

The Black Women's United Front Calls For A Multi-National Women's Conference

In New York Saturday March 6th

In Line With An International Women's Day Demonstration March 7th

Riverside Church
490 Riverside Drive at
122 St. - 9 a.m.

In this time of economic crises caused by imperialism, budget cuts in housing, education, welfare, medicaid, day care, layoffs and rising prices women are hit the hardest. The last hired, women are the first fired, day care centers are being closed down, which means that some women will either have to pay the high costs of private baby sitters or quit work. Medicaid in N.J. for example has been canceled except for the barest medical assistance. There have been cuts in education, so our children who were never receiving a quality education are now receiving less of an education. Housewives are confronted with the rising cost of living without enough income to feed and clothe their families. Women in general suffer a double oppression under imperialism: 1) class oppression - exploitation because we are workers, 2) sex oppression - because we are women we are the lowest paid, with the lowest seniority, coupled with exploitative chauvinist relationships in the home. Third world women suffer an additional oppression as well: racial oppression as oppressed nationalities.

These are the conditions surrounding the first year of development of the Black Women's United Front. Answering the call sent out at the Afrikan Women's Conference, in Newark, July 1974, women came together to form a united front that would be anti racist, anti capitalist, and anti imperialist (intrinsicly anti sexist through the struggle against the triple oppression of black women). Anti-sexist was later added as a fourth principle of unity. The members of the BWUF have worked since January 25, 1975 (the first meeting

held in Detroit) taking surveys to find out the problems and concerns of Black women across the country. From these surveys work has centered around: jobs, housing, day care and education as well as participation in International Women's Day (March 8th), support of Jo Ann Little, and participation and support of the National Fightback Conference in Chicago. The BWUF is currently doing work in support of Jessie X. Woods and Cheryl S. Todd, 2 black women who have been charged with murder in Georgia for defending themselves against a racist who was attempting to rape them. The bourgeois state machine, the judges, courts and police, in Georgia are doing everything they can to hang these 2 women.

All of this work has led the BWUF into multi-national worker's struggles and multi-national coalition work around various issues. It is these struggles that bring the working class closer together, to fight against the common oppression of the entire working class - imperialism: exploitation, oppression and repression in every aspect of our lives.

This is why the call for the conference. For the purpose of mass education of the women who attend the conference. Education around the issues and the nature of our oppression. The theme of the Multi-National Women's Conference is: "Abolition of every possibility of exploitation and oppression." There will be speakers in the morning session on: "What is the Black Women's United Front and what are the goals of the BWUF," "Why the need for the Multi-National Women's Conference," "The Struggles of women as an anti-

imperialist struggle - Defeat bourgeois feminism and what is the role of men in the struggle against women's oppression," and "Issues that affect women under imperialism i.e., welfare, rape, sterilization, etc." Workshops at the conference will be: 1) Soviet Social Imperialism the history of women's struggle against revisionism, 2) Triple oppression of 3rd world women, and 3) Women Fightback against the crisis caused by imperialism, to include discussion regarding "Women in Factories, women migrant workers and deportation, women on welfare."

The Black Women's United Front Steering Committee is planning and mobilizing for the conference across the country, aided by a multi-national advisory committee that has been formed to help with the conference.

The multi-national advisory committees can be contacted through the local BWUF chapters. The conference organizers are also working towards International Women's Day. This day has historically celebrated the struggles of women around the world for over 60 years. The International Women's Day march is planned for March 7th and all conference participants are urged to join this demonstration and make this the working women's weekend. A weekend that will further cement solidarity between multi-national working women. The principles of unity of this match are: Anti-imperialist and No united action with the revisionists (to expose the capitalist and imperialist nature of the USSR).

The strategic leadership for the revolution in the USA is the multi-national working class in alliance with

the oppressed nationalities. This is the force necessary to overthrow the capitalist ruling class and smash everything in their control that is used to suppress the masses of working people. This Multi-National Women's Conference is a move in educating and uniting this force. It is a move toward building the Marxist-Leninist party in this country that is needed at this time in the face of rising contradictions and a heightening of the degree of preparedness of the working class with only revisionists, petty bourgeois splitters, and other various opportunists calling themselves parties. What is needed is a genuine Marxist-Leninist party "a new party, a militant party, a revolutionary party, one bold enough to lead the working class in the struggle for power, sufficiently experienced to find its bearings amidst the complex conditions of a revolutionary situation, and sufficiently flexible to steer clear of all submerged rocks in the path to its goal. Without such a party it is useless even to think of overthrowing imperialism, of achieving the dictatorship of the proletariat." This conference is a step in building this new party, by beginning to unite and politicize masses of working women. It is a step in the long protracted revolutionary struggle.

All are urged to attend to discuss and learn what is the true basis of women's oppression, to bring information, and clarity.

For further information call (201) 622-4135.

Abolition of every possibility of oppression and exploitation!

Vote the many to defeat the few!

Workers of the world and oppressed nations unite!