

# President is attacked for response to women's group

By MAXINE BRODSKY  
Bella Abzug believes her recent firing as chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Women stemmed from political rather than personality conflict with President Carter.

The former congresswoman told a gathering of 500 feminists at the Radisson Cadillac Tuesday Carter was "covering up" when he issued a statement that the dismissal was prompted by a personality clash.

"What he didn't like was what I had to say about his economic policies," she stated. "Inflation is hurting the poor and working people, and Carter is asking those who are already deeply burdened to become more so."

"My telling them that is what got them then angry."

MS. ABZUG said she was a scapegoat for forthright statements by the 35-member committee which went beyond matters deemed "women's issues," such as the Equal Rights Amendment and abortion. Twenty-two committee members have resigned in protest of Ms. Abzug's firing.

She said she was told by White House Chief of Staff Hamilton Jordan and aide Robert Lipschitz that the president didn't like it when "we said some critical things in a press release."

"Lipschitz criticized me for being too

honest," she added. "What I said to him, with reference to Carter, was that sometimes a leader has to follow."

"We must fight for ourselves, lobby, organize," Ms. Abzug declared. "Economics is an enormous problem for many women who live in dire conditions. Carter will have to prove a lot more to women than he has so far."

PROFESSIONAL WOMEN have in recent years found their lot somewhat improved, she said, "but women are still clustered in about 80 per cent of the lowest paid jobs in the country."

"Women need to be in positions of decision and policy-making. We have to begin to show ourselves as a meaningful bloc that will make a difference as to who gets elected and who doesn't."

"We are entitled to an equal number of delegates at the Democratic convention. We must target congressional races to elect feminists in 1980."

Women are Watching, the group that sponsored Ms. Abzug's luncheon address, was formed after her dismissal. The luncheon had the endorsement and support of the local chapter of the National Organization for Women,

ERAmerica and the Women's Political Caucus.

Applause and standing ovations frequently interrupted Ms. Abzug, who appeared without her customary hat.

The luncheon had places for 400 diners, but those who failed to get a meal didn't seem to mind.

After the speech, many members of the audience stayed on to mingle, praising, talking, planning, exchanging telephone numbers and filling sign-up sheets.

After the luncheon, Detroit City Council President Erma Henderson

and Councilwoman Maryann Mahaffey presented a gold medalion to Ms. Abzug, citing her actions on behalf of feminist and civil rights causes, early opposition to the Vietnam War and support for the impeachment of Richard Nixon.

Ms. Abzug told the group her visits like the one to Detroit are "spare time" companions to her legal work. A member of U.S. Congress for three terms, she ran unsuccessfully for the Senate in 1976 and subsequently lost in bids for mayor of New York City and her old congressional seat.

## Obituaries

**FRED BRENNFLECK**

Services for Fred Brennfleck, 87, of Farmington, were held Jan. 12 in the Fred Wood Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Bartlett Hess, of Ward United Presbyterian Church.

Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland.

Mr. Brennfleck died Jan. 10.

He was a tool and die maker with Burroughs Corporation.

Survivors are his wife, Eugenia and brother, Charles.

**BRUCE FAULKNER**

Services for Mr. Faulkner, 59, of Farmington were held Jan. 29 in the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Charles Beynon, of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington. Burial was in the Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

He died Jan. 24.

He was a parts packer at Burroughs Corporation.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; sons, Rob and Jack; sisters, Mary Beyne, of Texas and brothers, Harold and John.

**DONNA DAMITZ**

Services for Mrs. Damitz, 22, were held Jan. 26 in the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. James Banks, of Redford Presbyterian Church.

Burial was in the Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Damitz died on Jan. 23 after being involved in an auto accident.

She was a waitress at the Rosewood Diner in Novi. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star 239 of Farmington and the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem 44.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne; mother, Mary Hunter, of Southfield; brothers, Gordon and Donald Hunter and Richard and Charles Whitefoot.

**MARGARET HEADLEY**

Services for Mrs. Headley, 63, of Farmington, were held Jan. 30 in the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. James White, of Advent Lutheran Church. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

She died Jan. 26.

She was a market researcher for Detroit Marketing.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Minnie Schiel; son, Keith Headley; sisters, Mrs. Viola Miller, Mrs. Nora Meyers and brothers, Albert, Floyd and Lester Schiel.

## Winter program is launched

Many winter programs will be offered for children of all ages on an open basis with no registration at the Farmington Community Library.

Preschoolers are invited to the program, "My Favorites" from 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. on Feb. 9 at the Farmington branch on Liberty. They need to bring one favorite thing from home and can attend with a parent to enjoy a film and drawing activities.

"Fishing for a Rainbow" will feature stories, music and games involving color recognition from 2 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Feb. 27. Preschoolers may enjoy a day of Win-nie the Pooh from 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. March 9 in "Pooh and Friends" with music and a filmstrip.

Elementary school aged youngsters can join a "Filmfest" from 2 p.m.-3 p.m., Feb. 17 at the Farmington branch. "The Giving Tree," "A Case of Elevator Duck," "Skater Dater" and "Doughnuts" will be presented.

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