

This is a revision by Eric Chase, inspired by working w/ Earth First! on the Steelworkers' campaign

The Rebel Squirrel

Sung to the tune "Rebel Girl"

Dedicated to Judi Bari and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

There are vermin of many description
in this Queer world as everyone knows.
Some are living in the greatest of Maples
cavorting with the bucks and the does.

There are blue hair foxes and possums,
who have dens made in crags and in furls.
But the only thoroughbred vermin
is the Rebel Squirrel!

Chorus:

That the Rebel Squirrel
To the forest defenders,
She's the sweetest of pearls

From PaLCo to Georgia Pac, you see
she's fighting for workers and trees
Yea, she's there by your side
with her fuzzy red hide;
she's unequalled anywhere.
And I'm proud to fight for freedom,
with the Rebel Squirrel!

Yes, I'm proud to fight for freedom,
with the Rebel Squirrel!

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#2
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Olywobs Media Collective!



Gravestone of Wesley Everest, a wobbly martyr



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Hey all! Well, here's issue #2 of Riffraff. We got some feedback & more contributors this time around, which was RAD, but we still need more contributions!

PREAMBLE

OF THE

Industrial Workers of the World

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of the working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the means of production, abolish the wage system, and live in harmony with the Earth.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands make the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchwords, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the everyday struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.



*If this is your 1st glimpse

@ IWW info.

the preamble

← is an intro. version of what the IWW believes.

So, send contributions to P.O. Box 2775, Oly, WA 98507 or call 956-3713 to get involved. We are in dire need of art & quality articles. So, it looks like Riffraff will be monthly. Next deadline is Nov. 24th.

PUNK ROCK SHOW

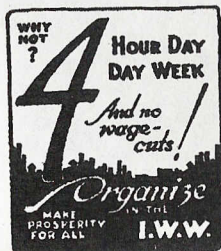
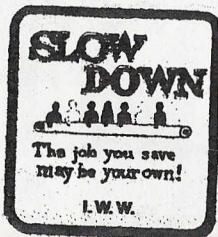
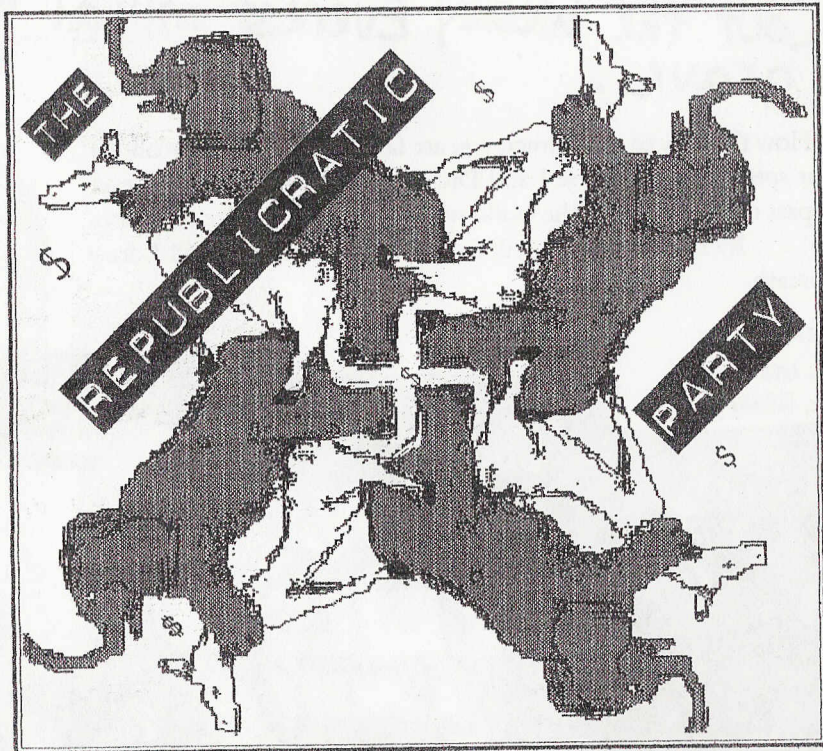
November 18th

Backstage of the Capital Theatre to benefit IWW. Bands TBA.

To get involved, call 956-3713!

*Bands considering: Submissi hold, Intima, & more.

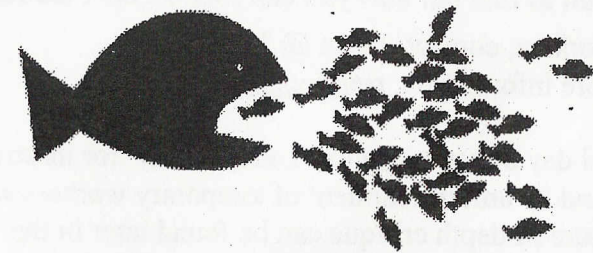
Fine Host - WORKERS ARE STILL ORGANIZING AT EVERGREEN'S FOOD SERVICE. OPEN FORUMS ON THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS OF WHERE TO TAKE THE FIGHT NEXT. MORE NEWS FROM THEM SOON.



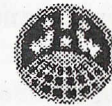
So What's Going On Now?

The Olympia IWW Branch meets the second and last Sunday of every month at 5PM at Bread & Roses on Cherry St., downtown. Here are some updates:

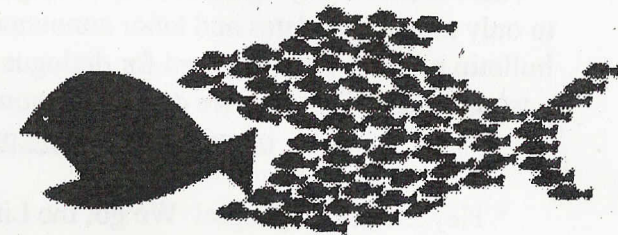
* The Fire Your Boss Workshop was a success. 26 people were involved in the first FYB workshop in a couple of years. Props to Steve, Sue, Eric, Lupin, and all the other rad wobblies who helped pull it together. We got lots of great feedback and are working on another workshop sometime soon. For more info. or to get involved, call 956-3713.



Don't let them eat you



organise to resist



*November 11th, 2000, 11am to 1pm. The Centralia Massacre Teach-In. Come hear world renowned historian, Eric Chase, host an open discussion on the tragic events of Armistice Day 1919 involving hard working IWW members and a bunch of drunk American Legionnaires. Afterwards a road trip to Centralia to check out the Wesley Everest mural and his grave.

Come to the Centralia Massacre Teach-In

• November 11th, 11am - 1 PM
@ Library 3500 @ TESC.

Then, don't miss the carpool leaving the library loop @ 1:00 PM to Centralia to check out the Wesley Everest mural & his grave.

How they say to me "Elmer, you are fanning the fire of discontent with your speeches!" Of course I am! Did ever anything worthwhile ever come to pass in the history of the world without fanning the fire of discontent? No! . . . By the Almighty I will fan the fire of discontent till I draw my last breath.

ELMER SMITH
May 1, 1923
Seattle, Washington



*The Oly. Branch and the Tao communications group are in the process of looking for an office space. The branch is planning several benefits and fund-raising activities to help raise the funds for the space. All ideas are welcome and any energy towards raising funds is greatly appreciated. Upcoming events to plug into: November 18th at the backstage of the Capital, there will be a punk show to benefit the IWW. Also, there is an amazing raffle organized to raise funds with the grand prize of a night for two to Brittonbush Hotsprings all expenses paid, and over 20 other prizes will be given away. Tickets are \$2 and the winners will be announced at the punk show on November 18th.

* Fine Host workers, the food service workers on Evergreen campus, are in the middle of an organizing campaign. They are still deciding which union they will affiliate with, but it appears to be a toss up between IWW and ILWU. There is a more in-depth update later in the 'zine.. If you want to find out how you can support the Fine Host

workers, contact Jason @ 236-0136.

For more information: ringfingers@yahoo.com

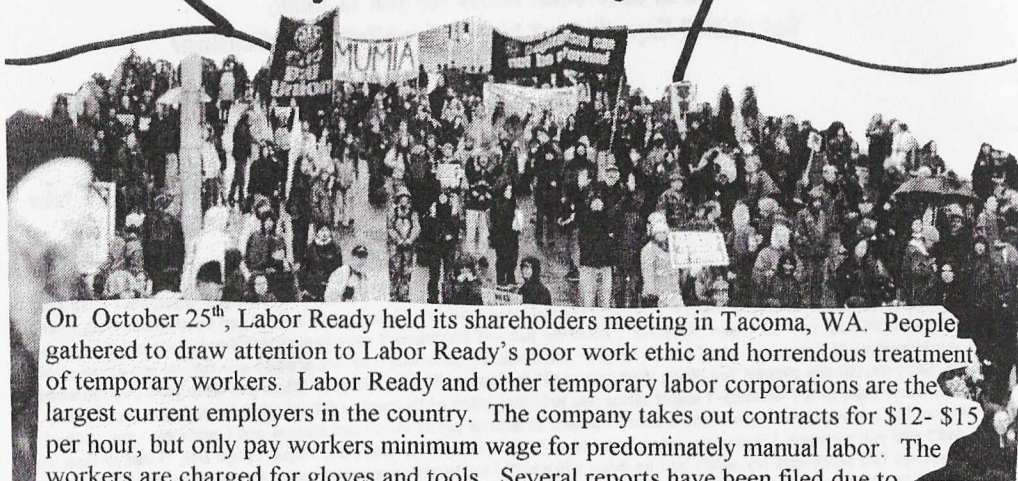
*The national day of action against Labor Ready for its strike-breaking tactics and its unfair treatment of temporary workers was on October 25th. A more in-depth critique can be found later in the 'zine.

Overall, it was a typical AFL-CIO labor "rally".

* There is a new Olywobs email list being formed that will be limited to only meeting updates and labor announcements. A separate web bulletin board is being created for dialogue and discussions. If you wanna get added on & we don't have your email, drop a note to olywobs@hotmail.com.

* Hey Literature people! We got the Literature CD from Mark Damron of Red Dawn Press. What does this mean for us? Well we don't have to cut and paste so much and we now have access to all official and most unofficial IWW literature! This will save a lot of money, time and stomach lining for those of us who spend lots of time and money making pamphlets and such. Wanna get involved? Call Soph at 704-7674 or Lupin at 956- 3713.

LABOR READY RALLY



On October 25th, Labor Ready held its shareholders meeting in Tacoma, WA. People gathered to draw attention to Labor Ready's poor work ethic and horrendous treatment of temporary workers. Labor Ready and other temporary labor corporations are the largest current employers in the country. The company takes out contracts for \$12- \$15 per hour, but only pay workers minimum wage for predominately manual labor. The workers are charged for gloves and tools. Several reports have been filed due to workers being injured on the job and not being compensated. Not to mention Labor Ready has been known to break strikes and undercut union jobs by sending in scabs. Because of all these reasons, several large unions sponsored by the AFL-CIO bought Labor Ready shares so that representatives could attend the shareholders meeting. The "rally" had the usual large unions attending. One nice surprise was a large group from Casa Latina, a temporary labor hall in Seattle for Latino workers. A fair number of Olympia wobblies were in attendance as well. It was basically a pep rally with a giant stage and a booming sound system. We marched around the hotel where the shareholders meeting was being held a couple of times, then stopped for lunch. After several speakers and a report back from the shareholders meeting, the crowd began to disperse. Two things left me feeling uneasy and disempowered about this rally: First, the attendance was predominately white males and the team of representatives who went into the shareholders meeting "on behalf of the unions" were all men. As a woman, this was very silencing and discouraging. Second, the rally was really disorganized and uneventful. The energy was anti-climatic and almost felt fake. I didn't leave feeling like anything had been accomplished. They didn't have any vegetarian options for lunch either... oh well, what can you expect from a rally with the president of the AFL-CIA John Sweeny leading the show.



National News

Point Arena, CA: Headed by local IWW members, activists proposed a resolution against the recognition of corporations as "persons" protested by the law. The city council of Point Arena acquiesced and passed the resolution after a year long grass-roots battle challenging the assumption that corporations have the same legal rights as "natural persons" under the US Constitution. For more information on this fight and a history of corporate personhood, please contact FW Bill Meyers, PO box 1581, Gualala, CA 95445 and enclose \$3 for postage.

Elko, Nevada: Train hopping Wobblies and other hoboes gathered in Elko this year for the annual Hobo Rendezvous. Dozens of IWW members showed up and several more signed up at the event which celebrated the hobo life of today and yesterday. Headliners were of course Utah Phillips, Eddie Jeff Cahill and the women's hobo band, the Dolly Ranchers. If you'd like to help organize next years festivities (probably in Wisconsin), contact Baltimore Red at baltimoreired@hotmail.com.

Portland, Oregon: Portland is negotiating another IWW contract! Wobblies at Harry's Mother, a social service agency, serving youth, are negotiating a contract with the bosses, modeling some of the best IWW contracts and several others into a very nice hybrid. Let's see what they can come up with. Wish them luck and get more info from pdx@iww.org.

Chicago, IL: IWW supporter, anarchist, radical feminist, anti-nuke Peace activist and Boop-boop-a doo Girl of 1929, Sally Kaye Rosemont has passed away at age 87. Member of the 1960's Wobbly bookstore in Chicago, Solidarity Bookshop, Rosemont will be remembered by family, friends and the IWW as militant unionist active well into her 80's.

**DON'T MOURN
ORGANIZE!**

*Great News!!! The USS Olympia pulled into the Port of Olympia on the last weekend of October! Along with 150 or so slobbering drunk sailors looking to get laid, our patriotic boys in blue also brought a real live nuclear reactor with them! Yes friends, without asking citizen's opinion, the military has brought a nuclear reactor to downtown Olympia. Whether they brought nuclear missiles or not has not been confirmed... nor denied. Wobs as well as dozens of other community members showed up to voice their opposition to this invasion, waste of money, propagation of militarization, environmental disaster waiting to happen and the nuclear reactor that just this year spilled contamination into the environment and poisoned some of the crew. Well, welcome to Olympia.

Yea, there is a whole lot more going on. But this is a quicky. If you'd like to participate in the creation of this fine fine 'zine, get off your ass and contact Lupin and Eric. 956-3713.



...a side of homophobia to go with your sexism, sir?

ATTENTION GIRLS! ARE YOU FUCKABLE?

Making copies, folding pamphlets and mailing letters is not all you are needed for. We men have other duties for you to fulfill.

Got skills? Experience? Ideas? Creativity? Dedication?

WHO CARES!

Got tits? Ass? Pussy?

Now you're talkin'!

Join our organizations where you will be valued not only for your willingness to take orders from men, but also for your willingness to put out.

LESBIANS NEED NOT APPLY!!!

...and by the way, I'm freakin' tired of being tricked by you fucking dykes! I called you! I let you speak your mind AND pretended to listen! I was nice to you! I acknowledged your existence! I personally invited you to protests! Hell, I even got arrested with you! All these sacrifices I made for you and you weren't even impressed! You led me on! *Of course* I never noticed that "veggie dyke" button on your backpack, my gaze was a bit lower when you walked out of the room. Oh, but I caught you alright! You didn't think you could get away with this, did you? When you wore your gay-something-or-other shirt to MY meeting- I knew! When you held that other girl's hand at MY march- I knew! When you fucking kissed her good-bye in MY presence- I knew! I stared at both of you in shock and disgust and I made sure you noticed. I don't call you anymore. I ignore you when I see you. If I do acknowledge you, I say stupid things like, "I had no idea you were gay! You won't turn my sister into no dyke, will you?" I try to overpower your voice at meetings, but if you manage to get in a word or two I immediately criticize whatever I didn't hear you say. You have nothing to offer me and so you have nothing to offer MY movement. When you join MY listservs I will make posts calling you a "man-hater" because I know all about your kind. When you make posts about your stupid little protests over some queer who was beaten to death and set on fire, I reply with "he was hitting on the men who did that, that faggot got exactly what he deserved!" just to let you, and everyone else, know exactly how I feel about you people. You are disgusting. What you do is disgusting. No one said anything about letting queers in MY clubhouse!

Oh, anyway...

LADIES! LADIES! LADIES! ARE YOU FUCKABLE?

We're looking for cute, petite, quiet girls to use in our movement.

oh, and did I mention that

DYKES NEED NOT APPLY?

Contact me for more information. I'm sure you'll recognize me. (I'm the one who is always in the paper and gets credit for everything).

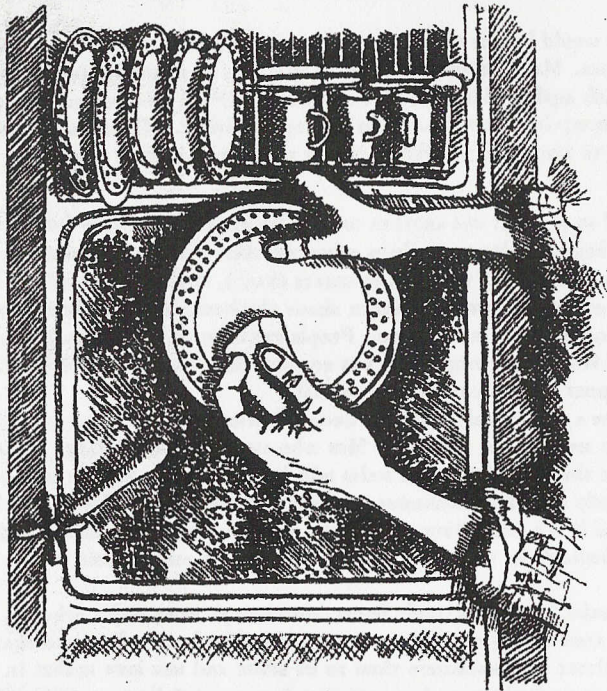


...and now, back to MY programming...



MEN AND BOYS!

REVOLUTION BEGINS



IN THE SINK!

**ONLY WHEN MEN TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR SHARE
OF THE COOKING, THE CLEANING AND THE WASHING UP...
ONLY THEN CAN THEY JOIN WITH WOMEN, AND TOGETHER
BUILD A NEW WORLD!!!**



C E N T R A L I A

Sometimes the nicest seeming towns hide the worst conditions- futility, bigotry, and explosive violence. As battlefield stories of World War I horrified the country the I.W.W. was spreading the word that the poor were dying to protect profit, and that the bosses weren't worth dying for. Denouncing the war, calling for international working class solidarity and organizing on the job had made the Wobs some powerful enemies. In November of 1919 the right wing campaign against the I.W.W. culminated in a trashed union hall, all known Wobs in jail and a lynching.

The violence in Centralia has its roots in the upheaval of the preceding years. In 1917 the U.S. entered WWI. Production of planes required spruce wood, found primarily in Oregon and Washington. Working conditions were lousy, while big business destroyed the forests and reaped record profits. In these years workers more and more were organizing, and they were winning.

The jubilant gains made by working people did not go unnoticed by the men running the country. The American Legion was founded in 1919, by ex-servicemen pledging to "maintain law and order and foster 100% Americanism." The Legion and other fraternal organizations like the Elks were to play the role of armed vigilantes in Centralia and elsewhere. News of the Russian revolution spread as did the Seattle general strike. Meanwhile on the federal level General A. Mitchel Palmer received half a million dollars from congress to establish the General Intelligence Agency with J. Edgar Hoover (this was later to become the C.I.A.).

The U.S anti-radical and anti-union propaganda bore rotten fruit in the small towns with mob violence and oppression. Standing strong in the face of this Wobs fought back in self defense.

The events surrounding Armistice Day, 1919 have been hotly contested ever since. A parade of veterans and some union members were the center of gun shots that left a handful of servicemen and a Wob shot. All hell broke loose and one Wob, Wesley Everest, himself a veteran, retreated while brandishing a gun. For his crime of survival he was first jailed, drug out of jail, castrated and hung from a bridge on the Chehalis River. By the time things started to calm down all known (and suspected) Wobs were in jail along with their legal defense. Many of the Wobs were framed up on bogus charges and sent to prison. Wesley Everest's death was found by the law to be a suicide. The town was to slump into a silence that lasted almost until the modern era. In Centralia a beautiful mural now commemorates I.W.W. martyrs, and the direct action fights for both free speech and the eight hour work day, both important steps to improving conditions, at work and at home. The campaign of repression against the I.W.W. was meant to silence us but we are still speaking out today.

This summary provided by the RAD Portland wob, Misha ☺

A BRIEF DEFINING OF SEXISM WITHIN MOVEMENTS

SHITWORK:

IN AN ORGANIZATION, OFTEN TIMES WOMYN GET STUCK DOING ALL THE WORK THAT HAS TO BE DONE BUT NO ONE WANTS TO DO. THIS INCLUDES MAILING LETTERS, FOLDING PAMPHLETS, MAKING COPIES, MAKING TELEPHONE CALLS AND OTHER CLERICAL TYPE WORK. MEN ARE THE ONES SEEN IN THE MEDIA, FACILITATING MEETINGS, MAKING DECISIONS AND OTHER MORE SEEN AND EXCITING JOBS. THIS IN TURN MAKES THE WOMYN IN THE GROUP INVISIBLE AND UNAPPRECIATED. I HAVE SEEN WOMYN WITHIN THE MOVEMENT WHO DO ALL THE SHIT WORK, SUCH AS FOLDING PAMPHLETS, BECOME A JOKE. MEN LEARN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WOMYN DOING THE SHIT WORK RATHER THAN HELP.

RECOGNITION:

THE FACT THAT WOMYN TEND TO DO A LOT OF THE BEHIND THE SCENE WORK LEADS TO WOMYN FAILING TO RECEIVE DESERVED RECOGNITION. OFTEN TIMES WHEN THINGS ARE PLANNED, THE MEN IN THE GROUP ARE THANKED. I REMEMBER A SITUATION IN WHICH A CONFERENCE WAS PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT BY THE HARD WORK OF TWO MAIN PEOPLE: A MAN AND A WOMYN. THE MAN WAS THANKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR HIS HARD WORK WHILE THE WOMYN COULD ONLY STAND BACK AND HEAR ALL THE RECOGNITION GO TO HIM.

THE MAJORITY OF ORGANIZATIONS ARE REPRESENTED BY MEN, AND IT IS THE MEN WHO ARE THOUGHT OF AS THE LEADERS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PUBLIC INTEREST ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON HAS TWICE AS MANY MALE SPEAKERS AS WOMYN. GO TO ALMOST ANY CONFERENCE AND COUNT THE NUMBER OF WOMYN SPEAKERS AND THE NUMBER OF MEN. ALMOST ALWAYS YOU WILL FIND THAT THERE IS A DISPROPORTIONATE RATIO OF MEN. MEN ARE SEEN WRITING THE ARTICLES, WRITING THE BOOKS, TALKING TO CAMERAS, TALKING TO THE RADIO, AND MAKING PRESENTATIONS. WOMYN ARE PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF DOING THESE THINGS BUT ARE REPRESSED FROM OUR SOCIETY TO DO SO. THE WORK OF WOMYN WHO DO THESE THINGS (WRITE ARTICLES/BOOKS) IS IGNORED OR DEVALUED. AUTHOR OF *VEGAN: THE NEW ETHICS OF EATING*, ERIK MARCUS, DISCUSSED HIS EXPERIENCES WITH WOMYN IN THE MOVEMENT FROM HIS TRAVELS AROUND THE US. HE SAID THAT 4/5 OF THE ACTIVISTS HE MEETS WITHIN THE MOVEMENT ARE WOMYN. YET, 4/5 OF THE AUTHORS SEEN WITHIN THE MOVEMENT ARE MALE. THIS OBSERVATION CLEARLY ILLUSTRATES THE NEED FOR WOMYN TO RECEIVE RECOGNITION AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL LEVELS OF ACTIVISM.

ONE REASON WHY THIS DOES NOT OCCUR IS BECAUSE WOMYN'S VOICES ARE OFTEN REPRESSED OR SIMPLY IGNORED. OFTEN TIMES, WOMYN WILL COME UP WITH AN IDEA AND NOT BE RECOGNIZED FOR IT. THEN A MAN WILL COME UP WITH THE SAME EXACT IDEA, EVEN AT THE SAME MEETING, AND IT WILL BE HEARD AND CONSIDERED. IT IS HARD FOR WOMYN TO SPEAK UP AND HAVE CONFIDENCE WITHIN ACTIVISM WHEN THEIR IDEAS AND VOICES ARE IGNORED. SINCE FEMALES ARE TAUGHT TO BE QUIET AND SUBMISSIVE, WHILE MALES FROM A YOUNG AGE ARE TAUGHT THE OPPOSITE, THE WAY WE COMMUNICATE MUST CHANGE. AN EXTRA EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO HEAR ALL VOICES AND RESPECT ALL THAT IS SAID BY ALL INDIVIDUALS IN A GROUP.

REPRESENTATION:

WHEN MEN TAKE ON THE MAJORITY OF THE MEDIA SPOKESPERSON ROLES OR BECOME THE "LEADER" FOR THE GROUP IN OTHER WAYS, WOMYN DO NOT GET REPRESENTED IN SOCIETY. WHAT DOES IT SAY WHEN MEN OF GROUPS ARE ALWAYS THE ONES BEING HEARD ON THE RADIO OR ON TELEVISION OR QUOTED IN PAPERS. WHERE ARE ALL THE WOMYN? WOMYN VOICES HAVE JUST AS MUCH POWER, AND JUST AS MUCH TRUTH AS ANY MAN'S. WOMYN CAN ENAGE THE LISTENERS JUST AS WELL, IF NOT BETTER.

OBJECTIFICATION:

WOMYN OFTEN TIMES FALL VICTIM TO MEN IN THE GROUP WHO USE THE WOMYN'S BODY TO APPEAL OTHERS TO THE GROUP. WOMYN HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DRESS CERTAIN WAYS TO APPEAL TO MEN. THIS IS A COMPLETE DEGRADATION OF THE WOMYN AS A PERSON AND FALLS TO THE SOCIETAL IDEALS WHICH PORTRAY A FALSE SENSE OF BEAUTY. WOMYN ALSO MUST DEAL WITH SEXUAL HARASSMENT BY FELLOW ACTIVISTS AND ARE LOOKED UPON AS A BODY, RATHER THAN ANOTHER ACTIVIST WITH IDEAS AND ABILITIES TO ACHIEVE LIBERATION LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. MANY TIMES WOMYN MAY ALSO BE THOUGHT OF AS "SO AND SO'S GIRLFRIEND" RATHER THAN BY THEIR OWN IDENTITY. THIS TAKES AWAY THEIR OWN CONTRIBUTIONS OF IDEAS TO THE GROUP AND TAKES AWAY A FEELING OF ACCEPTANCE.

BACKLASH:

ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE NICE TO BE ABLE TO SIMPLY SAY WHEN YOU FEEL OPPRESSED, THIS SIMPLY CAN NOT HAPPEN. MALES CONFRONTED WITH THE IDEA THAT THEY ARE SEXIST WILL NOT ONLY DENY IT, BUT BACKLASH AGAINST THOSE TRYING TO SPEAK UP. OFTEN WOMYN HEAR THINGS LIKE "THIS ISN'T ABOUT RECOGNITION" OR "YOU'RE BEING TOO SENSITIVE". THESE REACTIONS SHOW MANY MEN'S INABILITY TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY OF HOW THEIR ACTIONS EFFECT WOMYN.

SOLUTIONS:

WOMYN NEED TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER ON THIS ISSUE. THIS MAY MEAN HAVING WOMYN SESSIONS TO TALK ABOUT THE ISSUE, OR HELP WHEN ANOTHER WOMYN IS CONFRONTING THIS PROBLEM. IF ENOUGH WOMYN WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE CHANGE, MAYBE THEN PEOPLE WILL START TO LISTEN. WOMYN NEED TO ACCEPT THEIR ANGER ABOUT THE ISSUE, LET THEMSELVES HAVE THEIR FEELINGS AND FIGHT AGAINST WHAT IS GOING ON. PEOPLE CREATING AN OPPRESSIVE ENVIRONMENT MUST BE CONFRONTED IN A FASHION WHERE THEY CAN NOT JUST DENY OR BRUSH THINGS OFF. THIS IS WHY WOMYN'S SUPPORT OF ONE ANOTHER IS SO CRUCIAL.

MEN ALSO HAVE A CRUCIAL ROLE. WHEN A WOMYN CONFRONTS A MAN ABOUT BEING SEXIST, THEY MUST LISTEN, NO MATTER HOW THEY FEEL. MEN WHO SEE WHEN SEXISM TAKES PLACE MUST SPEAK UP. THEY ARE THE ONES THAT OTHER MALES WILL LISTEN TO. MEN NEED TO BE AWARE OF WHAT IS SEXIST AND HELP CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERYONE FEELS COMFORTABLE SPEAKING UP. MANY WOMYN FEEL IT IS A MALE'S DUTY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM SINCE THEY WILL BE LISTENED TO MORE AND THAT IT SHOULDN'T BE WOMYN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO STOP SEXISM SINCE IT IS MEN WHO PERPETRATE IT.

IT IS ALSO CRUCIAL FOR MEN TO TRULY LISTEN WHEN WOMYN NAME SEXIST BEHAVIOR. MEN CANNOT DETECT AND NAME SEXISM EQUALLY TO WOMYN. MEN NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WERE RAISED IN A CULTURE THAT SOCIALIZES THEM TO BE SEXIST AND NOT EVEN REALIZE IT. THEY SIMPLY CANNOT KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT SEXISM AS WOMYN BECAUSE THEY HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED IT PERSONALLY. THIS IS WHY IT IS CRUCIAL THAT WHEN WOMYN NAME SEXIST BEHAVIOR, MEN NEED TO LISTEN AND NOT DEFEND THEIR ACTIONS. JUST AS IF A PERSON OF COLOR TELLS A CAUCASIAN PERSON THEY DID SOMETHING RACIST, THEY NEED TO LISTEN UP BECAUSE THEY CAN NEVER KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO EXPERIENCE RACISM. WOMYN'S VOICES SIMPLY MUST BE HEARD OVER MEN'S WHEN IT COMES TO ISSUES OF SEXISM.

HOPEFULLY WITH MALES SPEAKING UP FOR WOMYN AND CREATING THIS EQUAL ENVIRONMENT, WOMYN SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER, AND MALES LISTENING TO WOMYN WHEN CONFRONTED, SEXISM WITHIN THE MOVEMENT CAN EVENTUALLY BE SOUSHED.

FROM THE ZINE "MEN LEAD, WOMYN ORGANIZE"
PO BOX 175 CORVALLIS, OR. 97339

*"Beware of the womyn when they are
stokened by all that is around them and rise
up against the old world. On that day, the
new world will begin."*

Louise Michel, French revolutionary



HEY GIRLS
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
PUT UP WITH
THAT SHIT!
GO KICK
SOME ASS

Shit

