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We've talked about social responsibility in libraries BUT
we can't afford the luxury of straight discussions any longer!

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What are you thinking or doing about any of these things?

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7 - 8 - 9 of May, 1971

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Mid West Regional

May 14-15-16!

Detroit SRRT

COMMENTS AND ANALYSIS OF AFFILIATE/NATIONAL SRRT RELATIONS, BY MIRIAM CRAWFORD

OK, for what they may be worth, here are my comments on correspondence of Affiliates with Clearinghouse, and recommendations for improvements, etc: -

We have had some form of report of activity from 15 groups, since July 1970. I know there have been accounts of 25 groups in existence, and our contact list appears to show at least 30 groups with contacts or organizers) but the evidence all seems to say that no more than 15 of these exist as groups. Of the 15, 11 now appear to be in fair

KANSAS "We are finally having our first organizational meeting, in conjunction with Kansas Library Association. We have a place on the program, and a coffee and get-together as well...which is a start... I don't know if anything will come from the meeting or not. If we do get an organization going, I'll send this information in, and also send the \$1.00 to become an official affiliated group." --Rosemary Henderson, Coffeyville Community Junior College.

MARYLAND Maryland JMKT-SRRT 1. Bibliography on Women's Liberation prepared and distributed. 2. A committee wrote and submitted a State Aconda report to the State Association. 3» A program meeting on ALA Aconda report- poorly attended. 4. At a Porno Commission panel discussion- 10 to 15 new people joined. 5. Maryland Libraries ceased publication, so group set up a newsletter as an exemplary action. Hope MLA will take it over, as SRRT group can't afford mailing. Question on whether ALA SRRT could give money for mailing. Answer: no, because affiliate limited to local area, can't get national funds, but can ask for contributions in national newsletter. - Report in L. A. by Barbara McKain. eEd. note: please send contributions to MLA-JMKT-SRRT, c/o Barbara McKain, 619 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Md. 21230. DC and Maryland are planning the regional conference together! Another exemplary act is

MICHIGAN Detroit SRRT. Now about 35 strong! Active groups: 1. Working with Wayne

this gave us a machinery to take care of details and get things done without wasting everybody's time at the general meetings, it concentrates too much activity in the hands of a few people and doesn't involve enough others not on the executive. This appears to have contributed to a recent decline in attendance. - The scheduling of Task Force meetings for the 1st hour of our general meetings has not been working well, and task forces meet separately as a rule now. The Task Force on Recruiting Minorities is at a low point in activity and will probably dissolve, because of the negative effects of the employment outlook and a failure to interest enough Black librarians on a continuing basis. - The Task Force on Women's Liberation is annotating an enlarged bibliography and planning additional research on discrimination in this area. - The Task Force on Intellectual Freedom, after delays in completing its survey on local practices regarding controversial books, is about to meet to complete this. - A new task force on Aid to Prisons is taking shape. - Although an inadequate treasury, to take care of mailings and publications, and poor attendance recently, has discouraged the most active members, there is agreement that the group has accomplished enough over the year to justify its continuance. Although the prospects were not good, we did get volunteers to run for 3 offices for elections to be held in May. The April meeting is scheduled on a discussion of "The Black Librarian" by E. J. Josey, with special emphasis on the January Wilson Bulletin excerpt on ALA, SRRT, and the Black Caucus, with 3 Black librarians as panelists. An enlarged mailing is planned, and we hope that a large attendance and healthy discussion will reactivate participation." - Miriam Crawford. "Some members have expressed the need for 'less talk, more action.' Certainly we are talky. But much of that talk has led to action. In a year and a half, we have produced: a flier on federal aid to libraries, a leaflet on the Vietnamese war, letters to the Mayor, Senators, Congressmen, to library periodicals i local newspapers, and to administrative officials, & ALA & PLA officers, a portfolio of materials on the political restrictions on government employees, an annotated bibliography on "Women in Libraries", and a bibliography on "Women's Liberation," a "Direct Action" directory of local phone nos., of aid to patrons with problems, a survey of the holdings of local libraries in the controversial book area, a resolution adopted by PLA on government agents' invasion of privacy in seeking to obtain library circulation records, a half dozen information sheets to aid in recruiting to the library field, particularly of Black people." - Miriam Crawford.

WASHINGTON, D. C. DC SRRT. Started in September. Tried to be metropolitan, but can't get people to cross state lines (e.g. Virginia & Maryland). 15-2^ people are active in the group. L. Local volunteer consulting group working to get library in model cities area where DC refuses to place branch. 2. Held program meeting with ALA DC Ketterick. 3. Working on getting director for DC Public, li. Trying to ascertain what libraries get underground papers and what they are doing with them. 5. Trying to help Federal City College. - Report in L. A. by Carla Alexander. Now working with Maryland group to plan regional. Also, if you are peace-marching in D. C. on April 2h, DC-SRRTers are organizing places to stay, etc. Call: Carla Alexander, 202-5U7-6853.

WASHINGTON WASH/SRRT has groups active on: 1. Status of women in librarianship, 2. People oriented library education, 3. Library service to Chicanos, U. Participatory management, 5. Underground and ephemeral materials, 6. WLA IF Committee. - from SRRT Wash Sheet (their newsletter, no. U). "Thirty eight people attended ca meetings on one of the worst winter days we've had- heavy snow and bad driving conditions.. We decided that attempting to sponsor such a cregionals conference this Spring is impractical... Agnes and I have been invited to the Oregon Library Association in the latter part of April to help with organizing an SRRT affiliate in that state... PNLA meets in Olympia in late August. We hope to have an SRRT gathering at that time, perhaps at the end of the PNLA meeting at which we can establish better contacts with people in the other states and provinces... - Jim Holly. The outline of the participatory management study is available from national SRRT Clearinghouse. - ed.

NATIONAL Conference of Concerned Law Librarians. "The first formal meeting of the
CLL has been set for Sunday, June 13, 1971... I hope that each of our
committees will have a presentation... Our meeting will receive some publicity in
the AALL's President's Newsletter.A!