

CALLING ALL WOMEN CALLING ALL WOMEN

Hands Off the Family Allowance

No increase in Baby Bonus

The \$220,000,000. Baby Bonus increase we were all expecting has fallen victim to the government's "anti-inflation program". Why have they seen fit to make one of their biggest cutbacks from the pittance they give mothers? As always, we women are the ones expected to do without, to put ourselves last, and sacrifice "for the good of others". WHAT BETTER WAY FOR TRUDEAU TO LAUNCH HIS "LOWERED EXPECTATIONS WAY OF LIFE" THAN BY TAKING MONEY AWAY FROM MOTHERS, THE SYMBOLS OF SELF-DENIAL!

We refuse to be a good example

We know it means EVEN MORE WORK, AND LESS FOR OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN. It also means we are more of a discipline on the men so many of us depend on. Nurses said "dedication won't pay the rent" and have fought for well-earned increases across the country. Teachers are refusing the blackmail of paying for cutbacks in education and are going on strike. All around us others are demanding their share of society's wealth which OUR UNPAID WORK IN THE HOME HELPS CREATE.

We want our increase too

And we need it more than most. Many of us are sole-support mothers and \$36.00 a year per child- little as it is- does make a difference. Much more than anyone with a 10% surtax on their \$30,000. salary can begin to imagine! And for those of us with husbands, the Family Allowance is often THE ONLY MONEY WE CAN CALL OUR OWN, the only recognition that we WORK in our homes.

**Our house work is worth money
like any other work**

Trudeau's cutbacks in Family Allowance represent a widespread effort to make women pay for the present crisis. On top of all the unpaid work we do in our homes, we are faced with:

- HIGHER PRICES which mean more work shopping for bargains and more time in the kitchen
- A GROWING WAGE GAP between women and men in the paid labour force, and tougher policing of women on UIC
- ELIMINATION OF GOVERNMENT-FUNDED PROJECTS (LIP, CYC, OFY) which provide wages for young people (many of whom are women) and sustain community services for children, old people, immigrants, etc.
- CUTBACKS IN DAYCARE SUBSIDIES which mean more work finding adequate childcare or looking after our children ourselves
- CUTBACKS IN SOCIAL SERVICES which jeopardize the wages of many women and throw the burden of the work back in the home
- MORE, HARDSHIPS FOR WOMEN ON FIXED INCOMES like the sick and the aged who are expected to live on next to nothing after a lifetime of hard work

WE WOMEN ARE AN EASY TARGET BECAUSE WE ARE SO USED TO WORKING WITHOUT PAY IN OUR HOMES AND FOR LOW PAY OUTSIDE. But we don't intend to stay at the bottom. Let the government go after the banks and the corporations - they have more than us!

We demand:

the family allowance increase as scheduled
the removal of family allowance from taxable income

And we won't be satisfied with only a pittance for mothers - all women need more money, MORE POWER, to fight against the lower standard of life Trudeau has in mind for us all.

We demand wages for housework for all women from the government

Wages for Housework Committee
Toronto



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