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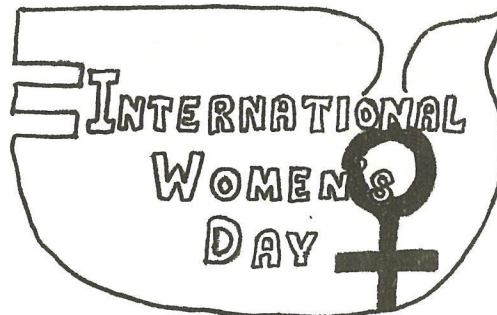
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# NEWSLETTER

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WOMEN'S CENTRE  
77 Bond St.

On SATURDAY, 8 March 1975, the NSWC will hold International Women's Day Celebrations at the Women's Centre, 77 Bond Street.

A programme of speakers is arranged with topics of interest to everyone. These topics are centered around the Women's Kit compiled by the Ontario Institute for Services in Education.

**A.M.**

9 → 11 : Open House.  
11 → 11.30 : The Suffragettes - Roberta Buchanan  
12 → 12.30 : The Family - Florence Redpath.  
LUNCH - BREAK

**P.M.**

1.45 → 2.15 : Socialization of Women - Hazel Starcher.  
2.45 → 3.15 : The Working Woman - Ruth Pierson.  
BREAK  
4 → 4.30 : Women in Education - Bobbie Gillespie.

**EVENING** = Wine and Cheese Party.

These talks will be light and informative and the half hour following each talk is for discussion if persons so wish.

DAY CARE FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT: Basement, 112 Military Rd.  
Sitters: Ray Mackey, Jake Harries, John Pickavance, M. Buchheit

If any husbands etc., wish to help with babysitting, they are welcome at 112 Military, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(Please provide some toys and snacks for your children.)

# *On the G at Women's Centre ♀♀♀*

NSWC RECEIVES \$16,000

Much has been happening at the Women's Centre these past few weeks. After we received a rejection notice of our L.I.P. grant application a few members arranged a meeting with James McGrath, the MP for St. John's East, to find out why, in International Women's Year, a project for women was rejected. The fruits of politicking paid off when, on February 1st, Shirley Goundrey received a phone call to say that money had been found. We would receive our \$16,000 grant! The amount allowed us to employ 4 full time and one part time person to work on various projects. It was decided that more would get done if we could have nine part time workers to share the workload. Many hours of phone calls and talking have brought together a formidable team!

Ellen Antler and Diane Siegel will be setting up Women's Study courses;

Loretta Kelly and Jill Schooley are working in the areas of self-help;

Jean Chadwick and Shirley Goundrey are heading the Social Action areas; and

Celia Griffiths and Mary Walsh will act as Secretary-Directors to co-ordinate the project and staff the Centre; and

Joyce Flight is our Bookkeeper, and will help in the Centre.

## WE ARE MOVING

All of this activity has meant that a new centre should be found. One with a better landlord, unfrozen toilet, adequate heating so we don't have to type with our gloves on, and more space. As of the 15th of February the new Women's Centre will be at 77 Bond Street, just a block down the hill from Rawlin's Cross, in the old Bishop Spencer school. If anyone can donate furniture, shelves, etc. please come to the Centre and see what is needed. Anyone wanting to know in more detail what the project workers' duties are, please come and ask, they are too numerous to list here.

## THE MORE WOMAN POWER THE BETTER

To capitalize on our new opportunities, the result of funding and larger quarters, we are going to be calling on many of you. Hopefully, you'll be contacting us, too. The on-going activities of the Women's Centre include referral services, the lending library, the various committee activities, the Newsletter undertaking and all the secretarial work to do with running a Status of Women Council. The funds for these activities and for our new quarters (the rent is double) are still the memberships responsibility. So you can see how much we still need your active involvement and financial support.



# WOMEN'S CENTRE

DROP IN  
*anytime  
between*

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1st Monday (generally)

March 8th this time

## EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Most Wednesdays

8:15 p.m. until the wee hours



*SEE YOU AT THE NEW WOMEN'S CENTRE*

ERRATUM: Your previous Newsletter with the WHY NOT cover was dated January 1975 by mistake. Please change it to February 1975

March 8th - INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY. As a result of the militant activity of women in industry in the early 1900's and specifically a strike called by socialist women of the garment industry in New York, this day is declared an international working class holiday in honour of women's struggles, 1908.

Our Newfoundland International Women's Day is being underwritten by the HUMAN RIGHTS VOLUNTARY COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES GROUP FOR NFLD. AND LABRADOR. Their contribution will make it possible to pay the way for two delegates from Labrador and two from Corner Brook. We welcome this chance to exchange views and ideas on current happenings and future plans taking place outside of St. John's.

This issue of the NSWC Newsletter was produced by - Jan Black,  
Marian Atkinson, Sally Davis and our contributors.

May we receive your contributions for the April Newsletter by Mar.15?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor:

In reply to the last month's article by Terry LeDrew Bonnell of Pasadena. I agree that men have been a product of the system which men created and are oppressed by that system, as are women oppressed by the system. However, women are oppressed by male values through the male structured institutions of marriage (economic dependence in a partnership when the man and woman each contribute) of law, of government, and of education. A look at the booklet "Women and the Law in Nfld." illustrates the neglect of woman's position in law. A look at our all-male legislature illustrates the dependence of women upon men for decisions which affect their lives. A look at the school text books illustrates that the educators think that boys and what boys do are more interesting and important both in stories and in history. No woman can develop her special talents fully if she believes, as society works so hard to make her believe, that she is destined to play one role and do one job only. That is oppression of women, separate and in addition to the oppression of men, as I see it.

Shirley Goundrey  
St. John's NSWC

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REPORT ON FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING

Snow and sub zero temperatures notwithstanding, the meeting for February was very well attended. Our speaker was Dr. Helen McKilligan, pediatrician

and charter member of NSWC.

We were very interested in what Helen had to tell us of her experiences during her leave-of-absence from Grace Hospital. Her family accompanied her to San Francisco there to study at the University of California, School of Public Health. Now that Helen and family have returned, she is busily applying her new knowledge in her role as Associate Professor in Community Medicine and Pediatrics at Memorial Medical School. She also is a Consultant to the Provincial Government in Maternal and Child Health.

We think the world of Helen!

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WHAT'S your Viewpoint?

Vi Thompson explained the procedure to be followed in making submissions to "Viewpoint" and stressed the importance of as many women as possible doing so, as the male dominance of the program had been explained as being due to lack of submissions by women. Vi and Helen Lafontaine are meeting to prepare a script for submission shortly. Scripts, double-space typed, in duplicate, should be sent to Ian Murray, Producer of Viewpoint, CBC-TV, Box 500, Terminal A, Toronto. Then follow up by phone within a day or two.

Quoted from WPA Newsletter Feb.\*75

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ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL OF WOMEN IWY  
PROJECT

If you know of any woman (deceased) who has made an unique or outstanding contribution to the life of Newfoundland, please give the name to Mrs. Rita Udel (722-1195).



St. John's Council of Women-con'd

If you would like to do a biography of any woman, let Mrs. Udel know to clear that it is not already being done.

Mrs. Mary Davis is co-ordinator of the project and the plan is to read one of the biographies per week during I.W.Y. At the end of the year a booklet will be prepared to be circulated to all sister councils. Moneys are to be requested from Privy Council, I.W.Y. Programme, for this project.

Dr. Stella Burry, Miss Edith Manuel and Mrs. Irene Collins are the members of the selection committee.

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COMING UP SOON!!!

All you want to know about divorce -  
Guest speaker - St. John's lawyer, Mr. Frank Fowler---

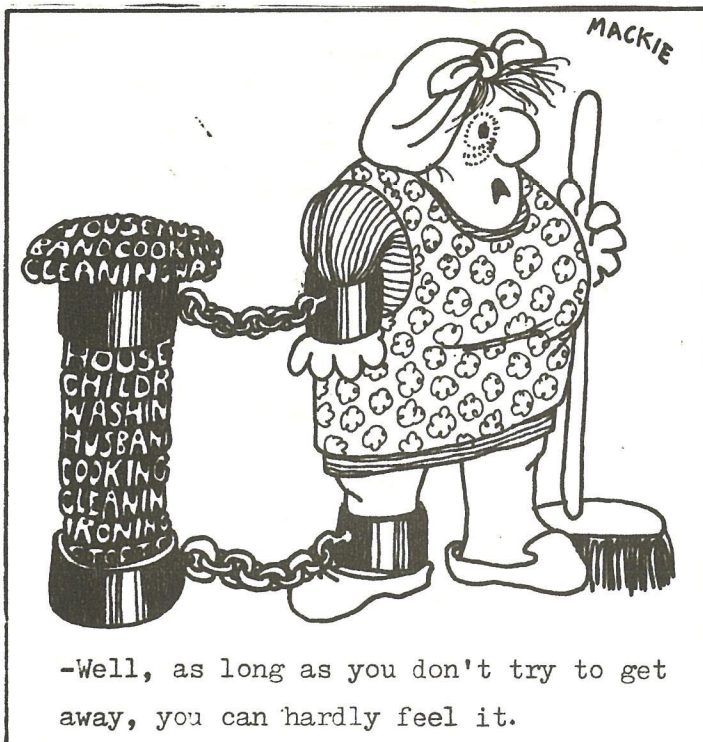
14 April 1975, 8:30 p.m. at the  
WOMEN'S CENTRE

Informal discussion period - do-it-yourself  
kit information - ask any questions you  
please. Come and bring your friends!

WOMAN APPOINTED TO SCHOOL BOARD!!!

According to the Nfld.  
Gazette, Vol. 50 # 6, Feb. 14, '75,  
55 new members have been elected  
or appointed to school boards a-  
cross the province.

We congratulate Mrs. Christina  
Barker for accepting the appoint-  
ment to serve on the R.C. School  
Board for Gander Bonavista.  
Mrs. Barker is the only female  
of the 55 persons.



← Reprinted from  
Spare Rib No. 19



## IWY Radio Commercial Taken to Task

### OFFICIAL TAXPAID COSMETIC HIPPOCRACY

The above title is my reaction to one of the Women's Year radio commercials. The one I'm most incensed about proclaims the importance of being a housewife. My reaction is not to the idea that homemaking is unimportant. The function of maintaining family life support systems is vital. Maybe if we thought of it as the maintenance of physical and psychological life support systems instead of housewifing or home making we would begin to realize just how important homemaking is.

Then what am I enraged about? The Cosmetic Hippocracy is in the context of the Murdock decision that did not recognize the contribution of a farm wife, who not only maintained the home but also worked in fields and barns, as being worth anything when the marriage broke up. If you are a female your contribution to the accomplishments of a family unit is apparently worth nothing beyond your ordinary living expenses while you are a wife and some maintenance and maybe alimony after a divorce. All of the benefit in law from accumulation of property and worth is assigned to the husband. I wonder what the decision would have been if two males had been involved - say two brothers?

If they want to have commercials about how important it is being a housewife - fine. But that same commercial should come down hard on the fact that our culture doesn't recognize these vital contributions.

In the words of their own ad writers - WHY NOT!!

Lois Hayweiser

## CORNER BROOK WOMEN'S NEWS

The following letters from C.B.S.W.C. members were recently published in the 'Western Star':

### On the other foot

Sir: I've read with amused concern the violent reaction of Mr. C. Alex Collins, J.P. at Pasadena, to the CBC presentation of a male stripper on the National News Jan. 20 at 11:30 p.m.

Mr. Collins found the act, performed by a member of a Toronto theatrical group, in "very bad taste", and said so in no uncertain terms. But what about the blatant exploitation of the female body as shown recently on an earlier CBC program, coming out of Labrador? Mr. Collins did not raise his voice about this depravity, although in all fairness some men did.

Now that the shoe is on the other foot, perhaps more positive action will be taken to stop this exploitation of the human body.

The immoral invasion into our living rooms is getting bolder. No longer should we suffer in silence. Let us accept the challenge to do something at least to protect the innocence of the little one.

Mary MacIsaac

### Curling Shock treatment

Sir: The following is a copy of a letter sent to CBC National News, Toronto:

Congratulations to those responsible for the decision to include the Bathurst United Church theatrical group's male stripper act in the CBC National News Jan. 20.

Perhaps shock treatment of this nature may have an enlightening effect upon a society that thinks nothing of exploiting the body of the other half of humanity - the female.

How unfortunate that such bitter theatre is necessary! But how commendable that there are drama groups and churches finding ways to insist on equal respect and dignity for man and woman-kind.

Marie Newhook

Corner Brook

Also.....

CONGRATULATIONS to the C.B.S.W.C. on being awarded a \$3,600 grant to set up a women's centre in Corner Brook.



## WOMEN AND POLITICS

Rosemary Brown to run for national leadership in NDP Party.

Former activist in the B.C. Status of Women has announced she will be running for the leadership of NDP. Rosemary Brown is spoken of highly by Newfoundland Status of Women who have seen her in action at conferences.

When asked if she was running as a woman, a black or a socialist she declared, "a socialist," and didn't mince words about it.

Times are a changin', at least in B.C.

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The Evening Telegram of Jan.23, 1975 carried a news item concerning the speech made by NDP MP, Ed Broadbent on the occasion when the Commons was taking time to allow its members to pay tribute to IWY.

Mr. Broadbent urged women to "keep the heat on" politicians. No group had ever won liberation by relying on the efforts of others.

He called for legislation to

- end sex discrimination in the job market,
- establish 24-hour child-care centres, enforce equal pay for equal work,
- guarantee collective bargaining for domestic and part-time workers,
- ensure equal educational opportunities for male and female students,
- eliminate sex stereotyping in text books, outlaw sex exploitation in advertising
- give men and women equal pension rights, remove abortion from the criminal code, and establish sex education and birth control centres.

If the government is serious, it should start by introducing legislation in these 10 areas, he said.

## THE INTERNATIONAL IN I.W.Y.

What about the lot of women in other countries? The Jan.Feb. issue of BRANCHING OUT has a lengthy article based on a trip by Gwen Matheson to the Soviet Union. Here are a few quotes from the article to whet your curiosity.

"...40% of Soviet lawyers are women...40% of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, I have been informed, is composed of women....There was the editor of the Publishing House of Artistic Literature, Leningrad Brance, who told me,...that they reject pornography because 'mental food must be as good as physical food.'

From my observations of Soviet women, however, I have come to the general conclusion that the amazing accounts of their liberation are indeed true. Economically, professionally, and politically they are so far ahead of women in North America that it becomes a fact painful as well as inspiring to contemplate....

This remarkable phenomenon of the advancement of women dates, like almost every other form of progress in the Soviet Union, from 1917 and the October Socialist Revolution..."

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(We plan to report on women from other countries in future issues. First hand accounts from one of our readers would be very acceptable.)

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## ABORTION - SOME QUESTIONS

## AND ANSWERS

1. What is the law that the Canadian Assoc. for Repeal of the Abortion Law wishes to repeal?

Section 251 of the Criminal Code forbids Abortion except when in the opinion of the therapeutic abortion committee of an approved hospital, "continuation of the pregnancy would or would be likely to endanger her (the woman's) life or health."

2. That sounds liberal and fair - Why repeal it?

Because the law is not being applied fairly. What we really have is "Legal Abortion with Obstruction". Some hospitals and doctors who have been trying to serve the public within the law have been picketed and intimidated. The World Health Organization says: "Health is a complete state of physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." Most hospitals do not apply this definition. Women who are wealthy or know their way around can usually obtain abortions. Women who are poor or who live outside the larger cities are frequently refused or forced to travel great distances. Turning a desperate woman to a quack abortionist certainly endangers her life or health.

3. Is the Association pro-abortion?

No - we regard any abortion as an indication of failure. Failure of health, Failure of education, Failure of birth control. But until such failures can be reduced and eliminated, women pregnant and in distress must have the freedom of choice.

Abortion is an important matter which each woman must decide for herself, in consultation with her doctor. She may want guidance from her family and even from her church, but surely not from politicians or the police.

Prepared by CARAL. Join now by filling out form on page 15



# RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT in NFLD

If you are looking for the reasons why Newfoundland and Labrador families are faced with so many odds, from lack of day-care and recreational facilities, inadequate education opportunities, poor housing, high commodity prices, wanting in health care programs, and you name it, then you should obtain a copy of

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT IN NEWFOUNDLAND by Sean McCutcheon

The author describes Newfoundland as rich in resources, but with people poorly off and gives figures to illustrate the provinces resources in \$\$\$\$\$\$. Then we read: "Newfoundland is a poor province, its people among the poorest in Canada, the butt of Canadian jokes. Though the value of minerals produced here, per person, is more than double the Canadian figure, yet the average Newfoundland income is less than 60% of the average Canadian income.

The unemployment rate in June exceeded 20%.

The total debt of the province has reached \$1,563 million - almost \$3,000 per Newfoundlander."

In the introduction the author says:

## RESOURCES ARE NOT: THEY BECOME

Mineral deposits, forests, waterfalls, schools of fish; these become natural resources when man discovers how to shape them into things he needs. Today, in the industrial countries of the world, raw materials from nature are shaped by complex technology to meet, and create, a bewildering variety of needs. Increasingly, those who own the machines that shape our natural resources are producing luxuries for the already rich. And doing so when the size of human need is growing, and for the first time in history, the possibility arises of terminating civilization by exhausting the natural resources on which it is based.

We need, and have a right to, useful jobs and decent incomes; fair treatment and fair opportunity; good health care and good housing; access to the cultural wealth that allows us to grow in freedom and intelligence. Intelligent use of natural resources can help us meet these needs, but there are few parts of the world where resources are so used. The economic systems for putting natural resources into use and distributing the value thus liberated benefit a few people, often millionaires, at the expense of millions of poor. So it has always been. Now, the yawning chasm between rich and poor in this world has grown to frightening, unbearable proportions.

prepared by:

feb. 1975

Sean McCutcheon

for OXFAM

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The main body of the text gives the part of history left out of our history texts (along with women).

In conclusion we read:

Social justice has to be fought for; no one gets it as a gift. The loggers strike of 1959, the bitter strikes in Buchans in recent years, the current struggle by the trawlermen to change their status as "co-adventurers" with the fishing companies—these are attempts to improve some of the terms of unequal partnership.

Newfoundland has mismanaged its resources. They have been given to a few grasping hands; very little has been asked for them, and little has been given. Newfoundland will remain a have-not province, an underdeveloped area, until Newfoundlanders, the original resource owners, demand a fair deal.

25 \$ per copy

15 \$ for 25 or more



## RADICAL FEMINISM

### Some Male Responses

Anne Koedt

Here are some male reactions commonly heard when talking to men about women's liberation. They must be pointed out and exposed for what they are, so that they may no longer have the effect of keeping women's consciousness down.

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THE LAUGH: Dismissing the issue without even discussing it. This puts all the burden of proof on you.

YOUR FAULT: It's your personal problem. Not a social, political one. "Something in your life must have screwed you all up so you hate men. See a psychiatrist." This is the technique of trying to isolate you.

WOMEN ARE "DIFFERENT": The "separate-but-equal" argument based upon biological data. "You're not inferior, just different. I love women." This technique uses physiology, which obviously cannot be changed, as proof positive of the validity of the status quo. Most oppressed groups in the world have some physiological argument tacked on to them.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS WERE WON 40 YEARS AGO: Recognizes the problem as a past one, but denies that it still exists.

THE MALE LIBERAL: "I'm all for it, but what about the children, etc." The technique works to agree there's a "problem", then tries to steer you back to the traditional role by specific guilt manipulations.

THE SUPER-FEMINIST: Having accepted the issue superficially or actually, but still needs to one-up you. So he becomes the super-feminist, moralizing to you about how you haven't quite made it yet, etc. Helping the little woman with her problem. This maintains control over the process and also intimidates the woman.

SEDUCER: Having been unable to argue or intimidate the woman, he tries to re-establish the conventional role by having sex with her. It's a conquest. This area is very subtle, since he may agree with you verbally, may recognize you as a formidable, strong woman, etc., but that just makes the conquest all the more challenging.

WOMEN DON'T WANT FREEDOM: The oppressor turns on the oppressed, blames her for her own oppression. Since one can always find Aunt Toms, scared women, etc., this argument can seem real if one does not distinguish between who is the victim and who is the perpetrator.

I'LL ACCEPT WOMEN'S FREEDOM IF...WOMEN WILL GO TO VIETNAM, PAY ALIMONY, etc.: This is a very intimidating tactic because it is a threat that if women want to free themselves the few privileges they have will be taken away from them.

SHE'S ONLY A FEMINIST BECAUSE SHE'S A BITCH WHO CAN'T GET A MAN: And you don't want to be like that, do you? Third-person tactic used to persuade women that the worst thing that could happen is to lose their oppressors.



I.W.Y. Programme Proposal: prepared by Newfoundland Status of Women

This is an outline of a grant proposal to the federal Secretary of State for I.W.Y. funds. This project will demand a lot of help from the general membership if we are given the go-ahead signal.

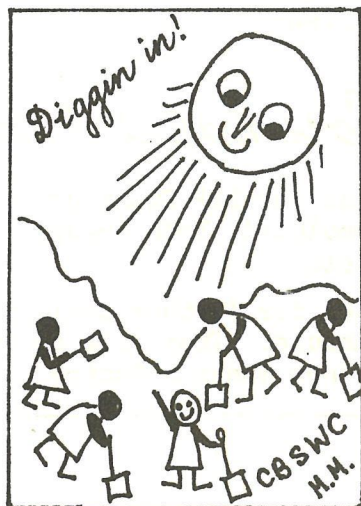
It is our aim for International Women's Year to demonstrate to the general public all areas of discrimination women encounter throughout life. To do this we shall make use of the media and set up displays of literature pertinent to the women's movement in and around the city of St. John's. Our main priority will be to involve Junior and Senior high school students with a view to raising consciousness regarding the changing role of women in our society and the effect on our established institutions.

During the months of April - June, September - December, exhibits will be set up in schools displaying literature on women's issues. There will be eight displays, each on a different theme, eg. image of women in the media, sexism in textbooks, history of the suffragette movement, etc. These displays will be rotated around the schools and Trades Colleges each month and students will be invited to take part in discussions on each theme. Films and other audio-visual materials will be used.

These same displays will be set up in public buildings, eg. libraries, government offices, city hall etc., during the summer months. Response from the public will be invited.

As well as the literature exhibits and talk sessions with students, we would like to use monthly advertisements in major provincial newspapers to draw attention to the same issues as in the displays. An accompanying press release will discuss the subject further.

We feel that this project will increase the awareness of women's problems in society and help some people along the path towards an equal existence.



Celia Griffiths  
Chairperson, Newfoundland Status of  
Women

Corner Brook  
Status of Women Council



# A poem

Eyewitness News

by Beverly Grant

I heard a woman screamin' on the second floor  
The sound of slaps and thuds come flyin' through her door  
Though some who passed by felt some pity for her life  
Nobody stopped to help cause she was someone's wife.

The woman in 42 is crying every night  
Her husband comes home high and always starts a fight  
He's much respected on the block for being cool  
Why, ain't no woman living could make him a fool.

Two girls got raped the other night a block away  
One guy said 'probably they weren't virgins anyway'  
Assaulted 6 or 7 times by different guys  
But not one heard his sister in the poor girls' cries.

A woman tried to kill herself right down the street  
Her landlord's very rich, but he don't give no heat.  
They caught her stealing food to feed her kids one day  
The court judged her unfit and took her kids away.

A woman stabbed her husband dead in self-defense  
She said he stabbed her first and pleaded innocence  
You're guilty said the judge behind his lofty stand  
For trying to take the law into your own hand.

Each time I look around I feel a woman's pain  
Just like a razor's edge it cuts into my vein  
The blood comes gushing forth and it begins to build  
A raging torment growing and it can't be stilled.

Bev Grant lives in N.Y. State, in a collective with her group 'The Human Condition,' their friends and children. She has been playing folk guitar for years and comes from a poor white family in Portland, Oregon. Her band is presently working on a record, believing that they should be heard by as wide a range of people as possible.

Spare Rib. No. 29.

## Courses Courses Courses Courses

1. WOMEN'S STUDIES - Issues in the Women's Movement.
2. Feminist Fix-it
3. Women and their bodies
4. Coping with the metric system

Under our LIP Grant courses are being formulated, both theoretical and practical.

Watch for further details as to the schedule. They will be taught at our new Women's Centre



# NO COMMENT

## Why we oppose votes for men

Because man's place is in the army.

Because no really manly man wants to settle any question otherwise than by fighting about it.

Because if men should adopt peaceable methods women will no longer look up to them.

Because men will lose their charm if they step out of their natural sphere and interest themselves in other matters than feats of arms, uniforms and drums.

Because men are too emotional to vote. Their conduct at baseball games and political conventions shows this, while their innate tendency to appeal to force renders them particularly unfit for the task of government.

Alice Duer Miller 1915

Alice Duer Miller, the American novelist and poet, lived from 1874 to 1942.





Confucius said: "Only women and low-class men are hard to keep. If allowed to approach you, they show no respect; if kept at a distance, they complain."\* Here women and low-class men are lumped together, but there is no knowing whether this included his own mother or not. Although the later orthodox Confucians have always treated their mothers with a show of respect, those women who are mothers in China are still slighted by all men who are not their sons.

After the 1911 Revolution,\*\* in order to have her share of political power, the celebrated Miss Shen Pei-chen\*\*\* kicked over a guard at the entrance to parliament. Only I have a strong suspicion that the guard fell down himself, and that if one of us men had kicked him he would have kicked back several times. But this is one advantage of being a woman. Again, certain married ladies today can stand beside their plutocratic husbands to be photographed with them on docks or in conference halls; or before the launching of some steamship or aircraft they can step forward to smash a bottle of wine. (This may be the prerogative of unmarried ladies: the details are beyond me.) This is another advantage of being a woman. In addition, there are various new professions. Apart from women factory workers, whom the bosses like to employ because their pay is low and they do as they are told, in the case of others, although they are described as "flower vases" we often see the honourable announcement: "You are served by an all-female staff," and this no doubt is just on account of their sex. If men want to soar to such dizzy heights, to rely simply on being masculine will not do; they will have to turn into dogs at the very least.

These are the achievements since the May 4th Movement\*\*\*\* and the campaign for women's liberation. But we often hear the bitter lamentations of professional women and the gives of critics at the New Women. By stepping out of their boudoirs into society, they have in fact supplied new material for general gossip and jokes at their expense.

This is because, although in society, women are still "kept" by others. If others "keep" you, you have to allow them to scold you or even insult you. We have seen how Confucius scolded, and know that was because he found women "hard" to "keep", neither keeping them "close" nor keeping them "at a distance" proving entirely satisfactory. This is the complaint of most male supremacists today. It is the affliction of most women too. Until the dividing line between "keeper" and "kept" is done away with, there can be no doing away with these complaints and afflictions.

In this still unreformed society, every single new fashion is just so much window-dressing. In point of fact nothing has really changed. If you take a small bird which has been caged and let it perch on a pole, its status appears to have changed; but actually it is still the plaything of men, at the beck and call of others. This is what is meant by the proverb: Accept a meal and accept orders. So before all women win the same economic rights as men, I regard all find-sounding titles as empty talk. Of course, there are biological and psychological differences between men and women, as indeed there are between members of the same sex; but their status should be equal. Only after their status is equal shall we have real women and real men and do away with complaints and afflictions.



ON WOMEN'S LIBERATION (Cont'd)

Before true liberation there will be fighting. I am not saying, however, that women should take up arms like men or suckle their infants with one breast only, leaving the other half of the responsibility to men. All I mean is that we should not rest content with the present temporary situation, but fight unceasingly for liberation in the realm of ideas, the economy and other fields. When society is liberated, we ourselves will be liberated too, But of course it is also necessary to fight against present-day fetters which are exclusively women's.

Never having made a study of women's problems, when constrained to express my opinion on the subject these few idle words are all I have to say.

\*A quotation from the Analects. The teachings of Confucius (551-479 B.C.) upheld the interests of the ancient slave-owners.

\*\*China's bourgeois-democratic revolution which overthrew the Ling Dynasty.

\*\*\*A native of Hangchow who organized the Women's Northern Expeditionary

Corps at the time of 1911 Revolution, she later became an advisor to Yuan Shih-kai.

\*\*\*\*The revolutionary movement opposing feudalism and imperialism which started May 4, 19

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CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REPEAL OF THE ABORTION LAW

"The purpose of CARAL is to ensure that no woman in Canada is denied access to safe, legal abortion.

"Our aim is the repeal of all sections of the Criminal Code dealing with abortion, and the establishment of comprehensive contraceptive and abortion services, including appropriate counselling, across the country.

"We regard the right to safe, legal abortion as a fundamental human right".

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Address.....City.....

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NEWFOUNDLAND STATUS OF WOMEN COUNCIL

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal ( )

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I wish to support NSWC and the  
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