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WASHINGTON

June 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MRS. FORD

FROM: PAT LINDH

I am enclosing the $\underline{Saturday\ Review}$ and a newsletter called Vital Issues.

Both of these have articles which I know will interest you. We thought you might enjoy seeing them.

Attachments



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WOMEN'S STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY

The Vote, Political Office, and the Equal Rights Amendment

by Tully E. Warren

(Dr. Warren is Professor of Political Science at California State University, Los Angeles.)

1975 is a "banner year" in women's movement for equality. The United Nations has designated 1975 as International Women's Year and an international conference for observance of the year will be held in Mexico City. President Ford has set up a Federal Commission and charged it with promoting the national observance in the U.S. of International Women's Year.

Women have "come of age" politically in the United States in 1975. They are working in political organizations, demanding a voice in party platforms, campaigning for candidates who support their programs, and running for office in ever increasing numbers with each passing year. The year 1974 was a high point:

 Democrat Ella Grasso was elected Governor of Connecticut

 Democrat Janet Gray Hayes of San Jose, California, became the first woman mayor of a city of more than 500,000.

 Susie Sharp, a North Carolina Democrat, became the first woman chief justice of a state supreme court. At the same time, women became increasingly apparent in other levels of American society:

The Chicago Transit Authority hired its first woman bus

driver.

 The White House gym finally opened its facilities to women employees of the executive branch.

 Little League, as the result of a new federal law, now has young people as players instead of boys.

 Women are joining the Army and other branches of the military in record numbers, and moving up in rank and pay.

• Women on patrol in police forces nationally number about 1,000, up from almost nothing three years ago.

• Eleven are Episcopal church priests in an ordination ceremony still in dispute.

 And as all good Yale University people know, the famous Mory's is now open to women for the first time.

Drawings by C. P. Meier

Note: Some state legislatures which ratified or rejected the amendment

may reconsider their action.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

July 11, 1975

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I thought you might be interested in this account of the Mexico City IWY World Conference.





WOMEN today

VOL. V + #14 + JULY, 1975

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WASHINGTON

July 25, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MRS. FORD

FROM:

PATRICIA LINDH OL

The enclosed material should provide you with a good overview of the events which occurred in Mexico City regarding the United Nations Conference on International Women's Year.

In view of your interest in this, I thought you would like to have this issue of WOMEN TODAY.

Attachments





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10-YEAR WORLD PLAN OF ACTION, 'DECLARATION OF MEXICO' AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

After seemingly endless opening statements on women's rights, 1,300 delegates to the United Nation's Conference on International Women's Year in Mexico City moved quickly during the conclave's last 24 hours to adopt a 10-year World Plan of Action, the "Declaration of Mexico" and a number of resolutions designed to improve the status of women throughout the world. In the plenary debates, there was general agreement that while national laws have increasingly recognized the rights of women and the principle of equality with men, progress towards equality in practice had been slow and in many countries women still were at a disadvantage in such areas as educational opportunities, employment and participation in governmental decision-making. The debate also revealed general recognition of the importance of social and economic structural reforms, improvement of living standards as well as educational and informational programs to change traditional attitudes about roles of men and women. Among the numerous political issues discussed by delegations were appeals for implementation of the "Declaration and Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order" and the "Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States." These documents, adopted by the General Assembly last year, set forth principles and measures required to bring about more equitable world economic relations and to expand the world trade, production and income of Third World countries, largely through adjustments to be made by industrial countries. In a night plenary session which ended at 1:45 a.m., July 2, the World Plan of Action-a set of guidelines and targets for action to improve the status of women all over the world-was adopted by consensus along with five other resolutions. The purpose of the plan is to "stimulate national and international action to solve the problems of under-development and of the socio-economic structures which place women in an inferior position." The Introduction and Chapter One (on national action) were amended by the First Committee which also recommended that the Conference adopt the remaining five chapters of the plan as originally prepared by the UN Secretariat last Spring. The First Committee made this recommendation after it was clear that there was insufficient time to review and consolidate into the Plan all the 894 amendments submitted by the official delegations. The amendments and additions submitted by an international delegation from the concurrent Tribune (see Women Today, Vol. V, No. 14) suffered the same fate. On the national level, the Plan recommends both general and specific measures on administrative and organizational matters, legislation, political participation, employment, population and other areas of relevance to the status and role of women in society. Recognizing the "wide divergencies" in the situation of women in various societies, cultures and regions and consequent differences in needs and problems," the Plan states that "each country should decide upon its own national strategy, and identify its own targets and priorities within the present World Plan." Governments are urged to establish short, medium and long-term targets to implement the Plan, since some objectives by their very nature will take longer to achieve than others. By the end of the first five-year period of the 1975-1985 decade, says the Plan, achievement of the following should be seen as a "minimum:"

-a marked increase in literacy of women;

-extension of vocational training in basic skills, including modern farming methods;

-parity of enrollment at the primary level of education;

-increased employment opportunities for women;

-establishment and increase of intrastructural services required in rural areas and others;

—enactment of legislation on equal political participation with men, equal employment opportunities and remunerations, and on equality in legal capacity and the exercise thereof;

-encouragement of increased participation of women in the formulation of action-policies at all levels;

-increased provision for comprehensive measures for health education and services, sanitation, nutrition, family education, family planning and other welfare services;

-provision for parity in the exercise of civil, social and political rights such as those pertaining to marriage, citizenship and commerce;

-recognition of the economic value of women's work in the home, in domestic food production and marketing and in voluntary activities not traditionally remunerated;

-to direct formal, non-formal and life-long education towards the re-evaluation of men and women in order to ensure their full realization as individuals in the family and in society;

-the promotion of women's organizations as an interim measure within workers organizations and educational, economic and professional institutions;

-the development of modern rural technology, cottage industry, pre-school day centers, time and energy-saving devices so as to help reduce the heavy workload of women, particularly those living in rural sectors and for the urban poor, and thus facilitate the full participation of women in community, national and international affairs;

-the establishment of an interdisciplinary and multisectoral machinery within each Government for accelerating the achievement of equal opportunities for women and their full integration in national life.

Key areas for national action include international peace, political participation, education and training, employment and related economic roles, health and nutrition, the family in modern society, population and housing and related facilities. In

these areas, the Plan:
—suggests that the United Nations should proclaim a "special day to be devoted to international peace and celebrated every year" nationally and internationally. The Plan also suggests that both men and women instill in their children the values of mutual respect and understanding for all nations and peoples, racial as well as sexual equality, the right of every nation to self-determination and the desire to maintain international cooperation, peace and security in the world;

-notes that women, who numerically constitute half the population of the world, still occupy a small percentage of leadership positions in the various branches of government. To correct the situation, Governments are urged to establish

MOTE: Mrs. Ford agreed if the litter is large erough. She discussed it with Bill Brockett 8/8/75

WASHINGTON
5 August 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD

FROM: WILLIAM BROCKETT

SUBJECT: DONATION OF A PUPPY TO LEADER DOG SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND,

ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN

The attached letter arrived at the White House last week and was held by Charlene Von Pawel for us to look into as a possible placement for one of Liberty's puppies. It looked like a very worthwhile program, one we had discussed as a possibility.

I have contacted Lisa Jensen, the young girl who wrote the letter, and discussed a possible donation with her. Needless to say, she is very excited and I told her we would keep her in mind for a puppy.

I also contacted Leader Dog School for the Blind to discuss the program with them and check on the progress of Lisa's first puppy. Leader Dog School was founded in 1939 and is the largest producer of dog/handler teams in the world. 242 such teams were graduated last year. Leader Dogs indicated they have more requests for Golden Retrievers than they are able to fulfill and so are very interested in receiving Goldens for the program. They indicated the first dog raised by Lisa under the 4-H program is progressing very well and is expected to graduate with his blind handler in September.

There has been a small amount of mail arriving at the White House denouncing the breeding for adding to the world's population of unwanted puppies, thousands of which are destroyed annually. I believe a donation to Leader Dogs would help offset this feeling and also be a very rewarding personal experience for you.

With your permission, I would like to make tentative arrangements for a donation. The only reason against a donation that comes to-mind is, depending on the number of puppies born, we could fall short of recovering the breeding expenses. However, I feel this possibility is far outweighed by the good that would come from such a donation.



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2125 Crosswind Kalamazoo, Michigan July 28, 1975

The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

I am 15 years old and have hopes of becoming a veterinarian. I recently took my Golden Retriever to the Leader Dog School for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan. I had raised him as part of the 4-H Leader Dog Puppy Program for one year, giving him basic training for becoming a potential Leader Dog. He will be placed with a blind person in September.

My strong admiration for Goldens and Leader Dogs led me to the thought of getting a "Liberty" puppy into the Leader Dog Program. Wouldn't it be wonderful for one of the Presidential Golden Retriever puppies to become eyes for the blind? You, Sir, who love Goldens so much would take pride in knowing that a "Liberty" puppy may be faithfully helping a blind person.

Leader Dogs is a non-profit making organization and relies much on the Lions Clubs and donations. They need exceptional dogs with good backgrounds to be trained as future eyes for the blind.

I would be so proud, if it were my good fortune, to raise a "Liberty" puppy for Leader Dogs for the Blind. I have the honor to remain,

Very Respectfully, Lisa Jensen

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

September 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE FIRST LADY

FROM:

JACK MARSHALL

Our mutual friend, Tex McCrary, called earlier and also spoke to me when he came by the office, to advise what a real hit you made when you appeared before the Zionist organization in New York last week.

Tex said it was a big plus and he was very grateful.



September 19, 1975

FOR:

COLONEL L. J. RILEY

WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY

FROM:

Mrs. Ford

It is my understanding that the President requests a playback of the news during each work day. If at all possible I would like to be notified when the news is played back for the President so I can avail myself of this service.

Thank you.

BF:ncc



MEMORANDUM TO DR. JAMES CONNOR

FROM: Carolyn Porembka

Attached is information regarding <u>Book Digest</u> Magazine which the First Lady would like to obtain for official use. If there are any additional requirements necessary to subscribe to this publication, please let me know.



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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

November 21, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford:

Just a short note to tell you how much the Ten Outstanding Young Women enjoyed their meeting with you and the President. It was the highlight of their trip to Washington.

For me it was a special thrill and a distinct pleasure to be able to represent the White House and the President.

With my best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Karen Keesling Director

Office of Women's Programs

Mrs. Ford The White House



Mrs. Ford

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. JAMES E. CONNOR

FROM: Carolyn Porembka

Mrs. Ford would like to request the purchase of a photo album which is approximately 24x16 inches for official use. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thank you.



MEMORANDUM FOR DR. JAMES E. CONNOR

FROM: Carolyn Porembka

We would like your approval to request a Rolodex File, Model #V524 for the First Lady's official use.

Thank you.



WASHINGTON

January 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DICK CHENEY

FROM:

RON NESSEN RAN

Jerry Jones suggested I bring this matter to your attention.

Nick Thimmesch has been commissioned to write a cover story for the NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE on Mrs. Ford, the children, and Ford family life in general. He has gotten absolutely nowhere persuading Sheila Weidenfeld to make Mrs. Ford available for an interview. Nick Thimmesch enlisted my help and I got absolutely nowhere. I enlisted David Kennerly's help and he also got absolutely nowhere.

Nick says he must write the story whether he has an opportunity to talk to Mrs. Ford or not. My view has always been that stories turn out better when they are based on first-hand interviews rather than second-hand clippings and gossip. In addition, Nick has been generally favorable to the President and I feel is anxious to do a fair story on the family if we could give him a little cooperation.

Jerry and I agree that the matter has reached the point where it probably should be brought to the President's attention.



WASHINGTON

January 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FIRST LADY

FROM:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF M. .

I am attaching a copy of the Sunday Magazine from the CINCINNATI INQUIRER of January 4, 1976, which contains a feature story on the First Lady.

The magazine was sent to me by former Congressman William Keating (R-Ohio) who is now President of the CINCINNATI INQUIRER who requested that it be brought to the First Lady's attention.





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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 12, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

TERRY O'DONNELL

FROM:

DAVE GERGEN

SUBJECT:

Margaret Truman's Birthday

I note that tomorrow (Friday) is Mrs. Truman's birthday. She was born on February 13, 1885. There will no doubt be a number of calls to her from across the country. I think it would be appropriate for the President to call her, too.



WASHINGTON

March 9, 1976

Scheduling Office:

Porothy Downton sent the attached letter to me in view of the mention of Mrs. Ford's name. We have jointly agreed that this probably can appropriately be handled by your office. If you have any problems, please let me know.

Carolyn Porembka



My Dear Ms. Downton;

Not knowing your maritial statis I use the word Ms. which should cover any and all bases. Now here is my problem; have beeen trying to get through to the people who handle the President's schedule; this year he celebrates his 25th year as a Mason, which Lodge I am sure needs no explanation. Being his 25th it also is hi Silver Anniversary, one which I am sure he doesn't want to let slip by. It is like your 25th Wedding Anniversary, once you reach 26 there is no going back. This is something that in later years as he looks back is going to mean an awful lot to him. Briefly his 3 brothers Tom, Dick, and Jim are going to cilibrate it with him, but in Grand Rapids, Michigan at the Malta Lodge #465. I believe that the people involved are not aware of this fact. By the proper coordination and cooperation it can be done by the media of Television, and I am sure that the networks will be more than happy to take over. Something like this loes not happen every day, how often can you boast 100 years of Masonery, and during our 200 year centennial. I am sure that whe the facts are presented to Betty, that she will use her influence to see that it gets done. I have learned, never to underistimate the power of a woman.

Now here is what I would like you to do, contact Mrs. Ford and let her in on the secret, which by the way we are trying to keep from the President. I am told that you don't have any secrets from the President. This is one that I hope can be done. I have a 12 year old daughter who wants in the worst way to be able to present it to the President, and is goint to be heart-broken if she can't.

With all this in mind do you suppose that between you and Mr. Ford we can have this thing c ne to a realization? I am sure that when it is all over you, Mrs. Ford, and all concerned will be most grateful that it happened. Remember that the time allotement will be a maximum of 30 minutes more or less. There will be a small introduction by me giving a brief background and the three brothers from Grand Rapids will break in and then the presentation by my daughter, of the plaque to President Ford, and that is it.

Now again I can't stress enough the importance of this event. We will pay our own transportation and lodging, all we require will be transportation to and from the White House.

Hoping to hear from you by return mail, I remain

Sinderely yours,

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P.S. I will send you a picture of the plaque, which should be done sometime this week.

WASHINGTON

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FOR:

JAMES CONNOR

FROM:

Nancy Chirdon

It is requested that delivery of the Washington Post be continued for myself and Carolyn Porembka.

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