

Eves have many faces says union leader

Modern technology has created a whole new set of problems for today's women.

Myra Wolfgang, addressing nearly 100 Pioneer Women, told them that all women are not likely to act as a group.

"Women's lib has failed to recognize that class makes a clear difference in women's goals," she said.

"The dichotomy is that middle class women seek equality, while lower class women fight to end exploitation."

Mrs. Wolfgang is the international vice-president of the Hotel, Restaurant and Bar Tender's Union, a member of the Michigan Governors Commission on the status of women and an organizer of the National Coalition of Labor Union Women.

MRS. WOLFGANG'S announced topic was "The Three Faces of Eve," but she quickly dispelled the notion that women are schizophrenic or that there are only three categories of women with whom she is concerned.

"There are many different, modern Eves whose goals, opinions, and aspirations vary widely," she said.

"The industrial revolution made a rural nation urban and many modern inventions have made housework a science.

"The tin can itself was a revolution. Close to 40 million cans are opened every day in America."

Mrs. Wolfgang does not believe that every woman belongs in the home.

"COMMON femininity doesn't guarantee common needs," she said.

"One goal that's shared by working class women is not to have to work. It's only for middle class women that work is liberating."

Mrs. Wolfgang explained for women, problems increase with age.

"After divorce or widowhood, many more men than women remarry and as age increases, the chance of remarrying decreases," she said.

"The vast majority of women now working, work at menial, low paying jobs."

She said eight times the number of women work today as did in 1940.

"VERY FEW of them work for personal satisfaction," she said. "And the average Eve works for wages and has another full-time job at home."

"The shared role ideology is just an ideology for most. And most women also are burdened by the guilt of leaving young children."

Mrs. Wolfgang said polls show that 76 percent of people questioned think children need a full-time mother.

"It's hard to get high on being equal," she said.



Myra Wolfgang: working women's goals differ

"ANYONE WHO thinks that sweatshops are a relic of the past is dreaming."

Mrs. Wolfgang enumerated three major concerns of working women as: How to earn a living wage, how to provide good child care and how to survive in the working world.

"The majority of women work in non-union fields," she said.

Regarding minimum wage laws, Mrs. Wolfgang said in Michigan a mother of three children is better off financially on Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) than if she worked 40 hours a week at the minimum wage of \$1.60 per hour.

"HER TOTAL earnings per week and before taxes would be \$64 which is below the poverty level," she explained.

"We must fight for a truly decent minimum wage, for nation-

wide child care systems, and for voluntary overtime."

"By law in Russia, women have child care available, cannot work night hours, and get pregnancy leaves," she said.

"These laws cannot be enacted if the equal rights amendment passes."

"TRUE EQUALITY for women has to include all sorts of women, mothers and non-mothers, workers and non-workers, the poor and the not poor, and the young and old."

Mrs. Wolfgang said the economy in this country would totally collapse if all the women suddenly decided to stay-home.

"The kind of liberation I believe in," she said, "should bring peace to the world, the right to stay home, and economic freedom from want and need."

THE GREATER DETROIT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ORGANIZATION will meet in the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, on Saturday, April 6, to hear Robert Nelson West, president of the Unitarian Universalist Assn. (UUA). Dr. West's talk is scheduled for 1 p.m., following an 11:30 a.m. brunch.

The Farmington Universalist Unitarian Church will be involved in the meeting.

Dr. West will discuss the new UUA program, "Sharing in Growth," a program designed to revitalize the denominational life through groups of trained laymen. A two-hour talk-back with Dr.

West and trained leaders will follow the talk.

There will be a charge for lunch. Reservations may be made by calling the Grosse Pointe Church, 881-0420.

BETH ABRAHAM-HILLEL, 5075 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield Township, will hold Festival Services in the evenings on Saturday, April 6, at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday and Monday, April 7-8 at 7:30 p.m.

Festival services in the mornings are scheduled for Sunday and Monday, April 7-8 at 9 a.m.

Rabbi Israel I. Halpern will preach at the morning services on Sunday and Monday and Cantor Shabtai Ackerman will chant the

prayers with the assistance of the synagogue choir led by Associate Cantor Israel Fuchs.

TEMPLE BETH EL is now taking reservations for Congregational Seder, on Sunday, April 7, at 6 p.m. Fee is \$10 for adults or \$7.50 for children under 12. Checks are to be sent to Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Rd., Birmingham, 48010.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Childbirth education classes set

The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association will sponsor a series of Lamaze childbirth classes which will meet at 7:30 p.m., once a week starting Wednesday, April 24. The classes, in this area, will be held in the North Farmington Baptist Church.

The classes are taught by registered nurses. Instruction is given in neuromuscular control and effective breathing techniques which help the mother to participate in the birth of her child. Films and slide showings are included in the

class instructions.

Husbands are urged to attend, but this is not necessary.

Inquires about the class may be addressed to: Plymouth Childbirth Education Assn., Inc. P. O. Box 311, Plymouth, 48170.

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