

Wages for Housework Women's Centre  
129 Drummond St.,  
London NW1  
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Dear Gilberta, and other sisters,

I am sorry to have to tell you that we have not been able to sell many of the records. Nobody seems to want them because they are in Italian. I am sending you the money for ten copies; the rest we will have to either return to you or take to Toronto if they need them there (there are more Italians there). We will ask the Toronto group if they want them. ~~But~~ But we are very sorry that we can't send you money now when you need it.

The campaign here is going very well. We had  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour on national television and have had nearly 100 letters in response, most of them from women telling us how much they need the money and in many cases wanting to take part in the campaign and even to organise groups in their area. The letters come from all over England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Our possibilities here appear to be changing very quickly. I wish I had time to send you a report, but there are jobs that are even more urgent.

We have not decided yet exactly what we will do on May Day. It would be helpful to know what you are planning in Naples.

We are waiting for a reply from Miriam about the tribunal. I don't know whether she is in Italy or in France. A copy of the letter was sent to Mariarosa's address. It is urgent to know what the Italian delegation will be doing and when. We are meeting a lot of opposition here but are planning definitely to go to the tribunal.

Please excuse my writing so briefly and in English, my Italian is not good enough to write and I have no time. I miss you all and hope to see you soon.

We used the videotape of your demonstration in the television programme, and it looked very impressive. We also used photographs of mass demonstrations in Iceland on the day of the strike. We will have these photos in our hands again soon, and if you like we will try to get copies made for you. We are not allowed to publish them but hope to have other photos soon that we can publish. We are in ~~very~~ touch with some women there and are expecting to receive a whole article in English about how the strike was organised etc. We hear there is an organisation of housewives among the groups involved in organising the strike. (N.B: we are not telling anyone in England that we will be receiving these photographs or information.) The effect of the photos at the end of the film was incredible; we felt all our power.

Love and power to all of you,

Ruth