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Did You See "Main Ideas and Important Details" by Ron Cramer and Hal Cafone? The authors describe their reactions to teachers at the IRA Convention in Anaheim, California, who "scurried about snatching free literature, pleading for free copies, and lugging huge shopping bags full of loot back to their hotel rooms." Cramer and Cafone state ". . . it saddens one to realize that teachers are still looking outward for salvation when they ought to be looking inward." They maintain that real change in the teaching profession will not come from new materials and programs or innovative methods and equipment. Instead teachers should "look inward to their own resources, talents, humor, inventiveness, genius, persistence, love, generosity, and intelligence." This brief but valuable article appears in the spring 1970 issue of *The Michigan Reading Journal*. We urge you to read it in its entirety.

Did You See one of the recent IRA publications entitled *Individualized Reading*, an annotated bibliography compiled by Harry W. Sartain? The items listed were selected to include arguments for and against individualized reading, research studies and summaries, suggestions on instructional materials to be used, and descriptions of programs which are fully individualized as well as those which incorporate individualized reading as one phase of the work.

Did you see Good Reading for the Disadvantaged Reader by George D. Spache? Available from the Garrard Publishing Company, this book offers professional workers a new tool for achieving success among disadvantaged readers from various ethnic groups. It promises to be an invaluable aid in reaching the reluctant reader. Coincidentally, it is reviewed by Eleanor Buelke in this issue of *Reading Horizons*.

Did you see the announcement of the official IRA study tours for 1971? Four tours are planned: (1) Africa from June 28 to July 28, (2) the British Isles from July 10 to July 31, (3) Western Europe from July 22 to August 12, and (4) the Midnight Sun from July 7 to July 28. All groups will attend the five-day conference of the United Kingdom Reading Association in Manchester, featuring fifty speakers and discussion leaders from the United States and Britain. For further information write to Study Abroad, Inc., 250 West 57th Street, New York, New York 10019.