

# WOMEN'S FILM

## UNION MAIDS



*a documentary about women organizing in the 1970's*

**Friday, March 16 8pm**

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Speakers: Cindy Jaquith  
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# No Women's Liberation Without Socialism No Socialism Without Women's Liberation

UNITE AND FIGHT! JOBS AND RIGHTS FOR WOMEN • FREE 24 HOUR QUALITY CHILDCARE • NOT THE CHURCH—NOT THE STATE—WOMEN TOGETHER CONTROL OUR FATE!

Angry women in the streets chanting Unite and Fight—Jobs and Rights for Women! The world over, International Women's Day is a time for us to unite with our sisters. Today's demonstration is an important example of the ever-broadening struggles of women fighting back.

A tremendous step forward has been made for the women's movement since our show of strength last International Women's Day.

## IN THE UNION

We have seen the shining example of our sisters at Fleck, Puretex and York University in their fight to unionize, to win a first contract, for humane working conditions and decent wages.

Unions must become the fighting vehicles of the working class, taking up the interests of *all* workers. Bringing women's liberation into the union is an important step in this process.

In OPSEU locals the formation of several women's caucuses have shown a glimpse of what is possible.

Caucuses can provide the impetus to fight for:—preferential hiring to provide adequate representation of women in all sectors including 'non-traditional' jobs.

—protection clauses for the right to work regardless of sexual orientation.

—organizing the unorganized, drawing into the union movement the vast ghettos of clerical workers and eliminating the sweatshop conditions forced upon immigrant women.

—full employment by implementing the demand of 30 hours work for 40 hours pay.

Unions have to take a stand in favour of 24-hour child care, free abortion on demand and equal pay. All the issues of the women's movement are of concern to trade union women and must be fought for by the union movement as a whole.

## ON OTHER FRONTS

Women, such as our sisters in Times Change, are fighting against social service cutbacks. Cutbacks affect all women, both on the job and those trying to gain entry into the workforce. We say, lets launch a campaign to end all cutbacks and to roll back the new UIC legislation which heavily discriminates against women.

Internationally women are planning a day of protest against abortion laws, on March 31. The women's movement here should join with our sisters the world over in a clear show of strength and unity. The RWL supports the actions on March 31, and sees the need to organize a longer-term campaign to repeal the anti-abortion law, making abortion freely available to all women and to end forced sterilization.

## THE FIGHT FOR LESBIAN RIGHTS IS A FIGHT FOR ALL WOMEN

Over the past year lesbians, together with gay men have protested in a loud voice against the

attack launched by Renaissance and Anita Bryant.

Lesbians were among the first to understand that this right-wing attack affects all women. Our right to a job, to define ourselves outside our relation to men and outside the traditional family structures, the right to love whom we choose and to take care of our children regardless of our sexual orientation are all under attack.

The continuing fight against harrasment of lesbians will go on—we are all part of that fight.

The RWL believes that the Women's movement has made many important gains. But in order to achieve our liberation we have to go right to the roots of our oppression. The only way is by abolishing all forms of sexual, racist, and national oppression; establishing collective ownership and control of production; collective laundries, kitchens, and childcare; humane, rational economic and social planning.

It's a big order! And before we can build this new world we must confront the old.

Against us stands the anti-woman ideology of capitalist/patriarchal society. These bonds will be broken through the powerful struggles of *all* the oppressed.

But more is needed to ensure that the spontaneous power of the masses is directed and coordinated against: capitalism and its repressive institutions.

The Revolutionary Workers League and the Fourth International to which it is affiliated, seeks to build a political and social force capable of bringing these struggles to victory. Because of its implantation among working people and movements of the oppressed, a revolutionary party will be able to consciously coordinate the fight across the population of a city, a country, even internationally. But most importantly, through its heritage and what it learns through its participation in the daily lives of the masses, the party develops a program that unites the demands and aspirations of the people and clearly focuses them towards the destruction of the capitalist state, the capitalist economy and the repressive, authoritarian and patriarchal social order.

For us, a commitment to the class struggle and to the autonomous women's movement are inextricably linked. No organization is revolutionary that does not recognize the importance of the struggle against women's oppression. And for revolutionary feminists, active participation in the women's movement must go hand in hand with participation in the revolutionary organization.

If you agree with us, we urge you to join the RWL and the fight for the liberation of all humanity.

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