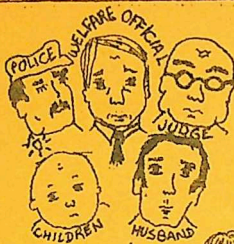
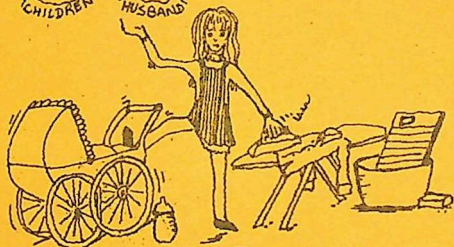


THE MOTHER-LED UNION



presents
Mary
Housewife



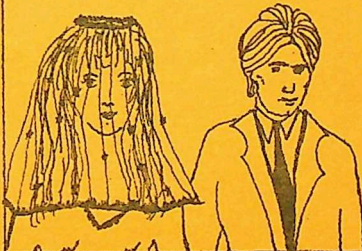
"and you say
i'm not working!"

HOW I LOVE YOU
MY DARLING BILL,
AND YOU LOVE
ME TOO!



BILL WAS ALL I
HAD EVER WANTED

THEN THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE ARRIVED



YOU'RE NOT MUCH
FUN THESE DAYS, MARY

I-I'M SORRY (GULP)
I'M PREGNANT BILL



9 MONTHS LATER...



MEANWHILE

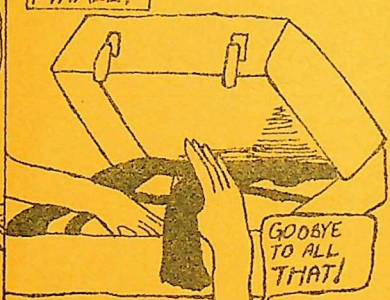
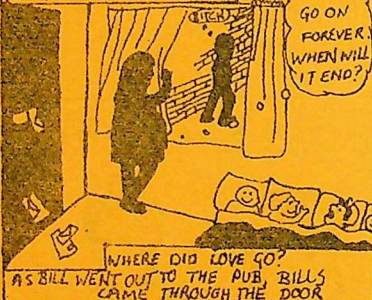


BUT... LOVE CONQUERS ALL

SOME YEARS LATER....

IT CAN'T GO ON FOREVER. WHEN WILL IT END?

FINALLY



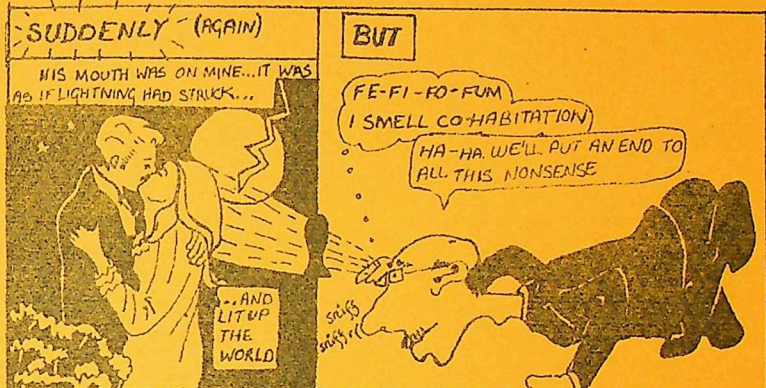
THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO! I'D START OVER AGAIN AS A NEW ME!



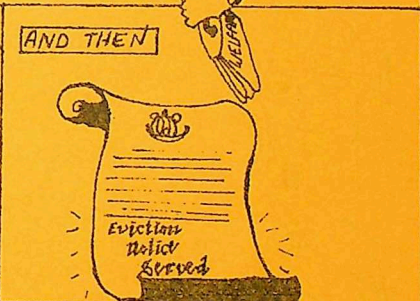
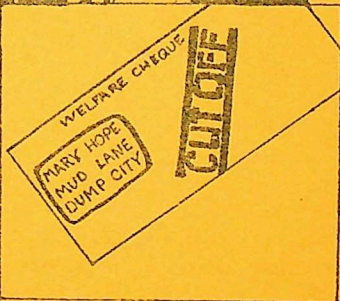
THERE! NOW I'M BEAUTIFUL! I'M A TOTALLY DIFFERENT WOMAN!



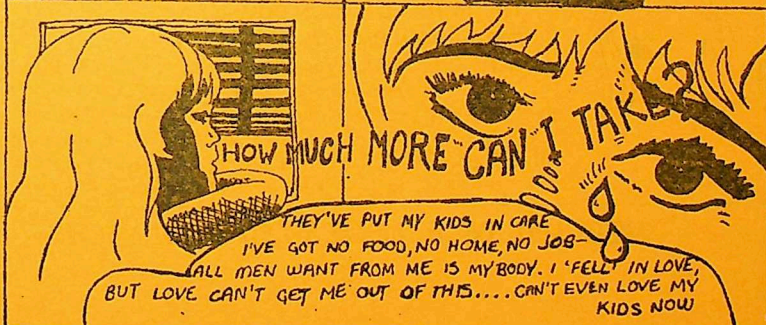
FIND ANOTHER MAN WHO'LL GET ME OUT OF THIS AWFUL LIFE
- GIVE ME ALL THE THINGS I'VE ALWAYS WANTED
- TREAT ME LIKE A WOMAN
- NOT A SLAVE OR MACHINE



BUT



AND THEN





GAZING OUT OF THE WINDOW, SOBBING OUR HEARTS OUT
IN THE BEDROOM, WAITING FOR THE NEXT MAN TO COME
ALONG AND LIFT US OUT OF OUR MISERY... THAT'S HOW
THEY WANT US - ON OUR BACKS AND AFRAID TO
FIGHT BACK



WHILE WE FACE OUR PROBLEMS ON OUR OWN, WE
ENDED UP ON PILLS, IN THE LOONY BIN, IN HOSPITAL, IN
PRISON - BUT THERE'S MORE THAN 100,000 OF US -
SINGLE MOTHERS ON SOCIAL SECURITY - WE'RE IN EVERY
STREET, ON EVERY BUS, IN EVERY LAUNDRETTE, SHOP, PARK.



AND WE'RE GETTING MORE & MORE ANGRY - WITH
BUREAUCRATS WHO WON'T HEAR, DOCTORS WHO CAN'T
CURE, "LEADERS" WHO DON'T CARE.
WE'VE HAD ENOUGH
WE KNOW WHAT WE WANT



WE WANT, FOR ALL WOMEN:
- A GUARANTEED INCOME - SO THAT WE AND OURS KIDS CAN LIVE WELL
- AN END OF THE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN "WORKERS" & "NON-WORKERS"

THE MOTHER-LED UNION DEMANDS
FOR WOMEN ON FAMILY BENEFITS:

- 1) PARITY WITH FOSTER PARENTS - MOTHERS DEMAND AS MUCH
MONEY AS THE STATE GIVES FOSTER PARENTS
- 2) HIGHER EARNING CAPACITY - NO CEILINGS ON EARNINGS
ON A 2ND JOB OUTSIDE THE HOME
- 3) FREE DAYCARE FOR EVERYONE - SO WE & OUR KIDS CAN ENJOY
LIFE INSTEAD OF FIGHTING FOR SURVIVAL

THERE WILL BE A MOTHER-LED UNION MEETING:

bring your friends, daycare will be provided
for further information contact Louise at 961-6672 or

Nurses are in the forefront of the struggle against women's work and women's pay.

Hospital work is women's work, housework, childcare, clerical work, waitressing, charring, at factory speeds. Nursing is looking after people, the very young, the old, the sick.

When we do this work at home we don't get any wage. And when we're nurses and do it on a 12-hour shift, running to keep up in overcrowded wards, they expect us to be satisfied with a pittance. IF OUR LABOUR WASN'T FREE AT HOME IT WOULDN'T BE SO CHEAP OUTSIDE. Student nurses take home £12-£13 for a 40-hour week. And after three years you get about £20 a week. Women's pay - for heavy work, long, unsocial hours and responsibility for other people's lives.

Prices have multiplied, and they still expect women to carry on working for no wage at home and for women's wages - pin money - if we have to take another job outside. They say it's "natural" for us. They tell us all the same thing: "Do it for love, virtue is its own reward." But low pay is not natural, and virtue will never keep up with inflation.

Nurses have been told they can't strike because the patients will suffer. But they've answered the government: "If the hospital system doesn't work, it's your fault, not ours." Patients are already dying because they're underpaid and understaffed. Women workers are always told, don't let your patients, or your family, or your customers suffer. We're supposed to suffer instead. THE NURSES HAVE BROKEN THROUGH THIS BLACKMAIL FOR ALL OF US. IF WE SUFFER, EVERYBODY SUFFERS, BECAUSE EVERYBODY DEPENDS ON US, MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN, THE OLD, THE YOUNG AND THE SICK.

The government never thought that nurses would organise, demonstrate, threaten to strike, work to rule, walk off the job. But they have. They've shown their power to the government, and IF NURSES CAN STRIKE EVERY WOMAN CAN STRIKE. If nurses can win, every woman can win: housewives, factory workers, all women workers - all women!

If we work in a factory we think our conditions are different from hospital workers. If we work at home we think our conditions are different from factory workers. But we're all taking orders from someone higher up. We're all forced to do work we don't like. We're all faced with rising prices that we can't meet. Therefore we must join together.

Nurses in Brent are asking you to support their national day of action - the 8th July. Workers everywhere in Britain are making it their national day of action. Brent Trades Council are calling for stoppages on that afternoon - MONDAY 8TH JULY. There'll be a march through Harlesden starting from outside Park Royal Hospital (Central Middlesex Hospital) at 12:30. The government and every employer will be counting how many women come out of homes, shops and factories that day. The more of us there are, the more they'll be worried about our power when we make our own demands.

*** We demand more money for women workers in the home and out of it.
so we can afford decent care for our children and time away
from them.
so we don't have to do without in order to buy shoes for our
children.
so we can have steak for dinner instead of macaroni cheese. The
prime minister doesn't eat macaroni cheese.
so we can be more independent of bosses, governments and men.

*** We demand decent housing and decent schools.

*** We demand more free time away from the home, the factory, the office,
the hospital.

Come out on the 8th of July to demand more money for nurses, housewives
and all women workers. YOU CAN'T PAY THE BILLS WITH LOVE.

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March and Rally Celebrate First International Women's Day

By JUDY KLEMESRUD
 Chilled by brisk March winds, hundreds of women from a coalition of 50 women's groups marched down Fifth Avenue under sunny skies yesterday in celebration of International Women's Day.

The parade route stretched for 27 blocks, from the New York Public Library, at 41st Street and Fifth Avenue, to Union Square, where a rally was held.

The women, many of them carrying colorful signs and banners denoting their various organizations, marched on the east half of Fifth Avenue. They were led by women carrying a huge red, white and blue banner reading: "International Women's Day Coalition — March 8, 1975."

Behind them was a group in purple, the Victoria Woodhull Marching Band, an all-woman band whose bass drummer said: "You don't have to know anything about music to join our group."

The march and rally drew some of the most prominent

names in the American feminist movement, including Betty Friedan; Representative Bella Abzug; Gloria Steinem; Jacqueline Ceballos of the National Organization for Women and Lieut. Gov. Mary Ann Krupak as well as Carolyn Reed, head of the Progressive Household Technicians of America; Beulah Sanders of the National Welfare Rights Organization and Sylvia Wexler of the Grey Panthers.

The posters said such things as "We Refuse to Be Shock Absorbers for Capitalism's Crisis," "Reverse the Edelin Verdict," "Recession, Depression, Wars — Women Can Do Better" and "120,000 Women in Saigon's Jails."

Across the street from where the parade formed, Harry Britton, who makes his living selling antifeminist newspapers for 25 cents, carried a sign saying "International Husbands' Day."

The march was one of the first events in New York City to commemorate the United Nations-declared International Women's Year

1975, which many women feel was largely ignored in the city until this weekend.

Officially, the march was dedicated to the three goals of the I.W.Y.: equality, development and peace. But as Miss Friedan saw it, the women had many more specific reasons to be marching:

'Unfinished Business'

"Women are being hurt the most by job layoffs, unemployment, and the chaos of a massive depression," she said. "We also have to fight our enemies who refuse to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, and our enemies who are trying to deny us abortions and the control of our own bodies. Yes, we do have unfinished business."

The march had a strong labor component, as it also commemorated the march of thousands of working women on New York City's Lower East Side on March 8, 1908, when they demanded an end to sweatshop conditions.

Members of the New York Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) greeted the marchers in Union Square, the traditional rallying place for labor unions. Several CLUW members were selling apples there, reminiscent of the practice that sustained many of the unemployed during the Great Depression. It was just to remind people of those bleak days, the CLUW members said, even though their slogan was "We Are Not Going Back to Selling Apples Again."

List of Demands

Among the many speakers at the rally was Vinnie Burrows, the actress, who read a list of demands that had been agreed upon by the coalition. They included: Equal job opportunities at equitable wages; 24-hour-a-day universal child care; immediate ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; access to abortion and contraceptives; civil rights for Lesbians; freedom for all political prisoners in this country and abroad; an end to United States "militarism" and a re-appropriation of defense funds for human needs; and a comprehensive national health care program.

"We are not curly-headed sweethearts who can be pat-ted on the head anymore," Miss Friedan said. "We are a serious political force to be reckoned with."

Among the other groups that were included in the coalition were the Puerto Rican Socialist Party; Jeanette Rankin Committee; Women's

College; Ukrainian Women's Club; Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs; Catholics for a Free Choice; National Gay Task Force; New York Women's Caucus of Rank and File Taxi Women; Women's Health Forum; YWCA; Women in the Arts; the Communist Party, and the Girl Scouts of the USA.

International Panel

International Women's Day was celebrated at the United Nations on Friday, with a day-long conference on "Women and Men: The Next 25 Years." It featured 18 panelists from throughout the world who took turns making statements and answering questions from a panel of journalists and the audience.

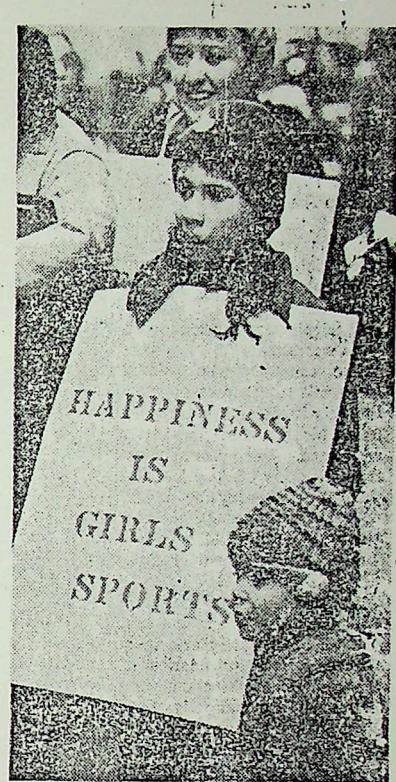
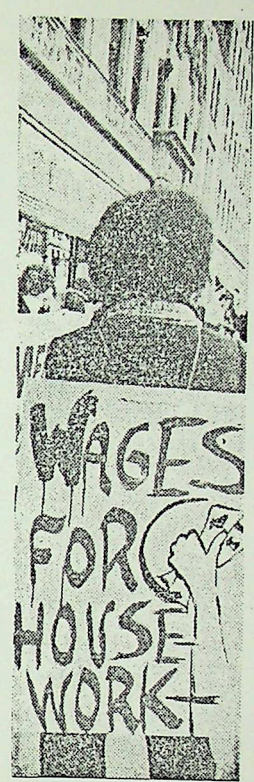
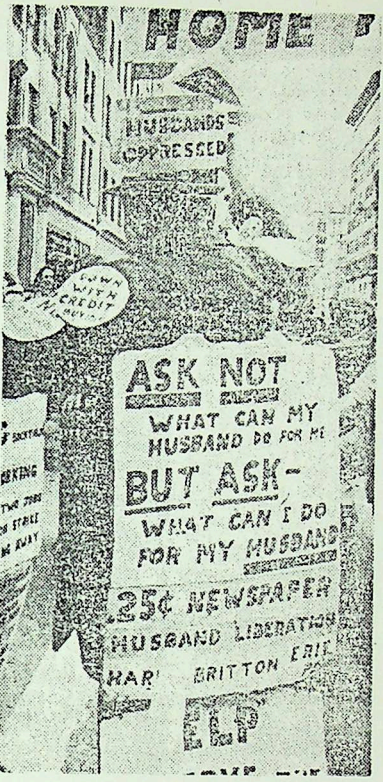
But the biggest excitement among United Nations women employees that day was about the petition calling for an end to discrimination against women at the United Nations, which 2,700 out of 6,000 U.N. employees had signed. It was presented to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim as the conference was being held.

Citing statistics that only 21.7 per cent of the U.N.'s professional employees are women, the women who wrote the petition also called for an "ombudswoman" from outside the United Nations, who would act on individual complaints as well as suggest ways of elevating more women to policy-making and professional posts.

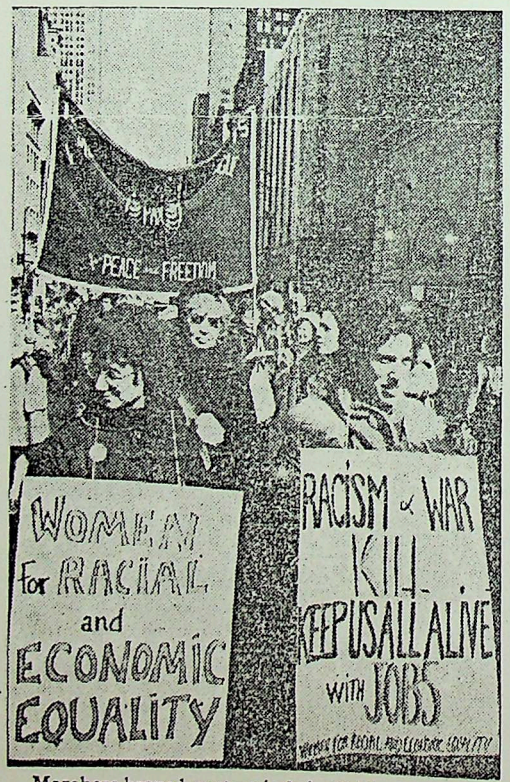
'Set on Example'

"Since the United Nations is sponsoring International Women's Year, it must set an example as far as discrimination against women is concerned," said one of the panelists. Father Anthony De Souza, S.J., from India, a member of the World Council of Churches, "Otherwise, the year is just a mockery."

The panelists, who agreed from the outset that they weren't going to offer any "solutions," discussed a wide range of subjects, including whether women are more peaceful by nature than men; why women are not more involved in the political process; the ways various religions may have kept women down; the need for more and better education for women; the future of the nuclear family; the effect on society of test-tube babies; and the importance of physical beauty.



An opposing view was expressed by man on left, while sign-carrier in center expressed the consensus; two members of younger set put in a word for their particular feminist cause, during parade.



Marchers braved gusty winds in 27-block parade

surprise that more was not said about the so-called polarization between Western women and their struggle for careers and third world women and their struggle for survival. This division is said to be a possible threat to the success of the I.W.Y. World Conference to take place in Mexico City June 19 through July 2.

The only reference to this polarization came from Justice Annie Jiage of the High Court of Ghana, who said, in answer to a question:

A Basic Difference

"Women of the third world are not being divided from the women of the developed world over equal pay for equal work. But we are being separated by value judgments. Today, one-third of the world makes use of two-thirds of the world's wealth, and then you have two-thirds of the population with one-third of the wealth, and then you tell them to manage on that."

"As a result," she went on, "We are faced with star-

vation and a struggle for the basic necessities. You are so concerned with equality, but you do not see the injustices of this set-up, and that's where our basic differences lie."

Germaine Greer, author of "The Female Eunuch" and a panelist, denounced "the queen bee complex" that she said was continuing among some women and harming other women.

"You see it in the women who made it on their own, and they think that other women will never make it on their own," she said. "In a way, it is like the oppressed people who do not want to see one of their own in power." More—

Miss Greer said that some of the statements were somewhat naive. "Several American feminists complained that the statement 'were what we were talking about four years ago.'"

The conference had a few light moments, as when Al-

vin Toffler, author of "Future Shock," gave his seat on the panel to Betty Friedan, who had not been invited to participate, much to the chagrin of American feminists. And when the panelists insisted that a young woman, who had been banned from the conference room because she was nursing a baby, be admitted. And when Prof. Alla Ghlenrikhovna Masevich, vice chairman of the Soviet Union's Council on Astronomy of the Academy of Sciences and a panelist, passed out gifts from Soviet women to the panelists.

She gave the men large wooden spoons, "not only for eating, but as a suggestion that they should try some recipes themselves," she said. And she gave the women aprons, "probably to let us know that we're all in the same stew," one of the panelists remarked.

The topic that drew the longest and most heated discussion seemed to be the future of the family. Several panelists, including Profes-

sor Masevich, said the traditional nuclear family was the best answer, while others, including Betty Friedan, argued for new models, "not the nuclear family of the West, which is in crisis, nor the extended family of the East."

In fact, so much time was spent discussing women as wives and mothers that Elizabeth Reid, personal adviser on women's issues to the Prime Minister of Australia, drew the biggest applause of the day when she said:

"If we aren't careful, the I.W.Y. is going to become one huge Mother's Day."

Dr. Jessie Bernard, the American sociologist and author, ended the conference by summing up its two long, wordy sessions in two terse statements:

"The final liberation of women must come from our own efforts, and we must not depend on other people to do it."

"We are headed for a pluralistic future, with options of all kinds."

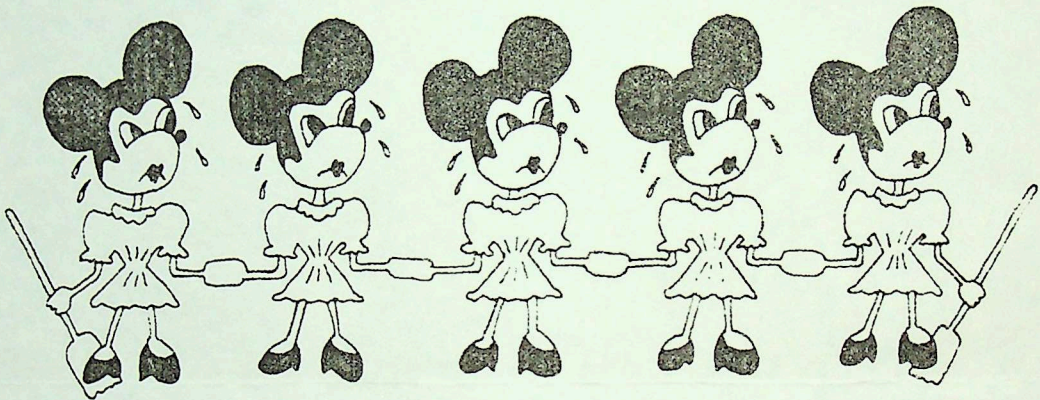
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MOTHER, YOU CAN TOO



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