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of outsourcing. Alas, the strongest points
we made (opposing privatization of core library services to for-profit corporations, for example) failed to pass ALA Council in
resolutions. A profoundly depressing and disheartening development.

Another Midwinter development is a new SRRT Task Force! The National Library Involvement Committee for the
Celebration ofMLK, Jr. Holiday has become a probationary task force ofSRRT. Committee chair Virginia Moore presented a petition with more than the required ten SRRT signatures, so the Committee now becomes a task force on probationary status. According to our Constitution, we will review the task force at the next two consecutive meetings before permanent status is granted.

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Proposed Bylaws Changes Afoot
Proposed Amendment to SRRT Constitution, 4/18/99

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to include within SRRT's governance structure the newly created
position of Round Table Councilor. Given the size of our membership, SRRT can now elect a representative to the ALA
Council. In accordance with SRRT bylaws, any proposed amendments to the Constitution must be published in either
the SRRT Newsletter or in American Libraries at least thirty days prior to Annual Conference. A vote on the amend-
ment will be held at the SRRT Membership Meeting. A majority is needed to pass the amendment.

During the midwinter meetings in January/February 1999, members of Action Council engaged in lengthy
discussions concerning the duties, responsibilities, and qualifications amendm544t0157 Tc vilia0.6 0 Td 193Membon44 at -0.0ibilitlac 1.551 0 Td (accordTj 0.0251 Tc 2.829 0 Td (aTj -0.Afg a0istan,.801 0 T213majo5T66T 0.022a 1.801 -0 T0 t01.68 Tm162.1T100e72Titla90.6 0 0 0188_3en76 563.68 Tm 3 0.087 Tb

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Midwinter Resolutions

Resolution Calling for a New Policy Towards Iraq

Whereas former U. N. Assistant Secretary
General Denis Halliday has noted that eight years of
economic sanctions have devastated the civilian

population of Iraq causing the deterioration of the educational system, an increase in crime and domestic violence, and intense xenophobia and extremism among the younger generation;

And whereas UNICEF reports that over 5000 children are dying every month as a result

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The Task Force on the Environment

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The first is
Words on the Street: Newspapers from the
Homeless

"Street newspapers, produced by homeless
people and their advocates, are a feature in many cities in North America and Europe. The present group of publications has its roots in earlier titles such as HOBO NEWS from the 1920s. These newspa-pers are little collected by libraries or used by librarians in planning services to this most needy and challenging community. Three national experts will give us the context, remind us of our duty to serve the homeless, and talk about how it can be done."
Scheduled speakers:
"Homeless in Print: A brief history of street
newspapers" Norma Fay Green, Columbia College,
Chicago
[invited] Lee Stringer, author,_ Grand Central
Winter

"Homeless in the Library: Street newspapers, their audience(s), and how libraries serve and fail to serve the homeless" Chris Dodge, Hennepin County Library, Minnetonka, Minnesota

The second program is
The Alternative Press and Intellectual Freedom

"As academic institutions abandon liberal education

and scholarly learning pr001-fit.0281 Tc 2.373 0 become to become

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-more from the srrt coordinator:

No message from me would be complete without
a word on the SRRT budget. At Midwinter, SRRT
Treasurer Nel Ward and SRRT Secretary Elaine Harger
worked diligently on the latest budget developments
(namely, a much larger deficit, which we did not know
about, and the ever-present problem of not getting monthly reports on time). They met with members of ALA's Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) and SRRT liaison Satia Orange. I will spare you another litany about how frustrating

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Librarians.
Ready, Dee.
Children's Press, 1997. 24p.

In the short and pleasant book Librarians, Dee
Ready describes the various responsibilities of professional librarians. She explains that librarians provide information, give story-times and work on bookmobiles. The reader learns that there are different kinds of librarians including school, public and medical.
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of a librarian. She uses easy to read words, and she provides a glor0r8t she b m 5Ready5 are Re248 2.59

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