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First Lady Sticks to Her

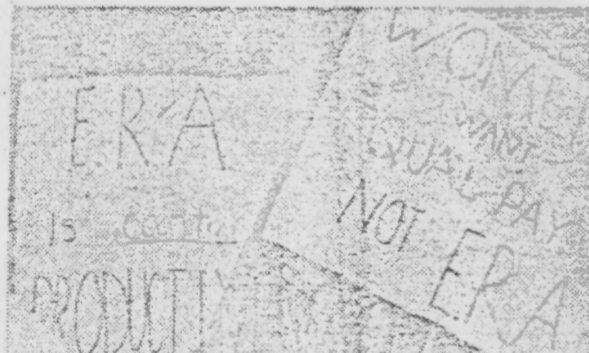
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BY MARLENE CIMONS

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—They were an incredible sight, those several dozen men and women who had come on this sunny, but bitterly cold, afternoon—carrying hostile picket signs—to march along the sidewalk in front of the White House.

A demonstration along the spiked fence on Pennsylvania Ave. is not an unusual event. It is a location where thousands of people, all with a cause, have come throughout American history. What made these people unique was the target of their protest. They were not, as one would expect, out to castigate the President. This time it



Runs on ERA

mon Cause. "As for the complaints, we consider them silly, picayune and unjustified."

Mrs. Ford has been commended by the League of Women Voters, the National Organization for Women and scores of other women's rights groups across the country, many of whom have either telephoned or sent telegrams of support.

"I am absolutely delighted that Mrs. Ford has a sense of responsibility, a strong sense of her own citizenship, and is taking a stand towards justice," said Karen DeCrow, national chairperson of NOW. "It's refreshing."

Ms. DeCrow added: "As a feminist, I would be happiest if

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BETTY FORD-ERA LEAD

WASHINGTON (AP) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD, ANSWERING CRITICISM OVER HER LOBBYING FOR THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT, SAID TODAY "I DON'T FEEL THAT I'VE DONE ANYTHING MORE THAN WRITE LETTERS AND MAKE TELEPHONE CALLS."

CRITICS CONTENDED THAT MRS. FORD'S PRO-ERA EFFORTS HAD BEEN UNDERTAKEN AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE. BUT THE FIRST LADY TOLD REPORTERS: "I HAVEN'T REALLY USED GOVERNMENT FACILITIES."

MRS. FORD SAID SHE HAD CONTACTED PEOPLE IN ARIZONA, INDIANA AND NEVADA. THE ARIZONA SENATE HAS REJECTED ERA, 60 TO 14.

THE FIRST LADY SAID SHE ALSO INTENDS TO CONTACT POTENTIAL ERA SUPPORTERS IN ALL OTHER STATES WHERE RATIFICATION OF THE AMENDMENT IS PENDING.

"I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE PERHAPS SITTING ON THE FENCE," SHE SAID. "THEY CAN'T QUITE MAKE UP THEIR MINDS IF IT'S SOMETHING THEY REALLY WANT. I FIND THAT THEY ARE WAVERING."

MRS. FORD SAID HER LOBBYING APPROACH CONSISTS OF MERELY CONTACTING PEOPLE AND EXPRESSING HER OPINION.

SHE TALKED WITH REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING A HEART ASSOCIATION ANNUAL VALENTINE LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW.

SHE SAID HER ATTEMPTS TO WIN SUPPORT FOR THE ERA SHOULD NOT BE THOUGHT AS COMING FROM PRESIDENT FORD.

ASKED HOW HE REACTS TO HER EFFORTS, SHE SAID, "HE JUST SMILES."

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ANTI-ERA DEMONSTRATORS ACCUSED MRS. FORD AND SEVERAL FEDERAL AGENCIES OF IMPROPERLY SPENDING TAXPAYERS' MONEY ON BEHALF OF THE AMENDMENT. THEY ASKED FOR EQUAL TIME TO PRESENT THEIR CASE AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

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Betty Ford, Working Woman

Betty Ford confessed yesterday that had circumstances been different she would now have been working several days a week, perhaps at a hospital, instead of seven days a week as a President's wife.



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Betty Ford's Mail Is Running 3 to 1 Against Her Active Support of ERA

WASHINGTON — (AP)

— Betty Ford's mail at the White House is running three to one against her outspoken support of passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the Constitution to end sex discrimination.

*'It's those who are
against (ERA) who*

to the White House from around the country.

Some of the sentiments from the letters to Mrs. Ford:

"It is so wonderful to have a First Lady who is concerned about people and not just about clothes or

What ERA Would And Would Not Do



Many misunderstandings about the legal effects of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment should be corrected.

The amendment itself will not end sex discrimination. However, it will set a standard for removing discriminatory provisions from every statute, ordinance, regulation, custom and judicial and administrative precedent and require



WOMEN'S FORGOTTEN ROLES IN THE REVOLUTION

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- Abigail Adams, who later became a First Lady, was influential in shaping many policies of the Revolution and the Republic through her husband John.

- Deborah Champion, aged 22, traveled more than 100 miles from New London, Conn., to Cambridge, Mass., to Washington's headquarters with vital messages and money to pay troops.

Some scholars have concluded that in

certain ways women played a comparatively larger role in the Revolutionary period than in the past 150 years.

A hard school. Says a writer on the period: "Schooled in a vast, untamed land of hardships and hazards, the women of colonial America were conditioned to independence and initiative."

Historians emphasize that women were not just a set of passive ladies serving tea and bound by the other "social graces" and amenities that eigh-

teenth-century customs and tradition often prescribed. When husbands went off to war, women had to run families, farms and financial enterprises.

Many were ardent supporters of women's rights and freedom for blacks from slavery. Women wanted to be included in the affairs of the forming nation.

In Virginia and New Jersey, women even voted for a brief period prior to the Revolution—a right that was soon lost. Congress did not ratify until 1920 the

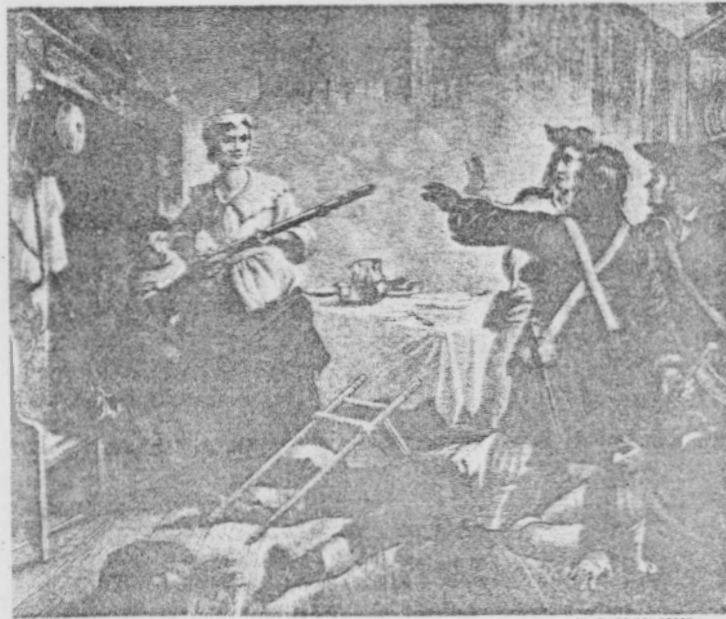
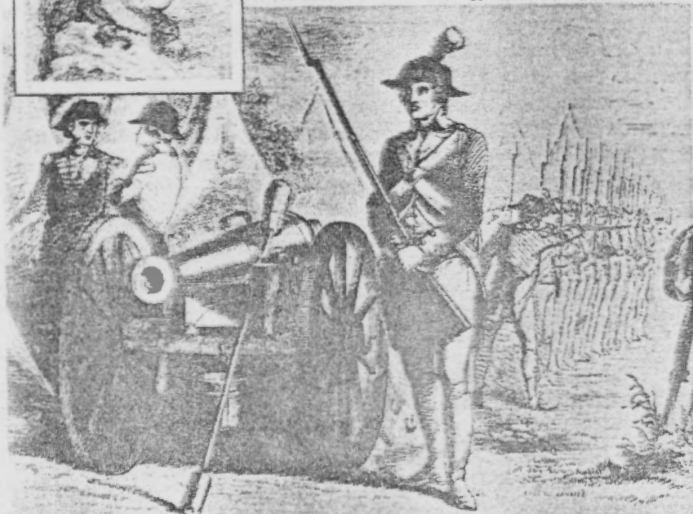


Molly Pitcher, actually named Mary Hays, became famous for taking the place of her husband when he was wounded during the Revolutionary War.



Deborah Sampson Gannett enlisted in the Army as a man, under the name of Robert Shurtleff. She served for 18 months before her sex was discovered. Later, she was honorably discharged.

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Nancy Hart, of Georgia, who served with her husband in combat, once threw boiling lye into the face of an enemy soldier.

Jeanne M. Holm

Ford's Record On Women's Rights

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In her op-ed piece of Oct. 4, Ellen Goodman has taken leave of her normal good senses to cast unwarranted aspersions on both the President and the First Lady of the land.

The thrust of her article is that by allowing her picture to appear on campaign posters with her husband, Mrs. Ford is trying to mislead moderate and liberal voters into thinking that she has some mystic influence on her husband's positions. In fact, argues Ms. Goodman, she has shown little real influence and the President has shown himself to be a troglodyte on "feminist issues." Thus, the poster allegedly mis-

represents Mrs. Ford's personality. "I hope to see it a part of our Constitution before too long." He went on to point out that "injustice cannot wait upon politics, nor upon the lengthy public discussion which has already delayed ratification of this constitutional amendment. The time to act is now."

He announced that he had directed the Attorney General to plan a sweeping review of all federal laws and regulations that may discriminate on the basis of sex and to make recommendations for change. He also encouraged the governors of all the states "to initiate a similar review of all state laws to bring them into harmony with our

Women's Latent Fears Imperil Rights Drive

BY MARTHA WIENMAN LEAR

New York state Sen. Richard Schermerhorn remembers it well. The time was 1972, the place was the state Senate chamber, the vote was on the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. They were about to call the roll, and Schermerhorn arose.

"Do you want the attention of the chair?" asked the then Lt. Gov. Malcolm Wilson.

"You bet!" the senator said, "I'm going to debate against this thing!" And everyone laughed.

Debate, equal rights? After the laughter, and after a short, impassioned debate, they went on to ratify the federal amendment almost unanimously. The Assembly had already ratified it overwhelmingly. With that auspicious beginning, there was every reason to believe that a similarly worded amendment to the state constitution would zip through when it was put to a referendum of the state's voters last November. Instead, it was defeated by 400,000 votes. It went down badly in New Jersey, too. And its proponents were left in a state of shock as deep as any since the morning papers brought the bad news home to Thomas E. Dewey in 1948.

Schermerhorn sat recently in his Albany office contemplating his vindication. "There were too many iffy areas in that thing," he said. "You take my wife. My wife is not equipped to earn her own away. She is totally equipped to be a housewife, a mother, a civic person. If the E.R.A. had passed, she could have lost my retirement benefits, my Social Security benefits, everything. These issues

Martha Wienman Lear, author of "The Child Worshipers," writes frequently on women and the law. She lives in New York City.



would be up to the courts, and I don't trust the judges. I don't want to put the lives and rights of women in the hands of some freaky judge.

"Now, the state E.R.A. was rejected in 58 out of 62 counties, and I think the senators and assemblymen finally have gotten the message. What we've got to do now is rescind the federal E.R.A. We've already submitted a bill to rescind. Anything we can do, we can undo. And I'll tell you something: I think the federal E.R.A. is dead. They don't stand a snowball's chance in hell of getting four more states."

And so the long hot battle over the E.R.A. moves into a new phase, in which the operative word is rescission—to rescind. Thirty-four states, including New York, have ratified the federal E.R.A. Four more must be won by March 1979, or the issue expires.

It is not so long a time as it seems. For a number of strategic reasons, the E.R.A. forces will not be driving hard for ratification in 1976, except perhaps in Illinois. The opposition, meanwhile, will be lobbying in states that have already ratified, trying to persuade the legislators to take back their vote.

In Albany, bills to rescind now rest in the Judiciary committees of the state Senate and Assembly. Citizens' groups with names such as WUNDER (Women United To Defend Existing Rights) and Operation Wake-up are up there lobbying.

"The girls were up against last week," Annette Stern of Westchester the founder of WUNDER, told me recently. "We feel optimistic about getting those bills out of committee. After all, what kind of democratic system do we have if we don't abide by the people's mandate?"

Probably their efforts will not come to much. The issue is exquisitely tender, and legislators will be loathe to probe it in an election year.

So the bills to rescind may die in committee. But the echoes of last November's defeat will not die so easily. The defeat is significant, I think, not because it signals any dramatic change in the winds or the tides of the women's movement—in the long run, it probably doesn't—but because it says so much about how women perceive themselves and each other.

In the Albany-Rensselaer train station, I asked the young woman who sold tickets how she had voted on the E.R.A.

"I voted no," she said. And she blushed. Could she tell me why?

"I don't know. I just . . . Well, look behind you. See those signs?"

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This marvelous cartoon was done by Bill Wright of the Miami Herald and ran in the Arizona Daily Star (Tucson) on 2/24/75. Mrs. Ford has probably seen it, but we wanted to be sure she did. It symbolizes for us so well what we are working against in the Stop ERA Groups.

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THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER



"I CAN'T TAKE YOU ANYWHERE!"

Charlotte Observer

2/19/75



A Fund-Raiser for Women Candidates

The women's political movement is coming of age, and giving expensive fund raisers just like male politicians have been doing all these years

Next Tuesday, the bipartisan National Women's Political Caucus will sponsor a \$100-a-person dinner party, to raise money for its "Win With Women, 76" project, to help support women running for office this year. Some of the proceeds of the party will be used to support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

More than 100 well-known personalities have joined

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(ABORTION LEAGUE)

WASHINGTON (UPD) -- A PRO-ABORTION GROUP TODAY MOVED TO BLOCK THE AWARD OF FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS TO ELLEN MCCORMACK, A RIGHT-TO-LIFE CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT, CHARGING SHE HAS VIOLATED CAMPAIGN LAWS AND ENGAGED IN DECEPTIVE PRACTICES.

THE NATIONAL ABORTION RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION ALLEGING THAT MCCORMACK'S POLITICAL ACTIVITIES "DEMONSTRATE A PATTERN TO DECEIVE POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS BY FAILING TO DISCLOSE WITHOUT AMBIGUITY THAT SHE IS SOLICITING FUNDS FOR HER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY AND NOT FOR THE ANTICHOICE MOVEMENT."

LEAGUE PRESIDENT SARAH WEDDINGTON -- A LAWYER WHO SUCCESSFULLY ARGUED BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT IN 1973 THAT STATE LAWS AGAINST ABORTION DURING FIRST THREE MONTHS OF PREGNANCY WERE UNCONSTITUTIONAL -- ALSO ASKED THE FEC TO INVESTIGATE THE EXTENT OF CATHOLIC CHURCH INVOLVEMENT IN THE MCCORMACK CAMPAIGN.

THE FEC SAID THAT MCCORMACK, A 49-YEAR-OLD SUBURBAN NEW YORK HOUSEWIFE, APPARENTLY WILL QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS ON THURSDAY. BUT COMMISSION COUNSEL JOHN MURPHY SAID THIS WAS SUBJECT TO LEGAL CHALLENGE.

THE LEAGUE CHARGED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT:

-- ADVERTISEMENTS SOLICITING FUNDS FOR MCCORMACK "EMPHASIZE THE USE OF FUNDS FOR ANTICHOICE MEDIA SPOTS, NOT FOR HER CANDIDACY," AND IN SOME INSTANCES DO NOT MENTION THE CANDIDACY AT ALL.

-- ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF THE CONTRIBUTION CHECKS MCCORMACK HAS COUNTED TOWARD QUALIFICATION FOR MATCHING FUNDS WERE MADE OUT TO PRE-EXISTING, NATIONALLY KNOWN ANTIABORTION GROUPS RATHER THAN TO HER CAMPAIGN.

-- MCCORMACK "HAS SOLICITED FUNDS THROUGH POLITICAL COMMITTEES NOT REGISTERED WITH THE FEC AS REQUIRED BY LAW."

WEDDINGTON SAID THE LEAGUE SUSPECTS THERE HAS BEEN "A DIRECT INSTITUTIONAL INVOLVEMENT OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE CAMPAIGN" AND HAS BEEN TOLD OF SEVERAL INSTANCES IN WHICH PARISH PRIESTS REQUESTED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MCCORMACK DURING SUNDAY SERVICES.

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Star 3/25/76 Q and A

NOW Leader Sees 18 Votes In ERA's Way

Karen DeCrow, president of the National Organization for Women, was interviewed by Washington Star Staff Writer Judy Flander.

Question: *There seems to be widespread and increasing opposition to several of the women's movement's major goals. Is the movement losing its momentum?*

DeCrow: Well, I think that contrary to what you read in most publications, the movement is in good shape today. On the basic issues we're concerned with — ERA, abortion — we've got the road map blocked out on what we have to do this year.

Q: *What are you doing specifically to get ERA ratified?*

A: We've targeted six states that have the best chance for ratification. These are Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Nevada, Florida and another state which chooses to remain nameless for the moment for tactical reasons. We had a strategy session with people from 15 of the 16 unratified states — everyone but Mississippi — to decide which had the best chances of passing ERA and what kind of budgets they would need.

Q: *Who do you consider the major roadblocks to ratification in these states?*

A: We've identified 18 legislators who are blocking passage of ERA. It's a crazy thing because here we've got millions of women who are being denied constitutional equality by 18 people. The thing is to try to put pressure on them to let ERA out of committee. If that doesn't work, we'll get into the political end of it; we think these people have to be defeated and quite a few of them are up for election in November. As a matter of fact, people are already going to them and saying, 'We are going to run somebody against you in your district. You're going to have to face a primary fight, you're going to have to spend all this money unless you guarantee to us that you're going to vote yes on ERA this time.'

Q: *Why do you think the state ERA amendments failed in New York and New Jersey?*

A: I guess the major reason was a very low voter turnout. Another reason is that in the last two weeks the anti-ERA people waged an incredibly high-priced scare campaign that seems to have worked. I thought the stuff they said on television commercials was preposterous, that nobody

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- The delegation will testify in favor of the emergency food aid before the foreign operations subcommittee of the House appropriations committee Tuesday. He said it would also support some medical assistance.
- Rep. Bella Abzug (D., N.Y.), one of the delegation, said she would present a dissenting view to the opinion of the majority of the delegation that about \$124 million worth of ammunition should be sent to Cambodia.
- William Coleman won Senate confirmation as Secretary of Transportation. He becomes the second Black to hold a Cabinet position. NBC said Robert Weaver, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations, was the first.
- Rock Island Railroad officials and union leaders agreed to ask about 10,500 railroad employees to take a voluntary 10 per cent pay cut to help ease the road's financial problems. The lost pay would be repaid when and if the railroad started making money. Some 800 officers and managers agreed to take the cut.

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FROM THE WIRES

Mrs. Ford Happy Over Change in Mail

Washington (UPI) -- First Lady Betty Ford was described as "very happy" Monday that her mail has turned around and is now heavily in favor of her support of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Shiela Rabb Weidenfeld, the First Lady's Press Secretary said so far Mrs. Ford has received 6,412 letters and wires in favor of ERA and 2,729 against.

Earlier the mail was running 3-1 against Mrs. Ford's staunch support of the Amendment.

"Mrs. Ford said it was great," said Mrs. Weidenfeld. She quoted the First Lady as saying "it is very important that people who are for ERA not sit back because it's the only way ERA is going to be passed."

Mrs. Ford's eyes are on the Illinois legislature where there will be a crucial vote on ERA tomorrow.

The letter writers have not minced words on their different stands.

One letter writer wrote: "Dear Betty -- Good for you, push on." "Please continue to speak out for passage of ERA," wrote another woman. "Be sure that you have a veritable tidal wave of support behind you."

"I wish I had more time to sound your praises," one woman wrote. "Women in the country have long needed your support."

Among the letters in opposition was one reading: "Mr. Ford, can you kindly tell me how you expect to run the United States when you can't control your wife."

"Mrs. Ford, it's incomprehensible to me that you would desire equality when you are far superior to your husband in stupidity," wrote another woman.

Still another letter writer told Mrs. Ford, "You have the unique distinction of being the only woman in the White House that we cannot refer to as 'Lady'. Impeach Betty Ford."

Arabs Hope to Coordinate Stand on Israel

Damascus (UPI) -- Representatives from Syria, Jordan, Egypt and the Palestine Liberation Organization will meet later this month to coordinate their stands in the Middle East conflict, Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad said Monday.

The meeting, originally planned for Feb. 3, was postponed because of a rift in Egyptian-Palestinian relations following PLO criticism of Egypt's Middle East policy.

Speaking to newsmen on his arrival from Beirut, where he held talks with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, Riad said:

"There are no differences between Egypt and the Palestinians. There was a misunderstanding, but the situation is now clear."

Administration

Western Papers

Rykken Johnson, Denver Post, Denver - Gerald Warren, Deputy Press Secretary to President Gerald Ford, said in Denver Saturday that President Ford "has brought a new dimension" to the White House. Speaking to the Colorado Press Association's annual convention, Warren lauded Ford for introducing a "healthy atmosphere" of openness and communication with the public, Congress and the White House staff. Warren asked the editors attending the convention to forward copies of their editorials they feel reflect local opinions on national issues. He said the White House is interested in being thoroughly acquainted with editorial thought around the nation.

Iris Yang, Sacramento Bee: ACTION, the federal volunteer agency which includes the Peace Corps and VISTA, has tripled the scope of its programs in the last two years, said Michael P. Balzano, Jr., director of the agency. "And we have done it with less money and less people than we have ever had," Balzano said Monday. "Two years ago, most of the volunteers in VISTA and the Peace Corps were generalists, young and with BA's," Balzano said. "Now, 90 per cent of the entire program is made up of senior citizens," he said.

Austin American-Statesman, "Ford and Popularity." In a recent Harris Poll, most people found that President Ford is a "man of high integrity" and then turned around and said he did not do the right thing in giving Nixon a pardon. Perhaps what they meant is that what the President thought was right, was not what the people thought was right -- which is a different thing altogether. Perhaps if the pollsters asked the right "right" questions, their results would be a little more believable. And maybe a nice guy can finish first -- if he can settle down the economy.

Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic Papers

Providence Bulletin, "Singular First Lady." Were we opposed to ERA -- which we are not -- we would still find Mrs. Ford's involvement refreshing. Her self-expression gives added dimension to the function she serves. The individual emerges from the shadows of the President's alter-ego.

Vera Glaser, Knight Newspapers, Washington: Illinois Gov. Dan Walker, Florida's Gov. Reubin Askew, Missouri's Gov. Christopher Bond and North Carolina's Gov. James Holshouser say that -- despite recent setbacks and the emotionalism swirling around the issue -- ERA is "alive and kicking" in their states. But only Walker predicted, "We're going to pass it. It will be tight, but we'll make it." Askew and Holshouser were more cautious. They see passage as possible, but if it occurs, they expect it to be "very close." Bond who has plugged ERA vigorously, appeared shaken when a resolution was introduced in his legislature condemning First Lady Betty Ford and Mrs. Bond for their pro-ERA lobbying. Bond, noting that ERA scored 82 votes, the precise number necessary to win in the Missouri House, credited the efforts of Mrs. Ford.

Vera Glaser, Knight Newspapers, Washington: President Ford's counselor, Robert Hartmann, expects his boss' 1976 opponent to be Edward Kennedy, despite the Massachusetts senator's announcement that he won't run.

Bob Poole, Media General News Service, Washington: A spokesman for the National Wildlife Federation says it is "too early to assess newly appointed National Park Service Director Gar Everhardt's performance on the job, but we are pleased to see that the administration saw fit to appoint a career professional with Everhardt's credentials. We just hope the administration will give him the budget to do the job."

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Foreign Affairs-Defense

Southern Papers

Charlotte Observer, "Save Cambodia? Nonsense Is Still in Style." Now we are told that \$222 million more is a necessity, and Mr. Ford, Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Schlesinger make it sound as if the future of Western Civilization is at stake. "The Administration may try to blame the loss of Cambodia on Congress," we said in May of 1973, when the Nixon Administration's Cambodian policy had failed. And that is exactly what is happening now: The Ford Administration is



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- Mercy Otis Warren, say some historians, helped incite the Revolution as a writer, speaker and adviser to such patriots as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams.

- Abigail Adams, who later became a First Lady, was influential in shaping many policies of the Revolution and the Republic through her husband John.

- Deborah Champion, aged 22, traveled more than 100 miles from New London, Conn., to Cambridge, Mass., to Washington's headquarters with vital messages and money to pay troops.

Some scholars have concluded that in

certain ways women played a comparatively larger role in the Revolutionary period than in the past 150 years.

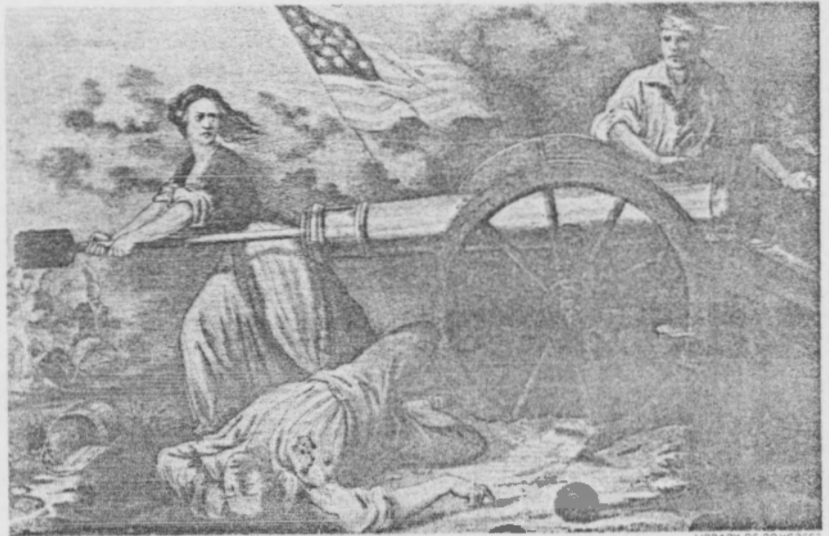
A hard school. Says a writer on the period: "Schooled in a vast, untamed land of hardships and hazards, the women of colonial America were conditioned to independence and initiative."

Historians emphasize that women were not just a set of passive ladies serving tea and bound by the other "social graces" and amenities that eigh-

teenth-century customs and tradition often prescribed. When husbands went off to war, women had to run families, farms and financial enterprises.

Many were ardent supporters of women's rights and freedom for blacks from slavery. Women wanted to be included in the affairs of the forming nation.

In Virginia and New Jersey, women even voted for a brief period prior to the Revolution—a right that was soon lost. Congress did not ratify until 1920 the

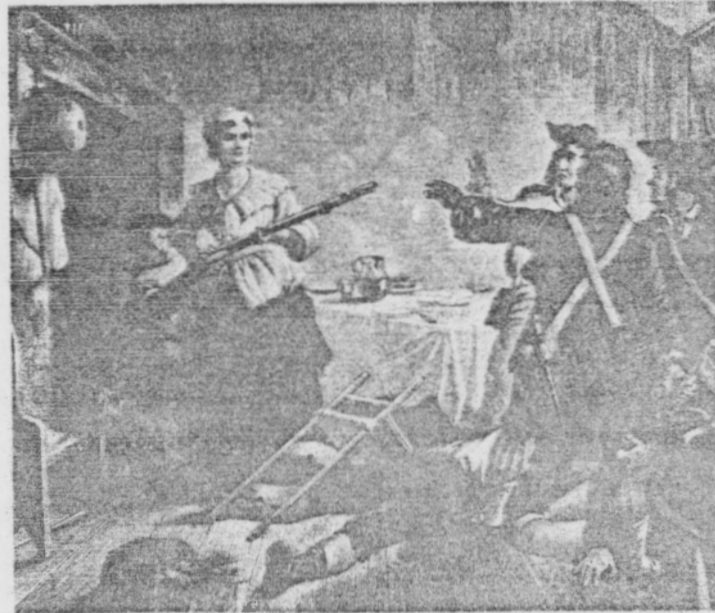
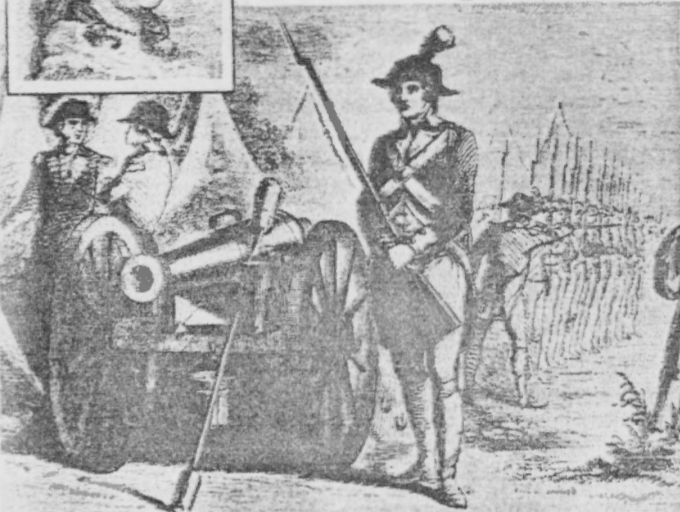


Molly Pitcher, actually named Mary Hays, became famous for taking the place of her husband when he was wounded during the Revolutionary War.



Deborah Sampson Gannett enlisted in the Army as a man, under the name of Robert Shurtleff. She served for 18 months before her sex was discovered. Later, she was honorably discharged.

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Nancy Hart, of Georgia, who served with her husband in combat, once threw boiling lye into the face of an enemy soldier.

PHYLLIS

SCHLAFLY



"THE
SWEETHEART
OF THE
SILENT MAJORITY"

Phyllis Schlafly was in her glory. There she was on William F. Buckley's talk show, "Firing Line," waging holy war against the Equal Rights Amendment—and doing just fine.

She looked like a real lady, sitting primly with her back ramrod-straight and her skirt discreetly covering her knees. Her frosted hair was done up with a Shirley Temple curl dangling over each ear. And she just smiled that apparently indelible charm-school smile while gadfly Buckley buzzed about and stung her opponent, a representative of the National Organization for Women.

The NOW woman was combative, authoritative, and angry. Schlafly looked sure all the husbands out there in TV-land were thinking that her opponent was . . . well, unfeminine. So she just sat back and smiled, and once in a while, with a nod from Buckley, she made her points.

"The proponents of the Equal Rights Amendment have given up claiming that ERA can do anything for women in the field of employment," she asserted, gracefully balancing the stack of "evidence" she held on her lap. "Even when Dr. Emerson came to testify at the Missouri hearing, he conceded that ERA will do nothing for women in the field of employment which is not already done by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972."

ERA won't bring equal pay, she implies—a telling point. Score one for Schlafly, right?

Wrong. "Dr. Emerson," who is an attorney, a Yale Law School professor, and calls himself Mr. Emerson, conceded nothing of the kind.

"No, I didn't say that at all," he told me. "That's absolutely incorrect. Obviously ERA would do a great deal to improve opportunities for women workers."

But the television audience didn't have a chance to hear Thomas I. Emerson's correction. Schlafly emerged unscathed, still smiling and one step ahead of the facts.

Carefully choreographed performances like this have lifted Schlafly to her current eminence as a leader in the fight to prevent ratification of the

BY LISA CRONIN WOHL

Equal Rights Amendment. A veteran of right-wing causes, she is the author of *A Choice Not an Echo*, a tract boosting the 1964 Presidential campaign of Barry Goldwater. And in 1960 she was termed a "very loyal member of the John Birch Society" by its director Robert Welch—a claim she says she denied at the time.

Now she has surfaced as chairman (yes, chairman) of STOP ERA, a national organization opposing the Amendment. As such, she has addressed state legislatures across the country, appeared on national and local television programs, and given countless radio and newspaper interviews.

In her wake, she has apparently left thousands of frightened women who fear ERA will destroy the American family, legalize rape, send mothers into combat, require unisex bathrooms, and force contented housewives into jobs they don't want. One apparent victim of acute Schlafly-shock even thundered that, after ERA, women and men could be "squatting over open latrines"—as if ERA were a chemical that would corrode modern American plumbing.

None of the above is true. Nevertheless, partly as a result of such scare tactics, the ratification of ERA, which had seemed a sure thing in 1972, slowed down in 1973. A total of 38 states must ratify ERA before it becomes the 27th Amendment to the Constitution. Last year four states ratified, bringing the total to 30; 13 failed to ratify (two of them by only a one-vote margin), and one state, Nebraska, attempted to rescind ratification, a maneuver of dubious legal effectiveness.

"Not too bad a track record for an amateur," Schlafly says as she smiles sweetly to reporters.

More about that "amateur" standing later. First, let's note that Schlafly can't take all the credit. Some state legislators are adamantly opposed to

anything that smacks of women's rights. They would vote against ERA with or without Schlafly.

More ominously, the Equal Rights Amendment has become a rallying point for right-wing extremist organizations around the country. The John Birch Society, the Ku Klux Klan, the National States Rights Party, and other radical right groups have sent their members—some organizationally identified and some not—into the fray. They tend to mirror Schlafly's views, tactics, and arguments; and ultraconservative backing has been a factor in creating her reputation for superhuman effectiveness.

Still, let's not underestimate the lady herself. "She just looks so good," recalls Keller Bumgardner, co-coordinator of the South Carolina Coalition for ERA. "She came in looking beautifully groomed and glamorous with lovely jewels. She seems womanly—like the mother who has come out to fight for what she knows is right." Although her opponents call her a carpetbagger, conservative legislators have given her a more than fair share of time in the ERA debate. On a recent expedition to South Carolina, for instance, Schlafly spoke for almost one full hour and the local backers of the ERA shared the other hour allocated to the debate.

Schlafly identifies herself as a Mrs. who's proud of it: the wife of an attorney and the mother of six children. In addition, she tells the lawmakers, she has written six books and has degrees from Washington University and Radcliffe College. Of course, Schlafly is hardly one of the typical "housewives" she claims to protect. She doesn't point out that she has full-time domestic help, or that she has been a repeated (and unsuccessful) candidate for political office; or that, according to the *New York Times*, she publishes most of her books herself. But who asks for details? She tells the legislators what they want to hear.

"The claim that American women are downtrodden and unfairly treated is the fraud of the century," she avers. "The truth is that American women have never had it so good. Why should

The Washington Star

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Ford Regime Is Low-Key on 1st

By Joseph Young

Washington Star Staff Writer

The first woman in history to be appointed personnel director of a government cabinet department has been named to that post by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

She is Virginia M. Armstrong, a 25-year career employee who has spent her entire federal service with the Civil Service Commission's New

FOR EXAMPLE, during the Johnson administration it was highly publicized when a woman was appointed personnel director of a federal agency. She was called to the White House amid a wave of publicity to pose with the President for photos and television coverage to publicize the fact that she was the first woman to be appointed to such a post. The Johnson administration tried to make as much political capital of the appointment as it could

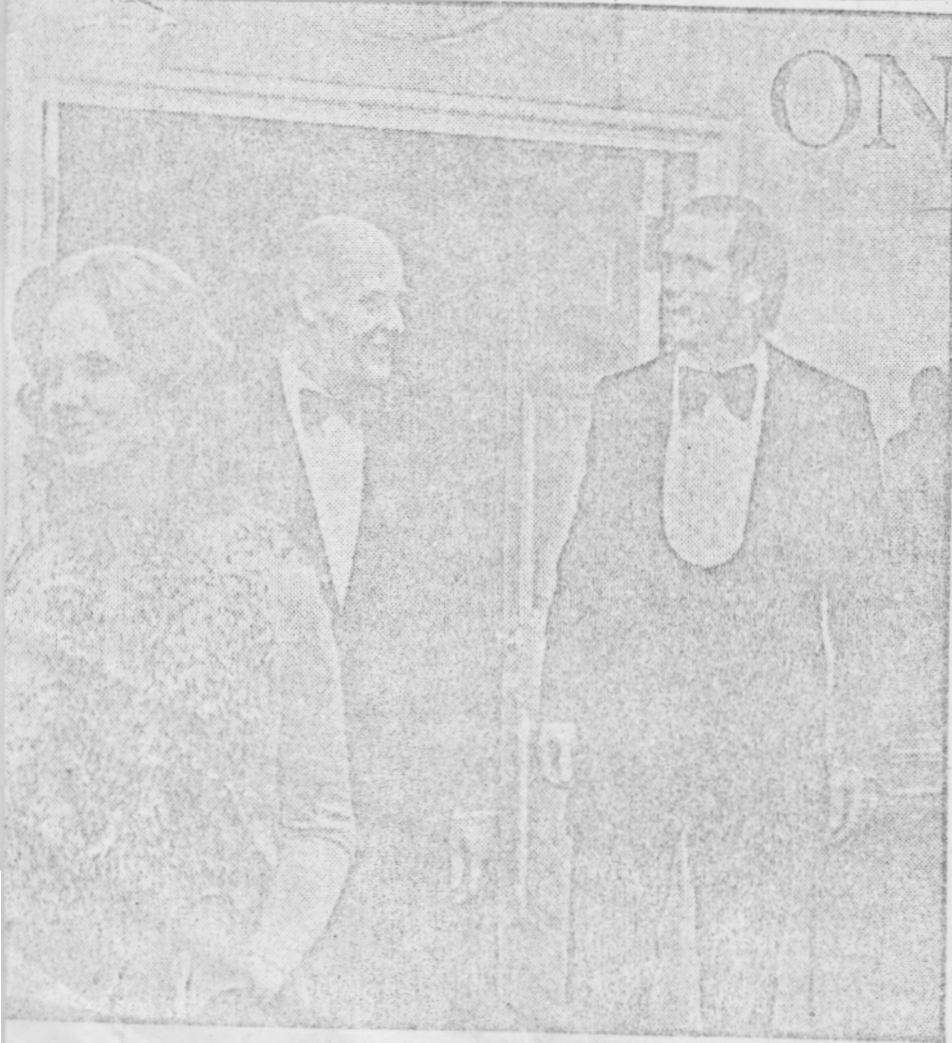
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However, a transcript of the interview, say Carter staffers, puts a different light on the matter

Carter said he was in favor of holding down federal pay raises only if similar wage restrictions were

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ON A PARTY NIGHT

They Dance Horas, Don't They? . . .

By Isabelle Shelton
Washington Star Staff Writer

The note was upbeat at last night's White House dinner for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel.

They danced a hora several times in the marble foyer with First Lady Betty Ford joining in. President Ford did not take part in the traditional Israeli circle dance but watched smilingly, tapping his foot.

In his earlier toast to the visiting Prime Minister, Ford stressed their personal friendship dating back to Rabin's years as ambassador here and the close ties that bind the two countries.

He also seemed to be saying — obliquely, perhaps to Congress — that continued support of Israel requires a strong U. S. defense posture.

"Israel, like the United States, has stuck to its principles and persevered with courage and determination," the President said. "The unbreakable spirit of the people of Israel remains its strong-

est defense...I am determined, as I think most Americans are, that America will remain strong and America will remain committed to its allies and to its world responsibilities."

IN HIS TOAST, Rabin thanked this country for its efforts toward peace in the Mideast, and added: "I believe that on our part we did our share. We have taken risks in the hope that a better future might be built not only for Israel but for the whole Middle East, for all countries and for all peoples."

War "might be imminent" in his country, Rabin said. "We have fought four major wars in the last 28 years, and between them we have never entertained one day of peace." After those 28 years he said, "if there is something that we aspire to, that we desire, that we are longing for, it is to achieve a real peace."

The dinner was unusually large, with the Red Room being pressed into service

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—Washington Star Photographer Walter Oates

per Bowl Tuesday at the White House, without contact. The Tom Landrys
d Terry Bradshaw. Jo Jo Starbuck was in Largo, but moved fast.

ABOUT WOMEN

An ERA '76 Telethon Committee has been formed in Los Angeles with plans to produce a national telethon in the spring "to raise funds and consciousness" for the Equal Rights Amendment, committee chairperson Emily Card said. Others involved are finance chairperson Nancy Greene and feminist lawyers Blanche Bersch and Timi Hallem.

"We decided on this to draw on the special celebrity talent we have in Los Angeles," Card said. Entertainers are not yet committed to appear on the telethon, which will combine entertainment with information about ERA, but "we've had strong interest," Card said. Interested persons in the industry include Frances Lear, wife of television producer Norman Lear, and actress Kathleen Nolan, first vice president of the Screen Actors Guild. The committee also hopes to send teams of celebrities to states that have not yet ratified the ERA to generate interest before the telethon.

International Women's Year has come to the bus stops of Pittsburgh with the Womanbus. Painted magenta and blue with the slogan, "A Woman's Place Is in the World," the bus will be used for public transit in Pittsburgh for a year as well as being available for charter to women's groups. Its inside is stocked with information cards on such subjects as IWY, women's legal and health services,

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Ford Hails Equality Amendment

Associated Press

President Ford, calling the proposed Equal Rights Amendment "the logical and rightful extension" of the constitutional amendment that gave women the right to vote, issued a proclamation yesterday marking the 55th anniversary of women's suffrage.

In his proclamation, Mr. Ford said: "I call upon those states who have not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment to give serious consideration to its ratification and the upholding of our nation's heritage" during the bicentennial year.

The Suffrage amendment, the 19th



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IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.. MARGARET HANCE WAS ELECTED AS THE FIRST WOMAN
MAYOR IN THE CITY'S HISTORY. MRS. HANCE, 52, A REPUBLICAN AND PHOENIX
VICE MAYOR, GOT 55 PER CENT OF THE VOTE TO DEFEAT SEVEN OTHER
CANDIDATES IN THE MAYORAL RACE FOR THE NATION'S 20TH LARGEST CITY.
SHE WAS THE FIRST MAYORAL CANDIDATE IN 25 YEARS TO BE ELECTED WITHOUT
THE BACKING OF THE NON-PARTISAN CHARTER GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.
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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- MISSISSIPPI AND KENTUCKY WILL HAVE WOMEN
LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR HISTORY.
CONTESTS IN TUESDAY'S ELECTION SAW WOMEN LOSE BIDS TO BECOME MAYOR
OF BALTIMORE, HARTFORD, CONN., AND TOLEDO, OHIO. BOTH FEMALE
CONTENDERS FOR MIAMI MAYOR ALSO WERE BEATEN. WOMEN WERE ELECTED CHIEF
EXECUTIVES OF TWO INDIANA CITIES.
IN NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, PROPOSALS WERE TURNED DOWN THAT WOULD
HAVE GIVEN WOMEN EQUAL LEGAL FOOTING WITH MEN.
NEW YORK LT. GOV. MARY ANNE KRUPSAC BLAMED THE DEFEAT OF THE EQUAL
RIGHTS AMENDMENT, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO WIN IN BOTH STATES, ON
FEAR PROPAGANDA.
"THE FORCES OF CONFUSION PREVAILED," SHE SAID.
KRUPSAC, WHO HAD CAMPAIGNED VIGOROUSLY FOR THE PROPOSAL, SAID "THE
EDUCATION PROCESS WAS DONE BETTER BY OUR OPPONENTS -- THROUGH FEAR."
MEG KATZ, PRESIDENT OF STOP ERA IN NEW YORK CITY, SAID, "THIS IS A
VICTORY FOR THE FEMININE WOMEN IN NEW YORK...THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE
ARE NOT FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE FAMILY UNIT."

NEWS SUMMARY
March 5, 1975
Wednesday's networks, wires

The major stories:

- The military situation at Phnom Penh, Cambodia, became critical. The White House and Defense Secretary Schlesinger reported contingency plans, including possible use of Marines, to evacuate the 400 Americans there.
- The networks led with the Cambodia story. They reported the Aircraft Carrier Okinawa, with 30 helicopters and 1,000 Marines on board, standing by to conduct the evacuation.
- President Ford refused to relax his demands for \$222 million in American aid for Cambodia. The President believes sentiment is shifting in support of his position, CBS said.
- The Congressional delegation which visited Cambodia was told at the White House by Secretary Kissinger there is little hope for a diplomatic settlement, which the delegation urged him to pursue. Rep. Paul (Pete) McCloskey (R., Calif.) said Kissinger told them, "You must negotiate from strength, and there is no strength there."
- ✓ -- The Equal Rights Amendment, backed by First Lady Betty Ford, suffered a major setback in the Illinois Senate when Senate leaders held it should require a three-fifths vote for ratification.
- "This is it. E.R.A. is dead," said Sen. Dawn Clark Netsch, a chief supporter, when confronted with the necessity of getting 36 affirmative votes in the 60-member body.
- Republican National Committee members announced their opposition to federal financing of the party's 1976 National Convention, but voted to authorize party officials to accept the \$2 million federal subsidy voted by Congress.
- The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, meanwhile, ruled 2 to 1 that the party's "victory bonus rule" for assigning delegates to the 1976 Convention was unconstitutional. The case can be reheard by the full court of nine judges. The Court upheld the contention of the Ripon Society that the party's plan to give states which went Republican in 1972, extra convention representation in 1976, violated the Supreme Court's "one man, one vote, rule."

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The White House is not interested either in compromising with Congress on a less than the \$222 million the President requested, Jarriel reported. Anything less would be an inadequate, a waste of money which would only prolong the agony, the White House said.

Tom Brokaw (NBC) said a White House official said the Administration believes that as the fighting in Cambodia worsens, the chance for congressional approval of more aid improves.

E.R.A. Setback in Illinois

Springfield, Ill. (UPI) -- Illinois Senate leaders Wednesday proposed the legislature adopt a rule requiring a three-fifths vote to ratify amendments to the U.S. Constitution -- a move supporters of the equal rights amendment admit would be a blow to their cause.

"This is it. ERA is dead," said Sen. Dawn Clark Netsch, a chief supporter of ERA.

She said there appeared to be an agreement between Democratic and Republican leaders to change the Senate rules. ERA supporters have hopes of getting a majority from the 60-member Senate but admit they are not nearly as hopeful of getting three-fifths, 36 votes.

In Washington, Ruth Clusen, President of League of Women Voters, said "The Illinois Three-Fifth decision is a deep disappointment both for ERA and for responsible government. Backroom deals were made to pull strings for the opposition... in effect Illinois machinations may go down as the 'Women's Watergate' of the ratification process.

"We said that Watergate would never happen again. It is up to Illinois legislators to prove that history will not repeat itself in the Illinois capital," she said.

Republican National Committee Accepts Federal Financing for Convention

The Republican National Committee Wednesday "grudgingly agreed" to accept federal financing for its 1976 convention, CBS reported. The committee went on record as objecting in principle to such financing, but authorized party officials to accept the two million dollars available from it.

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Baltimore Sun, "Time to Deal with Sihanouk." ...The forces allied under Prince Sihanouk's banner are diverse, and there is no certainty that all will respect any one policy. But four more months of war will not eliminate that risk and might strengthen the hand of any of the Prince's allies who want a more aggressive strategy.....The sooner Washington decides to deal directly with him, even if dealings must be essentially on his terms, the sooner America can help strengthen him to handle the influence of his Vietnamese allies in new Cambodia.

Los Angeles Times, "The Appalling Options." A compromise proposal for terminating American military assistance to Cambodia has emerged from the congressional inspection trip to Indochina. We think it is the least appalling of the options open to the United States. So we support it. Under this proposal, Congress would provide a supplementary arms appropriation at about half the level of \$222 million requested by President Ford....We see this proposal as a realistic response to a hopeless situation.

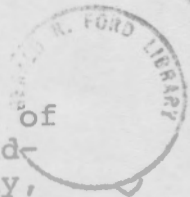
Christian Science Monitor, "Iranian Ally." The fast-rising eminence of Iran is not news. But the speed with which the United States is building up Iran as the pivotal power in a region stretching from North Africa to South Asia is somewhat breathtaking....There is much to be gained from the agreement aside from the broad geopolitical benefit....Washington can now count on Iran not to join any future oil embargo against the U.S. -- and to provide sufficient oil to Israel should it withdraw from Sinai oil fields. Economically, the pact promises good business for American companies at a time when the nation is trying to lift itself out of an economic slump.

Christian Science Monitor, "Equal Rights Push Needed." The Illinois Senate's postponement of a vote to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment this week underscores how the drive for passage has stalled....A concerted effort by President Ford to join Mrs. Ford in urging passage of the amendment could help overcome resistance as shown this week by the Illinois Legislature.

Chicago Tribune: Though a large percentage of Americans disapprove of President Ford's performance and policies, no potential Democratic Presidential candidate could beat him, a prominent national pollster said here Thursday night. Louis Harris, the pollster, told a group of liberal Democrats from across the nation who are meeting in the Flying Carpet Motel, Rosemont, that Ford is in as much trouble over economic policies as Nixon was with Watergate and Lyndon Johnson was with Viet Nam. But despite this, he finds no acceptable Democratic alternative for President, according to a recent survey.

Ronald J. Ostrow, Los Angeles Times, Washington: A Justice Department agency will warn police departments today not to buy steel-belted radial tires for cars used in high-speed pursuits because they disintegrate at speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour.

Jacques Leslie, Los Angeles Times, Phnom Penh: This besieged city's hospitals are plagued by a severe shortage of blood for transfusions. Wounded soldiers, who are being admitted to Phnom Penh hospitals at a rate of up to 300 a day, routinely receive blood transfusions of anywhere from one-half to one-tenth the amount that is customary in Western hospitals.



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Miami Herald: Each year that the Equal Rights Amendment has come before the Legislature, a lobby of women dressed in the obligatory uniform of the militant -- blue jeans -- has showed up in Tallahassee to push for ratification of the Constitutional amendment that would forbid discrimination based on sex. And each year legislators have turned it down. This year, however, the women lobbyists will show up armed with some advice from Rep. Elaine Gordon (D., Miami), who wants to see the measure pass as much as anyone: "Wear a dress and look like some men think a woman is supposed to look." Ms. Gordon has been telling ERA supporters around the state that "truth, logic and facts have nothing to do with it....The purpose of the lobbying is to persuade, so subordinate your own image of yourself to ERA." Ms. Gordon thinks the votes are there in the House to pass the ERA and the measure is one vote shy of passage in the Senate. There will be time, though, for blue jeans, says Ms. Gordon. "You can change into your blue jeans in the car going home."

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EQUAL RIGHTS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUPPORTERS OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION SAY THEY STILL BELIEVE THAT PASSAGE OF THE MEASURE BY 1979 IS INEVITABLE, BUT THEY ARE RUNNING INTO MORE TROUBLE THAN ANYONE EXPECTED. CHANCES FOR SUCCESS THIS YEAR ARE DIM.

CONGRESS PASSED THE AMENDMENT IN MARCH 1972. THREE-FOURTHS, OR 38 OF THE 50 STATES, MUST APPROVE THE AMENDMENT BY MARCH 1979 FOR IT TO BECOME LAW.

THIRTY-FOUR STATES HAVE RATIFIED THE AMENDMENT. TWO HAVE RESCINDED THEIR RATIFICATION AND THE LEGALITY OF SUCH MOVES WILL BE DECIDED LATER. FOUR MORE STATES WOULD HAVE TO RATIFY THE AMENDMENT BEFORE THE END OF CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS FOR IT TO WIN PASSAGE IN 1975.

TEN STATES HAVE TAKEN ACTION ON THE ERA THIS YEAR. THE AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED IN SEVEN STATES AND APPROVED IN ONLY ONE. IN THE REMAINING TWO STATES, MOVES TO RESCIND RATIFICATION WERE REJECTED.

THE ERA PROponents, HOWEVER, SAY THEY ARE CONFIDENT THE AMENDMENT WILL PASS -- IF NOT THIS YEAR, AT LEAST BY THE DEADLINE. OPPONENTS SAY THEY ARE EQUALLY SURE IT WILL BE DEFEATED.

"AS THE POWER OF WOMEN IN POLITICS GROWS, THE PASSAGE OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT IS INEVITABLE," SAID FREDI WECHSLER, POLITICAL ACTION COORDINATOR OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS.

"THE MOMENTUM IS ALL ON OUR SIDE. EVERYTHING'S GOING OUR WAY," SAID PHYLLIS SCHLAFly OF ALTON, ILL., A LEADER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE AMENDMENT.

THE SUPPORTERS ARE CONCENTRATING THEIR EFFORTS THIS YEAR ON NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA, MISSOURI, FLORIDA AND ILLINOIS.

MS. WECHSLER -- WHO PREFERS THE TITLE MS. -- SAYS THE SUPPORT OF THE AFL-CIO, WHICH EARLIER OPPOSED THE AMENDMENT, HAS "VERY DEFINITELY HELPED."

SHE SAID THE SITUATION IN FLORIDA, WHERE THE AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED LAST YEAR, IS "AWFULLY CLOSE;" FLORIDA SEN. LORI WILSON SAID THE ERA HAS ONLY A 50-50 CHANCE IN THE STATE SENATE.

IN ILLINOIS, THE CHIEF SPONSOR OF THE MEASURE -- WHICH FAILED TO WIN APPROVAL IN THREE EARLIER TRIES -- SAID LAST WEEK THAT SHE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH VOTES FOR PASSAGE. "I THINK THE BEST PROCEDURE WOULD BE TO POSTPONE ACTION ON ERA UNTIL ALL THE PROponents ARE PRESENT," SAID SEN. ESTHER SAPERSTEIN. "WE WILL HAVE TO RE-EVALUATE OUR POSITION."

LATER, THE SENATE ADOPTED A RULE REQUIRING APPROVAL BY A THREE-FIFTHS MAJORITY AND ERA SUPPORTER SEN. DAWN CLARK NETSCH CONCEDED: "THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN GET THREE-FIFTHS."

THE EARLY SUCCESS OF THE ERA -- 30 STATES HAD RATIFIED IT BY THE END OF 1973 -- LED MANY PEOPLE TO BELIEVE THAT PASSAGE WOULD BE EASY.

"IT TOOK A WHILE UNTIL PEOPLE WOKE UP TO THE FACT THAT THERE WAS OPPOSITION," SAID MS. WECHSLER WHO CONTENDS THAT THE ANTI-ERA FORCES "BY AND LARGE ARE THE MOST CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS IN THE COUNTRY

. . . THEY DON'T WANT CHANGE AND THE ERA MEANS CHANGE."

MRS. SCHLAFly SAID THE EARLY RATIFICATIONS CAME WITHOUT PUBLIC HEARINGS. "THE TIDE TURNED AFTER LEGISLATORS STARTED TO HOLD HEARINGS" AND DISCOVERED THE DEPTH OF THE OPPOSITION, SHE SAID.

the Democratic majorities in Congress -- and so the rumblings of conservative protest grow louder, expressing almost unchanged the spirit that brought about the Goldwater disaster in 1964.

Miscellaneous

Northeastern Papers

James J. Doyle, Editor, Providence Journal-Bulletin: Implicit in the preliminary plan of the United States Railway Association for re-structuring of fiscally-troubled railroads in the Midwest and Northeast, are a damning indictment of the federal government's failure to write a national transportation policy years ago and the very real prospect of nationalization of the troubled rail companies... I am not sure that the Ford White House and the Congress will have the wit or the courage at this late date to fix a transportation policy that will control the allocation of federal resources in the maintenance of a balanced transportation system. Special interests have a way of getting priority over the national interest.

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Buffalo Evening News, "Women's Day for Equality." Our own belief is that the adoption of the ERA, with whatever practical adjustments that may require, will produce, in sum, an enlightened expansion of human equality in our society.

Southern Papers

Charleston News and Courier, "Mr. Levi's Disturbing Testimony." Mr. Levi told congressmen he was "disturbed" by the discovery of Mr. Hoover's leftover files. The attorney general isn't the only one disturbed by it. Controls are necessary to guard against recurrence of such abuses.

Louisville Courier-Journal, "Mr. Hoover's 'Blackmail' File." Permanent structural safeguards are needed to protect the FBI from political manipulation and to protect the nation from an autonomous national police chief. One possible safeguard would be a requirement that the FBI chief be subject to periodic reconfirmation by the Senate, as was once suggested by Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia. Or perhaps the FBI director should serve a fixed term, say of six years, and not be allowed to succeed himself.

Hills Sworn In

Carla Hills was sworn-in Monday as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the networks reported.

President Ford (on NBC film) said the fact that the HUD budget under Mrs. Hills will be \$7.1 billion, \$1.6 billion greater than her predecessor's budget, should "dispose of male chauvinism."

Mrs. Hills (on NBC film) said, "Those who fear that we will not succeed, do not appreciate the strength of a group of dedicated persons all pulling toward the same goal."

John Cochran (NBC) recalled that five senators voted against Mrs. Hills' confirmation. One of them, Sen. William Proxmire (D., Wis.) said he would be happy to eat crow in public if she turns out to be a competent housing secretary.

"Both Mrs. Hills and the President believe Proxmire will have to do just that," Cochran said.

Home Loans Below 8.5 Per Cent 'Unlikely'

Thomas Bomar, Chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, said Monday home mortgage rates are not likely to fall below 8.5 per cent, due to high interest rates offered depositors by savings and loan banks, ABC reported.

Democratic Women Refuse to Meet in Anti-ERA States

The Democratic Women's Caucus Monday passed a resolution urging the party not to hold next year's Democratic presidential nominating convention in any state that has not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, NBC reported. That would rule out six of the 11 cities which want the convention: Chicago, New Orleans, Miami Beach, Kansas City and Norfolk, Va.

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- It was the second busiest day in history on the New York Stock Exchange with prices, as measured by the Dow-Jones average for 30 industrial stocks, soaring as much as 16 points for a time, although closing only 4.61 higher at 757.74. Some brokers said hopes for a break in oil prices were a major factor in the huge trade in which sales reached 34,140,000 shares.
- Rep. Paul (Pete) McCloskey (R., Calif.), saying he was speaking for the majority of the Congressional delegation which went to Indochina, asked Congress to appropriate \$117 million for ammunition for Cambodia, and another \$75 million for food and medicine.
- The Washington Star said Central Intelligence Agency Director William E. Colby told President Ford verbally that the CIA had been involved in the planning of several assassination attempts overseas but none were carried out.
- It was the first major media follow-up to the report Friday night of Daniel Schorr (CBS) that President Ford had instructed friends not to dig too deep in their CIA investigations, or probably a minimum of three assassinations would be exposed.
- Peter Lorenz, the candidate for Mayor of Berlin, who was seized by guerrillas, was freed unharmed after their demands were met.

FROM THE WIRES

March 4, 1975

Illinois Postpones Vote on E.R.A.

Springfield, Ill. (AP) -- Action on the Equal Rights Amendment in the Illinois Senate was postponed today because the resolution's chief sponsor said she didn't have enough votes to win passage. The chief sponsor, Sen. Esther Saperstein, a Chicago Democrat, said, "I think the best procedure would be to postpone action on ERA until all the proponents are present. We will have to re-evaluate our position," she told reporters. She said she is undecided when the resolution will be brought up for a vote.



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National Observer
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Go it, Mrs. Ford

Mail pouring into the White House is 3 to 1 against Betty Ford's outspoken public support of the Equal Rights Amendment. The score recently: 360 said she was right, but 1,128 said she was wrong.

We give our outspoken support to the First Lady. She has a right to talk out on

Vera Glaser, Knight Newspapers, Washington: Illinois Gov. Dan Walker, Florida's Gov. Reubin Askew, Missouri's Gov. Christopher Bond and North Carolina's Gov. James Holshouser say that -- despite recent setbacks and the emotionalism swirling around the issue -- ERA is "alive and kicking" in their states. But only Walker predicted, "We're going to pass it. It will be tight, but we'll make it." Askew and Holshouser were more cautious. They see passage as possible, but if it occurs, they expect it to be "very close." Bond who has plugged ERA vigorously, appeared shaken when a resolution was introduced in his legislature condemning First Lady Betty Ford and Mrs. Bond for their pro-ERA lobbying. Bond, noting that ERA scored 82 votes, the precise number necessary to win in the Missouri House, credited the efforts of Mrs. Ford.

Vera Glaser, Knight Newspapers, Washington: President Ford's counselor, Robert Hartmann, expects his boss' 1976 opponent to be Edward Kennedy, despite the Massachusetts senator's announcement that he won't run.

Bob Poole, Media General News Service, Washington: A spokesman for the National Wildlife Federation says it is "too early to assess newly appointed National Park Service Director Gar Everhardt's performance on the job, but we are pleased to see that the administration saw fit to appoint a career professional with Everhardt's credentials. We just hope the administration will give him the budget to do the job."

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Foreign Affairs-Defense

Southern Papers

Charlotte Observer, "Save Cambodia? Nonsense Is Still in Style." Now we are told that \$222 million more is a necessity, and Mr. Ford, Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Schlesinger make it sound as if the future of Western Civilization is at stake. "The Administration may try to blame the loss of Cambodia on Congress," we said in May of 1973, when the Nixon Administration's Cambodian policy had failed. And that is exactly what is happening now: The Ford Administration is

Administration

Western Papers

Rykken Johnson, Denver Post, Denver - Gerald Warren, Deputy Press Secretary to President Gerald Ford, said in Denver Saturday that President Ford "has brought a new dimension" to the White House. Speaking to the Colorado Press Association's annual convention, Warren lauded Ford for introducing a "healthy atmosphere" of openness and communication with the public, Congress and the White House staff." Warren asked the editors attending the convention to forward copies of their editorials they feel reflect local opinions on national issues. He said the White House is interested in being thoroughly acquainted with editorial thought around the nation.

Iris Yang, Sacramento Bee: ACTION, the federal volunteer agency which includes the Peace Corps and VISTA, has tripled the scope of its programs in the last two years, said Michael P. Balzano, Jr., director of the agency. "And we have done it with less money and less people than we have ever had," Balzano said Monday. "Two years ago, most of the volunteers in VISTA and the Peace Corps were generalists, young and with BA's," Balzano said. "Now, 90 per cent of the entire program is made up of senior citizens," he said.

Austin American-Statesman, "Ford and Popularity." In a recent Harris Poll, most people found that President Ford is a "man of high integrity" and then turned around and said he did not do the right thing in giving Nixon a pardon. Perhaps what they meant is that what the President thought was right, was not what the people thought was right -- which is a different thing altogether. Perhaps if the pollsters asked the right "right" questions, their results would be a little more believable. And maybe a nice guy can finish first -- if he can settle down the economy.

Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic Papers

Providence Bulletin, "Singular First Lady." Were we opposed to ERA -- which we are not -- we would still find Mrs. Ford's involvement refreshing. Her self-expression gives added dimension to the function she serves. The individual emerges from the shadows of the President's alter-ego.

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President Ford (on ABC/NBC film) said it would be "unfortunate" if the Cambodians run out of ammunition before the end of the dry season. If they are able "to maintain their national integrity -- the present government -- there is a possibility of negotiations that might end the war in Cambodia," he said. On CBS film, the President said the need for aid is "extremely critical" and said the U.S. should help a country willing to fight for its freedom. Bob Schieffer said Ford spoke in grim terms and called additional funding of the Lon Nol regime a question of morality.

The President also issued a warning against foreign investors which might discriminate against American firms for religious or ethnic motives, ABC/NBC reported.

"It was clearly aimed at Arab investors who might discriminate against U.S. companies doing business with Israel," Tom Jarriel (ABC) said.

The President (on ABC film) said he has "asked the Departments of Justice, Commerce and State to investigate any allegations. The actual action that would be taken will be forthcoming from recommendations by those departments. They have not been placed on my desk at the present time."

John Chancellor (NBC) called the President's visit in Florida a work and play trip, and John Cochran (NBC) reported a demonstration protesting the First Lady's position on the Equal Rights Amendment.

ABC/CBS reported the President outdrove Jack Nicklaus off the first tee in the Jackie Gleason invitational golf tournament. The President's drive received the loudest cheers, Robert Pierpoint (CBS) reported.

"The President's chip shot was a little long and so was his first putt -- the other direction," Pierpoint said in reporting the scores on the first hole.

Nicklaus set a course record with a 63, and the President finished with a 98 according to the scoreboard, or 100 according to reporters who followed him around, CBS' Walter Cronkite said.

All networks reported that Bebe Rebozo walked the first hole with the Ford contingent. John Cochran (NBC) said White House aides denied that the President scheduled his speaking engagement so that he could play golf.

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ERA Lobbying With Taxes

Women opposed to passage of the Equal Rights Amendment have made a good point in protesting in front of the White House on the weekend about the use of taxpayers' dollars to lobby state legislatures into

or commissions have been set up in various states with one of their main objectives to propagandize for passage of the ERA. This is not the same thing, for example, as promoting the enforcement of existing laws such as

New Orleans Times-Picayune

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Tom Darcy's View



Newsday, 2-26-75

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Detroit Free Press, "Speech Freedom for Betty Ford."
The first woman of the land, Betty Ford, has been drawing criticism from opponents of the Equal Rights Amendment lately because they don't like her whole-hearted championship of the proposed constitutional addition. What bothers us most about all the criticism isn't that some people disagree with her opinion on ERA, but they seem to think she shouldn't have an opinion at all. Since she is a citizen of this country, she has just as much right to debate the merits of something in which she believes as any of the rest of us. Push on, Mrs. Ford.

Foreign Affairs-Defense

Northeastern Papers

Providence Bulletin, "Aid for Ethiopia?" Continued U.S. support might keep Ethiopia from falling apart. But even if the government at Addis Ababa succeeds in controlling the Eritrean rebels, its own socialist trend may make it cool, if not hostile, to American interests. At the least, the Ford Administration ought to insist on an end to brutalities by the Ethiopian soldiers as a condition for whatever aid is forthcoming.

Abe Rabinovich, Newsday, Jerusalem: There is an ambivalence toward Kissinger that Israelis have not been able to resolve in the year and a half since he became a central figure in their lives. They are unsure whether he has come to save them from a world turned hostile, or to use his cleverness to sell them out. According to public-opinion polls, something like the latter feeling seems to be gaining ground. The difference in the polls reflects the feeling that Kissinger now is interested in taking, not giving. "He has only one country's interest in mind -- America's," a Jerusalem clerk says.

Boston Herald American, "A Warning to Heed." Like CIA Director Colby, we view the impending Senate and House inquiries with both resignation and trepidation. Congress has a perfect right to pursue the planned probes. It is the specter of politics vs. security which is so alarming.

Ann Landers



Why not Bertie or Betty Ford?

Dear Ann Landers: My cousin Ruth has been trying to get pregnant for five years. Last week, she and her husband had an opportunity to adopt a baby boy and were thrilled. They decided to name the child Gerald Ford after our President.

My sister Mary is furious. She is seven months pregnant and has the same last name as this cousin. Mary planned to

Myths Mar Women's Movement

BY MERLE S. GOLDBERG

A surprise may be waiting for the thousands of unofficial delegates attending the current U.N.-sponsored International Women's Year Conference in Mexico City.

The conference will ostensibly deal with the cause of feminism and with the triple theme of peace, equality, and economic development. However, these themes may well prove to

Merle Goldberg is executive director of the National Women's Health Coalition. Her article is excerpted from Saturday Review.

be merely the tip of a gigantic iceberg whose steady expansion is affecting, even paralyzing, the nations and organizations represented at the coming conference.

For American women, in particular, this meeting may be traumatic. Credited with initiating the feminist movement a decade ago, U.S. women have failed to provide the leadership expected of them. It is no secret that the U.S. movement has been leaderless and has begun to decline since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling liberalizing abortion. Like the women's suffrage victory of 1920, the abortion ruling, ironically, dissipated a major unifying force among women.



In order for us to understand the present ineffectiveness of the movement, a candid reappraisal of recent history may be helpful. It was less than two decades ago that Simone de Beauvoir's "The Second Sex" provided the shock of recognition for a small, isolated generation of college women. That same shock was recreated for many middle-class women of the United States a decade later by Betty Friedan's "The Feminine Mystique." Almost immediately, the smoldering rage so effectively articulated by Ms. Friedan found expression in hundreds of small consciousness-raising groups and in the emergence of activist organizations, the most prominent and effective of which was the National Organization

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"I CAN'T TAKE YOU ANYWHERE!"

Charlotte Observer

2/19/75

"He's physically strong and a very pa-

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Mansfield at On Increase

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from neighboring countries. In answer to a question from Rep. Robert L. F. Sikes (D., Fla.), Schlesinger said he thought that uncertainty about what the U.S. would do in the situation is "a very weighty consideration" in the rebels' reluctance to negotiate.

Mansfield, however, called the arms request one for "indefinite participation on our part in the affairs of countries to which we have no commitment."

He further said that the fall of the Lon Nol government "would force the Cambodians to face up to their own difficulties without any help or hindrance from us."

ON THE question of military aid to Vietnam — 82 congressmen two weeks ago requested Ford to begin "a dialogue" — the President said at his press conference that he was "willing to negotiate a phasing out of that aid over a three-year period."

Ford said that the United States has a commitment, stemming from the Paris peace accords, that "we would, in the process, as a result of the withdrawal of our own military person-

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The President



ERA All the Way

Betty Ford made no personal ap-pearances during this

said President Ford, referring to

—Associated Press

proves Cambodia's aid ceiling — which could be done as part of a continuing foreign aid resolution about to be before the Senate — Schlesinger said

Thriller - You may not have seen this. New

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THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 27, 1975

The Sputtering Firepower

Congress is being asked to supply more weapons for the battlefields of Indochina in circumstances that make both discussion of the issue and ascertainment of the full facts difficult.

The decision is complicated by the urgency now attached to the situation, particularly in Cambodia,

But, as his Cabinet members have said, there is no assurance that added arms will keep the Lon Nol government alive, produce a democratic non-Communist alternative to Lon Nol, or even lead to useful negotiations with the Khmer Rouge.

So Congress and the country must try to get a

Ethiopia-Eritrea

Keeping Our

This is in response to (Feb. 19) on Ethiopia, "Distance."

In the first place, Wa never kept its distance even in matters of inter Ethiopia. Besides, at the not by any means the do so. If your opinion is of Washington, it she foreign affairs, the Unit more concerned about than it is about international progress.

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Those Hypocritical Barriers

In simply stated and easily understandable language, the Equal Rights Amendment says men and women will be equal under the law. That is a concept that is basic and essential to a free, democratic society.

female against male. The issue is fairness and justice. And the ERA is the most expedient, comprehensive and, perhaps most important, symbolic way to give men and women equal status.

All of this has been said before, and we restate it in support of Betty Ford, who, in recent weeks, has

Ethiopia has no moral, torical right to rule Eritrea not a secessionist province parate nation, historically ally. Eritreans and Ethiopia different from each other are from Germans.

Eritrea and Ethiopia join in a 10-year federation benefit Ethiopia found t ship so lucrative that it recognize Eritrea's independence. The 10 years expired 1975.

OBSERVATIONS

Keep Dialing, Betty Ford

By Mary Leonard

RECESION, unemployment, inflation, energy, hunger, war, and threats of war in Southeast Asia and the Middle East: The Ford White House has its share of problems. Fortunately for us, Mrs. Betty Ford isn't one of them.

Yet apparently not everybody agrees. This dignified, gracious, and honest lady recently incurred the wrath of a reactionary segment of the mom-and-apple-ple set by placing a couple of phone calls to Arizona, where the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was headed for another legislative trouncing. Unlike former First Ladies, who were content to endorse beautification programs and cloth coats, Mrs. Ford has strong convictions on substantive

them; maybe Mrs. Ford recognizes that the ERA, which will finally guarantee women equality of rights under the law, also has a lot to do with extending women the freedom to make life choices that include maintaining a happy home and a very sound family life. Whatever her reasons, Mrs. Ford has lined up with the ERA advocates.

And this, you see, drives the ERA foes nuts. They feel pretty secure and smug when they can label the ERA as the offspring of radical feminism. Their ground isn't quite so solid when women much like themselves — wives, mothers, professionals, Scout leaders, bridge players — start talking about equality and justice. Mrs. Ford is a formidable opponent: She is a courageous lady who by sharing her emotional and physical sufferings with us has won a good many Americans' compassion and faith.



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Christian Science Monitor

Mrs. Ford's mail swings to pro-ERA

Washington

Betty Ford's mail has shown a dramatic turnaround in the past week and is now running overwhelmingly in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment to end sex discrimination, says the First Lady's spokeswoman.



Betty Ford

AP photo

The President's wife, a firm supporter of ERA, had commented earlier that she thought those who were for the

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Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1975

Betty Ford Jumps Into Fight for ERA

By DOROTHY STORCK

Inquirer Staff Writer

Outside of Prohibition, the Equal Rights Amendment — which would be the 27th to the U.S. Constitution — is causing more emotionalism across party lines than any other in American history.

And First Lady Betty Ford has deposited herself smack in the middle of it. Mrs. Ford, an outspoken proponent of ERA, has personally been making calls and writing letters to legislators in wavering states in a determined style not seen since the days of Eleanor Roosevelt.

"Republicans have been the main problem," said Sheila Weidenfeld, press secretary to the President's

wife. "But there are Democrats — women even you wouldn't believe — giving the silliest arguments against the amendment. They keep talking about having to share public bath rooms with men and ridiculous things like that."

Betty Ford decided to do battle for ERA "after Virginia, Louisiana and Oklahoma went down the drain (voted against the amendment)," according to Weidenfeld.

Arguing that the Equal Rights Amendment is "the single most important step that our nation can take now to extend equal opportunity to all Americans," Mrs. Ford got on the telephone to legislators in North Dakota, Missouri and Illinois, three of

ten target states.

On Jan. 31 Mrs. Ford urged state Rep. William Kretschmar, a Republican sponsor of the ERA in the North Dakota House, to "urge each member of the House to vote his or her conscience on this critical issue" — and thanked them all for giving the question "their most thoughtful concern."

Whether the personal contact from the First Lady was an ego booster or whether her arguments hit home, three days later North Dakota turned around a previous rejection of the ERA vote in 1973 and became the 34th state to ratify the amendment.

On Feb. 3, Republican William Harris of Illinois (the state senate minor-

ity leader) was called out of a committee meeting bottling up the amendment by a telephone message from the White House.

In her soft mid-western accents the First Lady chatted with Harris (an ERA opponent) for about 15 minutes.

"Sure, I was impressed that the President's wife called me personally," Harris admits. He promised her to get the amendment out of executive committee (where it had been frozen since 1973) and trundle it out to the full House as best he could.

Although Harris himself voted against the ERA in committee — and reported his reasons as promised to Mrs. Ford — the bill made it to the

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BETTY FORD

smack in the middle

Strong Opposition in Marginal States Scuttles ERA for 1975

By Jules Witcover
Washington Post Staff Writer

At the start of this year, proponents of the Equal Rights Amendment confidently laid ambitious plans to push it over the top—to win ratification by the final five of 38 states needed to make ERA part of the U.S. Constitution.

Less than four months later, the death knell for ERA's chances in 1975 was sounded Wednesday when

acknowledge, the election of more pro-ERA legislators in 1974, while producing much closer votes on ERA in several states in 1975, was not enough to bring ratification.

After their victory in North Dakota, proponents talked in their press releases of needing "only four more states," but they came to realize, as one of them said, "there are no more easy votes."

The holdouts going into 1975 were those states that



tion. But after a flying start in 1972 when 22 states approved the amendment, and some progress in 1973 with eight more state ratifications, the pace slowed to three in 1974 and just the one this year.

In politics as in sports, momentum is an overworked word. But the advocates of the amendment designed to assure "equality of rights under the law" for

thinking" ERA won't be ratified this year, but that not too early to gear up for another push in 1976.

Miss Kiefer of Common Cause says, however, that the realities suggest ERA's next best shot will not be until 1977, when the 1980 elections change the makeup of some state legislatures that have rejected or not acted on the amendment.

appears that Mrs. Schlafly wants travel, excitement, praise, recognition, and national coverage for herself, but all other housewives should be content to stay home to wash diapers, clean floors, and prepare meals. I say, "Right on, Mrs. Ford!"

Women are human beings and I fail to understand why we, as a group, should be denied equal rights under the law because of the shape of our skin. The anti-ERA people are always screaming about the sanctity of the home and our special privileges, protections, and benefits. I would like to have a list of the wonderful things I'll be throwing away should the Twenty-seventh Amendment pass.

If doing the same household tasks for a lifetime is a privilege, then I reject privileges! (Men retire from their work at a given age with pensions and benefits; housewives retire to the "great kitchen in the sky.") If receiving no recognition for years at home raising children and keeping house is a benefit, then I reject benefits. If

Games

To Critic John H. Corcoran, Jr.:

I have never, ever, read a funnier story than your article on game shows in the Feb. 22 issue of The Observer. I had to excuse my near-hysteria to my editor and several other biggies. And what's more, I hardly ever laugh at anybody's stories, even my own.

Again, it was marvelous and thanks for cheering up a gloomy Wednesday.

SUE OLIVER
The Columbian

Vancouver, Wash.

among the ruins a copy of The National Observer. Then they will know that we were indeed a worthy civilization.

VIVIAN M. BECKER

Davenport, Iowa

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To Critic John H. Corcoran, Jr.:

I feel you are being very unfair to the millions of men and women who daily watch and enjoy them.

On week ends the tube is saturated with sports programs, aimed at the male viewer. In the evening, with the exception of a few good comedy shows, we are exposed to a rampage of crime, violence, murder, and sex. I am won-

Letters From Readers

On Daytime Shows, Gardens, Women's Rights

Morning TV

To the Editor:

I was interested in reading Bill Marvel's review of *AM America* [Feb. 22]. I have read many reviews of the show, and the reviewers seem to fall into two categories; those who see the show as a breath-of-life to morning TV and an alternative to the frequently stodgy *Today* show, and those who have difficulty facing the morning of each day—either due to hormonal problems or some sort of intemperance the previous night.

D. L. SCHERMERHORN

Hindale, Mass.

ience, don't tell us the leading lady is going to die, when that's the story's existential conclusion!

Two sharp slaps on the wrist for you, Dummy.

DR. PORTER J. CROWE

West Palm Beach, Fla.

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ERA

To Staff Writer Mary Leonard:

When are you and Betty Ford going to wake up? The Equal Rights Amendment [Observations, March 1] will not give women any rights but will take away rights they now have. If



Members of the Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year who were on the "Women of the Year" Saturday night include Barbara Walters, Lenore Hershey, Jill Ruckelshaus and Alan Alda, who said "If a woman can do it, so can a man . . . and he loses an interesting partner."

THE National Commission on the Observance of International Women's year would like to give the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. as a bicentennial birthday gift in 1976—and they may yet do it, despite a very slow start.

The commission only began work last Tuesday—3½ months after the start of International Women's Year—because President Ford didn't get around to appointing the commission members until April 2.

Supporters of ERA believe that despite the bad luck the measure has run into so far this year, the right combination of tactful activists have to come together sometime. Maybe the commission is that combination. And then again maybe it isn't. Maybe it's a classic example of the handicaps that sub-

commission from the Labor Department and an alumna of all previous top commissions on women here, warned commission members that "things don't get done out of a sense of justice, but because enough people get interested."

Taking the hint, the commission set about convincing people through the

gramming chiefs of the major television networks, and with key groups in the TV industry to enlist help in erasing the degrading image of women so often portrayed. He has the contacts to follow through on the suggestion.

He and one of his four daughters Elizabeth, 12, came to Washington after

They want to start new era with ERA

By ANN WOOD

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News photo by Gene Kappock

Observance of International Women's Year who were on the "Women of the Year" awards TV show. Mrs. Lenora Hershey, Jill Ruckelshaus and Alan Alda, who said "If a woman can be discriminated against, so can a man . . . and he loses an interesting partner."

They want to start new era with ERA

By ANN WOOD

from the Labor Department and all previous top programming chiefs of the major television networks, and with key groups in the

abortions, you're automatically excommunicated, you might be in favor of approving, communicated, or denied the sacraments."

Head added, "The question is — can we take a position that sounds real and practical and positive that allows for individual conscience, and let the chips fall where they may?"

Joel Read, president of Alverno College in Milwaukee and a nun, agreed that the decision "has to be handled by the individual." Mrs. Ruckelshaus deferred the subject to a committee for study.

Homemakers who have no activities outside the home and who tend to be unhappy with the women's movement were also the subject of discussion.

Barbara R. Bergmann, professor of economics at the University of Mary-

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WASHINGTON
OFFBEAT

Richmond Times-Dispatch, Sun., Mar. 2, 1975 A-

4 Governors Size Up Equal Rights Amendment Chance

By Vera Glaser
WASHINGTON — The equal rights amendment is down to the wire. Governors of four states that must vote on it, if the measure to ban sex bias is passed over the top this year, sized up its chances when they were in town recently. Illinois' Dan Walker, Florida's Reubin Askew, Missouri's Christopher Bond and North Carolina's James Holshouser say — despite recent setbacks and the

but if it occurs, they expect it to be "very close." Bond, who has plugged ERA vigorously, said, "Frankly, I hope it can hold up. There has been a tremendous backlash against it, so it's hard to make predictions." Bond appeared shaken when a resolution was introduced in his legislature condemning First Lady Betty Ford and Mrs. Bond for their pro-ERA lobbying. Since the first of the year, ERA has won

Action will begin soon in Illinois and North Carolina. Missouri (where it has passed the House) is expected to take it up in the Senate around mid- or late March. Florida will take it up as one of the first orders of business after the legislature convenes in April. Political parties have little to do with the power struggle. Walker and Askew are Democrats, Holshouser and Bond, Republicans. All have Democratic-controlled legislatures. All four support

Florida's Askew, who is expected to urge passage in his forthcoming "state of the state" message, predicted, "It will pass the House, but if it wins in the Senate, it will be by about two votes." In North Carolina, Holshouser sees the House as "toughest." Chances in the Senate, which killed ERA by only three votes in 1973, appear better this year. The Illinois Legislature said "yes" to ERA by a simple majority in an earlier session, but its constitution required

Pat Keefer of Common Cause, the non-partisan lobby supporting ERA, described Mrs. Ford's support as "fantastic, unquestionably a help. No person of her stature has done as much." Bond, noting that ERA scored 82 votes, the precise number — and no more — necessary to win in the Missouri House, credited the efforts of Mrs. Ford. Although Ms. Keefer believes Mrs. Ford's support helped allay some fears among women about ERA, she doubts it

visibility this issue gives them is scary. "PROPHECY?" — President Ford's counselor, Robert Hartmann, expects his boss' 1976 opponent to be Edward Kennedy, despite the Massachusetts senator's announcement that he won't run. Hartmann made the prediction after noting with a chuckle that Ford "hadn't been invited" to a recent conservative powwow in the Capital, because they regard Ford as "too liberal."

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editorials

PROVIDENCE, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1975

Singular First Lady

Customary among the nation's First Ladies is a demeanor or style that bespeaks the dignity of the White House role they play: wife of the President, mother of their children, mistress of the presidential mansion, role model for the female sex.

In the past, they might oversee egg-rolling on the White House lawn at Easter and visit local orphanages. They might promote beautification as Mrs. Lyndon Johnson did, or conduct a television audience on a guided tour of the redecorated presidential home, as Mrs. John F. Kennedy did. But mix in politics? Never. The public wouldn't stand for it.

One could hardly accuse our lovely First Lady of renouncing her role or upsetting all traditions. But she has, in some minds, committed an unpardonable faux pas by speaking out on the issue of equal rights for women and promoting a constitutional amendment to guarantee those rights. Her mail is running three-to-one against her "activism" which, as we understand it, consists of writing letters and making calls to legislators in states still considering the Equal Rights Amendment.

Were we opposed to ERA—which we are not—we would still find Mrs. Ford's involvement refreshing. Her

That would be the height of cynicism, a Western diplomat told us. But it would reflect a military fact of life. It also would

...the Egyptian Army

is not capable today

of waging war.

post a horrible dilemma for President Anwar Sadat: court Arab world fury by staying out, or watch his army be destroyed by getting in.

Sadat has been engaged for months in signaling both Israel and his Arab brothers loudly and clearly that he must not and cannot become engaged in a new war with Israel. That implicit renunciation has antagonized some younger and middle-level Army officers, who recall the glorious days of the first stage of the October War—before Israel received huge American replacements and rolled across the canal at Suez City to see the road to Cairo open.

But Sadat's senior commanders and his war minister Abdel Ghani el Comari

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD IS "WHOLEHEARTEDLY" IN FAVOR THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT AND SAYS HIS WIFE BETTY, WHO HAS BEEN OUTSPOKEN FOR RATIFICATION, PRODS HIM ABOUT IT EVERY NIGHT.

THE AMENDMENT WOULD ENSURE FOR BOTH SEXES "EQUALITY OF RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW".

SPEAKING TO THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR AT THE WHITE HOUSE, FORD SAID YESTERDAY: "THERE ARE SEVERAL CRITICAL AREAS THAT CAN BENEFIT FROM YOUR ATTENTION. ONE OF THESE IS THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT, WHICH I WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSE."

HE SAID NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF ALL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ARE WOMEN WHILE ONLY 4.5 PER CENT OF THE TOP LEVEL ARE WOMEN. FORD PROMISED THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SET AN EXAMPLE IN GUARANTEEING WOMEN A CHANCE TO COMPETE ON A FAIR AND EQUAL BASIS WITH MEN.

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**Equal Rights Plan
Beaten in Carolina,
Dooming It for '75**

RALEIGH, N. C., April 16 (UPI) — The North Carolina House today dimmed nationwide hopes for the Equal Rights Amendment in 1975, killing it by five votes.

The House rejected the amendment, 62 to 57, and then rejected by a three-vote margin

life/style

Long Beach, Calif., Thurs., April 3, 1975

Joyce Christensen, editor

..then there's Schlafly

By JIM GALLAGHER

Knight Newspapers Writer

Like the little Dutch boy with his finger in the dike, Phyllis Schlafly has labored with some success over the past three years to stem the tide of support for the

"About the Equal Rights Amendment, she said: 'The momentum is on our side.'"

"Those amendments (to the U.S. Constitution) that have been passed have usually been ratified quickly, in a year or two. None have ever been kicked around this long and then passed."

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RALEIGH, N.C. (UPI)--THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE SOUNDED THE DEATH KNEEL FOR THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT IN 1975 WEDNESDAY, KILLING IT BY FIVE VOTES.

THE HOUSE REJECTED ERA 62-57 AND THEN DASHED ANY HOPE OF RECONSIDERING THE MEASURE LATER IN THE SESSION BY A THREE-VOTE MARGIN.

THE AMENDMENT HAS BEEN RATIFIED BY 34 STATES AND THE APPROVAL OF 38 IS NEEDED BY 1979 FOR IT TO BECOME PART OF THE CONSTITUTION.

THE MEASURE STILL IS ALIVE IN THE FLORIDA, MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS LEGISLATURES, BUT EVEN PROPONENTS ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC.

AND EVEN THE ENDORSEMENTS ARE WITHERING. THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE IS CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL TO RESCIND ITS 1972 RATIFICATION.

IN NORTH CAROLINA, THE HOUSE GAVE ERA A TWO-VOTE PRELIMINARY VICTORY TUESDAY, BUT THREE LEGISLATORS CHANGED THEIR MINDS AND A FOURTH, WHO WAS ABSENT TUESDAY, VOTED AGAINST THE AMENDMENT.

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First Lady Sticks to Her Guns

BY MARLENE CIMONS

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—They were an incredible sight, those several dozen men and women who had come on this sunny, but bitterly cold, afternoon—carrying hostile picket signs—to march along the sidewalk in front of the White House.

A demonstration along the spiked fence on Pennsylvania Ave. is not an unusual event. It is a location where thousands of people, all with a cause, have come through-out American history. What made these people unique was the target of their protest. They were not, as one would expect, out to castigate the President. This time, it was his wife they were after.

Several hours earlier, upstairs in the second floor family quarters of the Executive Mansion, First Lady Betty Ford had been told they were expected. She already knew there had been criticism of her lobbying for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; but she was not disturbed.

"I'm going to stick to my guns on this," she said to an aide. "I expected this. And I'm not bothered by it."

Not since Eleanor Roosevelt has there been a First Lady so willing to take an unequivocal position on a controver-



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mon Cause. "As for the complaints, we consider them silly, picayune and unjustified."

Mrs. Ford has been commended by the League of Women Voters, the National Organization for Women, and scores of other women's rights groups across the country, many of whom have either telephoned or sent telegrams of support.

"I am absolutely delighted that Mrs. Ford has a sense of responsibility, a strong sense of her own citizenship, and is taking a stand towards justice," said Karen DeCrow, national chairperson of NOW. "It's refreshing."

Ms. DeCrow added: "As a feminist, I would be happiest if there was a woman as President speaking from the White House. At the moment, however, the top woman in the White House is the First Lady and it is, of course, of inestimable value to have her speaking out on justice for women."

There are even opponents of the amendment who believe that a First Lady should not sit back and be indifferent if she feels strongly about something. Sen. William Harris, a Republican state senator from Illinois and the recipient of one of Mrs. Ford's telephone calls, is one.

"There have been some people who have been upset and annoyed by this," Sen. Harris said. "My goodness, I think



FOR MISSES

TV's combat surgeon joins battle for ERA

By CHRISTINE WINTER

Chicago Tribune

To many television fans, Alan Alda is simply Hawk-eye. But there is a real Alan Alda underneath the TV combat surgeon's mask, and he is making another name for himself, even beyond his identity as a politically committed actor.

Alan Alda is becoming known as an ardent feminist. His latest foray on behalf of the Equal Rights Amendment

a great issue that's come 200 years too late. He sees it as having "at best, a 50-50 chance of winning."

While many may look on fervent male support of the ERA as a bit of a surprise, there is a good deal of female opposition, which to Alda is the puzzling part of the issue.

"The opposition seems to stem from fear," he explains.

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Betty Ford, Working Woman

Betty Ford confessed yesterday that had circumstances been different she would now have been working several days a week, perhaps at a hospital, instead of seven days a week as a President's wife.

Facing television cameras at the Sheraton Park Hotel on leaving The Washington Heart Association's annual fashion



Women's Year Group Begins Countering ERA Foes

By Isabelle Shelton
Washington Star Staff Writer

The new national Commission on International Women's Year voted yesterday to make the Equal Rights Amendment its "major commitment" in observing International Women's Year. The resolution pledged commission members "to do all in our capacity" to see that the amendment is ratified "at the earliest possible moment."

"We urge all Americans to join us in this effort," the commission voted at its first meeting, held all day in the Pan American Health Organization headquarters.

Actor Alan Alda and Rep. Marg-

being spread by Phyllis Schlafly and other women."

"In my 20 years in public office I have never seen such a calculated effort to misinterpret the facts," he said. "Women with absolutely no legal training, no legislative experience, stand there brandishing law books, telling people what the Equal Rights Amendment 'really' means — instead of what is clear in the legislative record of the House and Senate hearings."



The group, Bayh said, "has tried to play on our mother love and motherhood. They bring in totally irrelevant matters, such as rape, to frighten people. This commission, as well as any group I know, can do a job telling what the Equal Rights Amendment really means."

Earlier the commission heard a strong appeal from Dr. Barbara Bergmann, professor of economics at the University of Maryland, to make its "No. 1 one priority" the enforcement of anti-discrimination laws now on the books.

Current enforcement of bans on discrimination by firms holding

and action-minded members of the new commission, offered to set up a meeting with top program directors of the three major television networks.

Alda, one of seven men on the commission, also raised the subject of abortion, suggesting that the commission would have to take a position on that controversial subject.

One commission member wondered whether a pro-abortion position might not "alienate Catholic women." But Sister Joel Read, a nun who heads Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wis., said she did not think this needed to be so, since Catholics



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In the South, Road to Equal Rights Is

By ROY REED

Special to The New York Times

NEW ORLEANS — The Southern belle still lives and she seems determined to resist the nation's offer to liberate her.

While her sisters in the North raise their consciousness, the Southern woman irons her husband's shirts, drinks tea and gin fizz at the country club, teaches Sunday school and, if she thinks about it at all, denounces the Equal Rights Amendment as the work of Satan.

"E.R.A. is not God's way," say the picket signs outside Southern Legislatures. The signs are nearly all carried by women who believe that

militant feminists here are disconcerted by some of the manner and rhetoric of the northern militants.

A Southerner who considers herself a friend of Representative Bella S. Abzug of New York, and of several other northern feminists, talked recently of what happens when she tries to discuss something with the ebullient New Yorker.

She said that by the time she says three or four words, Mrs. Abzug interrupts with her own thoughts or, thinking she knows what the sentence is going to say, finishes it herself. And if the Southerner complains, she said, Mrs.



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versity, spoke in a recent interview of the traditional role of the Southern white woman as "decoration" for her husband, contrasted with the black woman's traditional role as servant and manual worker.

"We've not been worshiped and put on a pedestal," Mrs. Cook said, speaking of black women. "Personally, I feel that my husband has put me on one. And I like love and pampering. I think any woman would like it. We'd almost have to pass through that before

called how, during an incident in Montgomery in the mid-1960's, the issue of "woman's honor" was dealt with. Several white and black church women met together at a black church to discuss the race problem. A segregationist journal published pictures of the white women leaving the meeting, along with their names, addresses and telephone numbers. Several of the women received threatening and obscene telephone calls from racists.

The men of their families,

(WOMEN'S RIGHTS)

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI) -- THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE HAS TABLED THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT, EFFECTIVELY KILLING IT IN THAT STATE AND VIRTUALLY ENDING ANY CHANCE IT WILL BECOME PART OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION THIS YEAR.

THIRTY-FOUR STATES HAVE RATIFIED THE AMENDMENT. THE ERA REQUIRES APPROVAL OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE STATES, OR 38, BEFORE 1979 TO BECOME PART OF THE CONSTITUTION.

ONLY THREE STATES -- MISSOURI, FLORIDA AND NORTH CAROLINA -- ARE ACTIVELY CONSIDERING IT THIS YEAR.

SUPPORTERS OF THE AMENDMENT HAVEN'T ENTIRELY GIVEN UP HOPE FOR THIS YEAR. MARY BROOKS, ERA EXPERT FOR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, CONCEDED ONLY THAT ERA IS "UNLIKELY" TO BE RATIFIED IN 1975.

SHE HELD OUT HOPES THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE WOULD REVERSE ITS DECISION TO REQUIRE AN IMPOSSIBLE THREE-FIFTHS VOTE FOR RATIFICATION.

"IF IT GOES DOWN IN THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE, WE'LL SAY THAT IT IS DEAD THIS YEAR," SHE SAID. "IF IT GOES DOWN IN THE MISSOURI SENATE WE'LL KNOW THAT IT IS DEAD THIS YEAR."

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TALLAHASSEE (UPI) -- ABOUT 3,500 CHANTING SUPPORTERS OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT MARCHED ON THE FLORIDA CAPITOL TODAY AND HEARD GOV. REUBIN ASKEW DECLARE THAT FLORIDA "SITS IN A PIVOTAL POSITION" IN DECIDING THE FATE OF ERA.

THE AMENDMENT CLEARED THE FLORIDA HOUSE 61-58 LAST THURSDAY.

IN ILLINOIS, WHERE THE STATE SENATE HAS EFFECTIVELY DEFEATED ERA ON A PROCEDURAL VOTE, A HOUSE COMMITTEE NONETHELESS IS CONSIDERING THIS WEEK WHETHER TO PUT IT TO A FLOOR VOTE IN THAT CHAMBER.

"FLORIDA SITS IN A PIVOTAL POSITION...AS TO WHETHER THIS NATION ACTS AS IT SHOULD TO PROVIDE EQUALITY FOR WOMEN," ASKEW TOLD THE TALLAHASSEE MARCHERS. "THE WOMEN OF THIS NATION ARE BUT ASKING FOR EQUAL TREATMENT -- IS THAT SO MUCH?"

BY USING THE WORD "PIVOTAL," ASKEW APPARENTLY WAS REFERRING TO A BELIEF AMONG SOME ERA PROPONENTS THAT RATIFICATION IN FLORIDA MIGHT ENCOURAGE SIMILAR ACTION IN NORTH CAROLINA AND MISSOURI AND POSSIBLY EVEN CAUSE A TURNAROUND IN ILLINOIS.

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Vote on ERA Nears In North Carolina

A committee in the lower house of the North Carolina legislature has urged approval of the proposed constitutional amendment on equality of rights for the

states to give final approval to the amendment.

Sponsors of the proposal believe that the measure has the votes of at least 65



Gant attacks Mrs. Bond on ERA

By MARK NOBLIN
Associated Press Writer

JEFFERSON CITY. — Sen. Mary Gant, who opposes the Equal Rights Amendment and believes the ideal place for a mother is in the home, has expanded her attack on ERA advocates from Betty Ford to Missouri's First Lady, Carolyn Bond.

The mother of three teenagers and the wife of a

but did not out of courtesy to Republican members of the Senate. Gov. Christopher S. Bond is a Republican.

"I'D LIKE FOR her to stay out of it, too," said Mrs. Gant, noting Mrs. Bond's support of ERA before legislative committees.

Reaction from both the White House and the Governor's Mansion to Mrs. Gant's statements was that both



the ABC television network 'America' program proclaiming to the nation her opposition to ERA and her reasons for being so, yet she attacks the First Lady of our nation for exercising that same right."

Sen. Gant said her television appearance "doesn't have one darn thing to do with the other" because she appeared in response to a

require women to be subjected to such things as the draft.

She's opposed to that, she said, because "I'm basically old-fashioned." She said women are not physically suited for the military.

Her position has been widely misinterpreted by women ERA advocates, Mrs. Gant asserts. "It's an uncomfortable feeling. I don't enjoy having these gals look at me and think I'm against wom-

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Faisal Buried in Simple Ceremony

King Faisal of Saudi Arabia was buried Wednesday following simple ceremonies in Riyadh witnessed by 16 kings and other heads of state, the networks reported. The location of burial was not officially disclosed, but Faisal was expected to be buried near the unmarked grave of his father, NBC/CBS said.

Faisal's Nephew Possibly Dead

Reuters News Service reported Wednesday that the nephew said to have murdered King Faisal was being secretly questioned, while other sources said the young prince had been killed almost immediately following his act, the networks reported. The new ruler, King Khaled, and other high Saudi officials were said to be personally questioning the assassin, NBC reported. CBS reported Faisal asked for mercy for his nephew before he died.

Another Setback for Equal Rights Amendment

The South Carolina House of Representatives Wednesday tabled the Equal Rights Amendment. The networks speculated that the action killed chances for its approval this year. It needs approval by four more states for ratification. The networks said it is unlikely to win approval in four of the six states whose legislatures will be meeting.

Energy Stamps in Pennsylvania

CBS did a 2:15 minute report on "Project HELP" under which energy vouchers for low-income families and provided. For \$25 a family can buy a book of stamps worth \$75, which can be used to purchase home heating oil, natural gas, coal or electricity. The Bethlehem, Pa., program is a pilot program funded with \$200,000 in federal money.

So far 2,700 of the 3,600 books have been sold, CBS reported. The program leader guessed that the mild winter and the people's hesitation to get involved in any sort of federal give-away program account for the failure to sell all the vouchers. When the program terminates in mid-April, a team of federal analysts will study the project and two others like it.

Can States Rescind ERA Ratification?

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BY MARLENE CIMONS

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—Can a state, once it has ratified a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution, rescind that ratification?

This is the touchy legal question—for which there is no definitive answer—that backers of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment feel may be crucial to the outcome of their drive for final ratification.

They are troubled by the action last Thursday of Nebraska's unicameral legislature which suddenly voted, 31 to 17, to reverse its prior approval of the

amendment prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex. On Feb. 14, in Kansas, a similar motion was defeated in committee and, one day later in Idaho, the state House beat back a move to reverse its prior ratification.

There are rumblings of rescission in several other states and supporters of the amendment, although concerned, are anxious to dispel the validity of the action.

"I don't think it's fair to say that the action of Nebraska was illegal per se, but it certainly is a violation of the only precedents we have on the question," said J. William Heckman, chief counsel

to the Senate subcommittee on Constitutional amendments.

According to Heckman and several other legal experts, precedent, although not binding, is clearly on the side of the amendment's supporters.

The first similar case involved ratification of the 14th Amendment. After the Civil War, the amendment was passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification. New Jersey and Ohio were among the states which ratified it. In 1868, both states withdrew their ratification. The matter was turned over to Congress.

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CHRIS WALKER

Interview With Joan Huber, Professor of Sociology

Q Professor Huber, how is our society going to be affected by the changing relationship between the sexes—the drive to eliminate differences in the roles of men and women?

A I'll tell you the kinds of changes that undoubtedly are in the offing. For one thing, in my grandparents' day most men didn't want their wives to work, and women only worked if they were poor or the family needed the money. All of a sudden it's become normative for married women with children to work and for men to love to have their wives work. Families like those double incomes.

The fact that the wife is expected to work has all kinds of consequences because it makes her independent of her husband. It means that in case of a divorce, or something like that, she could take care of the children somewhat better than in the past.

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How They're Changing

A social revolution is transforming the traditional roles of American women as homemakers and men as breadwinners. Wives and mothers—nearly half at the latest count—are seeking jobs and careers outside the home, and 70 per cent of all women say they favor this life style. Men increasingly are sharing household duties.

All across the board, differences in sex roles are being blurred—in education, deportment, clothing, hair style and even in sports.

How will all this affect the nation's children? Can the family survive? Will men become "de-masculinized" and women develop into hard-boiled competitors in the economic rat race?

Q What about childless marriages? Will those increase?

A I was very surprised several years ago when some of our students told me that they were VC's—voluntarily childless. It was the first time I'd heard the term. I would predict that

WOMEN American Life

Two Views

From two authorities on social development in the U.S. come answers—surprisingly different in many ways—to the questions sparked by the movement toward “unisex.”

Joan Huber, professor of sociology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, speaks from the vantage point of a scholar specializing in the study of sex roles. She is actively involved in the women’s movement.

Urie Bronfenbrenner, professor of human development and family studies at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., speaks as one of the country’s leading experts on the problems of children and the family in American society.

Q Professor Bronfenbrenner, what is behind the movement toward “unisex” in this country—the drive to eliminate differences in the roles of men and women?

A At the most obvious level, there is the justifiable rebellion of women against the situation in which they are placed—the fact that the world of work, of politics, of power outside the family has been closed to women, or open to them only as second-class citizens. I favor the effort of the



Interview With Urie Bronfenbrenner: Professor of Human Development

maintain that women are bound to enjoy liberation from kind of slavery of the past—

A Women will not achieve liberation if what they aspire for are the values and the behaviors of the men who have been locking them out of the man’s world. Not long ago I was at a meeting of a large advertising conference at which leading woman executive told everybody: “Look, we women can outsell, outmaneuver, outdo men at their own game. We can fool more people than you can fool.”

That’s what I see as a dangerous trend. If women sell out the male values, to the values of a power-oriented male society—that I think is a snare and a delusion.

Q How does this affect the role of women in the home mothers?

A The most important impact on the family stems from the fact that we have opened the door a crack to enable women to enter the world of business, politics, science and the rest, but we have left the world of work still defined in male terms.

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Ladies Flexing Political Muscles

Male dominance of the political world is crumbling, and if the men don't wake up and mount a counterattack soon, it will be too late.

The hand that used to rock the cradle is now rocking the Ship of State. But male politicians still think that they have a firm grip on the ship's wheel. They are acting as if everything were calm and serene and are oblivious to the storm signals all around them.

Men generally dismissed the election of Ella Grasso as Governor of Connecticut as an oddity and not a threat, even though she is the first woman to win a governorship in her own right rather than on the reputation of a husband who had previously held the job.

Things are even worse in England, where a woman named Margaret Thatcher has just been elected leader of the Conservative Party. If the Tories get a majority in Parliament in the next election, Mrs. Thatcher will become Prime Minister.

Women have made big gains on Beacon Hill, and they now hold 14 of the 240 seats in the House and two of the 40 seats in the Senate. This may not appear alarming, but the male politicians don't realize that this could be the wave of the future. What's worse, the women legislators are making all kinds of outlandish demands. The woman's caucus even criticized House Speaker Bartley for not appointing one of their members as a committee chairman, or chairperson, as they say.

Even more disturbing is the not-so-quiet revolution now erupting among political wives.

They no longer are content to smile, look pretty and keep silent, while fulfilling their role as the dutiful help-mate basking in the reflected glory of their husbands. Political wives now want to think and act as individuals, boldly speaking out on controversial issues.

Take Betty Ford, for example, the wife of the President of the United States.

When Mr. Ford signed some bill women had pushed through Congress, Betty said: "You've come a long way, Mr. President."

And when Betty was asked how the president felt about

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Profiling the New American Woman

By Isabelle Shelton
Washington Star Staff Writer

American woman are taking a new look at some of the nation's most cherished traditions and seem surprisingly willing to change them. Even motherhood, that most sacred of shibboleths, is undergoing new scrutiny.

If a marriage goes sour, only 17 percent of American women now think the father should automatically be given custody of minor children. Another 35 percent believe "both parents should be considered equally," and 45 percent believe the decision "depends upon circumstances."

One percent thinks custody should usually be given to the man.

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM regarding alimony and child support also is undergoing a change of massive proportions.

An overwhelming majority of women now reject the time-hallowed view that the financial responsibility for minor children "rests with the father regardless of the working situation of the two parents." Forty-eight percent say "both parents" should be considered equally responsible, while another 30 percent say this depends on the circumstances.

And women also are looking at alimony

"with the new view that it is not a right, but should be awarded only if one party in the marriage needs it." Two-thirds of women now believe alimony should not be granted a woman if she can support herself and 42 percent think the woman should pay alimony to the man if he is unable to support himself. Women who are presently divorced agree that they should not automatically receive alimony.

ALL OF THIS came to light in a new, in-depth profile of the American woman that the U.S. Commission on International Women's Year asked Market Opinion

Research of Detroit to prepare. The survey was released Friday.

The respected survey research firm says it interviewed 1,522 women, carefully selected to achieve a broad spectrum of age, race and marital status, following a statistical formula developed by the U.S. Census Bureau and used by almost all polling organizations. The views "could be regarded as typical of all U.S. women," allowing for a sampling error of 2.5 percent, according to Dr. Barbara Everitt Bryant, who directed the survey. There were some caveats, however.

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Betty in neck brace

Betty Ford, wearing a neck brace, walks with President on the White House lawn to a waiting helicopter that later flew them to Camp David, Md. The brace, partly obscured by a scarf, is to ease the discomfort of the First Lady's osteoarthritis. (AP)



Hail Betty Ford as heroine of rights amendment

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The women's movement has enlisted the help of a powerful First Lady, Betty Ford, in the fight for the Equal Rights Amendment.

The amendment, which would prohibit any law or legal procedure that discriminates on the basis of sex, has been

from Mrs. Ford asking them to vote "yes."

Ms. Brooks said she understood that Mrs. Ford also

Women In The U.S. Labor Force

(As a percentage of total employed)



Source: U.S. Labor Department

The New York Times

Women Entering Job Market At an 'Extraordinary' Pace

By ROBERT LINDSEY

Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 11—Helen Shaddock, a 35-year-old California mother whose four children range in age from 11 to 15, decided to go back to work as a bookkeeper recently after 15 years at home. "My husband earns a good salary," she said, "but because of inflation it's tough to get ahead on one salary. Besides," she added, "after staying home with four kids for 24 hours a day, I wanted some adult companionship, a feeling of accomplishment; having the cleanest floor on the block isn't the greatest thing that can happen to you."

In taking a job, Mrs. Shaddock joined an avalanche of women pouring into the nation's work force this year that is not

only shaping up as a tide of enormous proportions, but depriving the Ford Administration of what had promised to be one of its hottest issues in November—a declining unemployment rate.

Money is important, says Anne Gordon, a 38-year-old mother of three who recently went to work as a librarian for the Battery Park City Authority in Manhattan after 16 years of rearing children. But, she said, a sense of pride and accomplishment are also important. "Someone is saying, 'Here's what you're worth,'" she said.

Jane Barlow, another New York City woman who recently returned to work,

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