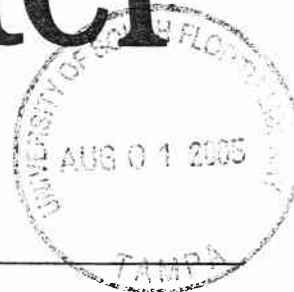


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COORDINATOR'S MEMO

To: SRRT Members

From: Gail P. Warner, Action Council
Coordinator

Midwinter is rapidly approaching. SRRT is sponsoring a "meet the candidates" evening, featuring F. William Summers and Kenneth E. Dowlin. The program will be held on Saturday, January 17, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. If you have a question you wish the candidates to address, send it to me at N. 101 West Street, Colfax, Washington 99111, or plan to ask your question from the floor during the program.

Action Council will be accepting nominations for Action Council slots. If you are interested in participating in SRRT, the Council is "where the Action is." The term is three years, and begins after the 1987 Annual Conference in San Francisco. As a member, you should be able to attend both Annual and Midwinter Conferences. If you would like to volunteer, or volunteer a friend, drop me a line and I'll send you a nomination form. I recently attended a Washington Library Association SRRT meeting in the Seattle area, and was impressed with the energy and commitment of the group. One of the ongoing WLA annual conference projects is a large display of alternative press publications. The display has grown to the point where it takes up eight tables and presents a

problem in logistics for conference committees. It has proven to be an excellent way to bring alternative and small press materials to the attention of Washington libraries. At the close of the conference, attendees are invited to choose materials from the display for their library collections.

JEAN COLEMAN LEAVES ALA

Jean E. Coleman has resigned as Director of ALA's Office of Library Outreach Services, effective November 28, after holding the position for thirteen years. She will pursue a Ph.D in library and information studies at Rutgers. Among other duties, the OLOS Director serves as ALA staff liaison with SRRT. In this capacity, Jean smoothed many a rocky road through the maze of ALA conference planning. She supplied information, helped to orient new Action Council officers, and was always ready with both practical and moral support. She helped maintain continuity and a sense of history. Jean, Action Council and all of SRRT want to express a hearty THANK YOU! We wish you well in your new venture.

The OLOS Advisory Board is conducting a formal search for Jean's successor. If SRRT members would like to apply for the job, or would like to recommend someone, write to Advisory Board member Susan Luevano, Santa Ana College Library, 17th Street at Bristol, Santa Ana, CA 92706. Until the vacancy is filled, Mary Kizer, Secretary to the Director, will handle SRRT liaison functions.

GAY TASK FORCE ELECTIONS

The Gay Task Force is holding elections in November for its newly created offices. The offices to be filled are two Co-chairs, male and female; Secretary-Treasurer; Program Committee Chair, and the Gay Book Award Committee Chair. The new officers will preside at Midwinter. All GTF members who receive a ballot will also receive a questionnaire. The questionnaire solicits member opinions on Task Force concerns and suggestions for future programs. Anyone who does not receive GTF mailings and is interested in becoming involved in a committee, please contact Karina Ricker, 91 Eileen Street, Albany, NY 12203. The committees are Program, Nominating, Gay Book Award, Thesaurus, Core-list for Collection Development, and Local Arrangements (for San Francisco Bay area members).
--Karina Ricker

NOMINATIONS FOR GAY BOOK AWARD

The Gay Book Award was established in 1971 to recognize and honor books of exceptional merit relating to the gay/lesbian experience. Since then, seventeen titles--fiction and non-fiction, current works and a few reprints and out-of-prints--have been given awards.

Nominations (no more than two) may be made by any individual not affiliated with the publisher of the nominated work. Each nomination must include a brief statement of the reasons for nominating that title for the honor of the Gay Book Award. Please send nominations BEFORE DECEMBER 31 to GBA Committee Chair, c/o Barbara Gittings, P.O. Box 2383, Philadelphia, PA 191103.
--Barbara Gittings

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PROPOSAL FOR NEW TASK FORCE

Jim Burns is interested in forming a SRRT task force or project group to deal with problems the homeless face in relation to library service. If you would like to help Jim form this group, or if you have some insights which he might find valuable, contact him at this address: Maryland State Department of Education, Corrections Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21207. This proposal is on Action Council's Midwinter agenda.

UNION HOTELS--SAN FRANCISCO

The Library Union Task Force has a list of union hotels and restaurants located in San Francisco. Anyone interested, please contact Helen Lewis, Homer Babbidge Library, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06268, for a copy.

CITIZENS AGAINST NUCLEAR WAR CONFERENCE

Citizens against Nuclear War (CAN) is a coalition of over sixty national membership organizations, including ALA and fourteen organizations representing people of color. CAN sponsored a conference in Washington, D.C., June 6-8, on "The Nuclear Arms Race: Survival Dilemma for People of Color." I attended as SRRT's representative. The sessions were held in the NEA building and the AME Church across the street. The keynote speaker Friday evening, Rev. Ben Chavis of the United Church of Christ, issued a rousing call to action, asserting that peace is not the absence of war but the presence of justice.

Panels on Saturday and Sunday took up major issues, and the speakers represented a variety of perspectives--for example: military/domestic budget trade-offs, Dr. Gerald Horne, National Conference of Black Lawyers, and Dr. Edwin Dorn, Joint Center for Political Studies; star wars, Dr. Vera Kistia-kowsky, MIT, and Maryland State Senator Clarence Mitchell; the role of citizens, Dr. Raydean Acevedo, Mexican American Women's National Association, and William Lucy, American Friends Service Committee; disarmament, Paul Warnke; women and young people--victims of nuclear war preparations, Dr. Cecelia McCall, Women for Racial and Economic Equality.

There were a number of workshops to choose from. Those I took part in dealt with 1) the Third World, with speakers from the Washington Offices on Africa and on Latin America, and from the American Arab Institute; 2) problems facing Native Americans and Pacific Islanders, with Big Mountain Support Group representatives and Walden Bello, author of the forthcoming American Lake, on nuclear issues in the Pacific; and 3) electoral work, led by a Freeze Campaign staff member.

A number of peace groups displayed literature in the exhibit area. I

learned here of the Grassroots Peace Directory project, which is issuing, for each state, printed directories of groups working in the areas of peace, disarmament, and international security. Their phone is (203) 928-2616.

The general reaction was that the meeting was informative and thought-provoking, and that CAN had made a significant effort to confront the obstacles which have kept peace groups and people of color from collaborating more effectively. CAN will be putting together a highlights report.

--Vincent Jennings

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REPORT ON LIBRARY EDUCATION ASSEMBLY

The Library Education Assembly (LEA) is an advisory group to ALA's Standing Committee on Library Education (SCOLE). LEA's program meeting at the Annual Conference in New York was taken up by an intercecine quarrel about a survey prepared by a private consulting group. It was beyond me.

I would like to share with you a generous invitation received from Jana Varlejs, SCOLE Chair. Her last paragraph goes double for me! Especially if you are not going to Midwinter, let me know your concerns by mail: Jackie Eubanks, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn NY 11210. In return I'll send you a list of LEA members.

"The purpose of the Assembly is to provide within ALA an opportunity for broad representation of the membership and affiliated groups to exchange information, share ideas, and express concerns pertaining to education for library service with a view toward assisting SCOLE in carrying out its charge. Toward that end, we have scheduled a meeting of the Assembly at the 1987 Midwinter Meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. At a time closer to the conference, we will send a notice regarding place and the

agenda, but we wanted you to mark your calendars at this time.

In June, prior to the 1986 ALA Annual Conference, Elaine Sloan, 1985-86 SCOLE chair, sent a memo to Library Education Assembly representatives which included a draft position paper by SCOLE on ALA's role in continuing education. We asked that your units review this if possible and submit any comments/feedback at the conference or following. We are still interested in hearing from you. If your unit did not have a chance to discuss this, we would welcome any informal comments you might wish to send on your own at this time. If you do not have a copy of the position paper or wish additional copies, please contact Margaret Myers at ALA Headquarters.

SCOLE is continuing to review ALA's role in continuing education and working further on this position paper. At the Annual Conference, SCOLE established a continuing education subcommittee as well as a joint task force on continuing education with the Continuing Library Education Network and Exchange Round Table (CLENERT). These two groups will take the lead in the above review. The National Council on Quality Continuing Education will remain within CLENERT, at least for the time being. Please send any comments on the position paper or other considerations relating to ALA's role in continuing education to ALA/SCOLE, c/o M. Myers, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611.

We look forward to working with you during the coming year. At the Midwinter Meeting, we will be reporting on other SCOLE activities. Please let us know if there are any questions or concerns which you might have at this time or information from your units you wish to see shared with SCOLE and others."-- Jackie Eubanks, SRRT Representative to LEA

FEMINIST TASK FORCE

The Feminist Task Force would like to invite any interested visitors to its meetings at ALA Midwinter. Some of the items on our agenda at this time are consideration of endorsements of candidates for ALA offices, making some final decisions about our Saturday night program at ALA-San Francisco, and monitoring the exhibits for inappropriately sexist or racist displays. One of the important things we will be discussing is the preconference planned before ALA next summer. We are co-sponsoring with the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship and other interested groups a preconference on combating our own racism. The preconference promises to be an exciting opportunity to review our own attitudes and actions. FTF meetings are always open, so plan on dropping in!--Kay Jones, Coordinator, Feminist Task Force

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LETTERS

In my spare time I edit RQ. RQ has a circulation of about 6,000 and is refereed. I would like to have more contributions on social issues but get few. Perhaps you or someone you know might like to develop an article. Please stand notified that RQ is especially open to contributions from SRRT people.

In my not-spare time I continue as the deal of School of Library and Information Science here. I have developed excellent funding for all types of students and can definitely fund any qualified student who applies. My efforts at minority recruitment continue to be consistent through other channels but it seems to me that the SRRT leadership may have special knowledge of

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minority individuals interested in a library and information science career. I will be more than happy to write directly to anyone you recommend.

--Kathleen M. Heim, Dean, School of Library and Information Science, 267 Coates Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3920

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IS FOR

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NEWS

(or whatever)

- >What my task force is doing
- >What I wish some task force would do
- >Why I joined (or didn't join) SRRT
- >How I run my library responsibly
- >Great books of the alternative press world

ASSRTIONS

Has your library made a special effort to serve groups generally underserved or neglected by libraries? Have you organized special programs to commemorate Hiroshima Day or Martin Luther King Day? Do you make sure that publications of alternative presses wind up on your library's shelves, and that readers know about them? In other words, do you apply SRRT principles on the job? If your answer is yes, tell the Newsletter about your activities! If we receive enough news from the front lines, we'll issue regular reports. Be aSRRTive!

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SOUTHERN AFRICA MEDIA CENTER

California Newsreel's Southern Africa Media Center has just issued its 10th anniversary catalogue representing the world's most comprehensive selection of films on apartheid.

This year's catalog features two significant new releases, Witness to Apartheid and Winnie and Nelson Mandela.

Witness to Apartheid describes the apartheid regime's terrifying trampling of human rights. The widely praised film enables every American to "enter" the townships and meet the school children who face daily the guns, tear gas, and bullwhips of the police forces. At a time when the South African government has imposed Orwellian restrictions on the media, this film's shocking expose of systematic torture and police brutality will shake the conscience of the most quiescent.

The Center's second new release, Winnie and Nelson Mandela, offers a moving portrait of the two most prominent South African freedom fighters whose lives personify the black majority's long and arduous struggle for human dignity. The film captures the emergence of Winnie

Mandela as a determined and inspiring leader since her husband's imprisonment more than 20 years ago.

Initiated during the 1976 Soweto uprisings, the Media Center has for ten years provided media bringing Americans together against apartheid. Today it is the most widely used source of films on South Africa in the world and a leading resource for deepening Americans' understanding of the South African struggle. A non-profit organization, the Media Center is guided by some of the most prominent American Africanists and anti-apartheid leaders. They include Harry Belafonte, Julian Bond, Randall Robinson, Rev. Joseph Lowery, Rep. Howard Wolpe, and Dr. David Wiley, among others.

The films are available for rental and purchase on 16mm and all videocassette formats.

To order a film, for more information or to obtain a free catalogue write or call: The Southern Africa Media Center, 630 Natoma Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 621-6196.--from a press release dated October 23, 1986

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Alternative Press Annual, 1983 and 1984. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press. Edited by SRRT member Pat Case.

Hawkes, Glenn W. What about the Children? The Threat of Nuclear War and our Responsibility to Preserve this Planet for Future Generations. 16 pp. \$2 from Parents and Teachers for Social Responsibility, Inc., Box 517, Moretown, VT 05660.

Hecker, Helen. Travel for the Disabled; a Handbook of Travel Resources and 500 Worldwide Access Guides. Portland, Oregon: Twin Peaks Press, 1985. \$9.95 from the publisher, P.O. Box 8097, Portland, OR 97207.

Ways, a periodical "for everyone who wants to bring a better life to people with mental disabilities," published by First Publications, Inc., P.O. Box 5072, Evanston, IL 60204. \$28 per year.

If any readers are interested in reviewing these or other materials for the SRRT Newsletter, contact the Editor.

ALTERNATIVE LIBRARY LITERATURE

Jim Danky reports that the second edition of Alternative Library Literature (1984-1985, \$35) will be available at Midwinter. According to Jim, he and Sandy Berman "are already hard at work on the third edition, 1986-1987, and would like to receive suggestions for already published work and contributions of unpublished work. Topics of particular interest include Native American library service, library service in the Third World (Nicaragua, Haiti, Philippines, etc.) and views of that service by North Americans. As always, all contributions are gratefully received and evaluated." Send your contributions to: James P. Danky, Newspapers and Periodicals Librarian, The State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

REMINDER

Task force annual reports are due at the last Midwinter Action Council meeting.

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SRRT MIDWINTER SCHEDULE

Following is a schedule of meetings to be held in Chicago:

Friday, January 16

8-10pm CSK Award TF

Saturday, January 17

9-10:30am ALA Exec Board
9:30-11am Action Council
2-4pm AIP TF
Feminist TF
Gay TF
2-5:30pm CSK Award TF*
4:30-5:30pm PIE TF
8-10pm Presidential Forum

Sunday, January 18

8-9am PIE TF
9:30-11am ALA Council
Orientation
11:30am-12:30pm ALA Council and
Exec Board
Library Union TF
2-4pm ALA Pres Program
Action Council
AIP TF
CSK Award TF

Monday, January 19

8-9am PIE TF
9-11am ALA Council I
9:30-11am AIP TF
Feminist TF
9:30am-12:30pm Gay TF
11:30am-12:30pm Library Union TF
4:30-5:30pm PIE TF

Tuesday, January 20

8-9am Feminist TF
9-11am ALA Council II
11:30am-12:30pm Action Council
2-5:30pm Gay TF

Wednesday, January 21

9:30am-12:30pm ALA Council III

*Indicates closed meeting

For meeting places, consult official program.

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