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BROADENING THE VISION, EXPANDING THE BASE

Over the recent past, SWAA has taken a number of steps that have reflected an effort to broaden our agenda and political base within the world of human services.

Our name change was predicated on feedback from social justice organizations and community groups we work with that it would help clarify who we are and what we bring to coalition partners if our name identified us more explicitly. After much (and, I mean, much) deliberation and consultation, we chose a name that made a bold declaration of our identification with activism in the social welfare arena. It is a decision that many of us who were initially drawn to an affiliation with the life and work of Bertha Reynolds felt she would endorse wholeheartedly. It is a tribute to Bertha's clarity and stature that it was both so difficult and so obvious.

Our close alliance with the movement for economic human rights and the Kensington Welfare Rights Union (KWRU) provided a way to test the integrity of our analysis and actions through engagement with a poor peoples' organization. This is a relationship among equals – no senior partner, no junior partner – which constantly forces us to place ourselves “between client and community” as

Bertha Reynolds would and did put it. Working with KWRU also recognizes the need to internationalize this struggle and allies SWAA with justice movements worldwide.

Our collaboration with the Alliance for Justice and its First Monday Campaign places us in the ranks of those articulating a progressive response to the increasing violence in our society. In this instance, social welfare workers offer a counter to the “community blaming” responses of the “personal responsibility” conservatives. Their willingness to look solely to individuals and ignore the structures supporting violence needs to be challenged and we are part of that. The prison-industry complex is a prime expression of this trend and our conference last summer devoted considerable attention, including a demonstration at the Michigan State House, to that project. Guns and prisons are violence and we are working to add our voices and energy to an economic and political justice campaign aimed at dealing with the problem.

Reaching to our base of people involved in the world of social welfare in a variety of roles, the National Steering Committee is beginning an initiative to develop a feminist working group within SWAA. This is

explicitly geared to reaching the vast majority of participants in the welfare state who are women. Not surprisingly, competing visions of feminism are being articulated. We are working to find space to have the kinds of dialogue through which socialist feminists and radical feminists and other schools of feminism can work together to address issues of patriarchy and capitalism as they dominate the attack on the welfare state, in general, and on women, in particular. The working group will determine the shape it will take and the program it will pursue. Members interested in participating should get in touch with us and we will find ways to include your energy and interest in this project.

Overall, our approach is to look to issues that will help us reach out to the many people who come to the social welfare system with the hope of achieving justice for those who are oppressed. Slowly and, we hope, planfully, we expand our vision and broaden our base. But, as the old movement song goes, “if two and two and fifty make a million, we'll see that world come ‘round.’” And we will build by twos and threes and fifties and we will, ultimately, create the world we envision. ■

Fred Newdom

SOCIAL WELFARE ACTION ALLIANCE CONFERENCE 2000

As most planning committees do, we struggled with a title for the national conference held this past June in East Lansing, Michigan. We needed something catchy, something that would tie in the millennium theme without referring to Y2K (remember that?), something that spoke to the purpose for the conference. "2000 Reasons for Radical Change" became the theme and title. But we know the reasons for change. We each have our own areas of practice and activism, our own strong ideas about injustice, and our own personal concerns and needs. We speak constantly about "problems" and "issues" that must be addressed if we are to witness a realization of economic, political, and social rights. Soon, the conversation turned to the questions of "Are we serious about radical change?" and "2000 Strategies for Radical Change."

The evolutionary thought process exercised in the conference planning meetings reflected the discussions during the conference itself. Conference participants ranging from seasoned activists to students with newly minted BSW degrees quickly leapt over the theme of the conference and moved directly into the how of creating and maintaining a just system. They spoke from experience and from a place of true passion. Some were happy to exchange new ideas with old friends and others were amazed to hear another person talk about the things they had only thought or spoke very quietly about before attending the conference. Coming from a range of geographic areas, ethnic backgrounds, and interest areas, people engaged with one another in struggling to teach, accept, or consider strategies and "things that work." They challenged one another to think about effective measures and to "get serious" about translating words into action. The mural created during the conference manifested the way in which people chose to move beyond simple reasons.

Participants wrote political slogans, argued for human rights and freedoms, and expressed their thoughts in pictures. Over the course of two days, more and more people would come to look, add their own ideas, and glean something of worth from the mural we all had made. It stood as a powerful backdrop to the conversations and real work being done during the time we were together.

Several absolutely terrific activists spoke at the conference plenary sessions. Gary Anderson, the Director of the host campus, Michigan State University, opened the conference. Mark Gaffney, the President of the Michigan AFL-CIO, and Kim Bobo, Director of the National Interfaith Committee for Worker's Justice revved up the conference atmosphere on Friday morning. Jean McFadden, the former President of the Michigan NASW opened the day's activities on Saturday morning. The group from University of Texas at Austin put on a tremendous performance on Saturday morning. Participants commented on that energizing event during the remainder of the conference. Finally,

Don Cooney delivered a rousing speech, one that brought people to their feet and moved them into a day of action. Many thanks, too, to the panel members participating in the discussion concerning Radical Feminism. Also, the speakers who participated in the rally at the capitol in Lansing generously donated of their energy on a hot afternoon to bring attention to the importance of prisoner's rights.

This year's conference drew over 170 people from 19 states, Washington, D.C., and Ontario. There were 28 workshop offerings during four time slots, and an average of about 10 people attended each workshop. We employed close to \$2500 in scholarship money and raised over \$5000 in donations from individuals and four schools of social work in Michigan. Fifteen people volunteered with registration and organization at the conference itself, and several others were key in setting up equipment, organizing the panel discussion on Saturday, programming the action on Friday, coordinating the songfest, selling books and T-shirts, and just generally keeping the conference running.

We are looking forward to the next conference in Philadelphia. Conversations will start from a different place next year, but we have no doubt they will continue to press toward action. ■

Jennifer Filipovich

PRAISE FOR "THE YEARS HAVE SPOKEN" BY BERTHA CAPEN REYNOLDS:

"Practitioners and educators who are familiar with the writings of Bertha Capen Reynolds will hail this volume of her commentaries and verses as one more lasting gift to her profession. Woven into the verses is a lament, a cry of pain against the pain inflicted upon countless innocent victims of ... (racism, genocide and war from 1935-1973)...but it is tempered with the healing balm of hope and faith in the expectation of a better world for all Mankind. Thus, as in her prose writings, her great compassion for people shines through her verses with a vibrancy that remains with the reader long after they are read." ■

Rachel A. Levine

Subscribing to the Bertha Listserv

Please contact SWAA member Michel Coconis and she will send you the information. Note her new e-mail address: michel4justice@yahoo.com ■

SAVE THE DATES FOR THE NEXT SWAA CONFERENCE June 29-July 1, 2001

Next year the SWAA conference is set to meet in Philadelphia June 29-July 1, 2001 and will be held at the Temple University School of Social Administration. Co-sponsors thus far are the Kensington Welfare Rights Union and the Temple School of Social Administration.

Due to SWAA database difficulties the conference committee in Philadelphia has been unable to obtain a list of local SWAA members to invite to our planning sessions. If you are interested in joining the committee please call or email Laura Rodgers at (609) 494-3678, lrogers@csionline.net or Jennifer Jones at (215) 413-2197, jjen70@hotmail.com.

All of us in Philadelphia are excited to host the next conference and we hope to see you there. Remember to save the dates! ■

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

At the request of the Kensington Welfare Rights Union for support statements for the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia in June, SWAA members Mary Bricker Jenkins and Marilynn Moch mobilized international support for poor people's movements at the IFSW Conference in Montreal, which was meeting during the Convention. The statement, which passed the IFSW General Assembly unanimously, reads, in part, "We (1) recognize the economic and structural factors which restrict opportunities for inclusion; (2) express our profound concern about these situations that put in danger the lives of millions of people throughout the world; (3) welcome the growth of the representative bodies of this movement; and (4) call on our constituent member organizations to support, encourage, and work closely in solidarity with these organizations in the struggle to bring basic change in their relationship to the rest of society and ensure their inclusion in the planning, performance and evaluation of social welfare and social work policy and practice." The full text is available from Marilynn at MochCIHRI@aol.com. ■

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Letters to the editor, essays, news items, BCRS Chapter activities, cartoons, etc., are all welcome!

Please note: The deadline for materials submitted for inclusion in the next *BCR Reports* is **March 15, 2001**.

In Memoriam

On August 5, 2000, SWAA lost a wonderful friend and colleague, Michael O'Connor, at the age of 32. Michael became active in SWAA in 1998 as an undergraduate student of mine at SUNY Brockport. He attended the past three national conferences and presented at two of them. Michael was instrumental in establishing the Rochester SWAA Chapter. At his memorial service (dubbed "Michael's Jubilee") on August 19th, the community response to Michael's death was overwhelming; former and current co-workers and clients paid tribute to him. The staff at his last place of employment, Orleans County Mental Health Day Treatment Program, have advocated for changing the agency's name in Michael's honor. Several local SWAA friends helped to organize the service. SWAA members who couldn't be there sent their remarks. One of those folks was Fred Newdom. In part, Fred wrote:

"The pain at losing Michael is softened only by the delight at having had the chance to know him, work with him and laugh with him in the first place. His death brought on an understandable rage and bewilderment at why someone as good and promising and thoughtful and committed as Michael had to die at all. And his youth made it all the more difficult.

...His commitment – coming from a recognition of his common humanity with all people – to political and economic justice was sincere and enduring. He saw what was the right thing to do, went and did it, and brought others along with him. That's the kind of leadership we need more of. And he was the kind of social worker we need more of, as well.

Michael is gone from this place but he touched so many people that his spirit lives and continues to make the world a better place for his having been here."

I thought I would end with what I would miss most about Michael. I'll miss his sense of humor. I'll miss his energy, his dedication to the people he cared about, and his love of just sitting and talking. I'll miss his insights, his thoughtful observations, and his unique way of chanting during protest marches. I'll miss his midnight e-mails. I'll miss Michael's feisty sense of righteous indignation when confronted with one group of people asserting its dominance over another group of people. Maybe more than anything, I'll miss hearing our favorite piece of advice we would give each other, when the world was getting one of us down. He would look at me with that huge grin and say, "...you know what, Ms. Kasper? Fuck 'em."

– by Barbara Kasper

COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRY

From time to time, those of us working through the Committee for International Human Rights Inquiry (CIHRI) update our fellow SWAA members on our activities. Our Fact Sheet and Year 2000 Newsletter is available at <http://members.aol.com/MochCIHRI/Index.html>. Do NOT type in www. Some browsers will require you to leave off Index.html and click on Index when you access a directory. The four cases that follow merit your immediate attention.

CARLOS TOLEDO

Carlos Toledo, the Director and Founder of the National Movement of Street Children in Guatemala (Movimiento Nacional de Niños) and former recipient of the Reebok Human Rights Award, and one of his workers, Otto Alvarado, were arrested in July, 1999. They had presented the authorities with documentation that an American national was sexually using and abusing street children, but the American was highly connected, and it was Carlos and Otto who were charged with a crime – usurping government functions and inventing fictional crimes.

Currently, the two men are on partial house arrest, several additional charges have been made, the investigation against them is still ongoing and incomplete, and normal activities of the 'Movimiento', such as visiting children in jail and appearing in court with families, have been curtailed.

Jeff Fleischer of Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. in Brick, New Jersey, who is heading up US support for Carlos and Otto, recommends that letters be sent requesting an expeditious review of the case, resulting either in dropping charges or setting a date for trial. Send letters by FAX to Adolfo Gonzales Rodas, Fiscal General de la Republica de Guatemala, 011-502-2212718, with copies to US Ambassador to Guatemala, 7-01 Avenida de la Reforma, ZONE 10, Guatemala City, Guatemala (FAX 011-502-2334877) and William Stixrud, Ambassador, Embassy of Guatemala, 222 R Street NW, Washington, DC 20008 (FAX 1-212-745-1908)

MARIA BARRY

Social workers and social work students, like Long Island University student Maria Barry of England, are among the thousands of resident aliens being deported due to the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996. This act provides for the deportation of any alien who is convicted or pleads guilty or 'nolo contendere' to any 'aggravated felony'. Such felonies include any drug charge, and many other charges for which probation is often the only penalty. Maria was placed on probation and community service for a minor drug charge in 1982. Bill McCollum (R, Fla) introduced HR 2999, the Fairness for Permanent Residents Act of 1999, a bill to alleviate some of the effects of this law and the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. Barney Frank (D, MA) introduced HR 1485, the Family Reunification Act of 1999, with 84 co-sponsors, to similar effect. However, leaving

both these bills in committee, on September 19, the House suddenly passed HR5062 and sent it to the Senate. It is a very limited rollback, only providing for a review of those cases that prior to 1996 were not considered aggravated felonies. This bill does not provide for judicial review or rollback retroactive implementation. Since Reps. McCollum, Frank and Patrick Kennedy were among the co-sponsors, we assume it represents the best they could get.

Maria's next hearing is November, 2000. She and the others are fighting hard, but they need our help. Contact your representatives. Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) has introduced a much better bill, S173. Urge its passage. And while you are at it, urge support for HR 2121 and S3139, baring deportation based on secret evidence, HR 2125, repealing the limitations on judicial jurisdiction included in both acts, and S 1917 and S 2690, one to abolish the federal death penalty, the other to reduce the risk of execution. **ROLL BACK THE GINGRICH CONGRESS!**

LEONARD PELTIER

On June 12, 2000, Leonard Peltier was again denied parole, because he would not confess to murder. A denial of parole in order to force him to confess to a crime is a violation of due process, as is denial of parole without reading the evidence or the record of humanitarian work while in prison. The Leonard Peltier Defense Committee asks you to call Janet Reno (202-514-2000), the White House (202-456-1414) and the Congressional Switchboard (202-224-3121) on his behalf. When you do, please e-mail the LPDC at lpdc@idir.net so they will know they have your support. They need to know we support them.

URGENT CALL FOR ACTION FOR MUMIA

On August 7, 2000, Judge Yohn ruled that he would not allow vital additional evidence excluded by Judge Sabo to be admitted into evidence for Mumia. International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal have placed an important Notice of Joinder on their website, www.mumia.org that every one of us is urged to sign and to get all of our organizations to sign. These petitions will greatly aid them in the upcoming appeal, but time is important. Check their website NOW, or e-mail requests to icffmaj@aol.com. ■

NEED TO VENT???

The Journal of Progressive Human Services (The successor to Catalyst: A Socialist Journal of Social Services) provides a venue for research relevant to radical and progressive human service practice. We are looking for contributions to our Soapbox department. The Soapbox is not a place for lengthy research articles. It is a place for short essays, roughly 500-1000 words, on a subject you feel passionate about. We invite practitioners, academics, activists, consumers and community members to share their thoughts and opinions on topics applicable to progressive human services. Send your submissions to: Journal of Progressive Human Services at University of New England, School of Social Work, 11 Hills Beach Road, Biddeford, ME 04005. ■

Austin/UT SWAA Participates in Staff Sick-Out, Coalition Building at UT-Austin

By Amanda Ryan, Austin/UT SWAA NSC Representative
and Peg Kramer, President of the University Staff Association

The Austin/UT SWAA chapter has been involved in supporting the University Staff Association (USA) at the University of Texas at Austin in their struggle for fairness, equity, and dignity for staff. In Texas, state public employees do not have the legal right to strike, engage in collective bargaining, or lobby the legislature. UT-Austin is the largest university in the country and part of the second wealthiest university system in the United States. Wages for approximately 12,000 non-teaching staff are currently 15% below market value, while administrative and professional staff wages are 5% above. The wage gap between classified workers and management has almost doubled in the past 10 years. In 1999, 12 hours of vacation leave and comprehensive dental insurance were eliminated from the staff benefit package. Then, in May of 2000, UT-Austin announced elimination of preventive dental insurance, increases in parking permits and dependent health insurance premium increases ranging from 30% to 200%.

USA is a grassroots, volunteer group of non-teaching staff who have been fighting for fair wages, comprehensive benefits, good working conditions, job equity and dignity for University staff. Their struggle for justice began more than three years ago. Efforts, to this date, include a march to the State capitol, a virtual walkout, 24 rallies and demonstrations, 6 proposals for change to the administration, 2 faculty council presentations, 1 presentation to the UT Systems Board of Regents, 3 presentations to other faculty committees, 9 meetings with President Faulkner, and hundreds of meetings with legislators.

On June 8, 2000, USA presented a list of wage, benefit and working condition demands, stating "we will hold a sick-out September 6-8, 2000 if

our demands are not satisfied by September 1, 2000." Over the next three months, the UT-Austin administration neither addressed, nor took action on the list of demands. They chose to focus on the tactic instead of the issues. President Larry Faulkner issued a letter warning to take disciplinary action or fire anyone that participated in the sick-out. The sick-out was referred to as an "illegal action" in spite of the fact that only strike and organized work stoppages are defined by Texas Law.

Five SWAA members met with Dean Barbara White of the School of Social Work to discuss the issues. She expressed support for some of the issues, but not the tactic. The Dean said she wanted to give priority to not interfering with the educational process. Students were encouraged not to organize a student boycott of classes but allowed for students to make a choice regarding their own participation individually. Thirty-five students signed and posted a letter in the School of Social Work building citing "their disappointment and confusion regarding the Social Work faculty and administration's stance and lack of support regarding the sick out." The Dean also expressed that she wished more communication could have occurred earlier.

The Austin/UT SWAA chapter organized a variety of actions in support of the sick-out, including flyer distribution and chalking on UT campus, outreach to students and staff, encouraging faculty support, compiling a list of alternative locations for faculty to hold classes as a show of their support for staff, hosting a panel discussion about economic injustice at UT, emailing student organizations about the sick-out, organizing a strong coalition of supportive graduate and undergraduate students (who called themselves "Students Support Staff"), attending USA and custodial worker meetings, and helping to organize a student rally during the sick-out.

Approximately 1300-1800 staff members participated in the sick-out. There has been no visible retribution to staff who participated. USA's future plans include researching national organizational affiliations, collaborating with students on political actions, building their membership, and educating the legislature in the spring session of 2001. The Austin/UT SWAA chapter helped create a coalition of university wide students committed to working side by side with the University Staff Association fighting for fairness, equity and dignity for all at the University of Texas at Austin.

In order to learn more about the staff issues at UT-Austin, visit USA's website at <http://ccwf.cc.utexas.edu/usa/>. ■

Progressive Practice Symposium at CSWE

At the most recent steering committee, the issue of the Progressive Practice Symposium at CSWE's annual program meeting was raised. Some concerns are that there will not be primary contact people to review papers submitted for this with the departures of the current co-chairs. Persons chairing the symposium need to be members of CSWE as well as SWAA and anyone can become readers. Michel Coconis agreed to seek out reviewers and a co-chair for this symposium for the next year. Papers will be submitted to CSWE around April 1, 2001 and the review will be late spring, early summer. Please contact Michel if you are interested in reviewing paper or presentation submissions for progressive content or if you would like to co-chair this with her. Email: michel4justice@yahoo.com or 616.458.9348 (home) ■

CHAPTER UPDATES:

Ann Arbor/University of Michigan:

The Ann Arbor chapter of SWAA recovered from the 2000 national conference held in East Lansing, Michigan in June in time to have a conference debriefing session in July and begin the process of planning activities for the fall.

We participated in "101 Week," a series of presentations held during the first three weeks of classes. Social Workers Advocating for Multiculturalism sponsored the presentations during which many groups within the School of Social Work talked to students about getting involved. Thirty students and faculty members attended this discussion that focused on reasons and strategies for radical change, a theme that echoed the conference conversations. Several students participated in a memorial for an incoming University of Michigan social work student killed in a bus station in Kalamazoo this past summer by a man with mental illness. The vigil and demonstration called for not only sympathy for the young man's family and friends but also for greater attention to issues of mental illness and appropriate access and treatment. Professor Brett Seabury worked with the First Monday campaign this year on October 2. He hosted a film and facilitated a discussion concerning this year's theme of gun violence. The chapter also kicked off a voter registration and "Pledge to Vote" drive. School of Social Work staff, students, and faculty are challenged to pledge to vote and then to DO IT on November 7.

Austin/UT SWAA Chapter:

It has been an eventful summer of activism, organizing, and educating for the Austin/UT SWAA chapter. The chapter has been able to work in collaboration with a number of other organizations. Many SWAA members were present at the June 19 protest of the execution of Gary Graham (Shaka Shankofa). Four members participated in civil disobedience and were arrested with eleven other protesters. Nine members performed at the national

conference in Michigan, including six students and three faculty. That performance was repeated at the NASW Austin Leadership Conference, and is continuing to be requested. The chapter organized two successful "Stop Dr. Laura" protests on August 26 and September 11.

Currently, they are working in cooperation with the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus (ALGPC) and the "Stop Dr. Laura" national movement to target local and national sponsors, resulting in 9 local and over 50 national sponsors dropping. Austin/UT SWAA worked in cooperation with the University Staff Association (USA) in organizing student support of the staff sick-out/walk-out at the University of Texas at Austin (see article for further information).

The chapter cosponsored an education forum on maquiladoras, foreign-owned factories operating in Mexico, with Austin-Tan Cerca de la Frontera (Austin is So Close to the Border) on September 19. A variety of future events and activities are currently being organized, including a flashlight vigil on the steps of the Texas State Capital calling for an end to gun violence as a part of 1st Monday 2000 on October 2. The Austin chapter is continuing to work with other organizations to organize the international "March on the Mansion" asking for a moratorium on executions to be held October 15. They are also organizing a team for the University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work to participate in AIDS Walk Austin 2000. An educational forum on hate crimes will be held on November 9. Future involvement with the staff struggle at the University of Texas at Austin is also being planned.

Kalamazoo: With the start of another year of classes on Western Michigan University's Kalamazoo campus, our local chapter has once again hit the ground running. To

coincide with protests in Prague during IMF and World Bank meetings, we planned a rally that featured speeches on the threat posed by globalism. We also held an action at a local Kohl's store to protest their union busting activities. Mid-September we addressed the issue of inadequate funding of our Mental Health System while mourning the death of a Social Work student killed by a mentally ill person here in Kalamazoo. In honor of this student, a candlelight vigil was held during which speakers addressed urgent needs being felt in the area of Mental Health services.

As we have done many years previous, our chapter of SWAA will be sponsoring "Peace Week" here on campus. This year we have chosen as the theme the United Nation's Declaration on Human Rights. Our main guest speakers will be the Kensington Welfare Rights Union. They will talk about rights of the poor and their attempts to organize around this issue. We also hope to have a panel discussion on Race and Human Rights, as well as an evening devoted to responding to the sanctions against Iraq and its effects on the Iraqi people.

We are also helping to coordinate a "Fast for a World Harvest" as a fundraiser for Oxfam America and a means to educate people on issues of hunger and poverty. In October, several students will volunteer at a local soup kitchen/shelter as a way of getting exposure to issues and day-to-day realities facing our poor and homeless population. We have in the past and will continue to develop collaborative ties with other organizations on campus and in the community such as United Students Against Sweat Shops, Kalamazoo's Living Wage Campaign, and a local organization addressing Police brutality and racial profiling. For the rest of the year, there is a loose consensus that we will pursue efforts on mental health and welfare issues, among others.

Smith College: This past summer the Smith College School of Social Work's SWAA chapter saw a rise in student interest and actions. Together,

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Reynolds' inspirational autobiography dedicated "young social workers who are facing realities and shaping our profession with courage and creativity." Covers the development of her practice philosophy and the course of her career from 1914-1964. Softbound List Price \$21.95/Member Price \$20.00

The Years Have Spoken

A collection of annual greetings sent by Reynolds to her friends from 1935-1973. The collection includes her annual original verse and narrative describing the condition of the world that year and how she had been affected by these events. Makes an excellent holiday or graduation gift. Softbound List Price \$12.95/Member Price \$10.00

TITLES BY SOCIAL WELFARE ACTION

ALLIANCE MEMBERS:

Regulating the Lives of Women, Social Welfare Policy from Colonial Times to the Present, 1996 edition, Mimi Abramovitz. Softbound. List/ Member \$22.00/\$20.00 (1991 Edition \$16.00/\$8.00)

This dynamic history demonstrates that the "feminization of poverty" and the welfare state's current assault on women are not recent developments but have long been a defining feature of women's conditions

Social Welfare and the Feminization of Poverty, Shirley Lord. Hardcover. List/ Member \$36.00/\$33.00

A comprehensive look at the political and economic causes of homelessness including an analysis of the nature of the government policies and some proposals for a more effective response

Under Attack, Fighting Back: Women and Welfare in the United States, Mimi Abramovitz. Softbound. List/ Member \$12.00/\$10.00

This book describes the ongoing debates over federal and state welfare proposals, debunks the myths and stereotypes used to support coldhearted reforms, reviews feminist theories of the welfare state, and details the activism of working and middle class women who have always fought back.

Keeping Women and Children Last, Ruth Sidel
Softbound. List/ Member \$11.95/\$9.50

Sidel explores the condition of America's poor women today, with particular focus on the federal government's attempts to dismantle the welfare system, delivering a chilling indictment of the current trends and political maneuvering that threaten to keep America's poor women and children last.

Illusions of Prosperity. America's Working Families in an Age of Economic Insecurity, Joel Blau

1999. Hard cover. List/ Member \$30.00/\$21.00
Blau looks at recent reforms in NAFTA, education, job training, welfare, and much more, showing that the new social policies have made matters worse, because reforms that rely on the market can't compensate for the market's deficiencies.

Social Security Primer: An Advocacy Tool, Mimi Abramovitz, Jerry Sachs and Ken Grossinger
1999. Softbound. List/ Member \$9.00/\$9.00

The Primer describes the Social Security program, the drive toward privatization, the impact of "reform" on different groups, mainstream proposals and similar reform efforts in other countries.

Social Welfare: A World View, Katherine van Wormer
1997. Softbound. List/ Member \$44.00/\$39.00

Dedicated to the world's marginalized people, this exhaustively documented text studies that United States' social welfare system in comparison to international approaches with extensive coverage of the systems in Canada, the United Kingdom, Japan, Mexico, and Norway.

Social Work with Lesbians, Gays, and Bisexuals, Katherine van Wormer, Joel Wells and Mary Boes
1999. Softbound. List/ Member \$31.00/\$26.67

van Wormer et al take the reader beyond tolerance to acceptance and finally, celebration. It is a journey that draws on both art (including film and literature), and recent scientific research.

Clinical Social Work and Social Action: An Integrative Approach, Jerome Sachs and Fred Newdom

1999. Softbound. List/ Member \$24.95/\$21.00
Sachs and Newdom illustrate a new way both to improve clients' lives and rectify social, political, and economic ills. A much-needed uniting of social work values, theories, and practice for action

Confronting Injustice and Oppression: Concepts and Strategies for Social Workers, David Gil

1998. Softbound. List/Member \$21.00/\$19.00
Gil identifies violence, unemployment, racism, and poverty as the chief injustices in society, and outlines the steps that must be taken in order to confront and abolish these through education and activism.

What's Love Got to do with it? A Critical Look at American Charity, David Wagner. 2000. Hard cover. List/Member \$20.00/\$18.00

Wagner cuts through the self-congratulation that accompanies charity giving in the United States, and asks the important question: why, with all this philanthropy, does the country have so much poverty, homelessness, infant mortality, imprisonment? He points rightly, to the need for a change in the way our economic system distributes benefits.

we sent five people to protest the Republican Convention in Philadelphia and participate in Temple/KWRU's 'University of the Poor' workshops. SWAA also ran a film series and hosted speakers on social justice issues such as the embargo on Iraq, and 'Tough Guise', a new film by Sut Jhally. We are looking forward to more SWAA events and actions next summer.

Rochester: Two Rochester SWAA members (Deborah Donnelly and Melissa Sydor) spent the weekend before the March for Economic Human Rights at "Bushville" with KWRU. Over the weekend the two participated in the Reality Tour around Kensington, Unity March in Philadelphia and the unveiling of the University of the Poor. While at the camp other SWAA members and human services workers met to discuss ways to increase the movement for economic justice and human rights within human services and social work. Fifteen Members of House of Mercy and other members of the Rochester community joined Bushville on Sunday evening. They came to participate in the March for Economic Human Rights the following day.

On March 31st the group from Rochester joined poor people and allies from across the country to protest the republican convention. To make the poor of the United States visible and fight for human rights and economic justice.

SWAA and the House of Mercy have officially joined in a coalition called the Rochester Poor People's Coalition. The RPPC has recently held a memorial of Attica and is planning a public forum to bring to light the issues of the poor in Monroe County after welfare reform, specifically addressing workfare. RPPC will also work with students at SUNY Brockport to educate the community regarding issues of human rights and hook up with KWRU in support of the November World Summit to End Poverty.

The Rochester SWAA Chapter and RPPC have both lost a founding member over the summer. Michael

O'Connor died this past August. He was an inspiration to his clients, fellow workers, community members and friends. He will be greatly missed. His life has served as an inspiration for all who ever met him.

Seattle: What constitutes a SWAA Chapter? In the case of Seattle this year, it has been SWAA members communicating by e-mail to carry out unified actions. Last Fall, it was creating a unified social work presence for reduction of Third World debt by participation in the Jubilee 2000 Human Chain. This Spring, SWAA activist Shelby Mooney coordinated the second Jubilee 2000 Human Chain on September 24, again as a reminder of the suffering posed by debt repayments in the Global South and a demand for forgiveness of the debts.

While last Fall's Chain was overshadowed by what came to be known as the Battle of Seattle, September's Chain, with over 300 participants, received considerable and positive press coverage. A call put out by Arlene Prigoff for social work activism in this area was heeded by the State Chapter of NASW, which endorsed the Human Chain.

During the Summer, SWAA activists created one of several support networks for a group of over 100 homeless men, women, and children who had established a Tent City to bring attention to Seattle's failure to house its homeless. Refusing to continue to sleep under bushes and in the crevasses of overpass roads playing hide and seek with the police, a public Tent City was harassed by Seattle officials who threatened the owners of the properties where they camped with summonses and fines. Using e-mail, SWAA members raised over \$1000 to assist Tent City in either paying the \$75/day fines or the \$2500 needed to apply for a temporary use permit at a site on the grounds of El

Centro de la Raza. We were also able to get newspaper coverage and a Letter to the Editor. The fight is not over.

Southern California: Our chapter continues to be an interesting (in a good way!) mix of progressive individuals, with students, clinicians, faculty members, program staff, retirees and more, joining together. We remain focused on issues of poverty, in its many forms and effects. Our fall planning focuses on collaborating with the local Welfare Reform Coalition, a strong community group working proactively to make positive changes when welfare reform once again gets renewed/revised/further deconstructed next year. (We also hope to link up with a similar group down in San Diego; our membership now stretches across three counties!)

In March, we participated in the local NASW's annual Legislative Day Conference. This was the fifth year we did a workshop at this politics-and-community-action-oriented event. We were a bit overwhelmed when eighty-five people showed up to participate in our workshop on how to plan and implement social actions, but we were greatly heartened to see that many social workers are truly becoming interested in doing more to make some real changes happen.

We're also excited to announce that one of our new but dedicated members, Daisy Obetsanov, started a new SWAA Chapter this spring on the campus of the University of Southern California, in Los Angeles. We will be helping them develop their group and look forward to reaching out to more social work students - welcome!

Our fall kick-off event was a discussion forum on follow-up on issues raised at this summer's political and shadow conventions and social action demonstrations. ■

Wanted: Course Syllabi

Please forward by e-mail or postal mail any "Radical" course syllabus you would like to contribute toward the creation of a syllabus bank for the "University of the Poor." For more detailed information, contact David.Ellenbrook@castleton.edu (Castleton State College). ■

XAIROS 2000 – OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES AT THE PRESENT STAGE OF THE STRUGGLE

Presentation by Don Cooney at the Social Work Action Alliance National Conference June 24, 2000

My Sisters and Brothers, it is an honor to stand on the same platform with Marion Kramer, a woman of courage and dedication who has spent her life in the struggle for justice. It is also humbling to stand before you and I thank you for this opportunity. For more than 36 years the struggle for justice has been at the heart of my life. I have had the opportunity to work with great people and I have learned some things along the way. It is out of this life experience and our continuing struggle that I offer for your considerations four ideas about what our responsibility is at this time.

Our primary responsibility is to stand with the poor and oppressed for the liberation of us all through radical change. We got off to a great start yesterday with presentations on Labor by Kim Bobo, Director of the National Interfaith Committee for Worker's Justice and Mark Gaffney, State Chair of the AFL-CIO Labor Council; with workshops and presentations by the Kensington Welfare Rights People; and by our demonstration in solidarity with our Sisters and Brothers in prison. The need for the Liberation of the Poor and the Oppressed from the dehumanization, the economic exploitation, the racism and sexism built into the structures of this society is so clear. Article 25 of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights affirms that *every person* because each is a person has a *right* to all that is needed for the fullness of Human Life. To move closer to that ideal must be our passion and driving force.

But it is important to be clear that in our struggle for the liberation of the poor and oppressed we also liberate ourselves. Dr. King has affirmed "None of us are free until all of us are free." And on the literature from the Kensington Welfare Rights Union there is a quote from Lila Watson, a Brisbane-based Aboriginal Activist: "If you have come to help me, please go away. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, let us work together." We must be clear how the liberation of the privileged is tied to the liberation of the oppressed.

First and most obviously those who are suffering are our Sisters and Brothers. How can I ever be free when members of my own family are in pain?

Secondly, my liberation is bound up with being a fully human person, yet I cannot be a human person unless I live in truth and authenticity. The system we live in uses every skill and force it has to entice me to build my life on a lie – the lie of class superiority, the lie of male superiority, the lie of racial superiority. Contrast the clarity and wisdom of Marion Kramer's presentation with the rhetoric and lies of the Presidential Candidates' presentations. We need to break through the lies, our very humanity requires it. It is in our solidarity with the poor and oppressed that we can do this. Frantz Fanon, the great Algerian Revolutionary, has said we can never know the truth unless we listen to the voices of the poor and oppressed.

Thirdly, the system of institutionalized injustice lures me to waste my life in trivial pursuits or even to participate in the oppression. If I do so, I shall be well rewarded, but the price is to throw my life away. Just as the human mind is made for truth so the human heart is made for love, but acquiescence in or support of a system which oppresses my sisters and brothers is to refuse to love. It is only in the quest for justice that the longing of our heart can be fulfilled. For each of us must choose – whether to stand with the oppressors and continue the oppression or with the oppressed and work for liberation. The great humanitarian and moralist Albert Camus has put it well. "In a world of victims and executioners it is the responsibility of the educated person not to stand on the side of the executioners."

So we must struggle for our own liberation for our common liberation, our very lives depend on it.

The first step in that struggle must be to join with those already in the thick of the fight and they are legion. We live in a time of strong social movements and organizations and we need to offer our strengths, our resources and our witness to their ongoing efforts. There are the movements for economic justice, including the Welfare Rights Movement, the Living Wage Movement, the Students Against Sweatshops, the Labor movements., There is the intensifying struggle for Women's rights; the movement against violence, the struggles in solidarity with prisoners, the environmental movement, and these are just the most obvious of the efforts. We need to be there, on the field, bending our backs in the effort. We have so much to offer and we need to be there where the struggles take place.

The third point I offer for your consideration is that we need to look for the unique contribution we can make. Let me share an experience. For more than 15 years I was involved in the struggle against apartheid. Once, in the early 1980's we brought to our campus a young, charismatic labor leader from South Africa and his message and commitment made me long to do more. I went to him and said I was ready to go back to South Africa with him and stand with him in the struggle. He smiled and put his hand on my shoulder. "My brother," he said, "we do not need you to come and liberate us. We will liberate ourselves. You are in the belly of the beast and we need you to work here to remove the obstacles to our liberation."

In many ways we stand in the belly of the beast. We work in the institutions which have power over people's lives. We need to influence those institutions and make them work for the people. We are in direct contact with those that suffer; we can tell their stories in places they never get to. We can steer the resources of those institutions to the people. We can seek positions of power so we can use

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PROTEST FOR PRISONER RIGHTS

On June 23rd a group of about 50-60 mainly social workers from across the United States gathered at the state capitol in Lansing, Michigan to march in solidarity with the state's prisoners. Participants who were members of the Social Welfare Action Alliance marched in



The people organized will free the prisoners!

a circle in front of the capitol steps holding signs that read, "Prisoners' Rights Are Human Rights," "Justice for Women in Prison," and "Victims Should Not Be Silenced."

Following the march, protesters sang "We Shall Overcome," and "I Woke Up this Morning with My Mind Still on Freedom."

Speakers at the rally were Penny Ryder of the American Friends Service Committee, Rosemary Sarri of the University of Michigan School of Social Work, Joyce

Dixon, ex-convict, who served 17 years in a Michigan prison and presently an activist for prisoner family rights, and myself, author of a book describing the sexual abuse of women by male correctional officers in Georgia and Michigan.

All the speakers focused on the violation of civil rights of prisoners no longer allowed to seek redress through the courts or to inform the public through the press of the violations inflicted upon them behind prison walls. As documented in reports of Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, NBC News, and the Department of Justice, these women have been sexually harassed and exploited by male officers and shackled during childbirth at risk to their health and wellbeing. The state of Michigan we compared unfavorable to Georgia in this regard; yes, Georgia, which after similar prisoner litigation suits over sexual assaults of female inmates were settled, cleaned up their women's prisons, hired new more professional staff, and restricted male guards from the women's living areas. In contrast, the attempted cover-up in Michigan – restrictions on inmates from being interviewed by the press and investigating officials and on victims who have been abused from even filing lawsuits – has brought increased attention to the state by Amnesty International, the United Nations whose representative was not allowed into the women's prison, and the media.

If Georgia can comply with constitutional and international law to protect women prisoners from abuse, the more progressive state of Michigan certainly can do so. In the meantime, groups such as the Social Welfare Action Alliance will continue to make the plight of Michigan's prisoners known. ■

– Katherine van Wormer

XAIROS 2000 – OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES AT THE PRESENT STAGE OF THE STRUGGLE – Continued

that power for the people. As a City Commissioner in Kalamazoo I have been able to put the issues of working people and the poor on the City's agenda. We have fought to channel the City's resources towards the neighborhoods. We have challenged the City's Corporate Agenda and offered a People's agenda.

We have unique opportunities and we must seize them.

Finally, We need to be gentle with each other. To support each other and help each other. We must be patient with each other, not intolerant of those whose analysis seems less correct than ours. It is not about personal glory, it is about justice. The other side inflicts enough pain; we must be the people of kindness.

The cardinal rule of organizing is never get isolated. After I was elected to the City Commission a couple years ago and we celebrated our victory our activist campaign team drifted away. I soon found myself sitting at meetings with 12 to 20 people whose agenda had nothing to do

with the ideals we got into the campaign for. Their view of the world was so different from mine it was hard to begin a conversation. In a panic I called some of the activists and said "Hey, I can't do this without you." Since then we meet every week to explore our opportunities, to hold me accountable, to give me the support I need to take strong stands.

We need each other and it is in mutual support that we have the strength for the struggle.

My Sisters and Brothers, the Scriptures speak of a Xairos, a time of special grace and opportunity. I believe we live in just such a time. The challenges we face are formidable, but the opportunities are immense and unique. The possibilities are breathtaking. We dare not miss this chance. It is in our dedication to justice that we will become whole, achieve our fulfillment and win the prize coveted in each of our hearts, a common liberation in a community of justice and peace. Let the struggle, continue. ■

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— Marcia B. Cohen, JPHS collective

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Many SWAA members renewed their memberships for the year May 2000 - April 2001 either when they received a renewal notice in February or at the June conference in Michigan. Many of you received a second renewal notice in September. For anyone who has already renewed, please return the information sheet update with the "Update" box checked. If you have not renewed since 1999, please do so. If you are in doubt and send a check, we will credit any duplicate payment as paid through April 2002. ■

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