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COORDINATOR'S MEMO

To: SRRT members

From: Linda Pierce, Action Council Coordinator

I want to thank all the members who mailed in their ballots regarding the dues increase. I am not too sure that my letter carrier was quite as thrilled, but I appreciated the effort and concern. The results of the dues increase vote will be announced at the annual meeting in Dallas and in the next newsletter.

One important item up for discussion at Dallas will be guidelines for SRRT publications and editorial policy for the SRRT Newsletter. If you have any comments or suggestions please come to Action Council meetings or mail your comments to John Hostage, the new newsletter editor.

I want to encourage all SRRT members attending the annual conference in Dallas to take time from their busy schedules to attend the SRRT membership meeting (Mon., 25 June, 2-4 p.m.) and perhaps an Action Council meeting. It is important that Action Council not operate in a vacuum and your participation is important. If you will not be in Dallas and have a concern or idea, please write to any Action Council member or Task Force coordinator expressing your concerns.

This is my last report to members as SRRT Coordinator and I would like to take this chance to thank everyone who has helped me during my last two years as Coordinator. I have enjoyed being Coordinator and hope that I have helped the roundtable run smoothly. In particular, I want to thank Barbara Pruet, Doris Kirschbaum, Elizabeth Morrissett, Nancy Gruber, Jeanne Kocsis, Bonnie Jo Dopp, Dave Vespa, John Sheridan, John Hostage, Joan Goddard, and all the other Action Council members and task force coordinators who have helped over the last two years. The responsibility for running the roundtable is divided between many people and having people such as those named above makes the coordinator's job much easier.

CORETTA SCOTT KING BREAKFAST

Join us for the Coretta Scott King Award Breakfast in Dallas, Tuesday morning, June 26, 7:30-9:00 a.m. Send for tickets in advance. See the ALA Preliminary Program for details.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS AUG. 4

8:00-10:00 p.m. Action Council

Mon., 25 June
 8:00-9:00 a.m. Peace Information Exchange
 9:30-11:00 a.m. Civil Rights T.F. PROGRAM
 Feminist T.F.
 Library Union T.F.
 Men's Issues T.F.
 11:30-12:30 Alternatives in Print
 Gay T.F.
 2:00-4:00 p.m. SRRT MEMBERSHIP

Tues., 26 June
 7:30-9:00 a.m. Coretta Scott King Breakfast
 9:00-11:00 a.m. Feminist T.F. Library Union T.F. PROGRAM
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 11:30-12:30 Action Council

SRRT MEETINGS IN DALLAS

The following meetings had been scheduled at press time. No SSRT task force meetings are scheduled to conflict with Action Council or SRRT membership meetings. Task force meetings are membership meetings unless indicated as programs.

Sat., 23 June
 8:00-9:00 a.m. Peace Information Exchange
 9:30-11:00 a.m. Action Council
 11:30-12:30 Alternatives in Print
 2:00-4:00 p.m. Alt. in Print/ Int'l Human Rights PROGRAM
 Feminist T.F.
 Library Union T.F.
 8:00-10:00 p.m. Feminist T.F. PROGRAM
 Library Union T.F. PROGRAM

Sun., 24 June
 8:00-9:00 a.m. Peace Information Exchange
 2:00-4:00 p.m. Gay T.F. PROGRAM
 Men's Issues T.F. PROGRAM

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CIVIL RIGHTS TASK FORCE

Has the Ku Klux Klan come knocking on your door ... yet? Have they wanted your library to distribute KKK literature? To provide a meeting place for KKK members? Other reasons?

We wish to gather as much data as possible so that we might be in a position to offer other librarians suggestions on how they might deal with the KKK if and when that dreaded knock does come. We look for data of all kinds that are in any way connected with public and school libraries. Of course, we would love to have experiences wherein librarians have successfully dealt with KKK encounters and had the support of their community. If that is your happy experience, please tell us how you did it and give us suggestions that we might share with others.

The recent court case wherein KKK and Nazi members pleaded "patriotism" in killing six people in Greensboro--and won--will undoubtedly result in yet another resurgence of KKK violence. Your help is urgently needed.

Please send your experiences or suggestions to the SRRT Ad Hoc Committee on the KKK, c/o Brad Chambers, CIBC, 1841 Broadway, New York, NY 10023.

We will present the data collected in a future issue of the SRRT Newsletter.

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GAY TASK FORCE

With over 200 gay/lesbian periodicals being published in the U.S. and Canada, why are so few found in libraries? Come hear about--and share your own experience in--how to help librarians to find and choose and use lesbian/gay newspapers, magazines, journals, and newsletters.

"Closet Keys: Gay/Lesbian Periodicals for Libraries"

*** Charlotta Hensley - Head, Serials Dept. and Women's Studies Bibliographer, Univ. of Colorado-Boulder Libraries; author of "Sinister Wisdom and Other Issues of Lesbian Imagination" (Serials Review, fall 1983)

*** H. Robert Malinowsky - editor of a forthcoming privately-published Directory of Gay and Lesbian Serials general manager of Libraries Unlimited; alumnus member of Reference Books Bulletin Editorial Board; former Associate Dean of Libraries at Univ. of Kansas

Sun., 24 June, 2-4 p.m., Dallas Convention Center W112.

LIBRARY UNION TASK FORCE

All SRRT members are urged to attend the Library Union Task Force programs in Dallas. On 23 June, 8-10 p.m. in the Vista Room of the Dallas Hilton, they will present a panel discussion with the cosponsorship of the Staff Organizations Roundtable. Called "Libraries, Unions, and Political Action," the panel will focus on the ways in which library unions, in particular, and the union movement as a whole have been using political activity to further their goals. Speaking on the panel will be Harriet Newton, vice-president of the Librarians' Guild, AFSCME, Local 2626; Patsy Hays, president of the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW); and Jim McCasland, secretary-treasurer of the Dallas County AFL-CIO. Mary Rosenthal of St. Lawrence University will be moderator.

On Tuesday, 26 June from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., the task force will present another discussion entitled "Managing VDTs for Employee Well-Being" at the Dallas Convention Center, Room E409. The program will focus on the health hazards of visual display terminals and what can be done about them. Bruce Miller, systems officer at Indiana University, Bloomington, will speak on "VDT Workstation Design and Health Effects." Louis Tjerina from the Office of Research at OCLC will address the subject of "Video Display Terminal Use and Vision," and Jodie Fine of the Research Dept. of AFSCME will discuss "Union Protection for the VDT Operator." Nancy Lewis of the University of Connecticut at Storrs will be moderator.

In addition to the programs, all members interested in the cause of unions in libraries (and we need

them now more than ever) are invited to the membership meetings of the task force. These will be on Sat., 23 June, 2-4 p.m., and Mon., 25 June, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Items for discussion will include the Directory of Library Unions, finding a new coordinator or co-coordinator, planning next year's program, and any ideas for new directions. New ideas and faces are always welcome (old faces too!). We'll see you all there.

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ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT AND ON THE WIRE

The Alternatives in Print Task Force has plans for the annual conference in Dallas. They will be sponsoring, along with the International Human Rights Task Force, a program entitled: The New World Information Order: A Third World Perspective. It will be held on Saturday, 23 June, at 2 p.m. The program seeks to raise awareness among librarians about the controversy over media control and access, which prompted the call for a New World Information Order. It will provide the Third World perspective, which has not been given a forum by the Western news media. The speakers will be Claude Robinson of Inter Press Service and Brennon Jones of Interlink. Interlink is the U.S. distributor for the Inter Press Service, which carries news of and from Third World countries.

The task force will also be giving away free copies of its newly published Field Guide to the Alternative Press: Being a Directory to Selection and Reference Tools Useful in Accessing Small and Alternative Press Publications. And they will be exhibiting copies of directories, review media, indexes, and

catalogs from the guide at the SRRT booth.

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LIBRARIANS FOR NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL

From the Newsletter (American Association of Law Libraries): LNAC is a non-profit, non-partisan organization which is open to librarians, library educators, library aides, and paraprofessionals who share a common concern about the risk of nuclear war. We hope you will join with us in using our professional skills as librarians to do what we can to reduce the likelihood of a nuclear holocaust. For further information about LNAC, write to: Librarians for Nuclear Arms Control, 311 East Glenarm St., #8, Pasadena, CA 91106.

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EDUCATORS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

ESR is a group of teachers, administrators and parents formed in 1981 out of concern about the arms race. Dues are \$20 per year and include a quarterly newsletter, Forum. The address is: Educators for Social Responsibility, 23 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

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FREEZE FRIDAYS

The December 1983 Freeze National Convention adopted a Freeze Friday strategy, targeting the first Friday of each month from April through September 1984 as days for special organizing activity, building toward big events over Freeze Weekend '84, October 12-14. The monthly Freeze Focus (\$10/year from the Freeze National Clearinghouse,

4144 Lindell Blvd., Suite 404, St. Louis, MO 63108) will be reporting on this effort, on the Freeze Voter '84 campaign, and on other freeze-related developments.

Hennepin County Library, 12601 Ridgedale Dr., Minnetonka, MN 55343.

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A Nuclear Weapons Freeze Resolution was adopted by the sixty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Association of University Professors in Washington in June 1983. The text was published in the March-April 1984 issue of Academe. (Items submitted by Vincent Jennings, SRRT member.)

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ALTERNATIVE ANTHOLOGY

Oryx Press is publishing Alternative Library Literature, 1982/1983: A Biennial Anthology this spring. It is edited by Sanford Berman and James P. Danky and includes contributions by SRRT's Noel Peattie, Pat Case, and others. (ISBN 0-89774-132-3 : \$34.00.)

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SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

The 1983-84 Funding Exchange Directory of Socially Responsible Investments is available for \$5.00 from: Funding Exchange, Room E, 135 E. 15th St., New York, NY 10003. It was prepared by the Funding Exchange and Bread & Roses Community Fund.

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POSTERS

Two large color posters have been published by the Social Graphics Co. One is the third edition (1983) of "Social Stratification in the United States" (\$6.00). It depicts the population of the U.S. broken down by income, occupational category, race, and sex. The other is "The Nuclear Arms Race" (\$5.00) and shows the forces of the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Each poster also has an explanatory booklet (\$2.50 each). Contact the Social Graphics Co., 1120 Riverside Ave., Baltimore, MD 21230 for a brochure and order form.

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MINNESOTA ALTERNATIVES

Minnesota Reviews, "a free monthly service for librarians, booksellers, newspapers, writers, publishers, readers," publishes reviews of alternative publications in all media from Minnesota publishers. It is available from Emmett Davis,

SHARE

A Directory of Feminist Library Workers

In 1984, the Illinois Library Association Social Responsibilities Round Table/Women's Concerns Task Force will be compiling a National SHARE Directory. The directory will attempt to be a comprehensive listing of feminist library workers on a national scale. We encourage the participation of all interested library workers. If you are willing to share your skills, resources, special interests and support for this networking tool, please complete the form below. Thank you.

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ WORK ADDRESS _____

PHONE() _____

PHONE() _____

TYPE OF LIBRARY (CHECK ONE)

(1) ACADEMIC _____ (2) PUBLIC _____ (3) SCHOOL _____ (4) SPECIAL _____

(5) OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND INTERESTS _____

MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS _____

HOBBIES _____

COMMENTS/OTHER THINGS TO SHARE _____

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