

ALL OVER THE WORLD, wherever we find ourselves, we are fighting for less work and more money, against men, against employers, against governments.

In the U.S., in Britain, in Canada, Unsupported Mothers had a movement of hundreds of thousands demanding Wages for Housework and refusing the second job.

In Italy, 10,000 women marched against the three million backstreet abortions a year which women undergo on pain of death or prison.

In Northern Ireland women are taking their wage by rent and rate strikes, by refusing to pay gas and electric bills. In Britain, and in many other countries, women have taken their wages by pocketing the rent money in a rent strike.

In many countries, women have taken their children to the Social Security until the State gave them money they were entitled to. The miners' wives did it, Irish women have done it.

The Wages for Housework Campaign in Britain is part of an international campaign, organising in many countries. In the U.S., Canada, Italy, Britain, thousands demonstrated on May Day for Wages for Housework for all women. We speak in different languages but we're all saying the same thing.

we are demanding wages for housework
from the state for all women

There's plenty of wealth in the world. Employers and governments—the State—quarrel among themselves about how to divide the loot. But they are united against us, because they made this loot from our work in the home and out of it. We want a wage for ALL the work we do. Then everyone will SEE that what we do as women IS work and not 'our nature'. MONEY IS POWER. We need this power TO REFUSE TO BE THE SERVANTS OF THE WORLD.

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WAGES FOR



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ALL WOMEN ARE HOUSEWIVES

All of us cook, clean, sew, shop, take care of others, dress and smile for others, no matter how WE feel. Single or married, teenagers or pensioners, immigrant or born here, with or without children, lesbian or straight, we all do housework. And it's work we do **WITHOUT A WAGE**.

Because there's no pay packet for housework, it isn't even considered work. But we are the ones who guarantee that men are fit for work, who bear and look after children who will be future workers. Housework is work making workers who work.

They think it comes natural to us. Wherever we go we're expected to smile and make the tea. Housework has turned our lifetime into working time. But we have always resisted—by making men help round the house, by refusing to let them decide what our sex lives are to be like, by demanding that the government give us free nursery schools so we can have time away from our children—time that belongs to us!

On top of housework most of us have to take a **SECOND** job—at half a man's wage. After all, we do housework for free, our time can't be worth much. And when we demand more money, the employers tell us, get it from a man. We're supposed to cook what 'he' likes and never say no at night, however we feel. That's 'women's work'. Housework. Free work. Hard work. It's hard work being a woman.

When we get home from one job, we start another shift. And whatever we earn goes back to the shops, to the landlord, to baby minders, in fares to and from work. We have worked for nothing again.

Now the government and industry tell us they are in crisis. But we have **ALWAYS** been in crisis. They've made us ill with work, given us tranquillisers so we could go on working. And now they want us to work harder. Stand in more queues. Go further for 'bargains'. Look after children sent home from school, relatives sent home from hospital.

They say we should do it for love, we shouldn't ask for money. But in Germany, in England, in Canada, women have fought for *paid days off* from their second job to do the housework. Last year thousands of nurses in Britain fought for more money, shorter hours, paid travel time. And they wrote on their banners—**YOU CAN'T PUT DEDICATION IN THE BANK**. You can't pay the bills with love.

Many of us came here from other countries to slave for a wage. They brought us over when they needed us. They've always treated **ALL** women that way, calling us into industry one minute, sending us home the next. Now they threaten to throw us out, out of jobs, out of the country. But the threats are to frighten us to work harder for even less. The more we fight for money, the more frightened *they'll* be. We refuse to let them plan our lives. **AND WE REFUSE TO BE WITHOUT A WAGE AGAIN.**

They've tried putting us against each other. Young against old, native-born against immigrant, married against unsupported mother. That's how they keep us separate, keep our struggles separate, and keep us working for free in the home and on the cheap outside. But we must come together against what we have in common—**OUR UNPAID HOUSEWORK!**

WHEN WOMEN ARE PAID FOR ALL WE DO THERE'LL BE A LOT OF WAGES DUE

WE DEMAND WAGES FOR HOUSEWORK—

- To cut down on housework—to eat out, get machines to do some of the work, and refuse to be slaves to the house
- To be able to decide working conditions and wages on the second job, and if we want it in the first place
- To stand up to men when we work **WITH** them and when we work **FOR** them—if we had our own money we could
- To decide what our sex lives should be like
- To decide if, when and under what conditions to have children
- To give our children what we want them to have
- To demand and **WIN** paid holidays away from **ALL** work
- To demand and **WIN** decent housing

