

**S0228 International Women's Year, 1977
Collection, 1975-1978
93 Folders, 32 Photographs, 5 Oral Histories**

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The IWY-1977 Collection contains correspondence, photographs, publications, minutes of meetings, newspaper clippings, artifacts and oral history interviews. Five women who participated in the IWY-1977 deposited their papers in the University of Missouri-St. Louis in the Fall of 1977. Jean Berg, Chair of the State Coordinating Committee, deposited the official records (or copies) of the Coordinating Committee, including correspondence, minutes of the meetings, and material from the National Commission. In addition, she donated her personal correspondence relating to the IWY-1977. Peggy Keilholz, a member of the State Delegation, donated publications, artifacts, correspondence and the minutes from the Delegation's meetings. Ann O'Donnell, Chair of the Missouri Delegation and a member of the Coordinating Committee, gathered handouts at the IWY-Houston meeting and donated these along with copies of the briefs from the delegation's suits. Patricia Rice, member of the Coordinating Committee and reporter for the Post-Dispatch covering the Houston meeting, deposited flyers, publications, and press material. Martha Shirk, staff writer for the Post-Dispatch, added more flyers, publications and press releases. In addition, the collection contains 5 oral history interviews with: Lois Barrett; who organized a charter bus for the non-delegate caucus to go to Houston; Jean Berg; Peggy Keilholz; Ann O'Donnell; and Wilda Worley, alternate delegate to Houston; who was eventually seated when one of the regular delegates left.

The United States Congress authorized IWY-1977 under Public Law 94-167 and funded both state and national meetings by a grant through the National Commission on Observance of International Women's Year. The Missouri grant totaled \$59,854.00. A Missouri State Coordinating Committee was appointed, with Jean Berg named as Chair. The Coordinating Committee conducted the Missouri State Meeting and handled the state grant. The Missouri State Meeting in Observance of International Women's Year was held at Washington University, St. Louis, June 3-5, 1977. At this meeting, individuals registered to vote for delegates to the national meeting and attended workshops to propose recommendations to improve the status of women. The delegation which was elected, committed themselves to an anti-abortion and for the most part, anti- ERA platform, while the recommendations, which were passed, favored both pro-choice and the ERA. Attempts to challenge the Missouri Delegation as being unrepresentative of the women of Missouri were rejected by the National Commission.

The Delegation itself, filed unsuccessful suits charging that the recommendations were not passed by the majority of the registered voters and therefore invalid. The Missouri Delegation also decided to conduct their meetings in private and so the Coordinating Committee refused to finance their transportation or mailing expenses for these meetings and in fact returned

\$14,000 of the Missouri Grant.

In October an Ad-Hoc Committee was formed to send a non-delegate caucus, committed to abortion rights and the ERA, to the Houston meeting to represent Missouri. Following the Houston meeting, the State Delegation concentrated on preparing a minority report to submit to Congress along with the majority report.

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