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Otair: Barbara J. Ford

Annmmcements:

DETROIT~ FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1977

1. SR.RI' Suite--Ponchartrajn, #1412 should be open most times during day/evening.
2. SR.ITT Booth--in professional exhibit area, #837.
3. Need people to ''monitor" conmittee meetings to keep SRRT membership infonned.
4. Need official observer to Freedom to Read Foundation.
5. B. Ford as representative to IFLA--SRRT will share vote with other round tables.

Issues Discussed:

There was a great deal of discussion concerning the film, "The Speaker"; resolutions proposed--one to be introduced to ALA Membership by Nancy Kelltnn-Rose asking ALA
to disassociate itself from the film; another proposal by Jackie Eubanks to SRRT membership for endorsement criticizing the procedures followed by the Office of Intellectual Freedom (OIF) in the making of the film. Brad Chambers spoke at length on the contents of film and related issues. However, as many people present at the meeting had not seen the movie, Nancy Kellun-Rose urges all to view the film first before considering endorsing her resolution.

Resolution proposed by J. Eubanks was moved, seconded and passed by the SRRT Membership. It will be placed on the agenda of the ALA membership meeting.

Different strategies to follow at the ALA membership meeting were discussed. Suggestion to provide guidelines/criteria for evaluating racist and sexist materials for film showing on Sunday night. This could function as a racism and sexism awareness training session/workshop. (A meeting at 10:30 PM tonight in the SRRf Suite was set up for those interested in developing these guidelines).

Resolution proposed by Jim Dwyer concerning free access to infonnation, was moved,

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· MINUTES SRRT MIMBERSHIP MEETING, # 2 DETROIT, MONDAY, JUNE 20, 1977

Chair: Barbara J. Ford

Majority of meeting time was spent discussion/debating the issues surrounding the film, ''The Speaker", including the resolutions and strategies for their passage

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RESOLUTION ON PRJ?.JUDICE , STEREOTYPING AND D!SCH.IMD!ATION

WHEREAS, the "Due Process and Equal Protection" clause of
the 11th Amendment ~nd of the American Library
Association's Bill of Rights provide that no
individual or r,roup shall suffer prejudice,stereotypin6
and d~scrimination because of race,sex,creed,color and
national oriein, and
WHEREAS, ours is a multicultural· society, with people from European, v. Asian, Afrlcan, Central and So1

.1th American, Caribean and
Native American origins: all of whom ha.va contributed to
the cultural fabric of our society, and
WHEREA.S, our lmrni :rausic, art, language a..."ld literature reflect the values of this diversity, and our schools and libraries
should also reflect this reality, and
WHEREAS, the American Library Association's Reso1ntion ~ _Rscism and Se::rlsn Awareness (Polley 107.11) does not include the broad
spectrum. of cntegories of·persons and ercups mentioned above,
THZREFOEE BE IT RESOLVED, that the A111erice.n Llbrary Association's Resolut·: on on Hc1.cJ.sn and Sexir:,n Awarenc;;s be extended to read:
(underlined words are changes to the above resolution)
That the American Library Association actively commit its
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library service by taking the following steps:

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(1) The ALA will survey library schools to determine the
extent to which~a:reness_training aeainst prejudice, stereotyping and discrimination because of race,sex,creed,
color and national origin fom a,part of the curricula and uree that such training be added to the curricula in evecy library school where it is not now included.
(2) That the Library Administration-Personnel Administration
Section will develop*a model in-service program providing
training for library personnel to develop sensitivity to
combat prejudice, stereotyping and descrimination against
individualsand groups because of race,sex,creed, color and
nat·i.onal origin.
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WHEREAS, the Director of the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom proceeded with the production of a film concerning, in part, racism-without consultation with committees and offices of the AU Office for Library- Service to the Disaa.- vantaged and of the ALA: O.f'fice of Public Relations, and.
WHF.RE4S, the Director of the OIF proceeded in the promotion and sale of
said film to tax-supported institutions through personal solicitation without offering right of preview, and
WHEREAS, the Director of the OIF obtained the signature to contracts by
the At.A Executive Director prior to preview, and
WHmEAS, the Director of the OIF ignored inquiries concerning progress on
the film after an initial go-ahead from members of the ALA. Intellectual Freedom Committee, and
WHEREAS, the Director of the OIF did, in effect, discourage free action by
the ALA Executive Board, intimating that withdrawal from this film contract, would, of necessity, be promoted to the media as ALA censorship,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the conduct of the Office of Intellectual
Freedom in regard to the production and promotion of the film be censured as dangerous to the democratic process honored by ALA as a voluntary membership association, and that such actions are recognized and deplored as unprofessional conduct of office •

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RESOLUTION SUBMITTED TO SRRT MEMBERSHIP FOR REFERRAL TO SRRT ACTION COUNCIL AND ALA EXECUTIVE BOARD Presented in Detroit