



# world of women

## Is the fight over or just beginning?

There are many of my close friends who really get uptight over Women's Liberation. Women have always been liberated. This is a woman's world. The question that comes to many is, "How far will it go?" Does this mean we must eliminate requirements for separate toilet facilities based on sex? The question is, "Is the fight over or just beginning?"

"Give us back our suffering, suffering rather than indifference . . . for out of suffering may come the cure. Better to have pain than paralysis." If you are a student of Women's Lib, guess who said that.

It was Florence Nightingale in 1852, but you are excused for thinking of Germaine Greer, for it comes very close to her ominous and vague predictions about the future of emancipated women. "The dark without any guide. It may seem at first that she merely exchanges one mode of suffering for another. But she may at least claim to have made a definite choice which is the first prerequisite of moral action. She may never herself see the ultimate goal, for the fabric of society is not unravelled in a single lifetime, but she may state it as her belief and find hope in it."

Florence Nightingale saw suffering only as part of the achieving, whereas Germaine Greer sees it as the aftermath of successful emancipation. Nevertheless, it is an interesting point of comparison, one to which Trevor Lloyd's book on the suffragette movement gives rise.

The short history gives a lucid account of the political gains and losses and the chief figures involved in women's struggle for equality. It also covers the political and economic background, which is certainly of equal importance in understanding the origins of the movement, and, as that kind of history always is, infinitely more interesting.

Lloyd manages to cover a wide area in a small space without being either confusing or dull, and the book is full of information, like the deviation of the word "spinster" (if a country woman did not get married she could always make a little money spinning) and the change in shopping from bargaining to price-ticketing (a saving device said to have begun with the Quakers in England and America).

The struggle for women's rights has always provoked incredible peculiarities of taste and opinion. In Biblical times one may refer to Ruth. In 1843 at Seneca Falls, New York, Amelia Jenks Bloomer tried to provide more sensible dress for women by designing a calf-length dress over ankle-length pantaloons to take the place of the absurdly inconvenient crinoline, but the idea was regarded as ridiculous and indecent.

As for male chauvenism, there would hardly be a better example than Sir Alroth Wright, a doctor of some distinction who wrote in 1912 that half of the women in the country went mad to some extent as a result of the menopause, and making it clear that he regarded militancy a symptom of mental illness. His crowning remark was, "There are no good women, but only women who have lived under the influence of good men." In a curious way this gives sense and depth to modern expressions of frustration, like the Ms. idea, which can appear frivolous out of context.

"Suffragettes International: The World-Wide Campaign for Women's Rights" by Trevor Lloyd costs only \$2.50. It is a fascinating history compiled from the best T.V. documentaries, photographs, cartoons, drawings and advertisements, built up in a way that supplements the text and is an achievement of research in itself. Yet this is no coffee table book, only a paperback.

It should have a cooling influence on the heated discussions that the subject of women's rights frequently arouses. The facts, set out and viewed from a distance, present a very telling picture. It must at least refute the argument that Women's Lib is totally anarchic and shallow-minded.

It does more than that, too; it reveals the working of human organizations, the functions of revolution and reform and the curious side-stepping ways by which progress is made.

Lloyd's constant theme is that the ideal of "Votes for Women", though the war cry that we all think of when looking back at that period, was not a primary factor in achieving equality. In most cases, votes for women came as a result of freedoms previously achieved or temporary political convenience. Votes were not, in fact, the first step in the fight, but the sign that it was nearly over. It is doubtful, however, whether today's generation of protesters would see it in quite that light.



## Peninsula Park celebrates 60th year

Where are they? Who are they?

The search is on! Peninsula Park is preparing for its 60th year celebration (summer of 1973) and will host a Commemorative Anniversary Reunion Day on Wednesday, August 23, 1972. We are searching for persons who have used the park, especially those "regulars" who have been "circus performers" or taken part in one or more of the many programs presented throughout its 60 years . . . one of the daisies in the ballet, perhaps? or a sunflower? or a circus performer? athlete? or an observer of such occasions? Join us on the 23rd, bring a picnic lunch and enjoy

a commemorative program between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2 p.m.

It is the hope of the Peninsula Park Community committee to compile as much of the park's history as possible and to have a permanent place at the Park Center for photos, old programs, or any items of interest that will help preserve its heritage, and demonstrate its continuous impact on youth (of all ages!). We would appreciate any of the above named items or other mementoes that patrons might care to donate, loan or otherwise share with us. If you have such items or historical information please contact Blanche Schroeder, 285-2405, or Doris

Winters, 288-1542. It is also the object of the committee to raise money for additional park improvements which can be effected with "double dollars" (all monies raised will be matched under "Open Space" funds until Oct. 5, 1972) so donors can be giving "double dollars" and have a tax deduction, too.

August 23 and 24 are dates of the Peninsula Park Playground Carnival and Circus. Carnival time starts at 5:00 p.m. and Circus program time is 8:00 p.m. both days. All seats are free and the show is exciting! Join us, treat yourself and your family to some summertime fun.

## PSU professor joins 'think tank'

Associate professor of social work, Martha Ozawa of Portland State University will join the elite "think tank" research staff of the Center on Income Maintenance Policy recently established at New York University.

Dr. Ozawa begins her two-year leave of absence from PSU August 20 and will take up her duties at the Center in early September. She will participate in a three-year study on various work and public assistance programs in the United States, reviewing their operation and trends, and seeking methods to provide systematic, analytical information to aid in streamlining welfare systems.

The Center, funded by the Ford Foundation, will concentrate on feeding information to public and private policy makers who require accurate and timely data in matters concerning public welfare and

income maintenance.

Director of the Center will be Alvin Schorr, dean of the NYU Graduate School of Social Work. He will coordinate the efforts of Dr. Ozawa, Winifred Bell, author of "Aid to Dependent Children," Wayne Vroman, former administrator with the Social Security Administration and another person yet to be named.

Dr. Ozawa said she believes she was selected for the position with the Center because of her extensive research work in income maintenance policy designed to assure economic security.

She will be assigned to a special "assessment unit" responsible for the appraisal and reporting of over-all developments in income maintenance programs including social security, workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance and public welfare assistance.

Calling herself a "utopian visionary" in the area of social welfare, Dr. Ozawa studied economics at Aoyama Gakuin University in Japan before coming to the United States in 1963. In Japan she spent several years working with airline businesses. She received her doctorate in social work from the University of Wisconsin in 1969 and joined the PSU faculty that fall.

## Credit law explained

The Fair Credit Reporting Act became effective after being passed by Congress and signed by the President, April 26, 1971.

The intent and purpose of the law is to guarantee a fair and objective report of an individual's credit history in the community where he works, lives and buys.

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Credit Bureau's DO NOT establish your credit rating; you do. The agency only reports exactly what their customers, who are stores, businesses, banks and finance houses, report to the credit bureau.

Businesses use what is known as a "common language" guide, to rate its customers. Every business employs this system and they can supply you with this printed rating chart, if you are smart enough to ask for it.

Finally, your credit is rated on a scale of from zero to nine; #1 being an excellent credit risk, and #9 being hopeless.

Credit Bureau Metro, Inc., Pittock Block, 2nd floor, 224-5700, is the largest and principal credit reporting agency for the state of Oregon.

If you have credit questions, they will gladly answer them for you. If you have been turned down when seeking credit, this is the place to go.

Last, but not least, the best way to avoid credit embarrassment is simple: PAY YOUR BILLS.

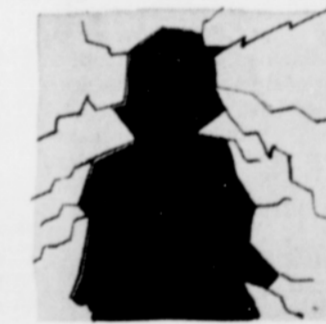


Walking Through Glass

Leaving her dentist's office, Martha headed for the lobby of the building. But as she reached the exit, she mistook a glass panel for the door and pushed right through it.

Cut and bruised, Martha decided to seek damages from the owner of the building.

"The door is glass and so is the panel," she complained in a court hearing. "It is all very confusing."



## Vitamin B in milk

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But the building owner saw no good reason for her confusion. He pointed out that the door had a metal frame, a hydraulic mechanism, and a handle—all plainly visible. Result: Martha's claim was turned down. As one judge put it:

"The injury was due to her own lack of care. She was the author of her own misfortune."

The growing use of glass in homes and buildings has led to numerous lawsuits in which someone inadvertently "walked through glass." In homes alone, such accidents happen about 40,000 times a year.

How alert does the law expect you to be in discerning danger? One key factor, as in the case above, is the presence of visible features that should put a reasonably careful person on guard.

Another factor is your familiarity with the premises. A woman shopper barged into the glass panel beside the door at her neighborhood supermarket. But a court rejected her damage claim largely on the ground that she had been using the same door for years without any difficulty.

However, in other circumstances, inattention may well be excused. Consider this case: An eight-year-old child, visiting at the home of some family friends, ran into a sliding glass door. But it seems that the lighting was poor, and that the door—kept spotlessly clean at all times—had no telltale fixtures to make it noticeable.

A court accordingly found no fault with the youthful victim. Ordering the home owner to pay damages, the court said he could easily have called attention to the hazard with a strategic strip of colored tape.

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All Multnomah County registered voters are invited . . .

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