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TASK FORCE

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## FEMINIST TASK FORCE MEETINGS AT ALA MIDWINTER

The ALA/SRRT Feminist Task Force will hold three meetings at ALA Midwinter in Washington, DC. The meetings will be

January 31 - 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

February 1 - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

February 3 - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

The Feminist Task Force at its meetings will take up as its primary concern the future of the Task Force. Since we have recently changed our name, we expect to change our direction as well. We need no longer be the spokeswoman for the national library association. This role is taken by the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship. What is our role in the profession and in the Association? This will be the meeting to set our priorities not only for San Francisco but for the future as well.

The Task Force has invited the two ALA presidential candidates to address one of our business meetings. The exact schedule will be in the January Women in Libraries.



## NESTLE BOYCOTT

At its June meeting the membership of the American Library Association passed a resolution supporting the world-wide Nestle boycott. The Nestle Products list is as follows: 1) Chocolates - Nestle's Crunch, Toll House Chips, Nestle's Quik, Hot Cocoa Mix, Choco'lite, Choco-Bake, \$100,000 Candy Bar, Price's Chocolates, Go Ahead Bar; 2) Coffees and Teas - Taster's Choice, Nescafe, Nestea, Decaf, Sunrise, Pero, Cains Coffee, Manhattan Coffee Co. (St. Louis, Mo.); 3) Wines - Beringer Brothers, Los Hermanos, Crosse & Blackwell; 4) Cheeses - Swiss Knight, Wispride, Berber Cheeses, Old Fort, Provalone Lacatelli, Cherry Hill, Roger's; 5) Packaged Fruits, Soups, Etc. - Libby's, Stouffer Frozen Foods, Souptime, Maggi Soups, Crosse and Blackwell, Beech Nut Baby Foods; 6) Hotels and Restaurants - Stouffer, Rusty Scupper; 7) L'Oreal Cosmetics, Nestle Cookie Mixes, Kavli Crispbread, McVities, Keiller, James Keller & Sons, Ltd., Contique by Alcon, Ionax by Owen Labs, Lancome, Pine Hill Crystal Water, Deer Park Mountain Spring Water.

FEMINIST TASK FORCE COMMITTEES

Four committees were set up by the Feminist Task Force at ALA in New York City. The committees and their liaison to the Task Force Steering Committee are:

Coalition Committee

Barbara Scheele - liaison  
Suzanne LeBarron  
Patricia Friedland  
Kay Cassell

Nominating Committee

Diane Kadanoff - liaison  
Cinder Johanson  
Linda Rambler  
Mike Leber  
Jody Pitsenberger

Sexual Harassment

Sarah Pritchard - liaison  
Susan Griffith  
Jean Porter  
Linda Tepp  
Diane Kadanoff

Jobs

Linda Sirkus and Sheila Hess - liaisons  
Sylvia Fabishoff  
Pat Anderson  
Claire Ackroyd  
Cathy Selden



INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

The Institute for Education and Research on Women and Work was established by vote of the faculty of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, in 1977. The goal of the Institute is to conduct applied research and to develop, test, and provide educational programs that help working women fulfill their educational and career goals and participate more effectively in the organizations to which they belong. Beginning in 1972, programs for trade union women in New York City were the initial focus out of which the Institute grew. More recently a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York enabled the Institute to develop its program, Education for Equal Opportunity, which links work organizations and educational institutions in cooperative networks throughout New York State. For more information on the Institute, write them at 3 E. 43rd Street, New York, NY 10017. (212) 599-4550.

WOMEN'S PRESS PUBLICATIONS

Persephone Press has two new fall publications. Claiming An Identity They Taught Me To Despise by Michelle Cliff is a work which speaks to her experience as a Third World lesbian. (\$4.00) Choices by Nancy Toder is a novel about lesbian love. (\$6.00). Persephone Press, PO Box 7222, Watertown, Mass. 02172.

Two new works are available from Spinsters, Ink. The Cancer Journals by Audre Lorde is an account of her experience with cancer: her dread of the diagnosis, her decisions, the mastectomy and recovery, her analysis and rejection of the prosthesis. (\$4.00) Bones & Kim is an exquisitely written novel which depicts and explores relationships among women. Lynn Strongin's story focuses on the complex interaction between a mother, Bones, and her daughter, Kim, who has been stricken with polio as a child. (\$5.50). Spinsters, Ink, Rd. 1, Argyle, NY 12809.

Bring Out Your Own Book by Barbara McFadyen and Marilyn Gayle is a self published book about self publishing. Copies are available for \$6.00 plus 50¢ postage from Godiva Publishing, PO Box 42305, Portland, Oregon 97242.

New publications from Naiad Press are Lesbian-Feminism in the Turn of the Century Germany, edited and translated by Lillian Faderman and Brigitte Ericsson (\$5.95) and The Black and White of It by Ann Allen Shockley (\$5.95). Naiad Press, Inc., 7800 Westside Drive, Weatherby Lake, Missouri 64152.

Themis is a newsletter of the new women's religion. It is published eight times a year. \$5/year. Make checks payable to The Susan B. Anthony Coven No. 1. Susan B. Anthony Coven No. 1, PO Box 42121, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Volume II of Ancient Mirrors of Womanhood by Merlin Stone is now available. This second volume on the historical and archeological evidence of wise and powerful images of womanhood includes goddess and heroine images from India, Egypt, Sumer, Scandinavia, Japan, Greece and the Native Americans of North America - legends, prayers, rituals, shrine sites, customs, symbols and the bibliography for the two volumes. \$6.95 for volume 1 and \$7.95 for volume 2. New Sibylline Books, Inc., Box 266 - Village Station, New York, NY 10014.

WOMEN'S OUTREACH PROJECT

Women's Outreach Project is a two year project funded by the U.S. Department of Education to do research in the area of women and nontraditional occupations at the postsecondary level. Since the Project began in October 1979, they have conducted an extensive information search on women and nontraditional job training as well as interviewing directors of nontraditional occupation programs and graduates of these programs. The information collected form the basis of two books to be published in 1981, The Nuts and Bolts of NTO (Nontraditional Occupations) and Time For A Change. The members of the project staff are available for informational and promotional activities on the subject of nontraditional job training and occupations for women at the postsecondary level, such as conferences, workshops, articles and limited technical assistance. Paid expenses are necessary, but there is no consulting fee. For further information, contact Jo Shuchat, Project Director, Technical Education Research Centers, Inc., 8 Eliot Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.



PUBLICATIONS WORTH NOTING

"Women and Health United States 1980" is a supplement to the September-October 1980 Public Health Reports. Written by Dr. Emily C. Moore, the report discusses almost every aspect of women's health from a research and statistical point of view. This report will be a valuable addition to all library collections. For further information, write Public Health Reports, Room 10-44, Center Bldg., 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.

Syllabus Sourcebook on Media and Women contains 68 outlines of courses on various aspects of media and women from art to women's magazines. The course outlines include readings and bibliographies and other resources. A list of schools that offer the courses is given. To obtain a copy of the Syllabus, send \$5.50 to the Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press, publisher, 3306 Ross Place NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Guidelines For Selecting Bias-Free Textbooks and Storybooks discusses bias in children's storybooks and in textbooks. Checklists for different types of books such as basal readers and career education textbooks are provided. Guidelines is \$6.95 from the Council on Interracial Books for Children, 1841 Broadway, New York, NY 10023.

In a 26-page report to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the California State Advisory Committee has submitted its review of employment in California State government called, "California State Employment." This report indicates that since the mid-1970's, minorities and women have made minimal progress in attaining equal job status with white male employees, despite state statutory affirmative action requirements and special emphasis recruitment programs. A single copy of this publication is available without charge from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Publications Warehouse, 621 N. Payne St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

In a report on women in labor unions entitled "Absent From the Agenda," the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) found that women represent 30 percent of all organized workers, but hold only 12 percent of the leadership positions. The International Ladies Garment Workers Union, with a workforce 80 percent female, has only two women officers and governing board members. For a copy of this report, write the Coalition of Labor Union Women Center for Education and Research, 770 Broadway, New York, NY 10003.

Women in Communications, Inc. has published a 30-page book on "Careers in Communications," available free by writing Careers, WICI National Headquarters, PO Box 9561, Austin, TX 78766.

The Education Development Center has published two publications designed to help displaced homemakers move from housework to paid work through vocational training. They are : "Resource Guide for Vocational Educators and Planners" and "Vocational Counseling for Displaced Homemakers, A Manual." Single copies of these publications are available free from Second Look, EDC, 55 Chapel Street, Newton, MA 02160. Additional copies may be obtained from the U.S. Government Printing Office. Resource Guide (#065-000-00010-5, \$2.25) and Vocational Counseling (#065-000-00020-2, #2.25) The resource lists alone make these two publications invaluable for libraries.



PUBLICATIONS TO NOTE (continued)

Office work is being changed by the use of computer technology to process and transmit information, combining word and data processing. According to the report women will be the hardest hit by office automation because the occupations especially targeted for implementation of technology are all at least 90 percent female. The report of Working Women, "Race Against Time: Automation of the Office," calls for specific actions to begin to reverse the negative effects of office automation on women's jobs. For a copy of the report, write to Working Women: National Association of Office Workers; 1224 Huron Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44115. The report costs \$4.00.

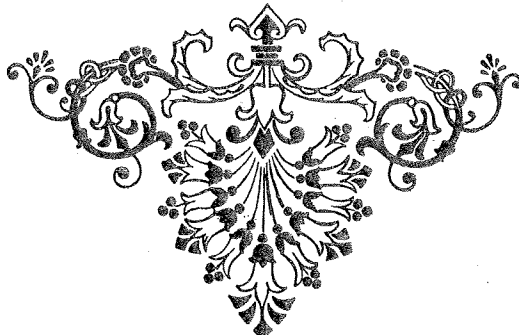
A report on the effects of no-fault divorce on older women, "Gray Paper No. 6," is available from the Older Women's League, 3800 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94611. \$2.00.

A series of occasional papers on sex equity/education issues is being produced by the Project on Equal Education Rights (PEER); the first, now available, is "Ties That Bind: the Price of Pursuing the Male Mystique," which discusses how men, too, pay a price for sex bias. PEER, 112 13th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005.

For the first time since World War II there are more women enrolled in college than men according to a new Census Bureau report. Of the 11.4 million students attending college in 1979, more than half - 5.9 million - were women. The Census Bureau attributes this reversal to the increase of women students aged 35 and over. Single copies of the Census Bureau report, "School Enrollment - Social and Economic Characteristics of Students: October 1979 (Advance Report)," P-20, No. 355 are available for \$1.25 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

Women In Management, 1970 - 1979: A Bibliography by Judith A. Leavitt is a publication of the Council of Planning Librarians. This bibliography reviews the pertinent literature from 1970 to 1979 concerning the growing number of women who wish to enter management positions and the reasons that have prevented them from filling more management positions. Over 500 citations are included. The bibliography is broken down into 20 subcategories including progress of women in management; salaries; mentors and networking; management training for women; sex-role stereotypes; discrimination and minorities, etc. \$8.00. CPL Bibliographies, 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637.

The Program on Women at Northwestern University has a list of its publications available. The list includes a number of publications for women who are returning to college as well as publications on grantsmanship and feminist networks. For more information, write The Program on Women, 1902 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201.



PULLING BACK PURSE STRINGS ON SEX BIAS

In continuing its efforts to promote educational equity, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is encouraging each member to withhold personal contributions from her alma mater until receiving documentation of improvements in educational opportunities for women.

CATALYST RECEIVES GRANT

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded a \$160,000 grant to Catalyst to support the expansion and modernization of its Library and Information Center. The grant will be used over the next three years to make the Library's collection, which is the foundation of Catalyst's ongoing programs and services, more accessible to a large number of people. A customized computer base, the only one of its kind on women's employment issues will be created from subject file materials, studies and abstracts on a variety of related topics. In addition, the grant will fund a comprehensive audio-visual center where nonprint career materials will be available to the public.

WORKING WOMEN REPORTS...

One third of all women in the workforce is over 45, yet older women comprise the fastest growing segment of poor Americans, according to a survey by Working Women of the National Association of Women Office Workers. The survey states that older women, with a lifetime of low wages and a discriminatory retirement system, face almost certain poverty during retirement. Working Women was formed to upgrade the status and working conditions of the nation's 20 million office workers. The group plans to target discriminatory employers, hold workshops, and advise women on how to deal with discrimination cases. For copies of the study and a list of the organization's publications, contact: Working Women, 2000 Florida Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009. (202) 797-1384. Working Women also has offices in Boston and Cleveland.



MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL

Management Development International is a women-owned firm providing interesting, professional seminars and lectures on such topics as productivity enhancement, Japanese management strategies, power in organizations and women in management. For further information, contact them at 1725 De Sales Street NW, Washington, DC 20036. (202) 659-0380.

WILL YOUR LIFE EXPERIENCE COUNT AS COLLEGE CREDIT?

Women can call a toll-free number to learn if their life experience counts as college credit. Since the service began the first of this year, nearly 2,000 women have contacted the Council for the Advancement of Experiential Learning, which provides the information free under a Federal grant. CAEL, Lakefront North #300, Columbia, MD 21044. (800) 638-7813.

AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS

In the Out Door, a new LP record by feminist performer/composer, Kristin Lems, has just been released. Her original songs, in styles ranging from country to honky tonk to boogie-woogie, treat topics of concern: sexism, gay rights, nuclear dangers, the retreat back to "the good old days." A ballad to a lost lover and the rousing "Rosa Parks," recorded live at the 1978 N.O.W. convention, are among the other offerings. Single copies of this record and her first album, Oh Mama!, are available at \$6.50 each (cost includes postage), from Carolsdatter Productions, 1104 W. Springfield Ave., Urbana, IL 61801.

The Willmar 8 is a film which tells the story of eight women - bank workers in the small town of Willmar, Minnesota - who formed a union and started the first bank strike in the history of Minnesota. The women had complained when a young male trainee had been hired at twice their starting salary, and they had been required to train him. They complained about this to the bank president who told them, "We're not all equal, you know." The film was directed by actress/director Lee Grant. It is available from California Newsreel, 630 Natoma Street, San Francisco, CA 94103. (415) 621-6196. The film is 55 minutes in length and rents for \$75. The sale price is \$700.

Write for the new film catalog from Iris Feminist Collective, Inc., Box 5353, Berkeley, CA 94705. Their films include Daughter Rite (a narrative fiction film about mothers, daughters and sisters), Good Day Care: One Out of Ten, Ironing (a personal interpretation of a portion of Tillie Olsen's story, "I Stand Here Ironing"), and We're Alive (a film on women in prison).

The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter is a new one-hour color documentary on the experience of women workers during World War II. For further information, contact Clarily Educational Productions, Inc., PO Box 315, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417. Rental fee is \$75 and sale price is \$695.

Blow for Blow is a film about the struggle for better working conditions of seamstresses in a French factory. This French film with English subtitles is available for rental for \$75 plus \$5 handling charges. For more information, write Red Ball Films, PO Box 298, Village Station, New York, NY 10014.

New Day Films has a new catalog. Their films include: Anything You Want To Be (a teenager's collision with sex-role stereotypes), Union Maids (a vivid history of women organizing in the 1930's), Chris and Bernie (a film about single mothers), and It Happens To Us (a film on abortion). For more information, write New Day Films, PO Box 315, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417.

FROM THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMMITTEE

The Sexual Harassment Committee of the Feminist Task Force would like to hear from anyone who has ideas on the sexual harassment issue. Send your ideas to Sarah Pritchard, 1708 Noyes Lane, Silver Springs, MD 20901.



MORE PUBLICATIONS

"On Campus With Women" is a newsletter of the Project on the Status and Education of Women. It contains a wealth of information on legislation, sexual harassment, women's studies, fellowships and scholarships and resources. This newsletter is available by writing the Association of American Colleges, 1818 R Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation's Women's Rights Project has a number of publications available. They include Women and the Law by Kathleen Willert Peratis and Eve Cary (\$5.75), How To Erase Sex Discrimination in Vocational Education by Patricia Beyea and Gerry O'Kane and a monthly newsletter, ACLU Women's Rights Report. For more information on these publications write ACLU Foundation, Women's Rights Project, 132 W. 43 Street, New York, NY 10036.

Labor Education For Women Workers, edited by Barbara Mayer Wertheimer, includes information on designing programs, materials and funding. It is available from the Temple University Press, Broad & Oxford Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. 19122. \$18 plus \$1 for postage and handling.

The Center for Women Policy Studies is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation designed to educate both the public and policy makers to the need for change in the legal and economic status of women. Write them for information on their projects and publications. 2000 P Street, NW, Suite 508, Washington, DC 20036.

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