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THE PROSTITUTION OF INFORMATION

COBO HALL
Room 2043

Fees for Service

SUNDAY, JUNE 19
4:30-6 PM

The practice of FREE library service is being challenged again. This time, computer-based services priced beyond the hard-times budgets of free libraries today are being offered as lure. And "intellectual freedom" free-traders bite hard: "How," they ask, "can we deprive those users who will pay extra for these services?" The IF free-traders are shocked, as if librarians would be denying people's primal urge to pay; and they are myopic, as if ignorant of the free-trade fact that these services cannot make profit without substantial subsidization from the general public monies or libraries would never have been approached as a market.

Who pays? Who profits? When new fee services are added, are any free practices curtailed in libraries? Nowadays, when most folks have trouble paying overdue fines, can we pretend that fee charges for services will not deny service to many? Can libraries that charge fees for service confidently continue to rely on good will and tax support from the public? Do service fees constitute double taxation on an already overburdened taxpayer? Will push for federal funding guarantee free services?

SRRT supports library workers involvement at ALA to struggle to oppose any monetary restrictions on public access to library collections and services. To inform ourselves on this renewed threat to public access, SRRT offers a rousing program featuring folk who offer a wide range of expertise:

FAY M. BLAKE, Reader Services Librarian, California State Polytechnic University. Co-author of "The Selling of the Public Library" (Drexel LQ, January, '77).

GLORIA HAUSE, Director of the College of Lifelong Learning, Wayne State University. Editor of the revived Broadside Press, Detroit.

RICK HILL, Professor of urban studies, MSU, activist in the Union for Radical Political Economy, editor of Kapitalistate. Researcher into Detroit's educational services.

BERNADINE HCDUSKI, staff member for the US Congress' Joint Committee on Printing, longtime SRRT and GODORT activist who advocates Documents to the people.

ANN LIPOW, Director of bibliographic data-base searching at UC Berkeley. Activist in the RASD/MARS Discussion Group in ALA.

Barbara Ford, SRRT Coordinator, will preside at this free-wheeling presentation where each panelist will give a six-to-ten minute statement, allowing for lots of time for discussion and questions and action from audience participants. JOIN IN!

VISIT THE SRRT BOOTH #837!
EXHIBITS---COBO HALL



DROP BY THE SRRT SUITE!
PONCHARTRAIN HOTEL



In The Works

On Friday from 2-4 p.m. we will have a SRRT membership and business meeting (see schedule). The meeting will include reports from the SRRT task forces and discussion of the issues of fees for library service and of the implementation of the racism and sexism resolution.

At that meeting, you may also sign up to monitor ALA activities and to staff the SRRT booth in the exhibit area. Any actions or issues you wish to bring to the SRRT membership can be raised at this meeting.

On Monday from 4:30-6 p.m. there will be another membership and business meeting with a discussion of conference activities to that date and a plan for the remaining days.

SRRT Action Council will meet twice during the conference - on Friday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Tuesday from 12:30-1:30. Everyone is welcome.

If you are here in Detroit at the Conference, get involved! Important social issues for the future of our profession will be discussed during the conference.

If you are concerned and cannot attend any of SRRT's meetings, visit our booth in the exhibit area or our suite in the Ponchartrain Hotel.

our own Barbara **FORD!**
SRRT Co-ordinator



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BECAUSE...J. P. Stevens is the nation's most arrogant corporate law-breaker. It has been found guilty of tax evasion, discriminatory employment practices, the firing and threatening of pro-union employees and the coercion of employees through interrogation. Working conditions in Stevens plants are almost unbelievable in this day and age. Thousands of workers in textile mills have been disabled by the dread disease, byssinosis (brown lung) caused by cotton dust levels almost three times as high as national minimum health standards allow...while wages in Stevens plants average 31% below the average national factory wage.

J. P. Stevens has been found guilty of violating the National Labor Relations Act fifteen times since 1963, more than any company in American history. The majority of the convictions involved multiple violations. It is a company that turns whites and blacks against each other to foment hatred to keep the workers divided.

In spite of the Stevens' reign of terror, workers at J. P. Stevens plants in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, voted in August 1974 to be represented by the union. But the company still resists.

Its long history of lawlessness, its callousness to the rights and needs of its employees, and the inability of the National Labor Relations Board to compel enforcement make it necessary to convince J. P. Stevens management that American consumers will not condone corporate law breaking designed to deprive thousands of Americans of social justice and economic opportunity.

We, and the entire American labor movement, call on you, the American consumer, to stop buying J. P. Stevens products! You'll find them hiding under these brand names, among others:

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Beauticale
Fine Arts
Peanuts (comic strip figures)
Tastemaker
Utica
Utica & Mohawk
Designer Labels:
Yves St. Laurent
Angelo Donghia

TOWELS

Fine Arts
Tastemaker
Utica

BLANKETS

Forstmann
Utica

CARPETS

Contender
Gulistan
Merryweather
Tastemaker
TABLE LINEN
Simtex
HOSIERY
Big Mama
Finesse
Hip-Lets
Spirit



ETHNIC PLURALISM ARENA PROGRAM

Sunday - 2-4pm - Cobo Hall Arena

Ethnic Materials Information Exchange Task Force and the Office for Library Service to the Disadvantaged - PROGRAM

EMIE has planned an exciting program on "Ethnic Pluralism: The Merging American Identity, From Fragmentation to the New Pluralism" to be held on Sunday, June 19th. (see schedule).

A panel of leading American authors have been assembled to discuss both the appeal of ethnicity and the reservations that people have about it.

Irving M. Levine, Director, Institute for Pluralism and Group Identity of the American Jewish Committee will moderate the panel which includes:

DR. ANDREW M. GREELEY, author of over 30 books, most recently, the book AMERICAN CATHOLIC.

ANNA ARNOLD HEDGEMAN, voted Black Woman of the Year, 1976 and active civil rights worker.

GERALDO RIVERA, tv journalist and author of A SPECIAL KIND OF COURAGE.

YURI SUHL, Jewish American children's writer.

JOHN TOLAND, author of ADOLPH HITLER and the WASP representative on the panel.

Sourcebook

MINORITIES AND WOMEN: A Guide to Reference Literature in the Social Sciences identifies and descriptively annotates over 800 reference books focusing on women, Blacks, Indians, Spanish Americans, Asian Americans, and other minorities.

The reference works described in the publication deal with such topics as abortion, racial prejudice, civil rights, bi-lingualism, segregation, busing, affirmative action, etc.

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Under the title of the CIVIL SAYINGS PROJECT -- ("Tongues I'll hang on every tree/That shall civil sayings show") --COSMEP West will send a "surprise package" of broadside prose and poetry.

Flyers and announcements to draw attention of librarians to the small presses will accompany the material.

Write to CIVIL SAYINGS, c/o Noel Peattie, Rte. 1, Box 216, Winters, CA 95694.

You or your library can subscribe to the COSMEP (Committee of Small Magazine Editors and Publishers) Newsletter at \$20/year. Keep up with the new alternative press as an Associate Member. Join in! COSMEP, P.O.Box 703, San Francisco, CA 94101.

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