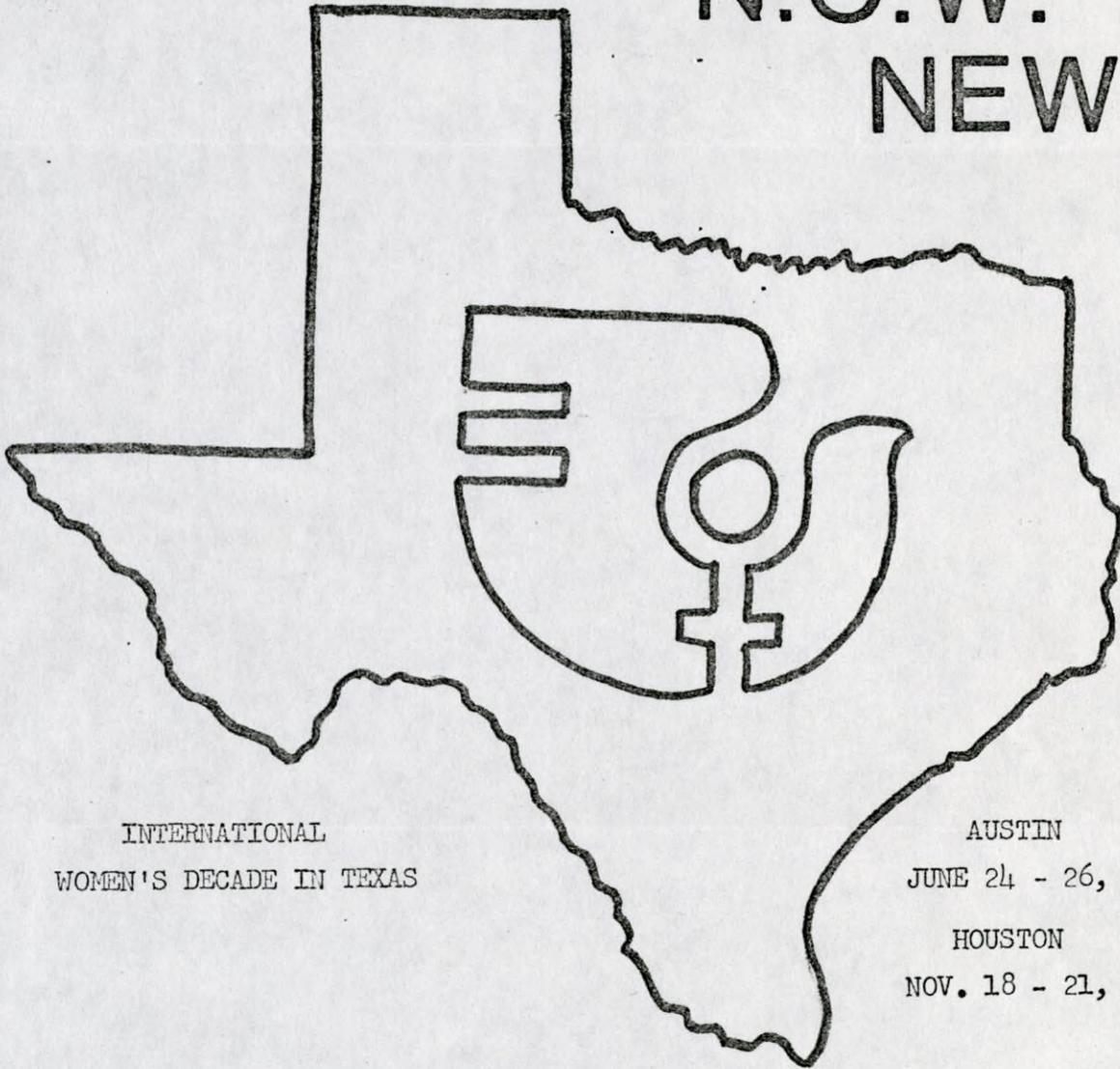


## Bay Area Chapter

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# N.O.W. NEWS



INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DECADE IN TEXAS

AUSTIN  
JUNE 24 - 26, 1977

HOUSTON  
NOV. 18 - 21, 1977

DISCUSSION MEETING OF BAY AREA N.O.W. CONCERNING THE RECENT IWY CONVENTION  
IN AUSTIN AND PLANS FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN  
HOUSTON

At least a dozen members of this Chapter took themselves to be counted for Equality in Austin at the State IWY Convention. You are invited to hear the details of this interesting and controversial occasion at 7:30 P.M. July, 7, the Uniting Church, corner of Reseda and El Camino Real, in Clear Lake City

N.O.W. CALENDAR FOR JULY

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- July 1, 5:00 P.M. final date for submission of textbook Bills of Particulars in Austin
- July 7, 7:30 P.M. Bay Area N.O.W. Program Meeting, including business, Uniting Church
- July 8, 7:30 P.M. last open meeting of C - R Group, Women's Center, UH/CLC. (488-8574)
- July 12, 7:00 P.M. Board Meeting, HAFFCU, 2418 Travis, downtown.
- July 16, 10:00 A.M. Texas N.O.W. Council Meeting, Mercantile Bank, Stella Link and South Braeswood, Houston.
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UNsung LOCAL HEROINE

Newspapers have not mentioned it, but a Bay Area woman served as the pro-woman catalyst during debate on resolutions at the Texas TWY meeting in Austin on June 26th. Our own Evie Whitsett got up and proposed that the assembly adopt a package of resolutions which included the crucial one supporting ERA and opposing attempts to rescind, and also one supporting the rights of lesbians; this so flummoxed the opposition, which had felt safe because there did not appear to be enough time to reach debate on these resolutions, that they were not able to mount any effective counter-tactics. Both resolutions, and several others approved by feminists, were passed in a body. As usual when Evie asks one of her questions, everyone immediately discovered they had an opinion, and lines ten people deep formed at each microphone. With a ten-minute debate allowed on each resolution, Evie's proposition forced debaters to compress their individual objections, and confine debate on whether to consider her motion, only. It worked. Some pink ladies did not seem to know what was going on.

ANOTHER LOCAL HEROINE

For the fourth year, the textbook reviewing effort of TEXAS STATE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN has been coordinated by Bay Area N.O.W. women. This year's chief coordinator has been Twiss Butler, and she has worked hard writing her own Bills of Particulars (famous for mincing no words), as well as communicating with the other active Chapters around the State concerning assignments, forms, and deadlines. With the deadline for filing Bills now behind us, there will be some breathing space for her before the date of the textbook hearings in Austin. Those of you who wrote Bills, and are therefore eligible to testify, mark August 17, 18, and 19 on your calendars.

Thursday, September 12, 1974, Page 2/C

# Men and children first

Why We Oppose Votes for Men:

- 1) Because man's place is in the Army.

- 2) Because no really manly man wants to settle any question otherwise than by fighting about it.
- 3) Because if men should adopt peaceable methods, women will no longer look up to them.
- 4) Because men will lose their charm if they step out of their natural sphere and interest themselves in other matters than feats of arms, uniforms and drums.
- 5) Because men are too emotional to vote.

Their conduct at baseball games and political conventions shows this, while their innate tendency to appeal to force renders them particularly unfit for the task of government.

—Alice Duer Miller, American novelist and poet, written in 1915

## TEXAS DELEGATE TO NATIONAL IWY CONFERENCE, ELECTED IN AUSTIN:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1. Betty Anderson, Lubbock        | *30. Minnie Maloy, Waco                     |
| 2. Linda Anderson, Houston        | 31. Mammie McKnight, Dallas                 |
| 3. Owanah Anderson, Wichita Falls | 32. Betty McKool, Dallas                    |
| 4. Lupe Anguiano, San Antonio     | *33. Elaine Opiela, Karnes City             |
| 5. Deane Armstrong, Leander       | 34. Marie Oser, Houston                     |
| 6. Cynthia Bebon, Brownsville     | *35. Betty Ann Peden, Hondo                 |
| 7. Melva Becnel, Houston          | *36. Dolores Puente, San Benito             |
| 8. Linda Biggs, Ft. Worth         | 37. Irma Rangel, Kingsville                 |
| 9. Geraldine Brown, Nacogdoches   | 38. Barbara Reagan, Dallas                  |
| 10. Penny Brown, Houston          | 39. Ann Richards, Austin                    |
| 11. Mary Castillo, Houston        | 40. Janice Robinson, Austin                 |
| 12. Maria Cavazos, Raymondville   | 41. Irene Rodriguez, Weslaco                |
| 13. Marta Cotera, Austin          | 42. Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza, Austin        |
| *14. Eva Cuadra, Mercedes         | 43. Estela Salinas, McAllen                 |
| 15. Claire Cunningham, Dallas     | 44. Teresa Saucedo, Arlington               |
| 16. Hortense Dixon, Houston       | 45. Dorothy Shandera, Huntsville            |
| 17. Barbara Duke, Austin          | 46. Loretta Jo Shaw, Corpus Christi         |
| 18. Margie Flores, El Paso        | 47. Martha Smiley, Austin                   |
| 19. Sylvia Garcia, Houston        | 48. Sammie Stafford, Abilene                |
| 20. Ernestine Glossbrenner, Alice | 49. Josephine Stewart, Houston              |
| *21. Rita Gomez, San Antonio      | 50. Claudia Stravato, Amarillo              |
| 22. Luz Gutierrez, Crystal City   | 51. Hermine Tobolowsky, Dallas              |
| 23. Carol Hatfield, Austin        | 52. Nikki Van Hightower, Houston            |
| 24. Naoma Hickie, Stephenville    | 53. Patricia Vasquez, San Antonio           |
| 25. Eddie Bernice Johnson, Dallas | 54. Carolyn Waddell, League City            |
| 26. Ruth Kirby, Littlefield       | 55. Sarah Weddington, Austin,               |
| 27. Bonnie Lesley, El Paso        | 56. Arthur Beatrice Williams, Wichita Falls |
| 28. Sharon Macha, Houston         | 57. Penny Willrich, Grand Prairie           |
| 29. Jane Macon, San Antonio       | 58. Janna Zumbur, Austin                    |

## ALTERNATES

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| *1. Peggy Brandon, Amarillo | 3. Ruby Isidra Gutierrez, Pasadena |
| *2. Mary Flinn, San Antonio | *4. Millie Monte, Lubbock          |
|                             | *5. Helen Wright, Dallas           |

\*Denotes Anti-ERA and/or Anti- Right-to-Choose.

Elected delegates from 56 states and territories will convene in Houston for the National Conference, authorized by Congress in Public Law 94-167. The agenda will be formulated from the resolutions passed by the states. A report of the state meetings and National Conference will be written by feminist author Caroline Bird and presented to the President, Congress, and the public. National Conference Headquarters are the Hyatt-Regency and Sheraton-Houston hotels, with exhibits in the Albert Thomas Convention Center. The Conference is open to the public. For housing forms, write to National Women's Conference, IWY Housing Bureau, 1006 Main St., Houston, TX. 77002.

We are happy to report that the NEW "National Commission on the Observance of IWY" is much more feminist than the previous Commission, some of whose members we met at the Hyatt-Regency in December. Some names we recognize favorably are:

Bella Abzug	Betty Ford	Alice Rossi	Gloria Steinem
Maya Angelou	Martha Griffiths	Gloria Scott	Elizabeth Holtzman
Liz Carpenter	LaDonna Harris	Eleanor Smeal	
Audrey Colom	Mildred Jeffrey	Jean Stapleton	

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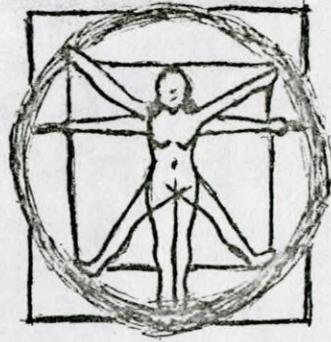
Who are stranger than you dare imagine  
You, see us only as  
without what you have  
and  
oh  
how happy that must make us.

There is not one among us  
who has not wondered how  
we are going to make it through  
forests of  
you.

You  
see us on beaches in July, basking and  
browning for you,  
you sense  
on your way to work  
bypassing  
closets filled with our bones  
blackened and split by your living  
amongst us.

You never hear  
and we are never surprised to hear  
of the death and sickness of  
one of us  
at a time  
The mad, black eyes,  
the angry blizzards of our suicides.  
Our starving in your houses.

You  
only hear our babies when you  
want to  
when they like you  
when they look like you  
when they're "old enough."



We walk seared and shredded, giving  
away  
our babies to toilets  
garage sales and high bidders  
and being given away  
ourselves  
so names match  
and you need never know.

Times and times again during  
your  
famines for us  
you  
saw: you see  
us catch each other and  
judge ourselves bloody

You,  
heady,  
plans operative, develop  
further paralyses for us  
should any of  
us  
find ourselves whole  
and  
turn on any of  
you.

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\_\_\_\_ I would like to join BAY AREA N.O.W. and NATIONAL N.O.W. (\$20.00)  
\_\_\_\_ I want to join, but can only afford \$ \_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_ I am not a member, but would like to receive the NEWSLETTER for a year. (\$4.00)  
\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_ to N.O.W. (Tax-deductible.)  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address and Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_. Please list interests and skills which might  
contribute to N.O.W. projects \_\_\_\_\_  
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