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WILMETTE BROWN, a co-founder of Black Women for Wages for Housework and Wages Due Lesbians, New York, and a spokeswoman for the International Wages for Housework Campaign, is now in England. In the next few days she will be on a brief speaking tour of France and Germany. From 9 June to 5 July she will be available for interview and public speaking in Britain.

Wilmette was in the sixties a leading member of the Black Panther Party, and a prominent activist in the struggle for Black studies in San Francisco. From 1970 - 1974 she worked as a teacher in Zambia. She has spoken widely in the U.S. and recently was a key speaker at the People's Conference on Southern Africa at Oberlin University, Ohio. She recently acted as prosecutor at a street trial in Boston, Mass. where business and government were accused of 'poncing off prostitutes' and all other women's work. Wilmette is an award-winning poet and her pamphlet 'Black Mother: Black Women's Struggle Against Genocide' is soon to be published in Britain.

Her main public commitments in Britain to date are:

- 17 June - 'TAKING WHAT'S OURS', public meeting. Helen Buckingham of Prostitution Laws Are Nonsense and Caroline Barker, single mother, of WPH Committee, Bristol, will also speak. Called by WPH Committee, London. 7.30p.m. At the Women's Centre, 138 Drummond St., London, NW1.
- 22 June - Public meeting in Bradford on Prostitutes Organising Internationally. Place to be announced.
- 24 June - Panelist at a public meeting called by Women Against Rape: 'Calling All Women: Freedom From Rape'. 7.30 p.m. Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C.1.
- 25 June - 'WOMEN ORGANISE TO TAKE WHAT'S OURS'. Public meeting in Bristol called by WPH Committee, Bristol. 2.30p.m. At the 'Inkworks', 20 Hepburn Road, (off Brigstock Rd.) St Pauls.
- 29 June - 'WHO HOLDS THE BABY'. Public meeting on motherhood and child custody called by Wages Due Lesbians London. Also speaking Ruth Chimowitz, single mother of WPH Committee, London and Yvonne Stringfellow of Bradford Campaign to Stop the Witch Hunting of Lesbians and Homosexuals. 7.30p.m. At the Women's Centre, 138 Drummond St., London NW1.
The pamphlet 'Motherhood, Lesbianism and Child Custody' published by Wages Due Lesbians Toronto and Falling Wall Press will be on sale for the first time at this meeting.

A public meeting is planned for Black women only.

Women only will be welcome at these meetings, but Wilmette is willing to address mixed audiences.

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