FORD APPROVES $5 MILLION FOR NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

A bill calling for a National Women's Conference in 1976 has been signed by President Ford. H.R. 9924, introduced by Representative Patsy Mink, authorizes an expenditure of $5 million. The conference will provide a forum for women to celebrate the Bicentennial, acknowledge the contributions of women to the building and growth of our country, and discuss issues of importance to women on the agenda of the future.

Dear Sisters,

Our plans to meet our subscribers at the December Woman Alive picnic were rained out. Huddling in the rain, a few of our hardier staff members did meet a few neat women who ventured out. They all headed for dryer surroundings, leaving behind a large banner with LeAnn's phone number scrawled at the bottom. About 10:30 that evening, LeAnn got a call from the police: "We had a report that there was a woman screaming in Ala Moana Park. When we got there, all we found was this banner saying 'WOMAN ALIVE phone this number. What's going on?"

The picnic produced a small follow-up party the day after Christmas. When discussion focussed on the state of the women's movement in Honolulu, several women lamented that there is no feminist bar or restaurant here. "Why wait for one to start?" one woman asked. "Why not create our own?"

And so, sisters, why not join us at Anna Banana's on Wednesday nights. We'll be there the 7th and the 14th. If the place doesn't feel good for feminists after two weeks, we'll look for somewhere that does.

Happy New Year.

The Woman Alive Staff

The National Conference will:
* assess the progress made to date in promoting equality between women and men...
* assess the developing role of women in all sectors...
* identify the barriers that prevent women from participating fully...
* develop recommendations for means by which such barriers can be removed...

The bill authorizes convening of a state-wide women's conference in each state and territory. The National Commission for the I.W.W. has responsibility to designate a coordinating committee in each state, and grant approximately $25,000 to organize and conduct the state meeting, including costs of printing, hall rentals, etc. The National Commission will also grant technical assistance and prepare background material for use at the state meeting.

At the state conference, women will assemble a State Women's History, to be recorded in a "Bicentennial Book of Tributes" in Washington, D.C., a record which all women could draw on for encouragement for the next 100 years. A primary task of the state conference will be to select the delegates who will attend the national conference, scheduled for late November. To assure adequate representation from smaller states, the bill provides expenses for a minimum of 10 delegates from each state.

In selecting delegates, special emphasis shall be placed on representation of low-income women, members of diverse racial, ethnic and religious groups, women of all ages, and grassroots participation.

Congressperson Mink urged the women of Hawaii "to unite and begin planning for this conference as soon as possible. This is the first time that women will have an opportunity to express their views in a major national gathering. As a historic first, it is a great happening for women in America."

—Ruth Lieban

FEMINISTS NIGHT AT THE BAR
7:30 p.m. Anna Banana's
January 7th and 14th
Dear Sisters,

On Kona our struggle to get moving with the beautiful feminist wave has had to become in the past six months nearly underground. In my own case I have been shot at in the dark (by an irate husband whose wife, my friend, sought a three-day rest—from housewifery—on my farm), I've been threatened with being throttled, shipped to another island and some of my friends have had worse experiences in 1975 (the guys are really macho here).

The interesting thing is that we were hardly even activists, still busy at a C.R. kind of level interested in ourselves and each other, not yet going out into the larger community. Now it seems that the only way we can get together alone to figure things out is either to lose about 3/4 of our group or do arts and crafts as a sort of front! So until we get stronger and braver, we do appreciate your newsletter.

Is it possible in the list of contacts to include addresses? We are too poor to make long distance calls.

(Name Withheld)

Ed. Note: We're sorry we don't have the space to include addresses. But we will provide them on an individual basis.

To the Editors:

A slight (?) correction on the sports item in last month's Woman Alive. The legislative appropriation of $200,000 to upgrade girls' sports was for two years, so that even if the Governor released the funds for this appropriation, girls would get an increase of only $100,000 each year, bringing their total to $142,000 annually, compared with $468,000 for boys.

My apologies to Barbara Polk for not making this clear in our discussion of athletic funding.

Hope your readers can plan to attend the important DOE budget hearings in January. Thanks for being Alive.

Norma Titcomb
TASK FORCE ON SEX EQUALITY IN EDUCATION

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SHOULD YOU TAKE IT?

MORNING-AFTER PILL

DES (diethylstilbestrol) is a synthetic estrogen used as an emergency contraceptive—the morning-after pill. It is given to women within 72 hours of unprotected, midcycle intercourse. Usually, the woman takes 25 mg. twice a day for five days. This dosage is 835,000 times the amount determined unfit for human consumption in beef by the Department of Agriculture and the FDA.

In the 1940s and '50s, DES was commonly given to pregnant women to prevent miscarriage. No one knew how it worked or even if it was effective. In 1971, Dr. Arthur Herbst reported that seven of his teenage female patients had developed a rare form of vaginal and cervical cancer. This cancer, adenocarcinoma, is especially rare in young women. Dr. Herbst looked for some common factor and discovered that all of their mothers had taken DES during pregnancy. As of April, 1975, 220 DES daughters had developed adenocarcinoma. Twenty-four deaths have been reported. There are between one and three million DES daughters. Most do not know that their mothers took DES during pregnancy. Eighty percent will probably develop adenosis, an abnormal form of vaginal cellular development which has been indicated as a precursor of cancer.

All DES daughters should undergo an adenosis screening test. In this simple and painless procedure, the vagina and cervix are stained with an iodine solution. Adenosis tissue will not stain and is immediately visible.

DES was first used as a morning-after pill in 1963. It is an effective contraceptive. Only 29 pregnancies were reported in over 9,000 users. It has some unpleasant side effects including nausea, vomiting, headaches and vaginal spotting. There may be an increased incidence of ectopic pregnancy (the egg implants in the fallopian tubes instead of the uterus). Three of the 29 women who became pregnant after using the morning-after pill had ectopic pregnancies. No one knows how DES works to prevent a pregnancy.

Why do women use the morning-after pill? Most had used no contraceptive during intercourse. Some had method failures such as a leaky condom or forgetting to take birth control pills. Some women have used the morning-after pill instead of a regular contraceptive method. This is not recommended. Each time a woman uses the morning-after pill, she is receiving the same amount of estrogen as in 15 years of birth control pills.

There are alternate methods of after-the-fact contraception. The woman can wait for menstrual aspiration or abortion. Only 4% of the women who take the morning-after pill actually need it to prevent pregnancy. The chances of getting pregnant from just one act of intercourse are very small.

Each woman must decide for herself whether or not to use the morning-after pill. As a short-term, emergency contraceptive, it can be a valuable drug to prevent the heartbreak of an unwanted pregnancy. One must weigh the risks involved.

--Judith Clark
Women's Health Center
Elections for 1976 officers were held at the December 11th meeting. The following slate was unanimously approved:

Linda Spaulding —Chairperson
Leinaala Dunaway —Vice Chairperson
Shari Hayes ——— Secretary
Judy Stitley ———— Treasurer and Representative to NWPC Steering Committee

Since the Richards Street YWCA has re-considered, and will let the Caucus meet without having to pay a fee, we will once again be meeting regularly at the Richards Street YWCA. However, it was decided at the December meeting that we will change our regular meeting day. From now on the NWPC will meet on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 pm (instead of Thursday).

It was also decided that the NWPC will not meet weekly during the Legislative Session, but will leave that to the Legislative Committee. Anyone interested in legislation will want to meet with the Legislative Committee as well as attend the general meeting.

Anyone wanting to register to be a lobbyist for the NWPC must do so by December 31st. If you are interested please contact Judy Stitley, 949-1274.

For anyone interested in becoming a delegate to the Democratic Convention, the State Convention will be held May 28-30, 1976 and the deadline for becoming a card-carrying member of the Democratic Party is January 24th.

The next meeting of the NWPC will be held on Tuesday, January 13th, 7:30 pm at the Richards Street YWCA.

---Shari Hayes

"I don't like more-radical-than-thou games any better than more-oppressed-than-thou games. I don't like credentials games, intimidation-between-women games, or "you are who you sleep with" games. I don't like people being judged by their class background, their sexual preference, their race, choice of religion, marital status, motherhood or rejection of it, or any other vicious standard of categorization. I hate such judgments in the male power system, and I hate them in the Women's Movement. If there must be judgments at all, let them be not on where a woman is coming from, but on what she is moving toward; let them be based on her seriousness, her level of risk, her commitment, her endurance."

---Robin Morgan

ARE YOU LISTED IN THE PHONE DIRECTORY?

While I was looking frantically for my address book the other day in order to phone a friend, my son asked "Why don't you just look the number up in the phone book?" "Because women aren't listed in the phone book," I snapped. "If they list themselves, men phone them and hassle them!"

Later I realized that this is one more way in which women are barred from the on-going life of the society. If a woman is married, her husband's name is listed. If she is single, she often has an unlisted number. In either case, she is largely inaccessible by phone to other women, unless she has given them her number.

do it NOW

Our December meeting was an enjoyable event shared with friends and wine. The new officers elected at this meeting are as follows: Mel Flamagan, President; Jan Azeltine, Vice-president; Karen Pohlig, Treasurer; Linda Green, Correspondent; and Connie Lufkin, Recorder.

Several letters were sent to the Senate Agricultural Committee from NOW members urging the defeat of bills aimed at "reforming" the food stamp program. 56% of all food stamp households are headed by a woman! The various proposed bills would make it more difficult to qualify for the program and also compel women with children over 6 years of age to actively seek employment as a requirement of receiving the food stamps. There are no provisions for child care should a mother find work.

The January meeting will be held on the 20th at the Moiliili-McCully library at 8 pm. Videotape of the "Alice Doesn't" will be shown. The edited version of the footage is excellent and is a far cry from what the media represented.

A consciousness-raising group will begin at the end of January on Saturday mornings at the University YWCA. For further information contact Mel.

Ivy Bottini will be the guest speaker at the February meeting. (See details of plans for her visit in Random News.)

For information contact Mel Flamagan, 1615-E Emerson; Honolulu 96813. Telephone 523-1584.

For NOW and for the future, have a good new year!

---Patricia Leuzzi
By Ruth Lieban

EQUAL TREATMENT OF THE SEXES IN THE MEDIA?

SPORTS swept the field for woman-stories: The best was heavy coverage before and after the Honolulu 26-mile Jogging Marathon, 12/14 ADVERTISER Mark Osmun's interview with 52-year-old runner Edity Leiby was good, but his story about last year's woman winner Dalrymple rang in some gratuitous women's lib groups vs. chauvinist competition comments. Dr. Sharon Bintliff explained the metabolic mysteries of jogging to writer Terri Cook. STAR BULLETIN reporter Helen Altem interviewed herself as runner in the marathon saying that the experience was as exhilarating as the birth of a child.

ADVERTISER Janice Wolf quoted acting School Supt. Miyasato: Compliance with Title IX will soon force public schools "to make a number of sports once open only to men... coeducational... with additional facilities, equipment and coaches." Efforts will also be made to see that ALL students are encouraged to participate equally in voc. ed., homemaking, and craft classes.

CHANNEL 11, our Public Service Station... two with repeat: a documentary on Mastectomy followed by local panel. Volunteer monitors Fran Hill and Betty Harris agreed that Moderator Mary Bitterman used poor judgment in selecting an all-female panel of medical experts to discuss an all-MALE problem. Pre-emption of a repeat WOMAN program prompted me to conduct an impromptu phone interview with KHET programmer Lucinda Travis. A National Survey indicates only 2% of women watch feminist programs, Ms. Travis said. WOMAN stays on the air here partly because it is "so cheap," and partly because the station runs specials for "minority groups" such as women, as Affirmative Action. When asked why National Sports occupy such an unbalanced amount of TV time in Hawaii, Ms. Travis felt that women preferred watching sports to programs on feminism.

CHANNEL 9, CBS "60 Minutes" In contrast to excellent newspaper coverage of women in the army and navy, Morley Safer ended a long segment of women moving up in the armed forces with: "Troubling thought. If war between the sexes comes, the enemy is being trained and armed..."

In politics, ALL TV Stations and newspapers, covered Mayor Fasi's Annual Report: "65% of all City board and commission posts are held by women—up from 13% since I took office. ...I regard this as a major accomplishment of my administration," he said. The STAR BULLETIN noted JETT's promotion to Assistant Vice-President at Hawaiian Trust. Our congratulations to Jane, long a staunch supporter of women's needs and causes.

The Columnists had their Ups and Downs. S.B. Dave Donnelley blamed local "women's lib groups (for putting) female models and gal photog...out of work." Another day, he gloated: "Men's Lib has cause for rejoicing" because a fashion show had a male model. "If the gals get any more equal they may find themselves totally out of work..." Separate and destroy? Forget it, Dave!

S.B. Dear Abby put down an anti-ERA letter from Illinois on toilets with facts in ERA support. But an S.B. Editorial in support ended with "the ERA campaign has become bogged down because of opponents' scare tactics and the alienation of many women by far-out advocates of women's lib."

Because of very limited space exact dates of stories above are omitted but kept on file. Write or phone me if you need them. And keep sending in your nominations for best and worst media coverage of women. 1350 Ala Moana, 2606, Zip 96814.

WOMEN FOR MINK

Women for Mink in the Senate, a new campaign group supporting the candidacy of Patsy Mink, announced its existence at an organizational workshop at the Richard Street YWCA on November 29. The moving forces behind the group are four women: Mary-Ellen Swanton, Helen Wiegert, Ruth Iama, and Dr. Helen Miller.

The objective of the group, which will operate outside the regular campaign organization, will be to mobilize women in support of the Mink campaign. "We will not be collecting any money," said Ms. Swanton. Instead, the group will teach women how to use their time and energy to win support for Rep. Mink. "By June, we hope to have over 1,000 women signed up—more than 200 have signed up already," Ms. Swanton declared.

The workshop featured an appearance by Patsy Mink, who spoke briefly, then spent the rest of the afternoon circulating and talking individually with the 100 or so women present.

During the next six months, "Women for Mink" hopes to hold workshops in various other places on Oahu. They urge women, especially those in the Windward, North Shore, Wahinae, Leeward and Hawaii Kai areas, to contact Mary-Ellen Swanton at 946-9650 if they are willing to help organize a workshop in their area. Indications are that Patsy Mink will be in town several weekends between January and April, and will be available to attend workshops.

The American Civil Liberties Union is planning a Women's Rights Seminar to be held this Spring. Woman Alive will have more information as it becomes available.
Editors Susan Rennie and Kirsten Grimstad are familiar names if you have read, browsed through or used the 1973 woman-made book, The New Woman's Survival Catalog. Their latest edition is titled The New Woman's Survival Sourcebook. To quote from their introduction, the book "...goes far beyond cataloging the resources, enterprises, and services which establish the women's movement as an irreversible social phenomenon. The Sourcebook is an inventory of the "ideas" of feminism. Specifically, it is the documentation of the incredibly exciting and significant emergence of female consciousness."

This book is a necessary reference guide for women who wish to stay abreast of the constant flow of feminist literature that is voluminous. It is interesting and valuable to compare and exchange ideas about the book's "A-Z" contents from work, lifestyles, education, law and politics, to the history of the women's movement throughout the nation. The network of communication between women's groups can be made more efficient. All too often we fail to seek the advice and experience of women in similar circumstances making it unnecessarily difficult for ourselves and cutting any real ties that could be made by sharing our trials and tribulations in the movement. Working within the framework of the feminist movement is an objective which can be achieved. This book affords an opportunity for the reader to take advantage of this goal.

The cover is worth mentioning. A splash of warm colors of orange, yellow and red that according to Judy Chicago, the designer, shows, "...the emergence of a new form, a new being, consistent with women's aspirations—the reaching out, extending, growing, expanding that women are doing all over the country."

An interesting section is found in the last part of the sourcebook indexed under "MEN". The forward to this material is an editorial about why and how men play a part in this women's movement. It gives some sound advice to women about men who are sincerely authentic in their feelings about the movement. It also gives words of warning about men who are "spurious". To list a few: Watch out for the "out and out hustlers...these men have built careers—complete with lucrative lecture fees, book advances, foundation grants, magazine articles, media appearances—out of hawking the delights of moving 'beyond masculinity.' Watch out too for the men who prefer intelligent, independent feminists to Barbie Doll companions, but who are not about to confront the real sacrifices required to shed sexism, or seriously examine the issues which threaten male privilege..." The article is well worth reading, but must also be regarded as a justifiably, highly defensive perspective.

This sourcebook would be a welcome addition to your library or as a gift to a friend. It is expanding its format to meet the increasing need for daily communication by also becoming a national feminist magazine, Chrysalis. Its first issue will appear in April 1976.

For subscription write:
c/o Women's Building
1727 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
($8.00/year, bi-monthly)

Be sure to at least glance through the New Woman's Survival Sourcebook. You'll be better for it.

—Judy F. Canon

"Man's discovery that his genitalia could serve as a weapon to generate fear must rank as one of the most important discoveries of prehistoric times, along with the use of fire and the first crude stone axe. From prehistoric times to the present, I believe, rape has played a critical function. It is nothing more or less than a conscious process of intimidation by which all men keep all women in a state of fear."

Against Our Will:
Men, Women and Rape

Susan Brown Miller
TASK FORCE ON SEX EQUALITY IN EDUCATION
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The Board of Education has announced statewide public hearings on the DOE's budget for FY 1977-78. This is a valuable opportunity to express support of sex equality as a budget priority.

The hearing schedule is:
Jan. 5 McKinley High School
Jan. 6 Mililani High School
Jan. 12 Waipahu High School
Jan. 19 Benjamin Parker Elementary School
Watch the newspapers or call the Board of Education (548-5609) for the scheduled time.

These hearings also provide an opportunity to protest disproportionate funding for girls' and boys' athletics. In addition to the clear mandate of Title IX, which requires equal opportunity in athletics, and the state ERA, the Supreme Court recently (February, 1975) ruled that public school students can sue school board members for damages if their constitutional rights are intentionally violated. The Board of Education has the legal power to mandate an equitable distribution of athletic funds. Public testimony can remind them of their responsibility.

The Department's commitment to eliminate sex bias in education is meaningless without funds to implement change. It is necessary to establish sex equality as a budget priority. This is our chance to be heard by the people we elected to represent our concerns, and we encourage both individuals and organizations to testify at the scheduled hearings.

WOMANHOUSE: A WOMAN'S RESOURCE CENTER

WOMANHOUSE was created by a group of Windward women and the Kokokahi YWCA to help in alleviating the special problems of women. The Center will be open on a regularly scheduled part-time basis, utilizing volunteers. A referral service will be established to refer women to physicians, attorneys and agencies who are particularly oriented to the concerns of women. Academic advising, counseling, and legal advice will be among the earliest offerings, as well as courses for women, credit and non-credit, offered through the University College of Continuing Education for Women. The WRC has a feminist library of approximately 100 volumes but would be grateful for donations of additional materials related to women.

WOMANHOUSE is located on the grounds of the Kokokahi YWCA, 45-035 Kaneohe Bay Drive.

IVY BOTTINI, feminist performer and the originator of CR is coming to Hawaii the week of February 23-29. Her stay will include the February 25th meeting of NOW, at the University YWCA at 8 p.m. She will speak on the national NOW conference and the Alice Doesn't Strike. She will lead a CR workshop on Saturday 28th from 9 to 5 and Sunday 29th from 9 to 2. There will be a $10 fee. On Saturday evening, there will be a dinner and show as a benefit for the local NOW chapter. The time and place have not been set. For information or reservations, call Mel Flanagan at 523-1584.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS, long a prestigious world-wide award to males for two years of paid graduate study at Oxford University, has now become available to women. This past summer the Rhodes trustees asked the British Parliament to open the scholarship competition to both sexes—Parliament concurred. Women of high academic standing who are interested in applying for the award should contact the University scholarship office.

WOMAN ALONE - HOW TO MANAGE

The following workshops are being organized by the Kailua Branch of AAUW Women.

January 5th—What happens to the new widow, divorcee, retiree or overseas military widow? How to deal with crisis, what not to do, what to do, psychological and social problems. Where to get help.


April 5th—Estate planning, budgeting, assets, pre-retirement planning, taxes, second career. Expert guest speaker.

May 3rd—New Lifestyles. Planning for change Second career, continuing education, avocations, retirements, options, changing family cycle, making decisions. Where to get information, where to get help.

From 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Pacific Savings room, back Holiday Mart Theater. The public is welcome. For more information, call Elinor M. Wolff at 262-9931.
CALENDAR

Monday-Friday
January 5-9
YWCA ERA Volleyball Tournament
11:00 to 1:00 daily, Richards Street YWCA

Monday, January 5
AAUW, Kailua Branch. "Woman Alone, How to Manage"
7:30 - 9:30 PM, Pacific Savings Room (back of Holiday Mart Theater)

Tuesday, January 6
Legislative Coalition, 12:00 - 2:00 PM.
Phone Judy for details: 548-4199

Wednesday, January 7
Feminist Night at the Bar, 7:30 or 8:00 PM.
Anna Banana's

Thursday, January 8
State Commission on the Status of Women. Meeting on legislative issues. Phone Judy for details: 548-4199

Tuesday, January 13
Women's Political Caucus meeting, 7:30 PM.
Richards Street YWCA

Women's Alliance Coordinating Committee meeting
7:30 PM. Nuuam Unitarian Church

Wednesday, January 14
Feminist Night at the Bar, 7:30 or 8:00 PM.
Anna Banana's

Tuesday, January 20
NOW meeting. 8:00 PM. McCully-Moiliili Library
Videotape footage of "Alice Doesn't" Day

Women's Alliance meeting.

Monday, February 2
AAUW, Kailua Branch. "Woman Alone, How to Manage"
7:30 - 9:30 PM, Pacific Savings Room (back of Holiday Mart Theater)

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WEDNESDAYS
"WOMAN" KHET-TV, Channels 10-11
9:00 PM. Repeated Thursdays at 3:00 PM and Saturdays at 4:00 PM

THURSDAYS
Lesbian Feminists, 7:30 PM. Wesley Foundation

Women's Health Center, 4:00 - 8:00 PM, University YWCA

Would you like to see your organization's meetings and activities listed on the calendar? Phone Barbara: 923-6816

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