

# Majority Report

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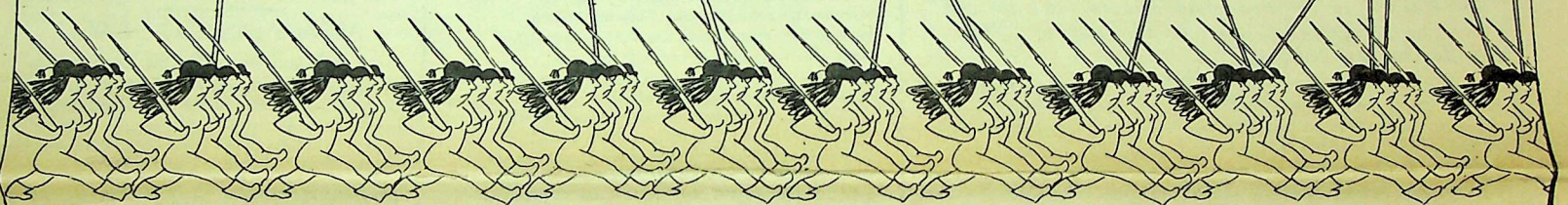
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# RADICAL DIRT

### Unisexual Reproduction

ONWARD!



## Hup, Two, Three, Four...

The Third Annual Women's March is planned for Friday, Aug. 25th. The theme this year will be "Women: Our Rights and Nothing Less!" All feminist groups and organizations, as well as independents (and whoever wants to march) will participate.

Press Conferences, Group Raps, Interviews on TV and Radio programs, and various planned national ZAP actions will all help publicize the event.

The March will begin at 5:00 p.m. at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street,

and proceed down Fifth Avenue to Bryant Park, Avenue of the Americas and 42nd Street, where there will be speeches focusing on the specific demands, rap groups, and possible entertainment. The evening will end with parties, dances and similar festivity around the city. (See Majority Report calendar for details.)

Planning meetings are held at the General Theological Seminary, Ninth Avenue and 20th Street, Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Fundraising, Publicity, Parade and Speakers committees are now in effect and working to make this march a show of women's national strength in unity.

In Sisterhood and Struggle,  
Ad Hoc Committee to Plan the  
3rd Annual Women's March

## Mother Crutch Is Dead

At a time when women have at last begun to seriously question the traditional roles of the sexes in society, and to demand full human equality as a birthright for all, Black women, who were the vanguard of the women's movement long before it had a name, are now exhorted to reject its principles on the basis of its irrelevance to their lives. She is told that women can never be free until all society is free, that her quest for liberation need only be limited to the confines of the black liberation struggle--indeed **should** only be limited to it. Black activists disclaim the realities of the black woman's personal struggle as **WOMAN**. There can be no dispute that the present economic system is responsible for the political and economic powerlessness of vast segments of society. However, it is dangerous to conclude from this that until such system is revamped or done away with, the individual should not struggle for his or her own personal freedom. Activists, from the chauvinistic Roy Innis to the militant Angela Davis, would discourage the participation of black women in the mass movement for women's rights. Where does revolution of any kind begin except with the self? And until the woman is **personally** changed, will she ever take the next step of questioning the entire social order and structure of things. In the **Black Woman**, black feminist Toni Cade calls the individual "the basic revolutionary unit." That's where it all begins. For me, feminism was my radicalization. As a black woman, my transformation meant forming a completely new concept of who I am, what I'm worth, and where I ultimately belong. It resulted in my developing a social consciousness and a desire to help change the chaos a-

round me. But before I understood the need to work for larger social goals, I first had to understand and face up to the special afflictions I was subject to, not only as a black, but as a female. Since I cannot divorce myself from either my color or my sex, to work toward eliminating one of these oppressions and not the other is a meaningless absurdity.

Black liberation was not the vehicle that worked the radical change in my life--feminist philosophy was. Black women must personally come to recognize the lies and the poison they have been systematically fed, lies that have created the very distorted images they have of them-

selves--and lies that are still uniquely different from the ones fed to them as blacks. In justifying their opposition to black involvement in the women's movement, some blacks have cited the middle class woman's role as parasite with no traditional relationship to production, in contrast to the black woman's role as breadwinner and 'workhorse.' Some would go so far as to imply that "all white women have it made." But a staggering number of poor white females labored to early deaths in the Man's factories and sweatshops, and in major cities they are doing so today.

It is a romanticized version of the middle class white woman's role that so many young black wo-

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## SEX IN THE WIRE ROOM

Although newswires are already overcrowded with important stories and photographs from all over the world, two major services, United Press International and the Associated Press, each send from 3 to 7 'girlie' pictures to member news media ... even though they know most of these risque photos could never be published in general interest publications.

Last September, UPI polled its client editors. Should revealing photos of well-endowed women be transmitted in news agency picture services even when they are not related to the news?

One response was a prediction by K.F. Mel-

ville, assistant city editor of the Morgantown (W.Va.) Dominion-Post: 'You will find that most editors receiving UPI "girlie pix" don't use them but also do not object to receiving them so that they may be passed around the newsroom. This will probably be your finding because most editors are men.' Melville added that the wirephotos in question were 'insulting, demeaning and totally disgusting.'

Why is this editor different from the others? Possibly because the K.F. in K.F. Melville stand for 'Kathleen Fey.'

- from Media Report to Women

# Letters

Dear Majority Report,

My original subscription was under the name 'Perone' (Westwood, N.J.). That was my husband's name. As a protest against the robbery of women's identities when they wed (Mrs. John Doe), we both changed our name legally to my maiden name -- Hanson. Now when somebody (usually bureaucratic organizations) addresses me as Mrs. Ron Hanson, at least the Hanson is mine. You should see people's reaction when he fills in 'maiden name.'

If any New Jerseyite wants the name of an excellent right on lawyer for name change or divorce, her name is Lucille Ruceilo, North Arlington, N.J.  
Mikki Hanson



Dear MAJORITY REPORT:

Sisters, O sisters -- you missed a crucial point in your piece on the Lennon/Ono disc, **Woman is the Nigger of the World**. YOU FORGOT TO LISTEN TO THE FLIP SIDE!

The other side is **Sisters, O Sisters**, written and sung by Yoko Ono. It is a complement to 'Woman' but a very activist song saying 'let's do something about the untenable situation society has defined for women.' Significantly enough, the only objectionable word in the entire song is 'sisters' which apparently is an explosive bomb to the male chauvinist disc jockeys who find nothing whatsoever objectionable to the disgusting, offensive piece of garbage called **Trotlo-dytes** by Jimmy Carter (or Castor?) released by RCA where some revolting 'cave man' yells 'Move, Move. Sock it to me. Sock it to me' as 'one woman laid there wet and frightened.' Once she is subdued and raped, the song goes on: 'Right on! Hot pants. . . hot pants.'

That's OK, right? Nothing objectionable at all to the usual run of rock songs which vilify, sexify and demean women. But along come the top rock artists in the world with the first PRO-FEMINIST release in rock history - and suddenly a total blackout on commercial radio and TV! If we ever needed a more perfect example of how the media goes about its job of distorting the image of women, it would be hard to find. Sly & the Family Stone didn't run into any blackout with one of their songs with the word 'nigger' in it. Movie Marquees all over town didn't hesitate to announce **The Legend of Nigger Charley** (which, incidentally is a movie **New York** magazine calls 'an insult to the intelligence of us all').

The 45 single has the two feminist songs, but they are also included in the new Lennon/Ono album, **Some Time in New York City**. For those who can't find the record, the 45 is available from the NOW-NY Botique for \$1.00. Call Bea Baron, OL 5-7843.  
-Betty Harragan



Majority Report  
To the editors  
Sisters:

I just received the latest issue of Majority Report with a short article about the women's sexuality conference, held recently in Conn. This conference was devoted to consciousness raising about all the issues relating to women's sexuality. I was therefore shocked that your coverage made no mention of our speakers on lesbianism and prostitution. I know that this was not the fault of the reporter, since I was that woman. Therefore ... an editorial decision was obviously made to delete any mention of these two topics.

Lately, the women's movement is developing a schism between gay and straight women as well as good (lady) vs. bad (prostitute). If we are to succeed in liberating All women ... then we must deal with the above mentioned splits between us.

To me, feminism means "freedom of choice for All women in a society free from any sex bias." ... We in Conn. made a beginning, tentative attempt to deal honestly with some of these issues. . . Gay women and prostitutes were integrated into our conference as sisters. Out of 7 speakers, 3 and maybe 4 were either gay or bisexual. The workshops had gay and straight women discussing many areas of sexual concern, in many cases having nothing to do with sexual preference.

Sidney Abbot, a speaker on lesbianism and feminism, deplored the fact that after conferences, "business as usual" returns and gay women continue to be oppressed. We assured her that we would work to see that this doesn't happen. . . . But the report in your paper made it seem as if lesbianism and prostitution weren't even included. So, at least in Majority Report, business did return as usual. . . . Neglecting to mention how gay and straight came together, talked and responded to one another, without hassles, constitutes an act of oppression (though perhaps it was an oversight).

Kathy, who spoke on prostitution, evinced warm feelings from the audience; in the workshop, there was no "putting down" of women in prostitution. . . . There was some sentiment in favor of legalizing prostitution, but no consensus was reached. But, all felt that women should not be condemned for choosing this alternative in the society we now live in.

The success of this conference was due to 1. an extremely supportive atmosphere; 2. integration of all types of women ... with no one group predominating; 3. juxtaposition of all areas of sexuality and all ways women are oppressed sexually. . . . The power structure over women was exposed in all its myriad ways of dividing us and keeping us afraid.

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## PIONEER WOMAN

I began to get acquainted with my pioneer self when I was eight. I wanted to be Robinson Crusoe, to stake out wilderness territory and live off the land. I set out more than once pulling my wooden wagon piled high with possessions. It was those very possessions - tins of spaghetti, T-shirts, a rock and a hoe among them, that gave me away; and I was returned home, none too gently.

Having barely escaped the two-car garage, and rancho, many capable women are too frightened to move ahead. As someone lets out a battlecry for an Amazon Nation of All Big Strong Women, they're likely to stop dead in their tracks. I see pioneer women growing, going into fields where men have always ruled- business, medicine, baseball, the arts. I see her getting together with other women and starting businesses of her own. I see her not masculinized, not feminized, but a woman humanized and humanizing. I hope you know at least one of her.

Some of our pioneers are not members of NOW or Radical-Feminists or OWL or Professional Women's Caucus. Some remain quietly unknown, like the mother in Connecticut who cuts roses from her garden for the guestroom where her gay daughter, on a visit, would sleep with her lover. Some women are pioneers by virtue

of their pride or stubbornness that comes from an anger so profound that no voice has yet been found for it. In all, it is the same spirit recognizable in its uniqueness and its inexhaustible resourcefulness.

I'm going to be a first-time marcher for Women's Liberation on August 25th. I remember marching as a high school student, hidden behind my band uniform and French horn, for football victories. Years later, I marched along in the first Peace March, this time hidden behind a stroller with my baby. Only this time I'll be marching without a uniform or my baby to hide behind, in step with hundreds, maybe thousands of strangers, all for the peace and the freedom of women. And even if my closest friend is right there beside me, I'll know inside that I'm also alone, and a pioneer. We each will.

Bernice Podesta

### ALBANY WOMEN'S DAY

A National Women's Day Festival is being planned in Albany on Saturday, August 26th. The day's activities will begin with a parade leading to a Women's Fair. Festivities include a musical program in the Boat House featuring an all-woman rock group, traditional folk singers, and jazz musician Barbara Bernstein.

Albany NOW will sponsor the first area gynecological self help clinic. This project, developed by the Los Angeles Self-Help Clinic will be presented by the first feminist Mother-Daughter team since Emmeline and Cristabel Pankhurst: Lolly and Jeanne Hirsch. The presentation will include slides, films, and a lecture demonstration on the use of the speculum.

Other activities of the day will be adult and children's games to heighten awareness of the women's cause, a variety of booths with informational material from sponsoring organizations, boutique items, a display of women's art, refreshments and balloons for the children, and a feminist film which will be shown throughout the day.

- Carol Biernacki

## Editorial

### SUPPORT THE WOMEN OF BANGLADESH

Raise money - throw a benefit, a concert, a block party. We need to establish supportive feminist contact with the women of Bangladesh.

If rape is a political crime against women, then the fertile land of Bangladesh was the soil on which this ugly experiment in annihilation was systematically executed. This orgy of political rape was premeditated planned to destroy a nation's legal demand for independence. When the troops came to Bangla, the blue-print included the creation of "Bengali bastards." Lust was officially channelled, and forged, and emerged a devastating and torturous weapon. Supportive actions are needed. If you are an artisan, psychologist, teacher, social-worker, sister, visit Bangladesh. Start a workshop, teach a craft, create a product -- and arrange for commercial distribution here.

Adopt a child, mail gift packages (no tinned pork, dried beef or salt fish). Send paper or canvas, watercolor and oil paints -- well-illustrated 'how-to' craft books, embroidery materials, et. al. Sandals, vitamin pills, bandaids, instant coffee would be useful.

If you need information or assistance - write MAJORITY REPORT, Bangladesh project. Garry a sign (make your own) on Aug. 25 signifying unity with our Bangladesh sisters.

Anne deBernard-Kurakin

MAJORITY REPORT STAFF MEMBER ANNE KURAKIN HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A 4-MONTH RESEARCH PROJECT IN INDIA. NEXT MONTH SHE WILL COVER THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT IN INDIA.

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# "Hail Mary, Mother of Clone..."

Adam will be created from Eve's egg, within this century and without the assistance of his precous spermatozoa. If this should sound like the freaked out ravings of a reincarnated Amazon, you should also listen to one of the most eminent biologists of our time. The shocking fact is, scientists DO know enough about genetic engineering to have already discovered startling alternatives to the 'normal' sexual reproductive processes, and have assumed an effective silence to keep the general public unaware of asexual reproduction and all its ramifications. This unspeakable threat to the Foundation Of Life As We Know It is generally referred to as clonal reproduction, and is a subject important enough to merit a lengthy study, 'The Future of Asexual Reproduction', by Nobel laureate Dr. James D. Watson, professor of molecular biology at Harvard and discoverer of the DNA 'Double Helix'.

## OXFORD FROG

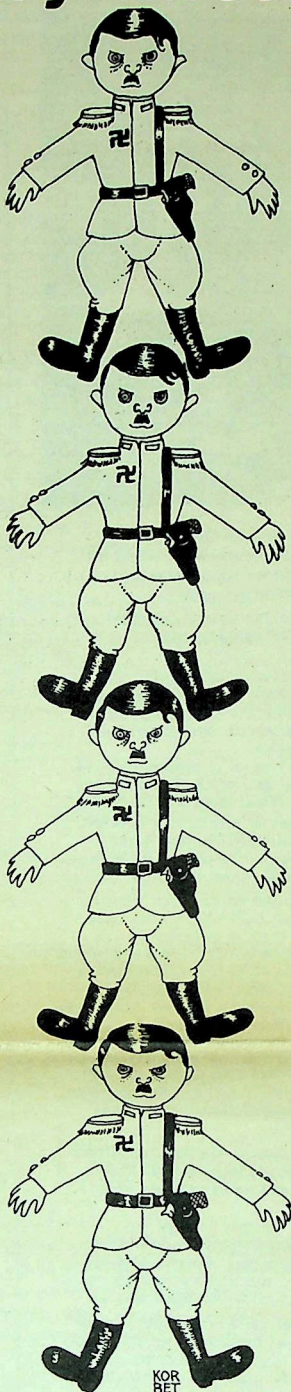
Clonal reproduction is the process by which animal progeny are generated WITHOUT the union of a haploid sperm cell with a haploid egg, which gives higher animals a mixture of maternal and paternal genes. Several years ago, at Oxford, a frog was produced by cloning - the nucleus from a frog's egg was removed and a diploid nucleus from the intestinal cell of an adult frog was inserted in its place. Microsurgical removal of the maternal nucleus from this egg had also removed its genetic material. When the egg gained the diploid nucleus (not the haploid nucleus of the sperm), it acquired the chromosome number normally present in a fertilized egg, thereby being activated to divide (mitosis) and pass through all the embryological stages which culminate in an adult frog. The Oxford frog derived ALL its genetic material from the frog whose intestinal cell was used as the nuclear donor, and the genetic makeup of all its diploid somatic cells was identical to that in the donor frog - in fact, it was an identical twin. A clone, to be precise (the asexually produced progeny of a single cell).

## TEST-TUBE KEWPIE DOLL?

This very important scientific event means that, theoretically, all forms of higher animal life, including 'Man', may be capable of clonal reproduction. But clonal reproduction of human beings has seemed, to most geneticists, to be so unlikely that it isn't worth stirring up public attention. Their beliefs rest on the fact that there are fundamental embryological differences between amphibians and mammals. The amphibian's development occurs IN VITRO, outside the female parent's body; the unfertilized egg contains all the food supply necessary to reach the 64-cell (or blastocyst) stage, when it transplants itself on the uterus wall and placental formation occurs. All the stages of mammalian development occur within the ovary, oviduct, or uterus. Despite Huxley's 'Brave New World' vision of test-tube kewpie dolls, there seems to be no real prospect that mammals can ever be raised totally IN VITRO. And, at this point, micromanipulation techniques for nuclei insertion cannot be applied to mammalian eggs, as they are likely to be damaged by the insertion of a nucleus whose diameter is almost as large as the egg itself. Obviously, these factors make mammalian experimentation very difficult if not unlikely, and the pace of research on human reproductive biology has been slowed down by these factors. 'With a few exceptions', says Dr. Watson, 'work on the early developmental processes in Man has not been seriously pushed either here in the United States or elsewhere.'

## MICKEY ('THE CLONE') MOUSE?

Though unknown even to most biologists, research on the in vitro cultivation of mammals has already occurred. Techniques ARE available for the isolation of mouse eggs, their fertilization in vitro, and test-tube cultivation to the 64-cell stage. The blastocyst can be inserted into the uterus of a living mouse, where it can develop to normal birth. Most of the techniques needed to produce a clonal mouse are already available; the remaining obstacles are the removal of the haploid maternal nucleus (enucleation) and the subsequent addition of a diploid adult nucleus. But another method may be used for the enucleation process - a mitotic poison known as colchicine, when added to pre-ovulatory mice, leads to unusual meiotic divisions and nucleus-free eggs. Healthy, enucleated eggs can also be produced in vitro with this same chemical. And furthermore, nuclear insertion may not be so tricky, after all. Simple methods have been developed for the fusing of two cells to form a single cell containing the genetic traits of both donor cells. The introduction of Sendai virus (relative of the common flu virus) modifies cell surfaces, and when two treated cells touch each other, the opposing cell surfaces dissolve, thus merging the two cells into one. For the past three years,



Christopher Graham, also at Oxford, has been using Sendai virus to fuse mouse eggs with diploid adult mouse cells. These fused eggs can divide several times, but have not yet developed into blastocysts. Dr. Watson feels, however, that Graham's efforts will succeed and the clonal mammal will no longer be science-fiction.

## CLONING FOR PROFIT

The most likely group of scientists to pick up on cloning would be veterinarians. They know very well the exorbitant prices paid for prize animals, and animal husbandry may lead the way in clonal research. It is ironic that such painstaking scientific endeavors should be prompted by the ubiquitous profit-motive rather than the imperative need to explore 'Man's' genetic future (i.e. probing the human reproductive process so that better contraceptive methods can be obtained). But, it seems virtually inevitable, that the number of human embryogeneticists will greatly increase, and direct experimentation with human eggs will be involved. No doubt there will be hysterical reaction among some parts of the general public, particularly among those with strong religious backgrounds. Nonetheless, 'if the matter proceeds in its current non-directed fashion, a human being - born of clonal reproduction - most likely will appear on earth within the next twenty to fifty years' predicts Dr. Watson.

## FEMINISM AND THE NEW 'C-R'

The first human clone will be greeted with despair if not outright denunciation; for clonal reproduction may mean the eventual dissolution of the Nuclear Family, and a radical change in everyone's values about her/his individual uniqueness. And, Shades of Minerva, the male-chauvinist myth of the Supreme Sperm being indispensable for 'Man's' reproduction will be shattered for all time! Mighty misogynists such as N. Mailer will have to face grim reality and realize there is no 'male imperative'. The issue of spontaneous conception would have to be pulled out of the closet once more and be scrutinized under a new light. One could almost savor with delight the dilemma faced by the Roman Catholic Church: How can it denounce clonal reproduction while at the same time it has offered the only physical proof for the validity of the 'Virgin' Mary?

## MYRIADS OF MAILERS AND MILLERS

If the female chauvinist in us is now beaming with unbridled joy at the prospects, let us enjoy it for this moment only - for a new male backlash will inevitably be launched. Consider these facts: MEN have developed the research and developed the tools for clonal reproduction; the vast majority of the technicians in this field are MEN; MEN are not advancing in their research to prove they are DISPENSABLE in human reproduction; indeed, MAN is well on his way to securing permanent control over WOMAN for the benefit of HIS genetic destiny. Man will create Man IN HIS OWN IMAGE. One need not be a devout Roman Catholic to shudder at the thought. The manifestations of Man's fantasies would know no boundaries should clonal reproduction become his newest toy (for boys only, naturally). We might as well envision myriads of Richard Milhaus Nixons, Pablo Picassos, Leopold Stokowskis, Muhammed Alis, Spiro Agnews, Jonas Salks, Henry Millers, Hugh Hefners, Raquel Welch, Anita Ekbergs, and Al Capps. We can also envision a new form of oppression for ourselves, the bribed Surrogate Mother. This institution could easily rival that of Prostitution, and a new, economic alternative for women would fling open its doors. Selective cloning COULD be the ultimate method for keeping women 'barefoot and pregnant'. Behind the guises of seemingly altruistic genetic research, under the veiled promises of population control and 'a woman's right to choose' lurks the master manipulator, the Male Ego. 'The potential for abhorrent misuse should not necessarily weigh more strongly than the unhappiness... married couples feel when... unable to have their own children,' states Dr. Watson. We may regard this carefully as the first of many veils. Let us dearly hope that most scientists do not plummet to Mailer's Neanderthal level of consciousness, where he 'can never understand that a woman is not simply a creature to be used for breeding...'

It must be in this century, then, that women must struggle and FIND their own strength, to achieve not only their equality, but their own biological ADVANTAGE. Women must be in the forefront of clonal research, and feminists must participate in any legislation pertaining to cloning. Women's equality will not be enough to stave off the eventual consequences should MAN acquire the genetic key to his permanent, IRREVOCABLE dominance. - Pat Korbet

# N.J.: ARE 2 HEADS REALLY BETTER THAN 1?

A diverse superstructure which ties together the entire New Jersey feminist movement is under attack by the group that founded it two years ago. A thrust within N.J. NOW to reorganize its chapters on a statewide level apart from the joint feminist Statewide Coordinating Committee has been causing some friction within the N.J. women's movement.

The Women's Liberation Move-

## The Reverend Ms. ...

Union Theological Seminary is undergoing a baptism by feminism. Its Board of Directors recently voted to require that students, faculty, staff and directors be one third black and 50% female.

Women are now 20% of the students and board and 8% of the faculty.

Ms. Beverly Harrison, head of the planning group, said the seminary would play an 'advocacy role' for women's rights in the churches.

She predicted that women would develop new forms of ministry. 'Women aren't as reliant on status symbols like the collar and "the Rev." before the name,' she said.

ment emerged in New Jersey only three years ago, consisting of county chapters of the National Organization for Women. These NOW groups started a Statewide Coordinators Board two years ago to facilitate statewide activities of NOW.

About a year ago two other women's groups were formed in the state, Alliance of Women for Equality and Daughters of Bilitis, a lesbian group. Both groups were soon made part of the coordinators board. Participation continued to expand until the board, now called the SCC, includes WEAL, POWER, WPC/NJ and GAANJ Women.

The advocates of a separate superstructure for NOW seem to be a minority of that group. Their argument is that by organizing on a statewide level, NOW would be strengthened, and what's good for NOW is good for the women's movement.

Opponents of the second coordinating board reason that whatever the shortcomings (if any) of the current structure, it is ludicrous to think that expending energies

to build a new structure, only to have to expend more energies to achieve the desired end, will be more effective than to expend energies toward the desired end in the first place... within the existing structure.

Some of the questions being pondered by New Jersey feminists are: Is the second structure a step forward or a step backward for the success of the movement? What's more important -- a stronger NOW or a stronger feminist coalition? Should NOW seek power at the expense of rapport with other groups?

An editorial in the Lazette, DOB NJ's newsletter, warns against putting NOWhood above Sisterhood. "DOB NJ does not care under what 'name' women's rights are won. DOB NJ does care, however, that NJ Lesbians have proper and significant representation in all phases of the women's movement."

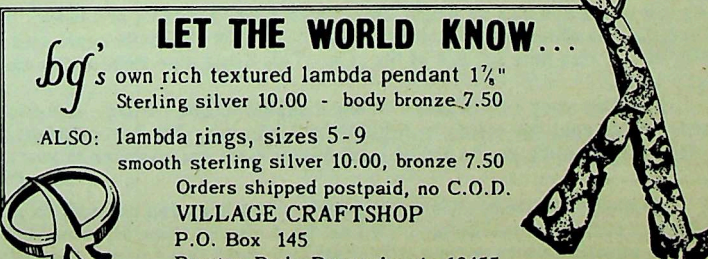
But just in case NOW does reorganize independently, New Jersey lesbians have already put plan B into effect: a group of DOB members have formed their own NOW chapter, and a group of GAA members have formed their own NOW chapter. NOWhood will never be the same.

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## WONAAC: Aspirations In A Vacuum



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When closed out of the women-only WONAAC conference at Hunter July 15-16, birth control crusader Bill Baird won much fanfare in the media by throwing himself repeatedly against the building's glass doors. He said he would sue the Women's National Abortion Action Coalition and Hunter College for discrimination, but actually in threatening to castrate him and telling him to 'go have an abortion and come back', the WONAAC women were saving him a tremendous waste of time.

Those of us not handicapped by being of the oppressor class were subjected to two hours of proposals, counterproposals, amendments, points of order, and obfuscating points of clarification for the conference participants to agree upon an agenda. Thereafter, things were far, far behind. The some 800 women enduring the conference found their brains being bombarded with heavy raps about WONAAC's pop-frontism, tailism, bourgeois reformism, and Socialist Workers Party domination. Women who sought temporary escape in the lobby were besieged by flutters of mimeographed anti-WONAAC position papers from such groups as Youth Against War and Fascism, the International Socialists, the Spartacists, and even WONAAC coordinators. The thing was even duller than the first two WONAAC conferences even though a wider spectrum of groups came to trash.

For those who haven't yet waded through the mass of published criticism, let us summarize the basic disputes:

1). The influence of SWP and its youth arm, the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) in WONAAC. The objections to SWP are based on its refusal to lobby, or participate in electoral politics, and its reliance on a single tactic of mass marches, which many women believe is inadequate for the abortion issue. Some feminists feel that WONAAC should be free of domination by any political party. Leftist women's groups criticize WONAAC for making coalitions with bourgeois groups.

SWP claimed to be in the minority at the conference, but obviously controlled a bloc of well over half the women there. The party won on every point, all hands snapping up simultaneously on each vote. This phenomenon was rather depressing to those women who were under the impression they were there determining the course of WONAAC. Several first timers swore they'd never have anything to do with WONAAC again and proceeded to fade away.

Not all dissenters were content to bitch in the back of the hall. During Sunday's plenary, Nancy Rolfe, a non-SWP national coordinator, won the mike and gave a resignation speech that was sharply critical of the way SWP was controlling WONAAC. She was followed by fellow travelers Judy Syfers, Ann Davidson, Joan Gombos, Vicki Esslinger, Terry Bruce, Rose Weber, and Ellen Shapiro, each a member of WONAAC's central cabinet.

The dissenters opposed the current composition and direction of WONAAC. Syfers and Gombos felt that WONAAC's focus was narrowing, and that it should broaden its efforts to work with other women's groups. Bruce criticized the WONAAC staff for backing away from lobbying and educational programs, and for 'talking to' and 'manipulating' independent women.

Weber and Shapiro spoke of their frustrations in working with SWP and YSA members who would not 'listen to differences'. All the women pledged to work in other parts of the abortion movement.

Predictably, the criticisms were dismissed as 'red-baiting' by one SWP spokeswoman, Linda Jeness.

2). Centralized control or local autonomy. SWP won and WONAAC is centrally controlled. Opponents wanted a decentralized structure since the abortion issue varies with each state and requires different kinds of actions and demands.

3). Advocates of total repeal of abortion laws vs. supporters of compromise legislation. The debate on this issue was, to quote Alice, 'a very curious thing'. Under a neatly lettered banner proclaiming WONAAC's intention to 'repeal all anti-abortion laws' (are there any pro-abortion laws?), the plenary voted to reaffirm WONAAC's demand to repeal all abortion laws. A few minutes later, a motion submitted by Cindy Cisler of NOW, et. al., that WONAAC refuse to support any reform legislation in favor of total repeal was rejected. So WONAAC supports total repeal and reform, as in New York and Michigan, as a first step toward repeal. This decision puts WONAAC to the right of NOW which holds that reform measures are compromises tending to retard the effort for true repeal.

4). Tactics. SWP rejected a national educational campaign on ending forced sterilization and the right to voluntary sterilization. It was also against the suit lodged against the Catholic Church's lobbying action while maintaining a tax-exempt status. And it was against lobbying, as usual.

What the SWP women wanted was an international tribunal on abortion crimes, to be held sometime in the fall, and to be followed with by a (guess what?) mass march.

WONAAC calls itself the only national coalition of pro-abortion organizations. But while 'pro-life' forces are picking up support from the Catholic Church, right wing groups, and Richard Cardinal Nixon, WONAAC calls for an expensive, but powerless tribunal and another national march. Proposals that the huge sums of money needed for both these actions be spent instead on bail for those who are directly challenging local laws, and state-by-state efforts to overturn the laws, were defeated. Local organizers pleaded with WONAAC not to hold the tribunal, feeling it would divert their energies from the local struggles. Others feared that women would be jeopardized by public testimony. They were overruled, and WONAAC embarks on another self-glorifying action.

As an alternative to the current disunity to the abortion movement throughout the United States, Cindy Cisler proposed a 'Committee of Correspondence' for communication among various local action groups. Women also expressed the need for a national newsletter of medical abstracts on abortion and contraception. Ideas and information should be sent to Cindy Cisler, P.O. Box 240, Planetarium Sta., N.Y.

K.S. Kerpen  
Nancy Berman

## The Future of WONAAC

Majority Report has learned the future of WONAAC from an informed source (American Astrology magazine's July issue). WONAAC, founded officially in mid-July of last year, is a third decanate cancer. Its overall picture for the next 6 months is therefore as follows:

'The entry of Uranus in your decanate of the solar 4th house could revolutionize things

to the point where you may no longer know whether you are going or coming. (This happens after Nov. 1). An alliance that may have been headed for the rocks could also hasten the breaking of . . . ties near the end of the year. This could also mean a new union in special cases.

' . . . Be rather wary . . . in July . . . when Jupiter squares Pluto. Any mistakes then committed could cost you plenty in August and September. The rest of the year should be fairly tranquil, enabling you to devote most of your time and attention to your work and dear ones.

' . . . Joining your fondest friends in pastimes that keep you outdoors is one of the best guaranties of continued well-being. . . Do not for a moment think of, let alone indulge in, some of the experiments so popular with misguided youth these days. Cancerians generally are far too sensitive to take any liberties.'

## Dial M for Menstrual Extraction

Merle Goldberg didn't sleep much Thursday, July 13. As executive director of the National Women's Health Coalition ('a loose federation of feminist health activists') her phone number had been printed that day in a Post article about a 'New Technique for Abortion.' Her phone rang all that night, and by the time an official press conference to introduce the 'new' technique (which has been unofficially around for a few years) had been held, she estimates she had been getting at least 200 calls a day.

Women, interested in the technique, called menstrual regulation (a.k.a. period/menses extraction, 'instant period,' endometrial aspiration, vacuum aspiration) are being referred to the Project for Reproductive Health in Brooklyn Heights, 186 Remsen St. (237-0400) and a clinic in Long Island City - Roberts, Roseff and Berk 29-28 41 St. (249-7312). By September there should be many more clinics - some hopefully will charge less than the current rate of \$30. All clinics recommended by the Coalition have been carefully screened and Merle Goldberg has insisted that training sessions must be conducted for all doctors involved.

The procedure involves the introduction of a 4mm cannula into the uterus, through the vagina - which requires no cervical dilation. Suction is then applied which results in the removal of the menstrual lining and anything else that might be there (i.e. a fertilized egg). The practically painless procedure takes just a few minutes to perform and can be done at any time within 10 days of a missed period.

Dr. Charles Birnberg of the Brooklyn clinic, which started doing menstrual regulation July 14 (he prefers the term 'endometrial aspiration') explained to me which women are not candidates for the procedure. Any woman whose uterus is enlarged, softened, or who has a color change or who has a positive pregnancy test is not able to use this technique. Dr. Birnberg cautioned women to be prepared to be turned down for the procedure if they are not eligible - in which case they are 'put on an abortion program' - which causes the price to rise to about \$150.

One point to be stressed is that, according to many authorities, menstrual regulation is not the same as an abortion - it is done before pregnancy has been established, but when it is suspected. This is medically a 'gray area' and legally puts the technique in the same category as the morning after pill and the IUD.

The press conference was held on July 20 at the Community Church, 40 E. 35 St. Outwardly, it looked like any press conference. It wasn't. Merle Goldberg introduced several doctors to discuss the technique including Dr. Edward Stimm, a N.Y. gynecologist who has been doing a 6-month 50-woman study of the procedure, and the 'celebrated' psychologist Dr./Mr. Harvey Karman who credits himself with the invention of the cannula used in the technique.

Karman did not endeavor himself to the mostly female audience with his opening comment - "Those of you who are pregnant, line up over there."

The question and answer period revealed underlying hostilities - mainly directed at Dr. Karman. A question arose as to exactly when he patented his cannula. There is an alleged patent fight between him and Lorraine Rothman of Los Angeles who has developed the Del'-Em kit which is used for menstrual extractions in self-help clinics. Several women from Philadelphia had arrived to confront the Doctor about a specific event that had taken place there involving abortions. This was dealt with in an off-the-record confrontation after the press conference.

But the real hostility was between Lolly and Jeanne Hirsch who represent the Self-Help Clinics of America and Merle Goldberg and Harvey Karman. During the question and answer period it was obvious that Merle was never going to recognize Jeanne who had several questions to

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## expose male bias in nominations for n.y. high court

A news release was issued on July 31 by NY NOW, New Women Lawyers, Doris L. Sassauer of the Professional Women's Caucus, and Stanley Geller, Chairman of the Committee to Reform Judicial Selection. The following are some excerpts from their charges:

We deplore the Democratic Judicial Delegates' failure to nominate any women to run for the State Supreme Court on the Democratic ballot in November. With 13 nomination spots open, the three judicial conventions chose 13 men to run in Manhattan, the Bronx, Queens and Brooklyn, ignoring the recommendations of Stanley Geller's Judicial Reform Panel.

Three out of the 12 candidates recommended by this panel were women: Mary Johnson Lowe, a black Criminal Court Judge of exceptional ability; Marie Lambert, a Manhattan lawyer with broad civil practice and a well-known criminal lawyer; and Irma Santaella, a Puerto Rican and a Commissioner on the State Human Rights Appeals Board.

We place particular blame for the convention's all-male choices upon the regular Democratic party which dominated the convention and which repeatedly reached its decisions by the usual process of trade-offs, deals and high-pressure tactics. It is widely reported that Pat Cunningham, Bronx County leader, pressured the Rossetti screening panel into nominating Burton Roberts, the Bronx D.A., after they had first refused to find him qualified. And it is also widely reported that Judge Mary Johnson Lowe was the "sacrifice" candidate to Burton Roberts' candidacy. The Democratic regulars told their favored male candidates in advance to ignore the independent bipartisan Geller committee. The result: the favored males got the nomination and the women candidates were ignored.

The women's organizations are so irate at the results of the Regular Democrats' selection of an all-male slate, they are threatening to run an independent slate which would include a fair representation of women.



FEMINIST AIRLINE PROJECT SUCCEEDING . . . ALREADY WE HAVE \$5,000 WORTH OF CANCELLED STUBS . . . KEEP SAVING SO WE CAN BRING ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON ALL THE AIRLINES . . . IMPROVE ADVERTISING, EQUAL JOB OPPORTUNITY, ETC. . . IF YOU WANT TO WORK ON THE TASK FORCE (beginning early 1973), SEND NAME AND ADDRESS TO Lee Walker, 414 E. 52 St. NYC 10022 Apt. 11-C

# "KILL THE UMPIRE!"

When Umpire Bernice Gera appeared at the NOW panel July 13th on 'Women Who Scored in Male-Dominated Sports,' she was treated just like an umpire. There were cheering fans who thought she had called it right, and those who exhibited the usual 'kill the umpire!' attitude.

It took Bernice Gera six years of court battles to get the right to be an umpire. Her first and last appearance on the baseball diamond was on June 24th in Geneva, N.Y., umpiring a game between the Geneva Rangers and the Alburn Phillies. Her objective, she said, was to prove that a woman could make it as an umpire; that done, she would step down. Her decision was reinforced when she held a pre-game meeting with her co-umpire who, she said, would not cooperate or tell her what signals he would use.

During the first game of a double-header, however, an incident occurred which distorted the situation. Bernice made a mistake and was woman enough to correct it. She called a man out, but signaled him safe. Big League umpires, she said, also have been known to make this type error and then correct it. The press played-up the 'woman-changing-her-mind angle', and made Bernice seem silly to those who were uninformed. In any case, a heated argument ensued and Bernice ordered the Phillies' manager out of the game. After the final inning was played, Bernice Gera resigned from Baseball.

For some of us feminist sports fans, it was as sad a day as when the Mighty Casey struck out. To others, it was the day Bernice Gera became the Movement's first baseball martyr. The point was never settled at the panel. . .

The other speakers were less controversial, but none the less interesting. Ann Cavallaro,

football player and member of the New York Pioneers, told of the exploitation and frustrations faced by women football players. The problem: MCPs trying to make a fast buck. The solution: feminist managers, coaches, owners, et al.

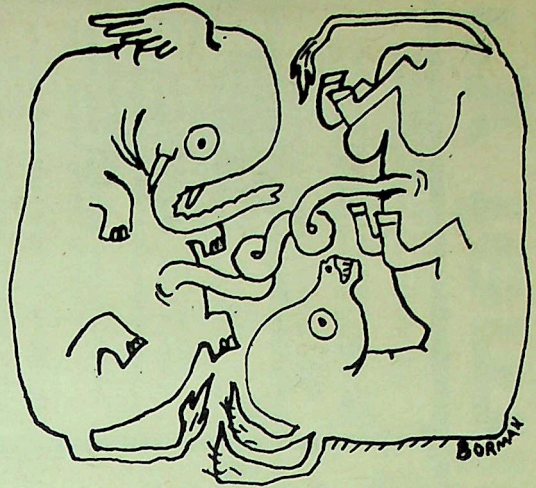
Nina Kuscsik, spoke on the happiness of a long-distance runner. Nina was the woman who won the Boston Marathon, women's competition. However, she also defeated 600 men running in the event. She said it was amusing to see the shocked looks on the faces of male runners when they realized a woman was passing them by.

The only man on the panel, an official of the AAU, pointed out that physiologically women are better constructed for long-distance running. He knows what we all know: little girls are not encouraged to develop muscles and that's why women tend not to be as strong as men. He may be the first male on public record to agree with Kate Millett's concepts in *Sexual Politics*. Her point was the same: possibly women are not physically inferior, just brought up differently.

Panel moderator and *New York Post* sportswriter, Sheila Moran, told of her experiences in the male-sports world. The big bugaboo appears to be allow-women writers in lockerrooms - it's always a wonder if these modest men are the same guys we go out with who try to rush us into bedrooms.

Anyway, Sheila is covering more than just fashion shows for baseball players' wives; but getting good assignments is still a struggle at the *Post*, she said. -- Mary Vasillades

**Ed. Note:** A feminist baseball team coached and managed by Umpire Gera has challenged the JIM JENSEN CBS ALL-STARS. The game is scheduled for August 20th. Players are needed. Call TERRY CIVELLO, 473-3342 or MILLY MARGIOTTA, 593-1484.



## GROUP SEEKS TO ABORT ALBANY'S FETUS CAUCUS

The Coalition for a Free Choice is asking for volunteers to aid its efforts to elect legislators who oppose adding any more restrictions to the 1970 New York Abortion Law. The Coalition was formed this June by individuals associated with groups such as Planned Parenthood, Zero Population Growth, Women's Political Caucus and others. Although its ultimate goal is the elimination of all legal restrictions on abortion, the Coalition is working to keep the present limited abortion law and is supporting the campaigns of incumbents who voted to keep abortion legal and those challengers who support free choice in abortion.

The Coalition's financial contributions, volunteer canvassers and callers were offered to some 12 candidates in the June primaries, and coalition backers believe that their help proved to be the decisive factor in the victories of pro-abortion contestants Carol Bellamy, Michael Pesce, and Edward Lehner. The Coalition will continue its drive through the November elections, and is readying an intensive lobbying effort for the coming New York legislative session.

Men and women who have time to help are asked to visit the coalition's headquarters at 353 W. 57 Street, Rm. 520, New York, N.Y. or call 581-3035.

-Karen Kerpen

## Slightly Less Dead On Our Wedding Days

by Eileen Sarkissian

On her wedding day my grandmother died --legally, that is. Her husband had a right to her property, represented her at the polls, and had guardianship of their children. He could chastise her physically and require her to live in a place of his choosing. She had no recourse under the law. Our laws derive, mostly, from the English common law, and under common law, a woman became 'consolidated and incorporated' with her hus-

Columbia women are excused for reasons not permitted to men. In 11 of the 22, a woman may be excused simply because of her sex, while Louisiana requires her to register before even considering her for jury duty.

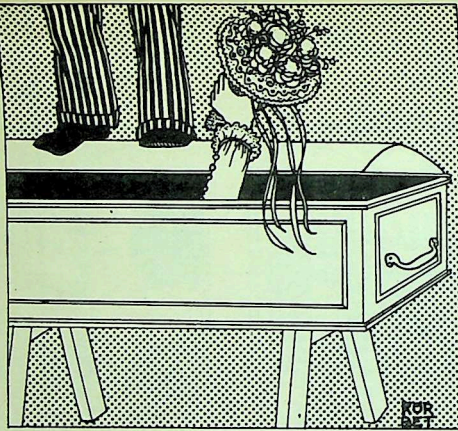
Many legal rights and duties attach to a person's domicile such as voting, running for office, jury duty and paying taxes. In all but 14 of our states a married woman's domicile is that of her husband, and she is obliged to follow him if he makes a change. Of the 14 exceptions to this law, only 5 permit her to have a separate domicile for all purposes.

Marriage and divorce laws are different for men and women. Forty-eight states and the district of Columbia permit the awarding of alimony to the wife. A few states permit alimony to either spouse. In all states a husband is responsible for the support of his wife, and in most states she is responsible for his support if he is unable to support himself. Both parents are responsible for the support of a 'legitimate' child, but an 'illegitimate' child is the mother's responsibility.

Most of our states have derived their property systems from the English common law, but there are 8 which use the community property system derived from French and Spanish law. Earnings are considered part of the community property which is managed by the husband. However, 4 of these states have recently made provision for a wife to control her earnings.

In three of our states a married woman cannot become a surety or guarantor, and in four others she needs court sanction or her husband's permission to engage in an independent business. One state requires her to file a certificate to prevent her business property from being liable for her husband's debts.

Until the Equal Rights Amendment is ratified by 18 more states, to bring the total to the necessary 38, there is no reliable basis for challenging state laws which discriminate against women (and men).



band on the day of her marriage. She no longer existed as a person.

Many years have passed since then and things have changed, but not as much as you might think. Not until June of 1970 did the legislature of Louisiana get around to ratifying the 19th amendment (woman suffrage) which has been part of our Constitution since 1920. The Civil Rights Act of 1957 made it possible for women to serve on federal juries in all states, but only since 1968, when Mississippi amended its law barring women, were they able to serve on state juries in all states. Today, in 28 states women serve under the same terms as men, but in 22 states and the District of

## Foul Ball

A girl who had been playing baseball on a Little League team in Hoboken was recently forced to quit the team when the national Little League threatened to revoke the team's charter and insurance for letting a female play. Essex County NOW filed a complaint with the N.J. Civil Rights Division in her behalf on the basis of discrimination in public accommodations. However, because her parents, who are under intense pressure not to bring discrimination charges, did not file as aggrieved parties, the girl could not be reinstated on the team for the rest of the season. However, the Division of Civil Rights will file its own complaint against the Little League Organization. The Atlanta, Ga., NOW Chapter is also going to bat for a would-be sportswoman, and both groups are expressing the hope that nation-wide action will bring to a halt the League's all-male policy.

from the Essex NOW Newsletter.

### ● NOW SETS ITS HOUNDS ON LEGISLATORS... ●

The NY NOW One-to-One Committee met twice this month to organize and hammer out its internal lobbying platform. The One-to-One Committee is the committee recently formed to assign one woman to every member of the New York State Legislature in continual, uniform lobbying for feminist programs and legislation. Although the committee is using the political platform set forth by NOW it welcomes any other affiliated or non-affiliated women. If you want to influence or contribute to the lobbying platform, or if you would like an exciting, new career as a

legislative hound, by all means join the committee. It next meets on Monday, August 21st, 7P.M. at 28 East 56th Street, NYC. If you cannot make this, phone May Glazer, chairwoman, at (212) 682-6237. The One-to-One Committee will have a table at the August 25th march, where information of its intents will be freely available.

Syd Belner  
Hound-at-Large

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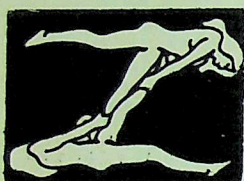
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SEPTEMBER

Sunday • Monday • Tuesday • Wednesday • Thursday • Friday • Saturday

7:30 N.Y. RADICAL FEMINISTS OPEN DISCUSSION WOMEN: OUR RIGHTS AND NOTHING LESS GEN'L THEOL. SEM. SEABURY HALL, 20TH & 9TH



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6:30 BUILDING COMM. MTG. WOMEN'S LIBERATION BLDG 243 W.20TH, NYC ALL WELCOME

8:00 GAY O.W.L. MTG. W.L. BLDG 243 W20TH

7:00 SPEAKERS SUB-COMM. NOW 33W42ND, 10TH FL.

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6:30 WOMEN & RELIGION INTERFAITH SEMINARS 921 MADISON AT 73RD CHURCH HOUSE

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7:30 OWL MTG. W.L. BLDG. 243W 20TH ST NOW IMAGE COMM. MTG.

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5-7:30 FOOD CONSPIRACY HEALTH FOOD MARKET W.L. BLD. 243 W.20TH NYC NOW MARR. & DIV. COMM. 28 E 56TH ST. NYC

7:30 MAN.WOM. POL. CAUCUS MTG. ON COMMITTEES M.COX, 626 RVRSDR DR NYC

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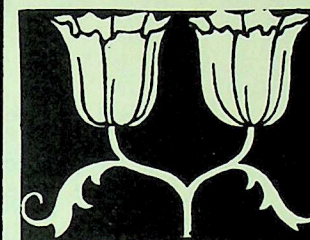
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The Apron Cult

Of the 58 picture books for children which happened to be on a display cart in the Eastern Michigan University last year, 21 contained pictures of females wearing aprons. Even the female animals wore aprons -- the mother alligator, mother rabbit, mother donkey and mother cat! The phenomenon led researcher Alleen Nilsen to call the lack of alternate lifestyles for females in children's literature the "cult of the apron."

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7:00 NOW OPEN MTG. DEMO. OF 'LIBERATED COOKING' BY ANNE MARIE (FORMER WH.HSE CHEF) 45 E .65 TH ST, NYC



5:30 MAJORITY REPORT COLLECTIVE MTG. 865-0840

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Afternoon MAJORITY REPORT PICNIC YOUR ACTIVITY COULD HAVE BEEN HERE IF YOU HAD CALLED 865-0840

UP AGAINST THE BRICK WALL

A woman has been hired as a bricklayer by the Atlantic New-Ken Masonry Co., according to The Vocal Majority newsletter in Washington, D.C., which adds that she has been accepted 'real well' by her fellow bricklayers.

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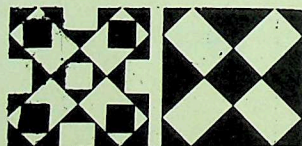
JAYCEE EMGEEPEES

The Jaycees are limited to males, but three New Jersey women have been admitted and are officers of the Branch Brook chapter. The state and national organizations want women to participate only as Jaycettes, and threaten to revoke the chapter charter. The state president says that if the wives attended the Jaycee meetings, it would create babysitting problems and that if single women joined, "the wives wouldn't be too happy about their husbands out working on Jaycee projects until 2am"

7:30 NY NOW BRD. MTG. NOW OFFICE 28 E 56TH ST, NYC

8:00 GAY OWL MTG. W.L. BLDG. 243 W. 20TH ST, NYC

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6:30 WOMEN'S INTERART CENTER BOARD MTG, 549 W 52 ST. 246 6570

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7:30 NOW GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY MTG. OFFICE 28 E 56 ST NYC

7:30 O.W.L. MTG WL BLDG 243 W 20TH ST NYC

8:00 ESSEX NOW MTG (201) 763 6877

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7:00 NOW GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG 45 E 65 ST NYC

7:30 MANHATTAN WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS: TOPIC POLITICAL PRIORITIES, ENDORSEMENTS & EDUCATION, CLAIRE CHASE, 60 W 13 ST NYC

5-7:30 FOOD CONSPIRACY MARKETING WL BLDG 243 W 20 ST NYC

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8:00 S.I. NOW MTG TABER'S RESTAURANT, 25c



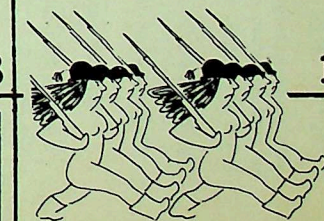
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LOGO DESIGN CONTEST Women interested in dreaming up a new logo for the Women's Interart Center stationery should submit their design ideas to the center no later than August 30. The address is: 549 W. 52 St. NYC 10019, phone 246-6570.

5:30-8:30 MAJORITY REPORT MTG 865-0840

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All Day NEW JERSEY WOMEN'S SUMMER POLITICAL WORKSHOP, CONTACT PAT JASIN, BOX 1013 TOMS RIVER



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2:00 LESBIAN FEMINIST WORKSHOP, SPEAKERS FROM NYRF, NOW AND DOB/NJ GAA FIREHOUSE 99 WOOSTER SEE CLASSIFIED AD P. 9

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7:00 ONE-TO-ONE COMMITTEE NOW/NY 28 E 56 ST SEE ARTICLE P. 5

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After Rally DANCE AT GAA, 99 WOOSTER ST NYC, \$1

9pm-3am NOW PARTY VILLAGE GATE 160 BLEEKER, MEMBERS \$7, NON MEMBERS \$10 SEE DISPLAY AD P. 11

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LEFT-HANDED GREETING CARDS

Greeting cards aimed at the female graduate were a target of a talk by Pat Munske of the D. C. Area NOW Chapter held recently in Washington D.C. One card said on the cover "Know what's better than an M.A.?" and inside: "An M-A-N!" Another greeting bore the message "If you're so smart...(inside)"

8:00 GAY O.W.L. MTG WL BLDG 243 W 20 ST NYC

GOOD MORNING, RUFUS. I SEE YOU'RE READING ABOUT MOSES.



GOOD MAN, MOSES, ONE OF THE FEW MEN WHO EVER REALLY SAW THE LORD.



Deadline for Women's Interart Center LOGO DESIGN CONTEST. 5-7:30 FOOD CONSPIRACY MARKET ING WL BLDG 243 W 20 ST

WHAT? YOU'RE KIDDING? WHAT DID THE LORD LOOK LIKE? BIG DEAL. I SAW GOD LAST NIGHT IN A DREAM!

SHE'S BLACK.



7:00 NOW PANEL: 'MIGHT CHANGE IN THE WHITE HOUSE REALLY SELL FE-

The Women's History Library at Berkeley, Ca., is in trouble. And that means that the history of women is in trouble.

The library, which is the only international archive of the present women's movement, including all sorts of directories, books and tapes, has been closed to visitors for the past year due to lack of funds for staff, supplies and equipment.

Representatives of the library and research center told M.R. that if they can raise \$15,000 for 20% of their work/study student salaries, the government will provide the re-

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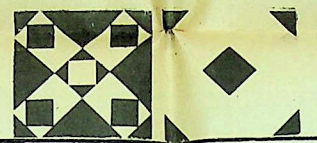
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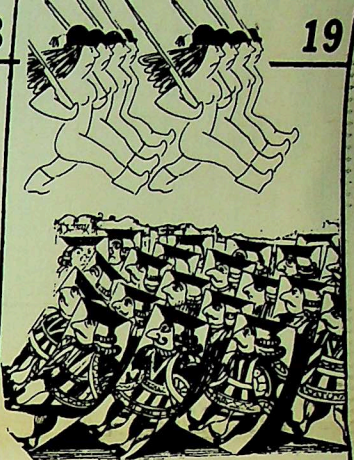
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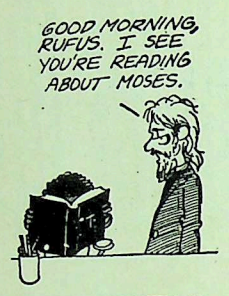
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LEFT-HANDED GREETING CARDS

Greeting cards aimed at the female graduate were a target of a talk by Pat Munske of the D. C. Area NOW Chapter held recently in Washington D.C. One card said on the cover "Know what's better than an M.A.?" and inside: "An M-A-N!" Another greeting bore the message "If you're so smart...(inside) why are you so pretty?" Still another said, "Here's something to insure your future success." Inside there was a bag of rice. Why not drop a note to a greeting card manufacturer?

8:00 GAY O.W.L. MTG WL BLDG 243 W 20 ST NYC



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GOOD MAN MOSES, ONE OF THE FEW MEN WHO EVER REALLY SAW THE LORD.



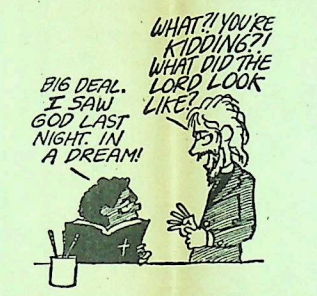
6:00 INTERART CENTER BOARD MTG 549 W 52 ST. NYC

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Deadline for Women's Interart Center LOGO DESIGN CONTEST.

5-7:30 FOOD CONSPIRACY MARKET ING WL BLDG 243 W 20 ST



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7:00 NOW PANEL: 'MIGHT CHANGE IN THE WHITE HOUSE REALLY SELL FEMINISM DOWN THE RIVER?' SPEAKERS: IRENE DAVALL (FEMINIST PARTY) & CATHY SAMUELS (MWPC) ALSO: FILM OF MIAMI CONVENTION, 45 E 65ST. NYC STATEN ISLAND NOW MTG TABER'S RESTAURANT

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5:30-8:30 MAJORITY REPORT DEADLINE MEETING 865 0840 OR 739 3085

The Women's History Library at Berkeley, Ca., is in trouble. And that means that the history of women is in trouble. The library, which is the only international archive of the present women's movement, including all sorts of directories, books and tapes, has been closed to visitors for the past year due to lack of funds for staff, supplies and equipment. Representatives of the library and research center told M.R. that if they can raise \$15,000 for 20% of their work/study student salaries, the government will provide the remaining 80%. The women also need hundreds of letters of support for their grant applications. For a list of publications, send a donation and self-addressed, stamped envelope to Women's History Research Center, 2325 Oak St. Berkeley, Ca. 94708.

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Brooklyn Law School Women's Group, 250 Joralemon Street, Bklyn 11201

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Feminist Party, 8 East 48th St., NYC; Florynce Kennedy PL9-3224; Irene Davall CH2-2046

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Women's Interart Center, 549 W. 52 St., NY 10019; 675-0691, 246-6570

Women's Law Center, 351 Broadway, NYC 10013; 431-4074

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- Brooklyn: Box 1835, B'KLYN 11202; 972-9370
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- Long Island: (516) 744-4566
- New Jersey: (201) 391-6919

National: Warner Building, 13th & E, Washington, D.C. 20004; (202) 347-9658

Women's Union, Old Westbury State College, C/O R. Baxandall, Box 210, Old Westbury, NY 11568

PERIODICALS

Aphra (quarterly) magazine, 4 Jones St. NYC 10014, \$4.50 yearly

Applesed (newsletter), 228-0322

Aurora (quarterly), Lynne Farrow, 24 DeBaun Ave., Suffern, N.Y. 10901; 4 issues - \$2.80

Feminist Art Journal (quarterly), 41 Montgomery Pl., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215; 4 issues-\$2.00

Feminist Bulletin (Westchester WL Coalition newsletter), C/O Jody Israel, Box 262, Scarborough, NY 10510; (914) RO 2-3541; \$5.00 per year

Majority Report (monthly newspaper), 89-19 171st St., Jamaica, NY 11432; 739-3085, 865-0840

Marin Women's Newsletter: (monthly) Box 1412-San Rafael, Ca., 94902 . \$2.50 per year.

Ms. (monthly) 370 Lexington Ave. NYC 10017 \$9.00

Notes from the Third Year: (yearly) Box AA NYC 10011 \$1.50

Now York Woman (NY-NOW monthly newsletter); Donna Loecher, 162-11 Ninth Ave., Whitestone, NY; Subs: NOW, 28 E. 56 ST, NYC 10022

NYRF Newsletter (New York Radical Feminists); monthly - \$3/yr; checks payable to New York Radical Feminists' Association, C/O Jean Grove, Thompson St, NYC 10012; CH 2-5889

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Women and Art (quarterly paper), 89 East Broadway. NYC 10002; \$ 2.00 per year

The Woman Activist (monthly legislation bulletin), Flora Crater, 2310 Barbour Rd, Falls Church, Virginia 22043; (703) 573-8716; \$5.00/yr

The Working Mother (quarterly newsletter); C/O Maternal Information, 46 W. 96th St., NYC 10025; 865-2563

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Troy Women's Liberation: every Tues. at 7:30 p.m. lounge of 5th Ave. Presbyterian Church

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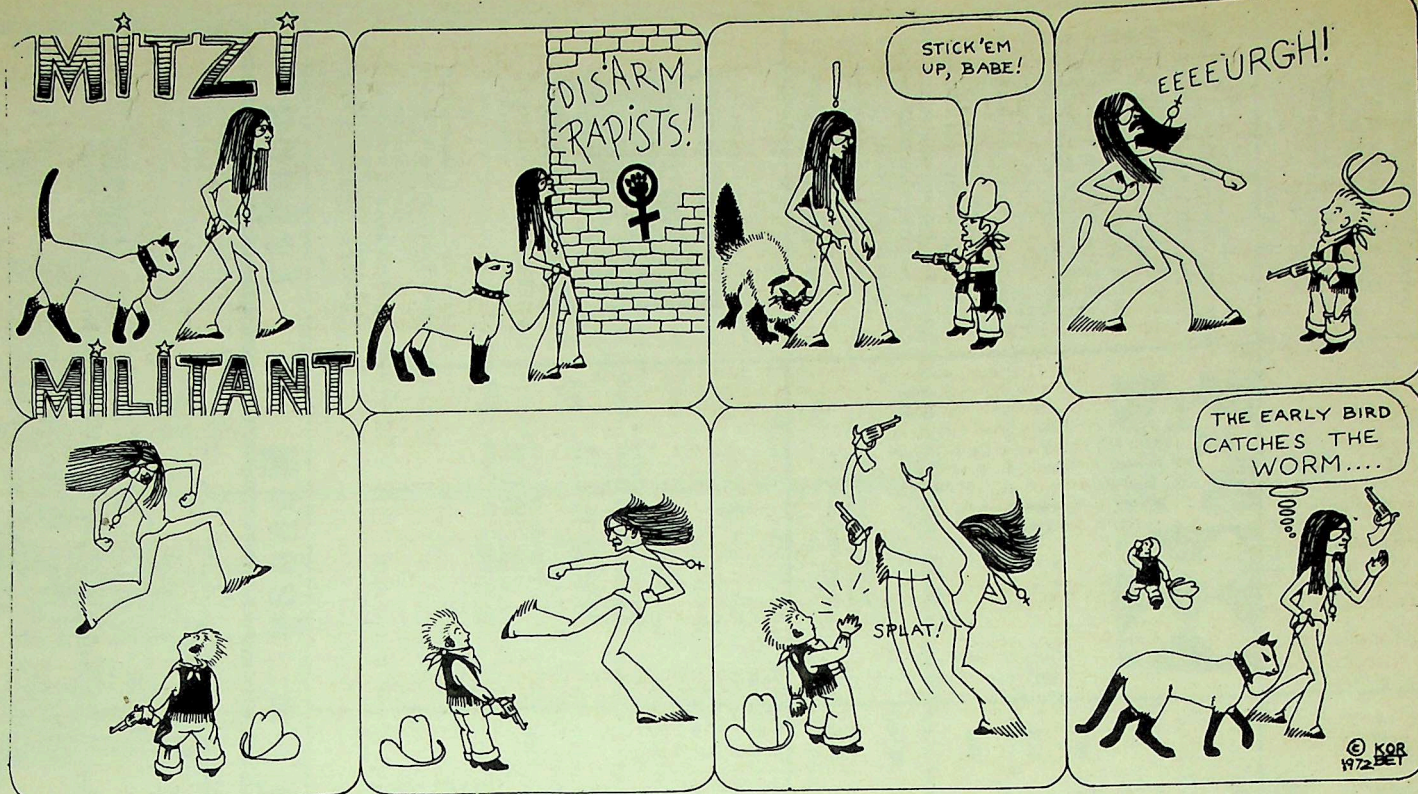
Feminists: every Wednesday, call Sherry Sussman 372-4671

Caucus on Women's Rights at SUNY Albany: Ruth Aronson 489-7355

Albany Downtown Women: Barbara Weiner 489-1729

Albany NOW: twice a month. call Liz Craiglow, 274-3930

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## Solitary Voyages

a review of **GROWING UP FEMALE IN AMERICA: Ten Lives**, Edited and introduced by Eve Merriam. Doubleday. 308 pp. \$7.95

The women speak of isolation, the aloneness that is at the depth of being in this collection of writing done by women in America beginning from the early eighteenth century.

At a time in history when revolution enflamed the passions and revolutionaries preached strong development of individuality in men and nations, women too inquired into their own beings, to that place where the uniqueness of each is perceived. What happened, what is the record, where is it... A woman may be ahead of her time by the simple expedient of objecting to a condition a hundred years prior to history's objection. It is instructive to reread Mary Wollstonecraft and, for that matter, John Stuart Mill, on the woman question. Today we are timid by comparison.

Ten lives are included in the first section of **GROWING UP FEMALE IN AMERICA**. Eve Merriam has brought together diaries, letters, autobiographies and transcripts told in the first person. Most of these lives are uncelebrated. While Elizabeth Cady Stanton achieved renown as the founder of the suffragettes, "Mother (Mary) Jones" became a labor organizer, the New England schoolgirl in this book died at age 25, the astronomer, the Confederate officer's wife, the slave, the Jewess, the Winnebago Indian and others led lives defined largely by their relationships, their individuality subordinated to their roles of daughter, sister, wife, mother or spinster. There is gratification in reading these pieces, as well as pleasure. Most of these accounts have had previous publication but are out of print.

Be amused by and then cheer Eliza Southgate, born 1783, when she says in a letter to her cousin in 1800 that she hopes she has the firmness to brave the sneers of the world and live like an old maid. Like George Eliot, she later more seriously perceives that the business and pursuits of men require deep thinking, judgment and moderation. The lack of such demands on the intellect of wo-

men causes females to lose the strong energetic qualities, become enervated, impaired and causes them to at last die for want of exercise. She does marry, a Mr. Bowne. Her mood changes to one of underlying despair. She writes that she cannot respond when old acquaintances call her Mrs. Bowne; it makes her stare -- it sounds so odd. Four children later, she begins to ail. When she is sent to South Carolina by her husband for the winter of 1808-09, he writes to her:

"To Mrs. Bowne.

I hope you have a comfortable place now; what abominable lodgings the first were. Don't mind the expense; get everything you like, we can afford it."

Too late, the woman was dead before the year was up.

Mountain Wolf Woman, a Winnebago Indian born in 1884, accepts the man her brothers choose as her first husband because her mother tells her that once she has had a first husband and leaves him, she is free to choose any subsequent mate she desires.

Elizabeth Gertrude Sterne, born 1890, refuses to marry any man her father and aunts choose for her, preferring happiness, a concept new to her Jewish parents. Her puzzled father points out that she has a good home; that her mother and he have been good to her, and asks her, as Sigmund Freud was to ask of all women, what it is she wants. He blames himself for having allowed her to go to high school in this new land, now she wants to go to college. Yet Elizabeth wanted to live and act according to a faith she had, just as her father wanted this for himself. He could not understand that, and never communicated with her again after she left his

nome for advanced study, work and marriage. Mrs. Sterne in her autobiography **I AM A WOMAN AND A JEW** says that, in "that inner self that cannot change," she belongs to her people. Her life, she reiterates, is but an atom of their long history.

The section called **The Attic** includes documents and dictums, the adages with which the minds and psyches of little girls were bombarded -- "Little girls should be seen and not heard," to which saying my own father was much addicted in his relations with his daughters. **A FEW RULES OF ETIQUETTE** States that little girls in the 1700's were not to sit at table until asked, that they were to ask for nothing and not to speak until spoken to.

The creativity of women in these centuries went into letters and diaries, as here collected. More often their work in these relatively silent centuries, went into drawers and fires. Women themselves were the worst offenders, often burning by some Kafkaesque urging, their own work. Daughters burned their mothers' work. Relatives destroyed it to keep reputations of families unsullied. Omissions too, make for historical lies.

Those mad beings! Strange solitaries like Emily Dickinson and the Bronte sisters who wrote, we are told out of nothing. At most, people such as Dickinson and the Brontes had one or two distant meetings with the men of their imaginations, and we are led to believe, spent the rest of their lives isolated, weaving the tremendously strong and real works that found their way into print and the critical appraisal of the mainstream of literature.

**GROWING UP FEMALE IN AMERICA** gives a history and background, presents the rich and dynamic culture and models and circumstances, the substantial ideology which was alive and fomenting the lives of women and men during our country's early history.

- Helen Duberstein

### They Call This Objective Reporting ....

from a column by Patrick Boyle, Harrisburg correspondent of the **PITTSBURGH PRESS**

"...But the most bold step taken by the House -- one in which every assemblyman who voted for it ought to be commended -- is the wipe-out from the general spending bill of a \$200,000 dream of how to spend public funds.

'Governor Milton J. Shapp proposed the amount to finance the new Commission to Study the Status of Women.

'Admittedly, \$200,000 is a mere drop in the bucket when you consider Governor Shapp's overall request to spend \$3.6 billion in the fiscal year starting July 1.

'But in order to save Pennsylvania taxpayers at least \$200,000 of that, I'd be happy to complete the status of women's report right now.

'Their status, in my book, should range no more than caring for their children at home, doing the weekly family grocery shopping chores, within their husband's means, scrubbing the kitchen floor and looking pretty when the boss comes home after working to make life more pleasant for her.'

from the Philadelphia (city of sisterly love) **NOW Newsletter**



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## Events

Feminist/lesbians, lesbian feminists, feminists, lesbians: relationship between these lifestyles and philosophies has emerged as one of the major issues since the women's movement revived in the '60s. On Aug. 20 at 2 pm, women representing NOW, NJ DOB, New York Radical Feminists and other groups will hold a panel discussion and workshop at the GAA firehouse, 99 Wooster St. It will be an opportunity for gay and straight women to express their mutual concerns and goals.

## Apartment to Share

Radical feminist needed to share spacious 4-rm apt. w/active feminist (closet gay)- own furnished bedroom, lge elev bldg, safe west side nbrhd, 24-hr doorman, conv. transp., trees & sun- \$125 pr mo. Rent increase killing me, hurry! 628-8974.....759-6741

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## Personals

Nellie Bly - Come back! We need you to help us with the awesome task of putting out a feminist newspaper. Anyhow - the N.Y. World is giving you a runaround. If you can meet us on a Fri. eve. from 5:30 to 8 pm, call 865-0840 or 739-3085.

## The Inquiring Feminist

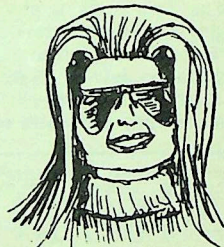
Question: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF BETTY FRIEDAN'S ATTACK ON GLORIA STEINEM AND BELLA ABZUG?

Joyce Gold: 'Her criticism is not valid. It's terrible. It's bad for the movement.'

Millie Margiotta: 'Outrageous. Perhaps Ms. Friedan's loss of recognition has affected her mind. She's wrong and should make a retraction'



Anne de Bernard Kurakin: 'There is room for more than one approach. When she says that women and men joined together can effectively bring about social change, Betty is correct. However polarization, like a purge, may dramatically alter the inequities and allow women fields for growth sans masculine influence and diversion.'



Syd Beiner: 'I don't think of Betty Friedan.'  
Lee Oliver: 'Her attitude is shitty. Women must stick together in public. They can fight it out in private.'  
Pat Korbet: 'Betty can come back to the movement any time she wants.'  
Linda Small: 'What bothered me the most was the delight with which the media played it up.'  
J.J. Jamison: 'Betty Friedan personifies the non-political in the



Women's Movement. She is yet to achieve the establishment techniques that are so well used by Bella Abzug and Gloria Steinem. The Mother of the Movement is being politically outstripped by the children.  
Margaret Stone: 'No pussyfooting here. Friedan has been screwed by her sisters. Let no one forget she remains the purest leader of the Women's Movement.'  
- Mary Vasilades



## GET THEE HENCE FROM ME, SEXISM

Dateline, Rome: 'The Pope announced today that she...' Why not? Because women are barred from becoming cardinals, archbishops, priests, orthodox rabbis and, with few exceptions, deacons in the major faiths. Women are permitted to teach Sunday school, hold cake sales, and operate bingo games.

Religious feminists in Manhattan have organized a series of four seminars to explore anti-woman attitudes in religious hierarchies and to develop strategies to challenge this systematic exclusion of women. The feminists hope to raise the consciousness of church-going women. They will also support and encourage women who are aspiring to the higher orders or 'professions' within the faiths.

Activist religious women's groups are growing throughout the nation. Sister Margaret Traxler and her community of nuns recently issued a 'declaration of independence' from the male-dominated Catholic faith. Mary B. Lynch, a scholar with three Ph.D.s, is studying for the priesthood. Boston's religious activists are thinking of creating a separatist 'Feminist Church'. Women are studying the Bible and the Talmud and their interpretations are far different from the traditional male view. Women's caucuses have been organized in the lay associations.

The Manhattan group is part of this national movement, and the speakers for their seminars are women who have broken through discriminatory barriers in organized religion. On July 11th, Dr. Julia Sibley, Chaplain of New York Hospital, described her ten years of courageous struggle which led to her recent ordination as the first woman deacon in the Episcopal Church, U.S. Professor Beverly Harrison of Union Theological spoke on July 25th. Frances McGillicuddy of the St. Joan of Arc International Alliance will speak on August 8th and a woman from the Jewish faith is scheduled for August 22nd.

The seminars begin at 6:30 P.M. at the Church House of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church (73rd). Attendance is limited to women.

Religious women are expressly invited. Even if you are not a believer, the meetings offer historical knowledge about women in religion as well as the opportunity to talk with our sisters.

K.S. Kerpen

## SO, IT'S INSTINCT ?

from the WASHINGTON EVENING STAR, 5/31/72  
'There's a new baby gorilla at the National Zoo, and just in time to take pressure off the panda watch.  
'Fenelle, the mother, gave birth to a five pound, ten ounce male at 2:20 a.m. ...  
'It was her first baby, but she did not seem to know what to do with it ...  
'The reason the mother did not know what to do according to a zoo spokesman, is that gorillas learn from living in family groups.'  
(And people?)  
from The Vocal Majority

## Miami Poems

### CONVENTION CONCLUSION

Medium message  
Message medium  
Political poet  
Poetic politic  
Pushing primary  
Pulsations  
Through  
Heightened haiku  
Enlightened endeavor  
Endangered eventually  
By  
Common compromise

### FROM THE CONVENTION

When we wanted something  
We whispered and smiled  
Winning little favors  
Losing living  
Now we scream and shout  
Raucous, rude,  
No longer ladies  
As we begin to rule our lives

Marjorie DeFazio

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## Letters continued

I know this is a rather long letter, but I was appalled that so much of what we stood for was omitted. I would rather have had no report at all than an article that purported to report a sexuality conference that left out the sexual preferences of a large group of women.

For a sex-bias-free society and choice for all women!!  
Barbara Hoberman Levine  
Coordinator, Women's Sexuality Conference  
Fairfield, Connecticut

EDITORS' REPLY: M-R APOLOGIZES TO MS. LEVINE AND ALL OUR SISTERS FOR OUR SHOCKING OVERSIGHT—WE EVEN SHOCKED OURSELVES. SEVERE EDITING WAS EXECUTED BECAUSE HER ARTICLE WAS EXTREMELY LONG. AS WAS HER LETTER PUBLISHED HERE (NOT QUITE INTACT). BUT HER ACCUSATION OF EDITORIAL MANIPULATION WAS TOTALLY UNJUSTIFIED AND IGNORANT OF THE FACT THAT THE M-R COLLECTIVE IS NOT ONLY COMPOSED OF RADICAL FEMINISTS, BUT LESBIANS AS WELL (HALF AND HALF.

TO BE EXACT, WE ARE NOT ONLY AWARE OF LESBIANS' AND PROSTITUTES' OPPRESSION, WE ARE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO ANY SYSTEM, INSTITUTION OR ATTITUDE THAT WOULD PERPETUATE THESE OPPRESSIONS. WE HAVE COMMITTED A SERIOUS OVERSIGHT, AND HAVING ACKNOWLEDGED IT, WE SINCERELY HOPE THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT OUR POLICIES AND/OR POLITICS — PAT KORBBET FOR THE STAFF OF MAJORITY REPORT.

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## Church Challenges Film Fest's 'Right-to-Life'



The Albany Area Chapter of **NOW** planned to create a stir with its Women's Film Festival held July 21 and 22. What happened instead went beyond the simple presentation of feminist movies; what occurred can only be called a major confrontation between the canons of the Catholic church and the ideologies of the Women's Movement.

The film festival was to be held at the College of St. Rose in Albany and the Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute Chapel and Cultural Center in Troy. Instead, it was held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church and the McNeil Room of the RPI student union.

The films themselves were not the target of the attack by an editorial in the **Evangelist** (the Albany Diocese weekly newspaper, and supported by local Right-to-Life groups). The issue was whether **NOW**, which advocates the repeal of all abortion laws had the right to use the scheduled facilities.

The **Evangelist** editorial was a low key argument on the inconsistency of any Catholic organization allowing its building to be used for fundraising by a pro-abortion group. (Curiously, St. Rose is now considered by the State of New York Education Department as a **non-sectarian school** for the purpose of receiving financial aid for its higher education programs.)

The Right-To-Lifers were not so subdued. On Wednesday they made over 125 calls to the C.C. center, making threats of civil disturbances during the performances and physical violence to the building, including bomb threats. It seems the Right-To-Life people have just discovered techniques long abandoned by other militant groups as fruitless.

The film festival continued as planned and was a financial success for Albany **NOW**. This distasteful Right-To-Life display has served not only to alert the Women's Movement as to the nature of the next legislative session on abortion, but it has also given a rallying point for the coalition of feminists, ZPG, and Planned Parenthood advocates.

St. Rose, a Catholic college, certainly has the respected right to make a decision regarding its stand on abortion. However, it is not entitled to use our money (\$211,000 in public funding) to proselytize any tenet not commonly held by all N.Y. taxpayers. There is strong support from many Catholic women, including nuns, that this issue can only be decided by the individual. Isn't it time that Bishop Broderick of the Albany Diocese hears the voices of **ALL** his flock?

- Carol Biernacki

## MORE THAN JOCK ITCH

A Review of **Vasectomy**, by John J. Fried, Saturday Review Press, New York, N.Y.

After reading **Vasectomy** one might very well agree with the Catholic Church's belief that sexual intercourse ought to occur when procreation is the desired end. The **Pill** is dangerous, foams and condoms unreliable, diaphragms a bother and safe abortion unobtainable in most states. Sterilization, according to author Fried, is a possible catalyst for serious disease, especially in men.

Fried says that men are rushing or being pushed by anxious wives to have vasectomies without really knowing if they are safe. He likens the situation to giving women the Pill without adequate research. He also points out, that a lot of vasectomized males are suffering more than jock itch from the procedure. This is because many doctors view vasectomy as a money-making opportunity and are doing them without proper know-how.

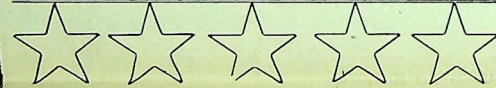
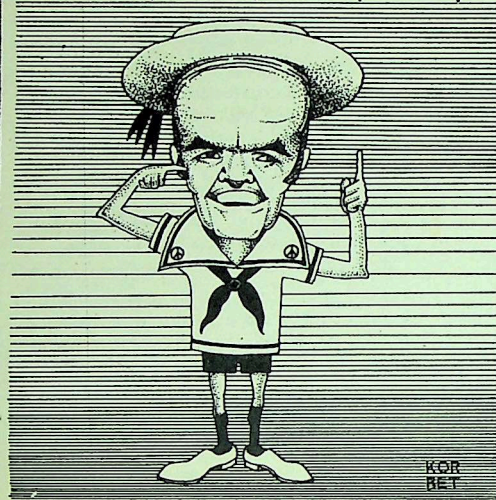
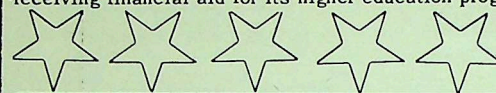
The most serious charge Fried makes is that vasectomy may affect the male's immunologic system. There is evidence that the blood streams of more than 50% of sterilized males contain antisperm autoantibodies. The antibodies appear in only 2% of 'normal' men. (Apparently, Fried considers vasectomized men abnormal.) In monkeys the level of anti-sperm autoantibodies rises each year after sterilization. Whether this also applies to humans must be investigated.

It is not clear what all of this means in terms of endangering men's health. Autoantibodies are defenses the body creates against itself. In vasectomized men, the antibodies develop to fight the sperm which goes into their blood-streams instead of being ejaculated. Some diseases **possibly** linked to autoantibodies are lupus erythematosus, a complex disease characterized by skin rashes and lesions, affecting heart and blood vessels as well as kidneys; multiple sclerosis; chronic thyroid problems; some types of hepatitis and many other illnesses.

The book is worth reading. It also exposes a danger to women. In his epilogue, the author reveals where he is at when he says, 'The proposition that perhaps birth control by sterilization is better aimed at the woman finds some generalized acceptance even among those working hard to make vasectomy an honorable and widely used contraceptive procedure.' (Particularly Fried.) The book reveals an undercurrent of hostility toward women.

After you read **Vasectomy** you may want to write Cardinal Cooke a letter saying you support the church's anti-fucking stand. Don't expect Him to publish your note, however, the way he did with his pen pal from Washington.

- Mary Vasiliades



## sister goose rhyme

Georgie Mc Porgie Pudding and Pie  
Kissed the girls and made them cry.  
But when the GIRLS came out to play,  
Georgie McPorgie decided that  
mandatory motherhood is not such a  
bad idea after all.

-SISTER GOOSE

## STATEN ISLAND DISPATCH

Before we get into anything else, just so it's plain how many people we're talking about when we drop the name 'Staten Island NOW,' membership was reported in July as 45 (up from 10 at the group's start last September). Pretty good for the backwoods borough where only BOY

Scouts can camp.

But the local news media, unlike their counterparts on a neighboring island, is still treating the group like a woman-bites-dog story. The chapter was the subject of a front page feature story in the S.I. section of the Sunday News on June 18. It was a fair and openminded piece considering that, according to the chapter's July newsletter, the reporter, William Reel, 'thought we were all nuts to begin with.' The women also received a good writeup in the Staten Island Advance on June 22 following a talk by Irma Diamond on the Image of Women in the Media (appropriately enough).

Local zap actions are being planned for Suffrage Day, to be celebrated this year on Aug. 25th. To get in on the planning, call Joyce at 447-3639.

Norma Cossey, a chapter member, has the moxy to run against Marchi for the State Senate in the upcoming election. She needs help (naturally) in combatting the dinosaur vote. Volunteer -- 984-7247.

Elaine Beatty, who is running for the Assembly in the 61st A.D. against Amann (disastrous on abortion), is not a member of NOW, but has attended many meetings. Offer time and effort at YU1-6125.

The newest item in the group's July newsletter is the announcement of the start of the newsletter itself, which will be sent out monthly in a plain white cover with a harmless sounding return address ... so as not to alarm Neanderthal neighbors, postmen, husbands?

Majority Report would like input for this column from other Staten Island feminist groups and individuals besides NOW. We know you're down there.

All of which brings us to the newly coined watchword of Staten Island feminists: 'Today Staten Island. tomorrow the world!'

## UNPUBLISHABLES

Establishment newspapers and magazines propagandize for male supremacy, even in their letters columns. Only it's a sin of omission more often than commission. The most cogent feminist letter rarely takes the place of semi-literate misogyny and bad jokes. The rejected letters often reveal

much about the editor's political bias. If you write letters-to-the-editor, PLEASE: make a carbon for Majority Report and mail it to us when you send your letter. Then notify us whether or not it is published. This will keep this column as timely as possible. -- UNPUBLISHABLE EDITOR

The New York Times  
To the Editor:

"Shuffling out of the ballpark, eyes rolled to Heaven, the Negro Joe White lazily returned, after a five-year struggle against bigotry, to loitering on the street corners."

Such fine writing ought to appear in the New York Times.

You are trying hard, of course. Today's wonderful article by Dave Anderson about the woman who tried to buck baseball's official and unofficial prejudice against women reads, "With the female prerogative of changing her mind, Mrs. Bernice Gera again is a housewife ... Campbell said, 'I told her that's two mistakes. The first one was putting on a uniform.'"

Lots of your readers like to laugh and make fun and quote wags about such people as Ms. Gera, who aspire to dreams beyond the stereotypes others have given them.

But please don't limit this mocking to women. Blacks, Jews, sports columnists,

all have hilarious ways of getting out of their place.

Yours truly,  
Joyce Gold

THE TIMES DID NOT PRINT GOLD'S LETTER, BUT SHE RECEIVED THIS REPLY FROM THE SPORTS EDITOR:

DEAR MS. GOLD:  
YOUR JUNE 26 LETTER TO THE EDITOR HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO ME.  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ARTICLE APPEARED, A MEMO WAS GIVEN TO ALL HANDS CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT WE WANT TO KEEP SUCH WRITING OUT OF THE PAPER.  
MY THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST.

SINCERELY,  
JAMES ROACH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Time Magazine  
Attention Jay Cocks, Film Critic  
Dear Sir:

In your very excellent review of *Slaughterhouse Five* in last week's Time Magazine, you perceptively point out Kurt Vonnegut Jr.'s highly unflattering sexist contempt for women. This letter is in reply to your query, albeit rhetorical, asking why this should be. Because Kurt Vonnegut Jr. is a shmuck, that's why.

Yours truly,  
Syd Beiner

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## 'The Candidate' for Phallic Film of the Year

In this election year have you, like many feminists, been wondering why women don't make it in politics?

Some seek the answer in books. Some seek it in consciousness-raising groups. Still others seek it on the convention floor. While some, like me, have the answer thrust upon them in darkened movie houses. For the incontrovertible solution to the riddle, run right down to your friendly Sutton Theatre where, for \$3, *The Candidate* will rub your nose in it.

If you'd rather save the money I'll spell it out for nothing... B-A-L-L-S... All you really need is balls. For *The Candidate*, directed with straightforward simplicity by Michael Ritchie, is an erected monument to the phallic principle, "May the biggest prick win." The basic theme of this movie is really not politics but testicles. From beginning to end.

The long-term Republican California senatorial incumbent Crocker Jarmon runs on an unbeatable ticket of sentimental 19th Century Americana. But the first note in the phallic symphony is

struck as one of the group of opposing Democratic political manipulators states ominously, "Jarmon can't get it up anymore." Enter ballsy, young, rich, handsome, honest, naive, sincere, well-intentioned, political novice Bill McCay, played with virile intensity by Robert Redford. His political slogan is "Bill McCay, the better way." We all soon learn what the better way is. The first clue comes from Redford's lovely, loving wife, portrayed with insipid sweetness by Karen Carlson. "He has the power," she states with mysterious certitude. "What do you mean by that?" question Redford and the head political manipulator. She merely smiles, a Mona Lisa, smug smile, reminiscent of Scarlett O'Hara the morning after. This is her big scene. She spends the rest of the film seen, but not quite heard, looking with proud adoration at Redford. In fact, we never even learn her first name. Probably, she doesn't have one.

The head political manipulator, Marvin, is played with Machiavellian shrewdness by Peter Boyle, with hair moved from head to chin. Personally, I think Marvin must be Jewish (like Marvin isn't?) and therefore, (like Norman Mailer's self-description, sports a "nervous little Jewish dick." This would also explain why Jews don't make it in politics, either. Jews, as everyone knows, are inadequate, bald cocks-men because they think too much.

Everyone in the entire State of California expects Redford to lose except his father, that moxy, foxy former California governor, played with political craftiness by Melvin Douglas. Against the polls, forecasters, odds-makers, voters and his own political machinery, Crafty Ole Pol smiles knowingly at his sexy son and predicts victory, saying only, "He won't lose - he's cute." When Redford first breaks out of his cool shell, deviating from his carefully prepared speech

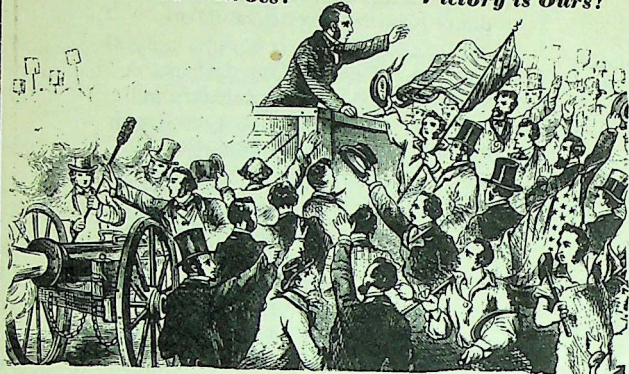
one of his political writers says in irritation (not yet tuned in, as is the audience by now, to political machismo) "Why that bum! He's been waiting for a chance to jump out from behind the bushes with his fly unzipped!" True. It is that same unzipped fly, however, that is Redford's "power." When he is unbearably tense before an important political banquet, he unzips ferociously with his melting wife. Before political dealings with an unscrupulous labor leader, he finds renewed strength by unzipping with a predatory political groupie. At the big TV Debate, when our impassioned

candidate out-orates the impotent Jarmon, a wise supporter says jubilantly, "I told ya, he's got balls in both hands!" - a grisly, but apt image, for our hero's thrust is self-renewing and irresistible. So after the inevitable "upset," the curtain line is a ludicrous anti-climax. "Marvin, what do I do now?" asks the new Senator. Marvin doesn't answer. Like the enlightened film audience, mostly played by me, with newly conscious deficiencies, Marvin well knows what a newly elected senator does now. Screw, man.

-Syd Beiner

Let her bang, ye Heroes!

Victory is Ours!



## 'The Man' for Dullest Film of Year

Originally an exceedingly dull novel by Irving Wallace, *THE MAN* has been faithfully adapted to the screen by Rod Serling. This was no easy task because the plot premise showed promise. A black man, underplayed with noble dignity by James Earl Jones, succeeds, by accident, to the Presidency. Therein lies a

tale replete with every cliché and stereotype in the kingdom. Barbara Rush plays the castrating, husband eating bitch, with shrill hysteria. William Windom plays the unfortunate husband, with suffering fortitude. I play the neighborhood idiot, with natural, scriptless candor. Despite all this opposition, however, Prexy Jones will overcome. Guess who's coming to the convention?

-Syd Beiner

## Reaching Women

The Movement grows in odd ways in the suburbs. Recently 26 Suffolk women joined consciousness-raising groups as a result of a single

notice placed in the Yankee Trader and another in the Three Village Herald. The groups are being formed by Stony Brook NOW -- (516) 751-1811.

## Dial M continued

ask. Merle explained to me afterwards that the conference was going out live over WCBS and she had invited the mother-daughter team to stay afterward if they wished but not to "air" their grievances at the open press conference. The Hirsches passed out their own material and press releases which in part read:

We of the Self-Help Clinic dispute the claims of Harvey Karman that he is the innovator of menstrual extraction, that he (or his clinic) has performed over 7000 menstrual extractions. The real pioneers of menstrual extraction are not represented at the press conference called by Harvey Karman. They are Carol Downer and Lorraine Rothman and the women of the Self-Help Clinics all over America. . . . The procedure is so simple that women can do this for ourselves in Self-Help Clinics and Women's Centers. This does not have to be done in a doctor's office for high fees. It is our inalienable right to control our own bodies and to at least know our vaginas as well as men do. Now that we have developed the process, they must be kept within the realm of women!

They also urge that women perform the technique on themselves monthly. Anyone wishing to find out more about self-help clinics can write to Lolly Hirsch at 2 Hemlock Dr. Stamford, Conn.

Anyone wishing to insure Merle Goldberg continues to have sleepless nights can call MU5-0973 or MU4-0217.

- Linda Small

## MOTHER CRUTCH... continued from page one

men aspire to today. Many women who disdain the uselessness of their white counterpart nevertheless spend most of their inadequate paychecks aping the stereotype of their white sister, and become additional members of that vast army of women who have worn themselves out working to live up to the "feminine ideal." No woman invented that stereotype.

At this moment in history, many white women have finally paused to take a long look at their situation and evaluate the part they have played not only in their own oppression, but in the oppression of others. Yes, she is coming from a different direction, and no, her struggles have not been what ours are. But this in no way invalidates the legitimacy of her struggle any more than her personal woes invalidate the genuineness of ours. It would be ludicrous for the black woman to now reverse roles with the white woman. And yet many of them seem determined to jump on the glamor treadmill to futility, attempting to emulate *Essence Magazine's* moist-lipped, dewy-eyed pussycat. I wonder whether the black revolution is being fought so that we black women can lounge around on the sidelines in our thigh-high boots and purple eyelids pretending helplessness and femininity, while waiting to enter the next bathing beauty contest--at last, the pedestal!

Man's superior attitudes towards women are so entrenched and insidious that the black man is no less victim of its destructiveness than any other male. Since he has not been excused from machismo conditioning since childhood, he cannot be excused from confronting the ugly truth of his chauvinism. "Racism and chauvinism are anti-people," claims Cade, and a brother "cannot be politically correct and a chauvinist too." It is time to crack through the veneer of our hallowed definitions of masculine and feminine, and recognize them for the symbols of dominance and submission that they truly are. As a black woman, I am weary of the public insults and subtle degradations I am forced to take as a daily routine from all men--the white who approaches me with a contemptuous arrogance that implies it is his prerogative as white male to abuse me as he chooses, and the black who, after hassling me on the street, spits in my face, "Speak when you're spoken to, woman!" Does anyone dare ask me to measure which brand of chauvinism is more contemptible, more

dehumanizing?

We are told by the brothers to let them 'look out for the race.' But who's watching our black male capitalist as he fattens up and becomes entrenched in the very system that has conspired to destroy us? Who's watching him as he elbows his way into the power structure and nibbles at the fat white dollar? He soon will have as many reasons to keep women and the poor on the bottom of the heap as his white male counterpart. There is profit to be made in exploiting the black woman's fears and anxieties to finally 'belong,' and all ready both white and black male entrepreneurs are moving in on it. All ready her body is replacing her white sister's in the slick ads, tantalizing her with the "good life" she's missed. And notice how after the outcry of "racist putdown," the face of Uncle Ben came off that box of rice, whereas Aunt Jemima has merely been glamorized, and given youth and a new hairdo. To perpetuate the image of the black man as servile is unspeakable, yet the depiction of the black woman in a lower status is still perfectly acceptable. For the benefit of the male fantasy, black and white alike, she's simply been turned into a more glamorous maid!

We have been hearing so much about "standing behind" our man--be his moral backstop, his moral support. That human beings should be supportive to those they love and who love them is without question, but the society we should be working toward is one where people do not require others to serve as their principle props.

Woman as Mother Crutch is dead. Dorothy Pitman Hughes, black activist, echoed this recently, saying, "People have to grow on their own. I can't push a black man into growth for himself. I can't live his revolution for him. He has to do it." And Woman has to live her revolution. The women's movement is working toward a transformation of human values where we can finally generate a society where no race or sex believes its progress or self-interest is dependent on the denigration of another. . . a society where I can be Up, but you don't have to be Down...where we can both truly be free.

- Doris Wright

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# THE FEMINIST GOURMET

Eureka! A good, inexpensive, charming **FEMINIST** restaurant has been in successful operation since May of this year. Mother Courage, at West 11th and Washington Streets, is owned and fed by two feminists, Jill Ward and Dolores Alexander. They raised the money for their enterprise by selling guaranteed bonds, which come due next year. From where I was sitting it looked like that would be no problem, as business is brisk.

The decor is determinedly unaffected. One medium-sized room with tables relatively close together make it easy for feminists to meet, greet and gossip during courses. The unclothed, plainly varnished tables, lit overhead by New Jersey surplus street lamps, are an interesting contrast to the profusion of lush plants in the windows and the original art displayed on the brick walls. While waiting to be served, I

recognized one purple passion above the spider plant, sitting very close to the ivy geranium. Before anything else could occur, the waitress arrived.

These days, the Mother Courage menu is displayed on a blackboard upon the brick wall. A feature of the restaurant is to always have at least one very inexpensive offering, such as chile (\$1.50) or meat balls and spaghetti (\$2.00). Other offerings, more unique and more expensive are available, such as spinach salad (\$2.25), moussaka (\$2.75) and beef stroganoff (\$3.25). Last night I began with a delicious specialty of the house, the Mother Courage salad. The dressing is the invented secret of Fran, the cook, and is only divulged to dedicated, time-worn, battle-scarred warriors of Women's Liberation. I do not have it. The moussaka was tender and cheesy, down to the last pecan. The spinach salad was crispy, with lots of bacon and came with homemade sweet bread. The average bill at Mother Courage is approximately \$4.00. The restaurant does not have a liquor license, but one is encouraged to bring his/her own wine since courteous wine-glass and bottle-opener service is provided. The establishment is open from 6 P.M. to Midnight, and closed on Tuesdays. It is completely owned, run and dominated by women who know what they are doing and do it well. In fact, even the clientele is primarily female. Last night there were four and one-half males (one was a five year old) in a room containing about thirty people and one dog (Boris, attractive brown and white father of many). The service stops just short of being excellent because the waitress is often socializing with the customers.

The name 'Mother Courage' comes from the play of the same name by Bertolt Brecht. It is an apt name for a feminist restaurant, for Mother Courage herself was an enduring, long-suffering, peasant entrepreneur who sold her pushcart wares to the soldiers during the hard-

ship, cruelty and ugliness of a long war. Her most significant attribute is that of survival. She will survive and thrive, despite the odds.

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<b>Service</b>	- Sociable	****
<b>Ambience</b>	- Feminist	*****!

- Syd Beiner

## School System Flunks 'Equality Regents'

The New York State Board of Regents has charged the state's educational system as 'clearly responsible for perpetuating discriminatory attitudes toward women.' In a position paper issued in May, it reported that while women were 58.7% of the professional staff of public schools, only 21% of elementary school principals were women. Outside New York City, there was only one female school superintendent and one district principal in the state. The Board urged affirmative action, calling for priority for qualified women in the appointment of superintendents, principals, college presidents and deans.

- from Media Report to Women

In my family there is a little boy.  
I am glad to see him grow and be.  
He loves dolls, - hugs and fondles  
their parts like a lover and like a  
father. He sweeps them up joyously  
to dance, and he beds them down -  
carefully covering their bodies against  
the ravages of wind. One doll has a  
soft velvet face, and he delights in  
rubbing his cheeks against the smooth  
fabric, kissing, and rapturously  
squeezing the doll against his body.  
He hammers - and uses screw drivers,  
and drives his plastic automobile like  
a racing car driver would - his body  
tense and hard, the urge to win stamped  
on his baby face. He wrote a song  
"DO MAH DO MAH," and when he is  
happiest he sings it loudly and dances  
explosively

Though I am filled with "feminist rage"  
knowing this little boy allows me to see  
how innocent and beautiful a little boy  
can be before sexism warps his gentleness  
and turns a healthy propulsion to win  
into rapacious rage - or devious diddling.

Anne de Bernard-Kurakin

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## FEMINIST THERAPY

### Moving Towards "Me The Individual"

In the past few years many psychotherapists, mostly women, have had their consciousness so raised to the needs of women that they have abandoned many of the traditional workings of existing psychiatric schools. Women, particularly, need something unique from a psychotherapist. For therapy, until now, has been largely a reflection of our culture which limits female roles and choices. The influence of the new Feminist Therapists is being felt, and they are responsible for a growing awareness of the new feminism among psychiatric professionals. Most important, they are providing assistance to women who wish to become self-identified rather than male-identified.

The purpose of the new feminist therapists is not to teach women to fit into the status quo, but rather to choose and create their own lives. Their aims are to help the woman client get rid of the conventional hangups and begin to lead adventurous lives; to throw off the cultural misrepresentations of what life should be, not what it could be.

How do you find such a therapist? Referrals for feminist therapists are available from many women's organizations such as The Women's Center, DCB, NCW, etc.

However, upon first meeting a prospective therapist, the client should make certain inquiries, such as "What do you think is a woman's highest fulfillment?" If you get an answer that indicates whatever would personally fulfill the woman, you have met a feminist therapist. If you are given an answer that indicates she should find her fulfillment through someone else (husband, children, etc.) you have not.

A Feminist Therapist recently put it this way. "I have be-

come a Feminist Therapist because as both a woman and as a therapist it is necessary for me to continually question the role of women in contemporary society, and to be keenly aware of the interaction between the self and cultural values. I see in the modern revolt against authority much hope. As science began to overthrow the gods and chance as determining factors in our lives; as the feminist revolution begins there is hope that we can overthrow stereotypes and the prostitution forcing of children into pre-conceived molds. Eventually, if our strength holds out, we may come to see each person as an individual, regardless of gender, intelligence, schooling, bank account or any other external factors, and to see ourselves instead as persons relating to individual persons. 'We the people' is certainly better than 'you the subjects,' but we still have to move to 'ME THE INDIVIDUAL.' And we must move quickly before we become numbers in an IBM system. Hence we join with others, clients and Feminist Therapists, who share our views to encourage each other to be free - truly free to center our lives in ourselves, to make a free contribution to a healthy society, to love other persons of our own choice and to be actively engaged in whatever we choose to do. We need a sense of excitement about what we are doing. We need to die with the satisfaction of knowing that we have lived.

"If I were black I would be a black therapist; if a man a male therapist; but I am a woman and, therefore, a Feminist Therapist. It is the first step in my own liberation and permits me to accept my clients as persons, not merely people." - M.J.D.

## BANISH "LIB?"

"WOMEN'S LIB" -- that irritating bit of tongue-in-cheek we have come to resent from headline writers at the *Daily News* -- is the putdown that backfired. A peek in the unabridged dictionary reveals that "lit" is a British slang verb meaning "to castrate!"

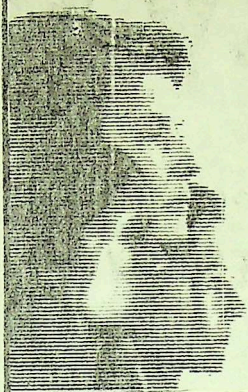
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# MS. AMERICA WHO IS SHE?



HERE SHE IS . . . MS. AMERICA

By Ms East Bronx

It would appear that feminists are to Atlantic City what swallows are to Capistrano. We keep going back to the same place, but people never seem to get a clear idea of why we do it.

Bad press? This year it bordered on no press. Unless you count the handful of South Jersey radio stations that sent along their male reporters to get cute remarks from Ms. Women's Center, Ms. FOCAS, Ms. GWLF and others. We were not being cute that day, Sept. 11, on the boardwalk in front of convention hall. The dozen or so women who came down packed in two cars from New York, and the few who succeeded in hitch-hiking (six women were picked up by Jersey police for attempting to hitch and had to take a bus back to New York) were solemn, angry, as overcast as the weather.

We handed out statements and leaflets explaining why we were protesting the pageant. It was one of the many ways in which men reduce women to sexual objects, and an institution designed to promote competition among sisters. We compared the pageant to a cattle auction and noted that women do not subject men to such degradation.

Feminist demonstrators soon found that they had to share the demonstration area with a group of veterans against the war who felt that the dehumanization of men in the war

was analogous to the dehumanization of women in a beauty pageant. They're learning.

Our first mistake was the bus problem. We had put a \$50.00 deposit on a bus without getting advance payment from the many, many women who said they were going to come. We depended on these women to show up on the morning of the action and they didn't. We had to turn the bus away because we couldn't afford the additional \$150.00. This meant squeezing all the women we could into one car (the other car had already left) and the rest of the women had to hitch.

Mistake No. 2: We had very few tickets to the pageant. They cost \$3.75 each and we didn't have the cash on hand. Seven nuns of the Magdalene Order bearing a Sisterhood Is Powerful banner in a little black pocketbook were turned out of convention hall after they were found wandering around inside without ticket stubs. Their explanation, that a novice holding all eight stubs had taken sick and was probably in the ladies' room, was not believed by Atlantic City plainclothes police who seemed to be everywhere inside the building.

Mistake No. 3: Our seven literal "Sisters" should have had a thorough knowledge of the floor plan of the hall, and a well-rehearsed plan of action. They should have appointed a spokeswoman and everyone else shut up when questioned, rather than give unconvincing and conflicting stories.

Furthermore, nuns were a bit conspicuous at a Ms. America pageant. They should have laid aside their habits for the evening and disguised themselves in the least noticeable attire: slacks, heels, sexy evening outfits. As their normal piety and shyness they were inviting suspicion.

Mistake No. 4: When three women in impeccable lay attire succeeded in draping a Women's Liberation banner over a balcony in the manner of another banner with a less political message already hanging nearby, they ran down the stairs and a man who looked like an ordinary photographer but may not have been tipped off the police and security guards. When the women were pursued by police with guns drawn, two stopped, the other kept running. This was not wise, to say the least. The police had not been informed as to the triviality of the "crime" committed. For all they knew she could have just stabbed somebody or worse still, stolen someone's PROPERTY. But even if they did know she had merely hung a banner, it doesn't mean they wouldn't shoot her for it. Our lives are more important than our arrest records. As it turned out, names were taken but no arrests were made, and the fugitive escaped unharmed.

But, the biggest mistake of all may have been going down there this year in the first place. The pageant itself is losing support for a number of reasons. Chiefly because it is a truckload of corn. Bert Parks is aging. The winner is always white, and racism is regarded as poor taste in some circles. There was extremely little news coverage of the pageant, never mind a disruption of it. We might as well disrupt a L-K fair, or a scout jamboree. Besides, our arguments are lost on the contestants who feel fulfilled in such activities as playing "Lady of Spain" on the accordion and growing their hair! The pageant fans still think we're just jealous because we're ugly, lonely, frigid or sick.

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## CONT.

We can do either of two things:

1. Give up Ms. America Pageant and let it die of natural causes. Use what we've learned about effective zap action to attack other institutions: The Church, Vocational High Schools, Ma Bell, the Healthocracy, Emanuel Celler, Playboy, 42nd Street, Pimps, etc., etc.

or

2. Those women who still feel Ms. America Pageants degrade women and deserve our continued attention, can return to Atlantic City next year, but only after long-range intensive planning, fundraising and publicity within the movement. No more half-way measures. We are too few to waste our efforts in disasters.



**NEEDED:** New women's theatre collective desperately needs live-in loft or other adequate space (approx. 3,000 sq ft) for our work/love/study/life's trip into the p into the mapless country of the lost goddess. Call nites, wkends 673-5376 -Sue- Please!

## A FEMINIST FIRST

On Sept. 16, The Nassau Herald became the first weekly paper to carry a four-page feminist section, completely uncensored. Its continued existence, and possible inclusion in other weeklies, depends on the contributions of articles, photos and drawings by feminist writers. Send articles to: Nancy Borman 89-19 171 St. Jamaica NY 11432, or call 739-3085.

## FORUM:FOCAS

The Oppression of Children; A Feminist Issue?  
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2.00 DON.



# gala weekend

HELP THE WOMEN'S CENTER!!!

HAVE A FUN WEEKEND!!!!

A Gala Fundraising Weekend is planned by the Women's Center for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 16 and 17, from 2pm to late at night in the Women's Interart Center, 549 W. 52 St., between 10th and 11th Avenues, on the 9th and 10th floors. Admission is by donation.

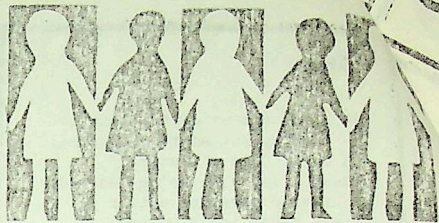
There will be a fabulous women's party Saturday evening, amid two days packed with art exhibits, music, volley ball, poetry reading, a bazaar, all sorts of incredible bargains on handcraft and second hand "treasures." The money raised goes to the Women's Center to help pay the bills and the overworked staffwomen.

Any women who want to:

- read their poetry
- entertain
- exhibit artwork
- sell their "antiques"
- or just plain help

Call the center at 691-1860.

# THE VERBAL RAPIST



## Verbal Rapist Bites The Dust

The "Verbal Rapist" and whether we should retaliate against him was the topic of the Fourth FOCAS Feminist forum, held on September 9 in P.S. 41. Despite the immediacy of the problem of street harassment by men, the turnout was disgracefully small.

Speakers were Barbara Mehroff of the Feminists, Shelley Gross of the New York Chapter of NOW and Nancy Borman of FOCAS. Besides their talks on the psychology and politics of the street pig, there were numerous suggestions by members of the audience for dealing with the problem.

A small thin woman startled the audience with the information that she habitually deals with obscene comments by punching the offenders in the face. They are too surprised to hit back, she said.

A cab driver told the women that she found that Spanish men consider it the most serious insult to be spat upon. She waits for a green light and then spits in the verbal rapist's face as she drives on. Another woman tries to spit on a man's shoe. It's also considered particularly insulting.

The growing problem of men exposing themselves to us in public places is tackled by one woman with the following remark: "Look at that. It looks like a prick...only smaller."

Shelley Gross reported of dealing with oglers by staring at their crotches. They get very embarrassed and indignant. "Men are more modest," she explained. She and other women also use this tactic: A man makes an offensive comment. The woman comes back with, "Your fly is open." He usually checks.

Then she laughs. She can also say, "Your fly is open and nothing is showing."

It was also pointed out that prostitutes are being arrested for the very same practice that men employ daily against women. Verbal harassment. It's enough to get a woman arrested for talking to businessmen in midtown, but women don't have men arrested for talking to them.

To de-escalate the verbal abuse-street warfare the suggested action was an organized and well-publicized arrest of a man for all the charges that businessmen can bring against prostitutes: loitering, creating a public nuisance, harassment, blocking a sidewalk, etc.

A dancer from Barbados suggested that the zap group of women, instead of trying to get the man convicted under the law, merely beat the stuffings out of him and announce the reason for the action anonymously to the press.

There was a lot of enthusiasm for both schemes.

## women's international center

### THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CENTER

The Women's International Center, New York is now located at 354 Bergen Street, Brooklyn. We are part of a newly-formed network of Centers, with branches in Paris, Berkeley, Amherst (Mass.); and contacts in Germany, Italy, Spain and Canada.

Our aims are:

1. To invite visiting speakers, representatives and other guests from the women's liberation movements around the world.
2. To translate and/or distribute movement literature, songs, films, art, etc., internationally. (Projects underway include obtaining prints of films by the French women's movement and gay movement as well as cutting a record of French movement songs for distribution in the U.S.).
3. To provide researchers and libraries with material on women's history in different cultures.
4. To arrange speaking engagements (with 50% of fees going to the International Centers).
5. To facilitate the study of foreign languages for women preparing to enter different cultures.

The center will be open to all feminists, and will be staffed by a living collective. The Bergen Street building contains 16 rooms, including an office, library and darkroom. We have obtained the building on the condition that we purchase it within a year for \$30,000.

We must raise that \$30,000! We will also eventually buy a car to bring people to and from the airport, and to carry food in bulk for the Center and a neighborhood food conspiracy.

Contributions of money, extra furniture, labor, and most of all, your ideas, are urgently needed. We need help in painting, moving furniture, etc. Our phone number is (212) 595-0937. Call, write, send money, come to meetings at 354 Bergen Street on Monday nights at 8:00 P.M., beginning Sept. 24th. We are two blocks from the Atlantic Ave. Station (all IRT lines and the D train) and two blocks from the Pacific St. Station (B, N and RR trains).



# ♀ COURSE

**Women: A COURSE FOR TEACHERS**  
Attitudes toward women and the image of women in psychology history, and the popular culture will be examined along with classroom practices and materials as they relate to sex role stereotyping. Guest speakers. Open to men and women. 15 class meetings starting Oct. 7, 3:30 to 5:10 P.M. P. S. 41, 6th Ave. and 11th St., Manhattan. 2 in-service credits Register by mail to K. Grady, 1720 Ave. J, Bklyn 11230. Send 5\$ to cover materials

## Lib. or Liberation? think again

Jennie Bull, Baltimore

I'd like to point out something that women in Washington corrected me on. We have been talking about Women's Lib for some time now, as shorthand for Women's Liberation, and I would like to argue strongly for our stopping use of the term and using the full word--Liberation. Here's why. The press and those unsympathetic or simply ignorant of Women's Liberation almost always use "lib" in a way that ends up degrading and making light of our cause--a problem we have always had. Such phrases as "lib ladies" or "libbies" are not uncommon now, and do a real disservice to our movement. Also, use of "lib" reflects our own tendency as women not to take ourselves seriously, and our liberation seriously. Have you ever heard the term "Black lib"? You bet not! I suggest that we not only erase "lib" from our own vocabulary, but challenge others who use the term. Right on for liberation!

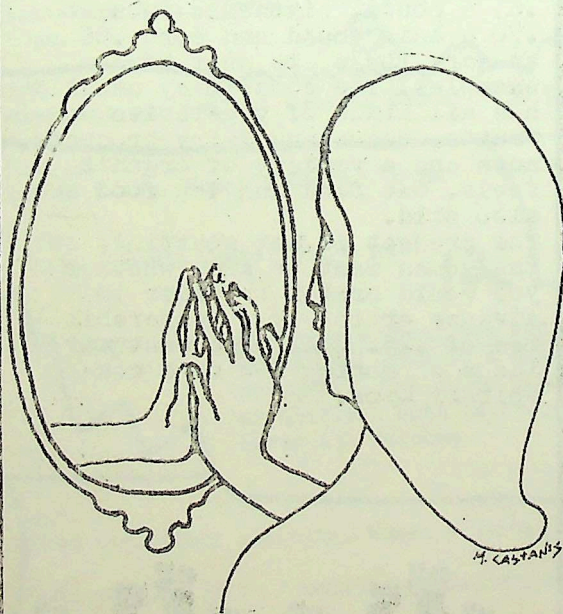
## Health Conference Planned Nov 20

A group called the Self-Help Clinic of Los Angeles will be in New York Nov. 15-20 for a series of training sessions on women and their bodies, including abortion, contraception, V.D. and other topics.

Their visit will start with a series of introductory sessions at various meetings around NY and end with an all-day health conference on Nov. 20. The self-help clinic will be just part of the conference. The rest is up to the women who want to help plan it.

A planning meeting for all women and representatives of groups interested in such a conference will be held on Monday, Oct. 4 at 7pm in the Women's Center.

As women we have been kept ignorant about our own bodies, and are at the mercy of medical "professionals" (male) who regard us as machines for manufacturing babies. Let's start learning about ourselves so that we can help ourselves and our sisters.



KNOW  
THYSELF





And Come Back when You've Grown  
a Penis

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Women can help by writing indignant, angry, belittling and hostile letters to the Board of Education at 110 Livingston St., Brooklyn. If you have had a similar experience of sex discrimination in a public school, write to FOCAS, Box 558 Cathedral Station, New York, NY.

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# LESBIAN FOOD CONSPIRACY

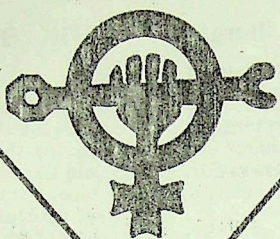
What Is the Lesbian Food Conspiracy?

The Lesbian Food Conspiracy is a way for all women to buy at cost prices, thus taking profits out of the greedy hands of the supermarkets and middle men. It means shopping at the Women's Center every Friday from 5 to 8 pm. And bringing your own egg carton, bags etc.

What are the prices like? One Friday, eggs were .40 a dozen, green peppers .05 each, avocados .35 each, peaches .15 a pound, yogurt .20 a container, cheese .55 a pound, pistachio nuts .70 a half pound and corn .08 an ear. These are just some examples. The conspiracy usually has all kinds of vegetables and fruits, bacon and dairy products, nuts and a variety of organic foods. Cat food and dog food are also sold.

The project is just starting, so the women want to know whether you would prefer to order in advance or to pay a membership fee of .25. They also want your ideas on making the food conspiracy work.





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# CALENDAR of activities

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Oct. 5

REPORT ON NATIONAL N.O.W. CONVENTION Muriel Fox, newly elected National Chairwoman will speak. Reports will be given about the workshops at the Convention in Los Angeles, and the resolutions on War, Minority Women, Female Sexuality, Sexism in the Military and the Church etc.

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Oct. 5

Karate Class. Free: Wear pants, come on time. at Women's Center. 6-7:30 pm.

NOW-NY, 8pm  
Westside YWCA, 840 8 Ave at 51

St. Manhattan.

Oct 5

Rap session, New York NOW, 8pm, Westside YWCA, 840 8th Ave at 51 St. \$ 1.00

Oct 6

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Business meeting, Brooklyn NOW, 8pm at 1349 E 21 St. Bklyn.

Older Women's Liberation. Open meeting at Women's center. 7:30 pm.

Oct. 7

Planning meeting for food conspiracy. Discuss what to get and how. For people who are interested in operating food coop at Women's Center. 7:30 pm. 7

Oct. 8

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Lesbian Food Conspiracy. Women's Center. 5-8 pm

October 9

Anti-Rape Squad. General meeting, Women's Center 5 pm.

Oct. 10

Radical Feminists mtg, 7:30pm, General Theol. Seminary, 9th Ave & 20 St.

Oct. 11

Women and our bodies. Women's Center 7:30 pm

Oct. 10

Gay Women's Liberation Front.

Women's Center 4 pm

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Oct. 12

Karate Class. Women's Center. 6 pm

Oct. 12

OWL. Women's Center. 7:30 pm.

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Consciousness-Raising Groups  
Organizing Project mtg, Bklyn  
NOW, 8pm, 1720 Ave J, Bklyn

Oct. 12

Newsletter Committee Action Night The Editors of The Now York Woman will conduct a discussion on communications within the women's movement. The chief goal of the meeting will be to expand our own newsletter, both in scope and circulation. Free. All Welcome

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Oct. 14

Food Conspiracy Planning. Women's Center. 7:30 pm

Anti-rape research committee. Women's Center 6pm

Oct 13

"Image of the New Woman,"  
queens NOW, 8:15 pm, First  
Unitarian Ch. Flushing,  
149 St & Ash Ave., speaker.

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Oct. 15 **15**  
Lesbian Food Conspiracy. Women's Center. 5-8 pm

Oct. 16 and 17

**16-17**  
GALA EVENTS WEEKEND. Topic is Survival. Fund-raising event for the Women's Center. at Women's Interart Center, 549 W. 52, NYC.

Oct 18  
Ibsen's "The Lady from the Sea" sponsored by the Norwegian Embassy and NOW, **18**  
8:30 pm, Mercer-Shaw Arena, 240 Mercer St. NYC. E5-E10-E15

Oct 20 **20**  
"The Lady from the Sea"

Oct. 21  
Food conspiracy planning. Women's Center. 7:30 pm

Anti-rape research comm. Women's Center. 6 pm

Oct. 22  
Lesbian Food Conspiracy. Women's Center. 5-8 pm.

Oct 22 **22**  
Film: "Women on the March" & speaker on suffrage movement, Bklyn NOW, 8pm, 951-6437

Oct. 26  
Karate class. Women's Center 6 pm

Oct 26 **26**  
The Older Woman: Recognizing and Dealing With Her Special Needs, NOW-NY, 8pm, Westside YWCA, speakers Judge Kenyon & Helen Southard, donation.

Oct. 29  
Lesbian Food Conspiracy. Women's Center. 5-8 pm

Oct 15-17 **15-17**  
Non-violent action training on women's issues weekend, Pacifist Women's Workshop, E15, call 866 8472.

Oct. 17 **17**  
Gay Women's Liberation Front. Women's Center 4 pm

Oct. 18  
Women and our bodies. Women's Center. 7:30 pm

Oct 19  
"The Lady from the Sea"

General mtg, NOW-NY, 8pm, westside YWCA.

Oct. 19 **19**  
Karate class. Women's Center. 6 pm  
OWL. Women's Center. 7:30 pm

Oct 21 **21**  
FOCAS forum: "Children's Oppression/A Feminist Issue?" 7:30 pm PS 41, 11 St & 5 Ave NYC E2.

Oct. 24  
Gay Women's Liberation Front. Women's Center. 4 pm **24**

Oct. 25 **25**  
Women and our bodies. Women's Center. 7:30 pm

Oct 27 **27**  
NOW or Never, talk by Jacqui Ceballos, Queens NOW, 8:15pm First Unitarian Church.

Oct. 28 **28**  
OWL. Women's Center. 7:30 pm  
Food Conspiracy Planning. Women's Center. 7:30

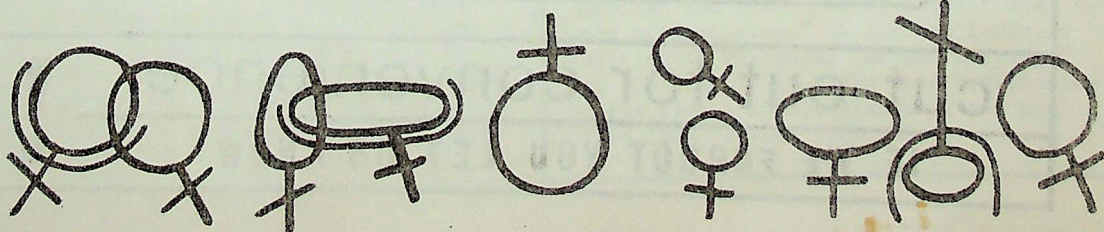
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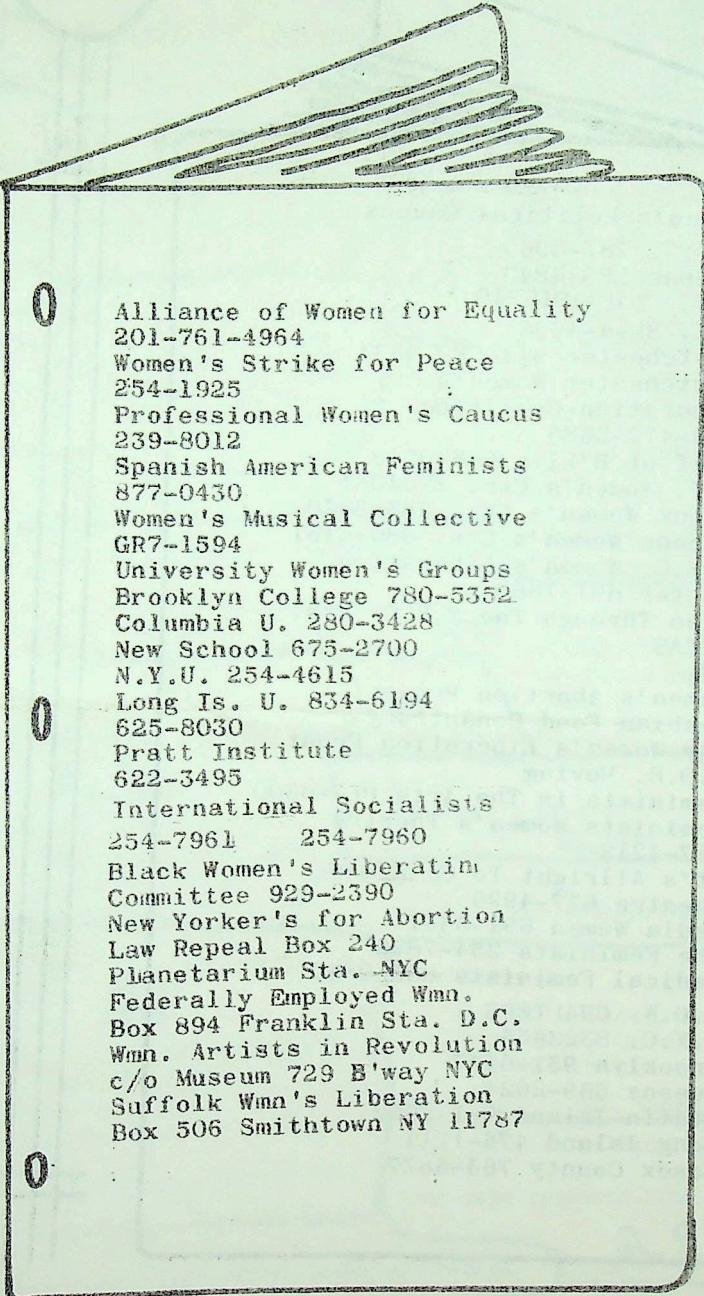
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IF WE FORGOT YOU LET US KNOW



# prostitution and the woman's movement

## BEDFELLOWS MAKE STRANGE POLITICS

There are "good girls" and there are "bad girls" but they are not very different from each other. The good girl is a regular, dutiful, unsalaried worker for a particular male. The bad girl, on the other hand, is an irregular, dutiful, well-paid worker for a variety of males. Neither woman has had a real choice to another style of life. Both girls are dutiful. The good girl is called wife, the bad girl is called prostitute.

Prostitution (and homosexuality and gambling besides!) was the subject of three days of hearings held September 13-15th by an ad hoc state legislative committee on "victimless" crimes. The purpose of the hearings was ostensibly to gather information from "the experts" and to sponsor legislation as a result. The motive for all this apparent effort, besides "cleaning up" the mid-town area of prostitutes, was publicity.

The hearing room at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 W. 44th Street, was wood-paneled, carpeted and curtained. When I arrived, it was about half full of people. Although chairs were still plentiful, it was difficult to sit in one because the press photographers had wedged them together to make room for tripods and snakey electrical cords which criss-crossed the room. After the press, came the feminists, over twenty of us from various groups. After the feminists, the invited speakers were represented, 6 or 7 men carrying their expert testimony. Finally, came the two hosts and their NOW-looking secretary, isolated along the edge of a long oak table at the front of the room.

With the single exception of Gail Sheehy, all the invited speakers were men. (Only men are considered by other men to be experts -- regardless of the subject.) Susan Brownmiller had called to put her name on the speakers' list, but had not been invited. Around 11am.

she spoke. She pointed out that prostitution is not a victimless crime; the prostitute is the victim; the crime is that the victim is prosecuted while the criminal act (perpetrated by men) of purchasing another's body is not prosecuted. The laws on prostitution are clearly designed to protect the criminals. Susan then introduced another woman, the next on a list of around 15 uninvited speakers. During all this, and Olivieri appeared either vaguely amused or seemingly grim while stabbing a ball pen at their writing pads. The next speaker called for the decriminalization of prostitution by the repeal of all prostitution laws. She opposed the decriminalization of prostitution by the legalization of prostitution. Legalization would license prostitutes and require their inspection, thus insuring top quality meat for the customers. Solarz and Olivieri could not stand any more. They had invited real prostitutes to testify and would we interrupt our list of speakers to allow them to speak. Of course we'd hear the sisters.

Barbara Hart was an (ex)callgirl. The assemblymen had invited her to testify and she had prepared a statement to read for them. However, because we were there she decided to speak without the text. While she was talking, she was carefully listening to our remarks. She called us sister. We called her sister. But her testimony was ambivalent. She was prepared to say only that prostitution is the fault of women. (That's like saying war is the fault of hand grenades.) But, because of our presence, she came out with: "Women need more personal freedom within marriage and this will do a great deal to stop prostitution." (A radical feminist position if the words "within marriage" are omitted.) She said that prostitutes suffer from a double standard: the man likes them, offers them money, but at



home later, tells his wife (fellow legislators, fellow judges, fellow speakers, fellow policemen, fellow police commissioners, fellow mayors, fellow governors) how much of a problem prostitution is and how they have to crack down on the prostitutes!

Fran Christman, a former prostitute and current member of the Fortune Society took the chair. Assemblyman Solarz pointed out that Fran told him that some woman had called her to ask her not to testify. Why didn't he let Fran bring that up herself? Solarz tried to get us women fighting each other (a typical male divisionary tactic), to make it seem that we wanted different goals. Only we do not. Feminists and prostitutes agree: no legalization of prostitution.

Alix Schulman returned to the speaker's chair to give her testimony. She read from an essay written in 1911 by Emma Goldman. Solarz interrupted. She should just give them the reference and the assemblymen would read it themselves. But, Alix protested, when the judge testified they didn't ask him to mail in his remarks. She said that Emma explained to men the origins and causes of the "prostitution problem" over 60 years ago and that the essay, therefore, was being presented as a lack-of-progress report on the topic. Solarz, with a smirk on his face waited impatiently for the testimony to end. (All in a day's work for our representative.) The next speaker stepped forward. Unable to listen to any more women, both Olivieri and Solarz interrupted saying that they intended on hearing only their invited speakers. We protested. They said we were "disruptive" (i.e., not in agreement with them on the issue of prostitution). Solarz said he would end the hearing unless we were quiet (i.e. did not give testimony, especially in front of the cameras). We explained to the gathering that Solarz was blackmailing us. Both assemblymen then said that there would be a 5-minute recess for them to talk with the invited speakers. They caucused in front of the long oak table. The press photographers slowly pulled out their equipment and coiled the snakes. The assemblymen decided to recess for a further 45 minutes, and to take the in-

vited speakers to lunch and finish the hearing there, in private.

They started to leave the room. We followed them out on all sides. We refused to allow testimony of men to men on an issue about women, especially after they had failed to take seriously what testimony we women had already given. We challenged their right to call private hearings when they had been public, a move obviously designed to prevent the participation of us women. We told the assemblymen that we would attend lunch with the other speakers and hear their testimony. When it became clear to Olivieri and Solarz that we meant to stay, they halted in the corridor outside. They said that they would hear our testimony tomorrow, because the invited speakers had gone to a lot of trouble to attend and that they (the speakers?) didn't want to spend all day. But some of us had arranged for baby sitters, we protested, as well as going to a lot of trouble to attend. Apparently, to them, only men's words are important, only men's efforts have a value. They would hear us today. They would not! They would! The assemblymen decided they were going to lunch with their invited speakers in the Harvard Club across the street. We would go as well: it didn't matter to us that women weren't allowed in all the public rooms of the club. When they realized that our persistence would jeopardize Olivieri's membership, they decided against that course of action.

A woman passerby stepped out of the growing crowd on the sidewalk. Why won't you hear the women, she asked. You should should hear their testimony. Who are you to mediate, Solarz scowled. The answer: a democrat, a worker in the party, from your district in Brooklyn. Right on, sister! I thought she was from OWL (Older Women's Liberation), but she was a housewife from Brooklyn. Metamorphosis: a smile from Solarz, the first since we feminists began our testimony. An awkward handshake through the crowd. The invited speakers, with the exception of Gail Sheehy, were re-scheduled to speak the following day or to send their prepared statements to the assemblymen. Some of us lunched with the hosts, doing some

consciousness-raising over the table. We paid our own checks, refusing to allow ourselves to be bought and not even wanting reparations.

The afternoon crackled with testimony. Lynn Vincent reported that 4% of the prisoners in New York State are women, and most of them were "in" for short term and for sexually-based crimes. But, she pointed out, few men are in prison for sexual delinquency. She called for the repeal of all prostitution laws, and in the mean time, for the arrest of the pimps and johns.

Who are the johns? In the stormy morning session, Susan had quoted Kinsey as saying that 80% of American men turn at least once in their lives to prostitutes. That's a very high percentage: it's got to include most of the men you and I know and most of the men we see in the street and in the news. That 80% would, of course, include governors, mayors, police commissioners, policemen, judges, and legislators. Is it really any wonder, women, that the pimps and johns go free?

Solarz had to leave for a political gathering. Olivieri looked panicky. Solarz picked up his empty note pad and, with a smirk on his face, walked out of the hearing room. A few calls followed him out. Apparently he feels that the male vote is enough to re-elect him. Olivieri was the only man left in the room. He sat, slouched in his chair, with a pained look on his face as we continued our testimony.

Pam Kearon from The Feminists, talked about male power. Prostitution is often blamed on us (married) women because we don't look appetizing enough to the husband. Presumably, husbands have this unexplained need for a sexual variety and they go to prostitutes because of it. However, Pam pointed out, only 40% of American women, according to Masters and Johnson, have ever had an orgasm. (A what?) Men have such a need for sexual variety, but are unable to satisfy even one woman! Why, then, does a man's masculine image to other men depend on how many women he "handles"? Sexually, most men can't "handle" even one woman in the right way. Pam stated that prostitution is not the result of male sexual expression, but is, rather, the expression of male power. As a further example, she noted: "There's the good girls and the

bad girls (both of which are defined by men by how they relate to men) and when we suddenly got into the hearing room, the good girls became the bad girls and the bad girls became the good girls." That's male power!

Most of us doubted the motives of the assemblymen in holding the hearings on prostitution because of all the political power men currently have. Eighty percent of American men turn at least once in their lives to prostitutes. Unfortunately, all those men have a problem with prostitution: they take a chance of giving each other venereal disease (VD) through using the prostitutes. The way for them to avoid that nasty possibility is for them to legalize prostitution. That would necessitate the licensing of the women and their regular inspection to make sure that they've cleaned themselves after use. In that way, the customer would be assured of purchasing N.Y. Gov't inspected meat from the grocery store. Do you mean to tell me that those male legislators want facts to decide on whether or not to legalize prostitution?

Oppose the legalization of prostitution. We women are 53% of the population in New York. We are 60% of the voters. The male vote is not enough to elect our representatives. Write to Antonio Olivieri, 112 E.74th. St., N.Y.C. 10021 and to Stephen Solarz, 1818 Avenue U, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229. *Joanne Steele*

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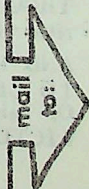
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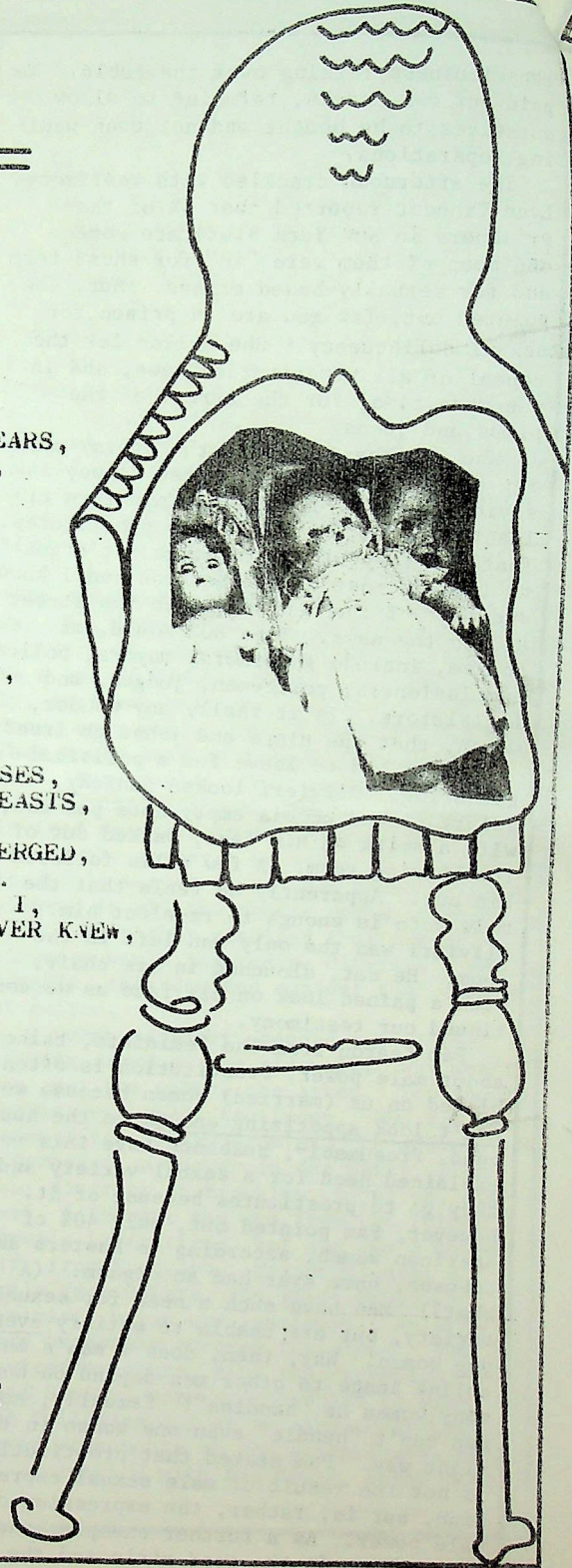
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AND DREAD BIERS.  
WHY SO SMUG THESE PERT FACES,  
GRACED IN FAMILY BEST LACES,  
TIME HAS FLOWN UP YOUR SKIRTS,  
TIME, AND NOT TOO MUCH MORE,  
PERHAPS A CAT OR SOME TOY,  
YOU'RE REAL PERPETUAL BORES.  
YOU SAT THERE IN ALL YOUR ARREST,  
WHILE MOTHER WAS BORN,  
THE WORLD FOUGHT A WAR OR TWO,  
THE DENTIST DIED, A FOREST GREW.  
YOU SAT THERE IN PINK SATIN DRESSES,  
WITH CUSHIONY PUSHED UP SMALL BREASTS,  
WHILE I WAS BORN,  
LANDS CHANGED HANDS, COMPANIES MERGED,  
WOMEN SIGMED, PEOPLE WERE PURGED.  
YOU SAT THERE AS WRINKLED BECAME I,  
AN "EARTHLY DREDGE" YOUR SKIN NEVER KNEW,  
STILL ROUGED WITH THE TWENTIES,  
STILL LEGGY AND THIN.  
AT THESE VERY THOUGHTS,  
I MUST DO YOU IN.  
SO COME, DOLLY DEARS,  
THROUGH OLDE OAK DOORS,  
UP STAIRS, MORE STAIRS,  
INTO THE TRUNK,  
YOUR DAY IS GONE,  
THOUGH YOU LOOK WELL,  
NOW I SHALL REIGN  
AND BE THE BELLE  
TO CLEAN AND TELL  
OF GRANDMOTHER'S  
VICTORIAN HOUSE.

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# RAPISTS MUST NOT GO FREE

## Rape Statistics and the Law

Forcible rape is the most frequently committed crime of violence in America today. In 1969, 36,470 rapes were reported in the United States. However, rape is the most unreported of all crimes. Criminologists estimate that less than one rape in ten is reported to the police. This means that in 1969 alone, men committed more than 360,000 rapes.

As if this were not bad enough, the number of rapes reported is increasing every year. In 1969, rapes were up 17% from 1968 and 116% from 1960. In ten years the number of rapes reported has more than doubled.

What are the courts doing to affect the rising tide of rapes? They are acquitting rapists and putting them back on the street again. In New York State 1,840 rapes were reported in 1969. Only one of the rapists was found guilty by the courts.

What gives the courts the license to return rapists to the streets? That hal-  
lowed institution--THE LAW.

Although rape has the appearance of being illegal and women reasonably expect protection from the rapist under the law, the men who make the laws are more concerned with protecting the rapist from the woman he attacked.

Men like to pretend that women accuse men of rape without reason. To safeguard themselves against our unfounded accusations, the New York State law provides that a woman's testimony against a man is not sufficient to convict him of rape. She must produce additional or corroborating evidence--usually a witness. No other crime requires the victim to produce such evidence.

Also, if the rapist has a previous record of rape, this record cannot be used against him in court. However, if the woman he attacked is said to have a bad reputation this is admissable evidence against her.

## Are Rapists Sex-Starved Maniacs?

According to Menachem Amir's new study of 646 rape cases in Philadelphia,

men who rape are not crazy or starved for sex. Rapists are as normal as other men. Since they are not different from other men, how can we tell who is a rapist and who is not. We cannot. Every man living is suspect; even the men we think we know so well. In one-third of the cases studied by Amir the rapist was one of these close male acquaintances.

Neither are rapists poor sex-starved men suddenly overcome by their passions. In three-quarters of the cases studied by Amir the rapists planned the rape in advance often with an accomplice or a gang of them.

Criminologists have exploded another myth about men's sex crimes. Men do not remain expositors and peeping toms for life. When they learn they can get away with these crimes they progress to worse crimes, which sometimes culminate in murder.

## Who's Protecting Who?

Rape is an act of violence committed by any man against any woman. Even though the woman is not beaten and killed every rape carries with it this threat. Every girl, every woman throughout her life lives in fear of rape. As she walks down the street at night, goes to the movies, comes home to her apartment, she lives with the certain knowledge that she can be raped by any man.

This fear serves men well. It makes women turn to men for protection from men. Susan Griffin writing in RAMPARTS has called this a protection racket. Men's protection racket usually means marriage, which is popularly believed to protect women from other men. However, marriage gives a woman's husband exclusive rights over her body, including the right to rape her. In New York State law, the raped woman is defined as a female person not married to the rapist.

## It's Against the Law to Defend Yourself

Although the law does not prosecute men for rape, predictably it prosecutes women when we try to defend ourselves against rapists. One woman in the Woman's Movement once served a six-month

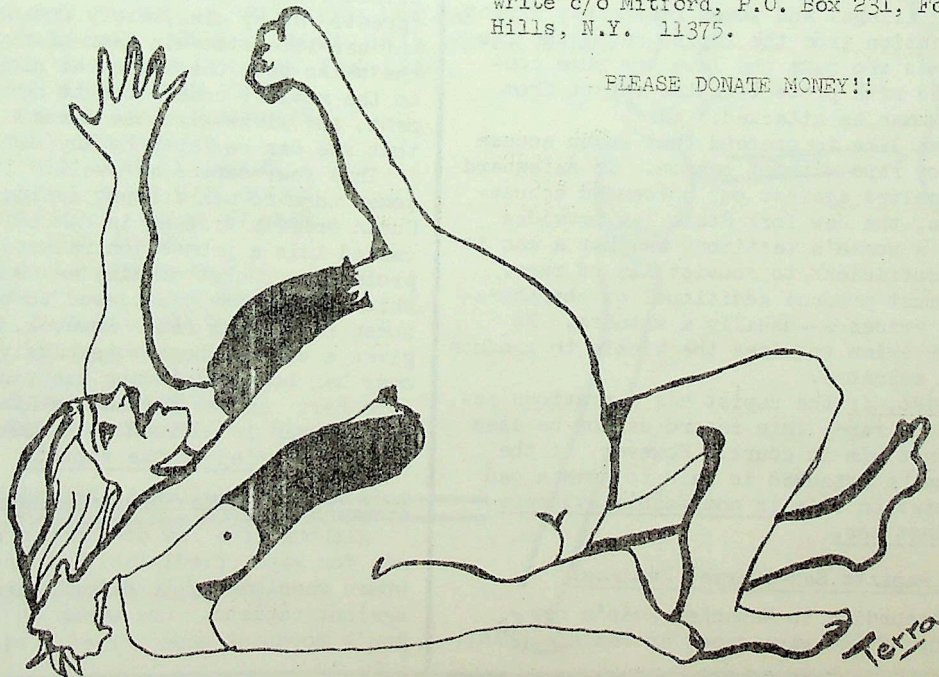
jail sentence for defending herself against rape. Though the rapist had a long history of rape and child molestation the court ruled this evidence inadmissible. So the rapist went free, while the woman he attacked went to jail!

However, even though we are punished for defending ourselves, we are nevertheless required to prove we struggled violently against the rapist. Otherwise, we are accused of inviting rape. As one male defense lawyer put it "Consent no matter how unwillingly given is still consent."

#### A Call to Action

The courts are letting rapists go free. The rape laws are making it easy for them. The Women's Movement must work for new rape laws which will severely punish rapists, not protect them. We must put pressure on the police to apprehend rapists and on the courts to prosecute them. We must report all rapes and press charges against the rapist. Men must know they can no longer get away with this crime against women.

**RAPISTS MUST NOT GO FREE!**



## W O M E N

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. RESEARCH: to collect information on all aspects of rape.

. COUNSELLING: to begin rape counselling, and eventually form an anti-rape center.

. ACTION: to form a program of political action against rape.

Meeting: Saturday October 9th, 5 P.M.

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# WOMEN'S CENTER CALENDAR

## newsletter october

### other events elsewhere

#### CALENDAR OF REGULAR EVENTS AT THE WOMEN'S CENTER

\*\*\*\*MONDAYS\*\*\*\*

- 7:30 WOMEN & THEIR BODIES COURSE (Starting October)  
8:00 DIVORCE GROUP (Talk about divorce & Separation Problems)

\*\*\*\*TUESDAYS\*\*\*\*

- 6:00-7:30 New KARATE CLASS (Wear pants, comfortable shoes, come on time)  
7:30 OWL (Older Women's Liberation)

\*\*\*\*THURSDAYS\*\*\*\*

- 6:00-7:30 RESEARCH COMMITTEE OF THE ANTI-RAPE SQUAD

\*\*\*\*FRIDAYS\*\*\*\*

- 5:00-8:00 LESBIAN FOOD CONSPIRACY (Good Food, Good Prices, Old fashioned marketplace atmosphere.)

\*\*\*\*SUNDAYS\*\*\*\*

- 4:00-7:00 GAY WOMEN'S LIBERATION FRONT MEETING

### GENERAL

An appeal was made to recruit new women to help staff the Center during the week. This would be the task of the new steering committee.

The new steering committee was selected. The members of this committee are: Sarah Davidson, Lily Oxenhirt, Toni Ades, Sue Peters, Judy Liebler, Mikki Mitford, and Oxana Turetsky.

### INFORMATION

The Women's Center is planning a fund-raising benefit in the form of a gala weekend sometime in October. This would be held at the Interart Center. The weekend would consist of cultural and sports events, i.e., poetry readings, films, songs, dancing, theatrical performances, volleyball games, basketball games, etc.

## GEN'L INFO

The new Steering Committee has not yet settled on a regular meeting time. When we get one, we'll announce it.

Other Times are open for meetings, feminist classes, etc. that you or your group plan. All meetings at the Center are open to any woman.

We apologize for the error we made in scheduling the Women & Their Bodies class for September. We're really sorry.

The Women's Center has two new staff women working part time during the day. They are Judy Liebler and Sally Steinwachs. Oxana Turetsky is the alternate and will take the job if either of the staff women quits before four months. Please come by the Center if you can, and meet the new staff women and help them out.

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FOCAS, the Feminist Organization for Communication, Action and Service will be sharing the space at the Center. They will be paying part of the Center's expenses and will also help staff the Center. The Center's newsletter will be incorporated into their paper, "Majority Report," which will also feature announcements from other feminist organizations.

If you'd like to see something started at the Center or some service improved, etc., come up and start it or spend time adding your ideas and energies to an already existing project.

# general assembly

Minutes of the Last General Assembly  
9/9/71

The agenda for the General Assembly was as follows:

- 1) Finding of a new staff person to replace Marizel Rios who will be leaving at the end of her term on October 1.
- 2) Staffing the center
- 3) Selecting the new steering committee because the term of the old steering committee ends as of 9/10/71
- 4) FOCAS
- 5) Gala weekend

The general assembly called for September 9 came to order at about 8:00 P.M. The attendance was not overwhelming.

Marizel Rios will be leaving on the first of October and a new staff person has to be chosen to replace her. A list was passed around for women who were interested in working in the Center to sign. The method of choosing the new staff person would be by drawing lots. The list would be posted on the bulletin board for another two weeks so that women who could not make the general assembly would have a chance to sign. The selection committee was formed from women who were interested in selecting the new staff person.

# new

# literature

PARTIAL LITERATURE LIST

could it be possible that "FINE"  
"ART" is a masculine western  
concept??? could it be possible  
that feminist art out of this  
olde tradition is false?? write  
opinions to c. salamone c/o focus



## JOURNALS AND NEWSPAPERS

Women: A Journal of Liberation--new issue on women workers under capitalism \$1.00  
Aphra: Free Mothers and Daughters (literary journal) \$1.00  
No More Fun and Games--first issue in more than a year--THE FIRST REVOLUTION \$1.00  
Women's World (N.Y.) 25¢  
La luchadora voz de la union de mujeres (N.Y.) (in English and Spanish) 10¢  
Women's Press (Eugene, Oregon) 25¢

## POETRY AND STORIES

Looking at Women by Fran Winant 50¢  
Dykes for an Amerikan Revolution 50¢  
Poems and Prose by Alta 50¢  
Boston Women's Poetry Anthology 50¢  
Eight Women 75¢  
The Lonely Girl in the Big City 20¢

## PAMPHLETS

10 pamphlets from the Feminists 10-20¢ ea.  
Women Workers: some basic statistics 10¢  
Little Miss Muffet Fights Back (recommended nonsexist children's books) 50¢  
5 articles on women's health problems from the Women's Health and Abortion Project

## OTHER LITERATURE

### BOOKS

Century of Struggle--Flexner  
list: \$3.95 women's price: \$3.16  
The Second Sex--DeBeauvoir  
list: \$1.25  
Voices from Women's Liberation Movement--Tanner  
list: \$1.50 women's price \$1.20  
The Dialectic of Sex--Firestone  
list: \$1.25  
Earthly Paradise--Colette  
list: \$2.65 women's price \$2.12  
Women's Liberation--compiled by Stambler list: 95¢  
The Black Woman--ed. Cade  
list: 95¢ women's price:  
Thinking About Women--Ellman  
list: \$2.65 women's price: \$2.12  
Sisterhood Is Powerful--ed. Morgan  
list: \$2.45 women's price: \$1.96  
The Pure and the Impure--Colette  
list: \$4.75 women's price: \$3.80  
Unfinished Conversations--Brady (poetry)  
list: \$1.25

Women's price is a 20% discount on books \$1.50 or more.



What you or your group can do for yourself:

COME STAFF THE CENTER--(Answer phones, etc)

Talk to Women--You get to talk to enormous numbers of women with varieties of lives, problems, solutions. Other women won't feel so isolated when coming in if there is a woman here to talk to them. You won't feel so isolated. Lots of times it's a real up to talk to women--find out what information is here at the center--and what isn't. If you want to staff or welcome women either come in and do it or sign up for times on the staffing calendar at the Center by coming in or by phone.

SEE WHAT'S MISSING & FILL THE GAP--INFORMATION--A lot of information isn't available at the Center. CR groups or individual women could decide to make a project out of either obtaining information and/or providing it, or starting a group to deal with certain problems:

Childcare info., MD referrals, apartments, jobs, job discrimination, starting small groups, lawyer referrals ANYTHING!!!  
SEE WHAT'S MISSING AND FILL THE GAP--FORUMS AND DISCUSSIONS--CLASSES-- Groups could organize forums, discussions, or classes on anything of interest. In order to schedule a meeting all you have to do is find a blank time on the calendar and write it in. You can get a group together by posting a notice on the bulletin board. If you need some advice attend a Steering Committee meeting.

JOIN A CENTER COLLECTIVE--Some that exist, but barely: Financial, Literature (choose & order), Speaking. Speaking is really a good thing--two or more women (or a whole CR group) go to all kinds of groups requesting speakers on Women's Liberation. You get to talk to a lot of women and turn them on. Please help out the few hard working women who have been killing themselves to keep these going. Some collectives that used to be but are no more: Carpentry, Forum, Fund-raising, Printing (we have an offset press), Library, Information.

COME TO GENERAL ASSEMBLIES, STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS--All policy is decided at General Assembly meetings, including whether all policy should be decided at General Assembly meetings. ALL interim decisions are made by the Steering Committee.

# WOMEN'S CENTER

The Women's Center is a leaderless community. It's you and me and other individual women we know and don't know working cooperatively to create something for ourselves. This is no glib statement--the services provided by the Women's Center and the activities taking place here and everything else that goes on here goes on because you or I wanted it. Because and only if you or I started it and/or kept it going. If something's missing it's because you or I don't want it bad enough.

The Center has only two part-time paid staff members. All those other women you see running around are volunteers--like you and me--if some of them seem to know a lot about the Center it's because they've spent a lot of time here. They like it here--the activities, the women. It feels good to help the Center (help yourself).

EXCHANGE INFORMATION--Call the Center with information about demonstrations, the existence of groups, forums, child care centers, carpentry, plumbing, good doctors, books, apartments, jobs, other Women's Centers, literature we don't have--about anything of interest or importance to women. Consult the bulletin boards. You'll be surprised what you'll find there.

GIVE THINGS--Pens, pencils, mimeograph paper, offset paper, 4-hole stencils, typewriters (electric-Why not?), free books, electrostenciling, photoplate-making, typesetting, lumber, paint, cars or trucks or vans, tape recorders, record players, magic markers, poster paper, cork boards, tools, film projectors of any size--ANYTHING!!!

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, HEH, HEH...\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$  
MONEY \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$-(You knew this was coming.) When the Center opened last year there was a lot of interest in it, primarily from Consciousness Raising groups. Groups would take collections of \$1.00 from each woman per month to support the Center. Isn't this a good idea??????????

HELP THE CENTER HELP YOURSELF HELP THE CENTER  
HELP YOURSELF HELP THE CENTER

Note to Sisters on the Women's Center mailing list: We have decided to merge our newsletter with the "Majority Report" for this issue. If you like the change, it will be permanent. Please let us know how you feel about the new look. We think you'll be getting more for your \$2.00.

DESTROY THE MYTH OF "YOU" AND "THEY"!!!!  
or...There is no Big machine clogging along by itself

Whenever you talk of the Women's Center in terms of "Why don't you...?" or "Why isn't they...?" you are perpetuating a myth. YOU ARE "YOU" and YOU ARE "THEY."



OWL OWL

Ever since the Women's Liberation Center has been open, Tuesday evenings have been "open house" for "Older Women's Liberation" (OWL). We've had women from all the five boroughs come up to raise their consciousness in discussing such questions as: "Older women in the job market" "Love and sex in relation to the older woman," "Menopause, does it really affect our lives the way the books say?" and other topics and questions that are on our minds.

For many women the Tuesday night open house is their first plunge into Women's Liberation and their first experience in open and free discussion with other women on these topics.

Many smaller Consciousness Raising groups have been off-shoots of this Tuesday night open house, so if you are interested in being part of such a group, Tuesday night at the center is the place to meet other women who are also interested.

OWL will be starting a Wednesday evening class on "Women in Society." We welcome all sisters in and out of OWL to attend. For more information call or ask any staffer at the Center.

Once again, we welcome all women to come to our Open discussions on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 10:00!!!

# COLLECTIVE NEWSLETTER

Sisters: Let's fight our newsletter problems together! Instead of the frustrations and finances of putting out dozens of individual newsletters (and at the same time being under-informed about what's going on in other areas of the city and suburbs), why not have a collective newsletter? Besides getting across intragroup information to your usual mailing list, you can let hundreds of other feminists know about your activities.

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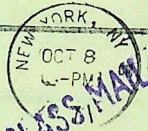
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