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MISSOURI "Missouri Library Association SRRT report:  
UP THE MALE ESTABLISHMENT!" — Ann Webb

CALIFORNIA "The members of the statewide Committee on the Social Responsibilities of Libraries endorse the work of the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Library of Berkeley, California. This library is a unique California resource relating to basic issues in public life in America today. Areas of information collected by the library include but are not limited to civil rights, constitutional law, poverty programs and other social issues. It seeks out many sources for materials related to these subjects not generally available or known to most libraries. Its collection includes legal briefs,

COME TOGETHER! by AID \*

\* SRRT Task Force on our Affair In Dallas

We are coming together in Dallas— not for the sake of the organization ALA, but for the sake of the people who make up ALA. In people lies the real potential for change; we change, organizations do not, will not, dare not. Organizations that no longer meet needs can be discarded. New ways of relating to each other and new institutions can be created. Transformation and turn-around are what it's all about. Life!

Destructive games. The ALA establishment has offered a sop to wranglers at this last round-up. Can you look forward to more endless meetings- hassling--one-upmanship--fighting -parliamentary manipulation that whole game? Membership wrangling at meetings has had no effect on the ALA establishment; it has only alienated some people from a SRRT alternative, because members see SRRTers involved in the same political game attempting to get establishment power. Many have, understandably, decided to stay with an oppressive power structure they understand rather than opt for one whose methods are the same, but whose goals are not clearly articulated as redistribution of power. We won't play that game! Meetings are for learning, they are seminars, they are sexy— or they aren't creative. So, we are going to have an affair in Dallas.

You and we all know most ALA members won't be in Dallas and the majority in Dallas will not be at any of the "membership" meetings. They're not willing to play "little boys' games." Members have little alternative to ALA meetings--they can wander in the Exhibit

ACTIVITIES OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
IN LIBRARIANSHIP

READ A BOOK IN DALLAS!

Sunday -2:00-4:00pm— SRRT Suite— Meeting of all women interested in reviewing children's books during the conference.

Read a book! Come to the SRRT Program: Our Ultimate Affair on Thursday, 8:00-10:00pm. Discuss your book with others, hear about the books other people read. Let's turn it around!

Monday— 7:00-10:00pm -- An alternate Newberry-Caldecott dinner. Meet outside of entrance to the "establishment" dinner. Black tie (and tee shirt). Carry a pink balloon or wear a plastic daisy. After dinner: First Annual Sexism Awards!!

Tuesday— 2:00-4:00pm— Scheduled Task Force meeting. Slide show presented by Feminists on Children's Media (a collective formed last summer by women concerned about the stereotyped female image presented by children's books).

Wednesday— 10:00-12:00 noon— SRRT suite--another chance to see the slide show and rap.

Thursday-- 8:00-10:00am--SRRT suite— Women's Caucus on Salaries and Promotional Opportunities.  
8:30-10:30pm— Women's Liberation Task Force meeting at the SRRT Program: Our Ultimate Affair.

TASK FORCE ON LIBRARY SCHOOL STUDENT AFFILIATES.

In an effort to provide Library School students with alternatives in library education, and a proper orientation within the library world, as well as to infuse new ideas of social concern into library education, the Task Force on Library School Student Affiliates has been actively promoting the greater involvement of students in SRRT activities. As a continuation of this, in conjunction with the NUC Caucus, we will be coordinating and conducting a series of free university sessions throughout the Conference week. These sessions will be primarily aimed at raising and confronting questions concerned with what our responsibilities are, vis-a-vis the fantastic information resources we have, in getting these resources to the people, and bringing them to bear on social issues and change.

The free university format is offered as a loving alternative to the

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## REPORT TO THE SRRT MEMBERSHIP AND THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION

This report is being submitted as a progress report and an evaluation of SRRT structure and activities in relation to its statement of purpose.

Since SRRT is not structured like other ALA units (top-down) but rather on principles of participatory democracy (bottom-up), this report is an interpretation and analysis by this Action Council, being submitted to the membership of SRRT for discussion as well as to the ALA Committee on Organization, which requested it of SRRT.

In addition, since SRRT is structured differently, Action Council thinks that the clearest exposition of the actions of SRRT can be accomplished by the discussion of the actions of all SRRT membership activities in relation to the goals in the statement of responsibility. We will attempt to include the material asked for in the suggested procedure



Minutes of the plenary session at the Stafford Hotel, Baltimore,  
May 9, 1971, 11:00 a.m.  
Carla Alexander handed out "Parliamentary Law Charts" and

# ALA - SRRT OFFICIAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The SRRT program at Dallas will be a carnival, featuring the task forces and affiliates of SRRT as the carnival booths! The purpose