here full-time—Art Jacobs, Kathy Martin, and Marti Scheel. Marti started working with the Centre in July; she was a library student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison last year. We are still living with 5 other people collectively at Rochdale. The arrival of a baby 6 weeks ago has changed the atmosphere slightly.

* We have started a few new endeavors this fall: one is going on speaking tours. During the summer we put together a slide show and talk about the alternative press and the INDEX. In October, Art went to the East Coast (of the U.S.) and spoke at a Workshop on the Humanization of Libraries in Connecticut and at the Rutgers' Library School. The pay at each place was minimal, but the response to the talk was good. Later in the month, Marti and Kathy went to speak at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison and Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Library Schools. Jim Danky, who indexed with us for a while and now works at the State Historical Society, arranged both talks for us. We received \$250—much needed money—and our message was well received. In all the places we have spoken, we have noticed that even though most librarians still know very little about the alternative press, they are gradually becoming more open to learning about it and including it in libraries. To facilitate this learning process, we are now trying to get a free booth at the Alternative Book Fair that will be happening concurrently with the ALA Convention in New York City in July. We plan to do a display and information centre about the alternative press as well as the ALTERNATIVE PRESS INDEX. We will also have a slide show and talk to give—either at the booth or in a workshop. We are also interested in giving our presentation at other conferences or library schools, so any suggestions or help with this would be appreciated. While passing through Chicago, Marti and Kathy visited Fay Dickerson and Jack Feltz, who publish the INDEX TO RELIGIOUS PERIODICAL LITERATURE at the McCormick Theological Seminary. We spent a pleasant afternoon there, learning how their index is put together and exchanging information.

* Another project we have just finished doing a mass mailing to about 2000 libraries in the U.S. and Canada. We bought a list of college and university libraries in the U.S. from a SRRT group and used that plus lists of all of the college and university libraries in Canada, all state libraries in the U.S., and all library schools in both countries. The mailing consisted of a cover letter, a pamphlet with subscription information, a sample page of the INDEX, a list of the periodicals being indexed in 1973, a list of the periodicals included in Volume III, and information about the reprint service. We are hoping that we will receive some new orders through this mailing. Because of the delays in publishing and rising printing costs, our budget is getting very tight.

* And another project: we have recently set up a separate company to do reprints of articles listed in the INDEX—the Rufus Repository. There is a page about the reprint service in Volume III, no. 1... We have contacted all of the periodicals that will be included (those that are still publishing), explained the reprint service to them, and offered to pay a 5% royalty... Response from the periodicals has been good. Only a few do not want us to do reprints of their paper because they still have back copies available or are doing their own reprints.

* We won't be putting out a new subject heading list for 1974. Instead, we'll use the 1973 list plus an addendum. So for everyone who is doing current periodicals, just continue to use the 1973 list and addendum & keep suggesting new headings, which we'll incorporate soon into a 1974 supplement. We aren't keeping up as well with the current papers as we probably should be, since here we are back in 1971, so we find your suggestions very helpful. — Excerpted from the Dec. 10, 1973, newsletter issued by the Alternative Press Centre, Bag Service 2500, Postal Station E, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. An annual subscription to API costs \$ 30; the 39-page descriptor-list sells for \$2.50.

E. J. Josey: Shaw University honors ALA Black Caucus founder, distinguished author, fighting librarian

Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, has bestowed on E. J. Josey, Chief of the New York State

Education Department's Bureau of Academic and Research Libraries, an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. The full citation reads:

Elonnie Junius Josey comes before us today as one who believes that the "pen is mightier than the sword." In a quiet way he has added to the great reservoir of good which has been accomplished by those who are dedicated to the task of developing men's minds. If we can conceive of the hero as one who lives, moves and has his being in a commitment to an idea, then this man's commitment to learning through library science makes him a hero indeed. As an earnest disciple of the adage, "Reading makes the full man," he has carved for himself an able and successful career as an eminent librarian in the New York State Education Department. But of more importance, this fullness has become evident in the more than one hundred articles which he has authored and which have appeared in learned publications. He has also published two scholarly books in his field and a third is in the process of preparation.

Because of his heroic life of scholarship and his ability to communicate that scholarship to others, it is a privilege to present Elonnie Junius Josey the honorary degree DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS.

Born on January 20, 1924, "E.J." received an A.B. from Howard University, an M.A. in History from Columbia, and the M.S.L.S. from SUNY. An ALA Councilor, Dr. Josey is also a member of ACRL, ALA's Ad Hoc Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, American Association of University Professors, American Academy of Political and Social Science, N.Y. Library Association, the Freedom to Read Foundation, American Civil Liberties Union, Minority Education and Development Agency, and Albany Interracial Council. Further, he is a NAACP life-member, Chairperson of the Albany NAACP's Program Committee, and serves on the Board of Advisors of the Children's Book Review Service, as well as the Board of Directors for the Coretta Scott King Award. In 1970 he won the Journal of Library History Award, and has registered these other "firsts" as an Afro-American:

--Editor, Delaware Library Association Bulletin, 1959.

--Chairman, Association of College and Research Libraries Committee on Community Use of Academic Libraries, 1964-69.

--First black member of Georgia Library Association, 1965.

--First black librarian to receive ALA John Cotton Dana Award for predominantly Black College Library.

--One of 2 blacks to be appointed to the Savannah Public Library Board of Managers, 1962.

--One of the founders and first Chairperson of the American Library Association's Black Caucus, 1970.

"My professional philosophy," he has stated, "may be found in the last paragraph of my book, The Black Librarian in America...: 'The intellectual and social challenge of librarianship is compelling. I am not sure what has impelled other men to action in librarianship, but for me, it was a combination of my desire to make the library a more viable institution and a burning desire to destroy the barriers which divide white men from black men.'

The Newsletter, on behalf of all SRRT members, warmly applauds this well-deserved honor and salutes Brother "E. J." for his courageous, untiring efforts to make librarianship a vital, responsive, people-oriented profession. Dr. Josey's address: Bureau of Academic and Research Libraries, Division of Library Development, New York State Education Dept., 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12210.

"Womanhood Media" Supplement: new input-deadline

Originally announced as Aug. 1st in #28 (p. 12), the deadline for suggestions, review copies, publication notes, addresses and any other relevant data "has been moved up to May 1st," reports the author, Helen Wheeler. "Input" should be forwarded direct to Helen at 7940 Jefferson Highway (Apt. 215), Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Dr. Wheeler also notes that she's "currently involved in production of a color filmstrip series (with recordings/cassettes and Teachers' Guide) for Educational Activities, Inc. It's on library use at elementary school level." She adds: "I would...like to make at least the first of the four strips 'different,' and Educational Activities, Inc. is enthusiastic about my ideas so far. It begins with the concept of librarianship being all around us in our lives--beginning 'now,' with the school library and public libraries, possibly later at work, the national library, etc. I indicate that library service is often brought by the librarians to the users, and for this need color slides or good, well-lit photographs showing same--for prisoners, migrant labor, hospitalized persons (e.g., a child in bed), etc., etc. One view of each. The company pays for shots used and returns others. I would like to counter my view of the U.S. Library of Congress with the national library exterior of some foreign national library, like the Soviet Union's, preferably with a sign in Cyrillic script! Contact me by Feb. 20th, please." Once issued, we'll note full details on the media-package here.

TLA preparing minority-librarian roster

The Recruitment Committee of the Texas Library Association is compiling a directory of minority librarians. The purpose is to concentrate on the identification of minority librarians and to aid in their placement once they have entered the profession... The TLA Recruitment Committee Chairperson is Ms. Nancy Eaton...2207 B, West 12th Street, Austin, Texas 78703. Ms. Eaton may be contacted for further information concerning the project.--Jeri Baker, 700 Custer Rd (#292), Richardson, Texas 75080 (1/4/74)

Research grants for women

Research for Social Change, a non-profit research corporation, has been organized for women who have no affiliation with a university or college, women affiliated with universities whose grants administration policies they don't like, or women in community colleges or junior colleges that cannot administer grants (or who discourage their faculty from getting them). Research for Social Change can provide bookkeeping, audit, purchasing and other such services. RSC also helps women to clarify research ideas, prepare proposals, and apply to the most appropriate funding sources.

★ For further information, contact Lynn M. Slavitt, Research for Social Change, Inc., 44 Coolidge Ave., Cambridge, Mass., 02138

H.E.W. Scores U. of Washington for non-compliance with anti-discrimination rules

Class action complaints filed in late 1970, charging discrimination against women by the University of Washington, resulted in two investigations by the Department of Health, Education & Welfare. These investigations culminated in HEW suspension of UW contracts due to findings that UW was out of compliance with Federal regulations prohibiting discrimination against women. The University has been given until January 25, 1974 to bring itself into compliance and avoid cancellation of government contracts.

★ For more information, write Lynne Rhoads, 4004 Whitman Ave. North, Seattle, WA. 98103.

Canadian women: a directory of activist groups, information centers, and media

ALBERTA

--Alberta Status of Women Committee
c/o Shirley Gifford
6628-123rd St.
Edmonton

--Calgary Birth Control Association
223-12th Avenue S.W.
Calgary
Phone: 261-9821

--Erewhon Books
P.O. Box 2807
Station A
Edmonton
Phone: 429-1887

--On Our Way
P.O. Box 4508
Edmonton
\$2 p.a.

--Women's Center
11812-95th Street
Edmonton

--Women's Program Center
Student Union Building
University of Alberta
Edmonton

BRITISH COLUMBIA

--British Columbia Status of Women
1045 West Broadway
Vancouver 9

--Pedestal
804 Richards
Vancouver 6
\$3 p.a.

--Prince George Women's Center
Prince George

--Priorities
c/o 2803 Wall Street
Vancouver 6
\$2 p.a.

--Status of Women Action Group
1156 Mileva Lane
Victoria

--Women's Place
Women's Health Center
146 East 18th Avenue
Vancouver
Phone: 873-3984

--Women's Center
Kamloops

--Women's Center
Box 521
Nelson

--Women's Center
#414, 1029 Douglas Street
Victoria
Phone: (604) 385-3843

--Women's Center and Bookstore
804 Richards Street
Vancouver
Phone: (604) 255-0436, 684-0523

--Women's Resource Center
2961-272nd Street
Aldergrove

MANITOBA

--Women's Liberation
c/o Millie Lamb
10-812 Wolseley
Winnipeg

--Women's Place
300 Victor Street
Winnipeg
Phone: 786-4581

NEW BRUNSWICK

--Women's Center
c/o B5-376 Priestman Street
Fredericton

NEWFOUNDLAND

--Woman's Place
Newfoundland Status of Women Council
203 Water Street
St. John's
Phone: (709) 722-4533
Issues bi-monthly newsletter

--Women's Center
c/o Linda Gow
YWCA
27 Wellington Row
St. John's

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

--Women's Group
c/o Nellie Cournoyea
Inuvik

NOVA SCOTIA

--Halifax Gay Alliance for Equality
#207, 1585 Barrington Street
Halifax

--Halifax Status of Women
c/o Barbara Harris
6124 Pepperell St.
Halifax

--Halifax Women's Bureau
P.O. Box 3596
Halifax South Postal Station

ONTARIO

--Abortion Coalition
Toronto
Phone: (416) 863-9773

--Before We Are Six
c/o Dept. of Sociology
University of Waterloo
Waterloo
Publishes non-sexist children's books.

--Children's Liberation Workshop
P.O. Box 207
Ancaster

--Clearinghouse for Feminist Media
P.O. Box 207
Ancaster

--Feminist Bookmobile
c/o 195 Seaton St.
Toronto 2

--Gentle Giant Witch
157 Waterloo Street
Kitchener
Publishes non-sexist children's books.

--Humber College Centre for Women
Toronto
Phone: (671) 681-0403

--Interval House
173 Spadina Road
Toronto

--K-W Woman's Place
25 Dupont Street East
Waterloo

--Kingston Women's Liberation
Kingston

--Lesbian Drop-in
31 Dupont St.
Toronto
Phone: 929-3125

--National Action Committee on the Status of
Women
P.O. Box 927, Adelaide Street
Toronto M5C 2K3
Issues bi-lingual Status of women news @
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--Northern Women
415 Victoria Avenue (Room 19)
Thunder Bay P
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institutions: \$10 (Canada), \$12 (U.S.).

--Ottawa Women's Centre Association
136 Lewis Street
Ottawa
Phone: (613) 233-2560

--Over the Wall
c/o 306 Herkimer St.
Hamilton
10¢ per copy.

--Radio Free Women
P.O. Box 413, Station "D"
Toronto 9

--Tightwire: Women's Penitentiary Newspaper
Box 515
Kingston
\$2 p.a.

--Voice of Women
1554 Yonge Street
Toronto 290
Phone: (416) 295-0912

--Windsor Woman
76 University Avenue West (Room 603)
Windsor

--Woman's Place
968 University Avenue West
Windsor
Phone: (519) 252-0244


--Women For Political Action
Box 1213, Station Q
Toronto 7

- Women's Center
63 King Street
Guelph
- Women's Centre
136 Lewis St. (rear)
Ottawa
- Women's Center
c/o Lakehead University
Thunder Bay
- Women's Center
c/o L. Silvonon
318 Marks Street
Thunder Bay F
- Women's Liberation
Box 461
Sudbury
- Women's Liberation
76 University Avenue West
Windsor
- Women's Place
#3, 205 47 Van Order Dr.
Kingston
- Women's Place
31 Dupont
Toronto 5
Phone: (416) 929-3185
- Women's Press
280 Bloor Street West, Ste. 305
Toronto
Phone: (416) 962-3904
- Women's Resource Center
283 Dufferin Avenue
London
Phone: 432-2344
- PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
- c/o Joanne Opperman
Wellington, R.R. 1
Grand River
- QUEBEC
- Emma Goldman English Women
3694 Ste. Famillie
Montreal 130
- Equal Rights for Indian Women
c/o Ms. Celia Dare
60 Stirling Avenue
La Salle
Phone: (514) 366-0019
- Feminist Communication Collective
P.O. Box 455
Montreal 215
- Long Time Coming
P.O. Box 161, Station E
Montreal 151
Monthly Lesbian newspaper.
\$3 p.a.
- Quebecoises Deboutta!
Centre des Femmes
3908 Mentana
Montreal
Monthly.
\$3 p.a. (Individuals), \$15 (institutions)
- Women's Place/Place des Femmes
3764 Boul. St. Laurent
Montreal
Phone: (514) 845-7146
Issues newsletter.
- Women's Center
YWCA
1355 Dorchester West
Montreal
- Women's Information & Referral Center
3595 St. Urbain
Montreal 131
Phone: (514) 842-4781
- Women's Liberation
3777 St. Urbain
Montreal
- SASKATCHEWAN
- Campus Women's Center
Regina Campus
Student Service Center
Regina
Phone: 584-5454
- Community Women's Center
Brent Building (Room 203)
2505-11th Avenue
Regina
Phone: 525-6216
- Saskatchewan Status of Women Committee
c/o Marion Younger
2217 Ewart Ave.
Saskatoon
- USSU Women's Directorate
Room 14, MUB
University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon
Phone: 343-3747, Ext. 4
- Women's Center
147 Second Avenue South
Saskatoon
Phone: (306) 242-5830
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- Women's Group
Box 549
Battleford
- Women's Group
1622 Ashley Drive
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- YWCA Women's Center
1940 McIntyre Street
Regina
Phone: 525-0151, Ext. 06

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Whitehorse

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Chavez, ai! Teamsters, no! What to boycott 

At its June '73 membership meeting in Las Vegas, SRRT voted unanimously to support "the non-violent efforts of the farmworker to determine his or her own future, including the right to vote for the union of his or her choice through open and fair elections." Such a resolution, however nobly-intended, remains only words--unless translated into concrete acts. To tangibly aid the much-beleaguered UFW, now engaged in a momentous two-front battle with Teamsters and growers alike, DON'T BUY any table grapes nor lettuce that isn't union-picked. (The way to tell is by looking for the UFW Black Eagle emblem either on the wrapper or crate.) Also on the union's boycott-list are domestic wines manufactured by Franzia Brothers, White River Farms, and Gallo, the latter usually bottled in Modesto and including such brand-names as "Boone's Farm," "Ripple," "Pisano," and "Spanada." OKAY for purchase are wines produced by Heublin (e.g., "Italian Swiss Colony"), Christian Brothers, Paul Masson, and Almaden.

Washington Governor pushes for action on pay-equity

In 1969, the Washington State Legislature created a Higher Education Personnel Board to draw up a uniform classification system for all non-academic personnel in the 32 Washington State institutions of higher education. Library employees were deeply involved in re-classification planning, one aspect of which was the WLA ad hoc Women's Rights Committee (now WLA Women's Caucus) questioning of the legislative mandate which based salaries on prevailing community rates, since this salary basis perpetuates existing societal discrimination against occupations traditionally held by women & minorities.

As a result of this original questioning & subsequent Women's Caucus cooperation with NOW & the Washington Federation of State Employees, together with complaints of discrimination by the University of Washington Staff, Governor Evans has issued a directive to both State personnel boards requiring them to "identify those job classifications predominantly & traditionally held by women where salaries fall below job classifications typically held by men having a comparable level of skill requirements & job responsibilities...to identify the classifications where salary changes are necessary, the amount of salary adjustment required, the number of employees, & the total cost of such a plan," to be submitted to the Legislature for action in the coming session.

Toronto woman blasts stereotyped toy-ad

On November 12, 1973, Ms. Anna Woodsworth (392 Markham St., Toronto M6G 2K9, Ontario) wrote D.W. Hepburn, Public Relations Director of Mattel Canada Ltd. (800 Islington Ave., Toronto 18):

Dear Mr./Ms. Hepburn:

Before I begin my tirade, let me assure you that I have never before been moved to write a letter of protest such as I am writing now. Nor am I a member of any feminist groups. Your biased, stereotyped and blatantly sexist advertisement in the Nov. 8 Globe and Mail, however, was nauseating enough to make me write. It is almost enough to make me join a radical or political feminist group.

To spend over \$4,000 for an ad that shows "little girls" toys to be dolls, a sewing machine and a beauty kit is deplorable. With this public message you have succeeded in perpetuating all the negative aspects of a woman's role in society. I do not want my daughter to get a "New-born Baby Tender Love" doll that will make her "feel like a real Mum." I want her to grow up with cognitive and developmental toys that will teach her skills, intelligence and humanity. I hope she becomes a human being before she becomes the "Mum" and the painted sex object that your "Barbie Beauty Center" would shape her into. A beauty kit recommended for ages 4 to 8? How young must the destruction of natural beauty begin???

As a result of your ad I will go out of my way to avoid Mattel toys forever. Should my child be given any for Christmas, they will be returned wrapped in a copy of your advertisement. I believe that will be enough explanation for anyone who made the mistake of buying Mattel products.

By the way, I did clip the page as was suggested in your ad. It is now posted on my office bulletin board with the caption "NEED ANYONE ASK THAT MATTEL TOYS BE AVOIDED THIS CHRISTMAS?"

Sincerely angry and NOT yours,

cc Mattel General Manager,
W. F. Smith

Ontario Committee on the Status of Woman
National Action Committee on the Status of Women

Things to get

ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom reported in its December 1973 Memoandum: "The galley proofs are in our hands! And - the ALA Publishing Department promises a January 1974 publication date! It appears that ALA's Intellectual Freedom Manual will soon be a reality! This Manual is a must for all librarians, not just those involved directly in intellectual freedom activities. Why? Because it brings together, for the first time, all of the Association's policies regarding intellectual freedom and also offers a comprehensive history of ALA's intellectual freedom activities, as well as practical advice on meeting and preparing for censorship encounters, developing a materials selection program, and handling complaints. The IF Manual is expected to be a working tool - it comes in a neat loose-leaf binder which can easily accommodate revisions and additions, including the latest developments in First Amendment law affecting libraries. The cost: \$12.75. So, start saving your pennies now and make the Intellectual Freedom Manual the first book you purchase in '74!" Good advice. In fact, despite the hefty price, this is clearly an item that belongs in every library, regardless of size. It's available now from the Order Dept., American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Illinois 60611...

The United Farm Workers (P.O. Box 62, Keene, California 95311) have produced two items ideal for personal or library use, as well as gifts: 1) a 1974 appointment calendar, 8 1/2 x 11", illustrated with black and white photos of the Farm Workers Movement (\$2); and 2) "Gift of life," an 18" x 18" poster by Corita Kent in black on orange with a green background, featuring a quote from Cesar Chavez (\$1.50). Add 10% for shipping & make checks payable to "United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO"...

"Each issue of the Black Scholar is different, independent and timely... In our pages, black intellectuals, street activists and political leaders come to grips with the basic issues of black America and Africa..." The statement comes from the mag itself, but it's hardly an overblown publicity-pitch. The Oct. 1973 number, e.g., highlighted "The Black GI," featuring incisive essays on "Black consciousness and the Vietnam War," the "Impact of military base shut-downs," "Black police in America," and "De Mau Mau: myth and reality." Topics for subsequent issues of this excellent journal, published 10 times yearly & edited by Robert Chrisman: "The Movement" (Nov. 1973), "Black history" (Dec. 1973/Jan. 1974), "Black economics" (Feb.), "Black science" (March), "African liberation" (April), "Black health" (May), "Black family" (June), and "Black education" (July/Aug.). The mag pushes no single "line," encourages frank, out-front debate, and regularly includes "Tricontinental notes," a Third World news-rundown, plus extensive job-announcements. Annual tab is \$10. Special bulk-rates available to "colleges, schools, community groups, and non-profit organizations." Order from: The Black World Foundation, P.O. Box 908, Sausalito, CA 94965.

Children learn from and grow with the books they read. All too often, the message they hear is that privilege is based on class, sex, and race, and that victims passively accept their "misfortune." Thus, young boys seek wealth and conquest while girls seek husbands. Both boys and girls are forced into narrow and mutually exclusive roles which confine their growth.

- We believe children should not be limited by such prejudices.
- New Seed Press publishes children's books free from stereotyping, books that portray all kinds of people, living in all kinds of ways, and books that encourage thinking about how the world could be different...and how to change it.

They do it at P.O. Box 3016, Stanford, CA 94305. Already out: Peter learns to crochet; Fanshen, the magic bear; and The little z--all @ 60s--plus Some things you just can't do by yourself (30¢). They'll send a free catalog & order-form...

WORKFORCE has moved from Canyon, California, to 4911 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, CA 94609. Published by Vocations for Social Change (VSC), a "tax-exempt, anti-profit corporation/collective," the latest--Nov./Dec. 1973--issue focussed on "The elderly," with articles ranging from "The Gray Panthers" and "Nursing homes in Minnesota" to "Organizing older women" and "Senior advocacy: NSCLC," & the usual "special resources/bibliography." The first three numbers for 1974 will cover "Blue collar workers," "Community planning," & "Health." How to get VSC's data-packed, idea-rich bi-monthly? Well, they're supported by donations. So they request 50¢-\$1 for sample copies, but "will send free samples to those who can't afford to pay." Individuals are asked to contribute \$10 yearly. Again, though, anyone short on bread can send less. There's no charge for prisoners & GIs. "Libraries and similar institutions" may "subscribe" by donating a minimum \$10 p.a. Which is little enough, considering the mag's terrific information-value...

LIBERATION NEWS SERVICE: "We're a news service for underground, alternative, community, women's, Black, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Indian, GI, labor, Gay and college papers," explains Jessica Singal in an 11/17/73 missive to the Newsletter. "Other people who get us include libraries, radical book stores, women's centers, and prisoners. We try to cover a wide variety of news events from a Radical perspective--both national and international. We put out what we call a 'news packet' twice a week, consisting of articles and graphics (photographs, drawings and cartoons). Some of the things that we've covered extensively have been the continuing strikes of the United Farm Workers, the

occupation of Wounded Knee (where we sent one staff member), the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization trial in Gainesville (which one of us went to), and the Republican and Democratic Conventions last summer (which many of us covered). We've had extensive coverage of Chile both while they were trying to institute socialism and after the military takeover. We've done many articles on individual corporations and how their expansion abroad shapes foreign policy and how they function in this country. We also try to cover successful community projects--from health clinics to tenants organizations." Says Jessica: "Some libraries get us but we'd really like to expand that both to get us out more and to help us along financially." Library subs are \$30 a month or \$360 a year. Send orders to 160 Claremont Avenue, NYC 10027. To rap with Jessica or other Collective members--who somehow survive on \$35-a-week salaries--phone (212) 749-2200. And for a friendly, detailed account of the whole operation--accenting what makes LNS particularly unique & valuable--see Nat Hentoff's "Lifeline for the underground" in the Sept. 1972 (MORE), p. 1-3...

It can be put succinctly: the old Los Angeles free press, pioneer "underground" rag and one-time vehicle for such alternative spirits, agitators, and wonder-workers as Ed Badajos, Ron Cobb, Earl Ofari, Anne Draper, Tim Leary, Allen Ginsberg, Harlan Ellison, Liza Williams, Ed Saunders, Jerry Rubin, and Paul Krasner, is DEAD. To clarify: it's still published weekly. But it ain't the same. Swollen with a pull-out, rip-off middle-section of sexist classifieds and now featuring quasi-"acceptable" syndicated columns by Jay Robert Nash, Chuck Stone, Nicholas Von Hoffman, and Ralph Nader, the tabloid's become a money-grubbing, almost colorless rival to the L.A. Times. Moreover, the publishers dismissed founder-editor Art Kunkin, who--however "freaky" and mercuric--is a guy who can write and who's definitely got what might be termed "alternative soul." His replacement: a prosaic, unimaginative hack named Jerry Goldberg, who obviously and completely toesies to his profit-obsessed bosses, New Way Enterprises. Yet there's a redeeming aspect to this otherwise grim scene, for Kunkin didn't just stagger whispering away. Instead, with such of the original Freepp staff, he began a new sheet, the LOS ANGELES WEEKLY NEWS, which carries TV-listings rather than massage-parlor promo, continues the Freepp's muckraking tradition, and runs Cobb-cartoons, "The Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers," Harlan Ellison's "Hornbook" (a column of consistently grabby, bravura writing), and fine book/disc/theater/film reviews. So the old Freepp is "dead," but lately reborn as the alive-and-scrapping WEEKLY NEWS. The "message" here for libraries is that if they've been dutifully subscribing to the Free Press as a genuine example of counter-culture journalism, they'd be well-advised to drop that sub, replacing it with the WEEKLY NEWS (\$8 p.a. from 5401 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90029). Should any doubts arise re this admittedly severe Freepp put-down--even admitting that Bukowski's "Notes of a dirty old man" remains and that columns by Nader, Sandoval, and Stone often make good reading--consider the further fact that New Way's rag candidly proclaims that "National and international news is provided by the Capitol Hill News Service and the London Express," while the WEEKLY NEWS proudly announces its membership in the Alternative Press Syndicate, Liberation News Service, Zodiac News Service, New York News Service, and Intergalactic World Brain. Yea, by their syndicate & news-service plug-ins ye shall know them... --S. Berznan.

I.F. STONE'S WEEKLY runs 62 minutes. It's a film on "Izzy" Stone and the kind of truth-committed, gutsy, dirt-churning journalism he's practiced--almost solely--for the past several decades. Jerry Bruck, a Canadian, made it. Lovingly. Tom Wicker did the narration. Gratis. It opened in Oct. 1973 in both Washington & New York. And subsequently won unstinting acclaim from Robert Hatch (Nation), Stanley Kauffmann (New Republic), Maureen Orth (Newsweek), Judith Crist (New York), Michael Kernan (Washington Post), & Vincent Canby (N.Y. Times). By all accounts, it's a rare, human, warm-hearted, brilliant flick. The distributors won't sell it, but they'll lease or rent 16mm prints. A five-year lease costs \$525; rental fees range from \$40 to \$125, depending on where and how it's shown (e.g., cheaper for high school classrooms, more for "unrestricted" public screenings). For lease/rent details, contact the I.F. Stone Project, P.O. Box 315, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417; (201) 891-8240...

"The difficulty Canadian publishers face--a virtual monopoly of the market by U.S. publishers and distribution companies--is well known. The additional difficulties women writers have had to cope with in publishing literature relevant to their situation has resulted in the creation of the Canadian Women's Educational Press. Founded in the spring of 1972, the Women's Press was established to synthesize and print material emerging out of the Canadian women's movement. Its objective is to provide incentive to women in Canada who wish to have their writing published. The Women's Press is a unique publishing company in several ways. It is a non-profit venture, meeting the obstacles of publishing by undertaking its own book production and distribution." Where is it? At 280 Bloor St. W., Ste. 305, Toronto, Ontario. What has it published? Two non-axist, 32 page, children's books, Fresh fish and chins and Mandy and the flying man (\$1.50 paper, \$3.25 cloth); a 1974 Heratary appointment calendar (\$3); Women unite! (191 p., \$3 paper, \$7 cloth); Charnie Guttel's Marxism and Feminism (64 p., \$1 paper); and The day care book (48 p., \$1.50 paper). Scheduled for early 1974: Canadian woman at work: 1867-1940, Margaret Randall's Cuban women now, and Born a woman: the Rita MacNeil songbook, "complete with guitar chords." The Press also distributes "significant pamphlets emerging out of Britain, the USA, Italy and other countries, which--coupled with our own Canadian material--would be valuable in developing an analysis of the socialist feminist position in Canada."

"Its appeal," writes editor Carol Starr, "is quite narrowly aimed at librarians who work with teenagers." Okay. But the potential value of her bi-monthly Young adult alternative newsletter (YAAM)

is much broader. Usually 7 to 9 pages long, and costing \$3 p.a., YAAN has definitely got that "special something," a distinct personality plus a helluva lot of nitty-gritty info & ideas. A bevy of correspondents relate what's going down, YA-wise, in their own coast-to-coast bailiwicks. And there's a marvelous plenitude of acquisitions--data, inventive suggestions & CSD/YASD news, exemplified by "Freebie"--lists a campaign for getting Rolling Stone indexed in RG, new-mag notes, and tips on where to obtain posters. Future issues are promised on "Crisis information and community resource files in the public library," "Comic books in the library," "Youth Advisory Councils," "Rock records," and "Film festivals." YAAN's tone is at once exuberant, hip, and practical. Latch onto it from Ms. Starr at 4444 Hansen Avenue (No. 148), Fremont, California 94536...

FIRST THINGS FIRST/BOOKS FOR WOMEN: Their bag is "fe-mail ordering and...mobile sales." On invitation they "attend meetings, conventions, workshops, and symposia" to "display and sell" their "full range of books and other items..." Available now as a 12-page tabloid is their Winter 1973/74 Official catalog, listing everything in stock (or soon to be): a veritable bonanza of books, mags, posters, and even pins, teeshirts, notecards, rings, and bumper-stickers. The emphasis, tho, is on printed material, with whole sections devoted to Children's books, Fiction, Non-Fiction, Biographies & autobiographies, and Poetry, while special sub-sections cite items of particular interest to Blacks, Third World Women, & Lesbians. Catalogs are gratis from 23 Seventh Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003. Order what you want from the same address, or by phone: (202) 546-4951...

SYSTEM-SHAKING, ETC.

Katz could do better

On page 352 of Bill Katz's Magazines for libraries (2d ed., 1972) appears a lengthy, essentially favorable, entry for South African panorama, a free monthly produced with tender, loving care by the South African Dept. of Information in Pretoria and distributed here by the Information Service of South Africa. Annotator Adeline Smith says the mag "shows the wide diversity represented by the economic, cultural and recreational pursuits of the Republic of South Africa," then speaks rapturously of "agriculture and mining, shipping and construction, fur farming, the fashion industry, medicine, sports, and natural scenic beauty," especially "the strikingly beautiful flora and fauna of the area." While noting that "an occasional article describes educational, medical or cultural projects carried on for or by the 'Cape Coloured,'" she admits that "there appears to be some emphasis in the presentation toward the segment of the white population descended from the early settlers, who are known as Afrikaners." In fact, she continues, "much of the material depicts the rich and unique heritage of this vigorous and proud people." Although suggesting that the mag might be "balanced by other material," Ms. Smith nowhere even hints that the majority of South Africans are Black, that the Government publishing this self-serving rag is Afrikaner-controlled, and that the impressively "vigorous and proud people" who dominate Panorama's pages are also the very group that--in league with their white Anglophone cohorts--has systematically enslaved and oppressed Blacks, "Coloureds", and Asians alike, being the architects of a system of racially-defined helotry unparalleled in the modern world.

As Ruth First and her co-authors observe in The South African connection (N.Y.: Barnes & Noble, 1973), p. 231: "The main content of LSA Information Service/propaganda--manifest in South African panorama, South African scope, South African summary, and Business report--"varies from the direct untruth (for example, the claim that there were no 'Bantu' in South Africa when the white settlers arrived) to misleadingly incomplete statistics (for example, that there are more doctors per person in South Africa than any other nation, a statistic which evades the point that, although the ratio of doctors to white patients is the world's highest, the ratio of one doctor to every 10,000 African patients is one of the lowest in the world)." In these glossy, colorful mags, "the Government puts forward its claims for 'apartheid' as a solution to South Africa's problems. The propaganda talks of the several African 'nations' in South Africa and the photographs concentrate either on Africans in tribal dress or on the 'growing Bantu middle class.' But Africans in tribal dress are as rare as Africans in neat white shirts, holding down pleasant office jobs. The propaganda ignores the reality of an impoverished rural community and a miserably-paid, detribalized industrial proletariat."

This is not to blanketly condemn Katz's fundamentally useful opus (to which I contributed myself), but only to indicate that Ms. Smith's hotly-recommended "freebie" isn't quite the innocent, handsome "magazine about people for people" she seems to think. Indeed, its cellulose prettiness overlays an open sewer. In a future annotation, perhaps some of the stink will waft through.--S. Berman.

Sex discrimination suit at LSU: Update

Helen Wheeler, as well as two other former LSW faculty women, have also filed charges of sex-discrimination against Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, with the Dept. of Health, Education, & Welfare Office for Civil Rights under Title IX of "The Education Amendments of 1972." HEW is mainly concerned with class-actions and works in the areas of compliance, reviews, "affirmative action," ("Equal opportunity employer" in an ad or at the foot of a letterhead is now an indication possibly

of passivity... a clue.)

It is notable that "The Higher Education Guidelines; Executive Order 11246", which describe implementation of 'affirmative action', are not distributed through the GPO; one must write to the regional HEW Office for Civil Rights... Do so! It's free. Basic reading. See if it's in your college/university documents collection. Give a gift copy!

Since the early-summer news release (which SRRT picked up and other library media did not) reporting that sex-discrimination charges had been filed with the EEOC, the Baton Rouge Chapter of NOW has gone on record endorsing these complaints and further stipulating that they believe them "justified". Many of the Chapter's members are LSU employees and/or students; the Chapter president is an LSU law school student and employee. (The recently constructed LSU law school building was designed without a women's john, which would be ok if women could use the others, but... sounds like what people claim will happen when the ERA goes into effect ho ho hum hum).--Helen Wheeler (1/4/74).

On January 3, 1974, Dr. Wheeler directed the following air-mail letter to John N. Berry III, Editor-in-Chief, Library Journal, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, NYC 10036:

Dear Mr. Berry:

The following is for publication as is in Jan. 15, 1974 issue of LJ: Library Journal, Jan. 1, 1974: 31: "Helen Rippler Wheeler charged that she was denied reappointment at Louisiana State University because of her sex. LSU administration denied it."

This statement is inaccurate and, I believe, knowingly made viz the lack of coverage of this case and of female sex-discrimination in librarianship and library education, failure to publish and/or to reject/return the ms. of the Task Force on the Status of Women in Librarianship's study of "Placement Services in Accredited Library Schools" (now available as ERIC Document #078-847), etc. Your statement is damaging, since mere reprinting of this letter will not suffice to counter its effect.

I filed the first sex-discrimination complaint against Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, based on, in the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission nomenclature: disparate treatment of sexes, wage-differentials, and harassment. I filed while still on the LSU faculty and based my charges on sex-discrimination in my immediate environment. (Note, however, that I took no active role in the investigative process until after I left LSU's employ, the following year.) Two other former faculty women have also filed: we have filed with EEOC and HEW. Added to the original charges have been retaliation and irreparable professional damage.

The Baton Rouge Chapter of the National Organization FOR (not "of"--another serious error on page 31) Women has gone on record as endorsing these complaints and that it further believes them to be justified. The Chapter membership includes a large number of LSU employees and/or students.

In January 1973 I was asked to run for election to ALA Council. I was elected on a platform of concern for: social responsibility, quality of library education, and status of women in librarianship.

Yours truly,

Helen Rippler Wheeler, member: ALA Council, SRRT Action Council, Association of Feminist Consultants.

cc: SRRT, NOW, EEOC, ALA, Task Force on Women/Librarianship.

Well, the letter did not appear in the Jan. 15th LJ. According to Dr. Wheeler, editor Berry on Jan. 9th wrote that it arrived too late for publication. Not, however, that the date mattered much, for he brazenly added that it would never be published inasmuch as LJ regarded its Jan. 1st statement to be basically correct and had "repeatedly covered the case" as factually as possible. A touching example of the Xeroxian commitment to Free Speech.

U.K.: IRR mavericks slam racism in libraries, school texts, encyclopedias, & professional wage

Under the banner, "Books, libraries, and racism," the Oct./Nov. 1973 issue of Race Today startlingly reproduces on its cover four illustrated panels from an Enid Blyton children's book in which "Sambo," a despoiled, unhappy doll, miraculously changes his color from black to white. His previously cool toy-friends then joyfully exclaim, "You are a brave doll... We couldn't see your kind heart under your black skin!" That properly sets the tone for a special, center-section "supplement," concocted by the Library staff of the Institute of Race Relations in London, whose lead-off article, "A poverty of thinking," boldly declares: "Racism is a fact of the public library service." And subsequently documents that charge with manifold examples of inadequate collection-building and unresponsiveness vis-a-vis minority-group needs, sheeplike acceptance of flagrantly-biased cataloging tools and standard reference works, and professional journals' "lack of any fundamental questioning of the failure of libraries to do more than cater for a certain middle class range of tastes." Scathing annotations next highlight a "bibliography of race relations literature"; Mike Phillips provocatively discusses "The acceptable face of racism"; and the final page reprints sickeningly white-supremacist statements by such revered, "long-dead heroes" as Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Carlyle, and Lord Macaulay. To secure

copies of the whole issue (@ 10p each) or simply to connect with our IRR colleagues, whose right-on spirit could prove healthily infectious, write Ms. Hazel Waters, Institute of Race Relations Library, 247/249 Pentonville Road, Kings Cross, London N1 9NG. (Persons into Ethnic Studies and service to minorities should especially ask for the Library's periodicals-list and latest publicity-flyer.)

* Subs to the monthly Race today--a lively, readable potpourri of news, analysis, and advocacy--cost £1.60 p.a. Publisher: Towards Racial Justice, 184, Kings Cross Road, London, W.C.1, United Kingdom.

Kodak huckster wants SRRT "reaction"

On Nov. 19, 1973, Mr. John Stampfl, Publications Editor for Kodak's Consumer Markets Division (Eastman Kodak Co., 343 State Street, Rochester, N.Y. 14650), sent the following letter, together with a free copy of Help your community, a news-release, and technician business-card, to the Newsletter editor:

As an active SRRT member, you may be interested in the enclosed copy of Kodak's new book, "Help Your Community...Through Photography." By the way, I enjoyed the opportunity to meet and visit with SRRT members at last June's ALA Conference.

"Help Your Community" illustrates the good things people are doing in a variety of constructive program areas--care for the aged, handicapped, retarded, blind, mute, and deaf; cultural enrichment; job training; health services; housing; safety; family services; etc.

The book explains how to take good pictures and use them for publicity, promotion, fund raising, recruiting, training, and even as therapy. It illustrates how to prepare and present project reports and proposals, photo exhibits, and slide and movie presentations.

For your convenience, I've enclosed a news release and an order envelope should you want additional copies.

You may also be interested in the new Kodak Community Service Photography Awards which provide the opportunity for recognition and cash prizes. There are no entry fees or purchase requirements. Enclosed are some entry forms for this year's awards--if you'd like more, please let me know.

We would appreciate knowing your reaction to the book and awards program. Your good ideas may help us to improve these items in the future.

Our "reaction" is that the Eastman Kodak Company--whose structure, despite incessant self-adulation as "progressive" and "service"-minded, remains capitalistic, white, church-going, and paternalistic--could more convincingly demonstrate its "constructive" social concerns by closing its subsidiaries in Apartheid Rhodesia and South Africa, the latter a 60-year-old operation; cancelling its contracts with the Polaroid Corporation, which not only oppresses its own Black African workers but also supplies the racist Vorster regime with ID-2 identity card or "passbook" systems; ceasing its Boag-licking gifts to the South Africa Foundation, a white supremacist PR outfit; donating a portion of its typically \$500,000,000 annual profits as compensation to popular liberation movements like the African National Congress, Pan-African Congress of Azania, and Unified ZAPU-ZANU Military Command; admitting women to Board membership; hiring and upgrading more Blacks and other minority-group persons abandoning its Lincoln Avenue fuse-making war-plant in Rochester (on which it hasn't paid taxes for almost ten years), its Kingsport, Tennessee, Holston Army Ammunition Plant, which produces explosive material for demolition bombs, and its manufacture for the DOD of film used for surveillance and aerial mapping in Indochina; dismantling its British "house unions"; supporting real mass transit in Rochester, instead of lobbying the state to rebuild a highway through the huge Kodak Park that only worsened traffic problems; and stopping the practice of buying houses & businesses in Rochester, getting them rezoned into a lower bracket, and then transforming them into "urban renewal" parking lots. THESE, Mr. Stampfl, are our "good ideas." When they've been implemented, please let us know. Until then, kindly spare us two-bit commercial come-ons that shallowly mask Kodak's money-blinded, people-screwing activities at home and in the "technicolor" Third World. And, no, we don't require any more entry forms.--S. Berman, with bountiful research assistance from Carole Hanson, Jackie Rubenke, and others.

(For documentation, see the May 1973 Kodak highlights, esp. p. 19-20 and 23-7; Jan. 1974 CIC Kodak-Brief, available @ \$1 from the Corporate Information Center, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 846, NYC 10027; Who owns whom, 1973 North America edition, p. 272 and 560; 1973 Directory of corporate affiliates, p. 219; 1972 Eastman Kodak Company Annual report, esp. 43-5; CIC's 75e Partners in Apartheid: should United States companies withdraw from South Africa? "A Christian assessment" by Don Morton; "Overseas investors are integral part of the apartheid system," Anti-Apartheid news, April 1973, p. 6-7, in which Abdul Minty maintains that "overseas companies and banks operating in South Africa are not independent agents in a free environment: they form an integral part of the apartheid system and depend on the survival of that system"; CIC's 3-p. Kodak--disclosure profile, which cites the South Africa Foundation among the company's grant-beneficiaries; various clippings from English and American sources, available from the editor; flyers issued on April 25, 1972 and April 24, 1973, by Clergy and Laity Concerned (Rochester, N.Y.: 716-271-9070); The South African connection: Western investment in Apartheid, by Ruth First, Jonathan Steele, and Christabel Gurney (N.Y.: Barnes & Noble,

1973), including whole sections on "Business and politics: how they mix," "The floating colour bar," "Polaroid," and "The South Africa Foundation"; and John C. Harrington's "State of California and Southern African racism: California's economic involvement with firms operating in Southern Africa," *Ufahamu*, Fall 1973, esp. p. 123 /on Polaroid/, 131-32, 134, 144, and 151. Harrington, on p. 135-6, observes that "American firms continue to heavily subsidize the South Africa Foundation, a voluntary organization which propagandizes the South African 'way of life' and tries to stem the tide of ignorance, criticism, and misrepresentation against the Republic." Also, like Minty, he holds that "by its very presence in Southern Africa, American business lends tacit political support and legitimizes the ruling white minority governments in those countries," concluding that "the one and only real alternative for American firms in South Africa is complete disengagement.")

COP-OUT! De-bugging the Planning Committee Report

Hi-ho, structure freaks! You can't rest content with the statement of priorities--SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES, MANPOWER (sic!), INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM, LEGISLATION, PLANNING, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, DEMOCRATIZATION AND REORGANIZATION--approved as ALA policy in 1970. Almost immediately, a new (Planning) committee was formed in line with these priorities and charged to consolidate them with a 1967 policy document called "ALA Goals for Action." Needless to say, the Planning Committee revised the '67 document and dropped the 1970 priorities in its preliminary report. Most affected is the statement of concern for library service to the disadvantaged, which the Planning Committee report virtually ignores.

The Planning Committee has had no member input until now. At the AC meeting on January 22, 1974, Mel Voigt came to discuss the report. Since no one had seen the documents involved, little except dismay was expressed. Mel, an active SRMter, serves on the Planning Committee. So does Jim Wright (former Action Councillor!). You can express your feelings to them, urging that they revise the document or create a minority report (a la ACONDA). They need our support to do this! Write: Mel Voigt, University of California at San Diego Library, Box 2367, Z, La Jolla, CA 92037, or Jim Wright, Phyllis Wheatley Branch, Rochester P.L., 13 Bronson Ave., Rochester, N. Y. 14608.

For detailed input re these members and the whole Planning Committee, you should know that the policies affected appear in the ALA Policy Manual Section called "Goals and Priorities," nos. 209.1 (67 Goals), 209.11 (70 Goals), and 218.1 (Social Responsibilities). Copies of these policies, as well as the Planning Committee draft, are available from the ALA Executive Director (60 E. Huron St., Chicago, Illinois 60611) or from Jackie Bubenks (Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11210). Request them now! The Committee wants input by March 31st. They are to present a revised (ha!) document to the Executive Board at its May 1-3 meeting. DO IT IMMEDIATELY!--JB.

REVIEW

Booklegger Magazine. 72 Ord St., San Francisco, CA 94114. No. 1, Nov./Dec. 1973. Bimonthly. \$8 p.a.; single issues @ \$1.50. "To SRRT comrades": \$7 p.a.; single issues @ \$1.25.

It was worth the wait! And there is something here for everybody--a little video, some Y.A., goodies about non-sexist materials for kids, and surprises everywhere to delight the eye & intellect. As might be expected, Booklegger displays much of the creativity & ideals of the old Synergy. However, it has a nicely matured feeling about it. ☺

The design and content are outstanding. There are super graphics which are just fun in and of themselves. The text is mostly beautifully nonsexist, yet beautifully sexy. The content is also beautiful. It's fresh & clear & very earthy. The language is the language of the majority of people I deal with. The folks at Booklegger talk just like us folks! Some people who are stuffy or have "old fashioned views" may find the earthiness unsettling, but there's plenty of their kinda stuff. Booklegger is for me. ☺

One article which struck me as particularly hot was on Prostitution, by McKenney & Wheat. It was superbly put together, nicely illustrated, and timely. Male prostitution is a continuing "problem" in Minneapolis, and even though the bibliography didn't contain anything on that specifically, the overall topic has been so widely discussed of late that it's good to have some uncommon sources drawn to our attention. It might be kind of fun to think about listing some human resources here--but then that might open a can or worms for the sources. (Or maybe just some new business.) ☺

Booklegger extends to at least 59 pages, and every single page, plus the covers, has something of interest on it. Articles & conversations & you-name-it on things you might want to know something about. Booklegger people should be congratulated on a tremendous first issue. I can hardly wait for the next one.--Mike McConnell, Cataloging Section, Hennepin County Library, 7001 York Ave. S., Edina, MN 55435.

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