

PARTIAL LIST OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
OF THE UNITED WOMEN'S CONTINGENT

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March On Washington APRIL 24



On April 24, peaceful, massive demonstrations for immediate withdrawal will take place in Washington and San Francisco. Women---from campuses, Black, puerto Rican, Chicano and Asian-American groups, trade unions, religious groups, the women's liberation movement---will join together and march as a united women's contingent. Last August 26, the 50th anniversary of women's suffrage, tens of thousands of women poured into the streets to demonstrate our right to control our own lives. On April 24 we will take the strength of women which we showed to the world last August, and link up with all other people who say this war must end now.

Women have played a leading role in the anti-war movement since the first teach-ins and demonstrations. Yet the press and the media imply that the anti-war movement is led entirely by men. This is a misconception which must be corrected. We have participated in and have been key organizers of every anti-war march, just as we have been perhaps the most effective force in every movement for social change in the history of the world. Most importantly, as long as this war continues, we cannot have the control over our lives which we need and are determined to have. As women, we constitute 53% of the population---we can be a powerful force in ending the war.

Women in this country are challenging the right of the U.S. government to wage a war of slaughter and destruction in Indochina while it denies the needs of women at home. One million children are left uncared for, while their mothers work, because there are no child care facilities. An estimated 1000 women die every year from illegal abortions. Thousands of women are shut out of higher education because there is not enough money to provide scholarships and loans. We are told that there is no money for child care centers or for abortion services; that the economy cannot meet the demands of women for equal pay and decent jobs; that high schools and universities cannot provide equal education for women. All this while Nixon spends billions of dollars on bombs, B-52's and "Vietnamization".

As women we earn 58% of what men earn in the labor market. The war caused inflation, coupled with rising inflation, hits us harder than any other section of the population. We are forced to accept the worst jobs and run the greatest risk of losing them. For Third World sisters the effects of the war are most severe. On the average the black woman earns one-half of what her white sister makes, about one-fourth of what her black brother makes.

Recent polls show that 78% of the women in this country want an end to the war. We are tired of waiting. We are tired of subordinating our needs to the war machine that is slaughtering our Vietnamese sisters and forcing them into prostitution. We want a country that is life producing, not life destroying. We want the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Southeast Asia NOW.

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LOCAL WOMEN AGAINST THE WAR ACTIONS
ROVING RALLIES ON APRIL 22:

- ***Anti-war female speakers, including wife of an anti-war GI, feminists, female anti-war activists
- ***Guerilla Theater: Military Fashion Show
A Wedding Party at the Nixons
- ***Female Singers and musicians

11 A.M.. Metropolitan Jr. College at Loring Park
12:00 University of Minn., front of Coffman Union
1:00 Augsburg College, Front of Union
2:00 Macalaster, front of Union

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