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As comrades will see from the N.C. minutes, the N.C. was unable to cover a number of the items on which documents had been prepared - particularly, the question of publications (W.F. and the rank and file papers); the question of organisation, and the question of "women's liberation". This was certainly not intentional, but there is one good side to it - the discussion on those questions can now be held and the issues can be thoroughly sorted out before the next N.C. meeting. Internal Bulletin no. 6 will appear in time for that meeting and include any contributions comrades wish to make on the questions raised in this I.B. (or any other questions.)

## WOMEN'S LIBERATION by Fran Brodie

The women's liberation movement is a movement that has grown out of capitalist reality. And our policy must be one of support. That is, we must support it as it exists to-day - mainly a bourgeois camp.

The feminist section isn't very strong inside the movement. It is that the socialist groups have not realised the importance of working inside the women's liberation movement.

Our general strategy must be to work in the women's liberation movement. We must realise the need for a widespread organisation of women, and the need for socialist women to work in the trade unions. I believe we could do some good work around the women's liberation movement. The more active we socialists are within the women's liberation movement the quicker the bourgeois feminist section would fade.

What is the reason for the lack of interest shown by the socialist organisations in the women's liberation movement? I think it is that the socialist groups consist mainly of men, and these men have a chauvinistic attitude towards women.

The women in WF should take more interest in the women's liberation movement (I include myself in this criticism). We have not taken the question of women and their relation to the group seriously enough ourselves, as women. We could do a lot of work around the Equal Pay Act, as this act will affect women workers, and they will be drawn into the struggle, especially inside the trade unions.

The question of women must be raised inside the "Councils of Action" committees. The C of A is a good basis for WF to start doing some work around the question of women.

All WF members who are involved in the C of A should raise the question of women and equal pay and try to get the women trade unionists involved. They should press for meetings that have a woman speaker. (That might be a bit ambitious.) She could speak on the IR Act and the effects this Act is likely to have on the fight to make sure that the Equal Pay Act is fully implemented among all women workers.

It is a very important period for WF to become involved, and to make some gains inside the women's liberation movement and outside.

WF members must realise the importance NOT of the women's liberation movement - especially with the struggle on the question of the Equal Pay Act and the IR Act looming up for women.