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*Task Force on Migrants, Homeless, and
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Force has presented in year's. Bright, a radical lesbian author and editor, best known for the periodical On Our Backs, and a book, Susie Sexpert's Lesbian Sex World, will share her views on erotica produced for women and how its existence affects debate on obscenity laws. Bright opposes censorship and has often been the subject of hot controversy. She pushes the boundaries

Gay and Lesbian (con't):

Sat. 6/27 6:00 - 9:00PM*
Sunday meeting cancelled
Mon. 6/29 9:30 - 11:00AM
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Tue. 6/30 9:30 - 12:30PM

Homeless:

Sat. 6/27 8:00 - 9:00AM

International Human Rights :

Sun. 6/28 9:30 - 11:00AM
Sun. 6/28 8:00 - 10:00PM

Library Union:

Sat. 6/27 2:00 - 4:00PM**

Peace Information Exchange:

Sat. 6/27 11:30 - 12:30PM
Sun. 6/28 9:30 - 11:00AM**
Tue. 6/30 8:00 - 9:00AM

Progressive Librarians Guild:

Sat. 6/27 8:00 - 10:00PM**

- * Reception
- ** Program Meetings
- *** Breakfast Meeting

PATRON BEHAVIOR AND LIBRARY USAGE - AN OPEN MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO

An open hearing on the latest draft of the Guidelines Regarding Patron Behavior and Library Usage will be held at the ALA Conference in San Francisco, on Saturday, June 27, 8:00-10:00 PM. If you would like to be guaranteed a time slot to speak at the hearing, please contact Judy Muellerschoen at ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom (1-800-545-2433 x 4226). To ensure that all who wish to testify will be able to do so, oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes. Longer written presentations of testimony will be accepted, and will be given full consideration by the Task Force. Open debate will follow the testimony, as time permits.

TASK FORCE NEWS, UPDATES, AND ACTIVITIES

Gay and Lesbian Task Force

* **Karen Whittlesey-First**, of Harvard University's Law School Library, became the new Female Co-Chair of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Her first priority will be coordinating the 1993 meetings and programs. Karen can be reached at (617) 495-4295. **Terry Allison** will chair the 1993 Program Planning Committee and is looking for ideas and contacts for the New Orleans Annual Program in 1993. Contact him at: California State University Library, San Marcos, CA 92096 (Phone: (619) 752-4358). The positions of Clearinghouse Coordinator and Feminist Task Force Liaison are still vacant. (Clearinghouse orders, while still being filled, are therefore taking a bit longer. Your patience is appreciated.)

* A By-Laws Revision Committee will be formed in San Francisco. Among the possible changes: establishment of a lifetime achievement award; a change in budgetary responsibility; establishment of a permanent Fund Raising/Finance Committee. Anyone interested in participating should contact **Roland Hansen** at (312) 899-5097, or attend any of the meetings during the 1992 Annual Conference.

* A portion of the membership meeting on June 29 will be devoted to issues involving the GLTF Newsletter. All book reviewers, editorial staff, and current or potential volunteers are urged to attend.

International Human Rights Task Force

* Since Midwinter in San Antonio, Task Force members have been discussing variations of a resolution to be presented by SRRT to the ALA membership meeting in San Francisco. There is not a full consensus on whether the resolution should include some discussion of the military occupation to provide a context to the issues of censorship and library closings, but it is expected that a proposed resolution will be finalized prior to the San Francisco meeting and presented to Action Council at its first meeting so that it can be presented at the ALA membership meeting on Monday. SRRT members are urged

to attend the membership meeting and show support for this important initiative. Specific recommendations for the resolution or on marshalling support for it should be made to **David Williams** by phone at (312) 549-6421 (home); (312) 747-4629 (office), or to **Elaine Harger** at (212) 279-7380.

* In order to ensure the continuation of efforts to educate ALA and its members concerning appropriate issues related to Israeli occupation and to assist Palestinian libraries under that occupation in some concrete way, initiatives are underway to establish an on-going SRRT Task Force on Israeli Censorship and Palestinian Libraries at the San Francisco meeting and at next Midwinter. Those wishing to participate in such a task force should contact **David Williams** at the above phone numbers.

* With the establishment of the new task force, the IHRTF would once again be able to focus attention on other issues of global concern. Toward that end, we are now reactivating the Amnesty International Urgent Action Alert Network, focussing strictly on cases involving violations of freedom of information and expression involving librarians, teachers, journalists, etc. The Network will select a limited number of cases on a quarterly basis and pass on the Amnesty Urgent Action reports to those in ALA and the library world who are willing to write letters of concern to various governments.

Evans Library at Texas A & M University. The award is being given for his book, Arms Control and Disarmament, Defense and Military, International Security, and Peace: An Annotated Guide to Sources, 1980-1987. Mr. Atkins has written a number of articles of a similar nature and is on the board of advisors for the Grey Literature in International Peace and Security project of ACCESS. The award will be presented at a reception during the conference. It is presented through the generosity of the corporate sponsor, the Social Issues Resources Series (SIRS), Inc. of Boca Raton, Florida.

"CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION KIT" PREVIEW

Work by the Civil Rights Task Force continues on the development of a "Civil Rights Action Kit for Librarians" containing a sampling of educational statistics as part of the fact sheet on minorities. The Kit includes statistics about poverty levels, life expectancy, and child mortality on the various fact sheets. These overviews of current conditions serve as indices to continuing institutional racism, which leads to the Census Bureau reports that 44.8% of African-American children live in poverty as opposed to 15.9% of the white children of this country.

The "Action Kit" will also have, a section on current library programs which, through community outreach, might make inroads against racism; for example, the University of Michigan Library program for undergraduates (Library Journal, 1 Oct. 1990) -or- the Denver (CO) Public Library focus group models for underserved community segments (Public Libraries, Fall 1988).

Bibliographies on ethnic minorities and multicultural, non-sexist librarianship round out the Kit. Only some reprint permissions are needed to complete this state of the project before moving on to the final stage - design and production.

LIBRARY EDUCATION ASSEMBLY

The Assembly's meeting in San Antonio focussed on the awarding of Continuing

Education Units (CEUs) and Certification. Among the questions asked are: should ALA provide centralized control for all of its units/divisions? should ALA award CEUs for pre-conferences, etc.? who would be responsible for assuring quality control? what would it cost to maintain centralized record-keeping? how would enforcement of requirements be maintained?

The need surfaces from concerns of school, public, and state agency librarians, whose salary scales are directly affected by the accumulation of CEUs and other certified education. This is less of a problem or concern for academic librarians, yet ACRL, until recently, had been the front runner in offering CEUs for its workshops and pre-conferences.

Someone from a library school indicated that they currently provide all aspects of this form of education including the record-keeping. A point was made that since continuing education is a professional responsibility, it is then the profession's responsibility to make it affordable in both administrative and educational leave and financial support.

There was no resolution of the discussion. If any SRRT members would like to have input into this discussion, please forward thoughts and comments to me.

- Terry Link, SRRT Representative to LEA.

LOYALTY OATH RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED BY U. OF ILLINOIS STUDENT CHAPTER

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Student ALA Chapter Loyalty Oath Working Group is actively soliciting the support of the library community at that meeting. For further information, contact Karen G.

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The 1992-93 stipend for the ALA Minority Fellow is \$30,000 plus medical, dental, life and disability insurance and relocation assistance to Chicago. To obtain more

* **EXTRA1** is published eight times a year by FAIR (Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting). It is the winner of the 1990 prize for General Excellence from Utne Reader's Alternative Press Awards and has been cited by Project Censored for continually exposing censored stories. The address is 130 W 25th St., NY NY 10001.

* Copies of the **Processed World**, the magazine with the bad attitude, analyzing the underside of the information age were mailed to members of the AIP Task Force. Others can contact the Processed World Collective, 41 Sutter St. #1829, San Francisco CA 94104.

* In the November 1991 issue of The Gadfly - The Resource Centre Newsletter, published at the Friends Meeting House in Ipswich, Suffolk, UK, the title of Gadfly Extraordinaire 1991 is given to **Sanford Berman**.

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