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### INTERNATIONAL

The Pakistani Government is cracking down on enforcement of its Islamic law code, particularly on questions affecting women. An 18-year-old high school student and the school bus driver with whom she eloped were ordered to be flogged and stoned to death for adultery because the young woman had first lived with the bus driver who was already married. She gave birth to a child which the bus driver's first wife is taking care of. (Multiple marriages are legal in Pakistan.) This was the first such sentence passed by a religious court here since Pakistan adopted traditional punishments for violations of Koranic law more than three years ago.

Also, the Minister of Information recently said that television must use fewer women in commercials. Since Pakistani television ads tend to be rather sedate, women have interpreted the move as a ban on the use of women in ads. Eighteen Pakistani women's organizations have protested the government's position.

(OFF OUR BACKS)

### INTERNATIONAL

Reports from Iran indicate that of all the Khomeini regime's opponents, women dissidents are being treated in a particularly humiliating and brutal manner.

The wave of executions that began June 20 now has claimed more than 2,000 lives.

The "inhumane and barbaric" treatment of women demonstrators and prisoners is described in a statement received from the National Women in Iran. Because of the reactionary views of the Islamic Republic's leaders toward women, the statements points out, women are targeted more than men for physical and psychological harassment in the streets and prisons. The statement describes various crimes against women by the regime's security forces and revolutionary guards:

"Undressing girls on the street, in front of the public, beating and injuring them. Pulling girls by the breats and other sexual humiliation both in and out of prison. Kidnapping opposition women, subjecting them to gang rapes. Numerous cases of rape of imprisoned women have been reported. Reports have been received of rape of women prisoners on the executions.

"Examining young girls manually, in the street and in front of the public at the time of their arrest, to prove that they are not 'decent girls.' Executing pregnant women, such as the case of the eight-month pregnant woman executed by firing squad. Executing young teenagers. There have been reports of the executions of girls as young EE as 13."

The statement appeals "to all international human rights organizations and all

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freedom-loving people to hear the voice of the Iranian people who are guilty only of fighting for democracy, social justice and human dignity."

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### NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

Women Strike for Peace, a Washington-based group which lobbies against the arms race, says that recent congressional approval of the AWAC planes sale to Saudi Arabia will only further militarize the Middle East.

Spokesperson Edith Vilistrago says that **zincost** although the group opposes the sale, it is not just the Middle East the group is concerned about. She says that, "No war can be contained" anywhere in if the U.S. continues to be the main international arms merchant.

On Oct. 24, Women Strike for Peace sponsored a protest at the United Nations focusing on an end to the mushrooming international arms race. The group urged the UN Secretary to call an international convention to outlaw nuclear weapons similar to the UN convention which outlawed bacteriological agents.

Vilistrago says the group is planning what may turn out to be the largest protest ever against the arms race at the UN next spring when a special session on disarmament takes place.

In the meantime, Women Strike for Peace is carrying out a lobby-by-proxy campaign on Capitol Hill. People are urged to contact Women Strike for Peace to receive a copy of the proxy which will give the organization permission to lobby on the signer's behalf in support of a bilateral freeze on nuclear weapons production and development.

Women Strike for Peace, 201 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Washington, DC. (HERSAY)

Falling in love and living happily ever after is nothing but a myth, according to the Girls Clubs of America.

The clubs have set up a national resource center to warn young women away from the Cinderella Syndrome. The Center will reportedly emphasize career planning, education, vocational training and sexual, moral and physical development.

Says Center director Patricia Turner-Smith, "The Cinderella Syndrome that somebody is going to come along and take care of (girls) has overshadowed the reality that they're going to be working a good part of their lives."

Turner-Smith hopes the Cinderella myth will be laid to rest by the new center, which reportedly represents the first national attempt to collect and disseminate information on girls' real-life needs.

Judges in divorce cases are increasingly making women choose between their careers and custody of their children.

The <u>Chicago Tribune</u> wrote, "It's not something that is happening every day, but here and there, divorce courts that once gave mothers custody almost automatically seem to be bearing down hard on ambitious women. The catch 22... is that women rarely receive enough child support... to stay home full time." For most women, staying home would mean going on welfare.

On September 25 and 26, Philadelphia Feminists Insist on Safe Transit (FIST) and Women Against Violence Against Women (WAVAW) joined together in a first coalitiomeeffort. The two groups converged on the parking lot of JKF Stadium where the Rolling Stones were giving a concert to an audience of 90,000.

Flyers describing the media-s glamorization of violence against women, in the form of the Stones' misogynist lyrics and album covers, and how that ties in to real-life battering and rape, were distributed on car windshields. Also, a plane with a banner saying "Black and Blue Hurts Women" was hired to fly around the stadium while the concert was in progress. This slogan refers to the Stones' album, "Black and Blue," which has a cover displaying a commercially slick version of a bound and bruised woman.

The three major TV stations in the area did not have coverage of this silent protest, and the major newspapers made only passing remarks about the airplane.

Feedback about the Philadelphia action or information on other similar protests would be appreciated by Women Against Violence Against Women, PO Box 2218, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

(NEW WOMEN TIMES)

Women's organizations and Civil Rights groups -- in an unusual move -- are openly criticizing President Reagan's choice of William Bell, who is black, to head the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Bell, a Republican, is president of a Detroit personnel consulting company, which, according to the <u>Los Angeles Times</u>, had an income of only \$7,000 last year. Critics charge Bell is too inexperienced for a major government post, and that his nomination is part of a plan by the Reagan administration to dismantle the enforcement of Civil Rights.

Bell, meanwhile, claims he has "an excellent background" and says he has been a Civil Rights activist "since before childhood." The Civil Rights groups remain unimpressed by these claims, however, and are reportedly demanding that Reagan rescind the appointment.

The Equal Rights Amendment has gone commercial . . . in a manner of speaking.

The National Organization for Women is for the first time running two 30-second television spots on the ERA. Both versions ask viewers to pledge money to support passage of the amandment, and both are being tested in Washington, D.C.

One version features a shot of a tombstone, marked with the fictional name George Baker. A narrator explains that when Baker died, his widow "was left with almost nothing" because "under the law, she was not his equal partner . . . her credit died with him." The camera then shows the widow's tombstone, while the narrator concludes, "three weeks ago Edna Baker finally became George's equal." NOW president Eleanor Smeal then appears to tell viewers how they can support the ERA.

The Commercials were produced by a Miami company run by two women. "We aren't going to mince words. If it take a multi-million dollar media campaign to pass the ERA, then that's what we'll do, " said Smeal.

### NATIONAL/GAY

A national radio series focusing on the proposed Family Protection Act, U.S. Immigration laws, and employment discrimination against lesbians and gay men, has been funded by National Public Radio's Satellite Program Development Fund. The \$14,695 grant was awarded recently to the National Lesbian and Gay Men's Radio Project. The Radio Project will produce three 30-minute documentaries to be distributed to the NPR Satellite Network's 230 stations. The programs will beparented produced at the studios of Western Public Radio in San Francisco.

The Lesbian and Gay Men's Radio project was created as a means to provide this minority with its first access to public radio on a national level. The Project will enable a national audience to hear programming focused on fundamental issues affecting this segment of the American population. An hour-long pilot documentary for the series has been produced and distributed to the satellite network.

Lesbian and gay producers who have information and recorded material asked concerning the Family Protection Act are **akassi** to contact the producers at Western Public Radio, Fort Mason Center, Building D., San Francisco, CA 94123. Phone (415) 771-1160.

(NEW WOMEN TIMES)

# ALL TOGETHER NOW

# Show Schedule

Broadcast on WDET-FM 101.9 each Tues. 7-8 p.m., repeated following Tuesday at 11 a.m.

DATE	TOPIC	PRODUCER(S)	
4/15/80	Robin Morgan (CHANGE) A show about the noted feminist writer, in- including readings of her works and an excerpt of a speech on her recent Detroit visit.	Jan McKae	
4/22/80	Jailhouse Mothers - a look at the problems of being a mother while in prison, and some in- novative attempts to provide better opportunities for humane, productive mother-child interaction for incarcerated women.	Ventra Asana-Gardner Carmen Leslie	
4/29/80	Women's Growth Center (rescheduled from 2/26) - a look at the goals and activities of this new counseling center for women. Show also in- cludes news on the upcoming Detroit Take Back the Night march on Saturday, May 3.Linda Johnson Sherri Moses		
5/06/80	<u>Pledge Show (Live)</u> Interview with local media woman and musician; live music.	Celine Belanger Eleftheria Lialios Arcadia Lefkaman Carmen Leslie	
5/13/80	Mother's Day - a look at how motherhood affects career choices; biological deadline in choosing to become a mother.	Linda Johnson, Karen Roth, Carolyn Jones, Linda Pickle	
5/20/80	Adrienne Rich (poet, author) - excerpts from her talk in Detroit, Aptil 17.		
5/27/80	Battered Wives - excerpts from interview with Margaret Thaer Singer who has done research on brainwashing and how it affects a woman's decision to remain in a violent marriage.	Jan McKae	
NEXT MEE	TING: <u>Sunday, April 13, 11 a.m.</u> - POTLUCK at Jennifer Kundak's (new member) 127 McLean Highland Park (2 blocks East of Wood		
	865-4881 4 blocks South of Davi		

Please call if you cannot attend.

### NATIONAL/GAY

Senator Paul Tsongas (Democrat-Massachusetts) has re-introduced his legislation to prohibit employment discrimination against gay men and lesbians. The Gay Rights National Lobby worked closely with Senator Tsongas' office on re-introduction and expanding copsponsorship for the measure. Those efforts are apparently successful, as this year's bill, S. 1708, already has secured twice as many sponsors as it had in the 96th Congress -- a real shock in the Senate, which has moved sharply to the right.

Although the bill will no doubt be politically controversial, it is, by most standards, a moderate bill. It simply prohibits discrimination in employment based on the irrelevant factor of "sexual orientation." It specifically addresses opponents' contentions that it is somehow a "special privileges" bill by spelling out that quotas are not to be used.

No hearings on the legislation are **EXPERIENT** anticipated because hostile Committee Chairmen could be expected to "stack the deck" with negative testimony.

The new co-sponsors of the legislation are Senator Ted Kennedy(Democrat9 Massachusetts), Senator Alan Cranston (Democrat-California), and Senator Daniel Inouye (Democrat-Hawaii). They join Tsongas and Senators Lowell Weicker, Connecticut; Robert Packwood, Oregon, and Daniel Patrick Moynihan (New York).

Supporters of lebbian/gay civil rights are urged to write to their Senators urging support and co-sponsorship of S. 1708. You may write to your Senator at the Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510.

### INTERNATIONAL/GAY

A gay monument will be built in Amsterdam, designed by lesbian sculptor Karin Daan. The design is based on the pink triangles the Nazi's forced homosexuals to wear in the concentration camps.

(NEW WOMEN TIMES)

What bothers women most about abortion laws is that they were made by men.

According to the first national survey to poll only women on abortion, a full 70 percent of the women said they were troubled by the fact that male politicians and judges decide abortion laws.

The poll, conducted by Yankelovich, Skelly and White for the November issue of <u>Life</u> magazine, also found that 59 percent oppose the proposed Human Life Amendment, which states that human life begins at conception.

Legal abortion was favored by 92 percent of the women when pregnancy posed a risk to the woman's health; 88 percent approved of abortion for rape victims; 87 percent if the fetus had a genetic defect; and 86 percent if the pregnancy was theresult of incest.

GAY/LESBIAN -- INTERNATIONAL

Ms. Magazine reports that a recent "epidemic" finally caused the Swedish State Health Board to reverse its longstanding classification of homosexuality as an illness. A large group of gay men and lesbians protested the classification by calling in "sick with homosexuality," according to their employers. Apparently, the action also motivated the board to destroy all records of individuals classified as having the "disease."

Ms. Magazine, February, 1982

A small-scale stu dy of pregnancy outcomes in Minnesota suggests that normal women not in a high-risk category may be better off delivering their babies in small community hospitals with a family doctor in attendance than at large or middle-size hospitals with specialists on staff.

The rep ort indicated that hospitals that handle fewer than 500 births a year have lower rates of infant death than larger facilities "equipped to deal with moderate-to-high-risk women."

The staffs of the larger hospitals were more likely to treat normal deliveries pregnancies as potentially hazardous -- an approach that resulted in more modical intervention, the report said.

Medical Self-Care, Fall, 1981

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# 1979-1980 Operati ng Budget

number	category	weekly amount	monthly amount
1	Groceries	143.84	624.98
2	Supplies	9.21	40.02
3	Equipment	11.51	50.01
4	Telephone	7.36	31.98
5	Insurance	10.93	4749
6	Misc.	11.51	50.01
7	Health Insurance	24.00	104.28
8	Staff Benefits	36.44	158.33
9	Cost of 50 Sub Hrs.	132.50	575.51
0	Staff Payroll	617.00	2680.87
1	F.I.C .A.	47.55	206.60
12	sub-total	1051-85	4570.29
13	F OOD REIMBURSEMENT	120.83	525.01

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October 8, 1979

The National Women's Health Network has recently cited major reasons why health care administered by the present medical system makes healthy women sick:

1. The United States has the highest rate of surgery in the world. One out of every three hysterectomies, 250,000 in 1980, bas is unnecessary.

2. Survival rates for breast cancer have not improved since 1930, yet it currently strikes one out of 13 women in the U.S.

3. There is a higher maternal and infant death rate in this country than in Canada, Japan and nine other industrial nations.

4. Birth control pills and IUDs, both highly used, can be deadly to thousands of women.

5. Forced sterilization of poor Hispanic, Black and Native women in is commonly practiced in the United Satates and its colonies, like Puerto Rico.

6. Menopausal estrogen drugs given unnecessarily to women result in thousands of cases per year of endometrial cancer.

Potent tranquilizers and anti-depressants are used habitually by
30 million women in the U.S.

8. There is little research done on the health needs of older women, yet in this country women over 65 suffer from diabetes, bone fractures, arthritis and malnutrition more than men.

For more information from or about National Women's Health Network, write them at 224 7th Street, SE, Washington, DC 20003,

New Women's Times, Jan., 2982

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A comprehensive childcare program in the U.S. may be the only way the full participation of women in this society can be assured.

Elinor Flen, member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women's Task Force on Childcage and President of Joint Council #8 of the Services Employees International Union, recently traveled to childcare facilities in Sweden, Israel and France. She has concluded that childcare in the U.S. must become a Priority issue.

Gien says that in all three countries she visited, provision for childcare is viewed as a means to equality between the sexes, as well as a way to enrich early childhood development and strengthen the family.

She says the Swedish government is committed by law to bring about equality between men and women, and childcare is viewed as a key solution to bringing mothers into the work force.

In Israel, she says, 90% of all Israeli children between the ages of three and give attended some sort of preschool or kindergarten.

In France, from the time a child is two, he or she is entitled to enter the ecole maternelle or nursery school which is part of the regular school system.

Glen asserts that the U.S.has both the resources and ingenuity to provide comparable facilities here. She is urging the U.S. to institute a national policy on children and families that include childcare, maternal and infant health plans and full employment. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: 2832 E. Grand Blvd., 873-8969. March 7, 3pm, discussion of revolutionary feminist philosophy and activity worldwoide followed by supper with poetry and music. Sponsored by Women's Liberation - News and Letters Committee.

REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM VERSUS THE HUMAN LIFE AMENDMENT: Oakland University Oakland Centert Center, Romme 126-27, March 10, 7:30pm, Sammy Rute Ruetenik, president of the M.E.A. Women's Caucus speaks on a woman's right to control her own body and the expediency of being a pro-choice legislator. Sponsored by Oakland County N.O.W.