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INTERNATIONAL

THIS PAST SUMMER SWISS WOMEN GAINED THEIR EQUALITY WITH A 60.3% BACKING OF THE GENERAL POPULATION IN A NATIONWIDE VOTE, THEIR AMENDMENT READS: "MEN AND WOMEN HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS. THE LAW ENSURES THEIR EQUALITY, ABOVE ALL IN THE FAMILY, EDUCATION AND WORK. MEN AND WOMEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK."

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JAPANESE MOTHERS AND WAR WIDOWS STAGED AN ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION IN TOKYO ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF PEARL HARBOR DAY. 1,500 WOMEN MARCHED, CARRYING BANNERS SAYING "WE NEED NEITHER ARMS NOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

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WINNIE MANDELA, A SOUTH AFRICAN ACTIVIST, HAS BEEN BANNED BY THE GOVERNMENT. SHE IS UNDER HOUSE ARREST AT NIGHT, CANNOT GO TO ANY "GATHERINGS" AND CANNOT HAVE HER WORDS PUBLISHED ANYWHERE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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RURAL MEXICO HAS A NEW SOAP OPERA, FOR LOVE, ABOUT A GIRL WHO LEARNS ABOUT THE ADVANTAGES OF BIRTH CONTROL IN MEXICO CITY, THEN RETURNS TO THE RURAL AREA TO SPREAD THE WORD.

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WOMEN ARE REPORTEDLY BEING SOLD INTO MARRIAGES IN A RURAL PROVINCE OF CHINA, BUT AUTHORITIES IN A RADIO BROADCAST REPORT THAT THEY ARE TAKING ACTION TO HALT THE PRACTICE.

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK

A resolution proclaiming the week beginning March 7, 1982, as National Women's History Week was passed by the United States House and Senate in July and signed by President Reagan.

The resolution salutes "American women of every race, class and ethnic background" who "helped found the Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways" and notes that "the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the body of American history." (I wonder if President Reagan read the resolution before he signed it.)

The successful campaign for national recognition of the vast, valuable and varied contributions of women to the history of the United States was coordinated by the Congressional Union (an organization of feminist historians and activists) and the National Women's History Week Project.

The celebration of Women's History Week began in 1978 in Sonoma County, California. In July, 1979, leaders of major women's organizations meeting in New York for the Sarah Lawrence College Summer Institute in Women's History adopted a resolution calling for the creation of National Women's History Week, to be celebrated during the week including International Women's Day-- March 8.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOLKSINGER CLAUDIA SCHMIDT WILL PERFORM A BENEFIT FOR THE CASS CORRIDOR
FOOD CO-OP 8:00 p.m. on FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS, MARCH 5 & 6
At DETROIT FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH ON THE CORNER OF CASS &
Forest For MORE INFORMATION CALL 843-2379. Sponsored by Detroit
Women's Music.

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The Future of the Women's Movement will be discussed in a panel
discussion in celebration of International Women's Day and Women's
History Week Tuesday March 9 at Mackenzie Hall at Wayne State University.
For more information call the Wayne State History Department.

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A discussion of revolutionary feminist philosophy and activity worldwide
followed by a supper with poetry and music will be given on March 7 at
3pm to Celebrate International Women's Day. The event is sponsored by
Women's Liberation-News and Letters Committee. For more information
call 873-8969

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Reproductive Freedom vs the Human Life Amendment will be discussed at
Oakland University on March 10 at 7:30 pm. Sammy Ruetenik, president
of the ME.A.'s Women's Caucus will be the speaker.

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Holly Near will be in concert at the Grand Circus Theatre March 26
at 8 pm. The concert will benefit the National Conference for Women and
the Law. For more information please call 965-5563.

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Debbie Frederick of the Downriver Anti-Rape Effort will be the featured
speaker at the Downriver N.O.W. meeting on March 10 at 7:30 pm. For more
information call 782-1056

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At the First Unitarian Universalist Church on March 6 from 11-3 pm
a luncheon celebrating International Women's Day will be held. For more
information call 961-2777

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