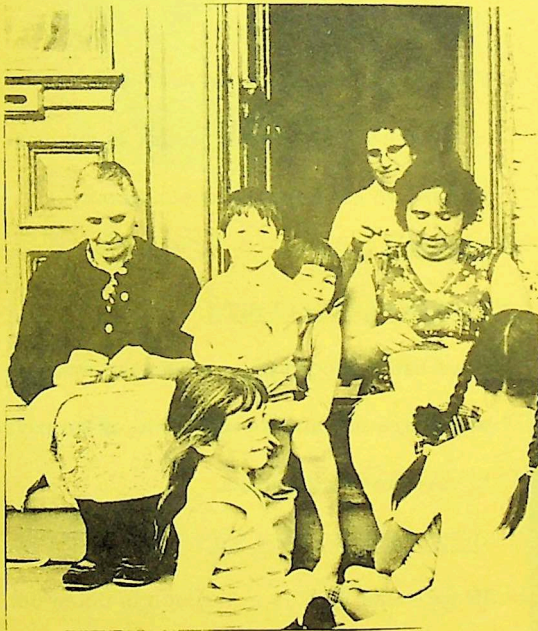


Older Women Demand

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Wages for Housework

Now And Retroactive



BECAUSE

WE HAVE DONE HOUSEWORK
ALL OUR LIVES

WE HAVE NEVER BEEN PAID

WE NEVER RETIRE

IN OUR LATER YEARS WE
NEED MORE MONEY NOT
LESS!

NOW - LIKE NEVER BEFORE - WE KNOW :

we can't afford to work for "love"
working for nothing doesn't "pay"

AFTER YEARS OF UNPAID WORK AT HOME
AND LOW PAY ON THE SECOND JOB:

What is a Woman's Lot When We Age?

EVEN LESS MONEY AT THE TIME WHEN WE NEED IT MOST!



* NO SOCIAL SECURITY

For all the housework we have done
---because they say housework is not work!
At best we get a partial check in our
husband's name.

* LOW SOCIAL SECURITY

If we had a second job ---because women's
wages are low and we took time off the payroll
to care for our families.

* A PITTANCE FROM SSI

If we make it to 65 ----which is doled out
like a charity and doesn't even pay for both
food and rent---much less for anything else.



POVERTY

ILLNESS

ISOLATION

... AND ALWAYS MORE WORK

THIS IS WHAT OUR "GOLDEN YEARS"
ARE ALL ABOUT!

* NO SPACE OF OUR OWN: Rent is always too high for us and we are
trapped in overcrowded, unsafe, rundown
apartments where we have to fight the landlord
not to freeze; or we are trapped in nursing homes
welfare hotels or trailers: the old people's ghettos.
* NO SOCIAL LIFE: It takes money to go anyplace and how can we afford
to take a trip or go out with friends on a budget of
\$250 a month? At best, our social life is the
senior center where we never meet people of
other generations and where we even have to pay
for what we get with "volunteer" work.

AT 65 OR 75 WE WOMEN KEEP ON WORKING.... UNTIL WE DIE

IN THE HOME: WE NEVER RETIRE FROM HOUSEWORK ---WE JUST TIRE!

If we have husbands now they are wageless too and even more dependent on our work. We have to stretch our last energies to keep the house going on a budget that has been drastically reduced and is eaten up daily by inflation. After raising our own families, now we often have to care for the grandchildren and help with the housework so that our daughters can go out "to work".

ON THE SECOND JOB: Often indispensable to make ends meet---now at the lowest wages ever, backed by the blackmail

that if we earn "too much" it will be deducted from our social security check!

AND VOLUNTEER WORK: Which we accept under the threat that they will cut even the few services now available to us. It's mostly older women who "voluntarily" staff the Senior Centers (after volunteering all our lives at home) and who visit the homebound so that they don't die of starvation or loneliness or both.

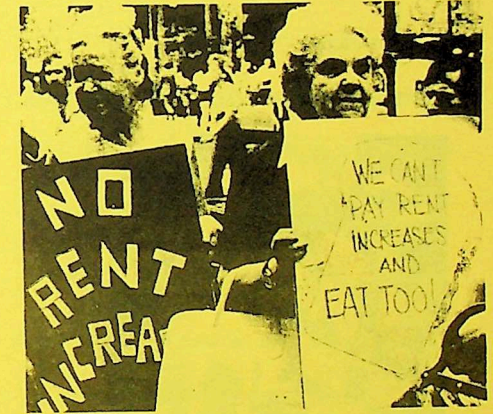


In spite of what they tell us,

AFTER A LIFETIME OF HARD WORK, WE STILL HAVE NOT "EARNED"
THE RIGHT TO LIVE

Meanwhile, the government and business have grown huge and rich off our work because we raised all their workers for them. And they are still making money off the underpaid and volunteer work they "offer" us when we get older.

They even capitalize on our poverty and illness---witness the Nursing Home Scandal. THEY GIVE MONEY TO NURSING HOMES AND PROFIT-EERS OF ALL SORTS, BUT THEY DON'T GIVE IT TO US! WHEN WE DEMAND MONEY THEY SAY THEY



ARE POOR AND PLEAD "CRISIS". BUT WOMEN HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN CRISIS AND NOW MORE THAN EVER. More and more of us are forced to beg and shop-lift to make ends meet and too many of us end up in mental hospitals or commit suicide because we refuse to cope with this kind of life.

BUT NOW WE ARE DETERMINED TO EVEN UP THE SCORE.

WE WANT OUR MONEY BACK!

WHEN WOMEN ARE PAID FOR ALL WE DO
THERE'LL BE A LOT OF WAGES DUE

Always Everywhere Women of All Ages

Are Fighting to Win Back what is Ours !

We are always told that we are too old or too young or not wise and worldly enough, and that we must care for others before we make a struggle for ourselves. But we have sacrificed too much of our lives to be fooled any longer. We know that if we don't fight for more, the little we have will be snatched away.

IT IS NOT OUR SACRIFICES, BUT OUR STRUGGLE THAT MAKES A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL OF US! In the 1930's, the struggles we made, including the Townsend Movement, forced the government to pass the Social Security Act. Since then, our movement has been growing in numbers. In 1975, in New York City alone, over 10,000 of us filled City Hall when the Senior Centers were threatened.



THE NEXT TIME WE WILL BE MANY MORE AND WITH THE STRENGTH OF OUR THOUSANDS, YOUNG AND OLD, WE WILL DEMAND NOT ONLY MORE SOCIAL SECURITY AND BETTER SENIOR CENTERS, BUT WE WILL DEMAND:

**WAGES-for all the housework we do
and all the housework we have done!**

For Older Women Too:

Wages for Housework

Is the Only Struggle



That Gives Us the Power-

POWER

TO BREAK OUT OF OUR ISOLATION: With money in our pockets we can

go to a show, meet other women and men of all ages, instead of being confined to our homes or, at best, to our senior centers.

POWER

TO CUT DOWN ON HOUSEWORK: More than ever, we need to save time and energy by eating out, sending out the laundry, buying conveniences.

POWER

TO DEMAND THE BEST MEDICAL CARE: Including free medicine, free dental care, free glasses and hearing aids and everything else we need!

POWER

TO DEMAND COMFORTABLE AND SAFE HOUSING... AND FIRST OF ALL, AN APARTMENT OF OUR OWN!

POWER

TO STOP THE CLOSING OF SENIOR CENTERS AND TO MAKE THEM SERVE OUR NEEDS AND OUR STRUGGLE.

Free of means tests and fees with which they try to divide us.

**Wages For Housework Brings Together
The Power of All Generations .
United There is A Lot We Can Win !**



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