

# MARCH 78

## THIS MONTH

**International Women's Day, March 8.** International Women's Day was inspired by the mass strike and demonstrations of US working women who fought for decent working conditions and political rights around the turn of the century. Today people all over the world observe this day as a symbol of the vital role women play in the overall movement among the working class for social equality and justice. The fight against sexism is a basic part of this movement. See listings throughout this month's calendar, especially March 8, for events. See the other side of the calendar for more information on two organizing campaigns: The JP Stevens Boycott (Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union), and The Coalition to Defend Reproductive Rights.

**Hearings on Immigration Legislation** are scheduled for mid-March. The hearings are on a bill sponsored by Senators Kennedy & Eastland which closely follows Carter's proposals (see the January Community Calendar). This bill puts forward a phony amnesty plan and apartheid-like five-year temporary status for undocumented workers, among other things. Groups all over the country have been building opposition to government policies which scapegoat immigrants for unemployment. These policies reinforce disorganization and low wages in the workforce. March 18 will be a day of protest in some cities. Contact the Bay Area Committee on Immigration, PO Box 7143, Oakland 94601, for information about local plans.

**The Zimbabwe Medical Drive** continues this month with several events to raise funds to send medical supplies, equipment and literature to the guerrilla forces of the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia). Check listings during March for information on these educational benefit programs on Southern Africa, or contact the Zimbabwe Medical Coalition at 543-0890 or 431-9329.

The annual **KPFA Marathon Fund Raiser** will be held during the month of March to raise \$100,000 for Non-Commercial Listener-Sponsored Radio. Tune in to 94.1 fm and listen to programs of special interest ending on Friday March 31 with a **Gala KPFA Party** that will be broadcast live (from a location to be announced), through our studios. Check the Calendar for details on some of the programming, or pick up the KPFA *Folio* for complete listings for March. So stay tuned—and tell a friend to turn it on.

**WED 1 Seminar on South Africa** with Selby Semela and other South African exiles, featuring film *There is No Crisis* made clandestinely in South Africa, and discussion on the rise of the Black consciousness movement, at 88 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley, 7:30 pm, call 848-3810 for more info.

**Two Films by Women.** *The Fruit of Paradise* directed by Vera Chytilova, a contemporary Eastern European film in color with English subtitles, and *Nine Months* (Hungary 1977), directed by Marta Meszaros, at Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley, 7:30 pm, \$2.50.

**Benefit for US-China Peoples Friendship Assoc.** new film from the Peoples Republic of China, *Red Blossoms in Tianshan*, a national minority film of a woman brigade leader's struggles, 8 pm, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, \$1.50.

**"Non-Intervention in Nicaragua"** slideshow, speaker, and discussion on the anti-imperialist struggle in Central America, at People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 8 pm, free.

1954: *Five Puerto Rican patriots led by Lolla Lebron stage armed attack on US Congress in call attention to the struggle for independence from US imperialism; three are still in prison.*

**THU 2 Michelle Russell, Black** lecturer and author, speaks on "Women in Puerto Rico," sponsored by the Berkeley Women's Health Collective, at the Center for Independent Living, 2539 Telegraph Ave Berkeley, 8 pm, childcare for more info call 843-6194.

**"Moonlighting,"** a play about women and work, by "Lith," a women's theater collective, at Live Oak Theater, 1301 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:45 pm, \$2.50 donation (March 2, 3, 4), childcare.

**Peña Concert** with "Old Friends" the best in Huegrass music at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 9 pm, \$2.

**FRI 3 "For Their Triumph and Their Tears"** African Women's Lives Under Apartheid and Neo-Colonialism, a benefit cultural presentation for the Zimbabwe Medical Drive, with film, slides, music & dance, sponsored by the Southern Africa Solidarity Committee, at People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia St, SF, 7:30 pm, \$3, childcare.

**"Moonlighting,"** a play about women and work, see March 2.

**"Socialist Feminism,"** a forum with Elaine Draper, Debby Armida and Candace Falk speaking on current problems and opportunities of the women's movement, at East Bay Socialist School, 6025 Shattuck, Oakland, 8 pm, \$1, childcare.

**"Peña International,"** a true pena to create an exchange of cultural, social, artistic, and political experiences, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 9 pm, \$1.50, includes wine and empanada.

1832: *US President Jackson refuses to abide by Supreme Court decision guaranteeing Cherokee sovereignty, forcing them to leave their homeland to walk the "Trail of Tears" west to Oklahoma.*

1971: *Berkeley, California branch of the Bank of America is bombed for the 30th time.*

## SAT 4

**Women Fight Back Network Conference** in Sacramento to plan a statewide communications network of groups and organizations doing work on women's issues; the conference will include workshops, information & literature tables, open mike, and entertainment, 9 am to 5:30 pm at Sacramento State University, Little Theater, Sacramento. \$3 donation, childcare provided, food available, pre-registration is requested but not mandatory, women only (no dope, dogs or drink). Contact Women Fight Back Network, PO Box 23984, Oakland, CA 94623.

**Demonstration and Rally in Solidarity with Puerto Rican and Chicano/Mexicano Liberation Struggles**, assemble at 16th & Mission, SF at 12 noon, march to UN Plaza (near Civic Center BART station) for rally with speaker from labor movement in Puerto Rico, and Chicano/Mexicano Grand Jury resister recently released from prison in Chicago, also music and entertainment, call 863-1148 or 547-6884 for more information.

**Disco Dance**, a benefit program for the Domestic Workers Support Group of the California Homemakers Association, with music and food, at House of Joy 1145 55th Street, Oakland, 9 pm to 2 am, \$1.50 donation, childcare, call 653-7020 for more info.

**Peña Fiesta**, Orlando Julius presents "Ashiko," strong African rhythms, beginning in Nigeria and traveling the world, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 9:30 pm, \$3.

**"Moonlighting,"** a play about women and work, see March 2.

**"Sexuality,"** a workshop on theories and common assumptions about sexuality, with Karen Rotkin, at East Bay Socialist School, 6025 Shattuck, Oakland, 1-5 pm, \$2, childcare.

**"Brazil Day,"** special programming on KPFA fm 94 listener-sponsored radio, featuring the music and politics of South America's sleeping giant, all day.

1913: *5,000 women march in Washington, DC demanding the right to vote; women's suffrage movement began in 1848 and won the right to vote in 1920, 72 years later.*

1973: *First Conference of Mozambican women with delegates from forces engaged in all aspects of revolutionary struggle to expel Portuguese colonialism and build a new society.*

**SUN 5 "Beyond Houston: Berkeley Women on the Move,"** a conference to plan action on the issues of the International Women's Year Conference held last fall in Houston, with speakers Dr. Josefa Mondanaro and Ying Lee Kelley, workshops, and a cultural program by CommonArts, sponsored by Berkeley Citizen's Action, Berkeley Women's Center, East Bay NOW, & Berkeley YWCA, at Martin Luther King Jr High, 1781 Rose, Berkeley, 10 am, \$3.50, call 548-4343 for more info.

**Eleventh World Festival of Youth and Students** (in Havana, Cuba) preparatory meeting at Finnish Hall, 1819 10th Street, Berkeley, 1 pm, all persons interested in helping to prepare for the Festival this summer are welcome to attend, call 285-8868 for more info.

**"Housing Alternatives—Housing Issues,"** a panel discussion and group workshops on topics including communal living, housing discrimination and current trends in local and state legislation, and tenants' rights & how to enforce them, sponsored by Berkeley Tenants Union and East Bay Single Parent Resource Center at Washington School Auditorium, 2500 Grove, Berkeley, 11:30 am to 3:30 pm (bag lunch), childcare provided, call 841-1958 for more info.

**Benefit for AISC (Argentine Information & Service Center), film *Rebellion in Patagonia*, a dramatic account of agrarian revolution in Argentina, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$2. Also poster fair, 11 am to 5 pm.**

**An Evening of Music for Women** with Bonnie Lockhart, Joan Lefkowitz and Nancy Vogel, at the Bacchanal, 1369 Solano, Albany, 8 pm, \$2 donation, call 658-5713 for childcare.

**Breakaway—East Bay Free School for Women**, teachers and convenors meeting, new teachers welcome (any woman with a feminist perspective), at 434 66th Street, Oakland, 7:30 pm, call 849-4087 for more info.

**Films of Charlie Chaplin**, with *Modern Times* (1936), 5:30 & 9:30 pm, and *Three Masterpieces: A Dog's Life, Shoulder Arms, and The Program* 7:10 pm, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berkeley, call 642-1124 for more info.

**Poster for Lesbians & Kids**, with cartoons & slides, (bring something to share), at Pacific Center, 2321 San Pablo, Berkeley, 2-6 pm, call 548-8283 for more info.

1770: *Boston Massacre, with five killed as British troops open fire on hecklers; Crispus Attucks, Black sailor, is among those killed in this incident which sparked the war against colonialism, but perpetuated slavery for Blacks.*

**MON 6 Gray Panthers of the East** Bay general meeting, with discussion of issues and upcoming events in the struggle against ageism, at W. Berkeley Public Library, 1125 University Ave, Berkeley, 3-5 pm, free, for childcare or more info call 845-5208.

1864: *Navaho Long Walk begins, with 8,000 Navahos marched as prisoners to Fort Sumner, New Mexico, and held in concentration camp for three years.*

1930: *First nationwide protest against unemployment, with 1,250,000 demonstrating nationwide, organized by the Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party.*

**TUE 7 Peña Film Series, *The Life and Death of Frida Kahlo***, one of Mexico's foremost surrealist painters, with special appearance from the Family Circus of Portland, anti-imperialist chorus, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8 pm, \$1.50.

**Tenant Organizing & Rights Workshop**, sponsored by Berkeley Tenants Union, 2022 Blake, Berkeley, 7:30 pm, free, 843-6601 or 845-8776 for more info.

**Benefit Poetry Evening for Diana Press** (feminist press and publishing house recently vandalized), sponsored by the Women Writer's Union, at People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 8 pm, \$2, call 431-9329 for info.

1932: *Ford Massacre in Dearborn, Michigan; eight workers killed, 60 wounded by machinegun fire during march on factory where 85,000 were laid off.*

**WED 8 Benefit for Comité Jane Vanini**, a multi-media program in homage to revolutionary Third World women, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, \$2, childcare.

**International Women's Day presentation slide show "Clerical Workers: How They See Us & Who We Are,"** an historical look at office workers, followed by *The Red Detachment of Women*, a Chinese ballet film on women in the Chinese war of national liberation, at People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 7:30 pm, free, childcare provided.

**International Women's Day Celebration**, with film *How We Got the Vote* and speakers on "How We Will Win the Equal Rights Amendment," sponsored by East Bay NOW (National Organization of Women), at Oasis House, 2501 Hillegas, Berkeley, 8 pm, \$1, call 763-4756 for information.

**Seminar on South Africa** with Selby Semela and other South African exiles, featuring film *The Riot that Will Not Stop*, and discussion on Black consciousness, students, and the continuing struggle, at 88 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley, 7 pm, call 848-3810 for more info.

**International Women's Day Program: two films by Paule DeSol, with *La Derive (Adrift)* and *Ben and Benedict***, at Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley, 7:30 pm, \$2.

**Black Single Mother's Group** begins, sponsored by Bananas and Family, Youth & Children's Center, covering the concerns of being not only a single mother but a Black woman in this society, 7:30-9 pm at Bananas, 3025 Shattuck, Berkeley, childcare, call 548-4370 or 849-4378 for more info or to sign up.

**"International Women's Day,"** special programming on KPFA fm 94, listener-sponsored radio, featuring a Women's Sampler, with Kris Welch and Women's Humor (7-9 am), Women Writers with Eve Buckner (10:30 am), Women's Music from around the world (1:30-3 pm), Houston—International Women's Year, with Sacina Sojourner (4:30-6 pm), and much more.

1910: *International Women's Day proclaimed by the Second International, in commemoration of 1908 mass strike and demonstration by women in the New York garment industry; a socialist congress on the initiative of Clara Zetkin, US feminist organizer.*

**THU 9 Political Posters: A Weapon in the Hands of the People**, by the San Francisco Poster Brigade, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:00 pm, \$1.

**"Why JFK Was Killed,"** slideshow offering evidence that E. Howard Hunt & Frank Sturgis of the CIA killed JFK, at Dwinelle Hall, Rm 101, UC Berkeley, 12 noon.

1913: *Death of Harry Tubman, Black woman instrumental in organizing the "Underground Railway" which helped slaves escape to the Northern "free" states.*

**FRI 10 San Francisco Mime Troupe Performance** at Laney College, 9th & Fallon, Oakland, 8 pm, free, call 285-1717 for more info.

**"Teatro de la Gente,"** bilingual music and theater, *La Carpa Callejera y una Recondición de Canciones Latinoamericanas*, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 9 pm, \$2.50.

**Benefit Program** with speaker Joseph Waller, chairman of the African People's Socialist Party, Yvonne Golden, and others, film *Teach Our Children*, slide show and cultural presentations, sponsored by the Graham & Allen Defense Committee and Community United for Black African Liberation, at Laney College Forum, 9th & Fallon, Oakland, 7 pm, free, childcare, call 654-7962 for more info.

**National Coalition to Support African Liberation (NCSAL)** will sponsor a program to start its Bay Area campaign against the Kruggerand, US investments in South Africa, and South African Airlines; speakers include Harry Edwards, ZANU, and NCSAL; Disco entertainment, Pauley Ballroom, UC Berkeley, \$2, call 642-3361 for information.

**SAT 11 Benefit Dance for Political Prisoners in Chile**, with film *To the People of the World* (bilingual), 8 pm, and dance with *Budzoleh Sounds*—African Highlife Band, 9:30 pm, sponsored by OPHRICH—Office for Political Prisoners and Human Rights in Chile, at People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, \$2 advance, \$2.50 door, childcare, for info call 431-9329.

**Women's Music** with Woody Simmons & Nancy Vogel, at Pacific Center, 2329 San Pablo, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$2.

**Brazilian Carnival** with "Brazil Export, samba, jazz, Bossa, and exciting rhythms, 9:30 pm. Also Book Party for the publication of *The Children of Che*, by Karen Wald, Ramparts Press, 3-6 pm at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley.

**Films of Charlie Chaplin**, with *The Great Dictator* (1940), at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berkeley, 4:20 & 8:30 pm, call 642-1124 for more info.

**"Doing Oral History,"** a workshop with Ken Kapp at East Bay Socialist School, 6025 Shattuck, Oakland, 1-5 pm, \$2, childcare provided, call 652-1756 or 849-0687 for more info.

**SUN 12 An evening of Greek Music** by "Rebetes," featuring the underground Rebetina & contemporary popular and political songs, 8:30 pm, \$2.50. Also Book Fair, 11 am to 3 pm, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley.

1912: *Lawrence Mass: Textile strike led by women workers and called the "Bread & Roses" strike after a song that developed out of the strike by 20,000 workers for decent wages, hours and conditions, ends in victory. "Yes, it is bread we fight for—but we fight for roses too!... The rising of the women means the rising of us all."*

1917: *Russian Revolution ends Czarist rule.*

**MON 13 Joseph Waller**, chairman of African People's Socialist Party, will speak on "African Internationalism" as a strategy for Black liberation, with films *Can You Hear Me?* and *Now*, at People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 8 pm, \$1.

**TUE 14 Peña Film Series, *Blood of the Condor, One Day I Asked***, documentary short from Colombia, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$1.50.

**"Hard Work,"** a new film on efforts to decriminalize prostitution, focusing on the First World Meeting of Prostitutes held in Washington last year, with Margo St James in person, 8:30 & 10:30 pm, and *Woman to Woman*, a powerful documentary by Donna Beiton combining historical perspective with current interviews, 7:45 & 9:45 pm, also *Harbor*, *Wall Slideshow* at the Roxie Cinema, 3177 16th Street, SF, \$2 with 50 cent membership card.

**Tenants Organizing & Rights Workshop**, sponsored by Berkeley Tenants Union, see March 7.

1961: *Militant Filipino students protest and disrupt US-inspired communist kitchen-nut hearings, sparking the revival of the anti-imperialist independence movement in the Philippines.*

1975: *After an unsuccessful fighting camp in Portugal, newly-formed High Revolutionary Council nationalizes banks and insurance companies and jabs many of Portugal's biggest capitalist families.*

1972: *Death of Yvonne Louamer, militant Black woman and civil rights fighter in Mississippi.*

**WED 15 Benefit for AIM & the Native American Survival School**, with report from the Longest Walk, film music by *Fresh Goods*, & Dennis Banks will speak, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8 pm, \$2.

**Seminar on South Africa** with Selby Semela and other South African exiles, featuring discussion on "Perspectives for the Future and the Role of US Support Movements" at 88 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley, 7 pm, call 848-3810 for more info.

**Political Poster Show & Celebration**, featuring SF poster-makers and songs by *Voces*, Chilean refugees at San Jose, at Helen Euphrat Gallery, De Anza College, Cupertino, 7-10 pm, call (408)996-4836 for info. (Poster Showing March 15-18, 12-4 pm & 7-9 pm, with audio-visual documentary presentation Sat at 7:30 pm).

**Information Night** with a presentation by Committee to Abolish Prison Slavery on the issue of the 13th Amendment of the Constitution which allows prison slavery, at the People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 8 pm, free, for info call 535-0931.

**"The Third World,"** special programming on KPFA fm 94 listener-sponsored radio, all day.

1971: *Fvt. Billy Dean Smith framed for murder in the "frugging" deaths of two white officers in Bien Hoa, Vietnam; after 18 months in the stockade at Fort Ord, Ca., the Black GI is freed of all charges, with the mass support of GIs and the antiwar movement.*

**THU 16 Solidarity Night with the Eritrean Revolution**, including a new film and presentation on the current situation in Eritrea, sponsored by the Assoc of Eritrean Students in North America, at People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 7:30 pm, \$1.

**Peña Concert** with Lenny Anderson & Faith Petric, singing about the lives of working people, songs from the labor movement and folk traditions, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$1.50.

1968: *US troops on a "search and destroy" mission led by Lt. Wm. Calley murder 567 civilians in the My Lai Massacre.*

1831: *Nat Turner leads slave insurrection against Virginia plantation owners.*

**FRI 17 "Chimurenga Revolution"** Women in Wars of National Liberation & Socialist Reconstruction, a benefit cultural presentation for the Zimbabwe Medical Drive, sponsored by the Southern Africa Solidarity Committee, at People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 7:30 pm, \$2, childcare, for info call 431-9329.

**St. Patrick's Day**, a joint benefit with the Starry Plough, Irish music including the *Nearly Kaely Gaelic Band & Auld Triangle*, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 7 pm (to be broadcast live on KPFA).

**Day of Solidarity with the People of Zimbabwe**, in 1896 joint tribal forces attacked the colonialist Fort Mhondoro, and today this day commemorates the unity and struggle of the Zimbabwean people against white settler Rhodesian colonialism.

1970: *First postal workers strike in US history, as workers defy the Taft-Hartley Act, and National Guard is finally called in to break the strike.*

**SAT 18 Peña Concert**, a special international concert with Rafael Manriquez from Chile & Jeanie Lewis from Australia accompanied by Peter Adler (USA) on piano, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 9 pm, \$2.50.

1871: *Workers of Paris overthrow the capitalist government, establishing the Paris Commune, the first workers' state.*

**SUN 19 Benefit for the Zimbabwe Medical Drive**, presentation on US mercenaries in Rhodesian Army, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$1.50, childcare provided. Also Solidarity Flea Market, 11 am to 3 pm.

**"Where do we Go From Here?"** a Children's Performance at the Oakland Community School, 6118 E 14th Street, Oakland, 4 pm, \$1.25, call 562-5261 for more info.

**"Festival Primavera '78,"** celebracion espectacular de la fundación de La Primavera, con Los Hijos de San José, Castillo Alvarez, obsequio de baile, Folklorico, Xochipilli, poncos, Vicente Beltrán, Amalia Segura and sus Danzantes Aztecas, Mariachi, y exhibición de artesanía, en El Centro Cultural de la Gente de San Jose, 286 S. First Street, San Jose, 6-9 pm, \$5 (menores de 12 años y adultos mayores de 65 años gratis, 11 amen para reservar boletos—(408)294-8063.

**"Harris County, USA,"** film benefit for the Committee for Justice for Huey P. Newton, Academy award-winning film documents the struggle of mine workers in the coalfields, at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th Street, SF, 1 pm, \$2.50.

**MON 20 Gray Panthers of the East Bay** general meeting, see March 6.

1971: *53 GIs in Vietnam refuse to move into combat, in one of many troop rebellions.*

**TUE 21 Peña Film Series, *Double Day***, made by women about the burdens of working women in Latin America: *Colombia 70* (short) on opulence vs poverty in Bogotá, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$1.50.

**Two Film Documentaries: *Children of Labor—West Coast Premier, and Prairie Fire***, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berkeley, 7:30 pm, call 642-1124 for more info.

1853: *American Labor Union founded to unite different crafts into one union.*

1960: *Sharpsville Massacre, with 71 South African Blacks killed as police fire on peaceful protest against apartheid.*

**WED 22 Benefit for August 21 Coalition, *Both Sides of the Wall***, multimedia presentation in solidarity with prisoners' movement, Joseph Waller of African Peoples Socialist Party, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 7:30 pm, \$2, childcare.

**THU 23 Vietnam/Cambodia**, for forum & discussion on the border dispute, with Lowell Findlay from the Southeast Asia Resource Center, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8 pm, \$1.

**Red Balloon Theater Company** presents two historical plays, "Gold Fever" and "A Moment's Notice"—a story of strike-torn Chicago in 1877, at People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 8 pm, \$2 (\$1 children).

**"Focus on Women in Music,"** special programming on KPFA fm 94 listener-sponsored radio, with music from the Renaissance to Rock, with specials on Faye Carol and Leola Jiles.

**FRI 24 East Bay Socialist School Forum, "The First Test of European Communism: The French Revolution"**, with Stanley Aronowitz, author of *Red Promises*, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8 pm, \$1.

**Red Balloon Theater Company** presents two historical plays, "Gold Fever" and "A Moment's Notice," see March 23.

**"We Are Everywhere,"** a day of Gay Men's Radio, special programming on KPFA fm 94 listener-sponsored radio.

1965: *First "Teach-In" against Vietnam War at University of Michigan; others spread across the country.*

1970: *California Supreme Court extends voting rights to citizens who speak only Spanish.*

**SAT 25 Benefit Dance for Committee to Abolish Prison Slavery**, a non-profit civil rights organization dedicated to abolishing prison slavery (allowed by the 13th Amendment to the Constitution), with contemporary music by Nexus, at the Starry Plough Pub, Shattuck & Price, Berkeley, 8:30 pm to 1 am, \$2 advance, call 535-0931 for info.

**Peña Fiesta, with Salsa de Berkeley**, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 9:30 pm, \$3, Children's programs Saturday at 1:30 pm. *Happy the Clown, City Maze Puppets, Children's Ballet Folklorico*, Oscar Quiros, mime, music & dance.

**"Always for Pleasure,"** film premier with director Les Blank in person and party with food, wine & music, film features *The Wild Tchoupitoulas* and other Mardi Gras highlights, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berkeley, 4:30, 7:30 & 9:30 pm, \$6 for 7:30 & 9:30 shows (which include party), call 642-1124 for more info.

**Red Balloon Theater Company** presents matinee performance of two historical plays, "Gold Fever" and "A Moment's Notice," 2 pm, see March 23.

1911: *"Triangle Shirtwaist Fire" in sweatshop in NYC kills 146 people, mostly women; the disaster sparks organizing among women workers for better working conditions.*

**SUN 26 "Jazayer,"** traditional music of Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey, Greece, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$2.50. Also *Coco Santo*, Afro-Cuban Easter celebration at 2 pm, Berkeley, 9 pm, \$2.50.

**Films of Charlie Chaplin**, with *The Kid* and *The Idle Class*, 4:20 & 7:50 pm, and *City Lights*, 6:40 & 9:30 pm, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berkeley, call 642-1124 for more info.

**TUE 28 Peña Film Series, "Blow for Blow,"** reconstruction of strike & occupation by women workers in a French textile factory, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$1.50.

**"The Last Cause,"** an epic documentary film about the Spanish Civil War with recently-released archival footage, interviews with veterans of the International Brigade, which fought against Franco and fascism, made by Canadian filmmakers Alex Cramer and Steven Franklin, at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th Street, SF, 7:30 pm, \$2 with 50 cent membership card.

**"Why JFK Was Killed,"** slideshow offering evidence that E. Howard Hunt & Frank Sturgis of the CIA killed JFK, at Dwinelle Hall, Rm 101, UC Berkeley, 8 pm.

1915: *Emma Goldman, feminist leader, jailed for explaining birth control to women.*

**WED 29 "The War in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia),"** a public forum on the struggles of the Zimbabwean people against the rule of the white-settler regime, by the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), at People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 7:30 pm, free, childcare provided, call 431-9329 for more info.

**Benefit for Assassination Information Bureau**, poetry with Vicky Hearne, Karen Isis Bogen & Kay Boyle; Theater with Martin Ponch & Irving Israel, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$2.

**THU 30 "Sirvinakuy,"** traditional Andean dance & music, a continuing workshop, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$1.50.

**"A Day of African Music,"** special programming on KPFA fm 94, listener-sponsored radio, all day.

1870: *Constitutional amendment gives Black males the right to vote.*

**FRI 31 "The Furies of Mother Jones,"** a political theater performance by the Little Flagg Theater on national tour from Boston, sponsored by the People's Cultural Center at Ben Franklin Jr High School, 1430 Scott (near Geary), SF, 8 pm, \$3 advance, \$3.50 door, call 431-9329 for more info (also showing April 1).

**Benefit for KPFA**, on the final day of the Marathon, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, call 448-6767 for more info.

**Benefit Program for the New People's Army (NPA) of the Philippines**, sponsored by the International Association of Filipino Patriots and the Union of Democratic Filipinos, proceeds will go to send material assistance to the patriotic people's army in its nine-year struggle to overthrow US

## The Textile Industry: Seventy Years of Struggle for Basic Rights

**"We Have the Future With Us,  
We Have History In Our Hands"**

Seventy years ago this month, 20,000 women, most of them garment and textile workers, poured into the streets of New York's Lower East Side in a march that has become an international symbol of women's and workers' militancy.

Their demands were for an eight-hour workday, a living wage to end squalid living conditions, no more child labor, the right to vote, and, above all, the right to organize and an end to dangerous sweatshop conditions.

A good part of the significance of that March 8 demonstration is due to the level of unity and determination of the textile workers and the leadership women provided. But it also marked a turning point in a many-year struggle over the right of workers to form unions and work together to achieve their goals.

It was a bitter fight in which the bosses blocked attempts at unionization in every way possible. They tried to intimidate and wear down the workers with threats of losing their jobs, by hiring company spies, by blacklisting activists, and through endless court runarounds. They tried to split and buy off workers by playing on sexism and ethnic differences among immigrants, and setting up stratified job categories. When that failed and workers went out on strike, the owners then brought in strike-breakers and had strikers beaten and jailed.

But even in the face of economic stress and physical violence, the workers responded with incredible tenacity and mutual support. They kept up the picket lines, strikes, and marches until they won.

### "Born Into A Fight"

Since 1908, many of the struggles have continued: different companies, different workers, but the same issues. The early '70s saw 4,000 garment workers in the Southwest—mostly Chicanas—go out on strike against Farah Co. Again the main issue was the right to organize. Through their own strength and the support of a nationwide boycott, the strike was won.

Today, we see the JP Stevens textile corporation pursuing the same practices as Farah and the textile companies of the early 1900s. Stevens flagrantly disregards the health of its workers, has stalled company-wide unionization for 14 years, and attempts to divide workers by race and sex.

However, as in previous strikes, much of the leadership is coming from women, in this case Black women, who make up a large and militant portion of the workforce. As in the 1908 strikes, workers are recognizing that their strength lies in unity. And like the Farah strikers, the Stevens workers are calling for a national boycott.



## Boycott JP Stevens

### Why a Boycott?

The JP Stevens Company is under a nationwide boycott because it is one of the most arrogant lawbreakers today, has been found guilty of violating the National Labor Relations Act fifteen times, and consistently disregards and impedes the health and welfare of thousands of workers in its plants. The Stevens' Company is number two in the textile industry with sixty-three plants in the Carolinas. Formerly manufacturing was centered in the New England states, but JP Stevens has pursued a "runaway shop" policy, moving to areas of cheap, unorganized labor.

In learning about the JP Stevens boycott, the outstanding issues often pinpointed are the lack of decent pensions, the threat against organizing, and the debilitating effects of Brown Lung disease. But another condition goes seriously unchecked, and that is the massive discrimination for women and black workers. The bias black workers face in employment practices at JP Stevens has been documented in court cases and EEOC investigations. However, the discrimination against women workers is just beginning to be uncovered. At this point in the research, it is known that out of 44,000 workers, not one woman supervisor has been found in a Stevens' plant.

While white women have found greater access to white-collar work in the Stevens plant, the majority (87%) are still concentrated in the office clerical jobs. In sharp contrast are the great numbers of men (73%) in managerial and technical areas. 97% of white women in blue-collar jobs are working in semi-skilled and non-skilled positions, while 31% of the white men in these jobs are classified as skilled craft workers. The discrimination against black women is worse as black workers only account for 7% of skilled craft jobs in the Stevens plants, although they make up 80% of the workforce.

As a major employer of manufacturing labor in the Carolinas, JP Stevens plays a critical role in setting industrial policies for wages and economic benefits in the South. If we don't stop them, Stevens can set the precedent in other plants and businesses throughout the nation. This is why national boycott activities are essential, not only to the women and men workers struggling at JP Stevens, but for all of us.

Boycott activities have received good support in the local area. The Boycott Committee recently hosted two JP Stevens workers at various activities throughout the Bay Area. A 27-minute film is available free of charge to any interested group. This may be accompanied with or without speakers. For more information, contact Sharron Farrell, Northern California Boycott Coordinator, at 397-8495.

## International Women's Day Issue



*The following article is by a member of the Coalition to Defend Reproductive Rights. The move to cut off public funding for abortion is part of a general attack on women's rights. The so-called "pro-life" (anti-abortion) forces are joined with other right wingers in opposition to the ERA and affirmative action policies.*

*The fight that women have waged for equal pay and opportunity, decent health care, and quality childcare, is seriously threatened by such legislation; and, in a time of high unemployment, big business and the government have a lot to gain from the confusion brought down by reactionary campaigns against women's rights. Big business and the government get more profits by encouraging these campaigns in the media and in the legislature. They benefit from cutbacks in social services and low wages without protections.*

*It's important for men and women both to expose how this so-called "defense of the family" often leaves us unable to support our children, and in broken health.*

## Defend Reproductive Rights

The Coalition (CDRR) was founded in June, 1977, by legal and health workers and community activists in response to the passage of the Hyde Amendment, which cut off federal funds for abortions. CDRR sees this attack on abortion rights not as an isolated policy, but as part of a general attack on the reproductive rights of all people—particularly poor and third world women.

### Four Demands for Reproductive Rights

**Public Funding for Low-Income Women**—In the face of an enormous anti-abortion campaign waged by the establishment and the organized right-wing, we are concentrating our work on keeping abortion funded in California.

**Stop Forced Sterilization**—In recent years, the "Population Control" movement of forced sterilization of third world people both inside and outside the US has been exposed as a racist and genocidal movement of the rich which attempts to place the blame for all the world's ills on too many people instead of on too much profit. Though federal funds for abortions are outlawed, sterilizations are still federally funded in the US and are now being pushed as the only alternative for poor and third world women.

**Prenatal and Child Care**—The right to adequate prenatal and child care is as integral to our freedom as the right to abortion on demand. Without adequate prenatal and child care, women's options are limited as to where and what kind of work we can do, where we can live, and the kind of attention we can give our children. Throughout the country, including many counties surrounding San Francisco, it is impossible to secure prenatal care on Medi-Cal, and there are no public health facilities to give this service. Publicly funded childcare is practically non-existent. There are presently 11,000 children in San Francisco alone in need of childcare.

**Custody Rights for Disabled and Lesbian Women**—The threat of losing custody of our children is a weapon of social control state institutions use to manipulate and direct our lives. Whether or not we have to deal with state institutions such as welfare, prison or family courts, is usually directly related to our class and racial backgrounds. Now that women are no longer accepting stereotypical definitions of what we can do, how we can live and whom we can love, the state is trying to show us that this may cost us our children.

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### We need your help!

- First, we want your reactions to and suggestions about the calendar. We can also use help with production and distribution. If you can distribute the calendar at your workplace or in your neighborhood, drop by early in the month.
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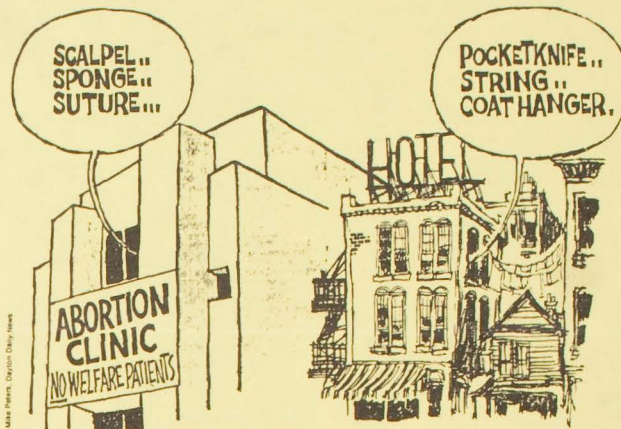
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## Abortion and the Right to Choose

We believe a choice means a decision based on real options. Our reproductive decisions are being limited by economic, political, and medical factors.

Without good birth control and without decent provisions for the children we might wish to have, abortion has been the main "back-up" choice for poor (largely minority) women. With abortion not available and with sterilization being both funded and "pushed," many women who cannot afford to get pregnant and have a child will be forced to "choose" permanent sterilization. For example, at San Francisco General Hospital, a person earning just under \$600 a month may not be able to get a needed chest x-ray, but does qualify for free sterilization.

These attacks on reproductive rights can only add to the inequalities people already face in this society on the basis of sex, class, and race.



## What CDRR is Doing

**Mass Action**—Working with other community groups, we have sponsored two rallies to push for continued state funding for abortion and one mass demonstration with speakers on various issues of reproductive rights.

**Education**—We have written a leaflet explaining and connecting the issues of abortion and other reproductive rights. We are developing a speakers bureau which will speak to community organizations about reproductive rights and population control.

**Legislation**—So far, we have worked to keep abortion funded in California. Presently there is a budget item in the state finance committee which is a 34 million dollar appropriation for abortion. If this is passed it will ensure continued Medi-Cal funding for abortions for the fiscal year 1978-79. The budget appropriations is an important issue right now and people should write to the State Finance Committee urging its passage.

Also, a petition is now being circulated by anti-choie (so-called "pro-life") forces to put a restrictive initiative on the November ballot. This initiative would say that no public funds can be used for abortions. If we do not mount an aggressive campaign to defeat this there will be no public funding for abortion.

Work with CDRR. Call us at 285-0770 for information about our next meetings. Call if you belong to an organization that would like to hear our speakers. Pick up one of our leaflets at Inkworks, 4224 Telegraph, Oakland.

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