

HERSTORY OF INTERNATICNAL WOMEN'S DAY

On March 8th in 1857, thousands of women from the garment district of New York City took to the streets to dramatize their demands for improvements in working conditions, decent wages, a 10-hour work day, equal rights, and the right to vote for women. When the march reached the rich districts, the women were attacked by the police. Some were trampled on, some were shot at, and several were arrested.

In memory of these women, Clara Zetkin, a German socialist, proposed to the Second International Conference of Socialists in Copenhagen in 1910, that March 8 be proclaimed International Women's Day. For 21 years, Zetkin had been agitating for a special day to be set aside to call for the solidarity of working women all over the world; she hoped to use that day to attract broad groupings of women to unite and fight against the oppression imposed upon them by a capitalist society.

On March 8, 1917, in St. Petersburg's, women textile workers started a spontaneous strike to mark the day. They demanded "Peace, Bread, Land", and their numbers swelled to 90,000 as male workers joined with them. This strike initiated the Russian Revolution.

Since then, March 8th has come to symbolize the women's struggle throughout the world, and feminists of today have revived this tradition by raising demands on March 8 for rights to abortion, child care, equal pay, decent jobs, education and freedom for all of our sisters who are fighting for their liberation all over the world.

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If you or your group are interested in participating with us or in your own way, please come to a meeting or give us a call. This is just the first announcement - just a beginning. We want this to be a huge united effort. JOIN US! We will be printing up posters for around town and a final leaflet listing all events by the last week in February.

MARCH 8TH



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



CELEBRATION of

WOMEN WORKERS

unpaid, underpaid, unemployed, underemployed

BUT, ALWAYS WORKING!

TIME: 11:30-1:30

PLACE: in front of CITY HALL

WED. - 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE Y.W.C.A. MEMORIAL

OTHER EVENTS: FRIDAY & SATURDAY - There will be a theatre presentation; creative displays on subjects such as self-help clinics, birth control and abortion; photography; and women who have been involved in revolutionary struggles in other countries and in our own past will be together for discussion.

PLEASE POST THIS IN YOUR OFFICE, ANNOUNCE IT
AT MEETINGS AND SPREAD THE WORD!

Planning meetings held every Monday, 7:30 p.m. at
Women's Place 31 Dupont tel..929-3185