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#### INTRODUCTION.

The bibliography is not exhaustive - hence the titles which are merely listed at the end. The entries are, frankly, unevenly dealt with: for some I both present their argument and offer criticism, for others I give little more than chapter headings; disproportionately some articles I deal with extensively, some books I only gloss over. Except where overseas publications have been much quoted by British writers I do not include them - in particular the mass of American material is absent.

The dibliography is divided into eight sections which represent, with the exception of the last, necessary and interdependent areas of analysis in a study of women at work. These are:

- A Statistics
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Entries are detailed in the section to which they predominantly contribute but capital letters at the end of the title indicate their pertinence to other domains. Each entry also has a number for index reference. Those asterisked are my selection of major contributions to the field, which together provide a minimal but comprehensive framework for considering women at work.

The structure and content of the bibliography reflect a particular theoretical and political understanding of women at work. Women's position within paid work - the nature of the work they do, their grossly unsatisfactory status and pay, the social relations of work in which they are involved - represents a specific subordination of women and a sexual division of labour which is articulated through the wage form of capital. Their 'original' subordination, however, which is here repeated and transformed economically and ideologically, is grounded in the patriarchal relations of the family. Thus as the other aspect of the labour which oppresses them I include material on women's unpaid work in the home.

In this introduction I try to point to important sources of material in the different areas as well as to briefly argue a framework for a general study of women at work in this period.

### A. STATISTIC

The 'raw material', the 'facts' with which we begin, is the number of women in employment, their marital status, age, industries they work in, their occupations, their hours of work, pay, trade union membership, their stability at work and turnover as a group etc. All these

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factors have tended to change over the period for women and especially in relation to comparable features of men's employment. Essential sources here are the Census of Population material\*, 1951, 1961, 1966, 1971 and the monthly Department of Employment Gazette (and its predecessors Between them they contain a wealth of information. Nevertheless, this is often not quite what is wanted in relation to women. For example, there are considerable problems in ascertaining the details of women's part-time work, which even in the 1971 census was significantly under-enumerated. Compounding this inadequacy, the Gazette only publishes figures for part-time work in manufacturing industries in plants with over 100 employees, noting them by the Standard Industrial Classification bot by occupation. Further figures can be sought from other government publications: Social Trends British Labour Statistics Year Book, General Household Survey, Family Expenditure Survey and New Earnings Survey. However for a general overview, though unfortunately all incomplete in terms of their cover of the whole period, are the compilations: the Department of Employment: Manpower No 9, Women and Work A Statistical Survey, AudreyHunt's large sample survey A Survey of Women's Employment Vol 1 and 2 and Lleonora Lloyd's Women Workers in Britain, A Handbook. The main features to emerge are: i) An increase in the number of married women working particularly in the age group over 35.

ii) An increase in the number of women in part-time work (mostly married) iii) A decline in the number of women in manufucturing industries, particularly in skilled work and a proportionately larger increase in the number in the service sector.

iv) Within the service sector there were considerable increases in professional and scientific industries (teaching and nursing primarily), distributive trades(shops) and miscellaneous industries (hairdressing, laundrettes etc.)

v) But also a steady increase in service type occupations across all industries, service and manufacturing, (there are not just those which the census defines as service occupations - barmaids, waitresses, but clerical workers and cleaners too).

vi) Women's pay has remained at about 55-70% of men's, excluding overtime and shift pay which, in men's favour, reduce women's pay as a proportion of men's. Since the Equal Pay act in Dec. 1975 and immediately before its implementation, some ratio increase has been achieved, though unevenly across industries.

vii) Most of the increase in union membership since the 1960s is accounted for by the recruitment of women.

Although it illustrates that the pattern of employment is very different from the one associated with men, this statistical description does not itself establish our understanding of the historical processes - economic, ideological and political which have delivered that configuration

#### B. THEORY

What I have included here are primarily texts which contribute to the development of a marxist feminist conceptualisation of paid work. That field is being constituted by drawing on, but interrogating two approaches: a feminist analysis which accords gender differences to the patriarchal relations of the family and assigns that as the primary

determinant for women; a class analysis which focuses on the contradictory developments of capital accumulation, but does not usually differentiate class on a gender basis. The two are not easily reconciled and the understanding we have of their articulation both within the family and the work place is by no means complete. However it is perhaps the latter which is the least researched.

Traditional sociology of work has not considered women's paid work as a distinct phenomenon, either because it has studied such work areas as coal mining, where there are no women, or studied occupations in which there are women, but failed to comment on that fact. (For such studies see Brown 'Women as Employees') Alternatively women's paid work is left to the sociology of the family, which locates women primarily in the home and family and therefore constructs their paid work as a problem - for women themselves, their husbands and children and employers. The studies here take the form of discussing women's paid work in relation to their family life cycle. They focus on hours worked in relation to age and number of children, child care arrangements, husband's attitude, employers' organization of part time work etc, rather than detailing what happens in the work place itself. (Cf Brown above. Such studies here would include Jephcott, Klein's various articles, Hunt).

In a sense, as feminists, we have continued this trajectory. We have come to an analysis of women in paid work through an analysis of their position in the family, although importantly recognizing, in contrast to most sociologists, the family as the primary site of women's subordination. Thus it is the family and specifically women's position within it, which is first examined in its relation to the world of paid work: its relation to the engagement of men in paid work, and then in its relation to women's engagement in that area. Paid work for women is seen as a repetition of the sexual division of labour in the family- it is 'women's work' that women usually undertake. However the relation between family and capitalist work, while a constant theme of the Women's Liberation Movement, has been differently argued, in terms of their relative autonomy (eg. separate modes of production). and the levels at which they relate (eg. family and women's role as primarily ideological support for the (male) economic wage relations of capital). Sheila Kowbotham (Women's Consciousness Men's World) describes the family as a pre-capitalist, peasant, production unit, separate but necessary to capitalist production. Juliet Mitchell suggests four structures to women's subordination - production. reproduction, socialisation and sexuality, which nevertheless maintain the duality of their two sites of work and family. The economic relations of production dominate but gain support from the ideological relations of the family as this "tryptich" structure which women inhabit. (NB. "reproduction" does not include domestic labour.)

Attempts have also been made to conceptualise the family, extremely as part of the mode of capitalist production itself or more moderately as within the circuit of production and reproduction of capital.

(Both Rowbotham and Mitchell can be seen as arguing the latter.)

Whatever the differences in these positions the political intent is to undermine any suggestion that women could choose the option of a male pattern of work, without there being structural changes fundamental to capitalism. The family and women's home work are not just residues from the past, the tasks of which capital could easily enough socialise, but have, whether or not they are abstractly capitalist, been 'taken over'

<sup>\*</sup> Government publications unless 'authorised' are generally listed under 'Great Britain'.

or 'colonised' by the structures of capital for its own purposes. Rowbotham argues that it is the capitalist separation or production from consumption which has split off the family as a consumption unit from production, and divided women from men. Eli Zaretsky (Capitalism, the Family and Personal Life) argues that the socialised production which defines capitalist relations creates the necessary private labour in the home which is only illusorily detached from capital. It thereby creates a personal life, apparently apart from a public work role which it is women's central burden to bear on behalf of men.

Yet despite the fierce criticisms lodged against it, it was the so-called 'domestic labour debate', which, while still on the terrain of women's domestic role shifts the terms of the debate in feminist theory and marks a decisive break. Ostensibly the issue was whether or not domestic labour in the home created surplus value, Generally, if not unanimously, it was argued that domestic labour does not produce surplus value but performs the crucial economic function of reproducing the labour power of the labourer (male), who then sells that labour power in the market. (Wally Seccombe 'The Housewife and her Labour under Capitalism' NLR 83, Jean Gardiner 'Women's Domestic labour' NLR? 89, Branka Magas et al 'Some critical notes on Wally Seccombe's "The Housewife and her labour under Capitalism" NLR 89 and the Women and Socialism Conference Papers 3, give the main proponents in the debate) But what the debate achieves, whatever the details of its various answers, is first to place women's domestic role decisively in the circuit of capital, and second to begin to spell out, all be it at a narrowly economic level, the articulation of patriarchal and capitalist relations within the family. In her relation to her husband the wife performs a capitalist as well as patriarchal function, reproducing habour power but only as the labourer, for the present - her husband, and for the future - her children.

The Revolutionary Communist Group article by Olivia Adamson et al continues to explore this articulation further by starting from an attention to Capital and Engels 'Origin of the Family ... ' in which the focus is the contradictory development of the capitalist accumulation process. But while they show how the sexual division of labour in the family is articulated through the relations of capital - specifically that of individual consumption and the associated necessary separation under capitalism of labour power from the labourer - they and the domestic labour debate are, rightly, heavily criticised for what they have lost. In attempting to understand women's subordination solely through the categories of capital alone the specificity of patriarchal relations - women's ideological and economic relations to children and husbands (as labourer s rather than labour power), the "timeless househo and child guardian aspects of the housewife's role" which Seccombe does not discuss because they are not measurable in terms of labour time or value - disappears. Patriarchal relations are collapsed into those of class even while the attempt is to make more precise those patriarchal relations under capitalism. For such criticisms see Ann Foreman Feminity is Alienation, and Lucy Bland et al, section of Women's work in the home in 'Women inside and outside' the relations of production.

In the face of this real inadequacy one theoretical move by feminists was to discard the whole arena of economic articulations of women's subcrdination and focus on an analysis of its ideological construction: this was the shift to psychoanalysis - Freud, Lacan and Kristeva. But the feminist theory which this bibliography refers to does not engage.

with that terrain of only patriarchal relations. Rather it has in part grown out of the issues of the domestic labour debate - holding not to the debate's all-embracing economism but to economic and class articulations as an essential aspect in any under standing of women's position inside and outside the home. The domestic labour debate itself extended its interest to women's paid work. Magas et al shift the centrality of the specificity of women's subordination from their domestic labour to the fact that they are both domestic and wage labourers. Seccombe takes this up in his'reply' examining the relation between domestic labour, husband's wage labour and wife's wage labour. See also Jean Gardiner's jointly written article ('Women's Domestic Labour' Bulletin of the Conference of Socialist Economists) and the CSE pamphlet no.2 'Women, the state and reproduction since the 1930s'. It is generally held that it is women's domestic labour which determines their subordination in paid work, and the kind of work they go in for. While in many ways that is true - we can, as Varonica Beechey points out ('Some notes of female wage labour in capitalist production') explain the verticle division of labour in that manner, ie. why women work at the lower levels and in service type occupations - we cannot explain its horizontal concepts :, why women work in textiles and electrical engineering but not in other manufacturing industries. Here she directs us to the need to consider political and ideological aspects. But it is at the economic level that her article contributes most, indeed it is the most useful feminist interrogation of certain concepts of capital in relation to "female wage labour", that has been written.

She now directs feminist attention from the family to the articulations of patriarchal capitalist relations in respect of "female wage labour". Her arguments draw on feminist reading of Capital (particularly Vol 1 Ch 25). Marx details how capital constantly strives to reproduce itself on an expanding scale through the extraction of relative surplus value. Particularly relevant to women's paid work he discusses on the one hand the tendency towards a progressively expanding scale of commodity production, increasing demand for labour power and the cheapening of commodities including labour power-all of which are aided by the increasing application of science and technology. On the other hand he discusses the tendency towards a progressive increase in the reserve army of labour, the search for modes of 'unproductive waste' of capital and for a reduction in the proportion of labour paid out to labour. Harry Braverman (Labor and Monopoly Capital) does not have women as his central concern, yet his analysis does outline how these tendencies have increasingly attracted female labour in ways Marx does not even hint at. Importantly he does not just'pluck' out certain concerns and 'bits'from harx and fit women into them (a characteristic of the domestic labour debate) but looks at the whole cycle of capital in its various developments. Particularly he not only pays attention to the changing labour process but considers both 'ends' of the productive cycle: production and consumption. In this way he is able to consider wage and domestic labour in a historical perspective. As the family is forced to consume commodities, to be incorporated in what Braverman calls the "universal market", women's functions in the home change. At the same time a div ersified commodity production and changed relations in the family bring new paid work which women can potentially carry out. (for more on the effect of consumption in the family and its relation to paid work see Batya Weinbaum and Amy Bridges 'The other side of the pay cheque' and Rosalyn Baxandall et al 'The working Class has Two Sexes') The three areas of employement pertinent to women which he considers are the expansion of retail and service jobs, eg. shop assi stants and waitresses; the development of the marketing apparatus, eg. models, market researchers, communications industry; and more related to the increasing complexity of capital's relations, the increase in administrative and management functions with their associated clerical work.

However as Veronica Beechey points out Braverman describes the developments which have brought women to wage labour without an explanation of why it should be women specifically in these jobs. She argues that Braverman's inadequate analysis rests on his failure to theorise the family and the sexual division within it, ie. he takes for granted women's domestic labour. In her own analysis, although she asserts the importance of examining the relation between family and production, and that the specific position of women as wage labourers cannot be understood solely in terms of the analysis of the capitalist labour process, the relation is not explored and the family here too is only assumed. Primarily she investigates the benefits' to capital of employing female wage labour in modern industry, locating their labour within the contradictory tendencies of capital accumulation. Her analysis is at a high level of abstraction and we can make the criticism that employment in the 'purest' form of capital industry - modern industry - represents only a small proportion of women's employment and we cannot guarantee its economic attributes extend into the more female work of service and clerical occupations. She particularly focusses on married women, since she argues, even when women are not married, ideologically it is expected that they will , and the main advantages to capital of female wage labour depend on this married state. In historically specific instances women can be used to foster competition in relation to men and bring wages down; their wages can also be used to bring about deskilling; and most importantly to keep down the overall price or value of labour power, because capital assumes that a woman's husband is partly responsible for her means subsistence. It is on this basis, argues Beechey, that capital takes on women, at the present time, as the preferred source of the industrial reserve army.

Beechey undertakes an analysis of female wage labour from the point of view of capital and not from the point of view of women, so that it appears that individual capitals conspire to keep women in a secondary position. One absence then is why it makes sense to women themselves to continue in such jobs at such lowly pay. Beechey does not examine how women become available for paid work, the types of work for which they become available or the social relations of work themselves. But to discuss these aspects we have to return once again to an examination of patriarchal relations as they impinge on paid work for women, ie. look again at the relation between family and work. For example, women move in and out of the labour market always to be replaced by further female labour and thereby constitute a reserve army of labour, but their reasons for moving in and out do not always pertain to the fluctuation in capitalist's demand for labour, but to the family life cycle in which women are involved they leave work when they have babies, they resume part time work when their children are of school age etc. (See Bland et al 'Women "inside and outside"...'

The BSA papers edited by Diana Barker and Sheila Allen (Dependence and Exploitation in Work and Marriage) specifically address themselves to the "interrelation of work and family". However there tends to be a problem concerning the status of this "interrelation" which is conceptualised without determinations. On the one hand it is not thought

within the contradictory developments of a determining capitalist mode of production. On the other hand, the family is not seen as a site of subordination for women which determines their position in paid work and is carried over, economically and ideologically into that work at many different levels: the family is merely a site of difference for women. Nevertheless what they do begin to examine within this limited framework, is what actually happens in the work place itself. Roger Smith in his study of Fleet Street argues for attention to the "structures and ideologies of occupations themselves", which he sees as themselves generating women's subordination position at work. What he fails to acknowledge then is that while the sexual division is specifically articulated in the work place the patriarchal relations of feminity and masculinity which informs it must first be located 'outside' in the family and in the relations between women and men, whether or not they are yet married. Similarly Brown supporting the kind of study Barron and Norris make of the 'dual labour market' advocates attention to the "internal relations" of the work place, an approach which, as Beechey points out first sets the labour market adrift from its operations within the capitalist accumulation processes and second locates women's subordination within the forces of the labour market itself.

Briefly, then, the theoretical framework I am proposing conceptualises women's wage labour as a specific subordination of women bounded on one side by the contradictory tendencies of the capitalist accumulation process and on the other side by patriarchal relations sited primarily in the family. But those two sets of relations are conceptualised as in articulation both in the family and the work place, yet differently so that the sexual division of labour is repeated and transformed, economically and ideologically, and takes contradictory forms in the work place for women. What has yet to be researched as well as more finely conceptualised is how those articulations operate in the work place.

#### C. HISTORY

This section is perhaps inappropriately labelled in so far as it is only a consideration of the 'period' which is being pointed to, ie. that the theoretical formulations proposed above are historically specific and must be understood as such. It is a conjunctural analysis in its historical development at economic, ideological and political levels which gives shape to the pattern women's employment has taken in this period. This section gives both 'description' and some analysis of how certain patterns were brought about. There are economic developments, but as we shall see are determined politically and ideologically.

First there is the introduction of more efficient technologies that were developed during the Second World War, which together with a post war construction of social expectation of plenty, delivered cheaper commodities in greater abundance and variety. These were commodities which were directed at the home, and particularly women, which had formerly been luxuries for the working class. We need to examine this expansion and diversification of commodities both in terms of the jobs it made available for women and in terms of the changes such consumption made on women in the family - its easing of their domesticlabour, or/and its attraction as a reason for going out to work. As Wally Seccombe argues (1975) the possibility of

such consumption of washing machines/record players/cars/kitchen sink units etc, often just beyond the wage of the 'male breadwinner', made it economic sense as well as in capital's interest for women to take on paid work. There is not as far as I know any material which deals specifically with this area.

Second, there is the increasing state intervention particularly in its 'Welfare State' aspects, which not only creates a massive and expanding state service sector of employment - hursing, teaching social work (with all their support structure of cleaners and clerical workers) to which women are chiefly recruited, but in its political demand for the maintenance of male full employment renders married women as the only recognizable available pool of labour, skilled and unskilled, that employers can draw on for expansion of industry manufacturing and services, private and state (ie. after immigration from the Commonwealth has been restricted). See here the CSE Pamphlet No 2, the article 'Women, The State, and Reproduction since the 1930s', Adamson et al, Lindsay Mackie and Polly Pattullo Women and Work. Richard Walton's book Women and Social Work deals specifically with the postwar expansion in social work, in which, while explicit attempts are made to recruit men who then take on the higher administrative and managerial jobs, there is a steady increase of women who continue to fill the lower levels.

Third, there is a growth of unproductive labour outside the state sector: banking, insurance, distribution and retail, marketing, service work in the mushrooming leisure facilities, all with their echelons of clerical workers and cleaners again. Here again there is little in detail on women's specific engagements in these developing areas, but see Adamson et al, Mackie and Pattullo, and Juliet Mitchell for general discussion of these developments on women's paid work.

#### D IDEOLOGY

The particular pattern that those developments have taken have in part been shaped by ideological factors: an ideology of femininity has operated to restrict women's entry into the labour market. Only detailed case studies can show how an ideology of femininity relates to women's economic position in paid work (See for example Walton who discusses women's entry into social work as a 'feminine occupation' and the effects of male recruitment there). Carving out this separate section labelled 'ideology' is not an attempt to see how ideology operates in the work place for women - I've left that for the section on 'Experience of Work' - but to point to the underlying ideology, explicit or implicit, on which the studies of women at work are premissed. There have I would suggest been distinct shifts over the period, which can be recognized in all the studies - none can escape working with an ideology of femininity - but some seem to very neatly expose it. These breaks are also signalled 'popularly in the press and are evident in the kinds of political Koals which are being waged on women's behalf over the period. Here, however, I focus only on sociological studies.

To categorise them briefly and crudely they are: one, 'a woman's place is in the home; it is her "natural" place, with children. Working creates the problem of the "latch key child" and is a sure recipe for

later juvenile delinquency.' (John Bowlby Mental Care and Mental Health, and implicitly William Beveridge, Social Insurances and Allied Services) Two: 'she may work have the privileged choice, unlike men, of a dual role, as long as her family does not suffer. Sensibly she should choose part time work or "suitable" full time work - teaching is ideal it has hours which fit in with child care and long holidays. It is her own mismana ment and personal failure if things go badly'. (Alva Myrdal and Viola Klein Women's Two Roles). Third: 'such a "choice" for women is extremely problematic creating all kinds of stresses and is really no "choice" at all. Women's position in society is one of incredible ambivalence; combining work with housework usually means an overworked mother, wife, and worker. A re-integration of their many roles with the "central activities" of society, (ie. paid work) is needed'. (Hannah Gavron The Captive Wife) Four: 'the problem is one for men too; they must change their role, so that families can "choose" how they organize their households in terms of paid and domestic work allocation. (Edmund Dahlstrom The Changing Roles of Men and Women, Michael Fogarty, Rhona Rapoport Sex, Career and Family, Michael Young and Peter Wilmott, The Symmetrical Family). What is missing from these last studies, however far reaching their suggested social provisions, are two related elements which a self conscious markist feminism brings to our understanding. They do not recognize the processes of capital accumulation which must, whatever the modifications, continually subordinate reproduction, family life and leisure to the production of surplus value. It is not a question of our sympathetic husbands sharing our burden, of fitting our home life in between work when we can manage the time. As the Rapoports in Dual Career Families, and Young and Wilmott indicate without realizing the implications, 'equality' between women and men in terms both of home and work life means that both wife and husband are overworked or overloaded. Thus in the long term the feminist political struggle is for a complete re-ordering of our priorities, the recognition of the role of the family as the sphere of reproduction of labour power integral to the production of surplus value. As long as that sphere in which women have prime place is subordinate so too will women be subordinated. But a re-ordering which does not bring an 'overload' to both women and men will only be achieved through an undermining of the relations of capital. The moves to equal pay, anti-discrimination and the provision of maternity leave are steps in that re-ordering direction. Yet although there is a'progression' towards this position among some groups, all these ideological representations still hold, to be mobilised in times of severe unemployment. Then, for example, recall to 'a women's place ' is in the home' conveniently relieves the pressure on jobs for the 'male breadwinner', ideologically if not in fact (since women rarely take men's jobs). See here a recent Daily Telegraph editorial and

### E. THE EXPERIENCE OF WORK

The level at which all these determinations are realised and reproduced, the level from which we begin and always return, is that of women's own experience of work, their consciousness of themselves as workers. Despite much questionnaire material (Viola Klein, Britain's Married Woman Workers, Audrey Hunt, A Survey of Women's Employment, Judith Hubback, Wives Who Went to College there is a paucity of material which can give insight into the way in which women experience and deal with the contradictions of femininity and work, and their experience of sex

and class. This paucity we can relate to the theoretical framework within which most studies of women at work have been placed, ie, woman's paid work in relation to their family life cycle. However most of the case studies give us some access to this. (Again Fogarty and Rapoports, particularly Women in Top Jobs, and Dual Career Families, Pahls' Managers and Their Wives). But these case studies are all middle class women talking. Ferdynand Zweig's Account, Women' Life and Labour provide early material on working class women's negotiations of their work and home roles. There are a few accounts in Ronald Frazer's book, Work Vol 2, and in Polly Toynbee's investigations, A Working Life. Then, on the other side, there are 'domestic workers' taking about themselves. (Hannah Gavron The Captive Wife, Anne Oakley Housewife, Lee Comer Wedlocked Women and Dorothy Hebson 'Housewives: isolation as oppression' as well as the more 'conscious' accounts of housework and paid work in Body Politic and Conditions of Illusion. In these, rather than the experience of the intolerable being accepted and caped with, it is rejected as changes are attempted in the context of a supportive women's movement. In relation to the women's movement, Juliet Mitchell and Sheila Rowbotham importantly deal with the changing consciousness of educated middle class women in the 1960s: their experience of their subordinate femininity, alongside their supposed 'equal' intellect and work potential, a contradiction which in part culminates in the emergence of the women's movement.

### F. POLITICS

The political activity of the WLM in some ways marks a break in the kind of politics that we are considering (even apart from 'the personal is political' considerations). In the 1950s and early '60s our focus has to be on government, labour party and trade union activity, together with the middle class women's organizations which were struggling for equal pay and other provisions for women employees. (Paulene Pinder Women at Work, Fabian Research Series 268, equality for women, Women in Britain HMSO 1964).

'On the ground', working class womem were sometimes striking for, but always trying to improve, their conditions rather than demanding more pay. Audrey Wise 'Women and the Struggle for Workers' Control' and 'Trying to stay human') After 1968 and the emergence of the women's movement, women's issues tend to be taken up outside of the control of unions and government, who are then pressurised into more positive action than they would have taken on their own initiative: equal pay and anti-discrimination legislation, for example. Working class women begin to organize themselves rather than wait for male unions to recruit them, sometimes with the 'assistance' of the more middle class women's movement: the 'night cleaners' campaign' inspired by May Hobbs was such a case. (Body Politic, Conditions of Illusion, Women's Report and Spare Rib - for both this specific campaign and other women's struggles at work. See also As Things Are for a critical discussion of the night cleaners' campaign.

With the passing of the Equal Pay and Anti-discrimination legislation, many of the struggles come within the jurisdiction of the law and should be given official backing. However, as the NCCL The Equality Report by Jean Coussins, reveals there is an appalling success rate at industrial tribunals - a function of the acts' severely limited terrain, the problem of women in 'women's jobs', job evaluation to

regrade 'women's jobs' as 'lower skilled' ones etc., a lack of real support from unions as well as conservatism in application of the Act, by the predominantly male tribunals. (See 'Equal Pay' section of 'Women'inside and outside' the relations of production'

### G CASE STUDIES

Case studies do of course bring together all these strands: theory, history, ideology, subjective experience and politics, in a particular area. Those I point to here are those constantly referred to by authors and others which illuminate particularly significant domains of work for women. So I have included Lee Comer's and Ann Oakley's books on the housewife and housework, together with Hannah Gavron's earlier account, as the 'other face' - the level of personal experience of the 'domestic labour' debate. Mary Benet's book on secretaries deals among other things with the ideology of femininity in its sexual aspects as it is incorportaed within the flirtations of the office routine. We can compare here Juliet Mitchell's and Sheila Rowbotham's discussion of the 'permissiveness' of the 1960s in relation to the contradictions it involved for women: women as sex objects in mini skirts while simultaneously woring women. The Fogarty and Rapoport's series on women in top jobs and their families clearly divulges the arduousness of women's dual role in the attempt to maintain both their femininity and the traditional values and ties of the family while carrying on full time paid work. I'd direct attention to the article by Hermione Harris on black women Val Amos' MA thesis, and Sue Sharpe's chapters on West Indian and Asian girls in paid work, an area in which information is not readily available. There are also the 'classics': the Jephcott, Seear and Smith Married Women Working, on the Peak Frean factory which adjusted its shifts to suit women at a time of worker shortage; Hyrdal and Klein Women's Two Roles which establishes the three phase pattern of work for married women as the desired ideal and future pattern; and Simon Yudkin and Anthea Holme's Working Mothers and Their Children, which deals with most of the arguments oft repeated in relation to the 'effects' on children of mothers working. Finally there are those concerned with specific work areas: Melville Currell Political Woman, Walton Women in Social Work, Benet Secretary, Enquiry into the Female Ghetto, and those concerned with what should be major areas of interest but which are often neglected. Here F. Le Gros Clark's book of patterns of employment of middle aged to retiring women is pertinent to the understanding and details of how women's domestic commitments impinge on their work persona - woman's usual retirement is before the official age of sixty, in part because they are not the supporting 'breadwinner', but also because they are often younger and retire with their husbands, and/or 'have had enough', are worn out and ill from their dual role of many years, yet they 'retire' to take on full domestic responsibicities.

#### H. HOW TO GET A JOB.

In part simply because they were on the library shelves I include a section on books dealing with the practicalities for women of finding a job, ie. they are mainly concerned with married women wishing to return to work after bringing up children. However they are interesting

in their ideological assumptions about the kind of work women ought, as well as can, take up. They usually have some Kind of analysis of the general situation of the dual working woman's position and sometimes accounts of women's experience of work. If it is not an accidental oversight it is significant that the earliest one I cover is 1965. While there seems to have been a plethora of such books since that date, it appears that before then the task of job searching and confrontation with all the problems which that entailed was left very much to the individual woman's own initiative. The more recent books perhaps provide a sign of a social recognition of the problem as one not for women alone, but not yet a problem around which to organize politically. (See the much'harder' line of Barbara Toner 'A Practical Guide for Working Mothers'). In the context of the Women's Movement Anna Coote and Tessa Gill, Women's Rights: a Practical Guide, span women's domestic and wage labour commitments with guidance of a practical and political nature: income tax, pensions, maternity leave, . equal pay, unions etc, women's rights as they are now, but also how to better them for the future.

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### A. STATISTICS

- Brian Chiplin & Peter J. Sloane: Sex Discrimination in the Labour Market D (Macmillan 1977).
  - . The first specifically British book to cover the economics of sex discrimination and women's position in employment.
  - 2. Primarily for economists but for non-specialists plenty of useful information about jobs and earnings of women in UK and Equal Pay and Sex Discrimination Acts.
  - 3. Also a fairly non technical explanation in economic terms of the concentration of women in low paid unskilled jobs, which is attributed to the unequal division of labour between men and women in home. That conditions women to have lower expectations of jobs and provides a 'sound economic reason' for employers to refuse to train women for skilled jobs.
  - 4. NB. It is important not to accept too readily their conclusion that it is economically efficient to maintain the present division of labour between the sexes, at home and in paid work. It rests on the untested and unproven assumption that women are better at child care and housework than men.
  - 5. This leads to book's reactionary policy implications (See Review in m/f no.11978 by IreneBrueghel).
    (Taken from review in Women's Report Vol.5, No.3, March/April 77).
- 2. Counter Information Services Women Under Attack Anti-Report No. 15, 1976 \*C F
  - 1. A good source of statistics 1950-75.
  - 2. Particularly examines women's position at home and in paid work 'in the current economic crisis' considers the contradictions of 'equal pay' at a time of pay restrictions; the sex discrimination act at a time of unemployment, and welfare state cuts a shift ideologically to 'women's place is in the home'. Considers the myth of working for 'extras' at a time of rising prices.
  - 3. Equal pay how far its got, how its being circumvented, strikes.

    Job evaluation schemes. Details of apprenticeships and training for women.
  - 4. Details of growth of women's employment since 2nd World War, unemployment and registration, effect of introduction of machinery deskilling/redundancies.
  - 5. A case study of post office workers in Birmingham relation of women to men workers. Equal pay not mean equality.
  - 6. Part time work its relation to industrial demand.
  - 7. Role of Unions ' sexism but women as growth area.
  - 8. 1½m. women have lost jobs returned invisibly to home where food price increases demand more housework.

    PAMPHLET

4. British Labour Statistics Historical Abstract 1886-1968 (HMSO 1971) and Year Book 1969

Useful tables of employment, industries, occupations etc. Also family consumption patterns.

5. Census 1951 Occupation Tables

### List of tables relevant to women:

- 1. Occupations of population aged 15 and over by industrial status:
- 3. Female occupations and status aggregates by age and marital condition.
- 5. Selected female occupations by marital conditions and age.
- 7. Selected occupations of managers (all types) by martial condition and age.
- 8. Selected occupations of operatives by marital condition and age.
- Selected occupations of apprentices and articled clerks by age.
- 10. Selected occupations of persons working part time by marital condition
- 11. Selected occupations of unpaid assistants by age.
- 12. Selected occupations of workers on own account by age.
- 14. Selected occupations of females out of work by age.
- 16 Selected former occupations of retired females by age
- 22. Selected occupations of juveniles under 20 (by region)
- 23. Occupations by age and marital condition.
- 5. Census 1961 England and Wales Industry Tables (HMSO 1966)

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- 1. Industry (full list) and status
- 2. Industry by status.
- 3. Industry and status by age.
- 4. Employment status by economic position by age.
- 5. Industry by socioeconomic group
- 6. Industry by salary/wage earner group (employed persons)
- 7. Industry by occupation
- 8. Industry and Status (by region)
- 11. Residents born outside England and Wales: Industry by country of birth or nationality.
- 13. Age, proportions per 1000 of each sex and proportions of females married by industry

Part time work - its relation to industrial demand.

#### Part II

- 13. Industry by status and occupation by age.
- 14. Industry by status and occupation.

- 6. Census 1961 England and Wales Summary Tables 10% sample.
  - 31. Occupation by status.
  - 32. Occupation and status by marital condition and age. ...
  - 33. Occupation and status by marital condition by age.
  - 34. Persons in part time employment: Hours worked by occupation.
  - 35. Persons in part time employment: hours worked by marital condition by age.
  - 36. Industry and status.
  - 37. Industry and status by age.
  - 46. Wives and mothers economic activity and hours worked by number and age of children in family.
- 7. Sample census 1966 Great Britain, Economic Activity Tables (HMSO 1969).

### Part I

- 1. Economic activity. Males by age; females by age, married females by age.
  - 2. Occupations by status (i.e. managers, foreman and supervisors, other, out of employment).
  - Occupations and status by age (both sexes) and marital condition (females)
  - 4. Self-employed. Females: occupation by age and marital condition.
  - 5. Managers: females, occupation by age and marital condition.
  - 6. Foreman and supervisors; females, occupation by age and marital condition.
  - 7. Apprenticeship, articled clerks and formal trainees, occupation by age.
  - 8. Family workers Females, occupation by age and marital condition.
  - Other employees females: occupation by age and marital condition.
  - 10. Total employees, females: cocupation by age and marital condition.
  - 11. Part time workers, females: occupations by age and marital condition.
  - 12. Persons out of employment, females: occupation by age and marital condition.
  - 13. Occupation and status (breakdown into regions).
- 8. 14. Industry by status.
  - 15. Industry by age and marital condition.
  - 16. Industry and status by regions.

Occupation by industry and sex.

- 18. Industry by occupation and sex
  19. Industry by status and occupation by age.
- 20. Industry by status and occupations (by regions). in the protection of the property of the property of the protection of the protectio

- 22. Persons in part time employment: occupation by hours worked (total, married, other).
- 23. Persons in part time employment: industry by hours worked (total, married,
- 24. Residents born outside Gt.B: Country of birth, by occupation, industry status, socioeconomic group and social class.
- 25. Residents born outside Gt.B: Place of birth by occupation, industry, status, socioeconomic group and social condition.
- 26. Retired persons: former occupation by sex, age and marital condition
  - 27. Percentage retired by occupation and socioeconomic group by age.
- 28. Persons aged 15 and over: socioeconomic group by sex, age and marital condition.
  - 29. Persons over 15; economically active and retired, social class by sex marital condition and age.
  - 30. Persons aged 15 and over: socio economic group and social class (by region).
  - 33. Persons in employment: industry by socio economic group. 34. Persons in employment: industry by salary/wage earner.
  - 35. Occupation of persons economically active in 1961 and 1966.
  - 36. Industry of persons in employment in 1961 and 1966.

# 8. Census 1971 Economic Activity 10% sample

- 1. Economic activity, females by age, married females by age (by region).
- 2. Economic activity and status by sex, area of usual residence and work place.
- 3. Economic activity and status, females by age, married females by age.
- 4. Occupation by status and sex.
- 5. Occupation: females by age and marital status.
  - 6. Self employed without employees. Females: occupation by age and marital condition.
  - 7. Self employed with employees. Females, occupation by age and marital condition.
  - Managers, females by age and marital condition.
  - 9. Foremen and supervisors, females: occupation by age and marital condition,
  - 10. Apprentices, articled clerks and formal trainees, females by age and marital condition.
  - 11. Family workers, females by age and marital condition.
  - 12. Other employees (including professional workers) females, occupation by age and marital condition.
  - 13. Total employees (including managers, foremen and supervisors) females: occupation by age and marital condition.
  - 14. Out of employment, females by age and marital condition.
  - 15. Occupation by sex and area of usual residence (by region).
  - 16. Industry by status and sex.
  - 17. Industry by females by age and marital condition.
  - 18. Industry by sex, and area of workplace. tities bee use to notification testered servolens made

- 19. Industry by occupation and sex.
- 20. Industry by status, occupation, age and sex
- 21. Industry by status, occupation and sex (by region). Part IV The new for the contract of the contra

- 23. Hours worked by age, sex and marital conditions.
- 24. Occupation: females by hours worked and marital condition.
- 25. Persons working 30 hours or less by occupation; females by age and marital condition.
- 26. Industry: females by hours worked and marital condition.
- 27. Retired persons; former occupation by sex, age and marital condition.
- 28. Percentage retired by marital condition, occupation, socio-economic group, age and sex.
- 29. Socioclass and socio economic class by age, sex and marital condition.
- 33. Industry by social class, socio-economic class and sex.
- 34. Industry by salary/wage earner group and sex.
- 35. Occupation by sex 1966 and 1971.
- 36. Industry by sex 1966 and 1971.

# 9. Census 1971 Summary Tables 1% sample

12. Economic activity and status by sex, area of usual residence and area of

- 13. Economic activity and status; females by age, married females by age.
- 14. Occupations by status and sex. 15. Occupations by age and sex.
- 16. Occupations by sex and county of usual residence.
- 17. Occupations by sex and area of usual residence.
- 18. Industry by sex and county of workplace. No. Persons in employments industry by ealary/wegs orders.

- 19. Industry by sex and area of workplace.
- 20. Industry by status and sex.
- 21. Industry by age and sex.
- 22. Industry by occupation and sex.
- 34. Married couples by dependent children, age and economic activity of wife.
- 35. Married couples with dependent children in specified age groups by age and economic activity of wife.
- 37. Wives and mothers by economic activity, hours worked, number and age of dependent children.

# 10. Family Expenditure Survey, HMSO.

Details of employment, income and expenditure. Based on a sample survey it makes no breakdown into industry or occupation. It overnumerates part time work in relation to other surveys because it picks up seasonal workers, those in private domestic service ... workers of less than 10 hours.

11. The General Household Survey, Office of Population Censuses and Surveys Social Survey Division (HMSO).

As well as containing information on consumption and demography and those not at work, also looks at economic activity rates, full and part time work in relation to age and number of children, job satisfaction and mobility, absences from work, sick pay and occupational pension schemes, unemployed and finding

# 12. Higher Education Report (Robbins) Cmnd 2154 (HMSO 1963). C D

- 1. Its chief recommendation was the considerable expansion of university/ higher education, including 6 new universities.
- 2. Gives statistics of girls attending higher education. 1962 7.3% girls compared 9.8% boys. Difference originates long before that time - '0'
- 3. Different pattern: greater proportion 3 at training colleges. Only 1 at universities.
- 4. Sees girls as 'considerable reserve of unused ability, which must be mobilised if the critical shortages in many professions are to be met'.
- 5. Discusses under adult education: retraining/refresher courses for married women who return to professional employment. Part/full time courses, financial support.
- 6. Under colleges for education and training of teachers argues for professional orientated/based degree courses because: 'especially young women' knowing while at school that they wish to become teachers although could do well at university, choose a college.
- 7. Argues for girls to be encouraged to read applied science.

# 12. Ministry of Labour Man power Studies No. 6 Occupational Changes 1951-61 (HMSO 1967)

- 1. Half of pamphlet consists of tables. Relevant ones concern i) female employment by occupation and industrial classification 1951 and 1961 ii) As % of all employment.
- 2. Data derived from census, Ministry of Labour annual surveys of manufacturing Family Expenditure Survey.
- 3. Part time and full time included on same basis.
- 4. Female Employment Part III.
- i) clerical: Growth 1951-61, the only consistent occupational trend in period across services and manufacturing. Represents greatest proportion of female employment, in part growth accounted for by part-time.
  - ii) all other non-manual proportion of women fell, despite increases in teaching or nursing.

iv) Increase in 'new' industries: engineering and electrical goods, decline in industries traditionally employing women - textiles miscellaneous.

v) little extension of female employment in to 'new' occupations. BAPHLET

# 13 Ministry of Labour Manpower Studies no. 7 Growth of Office Employment (HMSO 1968)

1. Statistics: 1921-61.

i) female office workers (f.o.w.) as proportion all women workers

ii) female office workers (f.o.w.) as proportion all office workers

iii) across industrial orders

iv) growth and change

2. Reveals that:

i) those industries employing most flow. (distributive, professional and scientific, miscellaneous services, insurance and banking, finance). also employ them in highest proportion (i.e. of all office workers).

ii) Increase in f.o.w. accounts for 75% of total increase in female workers.

iii) f.o.w. increased both in numbers and as proportion of all office workers in every Industrial Order.

iv) largest increase as proportion of all office workers in professional and scientific services. Also 4th largest increase in office workers and in no. of all workers, mainly female.

v) Balance changed 1921-61. Manufacturing no longer highest proportion.

vi) rate of increase in proportion of f.o.w. slowed down 1951-61. PAPPHLET.

## 14. Department of Employment: Manpower No. 9 Women and Work a statistical survey (HMSO 1974). \*

1. Essential statistical source bringing together statistics from a wide range of official publications. Deals mainly with 1966/71 but some figures from 1921 and to 1973.

2. Maintains that it is descriptive not analytic but does point to some problems in interpretation, for instance:

i) figures not show interplay of supply/demand factors

3. Deals with: - charts and comment. Tables at end.

i) Economic activity: age, married, regional, qualified.

ii) Employees: female, marital status, age, part time, union membership,

iii) Not at work: married by age of youngest child, number of dependent children

iv) Industries: female distribution, compare men, new entrants, part/full time shares, qualified women.

v) Occupations: proportion of females, part time.

vi) Hours of work: men/women, manual/non manual, by no. of children, journey

vii) Earnings: trends, hourly - manual/non manual, industry, occupation, sick 41 (D)RS TORNELS pay, pension schemes

viii) Employment behaviour: turnover - industry, occupation, sex, time.

## 15. Ministry of Labour Gazette, 1955.

Equal pay for men and women in Civil Service. April Equal pay for men and women in Local Government Service; August Teachers in England and Wales Equal pay for men and women in Local Government . . . in Scotland. September Equal pay for men and women in Local Government . . . in N. Ireland November December The Employment of Older men and women.

Equal pay for men and women in National Health Service.

17 Ministry of Labour Gazette 1956.

Equal Pay Arrangements in Electricity Supply Industries February Equal Pay Arrangements in Gas Industry June

24. Ministry of Labour Gazette 1957.

Women in part time employment in Manufacturing Industries (every February year this appears

Equal Pay arrangements on British Rail.

Recruitment of Nurses and Midwives. May

Equal Pay arrangements: British Road Services and Inland October

Waterways.

Membership of Trade Unions in 1956 (appears every year) December

17. Ministry of Labour Gazette 1958.

The Employment of Women and Girls in Gt. Britain since the war. 'farch

Women's consultative committee November

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Conges in period 1950-61.

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Retraining for romen.

December Selling staff in retail distribution: earnings and hours.

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distribution: parmings and hours.

Earnings of Admin. Technical and Clerical Workers, October 1966.

25. Ministry of Labour Gazette 1968

January Occupational changes 1951-61, occupations of employees in manufacturing industries: Gt.B. May 67.

February Earnings and hours in October 1967

Office employment in Gt. B. 1921-61. Earnings of Administrative. Technical and Clerical Employees 1967.

Why women go out to work

Hovember Opportunities for girls in skilled work

December Occupations in retail distribution: Gt.B. May 1968

26. Finistry of Labour Gazette 1968

Why women go out to work: Government Social Survey Repor (Audrey Hunt).

27. Employment and Productivity Gazetto 1969.

January Employment in food retailing.

Employment changes in certain less skilled occupations: 196:-66. 1. Results of a new survey of carnings in September 1958, art 1. May Distribution of earnings by occupation, age and region.

2. Hational minimum wage,

Results of a new survey of carmings in September 1968, Part 2. Distribution of earnings by industry and wage agreement

Results of new survey of earnings, Part 3. Distribution by

July hourly carnings

Results of new survey of earnings, Part 4. Make up of carnings August and joint distribution of sernings and hours.

September Results of new survey of earnings, Part 5. Reasons for loss of pay during the pay period.

October 1. Results of new survey of earnings, Part 6. Low paid workers 2. Equal pays proposals for legislation.

28. Employment and Productivity Gazette 1970.

January Cost of equal pay

February Training adults for office work.

Wider opportunities for girls June

Employees in Gt. B. mid-1969: an analysis by agc, sex, region July and industry.

September Earnings of administrative, technical and clerical employees October 1969. Based on SIC 1968.

Hovember New earnings Survey 19"0 Part 1. analysis by industry and wages

December Hew earnings survey 1970 Part 2 - analyses by occupation and the make up of earnings.

Department of Employment Gazetto 1971

Guidance on equal ray Marchs

Regional activity rates as a measure of potential labour reserves. January Regional female employee activity rates: 1966-70. October

Department of Employment Gazette 1972.

Discrimination against women at work to be studied. March

31. Department of Employment Gazette 1973.

Low pay and changes in earnings April Ending sex discrimination at work June

September Ending sex discrimination in employment

November 1. The fall in the labour force between 1966 and 1971.

2. Part time women workers 1950-1972.

Annual consuses of employment: Results for 1971 and 1972. August

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February 1. Earnings of manual workers in October 1973.

2. Occupational analysis of unemployed adults and notified vacancies and placings Gt. B. Sept. - Dec. 1973.

Labour force projections 1973-1991. April

1. Statistics of unemployment in the U.K. May

> 2. Occupational analysis of unemployed adults and unfilled vacancies for adults by region: March 74.

Progress towards equal pay. August

2. Earnings and hours of certain manual workers April 1974.

3. Equal status for women (sex discrimination bill).

December Equal pay publicity January Femalo Activity Rates Hovember Working women.

33. Department of Employment Gazette 1975.

January Women and work

Sex discrimination Bill April

June 1. Who are the temporary workers?

2. Equal pay in the glove industry

- Equal pay publicity

August Further progress towards equal pay

October The changing structure of the labour force December 1. Equal rights for women

2. Labour force projections 1976-1991 Gt. B. and regions.

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April New graduates in 1976.

May Young people leaving school.

July Women at work - Training (? in parliament).

Sex-equality - codes of practice

September Teacher's pay - how and why men and women's earnings differ. October The changed relationship between unemployment and vacancies.

35. Department of employment Gazette Monthly Statistics

Industrial analysis of employees in employment.

2. Unemployment.

3. Unfilled vacancies.

# Annual Statistics

Employees in Gt.B. mid-1971 analysis by age, sex, region and industry. Young persons entering employment Regional female employee activity rates: 1966-71. Employment of women and young persons: special excemption orders. Occupation of employees in engineering and related industries.

Occupational analysis of unemployed adults and of notified vacancies and placings.

New earnings survey

T.U. Membership

(Family expenditure survey)

Administrative, technical and clerical workers in manufacturing industries. Rates of wages and hours of work

Stoppages of work due to industrial disputes

Labour turnover

Earnings and hours of manual workers: workers in certain industries.

Homen in part time employment in manufacturing industries (Quarterly)

Quarterly statistics of total employment

Annual censuses of employment: Results for 1971 and 1972 -

Occupational analysis of Gt.B. (U.K.)

Unemployment and vacancies by region.

# 37. Department of employment Gazette Statistical Series:

- 1. Employment workers population Gt.B.
- 2. Unemployment Gt.B. Regions. By duration.
- Notified vacancies.
- 4. Index of av. salaries: non manual employees Gt. B.
- Index of basic weekly and hourly rates of wages and normal weekly hours: manual workers UK.

# 38. New Earnings Survey Department of Employment (HMSO) 1968-

Contains most details about women's paid work especially in relation to earnings, including overtime pay, reasons for loss of pay - sickness, etc. hours worked according to age, occupation, industry, region. (Also contained in <u>Gazette</u>).

# 39. Social Trends 1970 - (HMSO) C.

- 1. Tables on female wage labour. For example 1972:
  - i) Economic activity 1951-71.
  - ii) Distribution of total working population 1961-71.
  - iii) Industrial distribution of employers in employment pensions and sick pay schemes; redundancy payments.
  - iv) Working population: age specific rates 1961-81
  - v) Working population: projection and age distribution 1951-71-86.
  - vi) Trade Unions
  - vii) Unemployment
- 2. But also useful tables on demographic details and consumption patterns of the family.

# 3. Jean Hallaire Part-time employment, its extent and problems (OECD Paris 1968

- 1. Dealing with situation internationally. UK one section.
- 2. Introduction of part time work for women 1950s when manpower shortage and difficulties surrounding immigrant (not Commonwealth) labour.
- 3. Continued increase since 1961: distributive trades, manufacturing industry, tertiary sector.
- 4. Nearly all married women. 1 of working married women in part time
- 5. Government promotion in public sector: civil service (cleaners), teaching, nursing.
- 6. Secondary sector: 'new' industries, electrical engineering, food.
- 7. Advantages to management i) evening shift daily use of capital

assets increased. ii) don't need to use overtime workers.

- 8. Social security contributions etc: i) length of week over δ hours not considered, age and sex are, i.e. part time workers expensive. ii) S.E.T. payable on same basis though provision for refund of 50% for less than 21 hours a week.
- 9. TUC in favour of part time work.

# 41. Audrey Hunt A Survey of Women's Employment, Vcl. 1-2 (HMSO 1968). \*C D F

- 1. A major, much quoted, study. Based on questionnaires from over 6,000 households, including 7,000 eligible women i.e. age 16-64.

  Vol. 1 contains text describing and comments on findings. Vol.II contains tables on which text based. There is a useful 12 page summary of findings at beginning Vol. I.
- 2. Carried out at time of 'full employment'. Directed to encouraging married women to work so as to provide the much needed increase of the labour force.
- 3. Covers: Characteristics of working women: i) marital state and children ii) burden of domestic responsibilities particularly for part timers. Future policy needs to consider this: provision of nurseries to replace loss of 'free' grandmother service. Iii) educat more likely to continue working: i.e. retraining/education worth while
  - 4. Jobs: i) non-manual: shops, offices; or semi-skilled, unskilled ii) low pay iii) low positive satisfaction iv) stability associated with skill not sex
  - 5. Past, present, future workers: i) 1st child time when work given up
    ii) financial considerations, boredom, education reasons for working
  - Only 2/5 grant right of women with children under school age to work.
     A good job; easy travelling, pleasant working companions. Opposition of husband.

# 43. R.K. Kelsall Women and Teaching (HMSO 1963) D F

- 1. Investigates the wastage of women teachers in the light of their need: the recent compaign to persuade ex teachers to return to teaching which requires details of women returning, ex teachers, those in teaching force to be able to assess relative success/failure campaign, and size of potential reservoir still to be tapped.
- 2. A large sample of 6000 respondents who entered teaching prewar, shortly after war, more recently; trained 2 year teacher-training, Domestic Science teachers 3 years and untrained graduates.
- 3. Biggost single course marrying and bringing up a family.
- 4. Sees teaching profession as composed of 2 clements: grammar school graduates and the other non-graduates (Evidence in part from their tendencies to have different family sizes!!)
- 5. Shows many women with older children were deterred from returning because lack of jobs near. This is the only reserve available to be tapped, i.e. mothers.
- 6. A fairly high proportion of women who expected to return when children over 15 would consider full time.
- 7. But demand for part time work; change in budensome taxation and adequate nursery facilities (high priority for respondents in post war whort )

status, octupations, training, park time workers, 10 descents, 197/earhid

44. Viola Klein Employing Married Women, Institute of Personnel Management Occasiona Papers no.17, 1963 (?)

Also see Britain's Married Women Workers Ch.3.

- 1. Study by Questionnaire covering 120 manufacturing employers and about 56,000 women out of 180,000 employees, concerned to examine employers policy/attitudes etc.
- 2. Deals with proportion of married women, full timers and part timers, their ages, numbers, difficulties when young children, in skilled occupation comparative performances, special treatment, pension schemes, and characteristics of part time work. Appendix on sample details, numbers in industry, occupations, questionnaire, etc.

3. Finds that: only married women do part time work, economic considerations force women into full time work - not a considerable variation in numbers of married women under/over 35 in full employment.

4. Few skilled workers: chances slimmer when returning to work so that women employed below their capacity.

5. Employment of married women accepted as necessary expedient to tide over short period, not accepted married women and part time work here to stay. i.e. no long term policy. Married women treated unequally. But as competition for married women increases likely that disrimination less prevalent! Optimism of the time.

44. V. Klein Working Wives A Survey of Facts and Opinions Concerning the gainful D I employment of Married Women in Britain. (Institute of Personnel Management 1957)

### See Also Britain's Married Women Workers.

- 1. Statistics. Appears to be sudden rise in married women working 1951-57 but earlier figures not account for part time workers. However numbers of women and % of married women working on increase.
- But not suggesting that all married women are soon likely to be working. Full time housewives outnumbers those in employment by 3 to 1.
- 3. Concludes that women's lives are just as dominated by role as wife and mother, central. All other occupations subordinated to home.
- 4. Easier domestic duties drawn women into employment not urge for emancipatic Not assumed married women right to work or should work.
- 5. Their taking up of employment not part of plans for future, done under impact of circumstances: economics, escape loneliness.
- 6. Married women as only untapped reserve left. Totapit: more part time work but usually represents loss of status for women who return in later li Working married women see 'dual role' as largely beneficial.
- 46. R. Layard, J. King and C. Moser, The Impact of Robbins, (Penguin, 1969).
  - 1. Gives figures for growth in unumbers of girl obtaining 'A' levels in 1960's Also university entrance growth alongside university expansion.

1961	010000	Men 18,070	Women 7,540	University entrance
1967		27,410	12,650	

- 46 I Leonora Lloyd, Women Workers in Britain A Handbook, (Socialist Women \*B F Publications 1971).
  - 1. Provides statistics on the numbers of women working, ages and marital status, occupations, training, part time workers, TU membership, pay/earnithours/, unemployment, exemption orders for period around 1970.

2. Implications of equal pay act.

- 5. Discussion of analysis of women's employment within the women's movement: a Marxist or feminist analysis - both. Importance of women's position in the home to her role in production, and her consciousness of that role.
- 4. Stresses political action of the point of production. PAMPHLET.
- 47. Felicity Trodd 'Women and the Trade Unions' in the Body Politic (ed.)
  Michelene Wandor (Stage 1 1972).
  - 1. Just a page, but gives useful statistics of membership 1971
  - 2. Growth distributive/service sector predominantly women e.g. NUPE 28% 1971.
  - 3. Women officials comparatively rare.

11 THEORY

48. Clivia Adamson, Carol Brown, Judith Harrison, Judy Price 'Women's oppression under Capitalism' Revolutionary Communist, No 5, Nov 1976\* C

- Marxist analysis which analyses capitalist accumulation and the falling rate of profit, particularly in relation to present economic crisis.
- 2. Argues i) It is role of women as domestic workers which determines their inferior role in social production. This reinforces role as domestic workers. Ii) There are limits to extent capital can socialise domestic work: these hinge on domestic labour as reproducer of commodity labour power separate from labourer who individually consumes privately.

3. Deals with women and the crisis: cuts in social services effect women 2 ways: home and employment. In making women redundant employers can draw on women's 'natural' role in home.

4. Material basis of Jomen's Oppression: (see 2) Home as necessary to capital, outside social production, privatised, domestic labour indirectly social, neither producive nor unproductive.

 Criticisms of 'domestic labour debate' - not understand limits to socialisation.

- 6. Women's oppression and capital accumulation in the labour process: accumulation in the labour process
- 7. Women as reserve army of unemployed.
- 49. Barbara, Carole and Sue Members of the Red Collective, 'Paper for a Workshop on Working Class Jobs' Women and Socialism Conference Paper 3, (B'ham 1974)
- 1. A group of middle class women who have taken up working class jobs in attempt to develop a political relationship between Women's Liberation and working class women.
- 2. In terms of women's relationship to job they are doing with other workers. Consciousness.
- 3. i) different kinds of work which determine way you behave in that work e.g. packing surgical instruments resembles factory bench work but no one would deliberately sabotage that.
  - ii) authority relations: determines peoples relationship to job not just their 'relation to means of production'. Unions smooth over these differences.
  - iii) relationship to the job: people (women?) see themselves as Jane or Lil not as hospital workers. Leaving as the highest form of rebellion
  - iv) relations between women workers: home acts as escape from work and vice versa. That relation crucial under capitalism. Effects relations at work pragmatic, superficial 'real thing' outside work.
  - v) women relate personally on pattern of family at work. Difficult for young woman (daughter) to act politically in union meetings.
- 50. Diana Barker and Sheila Allen (eds) Dependence and Exploitation in Work and Marriage Longman 1976. \*

A collection of articles. See under respective authors. Relevant to this biography are:
Richard Brown: 'Women as employees: some comments on research in industrial sociology'

Roger Smith: 'Sex and occupational role on Fleet Street'
R.D.Barron & G.H. Norris: 'Sexual divisions and the dual labour market'
Emily Hope, hary Kennedy, Anne De Winter 'Homeworkers in North London'
Jean Gardiner: 'Political economy of domestic labour in capitalist
society'

Leonore Davidoff: 'The rationalization of housework' Eds.'Introduction'

- 1. Arguing against sociological enquiry which demarcates 'work' from 'marriage' to focus on interrelations i.e. how family effects work and work changes family relations. Tends not to acknowledge overall determinancy of family and on ideology of feminity on women's paid work.
- 51. R.D.Barron and G.M.Norris 'Sexual Divisions and the dual labour market' in Barker and Allen 1976.
- 1. They acknowledge need to examine different place of men and women in household but is not'of itself determine' differences in the work place. They emphasise the forces in the labour market to understand 'sex-related occupational differential'.

2. Dual labour market: primary/secondary sectors, a) higher/lower pay;
b) mobility between two restricted; c) tied to 'career ladder and relatively stable/no career ladder, unstable; d) cuts thru firms and industries.

3. Problem of properties of jobs and characteristics of job holders i.e. 'women's work/women'. A circular process at level of explanation and real world.

4. Attributes contributing to women becoming secondary labour: dispensability visible social differences; little interest in training low economism and solidarity.

DISPENSABILITY - Women leave for non-work reasons i.e. family. Their loss of pay minimised by husband's pay. Relative ease of acquiring new job.

VISIBLE SOCIAL DIFFERENCE - Division into primary/secondary obscured or justified because coincides with social division between man and woman. i.e. the separate nature of men's and women's lives outside workplace facilitates the maintenance of similar divisions within it.

TRAINING - Again bound up with expectations of husband, women's feeling of inadequacy.

ECONOMISM - seen as less concerned about pay; related to expectations SOLIDARISM - They have been less successful organizing at work.

- 52. Rosalyn Baxandall, Elizabeth Ewen and Linda Gordon 'The Working Class Has Two Sexes' in Monthly Review July/Aug 1976 Vol 28 No 3. \*
- 1. Criticism of Broverman's Labor and Monopoly Capital with respect to women.
- 2. He discusses the 'detailed division of labour' which subdivides humans capital relations have brought about without regard to the earlier 'social division of labour', hierarchically organised along sexlines which capital takes over ie, the degradation of female labour continued and intensified but not created by capitalism.

3. Capital also fractures human beings in areas not work which Braverman does not consider - recreation, reproduction and socialisation of children, consumption - which in turn effects consciousness of wage labourers.

4. Thus must see 'mutually reinforcing relationship' of home and job'.

'Sexagation' of women into separate labour market.

5. Clerical work becoming more factory like argues Braverman but important mediations - sexism as obstacle to rationalisation of work: men want their 'personal secretaries' to cater for their whims.

6. Penetrations of commodities in home - women's unpaid labour.

- 53. Veronica Beechey 'Some notes on female wage labour in capitalist production' Capital and Class, no. 3, 1977.
  - 1. Important Marxist-feminist contribution. Argues from Engels failure to examine relation between sexual division of labour and capitalist production, i.e. need to analyse relation between family and production to examine specificity of female wage labour. In fact her analysis only assumes the family and does not theoretically hold family and production together in examining wage labour.

2. Argues that Marx provides a conceptual framework on which Marxist-feminist can build. Labour process located within the processes of capital accumulation and the contradictions to which it gives rise - the contra-

dictory efforts to extract relative surplus value.

Advantages within modern industry of employing particularly married women (even when women are not married ideologically expected they will): to foster competition (in historically specific cases), to deskil, to keep price/value of labour power overall down, as industrial reserve army. The hierarchy of labour powers almost identical with a sexual division of labour.

4. IRA: preferred sources those who not entirely dependent on own wage for subsistence - married women husband's contribution...

- 5. Specificity of women's position domestic labour: contradictory tendenci for its maintenance or socialisation relation to women's wage work.
- 54.Margaret Benston 'The Political Economy of Women's Liberation', Monthly Review Vol. XXI, 4 September 1969, Reprinted in Voices from Women's Liberation ed. Leslie B. Tanner (Signet, New York, 1970).
  - 1. An early American feminist contribution to the 'domestic labour debate'.
  - 2. Argues that the roots of women's secondary status are economic and that women do have a relation to the means of production which is different from that of men. Personal and psychological factors follow from this economic relation. Thus she is placing women within a class analysis of society.
  - 3. Women are defined as the group responsible for production of simple usevalues in the activities associated with home.
  - 4. This does not exclude them from wage labour but they have no 'structural responsibility' in this area as men have.
  - 5. Women work outside a money economy so that their work is seen as valueless. But their domestic work is not marginal.
  - 6. Sees family unit as individual production unit pre-industrial.
- 7. Women as reserve army of labour. Equal access to jobs would not bring equality as long as work in home private production i.e. must become part of public economy.
- 55 Lucy Bland, Charlotte Brunsdon, Dorothy Hobson, Janice Winship, 'Women "inside and outside" the relations of production' in Women Take Issue, Women's Studies Group (Hutchinson, 1978).
  - 1. In 4 sections
    - i) women's work in the home which examines the 'domestic labour debate' and its inadequacies its ommission of aspects of women's role in family which not domestic labour as such, e.g. sexuality; and inattention to ideology.
    - ii) The State, reproduction of labour power and the subordination of women which particularly looks at the Beveridge Report and its implications for women in terms of the contradictions of domestic and wage labour in the post 2nd World War period.
    - iii) 'Women in waged work' which considers the developments of capital accumulation at its production and consumption 'ends' in relation

women's waged work; discusses the sexual division of labour at at home and in paid work as it is economically and ideologically and considers women as a differentiated reserve army of labour peculiarly defined by patriarchal rather than capitalist relations. Equal pay, its history and limited effects.

56. Harry Braverman Labor and Monopoly Capital The Degradation of Work in the 20th C.

1. An excellent theoretical account of developments in the labour process in relation to Marx's analysis of capital accumulation. Hence, about those developments which have brought women into wage labour, without an explanation of why it should be women specifically.

2. Particularly relevant for women's labour Ch. on 'The Universal Market': Family needs reshaped as commodity needs a) Food, clothes production

taken out of home + women's jobs

b) Family care functions in schools, hospitals etc.
STATE provisions -> women's jobs

c) New needs created ; in part recreation etc.
Service sector - women's jobs.

3. More detail on:

- i) clerical work: increased as part of move towards monopoly capital corporations, separation and expansion of administrative/management functions
  - .a) manual labour new form of working class

b) low pay, no career - ditto services and retail
 ii) service occupations and retail trade - a service when useful effects

- of labour, themselves become commodity for capitalist resale.
- iii) women as reserve army their increase employment men's decreased employment.
- 57. 'Two Comments' Harry Braverman in Monthly Review July/August 1976, Vol.28, No.3.
  - 1. A reply to Baxandall et al 'The Working Class has 2 sexes' in relation to their criticism that he did not (in <u>Labor and Monopoly Capital</u>) discuss the household, non wage labour women perform.
  - 2. He argues that in analysis we must start from 'the dynamic elements rather than the traditional and static aspects of a given problem', i.e. it is the way in which women 'have been summoned from the household by the requirements of the capital accumulation process' on which we should concentrate.
  - 3. But that is not to disparage the need for understanding of specific forms of household labour, but emphasis is on how they are weakening and changing rather than on their continuities.
- 58. Richard Brown 'Women as employees: some comments on research in industrial \*EFG sociology' in Diana Barker and Sheila Allen (Eds.) Dependence and Exploitation in Work and Marriage.
  - 1. A very useful article as refers to a mass of material which it classifies in terms of how women employees are conceived.

2. Industrial sociology either

i) does not distinguish women as employees or

- ii) sees women as a 'problem', for employed/or family and community.
  Both he argues are inadequate.
- Looks at shop floor workers and routine office workers.
   Looks at
  - i) 'Orientations to work'
  - ii) Social consciousness and collective action

- i) outcome of processes over time and therefore likely to change. Women must be differentiated in terms of life-cycle and experience at work.
  - a) primary socialisation of boys and girls different girls' ambition likely to be marriage

b) opportunities in labour market limited for women. Little choice

c) effected by life cycle

d) not engaged in work identical to men, work which 'boring' etc. reincorces central interest of home.

ii) In areas of r.

a) regulation of output under pay men by results schemes

b) TU membership

c) strikes

In all 3 appears to be technical, economic and social conditions of work itself which determines not that women.

# 59. Irene Brueghel 'Bourgeois Economics and Women's Oppression' in m/f No. 1; 1977.

1. A dismissive review of Chiplin and Sloane 1977: 'it considers the very real economic questions of the position of women in the economy but does so within a framework which serves ultimately to justify the status quo, p.110.

2. Feminists have largely ignored bourgeois economics but in USA there is now a body of work on bourgeois economics of women and family.

3. Chiplin and Sloane use this theory to look at British scene. Based on a framework of individuals acting harmoniously through the market mechanism to achieve individual goals. No understanding of power relations inside or outside home - they focus on discrimination not domination i.e. an 'imperfection' of a basically free, equal and fair market. Only a problem if reduces total output and hence total welfare.

4. Authors have

- i) a sexist bias of women as 'less productive workers' evidence inaccurate.
- ii) place blame for discrimination on family where specialisation of functions along sexual lines leads to women entering market with inferior skills
- iii) blame shifted from employer to family: women 'choose' their work in home.

They therefore completely ignore women's oppression in both family and labour market.

- 60. Jenny Clegg and Frances Bernstein 'Marxist-Feminism and Marxist Leninism (or from Socialist Women to Marxist Feminists) in Women and Socialism Conference Paper 3 (Birmingham, September 1974).
  - 1. Women's oppression a product of sexual division of labour between domestic and social production manifested in the social division between work and
  - 2. Housewife's work, unpaid labour, a basic condition for existence of worker free to sell his labour power on market and produce surplus value.
  - 3. Exploitation of women not through extraction of surplus value but through production of labour power.

4. Housework cannot be subsumed under capital/labour contradiction.

5. Real difference between men and women not that men are waged while women are unwaged but the different conditions under which their labour takes place.

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- 61. Lee Comer 'Functions of the Family' in Conditions of Illusion: Papers from the Women's Movement (ed.) Sandra Allen. Lee Sanders. Jan. Wallis (Feminist Books 1974). (Extended in her book Wedlocked Women)
  - Marriage makes men into bread winners and women into wives and mothers. It is the first and basic model of the division of labour and of power between sexes, the legalised sanction whereby the public separation of men and women justified by throwing them together in private.

Husband's labour mobility depends on her dependence on him, seeing her paid work only as 'pin' money. i.e. 2 needs of capitalism met: a mobile, docile male force; secondary casual work force.

3. Woman who recharges his batteries so he's ready for work.

Consumption: important economic function of family. Woman who is prime target for advertising.

62 Mariarosa Dalla Costa Women and the subversion of the community, (Falling Wall 1972).

See Mariarosa Dalla Costa and Selma James The Power of Women and the Subversion of the Community.

- 63. Mariarosa Dalla Costa and Selma Jones, The Power of Women and the Subversion of the Community (Falling Wall 1972) 'Women and the Subversion of the Community' (1972)
- 1. Makes blunt assertion that women are not just oppressed but exploited. Their housework produces surplus value though they receive no wages. Began the 'Wages for housework' and 'domestic labour' debates.
  - 2. Important because of centrality she places on housewife. But confusion between her centrality theoretically and politically. Latter not follow from former, i.e. political action in community by women, as Dalla Costa supposes.

3. However she does see housewife role as correctly determining her other positions - as working woman.

4. Both domestic labour in home and wage labour are work.

Selma James 'A Woman's Place' (1953)

- 1. In a straightforward way describes reasons for working, conflicts it poses, experiences for women, their different role when they go home at night - different for men, child care, etc.
- 64 Margaret Coulson, Branka Magas and Hilary Wainwright 'The housewife and \*F her Labour under Capitalism - a Critique', NLR, No. 89.

1. Critique of Secombe NLR 83.

They argue that central feature of women's position is fact that they are both domestic and wage labourers.

Secombe wrong to say that domestic labour creates value.

- He takes no account of historical specificity this dual role takes and therefore wrong in political implications, how effects women's consciousness.
- The specific privatized character of housework provides a material basis for the relative autonomy of women's oppression (Secombe collapses women's oppression into general class oppression) -

Conflict between working class men and women over wage.

Capitalism unable to transform radically either through extension of the market or of the welfare state privatised nature of domestic labour, because of need for 'free' market.

8. Housework provides elasticity to capital, taking on and laying off

wage labour. Implications for women.

- 65 Rosalind Delmar 'Sexism, Capitalism and the Family' in Conditions of Illusion: Papers from the Women's Movement (ed) Sandra Allen, Lee Sanders, Jan Wallis (Feminist Books 1974).
  - 1. Sexism: structure which dominates world of reproduction of the species capitalism: structure which dominates the world of production. Divided along a sex axis: world of women and a world of mon. Production is an instrument for the economic oppression of women. At centre of world of reproduction lies patriarchal family.

2. Assume working class femily: man wage earner, woman housewife and mother. Her 'job' to maintain household. In position of slave.

To pay wages only make her a paid servant.

3. Two functions of family: reproduction of labour power and consumption. women's point of direct contact with capital process. Women and men divided economically and politically: workers/consumers - mystificatio of capitalist process.

Work for women always in addition to 'natural' role in home. Cheap

labour. Jobs mirror those in home.

Marriage and family constantly held out as only attractive alternative to full employment.

# 66. Frederick Engels, The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State

1. Key base text for women in the women's movement. Engaged with at a

theoretical and political level.

- 2. In his materialist analysis Engels argues that with the development of private property and the sexual division of labour which establishe there is a coincidence of class and sexual oppression. The moment at which women are excluded from social production is also the moment when that production requires slaves (and hence are subordinated) that production requires slaves.
- 3. The logic of that analysis is that it is with the entry of women into socialised production, i.e. away from the home, that women's oppression will finally be abolished.
- 4. He is criticised for collapsing women's oppression into class oppression of neglecting both the specificity of ideological oppression and women's economic role of domestic labour in the family.

But he also provides fuel for the engagement with working class

struggles of women at the point of production.

And in addition theoretically he is one of the few who attempts to relate the sexual division of labour to a class division of labour.

# 67. Roberta Farr 'The Women's Movement and the Class Struggle against Patriarchy in Women and Socialism Conference Paper 3 (Birmingham, September 1974). CF

1. 2 production processes necessary for all human life: 'needs'

production, reproduction.

2. Traces their development historically: private property as marking subordination of natural relations in realm of reproduction, to economic relations; under capitalism: 'split' between remunerated social production and private domestic economy complete.

3. Capital's economic and ideological need to maintain family and contradictory objective requirement of more women wage workers.

Housewives yield surplus value indirectly in addition to that yielded in production. Criticises 'Wages for housework' for focussing only on housework, and the politics of action there.

5. It is form of appropriation of S.V. from working class housewife that distinguishes it from wage labour. Women of other classes not exploited in that way.

- 6. It is because physical reality of worker and his value creating capacity are one that we can say she produces a commodity.
- 68 Anne Foreman , Femininity as Alienation: Women and the Family in Marxism F and Psychoanalysis, (Pluto 1977).
  - 1. Ch.12 'Marxist economic theory: its application to the contradictions in the position of women in capitalist society' deals mainly with domestic labour but also with wage labour.

She argues against an 'econoic' and 'ideological' split. Domestic labour extends terrain of 'economic' and is therefore a move in that

direction although still limited to the 'economic'.

She usefully runs through main contributions to the debate.

4. Criticizes Secombe particularly for not taking account of i) encroachment of commodity production into home.

ii) welfare state taking over of certain domestic tasks. Thus although domestic labour does not produce surplus value, it becomes part of the 'general communal conditions of production' and therefore subject to social pressure.

5. She argues that labour power as an abstraction has 2 related aspects mediated by the wage: the alienation of labour entails its complement in the home - the intense personal relation between husband and wife. This shift from economic level not considered by domestic

labour debate.

- 6. Women's wage work sees resistance to married women working coming from working class itself, not capitalists. Coulson et al not recognize main aspect of contradiction between domestic and wage labour i.c. ideology of femininity/sexuality thrown into crisis by women's wage work.
- 69 Caroline Freeman, 'Introduction to "domestic labour and wage labour"! in Women and Socialism Conference Paper 3 (Birmingham, September 1974).
  - 1. A good introduction to Marxist concepts of labour power, use value, exchange value, surplus value.

Summary of U.W.R., Secombe, Gardiner, Farr articles, in relation to domestic/wage labour.

U.W.L. 'orthodox Marxist' view, housewife as domestic slave. Hor work is not social labour and not affect value of labour powe r. She does not contribute to surplus value.

Secombe: Wrong. He argues housewife adds use value which is part of social labour determining value of labour power. Treats housewife as petty commodity producer. Freeman argues he misinterprets Marx's labour theory of value: value of commodity determined by amount of socially necessary labour time embodied in it. Argument too complicated to precis here. Personally I favour Secombe.

Gardiner: domestic labour affects value of labour power but not via individual wife and amount of work she does. Criticises Secombes 'petty commodity' production conception.

- 6. Farr: Analogy between housewife and wage worker; housewife is indirectly exploited,
- 70. Caroline Freeman and Jane Tate 'Class struggle and the Women's Movement' in Women and Socialism Conference Paper 3, (Birmingham, September 1974).
  - 1. Understand women's oppression through family as centre of consumption - reproduction of labour force through housewife's addition of use value to goods she buys.

- 2. Ideological effects: family as realm of privacy and freedom of choice.
- 3. Capitalist mode of production, in abstract, compatible with complete socialisation and/or capitalisation of housework but unlikely.

  4. Attempt to separate different classes of women in their domestic

functions for capital.

5. Housewives' production of use values not surplus value, their contribution to reproduction not production effects their consciousness.

6. Unequal pay, restricted opportunity at work <u>inseparable</u> from oppression of women in and through family. i.e. oppression in family of central importance in determining other oppressions.

# 71. Jean Gardiner, 'Women's Domestic labour', HLR 89. \* F

1. A Critique of Secombe HLR Ho. 83 which asks why capital would wish to retain domestic labour in private form, performed by women.

2. She argues that surplus value is produced by the housewife because it keeps down necessary labour to a level that is lower than actual subsistence level of working class. (Later article shifts position).

3. Examines possibilities of socialisation of domestic care under capitalism. Conflicting pressures, ideological and economic.

Depends on state of economy: full employment, need for women workers, etc.

4. Some of 'political' criticisms of Secombe valid:

i) he fails to recognize 'sexism' in relations between working class men and women.

ii) subsumes women into class struggle.

- iii) lack of historical perspective in discussing domestic labour. Her economic criticisms less useful. Perhaps wrong.
- 72 Jean Gardiner, Susan Himmelweit, Maureen Mackintosh, Women's Domestic Labour (Political Economy of Women Group paper, unpublished, 1975).

  Also Bulletin of the Conference of Socialist Economists, June 1975, Vol. IV 2 (ii) ).
  - 1. Rejects Gardiner's earlier position: i.e. not a transfer of labour from domestic labour into profits, though husband certainly benefits. But value of labour power not synonymous with labour time embodied in reproduction and maintenance of labour power once one takes account of domestic labour and state.

2. Reed to recognise women's dual role in capitalist production: domestication labourer's and wage labourers. Explore relation between women's wages, men's wages and value of labour power.

3. Mutual reinforcement of domestic and wage work for women - under valuation in both.

4. Some socialisation of domestic labour necessary to permit women to carry out wage labour, but also forces working against complete socialisation although capital is in fact eroding the basis for women oppression in family.

73. Jean Gardiner 'Political Economy of domestic labour in capitalist socity' in Barker and Allen (1976 Longmans).

1. Again argues that female domestic labour a source of surplus labour for capital, on the assumption that the average labour time spent by them in caring for families exceeds the labour embodied in commodit consumed by them out of husband's wage packet. This is not to argue that they produce surplus value, i.e. it is not productive labour.

2. It is considered as a 'mode of production' coexisting alongside and dominated by the capitalist mode of production. She is arguing therefore that not only surplus value is a source of profit for capitalist.

. Hot always profitable for capital to have domestic labour - depend on demand for wage labour, and relative costs of socialising child care.

4. Considers relation between female domestic labour and domestic labour in general i.e. by single people for themselves, fathers/husbands taking major responsibility etc. Female domestic labour associated with economic dependence.

5. Considers political implications - relation to class analysis - not themselves as class: individuals isolated, identification with breadwinners. Confront capitalist class through price mechanism -

buying commodities, or via the state.

74. Jean Gardiner 'Women's Work in the Industrial Revolution' in Conditions C of Illusion: Papers from the Women's Novement (ed.) Sandra Allen, Lee Sanders, Jan Wallis (Feminist Books 1974).

Not about period bibliography is concerned with but:

- 1. Women's liberation has been concerned with problem of analysing how capitalist and male domination are interlocked in the oppression of women.
- 2. The paper looks at that question for period late 18th early 19th C.
- 3. Though forms of women's subordination have alterred it represents a case study of ways in which both capitalist and patriarchal domination of women are interconnected and can be modified in a period of major social change.
- 75. Selma Jones, Women, the Unions and Work and The Perspective of Winning, F (London Wages for Housework Committee and Falling Wall Press, 1976).
  - 1. Presented as a paper at a national conference of the Women's Liberation movement, which while much disagreed with provoked much discussion within the movement.

2. An attempt at a feminist analysis of the unions.

- 3. The demand for wages for housework is an attempt to break down the division that capital makes between home/work, between women and men.
- 3. Unions have never concerned themselves with unwaged workers yet when on strike they crucially depend on wives support.

The Perspective of Winnings

the working class is not the unions

2. Feminism poses autonomy from capital and its institutions. It sees that working class struggle is in the home and at work. The Feminist struggle is against the family but not so we are free to be exploited in the factory.

3. Wages for housework is an attempt to achieve power and reject the factory, to gain men's support and break the hierarchy of powers between men and women, and break women's dependence on men.

- The criticisms of these articles are generally over 'Wages for housework' as a political demand, not in relation to the theory it attempts to articulate.

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- 76. Branka Magas, Hilary Wainwright and Margaret Coulson, 'Some Critical Notes on Wally Secombe's "The Housewife and her labour under capitalism" in Women and Socialism Conference Paper 3. (Birmingham, September 1974).

See MLR 89.

77. Karl Marx Capital Vol. 1 (Lawrence & Wishart 1970), Ch. XXV, The General \* Law of Capitalist Accumulation.

In this chapter Marx deals with how the growth of capital influences the 'lot of the labouring class'.

- Concentration and accumulation of capital more and wealthier capitalists.
- 2. Centralisation the tendency towards monopoly.
- 3. Both above associated with
  - i) competition and therefore tendency for cheapening of commodities
  - ii) application of science to production which leads to diminution the variable (workers) as opposed to constant (machinery) constituent of capital but takes inverse form of increase in labouring population,
  - iii) their relation of dependence becomes more extensive as capital extends its spheres of production and commodities it produces
  - iv) periodic repulsion of labourers and their attraction, a tendency for skilled to be replaced by less skilled, male by female, mature by immature.
  - v) tendency for labouring population to make itself relatively superfluous takes place always to an increasing extent.
  - vi) Relative surplus population: a) floating, b) latent, c) stagnant and d) pauperism.
- 78. Monthly Review July/August 1976, Vol. 28, No.3. Technology, the Labour \* Process and the Working Class.

A collection of articles all relating to Braverman's Labour and Monopoly Capital. See under separate authors. Relevant to women are:

- 1. 'The Working Class Has Two Sexes', Rosalyn Baxandall, Elizabeth Ewen, and Linda Gordon.
- 2. 'Two Comments', Harry Braverman.
- 3. 'The Other Side of the Paycheck: Monopoly Capital and the Structure of Consumption', Batya Weinbaun and Any Bridges.
- 4. 'Social Relations of Production and Consumption in the Human Service Occupations', Gelvin Stevenson.
- 79. Michaela Nava, 'The Family: A critique of certain features' in The Body Politic (ed.) Michaelan Wondor (Stage 1, 1972).
  - 1. Sexual division of labour hardly been challenged. 'Matural' so that women have to choose between children and a job, i.e. biological function still determines her social role. Achieved through myth of 'maternal instinct'.
  - 2. Because women's chief role wife/nother/housewife others subsidiary: in employment expected to leave when has children; reintroduced afterwards at lower pay and responsibility; if tries to work when young children employers reluctant to have her. Men are never asked whether they have made adequate child care arrangements; women make fewer demands at work, scab, un-unionised.
  - 3. In home women who do no productive work compensate by bringing up children in competitive way; develop excessive pride in home and resent husband's increased participation in their domain.
  - 4. Since women's work in home unpaid forced to be economically dependent on husband, makes her a prisoner, loss of self respect.

- 80 Mally Secombe, 'The Housewife and Her Labour under Capitalism', NLR No.83, \*F January 1974.
  - 1. Conceptualises that under capitalism the general labour process splits into two discrete units: domestic and industrial. That is a structural prerequisite for the exchange of labour power.
  - 2. Privatised and unproductive domestic labour not usually considered part of economy at all. Argues that does create and transfer value reproducing labour power economically and ideologically, though the wage form obscures its relation to capital.
  - 3. Not relate women's domestic labour to their own wage labour only to that of husbands.
  - 4. When wages fall below value of labour power housewives intensify labour at home and/or seek outside employment to maintain family's living standards.
  - Sees that it will be women wage workers who will be conscious of their position and act politically, not housewives.
  - 6. Though his argument has been much criticised it has provided the central theoretical text in the 'domestic labour' debate.
- -81. Wally-Secombe, 'Domestic Labour a Reply', MLR 94, November 1975.
  - 1. Accepts Coulson et als criticism that in MLR he did not deal with domestic labour's relation to women's wage labour.
  - 2. Criticises them for not adequately answering the question 'How does Law of value indirectly impinge on domestic labour such as to distribute women's total labour time between household and outside employment?', because they do not accept that domestic labour creates value and therefore cannot relate the two labours.
  - 3. Flexibility of female labour: when fall in real wages housewives able to intensify domestic labour, take on outside employment to maintain standard of living.
  - 4. Women's wage labour as value trade off. Increased cost of family's subsistence compensated by additional income.
  - 5. In part domestic labour's rising productivity explains availability of married women for outside employment but gap between its productivity and that of wage goods increasing so that her wage able to purchase more than labour time foregone domestically, i.e. this widening productivity gap pushes more married women onto market.
  - 6. This is focus on supply factors pushing married women into labour force.
- 82. 'Social Relations of Production and Consumption in the Human Service \* F Occupations', Gelvin Stevenson in Monthly Review, July/August 1976, Vol. 28, No. 3.
  - 1. Argue that 'human services' require an explicit theoretical analysis of the social relations of consumption in addition to the social relations of production'.
  - 2. Human services: the primary outcome is an interaction designed to change the condition of one of people involved in the interaction i.e. consumer includes health, education, social services etc.
  - 3. History in relation to capital accumulation as population atomised, proleterianised and numbers of elderly people and dependents increased.
  - 4. They provide elements of service and control simultaneously, one or other may be dominant at any time.
  - 5. Production and consumption occur simultaneously i.e. only with human service workers are there direct and immediate social relations with

the consumer so that the social relations of consumption - status hierarchy, privilege, confort - generated at point of production, in the interaction between provider and consumer. The service worker continually reinforces the class identification of consumer; they are oppressors and as workers oppressed.

- 83. Union of Women for Liberation 'A Few words concerning "Theories" on F Wages for Housework in Women and Socialism Conference Paper 3, (Birmingham, September 1974).
  - 1. Misleadingly titled: the longest article in collection.
  - 2. Argues literally from Marx and therefore is helpful in pointing to relevant parts of Capital.
  - 3. However they do 'slate' every other writer and position as 'reactionar
  - 4. See Domestic labour in relation to the production of Surplus Value' in Working Papers in Cultural Studies 9 for summary of their argument.
  - 5. They argue, as Mark hints at, women perform 'free' labour in the home.
    i.e. not exploited which is not to say that they are not oppressed,
    because do not create surplus value, is not a productive labourer.
    She does not produce commodities.
  - 6. Criticises Gardiner and Secombe for attacking law of value: they are in offect saying that labour power consistently sells at less than its value, because not pay housewife. But UWL argue women's labour is individual not social labour therefore not affect value of labour power.
  - 7. Women as donestic slaves
    - 8. Only release from private domestic service and reintroduction into social production end oppression.
- 84. Michelene Wendor 'The Conditions of Illusion' in Conditions of Illusion:
  Papers from the Women's Movement (ed.) Sandra Allen, Lee Sanders, Jan
  Wallis (Feminist Books 1974).
  - 1. Ideological pressure on women to see themselves prinarily as wives and nothers affects all women. For women who work and have families a double burder: their work secondary, because no one to take their place as nothers. For those who work and have made conscious decision not to have children, often a sense of emptiness.
  - 2. Economic dependence of woman: even when work because usually part to or lower pay. In home dependence denied. It is sharing: but, his work is outside, defined and paid; hers is never finished, unpaid. Because he is paid he can opt out of housework.
  - 3. It is when marriage breaks down that economic contract evident.
  - 4. Her relationship to money indirect. Buys but does not earn, therefore cannot buy as autonomous individual.
  - 5. Wrong to consider that child rearing over after 5 years. Enotional responsibility. Only teaching which can go into without any problems extension of her mother role.
  - 6. Au pair system hypocritical and exploitative: 'substitute' mothers.
- 85. The Other Side of the Paycheck: Monopoly Capital and the Structure of Consumption'. Batya Weinbaum and Amy Bridges in Monthly Review, July/August 1976, Vol. 28, No. 3.
  - 1. While Braverman argues that capital accumulation creates new occupational structures they argue that the social relations of consumption structured through the household and performed by women as housewives also changes.

- 2. Effect on political consciousness of housewives, which related to the contradictions between their work in the market and their role in home. Capital makes contradictory demands on women, structures conflicts between individual women.
- 3. Reconciliation of capitalist production with social needs takes place in market only through women's work of 'nurturence' in which consumption the first step i.e. 'work of consumption!, women as 'consumption workers'
- 4. Consider class specificity of this consumption work, and how it leads to specific areas of political activity e.g. housing.
- 5. Relation between tendency towards making service industries more detailed in their labour e.g. supermarkets but require that consumer do more work when shopping. Women at both these points.
- 86. John Westergaard and Henrietta Resler, Class in a Capitalist Society: AC A study of Contemporary Britain. (Heinemann, 1975).
  - 1. A short section on female wage labour, discussing its relation to more general class inequality reinforces those class divisions.
  - 2. Considers differences between working class married women who have always worked and middle class married women for whom 'the right to work' is still a demand.
  - 3. Increases in married women working in '60's narrowed gap between proportion of working class/middle class women working.
  - 4. Sex inquality strikes hardest at lowest levels of occupational hierarchy e.g. teachers get 1/5 less than men; clerical workers \frac{1}{3} less; manual workers little more than \frac{1}{2}.
  - 5. Women's pay relative to men's worsened overall since 1921 mainly because of part time work which is paid so badly.
- 87. Jan Williams, Hazel Twort, Ann Bachelli 'Women and the Family' in D. The Body Politic (ed.) Michelene Wonder (Stage 1, 1972).
- 1. In home woman is in the family and 2 are disturbingly synonymous.
- 2. Housework:
  i) endless:
  - i) endless routine, creates its own moments of achievement and satisfaction into which one inserts ones own peaks, to evade mondany.
  - ii) Compulsion to do housework not economic or legal but moral and personal.
  - iii) Isolated but never alone: her domain is public kitchen. Only escape is day dream.
  - iv) Division of work/leisure in two places, two times not applicable.
- 88Women and Socialism Conference Paper 3 (Birmingham September 1974), Women's Liberation Group.
  - See under separate authors:
  - Caroline Freeman: 'Introduction to 'domestic labour and wage labour'
    Jean Gardiner: 'Nomen's domestic labour'
  - Roberta Farr: 'Women's domestic labour'
    The Women's Movement and the class struggle against
- Branka Magnes Wilers Weinerick and the class struggle against
- Branka Magas; Hilary Wainwright and Margaret Coulson
  - 'Some Critical Notes on Wally Secombe's "The Housewife and her Labour Under Capitalism"!
- Union of Women for Liberation, 'A few words concerning "Theories" on Wages for Housework'.
- Caroline Freeman and Jane Tate: 'Class struggle and the Women's Movement'
  Jenny Clegg and Frances Bernstein: 'Marxist-Feminism and Marxism-Leninism
  (or from Socialist Women to Marxist Feminists)

Celia Pugh, Dodio Wepplor and Ann Foreman 'The IMG Contribution for the Women and Socialism Conference

Barbara, Carole & Sue - Members of the Red Collective 'Paper for a Workshop on Working Class Jobs'. (see authors)

89. Women's Studies Group: 'Relations of Production: Relations of Reproduction! Working Papers in Cultural Studies 9, Spring 1976.

- 1. Domestic labour in relation to the production of surplus value
  - i) Discusses Marxist concepts: productive, explitation, means of subsistence etc.
  - ii) Runs through argument of 'orthodox' Marxist (UNL article in Women and Socialism Conference, Papers 3): domestic labour 'free labour not create surplus value.
  - iii) Wally Secombe's NLR 83: domestic labour indirectly creates value Slightly misplaced criticisms of hin: confusion over value - use or exchange?
  - 2. Surplus value and the wage
  - i) Focusses on wage as phenomenal form hides women's domestic work
  - ii) Jean Gardiner et al (Bulletin of Conference of Socialist . Economists) cannot compare wage and domestic labour
- iii) moves onto ideological functions of family and women's role. 3. The wage form and its relation to the ideological-role of the family.
  - i) Attempts to show how capital structures the 'need' for domestic labour - donestic labour a pro requisite for wage form. To establish labourer as something apart from his labour power.
  - ii) phenomenal form of wage which hides women's labour
  - iii) domestic labour a focus for relation between production and reproduction
  - 4. Relations of production: relations of production. Criticises 'donestic labour debate' for collapsing women into working class and seeing relations of reproduction as a secondary mirroring of those of production. The need to look at ideology, psychoanalysis.
  - 90 Women's Studies Group, CCCS, Women Take Issue Aspects of wome 's subordination (Hutchinson, 1978).

Two relevant articles. See authors.

- Lucy Bland, Charlotte Brunsdon, Dorothy Hobson, Janice Winship, 'Women "inside and outside" the relations of production'
- Dorothy Hobson 'Housewives: isolation as Oppression'.
- 91.C. Wright Mills, White Collar The American Middle Classes (Oxford Universit Press, U.S.A. 1951).
  - 1. Women generally ommitted (Cf Lockwood) and needs a reread/interpretatic 94. Lindsay Mackie and Polly Pattulo, Women at Work (Tavistock, 1977). \* F
  - 2. Interesting analysis of salesgirls
    - i) shift from personal service to impersonality of large department stores, corresponding to shift in consciousness: concern for customer as psychological enemy. Ho realisation of store as economic enemy.
- ii) In store her personality must be managed 'the alert yet obsequiou instrument by which goods are distributed!
- 3. the white collar girl. Dominates our idea of office. She is office

92 CSE Pamphlet No. 2 On the Political Economy of Momen, (Stage 1, 1976), Women, the State and reproduction since the 1930's'.

- 1. From position that reproduction, donestic labour and child bearing, by women is material basis of their oppression. Required economically and politically by capitalism yet in contradiction: increasing participation of married women as wage labourers because
  - i) changes in family structure and function (Size, period of child bearing, etc)
  - ii) economic demands with development of capital for more labour of particular kinds. A fairly detailed account of these developments.
- 2. The determination on women's wage labour by their role in reproduction bestows certain characteristics to that labour
  - i) reserve army
  - ii) their unemployment hidden
  - iii) low level of wages-supplement
  - iv) part time work
- v) \_\_sexual division of labour women's jobs
  - vi) poorly organised in TUs
  - vii) more vulnerable intimes of ec crisis.
- 3. Response by state o.g. Equal Pay Act and Anti discrimination Act not question women's reproductive role on which wage labour rests Political demands have to be organized around that relation.

# 93. Ross Davies, Women and Work, (Arrow 1975).

- 1. Not a book worth spending much time on superficial.
- 2. Useful for a few statistics and a quick historical -look at women: i) Ch 2 Pre-industrial Woman i.e. 18th C.
  - ii) Ch 3 The Industrial Revolution
  - iii) Ch 4 Trade Unions: men only. For understanding male dominance in unions now, a useful background to 19th C activity.
    - iv) Ch 5 The Professions close ranks how closed to women in 19th C. v) Ch 6 The Two World Wars: roles and jobs
  - 3. Also deals contemporary situation: employers attitudes to women workers; women's own attitudes; professions; married women as wasted resource; growth of union membership; legal changes - equal
  - 4. Not feminist. He is arguing for the rights of women as individuals who are intrinsically no less and no more intelligent ingenious or adaptable than men'. They have been denied opportunity 'to use their individual gifts to best advantages in their work!. However there is no analysis of this, just a statement of fact.

A good general and up to date introduction to women at work starting from women's 'double burden' of housework and paid work. They have chapters on

- 1. Housework its history, present lack of status, boredon, problem of care of children, housewife as consumer.
- 2. 'Education: but for what?' How education (Newson Report) particularly in lower streams geared to marriage - in part through subjects available to girls, in part through their own expectations. Apprenticeships.
- 3. 'Low pay: an aptitude for dull, repetitive work'. Characteristics of 'women's work' - part time, service industries, 'flexible' but unskilled etc. Runs through jobs.

4. 'Professions: only pioneers need apply! - How argument goes - 'if one woman can do it so can another ... Acceptance is at level of individual rather than as professional group.

5. 'Training: why both? They'll only narry! - Lack of skills wasted

compared with men.

6. 'Family: who cares for the children?' Paucity of child care.

'Rights' - EP and GD legislation. Pensions, Protective legislation. Maternity leave. EP. Strikes.

Trade Unions - History. Post 2nd World War recruitment of women.

# 95. Ministry of Labour Gazette 1958 A

'The Employment of Women and Girls in Great Britain since the war!

# 96. Ministry of Labour Gazette 1962. A

December Women in part time employment in manufacturing industries. Changes in period 1950-61.

October Forecasts of the Future working population

## 97; Ministry of Labour Manpower Studies, No. 1. The Pattern of the Future. HMSO 1964.

1. Chief changes in employment structure relate to females. Shift from single to married women in proportion working: i) less mobile

ii) more likely only to be available for part time work

- 2. A problem when to maintain standard of living productivity needs to grow at faster rate than present.
- 3. A run down of manufacturing industries in terms of male/female employees: In general anticipate slackening of growth which will affect female rather than male employment. Steady rise in proportion white collar workers.
- Services sector: 'White collar' and large numbers of manual workers, in transport. Much less effected by cyclical factors, risen every year since 1953. Over 50% women. Breakdown of industries.

5. Anticipate increases in health, education, distribution, Marked divergence between males and female employment: greater increase

female - continue

- 6. Assumes activity rate remain high for next 5 years. Effects number of married women entering employment. Female opportunities expand slightly faster than men's i.c. strong pressure on female reserve. Need to increase part time opportunities, and provide other facilities 100 Paulenc Pinder, Women at Work, (PEP, Vol. XXXV, Broadsheet 512, May 1969). F
- 7. Tables: Forecasts numbers F/m, ago/sox, industry 1963-73-80. PAMPHLE

# 98. Viola Klein, 'Industrialization and the Changing Role of Women', Current Sociology, Vol. XII, No.1.

## Also see Ch 1 Britain's Married Women Workers

1. Traces history of family and women's role within it since before industrialization, in relation to production.

Recognizes economic functions of domestic labour. Though many of family's functions been taken over by social production leaving it as consumption unit, preparation of food etc economic in wider sense while not affected by economic laws governing market.

3. The anachronism between 'stationary' family and economic growth outside

leads to sense of futility for many women. Yet:

A. Family retains its importance as fundamental social institution par excellence:

i) socialisation of children ii) site of effective relations

5. With new industrial developments another layer added to employment, giving new opportunities for women, without destroying old ones.

i) industrialisation: unskilled factory work and donestic service ii) light industry and subsidiary services: semi skilled, white collar

iii) Welfare State, distributive industries: executive, personnel for ancillary professions, sedentary rather than factory occupations. 6. Ideological changes: women's right as equal citizens, equal education,

assumption of work, at least before narriage, denocracy within family but conflicts for women between opposing demands of home and work.

# 99 Juliet Mitchell, Woman's Estate, (Penguin 1971) \* B D F

1. Attempt to develop a Marxist-Feminist theory of women's oppression. Concerned with economic relations, ideology, women's consciousness and political strategy. Chs. 5,6,7 'The Oppression of Women'

2. Conceptualises women's oppression within a complex unity of 4 structures historically constituted and determined ultimately by the economic factor

i) production (nen's world)

ii) reproduction (bearing babics not reproduction of labour power

iv) socialisation of children (the family, the triptych which is women's world). Liberation achieved only by transformation of all . 4 structures.

3. Women's role in reproduction and ideological role in family keep women subordinate in production but her assumed dominance in own world of family obscures that. Determination of production on reproduction - reproduction a sad minicry - child as creatively produced commodity.

4. Details of women's work situation: working class women - as wives and daughters - women's work, source of cheap labour etc. Professional women - women's work or isolated, spearated by class from working class women. For both family structure dominates: their jobs and consciousness of position in paid work.

5. Contradictions, objectively: women in the most 'primitive' and most 'advanced' position in capitalism - work, early capitalist, but ideological means of creating markets - sexuality in advertisements.

Subjectively experienced.

Written just before the Women's Movement publicly surfaced and before Equal Pay and Antidiscrimination legislation finalised. Human Rights Year and 50 years of suffrage - revival of interest in women.

1. Part I. In detail interestingly traces path of equal pay since 50s to 'equal pay strikes', Gov commitment 1968.

2. Part II Women at work: Nos., occupations, etc. Then sections on different sectors of employment.

3. Part III. The Pressure Groups and their policies.

i) Women in TUs., Unions attitude to Equal Pay, child care training etc. ii) General organizations: Indicates clearly great activity on behalf of women before the Women's Movement. A significantly large group of middle class organizations for women all agitating for equal rights of one kind or another .e.g. Hational Council of Women of Great Britain.

4. An Assessment: that women themselves have to struggle. The major need for an organization whose primary concern is to further interests of working women.

101. Sheila Rowbothan, Woman's Consciousness Man's World (Pelican 1973).\* B D ]

1. Ch. 6 'Sitting next to Hellie' in particular. Theoretical, historic and empirical.

2. A Marxist-feminist analysis i.e. women's role in production determine by their production within the family. A theory of patriarchy and

capitalism, sexual division and class division of labour.

3. Women span world of commodity production and production/reproduction in home. Two co-exist painfully in own lives. Antagonism between men and women built into separation of point of production from point of consumption. They have different relations to means of production not yet won right to equal exploitation in paid work. Conditions of capitalist production penetrate family but family mode of production affects commodity production e.g. types of jobs women have. Ideologic and material determinations.

4. Also considers

i) contradictions for educated women particularly 60s onwards: 'equal' education/non equal jobs.

ii) opposition within unions and at work from men who do not always support them

iii) equal pay and contradictions of its achievement.

 Concerned about women's consciousness of work and contradictory cncounter of spheres leading to new feminine consciousness. Working class women as potentially most subversive.

 Problems in book concern conceptualisation of family as precapitalist mode of production. Penetration by capitalism.

# 102. R.M. Titmuss 'The Position of Women, some vital statistics, in Essays on 'The Welfare State' (George Allen and Unwin 1st ed. 1958, 2nd ed. 1963).

1. His account of significant demographic changes in working class famil and women's position within it, was much used in discussions about married women's employment.

2. Decrease in family size and time spent by mother in child bearing.
Increased standard of living.

3. Increased expectations of life - more women pensioners.

4. Idea of companionship within narriage: 'democratisation'

5. Earlier and more marriages

- 6. Points to: dual role for women conflict between motherhood and wage earning. With child bearing and rearing intense only for a few years 'the question of the rights of women to an emotionally satisfyl life appears in a new guise'.
- 7. The numbers of married women in employment have increased: source of recruitment is women over 30.

8. Training etc. usually closed to the older women.

9. State needs to examine and be concerned with this social problem.

103. Eli Zaretsky, 'Capitalism, the Family and Personal Life' Socialist Revolut 3 no.1, pp.69-125, 1973. Also as a book same title.

An important Marxist contribution. Through historical analysis (often schenatic and unsatisfactory) theoretically attempting to:

i) Conceptualise the family (and within that women's labour, as part of mode of production. Hence that the family is historically specific no 'natural' or 'universal'. In the capitalist mode of production the family is seemingly separated from socialised commodity production as hence the private labour performed by women within home often unrecognised and always undervalued. Greates a second split between

our place within social division of labour and our personal lives i.e. work/family, men/women therefore

ii) place personal life, psychoanalysis within a Marxist analysis of production. Psychoanalysis hastorically produced by material relations. Implications:

i) politically in feminism 'versus' socialism arguments

ii) for kinds of jobs women take up, attitudes to that etc. in relation to their role at home.

## D. IDEOLOGY

# 104. Social Insurance and Allied Services, Beveridge, W.H., HMSO 1942. \*

1. Important as background to period because

i) its recommendations were targety implemented and have only recently undergone serious revision

ii) the ideological grounds which support the proposals particular treatment of women have still not disappeared.

2. Concerned to tacke 'Want' which seen as caused by interruption in carning power of wage earner in family. Two levels of economic support from State -

i) social insurance based on a contributory principle i.e. wage

carners pay in and rescive for unemployment etc.

ii) National assistance (Now supplementary benefit) based on means test - a sefety not for those who fell through (i)

3. Women a) assumed there would not be many narried women working after 2nd World war, a mistake, and b) saw family as unit (man and wife as team) with housewives as a distinct insurance class who receive benefits only through their husbands a contributions. He conceives her housework and notherhood as 'tal unpaid service' to be supported by maternity grants and child allowences.

4. Working married women receive lower benefits than men and single women

because assumed husbands support them.

i.c. women dependents in terms of insurance scheme and ideologically

and economically defined as nothers.

# 105. John Bowlby Montal Cars and Montal Honlth (NEO 1951.) \*

He does not deal at all with women's employment but has been pivotal in shaping response in 1950-60s to wom a i.e. married women with children working. While his findings related to children in institutions generalisations were need about all mother/child relationships. Crudely if women were not with their children 24 hours a day, i.e. worked, their children would suffer naternal deprivation with possibility of later becoming juvenile delinquents.

That is believed to be essertial for mental health is that the infant and young child should experience a warm, indicate and continuous relationship with his mother (or permanent mother falstitute) in which both find satisfaction and enjoyment. Civen this relationship the emotions of anxiety and guilt, which in costs thereof with neutral ill health will develop in a modern of any suggestion by , etc. ad neuscan.

# 106 Joan Barnes, A Momania Place (Comsure relition Centre 1960).

1. Glowingly optimistic at antillingly contradictory: the change a class protocol of the change and second a protocol of the configuration of the configurat

- Education for women now 'normal' so can afford to be feminine. Consider how far education for girls should be different (i.e. supports Crowther Report).
- 3. 'Fundamental privilege and duty of womanhood' still care of family.

  It is and should be that.
- 4. The slog of housework recognised but compensated by influential role as consumer on half of family and herself, and her role as moral upholder of stability.
- 5. Work outside defined by that. Work now acceptable for married women Should improve conditions rather than benoan fact.
- 6. Initiative needed to combat employers' prejudice and achieve responsi job. 'Short of complete social revolution the no. of women taking t jobs will be few compared to men'.
- 7. Acceptance of role of clite as vanguard carving out the path of employ They need support of majority.
- 8. Women partly to blame: must overcome diffidence and acquire education and training. PAPHLET.

# 107. Confederation of British Industry Employing women: the employers' view (CBI, 1967).

- 1. Accepts that innate abilities of men and women differ but employment prospects should be governed by real differences not on prejudice.
- 2. It is women's family commitments which respresent real difference (in Employers accept this as socially right: women do and should bear prime responsibility for home 'the economic value of the mothers work in home cannot be calculated but the social value is unquestionable.
- 7. Problems of employing married women and remedies: children sick al leave without pay, annual holidays, flexibility required, etc. Employers wish to encourage women without young children to work full time.
- 4. See no economic argument for nurseries but extention of nursery school Employers taking on women should satisfy themselves about quality of child care.
- 5. Accept that women have different aptitudes but much of belief about their capabilities is based on tradition.
- 6. Attitudes: reluctance to train women, man as breadwinner means single woman suffers all working life from prejudices that can only be understood by reference to married women. Wrong.
- 7. Difficulties stomming from legislation. Pensions, social security contributions for part time work. PAPHLET.

# 108. E. Dahlström (ed) The Changing Roles of Men and Women, (Duckworth 1967).

- 1. Swedish but very influential in British studies the pattern of futu development here.
- 2. Relevant ossays:
  - i) A. Baude P. Holmberg 'The Positions of Men and Women in the Labour Market'
  - ii) E. Dahlstron and R. Liljeström 'The Family and Married Women at work'
  - iii) S. Thorsell 'Employers atttitudes to female employees'
  - if) E. Dahlström 'Analysis of debate on sex roles'
- 3. Foreword Alva Myrdal: Debate advanced beyond conflict for women of 2 roles. Enlarged to encompass 2 roles of men, i.c. their role in family must be radically enlarged.
- 4. i) Maintains that only superficial equality achieved. Only a mino of women permanently combine role as wife and mother, which latter remains central for most women, even those in full employment.

- ii) Internationally most countries including Britain assume that men are primary family providers, women provided for, i.e. inevitable conflict for women in employment. Sweden (ILO Report) deviates from this: no labour legislation differentiating between men and women apart from rules concerning chila birth.
- iii) Findings not that different from Klein Employing Married Women but study acknowledges that traditional thinking shaped it.
  They could have examined employment cleavage in relation to men. Why so few male typists?
- iv) A useful analysis of ideological positions on sex roles into which different studies can be slotted: noderates, radicals etc.
- 109. Lord Denning, The Equality of Women (Liverpool University Press 1960).

Useful for 'feel' of the time in relation to women.

- 1. Women never had it so good almost equal
- 2. Nevertheless different from men: their principal task in life is to bear and rear children. Complementary.
- 3. 'Equality', their independence in working can be disruptive
  i) children may suffer bond between mother and child loosened
  - ii) in company with other men temptations. Morality of the race depends on morality of women folk.
- 4. But OK for her to work if she's up to it. But all other interests must be subordinated to principal task of maintaining a sound and healthy family life. PAMPHLET.
- in home cannot be calculated but the social value is unquestionable.

  Problems of employing married women and remedies: children sick al

  No: 5879, 1956, pp.242-3.

Interesting in representing optimism typical of the period, focussing on what already achieved rather than what yet to be struggled for, which is then contradicted.

- 1. 'By 1955 the last bastion of real public interest was reached, when equal pay in the public service was premised in seven annual instalments. The feminists are now engaged very busily in mopping up operations'.
- 2. Account of demands from Status of Women Committee to change women's position including:
  equal pay for equal work in public sector
  equal opportunity in employment repeal of protective legislation
- 3. Sees working class women as largely untouched by 'feminist' ideas and action.
- 4. T.Us important cause of inquality clos ed shops
  Employers "
- 5. Women's dual potential as wives as workers contributory to economic disability.
- 111. Young Fabian Pamphlet II Honan Power (Fabian Society January 1966.) F\*
  - 1. Interesting because written at time of 'full employment' when we/man power shortage 'almost a national emergency', in context of economic growth as panacea (and possible) to all problems. Thus:
    - i) economy needs women particularly in expanding social services ii) many married women want to work but do not.
  - · Married women as a reserve because
    - i) changed family structure earlier marriage, smaller f. etc.
    - ii) changed attitude to women working moral obligation on professional women working 2 educated lost, but not going

to persuade those women who want to stay at home to go out to work. Details of women's centrality in most sectors.

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2. From Viola Klein Britain's Married Women Workers Part time work chiefly what women want. Problems:

i) employers - discriminate. Believe high turnover, absentecism, et

ii) T.Us - part time work threat to full time males

iii) Employment exchanges - not used

iv) Training and Retraining - lack of and unsuitable time schedules

v) Children - Strong belief that children suffer - dire need for nurseries.

Recommendations for these problems. PAMPHLET.

# 112. Ronald Fletcher The Family in Great Britain (1962).\*

Assumes equality in marriage between men and women.

- 1. Women working seen in relation to its effect on marital relations and family. i.e. part time work when children young and full time later makes a successful marital relationship more demanding and intricate than ever before
- 2. P.179 Increase in numbers of wives and nothers at work. Concern for children - Suggest part time work so harm to them not incurred. Rights of women need not be acted upon and must always be balanced against role in home.

3. Refers to findings of Peak Fream study.

4. Pattern for professional women established: education, work, children, re enter career part time, full time.

5. Secondary modern school educated - majority of women no training. Should give more attention to this group to enable them to work. Require new hours of work, child care etc.

6. Family tensions may be enhanced if women at work.

ii) increasingly dissatisfied with lot.

# 113. Gooffrey Gorer 'Woman's Place 1960', The Danger of Equality and Other Essays (Cresset Press 1966)

1. Suggesting that since demands of suffragettes were conceded we have had a 'sexless' pattern which he be leves is not satisfactory. According to him we should emphasis: 'the fundamental difference in physiology and rhythm between nen and women, instead of forcing women, if their lives are not to be private or confined to a few 'feminine' occupations to act as though they were imitation men?'

2. Interesting for what seems a reactionary position (and is!) but which is taken up by the women's movement in a different form later, i.e. that women should not try o or libe man; that femininity, socially not biglogically and inch has something to offer.

# 114.15 to 18 (Crowther Report) Vol. Report (HMSO 1959).

1. Notable for its acceptance of the status quo in relation to sex roles which it sees as having a 'natural' basis.

2. Education should be geared to facilitating these roles: i.c. particular for 'less able' girl 'the prospec' of courtship and marriage should rightly influence their cucation.

3. Girls customerily gone in a range of jobs at 18 which not available to boys who go on to coll achiminating Their sixth form education should therefore be diff only channelling girls into traditionally fenale occupations: toe ming, nursing, business and secretarial jobs. Recognizes very few girls in part time day release: blames on lack of incentives for employers, short working period

Accepts pattern of: work, fraily, work, for womens onus ons i) industry to make easier for women to play part

ii) education: girls should be encouraged to qualify for 'suitable' professions they can work in later - what is 'suitable', a widening

Information on: employment record of school leavers, occupation, from social survey reasons, wage, distance to work, number of jobs.

\* Cannot see much hope of gearing education for intellectual able girls to marriage. A conflict for them between education and personal interests.

# 115. Department of Employment Manpower Paper no. 10. Women and Work, Sox Differences and Society, J.S. King, B.A., Ph.D. (HMSO 1974).

- 1. Slightly mislcading title. Bears little direct relation to women
- 2. Focuses on sexual differences while constantly reminding us that background to differences is the overwhelming similarity of the sexes. Differences within each sex far cutweigh differences between sexes.

3. In fact notes that little research been done comparing men and women in 'on the job' performances. Information gleaned from experiments and 'pencil and paper' tests.

5. 2 and 3 and 4 seen to invalidate or at least make study fairly useless in relation to women at work!

Explanations are sought in differential environment of sexes, roles they have to play rather than in biological sex.

6. Runs through evidence on: phrical differences, differences in ability. in personality, interests and values, socialisation and sex roles.

7. Concludes: women should not be excluded from consideration of job on basis of gender. Interviewers should be aware of influence of sex stereotypes on judgement. PANCHLET.

# 116. Women in Britain (HMSO 1964).

1. Coloured by general optimism of period in relation to women: full participation of women in industry, professions etc. accepted as normal feature of life.

Equality under law the' wages unequal. Slowly changing. The principle of equal pay but agreed should be achieved through ordinary negotiations not by Government legislation.

Women at works statistics. Re sons for working, part time:

i) economic

ii) increased stendard of living iii) desire for compansionship

iv) intellectual rowards of a propossional career.

Importance of labour saving devices, essier houses, to women combining home and work.

Details of various work situations: Commerce: marriage prevents women getting top jobs '(they' ten' to marry . . and are either unable or unwilling to devote sufficient time and energy to furthering their careers! - Reluctance of amployers to train them - uneconomic but some headway: the 1st woman benk manager 1958 . . .!!

i) teaching - again don't get top jobs

ii) science & engineering increasing numbers. 6. A fairly superficial publication.

# 117. John Newson, The Education of Girls, (Faber and Faber 1948).

- 1. Rather earlier than period under consideration but important for attitudes expressed (and see : ter Hewson Report on education).
- 2. That women perform different to in life, centrally mothers and wives, secondarily work in o Loyment.
- 3. Their education should not be the same as boys but should educate then for the role they are later to play.
- 4. Not seen that women are playing less important role than when they adopt initative roles of men - in public life etc. Hot mean they are subordinate to men.
- 5. Discusses teachers and teaching in girls school. The problem of embittered spinsters passing on values to 'docile girls', who may develop qualities in antithesis to those needed to be wife and mother Teachers if unmarried should be attractive enough to look as if could have married!
  - 6. Women best as primary and nursery teachers. No suggestion that men should enter the profession. (its natural affinity with woman's biological function in society,
  - 7. Women hold key position as teachers, second in community to that of mothers.

## 118. Sunday Times Magazine, May 1964. Advert for Colston dish washer. Caption: Thousands of Housewives strike and enjoy it.

Britain's housewives have never had a strike. The suffragettes night have considered it - but they certainly didn't do it. Today it's a different story . . . You'd expect housewives to down tools once in a while. They work long, tiring hours - seven days a week, fifty weeks a year. But there's never been a nurnur about striking . . . until now.

Today and every other day, thousands of housewives will happily go on strike for an hour. And it won't be that there's no fixed salary. Nor will they strike over having to work a 90 hour week.

It will be because of automation.

# 119. United Nations Equal Pay for Equal Work

- 1. U.K. page 50.
- 2. In recent years substantial advances. Progressively being introduct into teaching.
- 3. T.U.C. in support but not The British Employers Confederations in submission to Royal Commission on Equal Pay reported that field where women employed on identical work to men small. Usually paid less it 722. Ed. Ronald Frazer Work 2 (Penguin 1969). D that work.

'The differentiation, the Confederation suggested was dependent upon a variety of factors, which included the relatively lower output of women, the differences between the duties assigned to the two sexes and the degree of supervision or assistance they respectively require PAMPHLET.

## 120. G. Williams, The Marriage Rate and Women's Employment (The Fawcett Lecture 1966-7).

- 1. Comments on feature of 50's writings about women that tended to asset equality of men and women had been achieved. In 60's a spate of articles revealed illusion of that.
- 2. Represents a shift from political to economic sphere, i.e. women at

- Profound difference between men and women because of the very different routes lives 'inevitably' take - child bearing for women.
- Problems different in employment according to type of work women able
- Chief problems for educated women with specialised training who can become bored by house/child care and can only acquire job below their capacity. Less and less usual to find women in the most responsible positions. Dangerous: it will soon become accepted as it was last century, that women are 'naturally' suited to subordinate roles.
- 6. Women who in wage earning occupations more opportunities, home where most creative energy invested. They usually return after bringing up children, to different jobs - not office work but shops and domestic work. Combination of work and marriage has brought increased dependence for them.
- 7. Real problem of educational facilities for older women. PAMPHLET.

- 121. Dinah Brooke 'Identity' in The Body Politic (ed) Michelene Wondor (Stage 1, 1972).
  - Explores how women experience their identity and how that identity is constituted. 'What I have been trying to illustrate is that in this present society, and in most of the societies we know about, most men despise all women, and most women despise most women as well, and that includes themselves. A woman's identity is formed in fact in ways which are almost a prescription for schizophrenia. The conditioning processes of society advertisements, magazine stories and articles, films, novels, TV and the expectations of people around her, expressed in the educational and logal systems, insist that she needn't bother to be a person, but should find her true fulfillment in being a wife and mother. If she tries to fight this conditioning process and finds models to identify with in order to grow into an independent and creative person, most of the models she finds will be male, which means that in order to identify with them she has to shut her eyes for the moment, to the fact that she is female, which does not help her to develop feelings of sympathy and solidarity with other women, which in turn means it is all the more difficult to fight the conditioning process.'

- 1. Personal accounts, all (20) by men, except:
  - i) 'The Secretary' Catherine Dracup
  - ii) The Forelady' Alice Brown iii) 'Child Care Officer'
  - Intro: work 'the human activity of mastering and transforming the given - is (or should be) therefore one of the principal ways in which we make ourselves' - Masculine?
  - The Secretary i) wanted to do socially useful work, meet people the' it meant a cut in wages (in mon's accounts money nearly always very important)
  - ii) She likes job because feels in charge, and matters to people iii) Children at child welfare clinic - important feature
  - iv). Respect for employers factor that kept her there for so long. 4. The Forelady
    - Particularly interesting account because of way contradictions are posed but not realised as such.

ii) The importance of taking care over her job

iii) her position on both sides: management and girls - makes girls take it in turns to go to management about wages so that no one gets a bad name but is critical of them because she thinks their sole individual concern is money.

iii) On the other hand her own pay is a pittance, she knows the men get more but still stays on with increasing responsibility, and

taken for granted.

iv) Although recognises section work is boring she is critical of girls who adopt 'couldn't-care-less' attitude.

v) Admiration for 'old man' the boss - who treats employees 'personally' despite low wages.

vi) But glad her daughter is not doing it.

# 122. 5. Child Care Officer

i) liked being with children and people, interested in the development of relationsh.

ii) variety of job - one day never like another its attraction at

first, though later wished there were more routine.

iii) Very aware of bad positioning of their office from clients' point of view - inaccessible. Critical of whole environment inside building

iv) Hierarchy: Impossibility of sharing responsibility with someone supposedly 'higher up' but whose information came from oneself

v) No mention of pay anywhere.

6. Alvin Gouldner 'The Unemployed Self': speculates on future.
Envisages more leisure, which may lead to all men and women in no man land of the housewife.

i) doubts about worth

ii) 'housewife culture, in which we live surrounded by still more objects that we own but do not possess, use but do not know!.

iii) they will seek out good causes and new projects to convince themselves of worth.

It is of course a middle class account, no realisation of domestic labour involved, nor of structural determinants of that oppression.

- 123. Dorothy Hobson, 'Housewives: isolation as Oppression! in Women Take Issue Women's Studies Group (Hutchinson, 1978(.
  - 1. Based on taped interviews, looks at a group of working class, young, married women with children living on a housing estate in Birminghan.

2. They talk both about their past paid work and their present domestic

and child care work in the family.

3. Paid work is generally seen in attractive terms, particularly in terms of the company to be had there - the laughs, the friends, even though most of their jobs were boring, monotonous labour - shop, office, fact and servicing work. One feature of their 'monotonous' work lives we their frequent change of jobs as a means to make work tolerable again.

Donestic work. Their paid work was attractive in contrast to the isolation of this work. The wonen recognize its difference from new - no leisure, no escape at the end of the day. Motherhood seen as the area of pleasure for women, partly differentiated from 'work' and more associated with sexuality, but also that which traps them in the family. If it were not for child care which they fatally accept as their responsibility they would go out to work.

124. Interview: 'I've always been working for Women's Liberation' in The Body Politic, (ed.) Michelene Wondor (1972 Stage 1).

1. An interview with Muriel 49, left school at 14, who works in a factory - a print store assistant.

2. Besides the money enjoys the companionship of people but gets nothing out of job.

. Also on district committee of union and realised men didn't really know that much more than she did.

4. Is particularly concerned about lack of equal pay as symptom of women's position as second class citizens.

# 125. Polly Toynbee, A Working Life, (Madder and Stoughton, 1971)

Accounts of her and her workmates experiences on the job. Impressionistic but interesting quotes, observations.

Ch 2 Cakes: cake factory; insanity of small incidents which create aggression - over speed worked; importance of breaks in routine - machines breaking down, tea and coffee breaks; women worked harder than men; very poor; mostly married with children.

Ch 3 Maternity Ward: as orderly, just above cleaners in an over-worked impoverished working class hospital; yelled at by nurses who are down trodden; agency nurses who think themselves superior; little affection concern for patients/babies.

Ch 4 Car parts: Lucases. Most women been there a good few years; a strike spearated poor from reasonably well off who not so frightened about being laid off; arbitrary nature of friendships - not maintained outside work.

Ch 5 Army: Either stayed or left, but didn't complain; most had had many jobs before; joined up without much thought; high proportion from disturbed families; hardly treated as humans.

Ch 6 Soap: Port Sunlight. 'Spelling' - overmanning allowed everyone to have 5 mins. in loo every hour. Attempt by management to get women into part time shifts. Dreams of winning pools.

# 126 Ferdynand Zweig, Woman's Life and Labour (Victor Gollancz, 1952).

1. An early account of working class women's experience at work.

2. Shows how women justify behaviour through a whole ideological superstructure if not working: role as wife and mothers

or if working for economic necessity, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3} 'chose' to escape pettiness and boredom of home life. Justifies her existence in a way men don't have to, because men's work, unlike women's home role is socially recognized.

· Women felt independent when working

5. Child care and its quality their constant preoccupation.

They try to 'humanize' the factory. Hice company important factor. They respond, work harder, when appealed to as individuals.

7. Zweig also attempts to look at class differences. Suggests a wider difference between working/middle class women than their male counter parts.

8. Working class woman overburdened, no time for leisure, accepts her

lot, not expecting any better - endures it fatally.

9. Zweig is patronising but his material clearly indicates women's oppression and their responses and negotiations of that which take contradictory forms and expressions. Some achieved minimal economic independence and psychological strengths; others are worn away by worry and overwork.

## F. POLITICS

- 127. Sally Alexander 'The Nighteleaners Campaign' in Conditions of Illusion:
  Papers from the Women's movement (ed.) Sandra Allen, Lee Sanders, Jan
  Wallis (Feminist Books 1974), Also in Red Reg No. 6.
  - 1. Holds a special position in history of women's movement as the first public involvement in a struggle of working women organize themselves at their place of work.

2. Discusses tactics and strategy used in the campaign. Its developmen

- 3. Details of night cleaning: done by mothers who are either sole providers or husband's on low pay. Isolated. Often two jobs fitti housework in between, little sleep. Generally outside unions, hard to organize according to unions:
- 4. Women have interiorised inferiority: see themselves as mothers, job a necessary but temporary expedient. Fatalistic about changing situation. Sceptical of unions.
- 5. Male unionists not regard night cleaning as 'real' work part time 'casual', outside commodity production.

6. Labour intensive, requiring cheap labour.

- 7. At theoretical level require a historical materialist analysis of the position of women's work in the labour market i.e. relationship between women's work (waged and domestic labour) and capitalism.
- 128. Conditions of Illusion: Papers from the Women's Movement (ed) Sandra Alle Lee Sanders, Jan Wallis (Feminist books 1974), (See separate authors).

1. Useful collection of papers from the WLM written since 1972.

Particularly relevant to employment: 'Sexism, Capitalism and the Fami

- 2. Michelen Wondor 'The Conditions of Illusion Prt II. 'Economic'
  Lee Comer 'Functions of the Family p.213...
  Angela Weir 'The Family, Social Work and the Welfare State'
  Rosalind Delmar 'Sexism, Capitalism and the Family'
  Jean Gardiner 'Women's work in the Industrial Revolution'
  Sarah Boston 'Women's Work'
  Leonora Wilson et al 'The Independence Demand'
  Audrey Wise 'Trying to stay human'
  Sarah Boston 'Equal Pay'
  Felicity Trodd 'Some Facts about Equal Pay'
  Sally Alexander 'The Highteleaners' Campaign'
  Linda Smith 'Working Women's Charter'
  N. Edney and D. Phillips 'Striking Progress'
- 3. Includes documents: Working Mothers' Charter, "Target" Maternity Leave Campaign, TUC Best Practice Maternity Leave Recommendations.
- 129. Sunday Times 'Women's Rights: The Missed Opportunity', 20/2/77, Patricia Ashdown-Sharp.
  - 1. On the first year of the Equal Opportunities Commission A record of very little having been attempted
  - 2. Details of industrial tribunal cases on equal pay anti discrimination e.g. Electrolux.
- \* EF and Publishing 1976).
  - 1. Illustrated booklet. Clearly written articles, originally in newspapers aimed at tenants, squatters, claimants etc. Introduction to

4 areas of work, interviews with women - what their work involves, how they feel about it, comment on unions that could potentially be involved in improving conditions.

Lambeth and Southwark - high no. of women with young children and elderly women work. High no. of Irish and W. Indian immigrants. Do not work for 'pin money' - high male unemployment. 'Home' work' for those women totally tied up together. Do women's work, 'the typical work of inner London's cleaning, clerking and caring. Employers flexible when it suits them - married women, e.g. catalogue selling - women sell to friends so no debts incurred. Launderette attendant who 'lives in'. On call all day. Women take a personal and 'housewifely' concern over jobs.

3.i <u>Night Cleaning</u> - at Shell Centre. Details of contract work, pay. What women do, lack of sleep, campaigns for better pay, unions, lack of concorn. Realize how aweful work is but have no choice.

ii) Launderette - no pay but tiny flat for husband and child which why she took job. Also means she can keep youngest with her all day.

iii) Mail order - Freenan's. Housewives part time sellers, poorly paid, at bottom of hierarchy of workings in company. Details of co. success which depends on these women.

iv) Women at home - Engagement in collective action - housing, etc.
How men don't think they can organize but they DO.

# 131. Anna Coote and Tessa Gill, Women's Rights: A Practical Guide (Ponguin 1974).

- 1. Deals with details of Equal Pay Act, what it does and does not give to women, how employers can dodge act, and what women can do about it.

  (Before anti-discrimination act passed).
- 2. ie. join unions some details of action taken by groups of women in unions, Biba, Dagenham.

3. Women workers and factory acts - night work restrictions.

- 4. Protective legislation as argument for not giving women equal pay.
- Maternity leave, in few jobs, except 'public sector'. Details.
   Training, lack of information, opportunities scarce. Figures, apprenticeships, further education. Poor careers advice at school. Details of how to get job/ training.
- 7. Proposals for anti-discrimination act.
- 8. Tax, married, single how its worked out
- 9. National Insurance 10. Unemployment benefit
- 11. Pension.

# 132. Jean Coussins, The Equality Report, (NCCL 1977).

- 1. A guide to how the Equal Pay Act, Sex Discrimination Act and other new legislation relating to women are faring after the first year of implementation.
  - 2. It is based on an analysis of all industrial tribunals and appeal decisions in the first 10 months of 1976, a survey of tribunal hearings and over 1,500 cases and inquiries dealt with by NCCL

3. 28% of equal pay cases were won at tribunals.

- 4. This appallingly low success rate is due in part to the inadequacies of the EPA, to tribunals not applying the law correctly even as it stands and to the fact that people bringing cases need to be better prepared.
- 5. A help for those wishing to take action under new laws.

(Taken from Women's Report, Vol. 5, No. 3, Merch/April 1977).

- 133. M. Edney and D. Philips, 'Striking Progress' in Conditions of Illusion:
  Papers from the Women's Movement (ed.) Sandra Allen, Lee Sanders, Jan
  Wallis (Feminist Books 1974).
  - 1. Details of women's strikes July 1973 October 1974.
  - 2. Over demands for minimum basic rate for women workers, equal pay, job opportunities, union recognition, against factory closure, low piece work rates, holiday pay, being laid off, reduction in hours, victimisation and sacking, racial discrimination, better conditions.
- The Report of a Departmental Committee (HMSO, 1971).

Report far reaching in its recommendations for nurseries, maternity leave and provision of responsible part time work which would make it easier for women to combine a career and family responsibilities.

- 1. Recognition that equality not crux of problem: conditions of employme designed for men unbroken service. Equality should reflect differe social patterns of men and women i.e. accepts that women who will have primary responsibility for child care.
- 2. Geared to preventing loss to Service of trained women.
- 3. Examines:
  - i) Equality of opportunity (N.B. Before Sex Discrimination Act)
  - ii) Working wives: anachronism of gratuities, accompanying husbands to new areas, annual leave, leave for domestic crises.
    - iii) Maternity leave: recommends 3 months paid 3 months unpaid
    - iv) part time work: sees as most important issue. Requires change in attitude and policy
- v) Care of school children experimental nursery 4 years with fees fixed in relation to salary
  - vi) returning to work: should be regarded as normal not exceptional.
    Facilitated: retraining etc. PAMPHLET.
- 135 Danger! Women at Work, Report of a Conference Organized by the HCCL 16/2/74, ed. Patricia Hewitt (HCCL, 1974).
  - 1. Its aim was to bring women from T.Us and other organizations to women's novement, professionals . . . together; discuss employment; how to initiate action within T.U. movement.
  - 2. Discussion on anti-discrimination and equal pay; how evaded; But also stress needs beyond that, pension rights, creches etc.
  - 3. Women should be treated as special case because of their double responsibility at work and home.
  - 4. Discussed maternity leave and child care, protective laws (for and against), social security, national insurance and pensions penalise as 'dependents'; training, women in T.Us. where male domination.
  - 5. Recommendations and discussion, critical of most aspects of present situation, radical in most of proposals. e.g.
    - i) maternity and paternity leave as of right
      ii) challenge the concept of 'work' which in excluding women's
    - domestic work discriminates against them in relation to benefits.

      iii) unions should be concerned with problem of creches, launderettes which are usually outside their field of action.
- 136 Claire Johnstone, Screen No.2., Review of: Paterns of Discriminations in the Film and Television (ACTT, 1975).
  - 1. ACTT one of first unions to secure equal pay, late 1930s but not altered real position of women: Deterioration over last 20 years, proportion fewer 17.8 14.8%.

- 2. Report marks culmination of over 2 years struggle by women in union at shop floor level for investigation into discrimination.
- 3. Shift in period to women working in 'ghettoes'. Underestimation of their skills and refusal to acknowledge domostic responsibilities.
- 4. Comprehensively analyses nature of discrimination and makes specific proposals: equal pension rights, 26 weeks maternity leave, 4 weeks paternity leave, creche, 15% quota in each grade and on training courses.
- 5. But with recession impact of a 'feminist' report likely to be less.
  No debate on it at Annual Conference.
- 6. Johnstone criticises it for not attending to the economic determinants and social relations of a declining film industry.
- 7. Consciousness: ideological determinations stemming from nature of union itself: middle class status distinctions of occupations.
- 8. Sexist ideology: 'conditioning' Johnstone: such a definition is a flaw, because bypasses need to struggle on that terrain. Report has fundamentally conomic, not feminist assumptions.
- 137. Ileonora Lloyd 'Women, Work and Equal Pay' in The Body Politic (ed.) A Michelene Wondor (Stage 1, 1972).
  - 1. Quite short but fairly comprehensive article on broad aspects of E.P.
  - 2. Argues that it would be wrong under present conditions to say all women should work, but it does give women a degree of independence and possibility of entering the labour movement Wages for housework wrong.
  - 3. Statistics on women's employment: unskilled, services, concentrations Also: Regions most concentration H.W. Britain, lowest Wales.
  - 4. Reasons for work. How taken for granted single women work. (Hunt) Financial company etc. Other factors: hours, friends, distance travel.
  - 5. Basic pay and carnings both loss: less overtime. TUC argue that a minimum low wage would benefit women more than E.P. More of women's pay from piece work. Open to abuse when no unions.
  - 6. Most women in 'women's jobs'. Except for secretaries in big cities low paid.
  - 7. Do badly because
    - i) poor representation in T.Us.
    - ii) primarily women are conceptualised as being in home.
  - 8. Provisions of equal pay: 'Broadly similar work'. Most women don't fit the category so can only receive no less than minimum male rate.
  - 9. Employers will attempt to further segregate sexes. Industrial
  - Relations Act make it more difficult for women to form new unions.

    10. Not give women more opportunity. Need to fight for that.
  - 11. Postcript: Pattern confirmed, but sharpening union action by men and women.
- 138. Celia Pugh, Dodie Weppler, Anne Foreman 'The IMG Contribution for the C Women and Socialism Conference', Women and Socialism Conference Paper 3, (Birmingham, September 1974).
  - 1. The women's movement developed from the contradictions within the material and ideological basis of the traditional female identity: one contradiction women educated in 1960s faced with a job market totally inconsistent with the high expectations engendered by their experience of higher education i.e. for educated woman gap between what was in theory possible (a career, economic independence) came slap up against traditional barriers dependence on and commitment to the family.

2. For working class women their acceptance of family role provided a break on militancy.

3. The paper is mainly about the relation between theoretical development and political practice for the women's movement: strategies, campaigns, in development of class struggle.

4. Effect of economic crisis on women engaged in productive and non productive labour. Equal pay Act ignores material roots of sexual division of labour.

5. Role of women in home in maintaining stability - changing women entering labour force.

6. Strikes involving women: nurses, teachers egs. of most advanced strug

## 139. Red Rag

No.2. Cassandra Southwick 'Women, the Unions and Work' - Selma Jones.
Contributions from Sheila Rowbothan, Sue Cowley, Rob Delmar and Michelene Victor.

No.4 Whittington hospital strike, April 1973.

No.5 Caroline Freeman 'When is a wage not a wage?' On 'Wages for housework' debate. 1972-3 Striking progress.

No. 6 Sally Alexander 'The Night Cleaners - an assessment of the campaign. Betty Harrison 'Minority of Millions' - about unions.

No. 7 Rosalind Delmar on nurses' strike

No. 8 Myra Garrett on Mursery nurses. 1973-A-Striking Progress

No.10 Jean Gardiner Women and Unemployment

Barbara Taylor 'Our labour and our power - some remarks on

All work and no pay, edited by Wendy Edmond and Suzic Fleming.

# 140. Margherita Rendel and others, Equality for Women, Fabian Research Series Cl 268 (Fabian Society, 1968).

- 1. Recognizes discrimination as overt and subtle, of ten ignored 'because many men and some fortunate women remain unaware of its extent. And emancipation of one sex not completed without emancipation of the other.
- 2. Discusses:
  - i) Education: worth/investment in girls of value to individual and nation, lack of provisions for science subjects but problem social: heavy emphasis on marriage as end for girls

ii) employment: modes of discrimination in professions, and for manual workers. Un/equal pay.

iii) home and society: Notes only in relation to women working seen as necessary to look at effects on home. Misrepresentation of Bowlby's work. Part time work should become recognised as normal form of employment for men and women.

iv) suggesting sharing of roles. Requires changes in schools.

Of benefit to men and women.

v) Fairly detailed recommendations for tax, National insurance, pensions, to give women independence etc.

iv) American case: comparison race/sex. Recommends Sex Discriminat Act and Equal Opportunity Commission. PAMPHLET.

# 141. Linda Smith 'Working Women's Charter' in Conditions of Illusion: Papers from the Women's Movement, (ed) Sandra Allen, Lee Sanders, Jan Wallis (Feminist Books, 1974).

1. About the campaign for demands of charter, March 74. London Trades Council circulated it to London labour movement and later called a Conference. Now promoted by union branches, Trades Councils, women's groups and individual Trade Unionists.

 Represents first attempt to bring together ideas and analysis of women's movement - oppression of women in family and their exploitation as workers - with strength and organization of the labour movement.

3. T.Us usually deal only with problem of wages on the job, for them a clear division between home and work. Not possible for women to make that separation. Charter attempts to break that separation by listing nurseries, abortion as well as equal pay.

. Can be used as a basis for campaigning among entire labour movment -

but specifically aimed at women.

5. Attempt to break down social/economic problems; home/work; individual's responsibility/class responsibility; division between unions/politicians responsibility.

# 141. The Working Women's Charter

We pledge ourselves to agitate and organize to achieve the following aims:

- 1. The rate for the job regardless of sex, at rates negotiated by the unions, with a national minimum wage below which no wages should fell.
- 2. Equal opportunity of entry into occupations and in promotion, regardless of sex or marital status.
- 3. Equal education and training for all occupations and compulsory day release for all 16-19 year olds in employment.
- 4. Working conditions to be, without deterioration of previous conditions, the same for women as for men.
- 5. The removal of all legal and bureaucratic impediments to equality, e.g. with regard to tenancies, mortgages, pension schemes, taxation, passports, control over children, social security payments, H.P. agreement.
- 6. Improved provision of local authority day nurseries, free of charge, with extended hours to suit working nothers. Provision of nursery classes in day nurseries. More nursery schools.
- 7. 18 weeks maternity leave with full net pay before and after birth of a live child; 7 weeks after birth if child is still born. No dismissal during pregnancy or maternity leave. No loss of security, pension or promotion prospects.
- 8. Family Planning Clinics supplying free contraception to be extended to cover every locality. Free abortion to be readily available.
- 9. Family allowances to be increased to £2.50 per child, including the first child.
- 10. To campaign amongst women to take an active part in T.Us and in political life so that they may exercise influence commensurate with nos. and to campaign amongst men T.Uists that they may work to achieve this aim.

# 142. Spare Rib

Ho.5, November 1972 'And may I say you're gorgeous'. One woman's experience of escort agencies.

No. 5, November 1972 'Unionisation of Biba workforce' (no.4 On general standards of pay and working conditions). From August 1972 attempts to join USDAW. First successful attempt. Previously girls had been sacked. No. 6, December 1972. 'Super job for a super girl'. Requirements: shorthand, typing, good legs and tits, first class honours in servility. On clerical work.

No.6, December 1972. Michael Fogarty on equal pay and opportunity.
May 1973, 'Equal pay, make it work if you can'. How employers are getting round it - job evaluation schemes.

June 1973 Joyce Betries 'Waitress due Jour', A woman's experience of waitressing in U.S.A.

Juhe 1973 'The chances are . . . what women workers can do about equal pay' Geoffrey Sheridan.

No. 16 1973. Sarah Boston 'Women's work' means low pay and double exploitati

No. 19 Robert Taylor 'Sex objects - surprize statistics'. Summarises 1971 census figures. Ignores work women do at home but explodes myth that man's wage is sufficient to support a family without help from wife.

143. No. 21. Lucy Gilchrist 'Hursery nurses. We want our own union' Describes her day.

No. 23. Philippa Steele 'Out of work'. How to understand and use social security.

No. 24. Muriel Hells 'Life in the Office'. About being a shorthand typist as a teenager in the 20s and comparing it to office life in the 50s.

No. 25. Article on nurses militancy.

No. 25. On unequal pay. Developments since 1970.

Fo. 29. 'Women workers and the TUC'. Women voted at TUC conference to retain Women Workers Conference.

No. 29. Anna Day. Works representative in a Stoke-on-Trent pottery.

No. 30. December 1974. Suc Sharpe 'If social work isn't women's work, what is it?' Contradictions of being a social worker.

No. 31. January 1975. 'What happened at Heywood'. On equal pay strike for eleven weeks which failed.

No. 33. 'Homeworkers in North London' investigation into sweated labour.

No. 34. April Marsha Rowe 'Women's employers: GEC'

No. 35. May. Marsha Rowe 'Is Weinstock a Male Chauvinist Pig?' The actions of women workers in struggle for equal pay at GEC.

144. No.37. July 1975. 'They call us militants. 'How does the fight against redundancy affect women? Lynne Segal and Allison Fell interview women sitting in at Crosfields Electronics.

No. 41. Hovember 1975. Jean McCrindle 'Probation Officer in the 60's'.

No. 42. December 1975. Doris Pitts on her work as a bus driver.

No. 43. February 1976. A group of lawyers discuss scope of Sex Discrimination Act, and how women can organize around it. News: 7 page section on industrial action over equal pay.

No. 45. April 1976 'Hursing in Factories' Jill Nichols and Angela Philips.
Hows: night cleaners case at Industrial Tribunal.

Ho. 47. June 1976. 'Prostitution' Gerrie Moore talking to Victoria Green.
Hews: Equal Pay strikes in Scotland; A psychiatric hospital - women
workers struggle for a nursery.

Ho. 48. July 1976. 'I'm gonna be an electrical engineer' Margaret Charman talking to Angela Philips.

Hows: Equal Pay in relation to pay guideline 1976-7.

145. No.49. August 1976. 'In the beginning' Christine Bools on midwifery. News: Trice; Au pairs.

No. 50. September 1976. Hews: Trico.

Ho. 51: October 1976. News: Trico; Temps.

Ho. 52. November 1976. Amrit Wilson on Asian women and racism - homeworkers unemployment/redundancy for black women.

Hews: Trico, TUC women's conference.

Ho.53, December 1976. News: Win for Trico women.

Equal opportunity tribunals.

No. 54. January 1977. 'Brook Street Bureau Got Big by . . . ! Sally Jones. Hews: Homeworkers Charter: Asian women on strike at Grunwick.

No. 57. April 1977 'Married Woman's option to change . . . ' Ruth Lister on new national insurance scheme.

No. 59. June 1977 'Working for the Union' Anny Breckx talks to trade union officials responsible for women's rights.

Hews: chambermaids strike, Grunwicks.

146. No. 60. July 1977 'Mice in Manchester' Rose Ades and Eleanor Stephens on Equal Opportunities Commission.

No. 61. August 1977. 'Grunwick Women' Bea Campbell and Val Charlton. Fo. 62. September 1977. Pows: occupation at British Steel Greenwick, Tribunal under Scx Discrimination Act.

No. 66. January 1978. 'Sweatshop at Home' Chris Poulter 'Payment for staying put' Angela Phillips and Buth Wallsgrove - on payment for mothers to stay home.

No. 67. February 1978. 'The Cinderella Industry' Anny Erackx on hotel work. No. 69. April 1978. 'Are you a type writer' Clare Cherrington - on secretarial work.

'Prostitutes organize' Ruth Wallsgrove, Birmingham PROS describe the campaign.

Ho. 70. May 1978. 'Hursing and Racisa'.

Plus there are always small news items on women at work which are not included hore.

# 147. TUC Momen Workers' Conference 1973 (TUC 1973).

Motions discussed and carried included:

 Economic depression hits working women particularly hard; lack of job opportunities for upgrading and advancement.

 Support for women hospital ancillary workers in efforts to secure wages reflecting their role in health service.

3. Equal pay, Low Pay and Discrimination against women workers.

4. Part time workers - discrimination against

5. Maternity leave - at least three months paid leave and full rights to return to job.

6. Social facilities in rural areas. Difficult for mothers. Better transport, medical, nursery services. Light industry.

7. Hursery education. Government proposals insufficient - more day nurseries and nursery schools for all children.

6. Education: day release and training opportunities apprenticeships same for girls as boys. Investigation of positive discrimination in favour of women in post school education and training.

9. Ponsions: discriminatory practices towards women to be removed.

10. Family allowances should continue to be paid to women.

11. Protective legislation for homeworkers. + Appendix. Anti discrimination Bill.

# 148. TUC Appendix to 43rd TUC Women's Congress Report on the Anti-discrimination Bill (TUC, 1973). by Women's Advisory Committee.

#### Discusses:

1. Can legislation help?

2. Passage through parliament - Select Conmittee

3. Education

4. Careers guidance

5. Training and day release

6. Job opportunities and Promotion

7. Turnover and Absenteeism

8. Protective legislation as accompanies assess

9. Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act 1919.

10. Comments on the Anti Discrimination Bill, c.g. Labour Party, Race Relations Board former chairman, etc.

11. Attitudes of Employers and of T.U.s.

12. Experience in USA and Ganada.

13. Conclusion:

i) the Lords Committee now convinced of discrimination

- ii) Government Social Survey investigating women's securing of equal treatment
- iii) Await Committees report and social Survey report.
- 50. Felicity Todd, 'Some Facts about Equal Pay' in Conditions of Illusion: A Papers from the Women's Movement (ed) Sandra Allen, Lee Sanders, Jan Wallis (Fedinist Books, 1974).

1. Details of Act.

2. Criticism: at best could only affect \frac{1}{3} - majority of women do not

do 'the same or broadly similar work'.

3. 'Equal pay for work of equal value'. More liberal ILO definition but more dangerous because need a job evaluation scheme. Poses 'value for whom?' - the market/profit/employer. Hot take into account the value of women's demestic labour which accounts for their inequality on the labour market in the first place.

4. T.U.s Defend working class as workers at point of production i.e. ignore women's social role. Accept equal pay only if women pretend they're like men - don't take time off to care for sick children,

work over time and do nights.

5. Meed to fight for training to make a reality of equal pay; for protective legislation for men as well as women; provision for maternity leave without loss of job; equality within unions.

6. Always beer in mind women's central responsibility for housekeeping

and child care which is determining factor.

- 150. The Body Politic: Writings from the Women's Liberation Movement in Eritain 1969-72, Compiled by Michelene Wondor (Stage 1, 1972). See separate authors
  - Jan Williams, Hazel Twort, Ann Bachelli 'Women and the Family'
    Michaela Hava 'The Family: A Critique of Certain Features'
    Dinah Brooke 'Identity'
    A Secretary 'Twentieth Century Servants'
    Lis Kustow 'Television and Women'
    'The Women's Newspaper' 'Women on the Buses'
  - 2. Women and Work
    Claimants Union 'Women and Unemployment'
    Felicity Trodd 'Women and the Trade Unions'
    Lleonora Lloyd 'Women, Work and Equal Pay'
    Hermino Harris 'Black women and work'
  - 3. Women and Action, past and present
    'Shrew' 'The Hight Cleaners' campaign'
- Papers from the Women's Movement (ed) Sandra Allen, Lee Sanders, Jan Wallis (Feminist Books, 1974).
  - 1. Explores the demand of Legal and Financial Independence
  - 2. Concerns relationship between State and family, men and women
  - 3. State assumes women's dependence in its provisions.
  - 4. Suggests campaigns around areas which include: Pensions and M.I. contributions. Supplementary Benefit, Taxation.
  - 5. Taxation: penalises unmarried, those living alone/cohabiting, assumes male as main wage earner.

6. N.I.:

i) Unequal contributions and therefore unequal benefits considered fair. Husband expected to make contributions on behalf of himself and wife

ii) single woman cannot choose to pay more to get more.

- iii) Married woman if pays contributions in own right will receive less than 3 benefit of single women. Some differential over sickness.
- iv) Can opt out at marriage then reliant on husbands stamps.

  Incligible for unemployment pay. Only married women's pension which if older than husband must wait till he is 65 to claim.

  Marrying late woman loses her contributions of say 20 years.
- 152. Audrey Wise 'Trying to stay human' in Conditions of Illusion: Fapers from the Women's Movement (ed) Sandra Allen, Lee Sanders, Jan Wallis (Feminist Books 1974), Also in Red Reg No. 3.

About Trade Unions: trade unionist defined as male but there are 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> million women members. They have had little impact on unions.

- 2. Urges women to join unions to break down male domination. For women on interaction of home and work: makes attendance difficult; unions only concerned with work behave as if only those in employment the right to speak for working class. A defensive organization, but before can defend women's rights need to fight for control within union itself.
- 3. A problem of men's and women's consciousness. The women's movement important here.
- 4. Women interested in different aspects of work from men: in 'trying to stay human even while working'. Equal pay plus hygiene, safety
- 5. A positive feature that detached from work to a degree because of role as wives and mothers.
- 6. When women say they don't want equal pay often means they don't want to do night work progressive not backward.
- 7. Demand for shorter work crucial to break down child care by women and the absolute divide of home or work.
- 153. Audrey Wise, Women and the Struggle for Workers! Control, Spokesman Pamphlet No. 33 (Bertrand Russell 1972?)
  - 1. Details of women's subordinated position at work, unions, home.
    Suggests domands to effect changes. Women have tremendous radical
    untapped potential.
  - Nomen's centrality in domestic economy. Motherhood elevated in theory, in practice made very difficult. Vicious circle undervalues in noney economy, at work; under valued at home. It will be women who challenge the purpose of production as well as ownership (socialist position).

4. Effect of 'double job': not been militant over wages, low participation in unions but interested in working conditions. Apathy to equal pay often because belief that will mean worse conditions. Unions always see women's demands as less important.

. Demands: include

i) positive discrimination in unions in terms of numbers ii) equal pay, not to be pushed for benefit of men, get rid of

women's wages ...

iii) protection for part time workers

iv) Prevention of overtime - depresses wage rates and is detrimental to family life

v) shorter working week - sharing of domestic work

vi) increased family allowances to mothers, nurseries, play groups, maternity provision.

vii) No discrimination and maintain protective legislation. PAMPHLET.

### 154. Women's Report 1972-1977

A feminist news magazine which always includes a section on work with the emphasis on news - equal pay disputes, etc. rather than analysis.

### G. CASE STUDIES

- 155. Val Amos 'Black Women and Employment', M.A. Dissertation, Birmingham 1977. \*AF
  - 1. Considers W. Indian and Asian women in employment but primarily former, in relation to their family commitments.
  - 2. Reserve army of labour particularly 'latent' and 'stagnant' reserve: agency nursing - night cleaning or home based work so can look after children.

3. Asian women as latest group of working class to fall into factory production.

4. Greater % of immigrant women in paid employment 1971 than average for non-immigrant women: 50% as compared 43%. But contrast between W. Indian % 67% and Pakistani only 16%. 25% all immigrant women in clothing industry.

5. In part high % of W. Indian women working attributable to number of unmarried (or married) women with children who have no man financially supporting them.

6. Argues that for young unmarried black W. Indians 'having children is their way of showing resistance to accepted norms'.

# 156.C.E. Aregger (ed. ) Graduate Women at Work (Oriel Academic Publications 1966). I

- 1. A survey carried out by the British Federation of University Women in areas where they had branches. Sample of 3000. Questionnaire.
- 2. There are no comparisons either with other women workers or with men.
- 3. Almost 3 of potential graduate married women power for employment already utilised. The more highly qualified the more likely a woman is to continue or resume her work after interruption for children.
- 4. 2/5 of married women in part time work. The lowest proportion at work those with children below school age but still 39% of these worked. Pay of part timers considerably less.

5. Those with prosperous husbands less likely to work

6. Return to work after children - financial reasons, boredom of household duties, mental frustrations, 'community' reasons.

7. Chapter on voluntary work.

- 8. Co-operation and help of husband, domestic help, household machinery all contribute to possibility of married women working
- 9. Discusses limited training opportunities, child care facilities.
- 10. Argues within the framework of 'women's dual role'.

# 157. Mary Kathleen Benet, Secretary Enquiry into the Female Ghetto, (Sidgwick and Jackson 1972).

- 1. Perceptive and interesting feminist account concerned particularly with how women experience being a secretary through contradictions of ideology and its representation.
- 2. First for men: women perform traditional role in office her sexual role is safely ritualised in office. Benét argues through the facade (real as it is) of 'My secretary knows job better than I', 'My secretary likes her job! etc. and therefore everything is rosy.

- 3. For women: do not go husband hunting, under few illusions.
  - i) relate individually to men so difficult to see them joining a union

ii) denigrate own importance

iii) women's company important.

- iv) Fantasise about ideal office, change job as substitute for real progress.
- 4. Details history of women's entry into workforce as secretaries.

5. As substitute wives

- i) wife/mother/mistress/maid at different stages in career or for different bosses.
- ii) her relation to bosses wife
- iii) her sexual availability coincides with secretarial period 'repressive desublimation' - feels herself free because not paid solely for her sex or her work
- 6. Strategies: pool, better than factory work (clothes clean etc) elaborate ritual of skiving and sharing. Giggling, contempt for younger men.
- 7. Women will have to realise their power as secretaries to change things.
- 158. Sarah Boston, 'Women's Work in Conditions of Illustion: Papers from the Women's Movement, (ed.) Sandra Allen, Lee Sanders, Jan Wallis (Feminist Books 1974), Also in Spare Rib no. 16, 1973.
  - 1. Women's work in industry receives low pay, signifies their double exploitation as women and as workers.
  - Attitudes to women working differ from class to class and appear to be reflection of economic fluctuations of capitalist system. High absenteeism labour turnover, unable to work nights/overtime, untrained given as often spurious reasons for not employing/low pay for women.
  - 3. Criticisms of job evaluation schemes and equal pay limitations of.

4. Reasons for working:

i) financial

ii) company

iii) dispel boredom

iv) independence. But ii) and iii) lead to myth that women only go out to work to gossip, are happy doing repetitive, boring jobs; rather than they gossip to cope with

- boredom . -5. Mothers often feel employers doing them a service by employing them and are positively grateful for any flexibility granted them, but employers benefit part time shifts.
- 6. Employers/society not recognize child care/producing is important: time taken from work to take child to doctor has to be made up.
- 7. Need to join unions. Inextricable link between women working and their role as wives and mothers, which comes first.
- Wrong to advocate wages for housework. Reaffirmation of child care role.
- 159. Sarah Boston, 'Equal Pay' in Conditions of Illusion: Papers from the Women's F Movement, (ed.) Sandra Allen, Lee Sanders, Jan Wallis (Feminist Books, 1974) Also in Spare Rib May 1973.
  - 1. Discusses the progress towards equal pay which 'to date' looked very bleak.

Looks at how employers minimising their costs.

- Problem of act that since it applies to women engaged in 'same or broadly similar work' not apply to areas of traditional, low paid female work.
- Employers attempting to keep women as separate workforce. Job evaluation schemes where heavy work (men's work) rated higher. Interesting quotes from advice to employers by CBI etc.

5. TUC equivocal. Supports liberal interpretation of equal pay, but in practice picture very different.

6. The need for women to join unions, not fight as individuals, and exact support from men.

160. Claimants Union 'Women and Unemployment' in The Body Politic (ed.) Michelene Wondor (Stage 1, 1974).

1. Women are never out of work, always domestic work.

2. But would not think so because it is not regarded as 'real' work and is not paid.

3. In 'real' work paid a pittance, usually not in unions, who are not

interested anyway.

4. A cheap, docile, slave group of workers. Employers, but not women realise that. Used as a cheap pool, sometimes wanted sometimes not.

5. At present increasingly wanted to cope with increasing paper work and tourism - service work.

6. Keep men's wages down, threatens their jobs and divides and weakens workers even more.

7. As part timers the first to be laid off.

8. Less unemployment, sickness, pensions. 9. Quotes from women workers doing night cleaning - overworked, shunted around, lack of sleep, don't see children, separated, divorced . . .

# 161. Lee Comer, Wedlocked Women (Feminist Books, 1974) \*E

1. About women's oppression as experienced in family in roles of housewife and mothers. Less. 'sociological' but covers much of some ground as Anne Oakley The Sociology of Housework.

2. In omployment where all cards stacked against them, 'the only escape clause is marriage! which elevates marriage itself to a career

3. Assumption that whether she works or not home her responsibility, so men spared choice of career/family (Repoports Dual career families)

4. Apart from her economic dependency it is in work she performs as housewife she experiences the most acute oppression. Comparable to no other job because no end to it; no separation between work and leisure.

5. Her self respect hinges on external approval: show to outside world that a moral not utilitarian activity; she does extra, the 'ideal

home' syndrome. 6. Redundancy: when children grown up. Two jobs only exacerbates proble

difficulties of starting afresh when missed out first time. 7. Economics: men work for money; women work for love. Justifies to herself her lack of money: would spend it wildly. Placed on pedestal as mother because seen to have no economic value. .

8. Motherhood: domination of role justifies their use as cheap labour

9. Family, the private safely valve for public conflicts: without it women would not tolerate unequal pay. Women, recharge male labour power and contain his discontents.

# 162. Elizabeth Coxhead, Women in the Professions, (Longmans, Green & Co. 1961).

1. Optimistic assessment, covers progress women have achieved since

2. But does realise that equal pay not yet achieved across board though implication that it will be. Already in civil service, teaching,

local government and nationalised industries. 3. Runs through the good work women are performing in different profession nursing, teaching, medicine, civil, military and social service; politics and law; science, industry, finance; literaure and the arts the unpaid professionals i.e. voluntary workers.

4. About teaching: largest absorber of professional women's labour. Most of infant and primary Meachingdone by women. Men predominate among graduates in state schools. Actus shortage of science and mathematics teachers. - Profession had to welcome back married women as part timers.

Foreign service: open to women on same terms as men (except that they are obliged to resign on marriage) # Fot achieved a woman

ambassador vet.

6. Maintains 'the feminist battles are behind; the future in Britain . . . should be women's for the taking. For the first time in history, we ought to be able to have the best of both worlds. !

# 163. Mclville E. Currell, Political Woman (Croom Helm, 1974). \*ACE

- 1. Detailed study of women candidates, MPs and volunteer party workers. Addressed to question: 'Why so few women in politics?'
- 2. From 1918 when women in political clite on same terms as men.

3. Data related in a francwork of i) women's general position

ii) political sociology (though claims to be interdisciplinary)

4. Women's position in society: education, occupations, etc. Women in politics a deviction from 'normal' femininity.

Politics: Easton 'the making and execution of policy for society'. Deals with voting behaviour, candidates success rates etc. Cannot deal with Women's Movement as a political movement.

Draws on ompirical data provided by women of political elite.

7. Factors relevant to women's political activity include: i) Most importantly - child bearing and rearing

ii) Differential political socialisation for girls

iii) Growing up in a politicised family

iv) 'Male equivalence' i.c. taking over husbands/fathers post

Extensive bibliography.

# 164. Michael Fogarty, A.J. Allen, et al Women in top jobs: Four Studies in Achievement, (PEP George Allen & Unwin 1971).

1. Case Studies of:

i) women in two large companies

ii) the woman director

iii) women in the BBC

iv) women in the administrative class of the Civil Service Draws on statistical and qualitative material from informants particularly women aged 35-45 in senior positions but young enough to still have family responsibilities.

3. In each case generally covers: i) history of organization

ii) entry and career pattern for men and women-always fewer women

iii) how men sec women working there and how women sec women

iv) success/failure - promotion, performance women always had to struggle harder

problems when married and children

vi) recommendations for improvements.

4. N.B. Economic requirements which will force employers' hands All four cases illustrate that require more than formal equality. It is women's responsibility for children which ultimately structures inequal opportunity.

165. Fransello, Fay and Frost Kay On Boing A Monan, (Tavistock, 1977). DE

1. Mainly looks at psychological (some sociological) literature - a lot of American work - on 'how women see themselves' - contains a long

bibliography.

2. Tends to refer to psychological surveys and tests, to be concerned with attitudes' to married women working measured through multiple choice scales of possible responses. Their theoretical framework one of construct theory, they 'look at what people make of their world from their own point of view, rather than how we interpret each other's behaviour'. It means they tend not to look at the structural determinations on women's lives - all in terms of interactions and perceptions.

3. Socialisation - education, family: how teachers, parents see children and other way round - girls' identification with femining role and mothers - how effects later choice of jobs and/or marriage and family. Conflict of marriage prospects and serious career - as it appears to

women, so don't choose to start on career.

4. How they come to choose 'unfeminine jobs' - relation to parents, their own views on marriage.

5. How women see their own jobs - usually want more than just economic satisfaction, but their work can never be (if married) just a personal decision.

6. Conflicts between home/work - conflicts of 'images' for women.

166. M.P. Fogarty, R. Rapoport, R.H. Rapoport, Sex, Career and Family (George Allen and Union , 1971).

1. Sociological study concerned with problem of getting more women in top jobs and in professional and managerial jobs generally.

2. Recognize

i) problem of women's responsibility for child care, ii) the need to rethink roles of men as well as women,

iii) the central issue not about admitting women but of adapting structures to women's presence. But analysis a solutions piecemeal, and contributing to better capitalist relations.

3. Advocating the facilitation of choice, a pattern of work and family appropriate to each family's situation, is a denial of the structural determinations: capitalist mode of production in which labour power has to be reproduced privately.

4. Covers: details of employment in top jobs. Statistics. Blocks to

promotion etc.

5. Eastern Europe: role of public policy, economic demand, child care by women . Flattening of increase of top jobs for women.

6. Western Europe: variety of patterns of organization of home/works ole segregation, housekeeping primary, 3 phase model, continuous

Career in relation to family: education, career pattern, husband/wife relation, child care, dual career family as pioneering - overload wor

8. Women's performance in top jobs. Employers' views, behaviour.

9. Adapting employment practices: maternity leave, part time, flexible hours, legislation, organization by women.

- 167. Michael P. Fogarty with Rhona and Robert Rapoport, Homen and Top Jobs: \*CDI The Next Move, (PEP, Vol. XXXVIII Broadsheet 535, 1972).
  - 1. Written in relation to Sex, Career and Family project after Women's Liberation 'broke'. Looks at how, from 1966, their conceptualisation of women working changed, partly as society's view of women changed.

2. A shift from women's jobs as women's problems to the issue as one affecting men and women, as the interplay between changing family and work roles, as a responsibility of employers, teachers etc. to do something about.

3. Contradiction in their formulation:

- i) believe it is taken for granted by women that they are life time workers (though on different pattern to men: work, children part time work maybe, work again) while authors underline the choice some women will continue to make, with good reasons, to be full time housewives.
- ii) in dual career families. (models for the future?) the nuclear family they are relieved to see is maintained. Not recognize that women performing dual role is outcome of maintaining traditional sexual roles in family.

4. Quantitative change will lead to qualitative shifts: a choice of alternative patterns of family/work life needed as accent on women's

major responsibility to home shifts.

Employers must recognize different needs of women: restart and acceleration in later life.

Role of political pressure groups: Women's Lib.

7. Optimism: adoption by Civil Service - in report - of recommendations in Sex, Career, Family.

168. Hennah Gavron The Captive Wife Conflicts of Housebound Mothers (RKP, 1966).

1. One of first 'sociological' books to appear which emphasised the 'incredible ambivalence', the conflict of stress of women's role: that all was not as rosy and optimistic as had been suggested and

2. A study of young wives with at least one child, working class and middle class. Refers itself to Young and Wilnott: The period when

i) wife most dependent on husband economically and socially ii) most likely to turn to mothers

iii) how do they see own status.

Reveals that though differences not marked between middle and working

Most worked before marriage and intended to work later often in spite of husband's opposition. Seen as automatic to work. A special decision to stop, usually at birth of first child - changed from being a new woman to a traditional one.

5. Bored, lonely, feeling of functionless at home and yet sense great responsibility for children. 30-40% in part time work. Motives:

economic and emotional/intellectual satisfaction. Women's supposed 2 choices: work/home implies that home not involve

work but is a real drudgery with little leisure.

A compromise conclusion: a reintegration of women's many roles with central activities of society - children to be expected and catered for, not excluded. In fact demands radical change.

- 169. Victoria Goddard, 'Research note: Domestic Industry in Naples' in Critique of Anthropology, Vol. 3, no. 9 & 10, 1977.
  - On homeworkers, their place within capitalist economy as a whole, to which integral not marginal.
  - Considers decentralisation of production in Italy phases of production subcontracted - at end of chain homeworkers. The aim of decentralisation is maximisation of profits (See Luigi Frey) 2 preconditions for decentralisation.

i) a supply of unemployed Labour power, e.g. low female employment ii) income and wealth unevenly distributed so that families need more than one income for subsistence.

3. Woman's dominant role wife and mother. Homework 'ideal' means of mediating work with home role where both needed. Most women actually preferred factory work - better pay, social contacts.

4. Women left or never went often because husbands, fathers saw factory as bad sexual influence - chastity at stake. - 'concept of womanhood'

Men divide women into wives, mothers who behave appropriately within social relations and those outside - prostitute etc.

6. 'Ideal' of male breadwinner and female housekeeper contradicted but explained as ' special circumstances' - her work dismissed as secondary 'non work' - homework although not fit neatly into housework activities.

7. Homeworkers at bottom of hierarchy of political consciousness of working class.

170. Hormione Harris 'Black Women and Work' in The Body Politic (ed.) Michelene Wondor (Stage 1, 1972).

- 1. Examines situation of black women in British labour force where positi as a flexible pool of largely unskilled labour is a reflection of their oppression as
  - i) working class
  - ii) women iii) blacks
- 2. Accurate statistics not available. 1966 census under enumeration of black and women workers.
- 3. Consider employment in terms of economic demands and sociocultural factors: 1966 37% of Asian women at work; 65% W. Indians.
- 4. chiefly dependents though many W. Indian women are sole supporters.
- 5. Occupations: i) concentrated into worst jobs on pattern of indigenous female population but concentrations into certain sectors according to a) region b) ethnic group c) level of skill within occupation
  - ii) Concentration in clothing and footwear and further concentration
  - iii) in services, and in the dirtiest and most unseen of jobs
  - iv) unskilled/scmiskilled work concentration in W. Midlands among W. Indian women
  - v) discrimination, few black saleswomen
- 6. Unemployment: statistics again difficult, pattern of all women, but
- 7. W. Indian women as family's sole supporter driven to outwork and night work. A higher proportion with young children than among indigenous population.
- 8. Nurses: highest concentration of New Commonwealth female labour. One of most exploited areas. Fower nurses trained in teaching teaching hospitals. SEHs.
- 9. Focus will switch in 2nd generation. Problem for school leavers.
- 171. Anthea Holme 'Woman in Her Two Roles', In Her Own Right. A Discussion conducted by the Six Point Group (George Harrap, 1968).

See under: The Six Point Group In Her Own Right.

- 172. Emily Hope, Mary Kennedy and Anne de Winter 'Homeworkers in London' in \*E Barker and Allen 1976.
  - 1. Mainly garment workers. Interviews with 21 women.
  - 2. The situation of homeworkers embodies the contradiction of in the home and a worker
  - 3. Absence of knowledge about homework because women fear public discussion - social security, loss of job etc. employers reticent.
  - 4. A case history of woman who sews pillow ticks
  - 5. Characteristics of work very low pay, long hours. Women constantly interrupted because foremost mothers, therefore do not know hourly rate only weekly wages and pay per item.
  - 6. Financial necessity husband's low pay, large families, usually under 40 - temporary.
  - 7. 'Exploited labour' employers no expense of machinery, electricity, no sickness, holiday pay. Women usually not recognise this. Pleased to have the work because high demand.
  - 8. Homework fitted round housework domestic duties and child care rather than other way round as it would be in 'outside' work
  - 9. Little unionised or even representation on Wages Councils ISQLATION
- 173. Judith Hubback Wives who went to College (Heinemann, 1957). AD
  - 1. Based on questionnaires. About 1,500 graduates and non-graduates (educated to 16) of same social background.
  - 2. Aimed to
    - i) gain information on education, work, family, attitudes to, etc. ii) set whether large numbers are misemployed in limited sphere of
      - domestic life
    - iii) examine situation of part time work
    - iv) contribute to discussion of suitable education for intelligent
  - 3. Book interesting in extent to which pinpoints problems and contradictions which are seen to have individual not structural solutions.
  - 4. For 1 graduates career terminated when child born, i.e. need for combination during part of married life of home and work to suit each woman's particular situation.
  - Overtiredness: seen as a crucial issue and measure of problem not recognised by men/sociologists. Outcome of contradictions women involved e.g. better houses and equipment/higher demands in child care. Whole family suffers. Woman demanding excess of herself
  - 6. Education: Contradictory trends equal and same as boys/to fit girls for primary role of motherhood. Suggests a generalised not specialised education. Disagrees with Hewson.
  - 7. Concludes prescribing a procarious balance of wife, nother -'individual' pattern achievable by women, with difficulty, through husband's love and trust!!
- 174. Pearl Jephcott with Mancy Seear and John H. Smith, Married Women Working \*DE (Allen and Unwin, 1962).
  - 1. A case study of Peak Freans biscuit factory and surrounding employment in Bermondsey.
  - Written when still considered harmful to children for mothers to be working. Shows pressure still strong on mothers with children under school age, not to work. Few did. Then only part time. More common in age group 40-49. Establishes working wives as permanent feature of social organisation.

Peak Freams: labour shortage. Had to introduce part time work including shifts requiring considerable changes of attitudes and organisation.

4. work for money: not for basic economic needs nor personal pleasures, to raise standard of living - for children's benefit - and to overcome isolation of home.

5. Work second place to home: child care a problem. Dependent on husbands and relations (and for housework). Short term crisis:

illness a clash of home/work and stayed at home.

6. Only succeeded through self discipline, hard work and sacrifice of leisure - a vital issue. Here children 'deprived' by lack of play time with mother? No.

7. For employers problems of absenteeism etc. but stability rate high. Meeded supervisors of high calibre. Recruitment difficult.

175. Joyce Joseph 'A Research note on attitudes to work and marriage of 600 AE adolescent girls", BJ of S, Vol.XII, 1961.

1, 14-17 years.

3. Asked if would continue work after marriage: 18% full time 43% part time. 50% said would resume work when children old enough to be

4. 48% assumed they would marry.

5. Essays interesting:

i) observations about giving up work when first child arrived

ii) anxiety about tensions of home and work

iii) husband's role in necessitating their staying with children

- iv) a large number of girls reported death of husband after child born. A further  $\frac{1}{3}$  dispensed with husbands when children left h one or are self-supporting. 1/8 remarried, about 1/2 lived with/near children, 1/5 reported violent deaths!
- 176. V. Klein Britain's Married Women Workers, (RKP, 1965). ABCDEF

1. Updated and expanded rewrite of: 'Working Wives' 1957 and Employing Married Women 1961? plus article in Current Sociology Vol. XII, No. 1.

2. Assumption of 'full employment' and manpower shortage, coupled with women's desire to work. 'Employment of women a social issue of some magnitude and urgency!.

3. Attempts to see work in wider context: in relation to attitudes

to work and leisure, ideological changes.

i) work seen as means of self expression, not a necessary evil ii) with more leisure a balance is achieved between inside and outside home, not a burden of double load for women of home and job. Remedies to employment problem from outside employment c.g. adult education, retraining - needed for all because of advances in technology.

Ch.1. Industrialization and Changing Role of Women. See Current Sociology, Vol.XII, No.1.

Ch. 2. Working Wives. Ch. 3. Employing Married Women.

- 4. Into the future: trend of more married women in employment continuing More highly qualified women. Pattern of work, family work, influenced choice of career. In considering work for women optional Gov. and employers neglect their social needs.
- 177. Lis Kustow 'Television and Women' in The Body Politic, (Ed.) Michelene Wondor (Stage 1, 1972).
  - 1. Account by university/drame school graduate, 23, married, early 60s Assumed educated girl would find occupation for 2-3 years before 'Educated Motherhood' but unnatural to put work first.

2. Degen as researcher, constant attempt to prove herself, be noticed, but noticed for shortness of skirts.

3. Women who made grade all subject to criticism concerning their femininity: a battleaxe, hadn't managed to get a husband.

4. Contradictions involved in achieving status of director. The Director is always Right' gives the lie to ones existence as a woman outside studio; regarded as hard, ruthless but seen by self as timid, lacking confidence. Criteria for success, aggression and talent, male perogatives.

5. 2 categories of 'successful' women

i) exemplify their femininity first and intelligence second ii) have devoted years to T.V. and shown they are capable of holding own at beard meetings - publicly still need to show they are competent domestically. Adapted themselves to make world.

Many jobs excluded women, not secretaries who exploited more than most,

but are called production assistants.

Has to compete with ads, obviously the case for ITV, also BBC.

- 178. F. Le Gros Clark Moman, Work and Age To Study the Employment of Working Homen Throughout Their Middle Lives, (The Muffield Foundation, 1962).
  - 1. Interesting in that

i) recognizes that not all women are involved in home responsibilities but that women as a whole are considered as if they were so that offects all women

ii) the unpaid work in home is an economic contribution - the 'constant maintaining and repairing of the very facric of our private lives! and a comprehensive theory of human labour would have to take that into account

iii) there is nothing intrinsically feminine about domestic work though it is unlikely present division of labour will radically change quickly. Employers should make allowance for women's necessary

economic task of bearing babies.

Differentiates mature working women: single, married, widowed in terms of types of job available, hours of work, contribution as employer sees it, part time/full time.

3. Their different life patterns of work compared to men: i) retire before pensionable age - combination of health and family, but not 'retirement' as men see it because still domestic work.

ii) difficulties of entering employment late: widows - domestic

- iii) sifting out from more skilled jobs as get older. Again often go into domestic service.
- Changes needed: training, employers attitudes.
- 179. David Lockwood, The Blackcoated Worker, A Study in Class Consciousness, (Allen & Unwin, 1958).
  - 1. For a study on class consciousness of clerical workers it, perhaps surprisingly, concerns itself very little with women. An indication of the conceptualisation of women as somehow 'outside' of class despite constituting over  $\frac{1}{2}$  the total of clerical employees. 2. Gestures to women:

i) by mid 20th century should speak of 'white bloused' worker. Why does he not?

ii) 'Human' aspect of work situation increased by typical age and sex divisions. Young female/older male supervisor.

iii) Introduction of machinery associated with deskilling and increase in female labour.

iv) female clerks, working and lower middle class v) dominance of women affected status of work - low

vi) clerical work as one of foremost of women's occupations

vii) attraction for girls - social status, opportunity for meeting marriage partner

vii) Degree of feminisation significant as obstacle to unionisation

3. Worth rereading to see how if women are placed centrally in study its analysis of 'false consciousness' in relation to that of manual workers, changes.

### 180. A. Myrdal and V. Klein Women's Two Roles: Home and Work, (RKP, 1956).

1. Much quoted as the first major statement of the 'normality' of women's roles of home and work. Conflict between

i) their role in perpetuation of society

ii) their role in society's economic progress. The problem is to harmonise, strike a balance between the two.

2. Argues then that women do not have to make choice of either/or. Can have best of two worlds which men cannot.

Society not afford luxury of a leisured class. The same standards should apply to women as men i.c. should not be exempt from work because of post motherhoods.

4. Argues strongly against Bowlby's maternal deprivation theory. Glorification of motherhood choop method of keeping women quiet without considering grievances. Isolation of housewives.

5. Transition period for women. Not yet at home in both worlds. Their dilemma is an internalised psychological one.

6. Demands substantial changes in home life in relation to husbands. Demands substantial changes at work in relation to employers.

7. Optimistic. Not see women as subordinate, rather equal but different.

8. Covers history since industrial revolution, employers problems, child carc, what changes should be made.

#### 181 Hew Society

1. Nancy Secar 'Womanpower needs a policy', Vol. no.9, 1962.

2. S.F. Nadel 'The Rewards of Training Women', Vol. No. 11, 1962.

'Why do housewives go out to work?', Voll, No.26, 1963. Nancy Seear 'Qualified Women in industry', 17/9/64.

'Working women doctors', 7.1.65.

'Women at Work', 13.5.65.

7. David White 'Male backlash' (about men entering women's jobs'), 13.8.7

8. Max Hanna 'The Typecast Third', 1.2.73.

9. Tessa Blackstone 'Women who come back', 10.1.74. 10. Luise and Dipak Handy 'Towards true equality for women', 30.1.75.

18211. Hilary Land 'The Myth of the male breadwinner', 9.10.75.

12. Jackie West 'The Factory Slaves', 24.2.77.

13. R.M. Blackburn 'Women, work and the class structure', 1.9.77.

14. Christina Larner 'The diplomat as peacock', 4.8.77.

15. Jane Morton 'Equal Pay for Women in seven years', 8.8.68. 16. Elisaboth Wilson Women Together' (Women in social work) 14.9.72.

17. 'For whose eyes only?' (Women in civil service), 3.6.71.

16. Rhone and Robert Rapoport 'Families at work', 25.3.71.

183. Ann Oakley 'Housewife (Allen Lone, 1974). \*E

Complements her Sociology of Housework.

1. Considers 'What is a housewife?' 'House' and 'wife': poses contradiction between

i) family and femininity

ii) the role of housewife as a work role. Housework is and is not works ramifications of that.

2. Housewife as culturally specific in industrialised society.

3. Considers women in pre-industrial Britain and effects of industrialisation on their employment; its relation to home life.

4. The situation of women today

- i) their 'domesticity' in paid work; and ommission from statistics in 'job' of housework
- ii) structural ambivalence towards women: a) defined by their femininity; b) human beings endowed with potentiality for individual fulfillment. Creates tension for each woman between marriage, motherhood/career. A conflict between gender roles; women even when educated reject the masculine role.

5. 'Housewives and their work today' Overlaps with Sociology of Housework.

6. Four housewives talking: Often alliance with other housewives. Segregation from husbands. Aware of contradictions, traps to some extent.

7. Myths of woman's place

i) division of labour by sex

- ii) myth of motherhood which encircles women, making the mythical appear real: 'natural', 'universal' and 'a social necessity'.
- 184. Ann Oakley, The Sociology of Housework, (Martin Robertson, 1974).\*BE

1. Housework is examined as 'an alagous to any other kind of work' and deals through interviews with women's experience as housewives (h.w.)

2. Deals with how within sociology of family and industry and work h.w. not featured in a way commensurate to its importance and meaning to women: sociological heritage from male practitioners, ideology of

N.B. Not considered within a Marxist framework, outside 'domestic labour' debate.

3. Conflicting images of h.w.: oppressed worker/lady of leisure. Hws see it as work

i) value autonomy - negatively, as dislike of other work - illusory because of psychological pressure, 'free from' but never 'free to'

ii) denigrate themselves 'Only a-h.w.'

iii) Separation of tasks each of which could be a paid job: cleaning, shopping, cooking, washing up, ironing. Ironing most disliked. Cooking potentially most enjoyable but an endless activity.

4. Class: Linguistically middle class and working class answer differently. Middle class see housework of lower status i.e. different attitudes, but experience work activity - feelings same.

5. Housework: monotonous - fantasize about new home and holidays, ic.

a change in work environment. Long hours compared to men. 6. As defensive process set themselves standards and routines . analgous I lanto those of work 'proper' so that can reward themselves; also feel personal guilt if not fulfill them.

-7.00 Housewifery mingles with feminine gender role - i.c. the most encapsulated in femininity

8. Contradiction of h.w. with child care, but two collapsed.

185. J.M. and R.E. Pahl, Managers and their wives: A study of career and DE family relationships in the middle class, (Allen Lene, Ponguin 1971).

Based on interviews. Extensive quotes. Ch 5 The Wife's World. 1. For most wives employment in past or future. 13 out of 86 in paid

2. Heavier domestic responsibilities because husbands work long hours and/or away.

3. Tend to see jobs and careers for themselves as relatively unimportant. Of Myrdal and Klain's opposing view. Also criticizes them for simplifying. Hot just 2 roles: wife/mother/worker.

4. Take job to make friends and because middle class have to do it because interested in work, not economic reasons. To be more interesting for husbands.

5. Difficulties in getting job because of husband's mobility

6. Tax disincentives.

- 7. Overall suggests that for this group of women work more a problem than for others. Guilt strong when at work - not caring for children adequately; when stayed at home - a boring, lazy woman.
- Husbands did not approve always of wive's working.

#### 186. R. & R. Rapoport, Dual Career Families, (Penguin, 1971). \*DE

- 1. Families in which husband and wife pursue careers and maintain family
- 2. Part of PEP Sex, Career and Family study. Based on 5 family
- 3. Seen as 'pioneers' creating a further 'choice' in the structure of family

4. For each couple

- i) background, personal world
- ii) family world
- iii) work world and iv) integration of the 3, examined.
- 5. Chosen on basis of wife's work: research manager in industry, architect, TV drama director, senior administrator in civil service, fashion designer.
- 6. Wives all have final responsibility for domestic organizement and often do a wife's share - justified in terms of she's better at it. Therefore it seems the wives are under more strain from pressure of work than their husbands. Not recognized by study.

7. All families experienced 'overload', little leisure as such.

8. All experienced dilemmas of personal identity: whether wife was being a 'good' wife and mother; whether husband was losing 'manliness' taking more part in domestic life.

9. All had difficulties over provision of child care arrangements.

- 10. The authors argue for the 'upgrading' of service work: domestic and child care to alleviate problem as if casily compatible with capitalist commodity production.
- 11. Optimism in study.

#### 187. C. Rosser and C. Harris, The Family and Social Change: A Study of Family and Kinship in a South Wales Town, (RKP, 1965).

- 1. A case study which takes off from Young and Wilnott's Bethnal Green
- 2. In examining women's role in maintaining kinship relations on extended basis does not consider women's employment in much detail.

- 3. However notes sharp increase in office jobs. Of 996 women over 21 75% not working.
- 4. Sees pattern as work, 1st child family care, work again when children school ago.

Emphasis on 'liberation of women from wheel of prolonged childbearing' (Cf Titmuss) but not imply diminishing of domesticity.

- Criticize Myrdal and Klein for not considering role of grandmothers Mothers more able to work when own mothers live nearby. One of strains of contemporary system is that geographical dispersal of households has limited use of grandmothers at a time when incidence of married women increasing. They seem not to recognize that grandmothers themselves will want increasingly to work!
- 188. A Secretary 'Twentieth Century Servants' in The Body Politic (Ed.) Michelene Wondor (Stagel, 1972).
  - 1. Like housewives: isolated, 'private', work for man/men.

2. Ho finished product, never completed. Only goal when promotionunlikely is greater efficiency.

3. Personalisation of work. Reifying time; allotting certain amount of time to each task.

4. Relationship with boss makes work different from other mechanical work. Comparable to bourgeois family structure - paternalistic.

5. Description of her own situation. 2 women working for a group

6. Anne resents extension of her housewife role - making coffee, buying biscuits, loo paper. She resents the strict boundaries of job; unable to have ideas - types other peoples.

7. Both resent having to look nice and be cheerful, sympathetic while at-times-ignored.

8. Secretaries can easily be flattered into doing more chores.

9. They play 'genes' - secret jokes, like 'downstairs' in a 19th C middle class house.

10. Work in a left wing set up. Yet though same goals as employers are divided by work.

189 Mancy Seear, 'The World of Work' in In Her Own Right, A Discussion conducted by the Six Point Group (George Harrap, 1968).

See The Six Point Group In Her Own Right.

- 190. Sue Sharpe, 'Just Like a Girl', How Girls Learn to be Women, (Penguin 1976).
  - 1. An account of working class girls at school in Ealing, London. \*CD Looks at historical changes in education for girls, work opportunities, family; social construction of sox differences - family, media, . school, work. Looks separately at W. Indian and Asian girls.

2. Work - the girls' choice depends on experience and treatment at school and the assumptions they have made about feminine role, plus opportunities available.

considered a narrow range of jobs - r in 10 office work; 1 nurses, teachers, shop assistants, bank clerks, receptionists, air hostesses, hairdressers, children's nurses; a few professional jobs. (N.B. - no factory work).

ii) Attracted by 'meeting people', able to wear nice clothes, wages, travel, and in case of office work - already enjoy typing at school.

Also a high demand for these jobs - easy to get.

iii) Considers their rationalisation of why they don't do 'mon's' jobs' - they accept these are men's jobs and therefore not for them, but contradictions of this division c.g. nursing involves heavy physical work associated with men.

iv) How 'femininity' and expectations of becoming a mother circumscribe

choices.

- 3. W. Indian girls chose within a narrow range primarily office work and nursing - but likely to end up in most explaited areas of this
- 4. Asian girls, more choose a profession in part further training a means of escaping an arranged marriage. Centradictory because fathers believe education will enable a better marriage.
- 191. Hancy Secar, Veronica Roberts, John Brock, A Career for Women in Industry? DE 300 (LSE, Oliver & Boyd, 1964).

1. Two case studies:

i) 'The choice of a career': attitudes of grammar school girls in 17 schools towards science-based careers (V. Roberts).

ii) 'The Career': A Study in 8 firms of the employment of women in positions of responsibility (J. Brock).

2. Both addressed to problem of shortage of scientists/technologists and knowledge of women's low participation in science subjects/careers.

3. In i)contributory factors: early socialisation as girls, poor provision in schools, lack of parental/teacher encouragement (very important) prejudice against engineering and industry - 'dirty', lack of information. Girls, not the study, emphasise the incompatibility of family and responsibilities with a career in industry.

4. In ii) Similarly family responsibilities not seen as insurmountable problem nor as the structural determinant: Women . . . are playing a very minor role compared to their fathers and brothers.' Gives breakdown of jobs: male/female, part time/full time occupation, qualifications, pay. Managers prejudice crucial: un/suitable jobs for women. Attitudes of women: enjoyment, wish for more responsibility.

- 192. Shrew, 'The Nigh Cleaners' Campaign' in The Body Politic (ed.) Michelene F Wondor (Stage 1, 1972).
  - 1. Contract cleaning work as industry grown by leaps and bounds since 1965. More possible to effect fiddles: fewer women in contract specifies compared to when hiring employees directly.

2. It is invisible work: everyone in bed.

- 3. It is women who are economically hard up, large families, sole supporters, immigrants, pensioners who do the work.
- 4. Called unskilled, but it has its own skill; casual but wrong women work a full week.
- 5. Conditons: Long hours, 10 p.m. 6 a.m., low pay, no security, often no holiday pay, no protection under factory acts, physically tiring,

6. About Cleaners' Action Group: demands for higher wages, sick and

holiday pay, etc.

7. About action taken at the Shell Centre and Somerset House to get women

8. But a slow job, women frightened and are threatened by contractors who are hostile to unions, in small isolated groups, doubtful about effectiveness of unions, difficult to attend meetings, etc.

193. J.H. Smith, 'Managers and Married Women Workers', BJ of S, 1961, Vol. XII.

Early report of Married Women Working, P. Jephcott, Nancy Seear, John H. Smith,

- 1. Unfairly suggested that women more unreliable as workers than men higher turnover.
- 2. In this particular factory left because could get higher pay elsewhere.

3. Single and married women without children would leave with 6 months. Or

4. After 6 months more chance that would stay a long time.

- 5. A "satisfactory" job, therefore was one in which the importance of domestic duties was recognized and which also provided the opportunity to earn 'kood money". 1 p.20.
- 194. Pam Smith, 'Comments by A NHS Nurse' in The Body Politic (ed.) Michelene Wondor (Stage 1, 1972).
  - 1. Nurses beginning to resent the abuses they contend with, but feel powerless to do anything.

2. Their role is domestic, calm mother-figures, appendages to the doctor.

3. Hierarchy reproduces lack of communication, authoritarianism among spinster nurses in administration. Inadequate representation for student nurses whose schools are remote from wards or hospital administration.

4. Physically and mentally tiring. Long hours and low pay. A perpetual conflict of demands in their lives: increasingly it is their work side which 'suffers'. Often too tired to meet together as a group to organize action/changes. Often not unionised.

5. Discussion of a radical woman in medicine group which concerned with

patients and workers in NHS.

6. As workers: occupy lowest grades, lowest pay, little chance of promotion; as get higher up in grades greater proportion of men.

7. Doctor-nurse relationship exemplifies the extension of women's work in the home: sex object for him to flirt with, performs 'domestic' role of . . maintenance in wards - hospital 'wife'.

8. Considered angenteel to take action over conditions, pay.

- 195. Roger Smith, Sex and Occupational role on Fleet Street' in Barker and Allen 1976.
- 1. Criticises work such as Fogarty and Rapoports for attention to work for women in relation to family life cycle but all women suffer discrimination at work regardless of marital status. He therefore considers it more fruitful to examine 'structures and ideologies of occupations themselves'.

2. Looks at Fleet Street because non-graduate but professional work.

- 3. Women excluded from high positions, few sub editors, concentrated in low prestige areas. 'Women's page' rather than 'hard news'. 4. Two influences:
  - a) typical recruitment
  - b) informal training. RECRUITMENT - Women rarely
  - i) do night work
- ii) do holiday relief
  - iii) are local agents, which all provide access to knowledge of jobs (but can enter from women's magazine)
  - TRAINING Women cut off from key learning areas
  - i) Relation to technical knowledge of subediting (men) donot go to pub or do night work
  - ii) isolated, harder access to informal groups and normative knowledge
  - iii) less aware of 'folk knowledge' pub consolidation of informal male groups cutting across hierarchy, internal politicking.

5. Smith argues for <u>longitudinal</u> rather than cross sectional research.

Warns again of 'family' approaches to women's work which lose <u>specificity</u>
of work organisations.

# 196. The Six Point Group, In Her Own Right, (George Harrap, 1968). EF

1. SPG 'a non-political organization working to establish equality between men and women in status, in opportunities, in rewards, in rights and in

2. A series of essays. Ones relevant here are: Margharita Laski 'Cult of Servility', Jacky Gillott 'The World of Learning', Nancy Seear 'World of Work', Anthea Holme 'Women's Two Roles', Pat Hornsby-Smith 'Women in Public Life, Lena Jeger 'Power in our hands'.

3. Attempting to reach teenagers, newly weds and older women, 'to open their eyes to their actual status - to bring emancipation movement alive again (50th anniversary of suffrage).

4. All strive for individual choice for women in context which still emphasises central role of family and women's role within it, society i.e. concentrate on women's personal roles.

5. Tendency to 'blame' women for their situation plus male prejudice. An easy option for women to accept domesticity instead of struggling for individuality: lack courage.

6. Gives fairly cursory details of girls education, women at work - women's low wages depressing wage structures as a whole, and in public life.

7. Suggest reforms to modify framework: society's problem to find ways of making women's work both at home and in employment as effective and satisfying as possible.

## 197. Ronald Walton, Women in Social Work (Routledge 1975).

1. Considers women in social work since 1860. In post 2nd World War period examines 'male threat' to this traditionally. 'Woman's profession' and possibility of it losing its essential caring functions.

2. Increase in men social workers after Younghusband report 1959 which set up a level of non-graduate training. Also similar course in child care which led to rapid expansion.

3. Seebohm 1968 proposed a unified structure for social work training generic social work. Expansion and re-organisation brought men into
managerial appointments in higher proportion than women. Salaries raised

4. No consideration for married women with children and their problems of child care during and after training. Have to understand this in context of myth of social work as a woman's profession without regarding areas like probation and higher levels of all sectors - where men predominate.

5. Wastage rate through marriage and pregnancy of course much higher for women. Also possibility of male bias by mainly male recruitment panels (i.e. those in higher posts do the selection. Not inferior ability but institutionalised resistances which discriminate against women in higher posts.

6. Part time work made more available in 'female' areas: medical and psychiatric social work.

198.Angela Weir 'The Family, Social Work and the Welfare State' in Conditions of Illusion: Papers from the Women's Movement (ed.) Sandra Allen, Lee Sanders, Jan Wallis (Feminist Books, 1974).

Social work 'women's work' in a double sense: most social workers are women, most of clients are women: structural similarities between social work and work of mothers and wives in home - the efficient reproduction of labour power, a real unity of interests. 2. Family and domestic labour in reproduction of labour power. But her labour, not wage labour undervalued, and submerged under 'womanhood'. Many aspects to domestic labour: care of children, ironing etc.

3. As women excluded from production, more State intervention, Welfare State eventually emerged. One of implications was that working class adopted middle class familial patterns: created more efficient structure for reproduction of labour power in family.

4. Social work '50s reinforced feminine roles, playing a part in efficient reproduction of deradicalised working class.

5. Seebohm report 1968: working class less successful at socialisation of workforce than had been thought . . . less possible with rediscovery of poverty to use model of individual personality malfunctioning to explain problems. Generic method: No resources available, therefore social workers using women to provide services in home - ideological pressure on women in home.

6. Recommendation.

199. Woman, Wife and Worker, Problems of Progress in Industry, No.10, The Social Science Department, LSE (HMSO 1960).

An interim report of Married Women Working, Pearl Jephcott, Nancy Seear, John H. Smith (Allen & Unwin 1962).

- 200. The Women's Newspaper 'Women on the Buses' in The Body Politic (cd.) F Michelene Wondor (Stage 1, 1972)
  - 1. Women work on buses because one of few jobs where they have equal pay (conductresses). Many are divorced/separated.
  - 2. Shift system poses problem for women. Don't see children some weeks. 1968 official policy of London Transport branch of TGWU to provide nurseries at local garages but by 1971 none.

3. Women do not have qual rights. Cannot become drivers or inspectors, so that 'one manned' (sic) bus as will literally be one manned.

- 4. Given little support by union over this: men argue that women are too weak to drive buses, but agree they could easily drive the newer ones.
- 5. Men also lose in one-man operated scheme: £4 for 2 people's work.
- 6. Possible that if men opposed scheme employers would be willing to take on women. Therefore both men and women must work to understand each others position in struggle against employer.
- 201. Michael Young and Peter Wilmott The Symmetrical Family: A study of work CD and leisure in the London Region (RKP, 1973).
  - 1. With its emphasis on 'Shift work', 'Leisure' (dominance of sport), 'Managing directors' it is mainly about men. Sample 2000. Used questionnaires, interviews, diaries.

2. 'Symmetrical' - taken from Gorer - refers to relationship between wife and husband in which there is a sexual difference in what they each do, but a 'measure of egalitarianism'; 'opposite but similar'.

But further attention to the term reveals that to achieve 'symmetry'
women are 'overloaded': they work in a tandem of jobs one inside,
the other outside the home; while men merely help in the home.
Problem of what aspects of housework work/leisure

4. Chapter on 'The Work of Married Women'.

- i) Regard their increased entry into paid work as a 'success', particularly part time work which allows duty to a family to be carried out
- ii) See reason for work mainly financial to support a 'home centred life style'.

iii) Paid work always takes second place but even so couples often scarcely saw each other except at weekends

iv) full time workers with children under 10; special work hours, help from relatives/husband, or home work.

5. See trend towards 2 jobs for wife and husband, i.e. both 'overworked' unless increasing numbers of people settle for what they have instead of striving for more.

## 202. Simon Yudkin and Anthea Holms, Working Mothers and their Children, (Michael Joseph, 1963).

 Based on interviews from working mothers contacted through schools, housing estate, electoral register, employers. Sample overbalanced by London residence and Marks and Spencer employees.

2. Sees mother working as established and necessary pattern while maintaining crucial role of family and women's position within it.

'Even ardent feminists put the family first'.

3. Working mother: shows the multitude of different circumstances this describes: age and social status, children, number of hours, type of work, reasons, mothers and fathers attitude.

4. Care of children - major part of study: Under 3, 3-5 school age. Effects on them of mothers working.

i) no support for wilder claims but alarm that so many children left to own devices after school/holidays though mothers not worried.

ii) mothers with children under 3 should not work. Children and mother need the close relationship, but economic pressures should be relieved by allowances.

5. Working always a compromise for women: paradox that more emancipated

but greater responsibility for home.

Should be made easier: especially for

6. Should be made easier: especially for fatherless families. Also more part time work, nurseries, etc. Government and TUC intervention.

#### G. HOW TO GET A JOB.

### 203. BBC Women and Work for returners and late comers to the professions. (BBC, 1965).

- Based on a series of programmes designed to give help and advice, originally aimed at teachers but later widened to include nursing and social work, 'women's professions'.
- 2. Burning question for women was 'Will my family suffer?'

3. Organization seen as crux of matter of 'dual role'.

4. Every woman must decide for herself how much she is able to undertake without feeling so exhausted that she is unable to enjoy either her family or her job.

5. Consider: guilt, 'rustiness', financial benefit - worthwhile?

- 6. Assumption that women basically in home but many would like to make wider use of their interests and capabilities; that part time work suits them better (children under 2 should not be left in nurseries).
- 7. Consider:
  - i) provision for preschool child

ii) tax position of married woman

- iii) teaching: salaries, refresher courses; part time teaching; teaching the handicapped; opportunities for mature students to train as teachers; teaching non-academic subjects
- iv) District nursing, midwifery and health visiting
- v) women in medicine
- vi) part time social work

opportunities for masure students to train as social workers, social work:

vi) Voluntary work

vii) architecture, women in industry.

204. Elizabeth Gundrey, Jobs for Mothers (Zonith, Hodder and Stoughton, 1967).

Practically oriented - for methers a shing to find work.

- 1. Details of women's lives, marriage, employment wo/man power gap.
  'For economic reasons, not because of any feelings of justice to
  women that opportunities opening up.'
- 2. Reasons for working unused talents, dissatisfaction at home etc.

3. Improved opportunities - part time work, twilight shifts, etc.

4. Problems at home - child caro. Gov. obstacles - tax. Not easy to go back into swim agair.

. Chapters on:

i) Mothers training - need for husbands support

- ii) Family's welfare draws on Yudkin & Holme lack of day care facilities etc.
- -iii) The Day's Work Getting husband to help with housework

iv) Keeping housework down - foods, gadgets 'management'

v) No man about the house - unmarried mothers, widows. Work as taking edge off despair. Contributing to society.

vi) Disabled nothers

vii) £sd, Tax etc.

viii) Agencies at your service

- ix) Voluntary work an interest in life, training for paid work later
- x) But how shall I begin when lacking confidence, no qualifications. Part II. Guide to different sorts of jobs.
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  - 1. Assumption that for great majority of women her home responsibilities have priority; working arrangements dovetail in with these. Implies they must settle for less than the top jobs part time work, i.e. not 'women's liberationists who deal with what should be not with what is'. Believe that demographic changes will force change vital for economy.
  - Importance of training if want to keep up/resume work. Optimism.
     Close up at 3 professions: Medicine, teaching, social work. 'foralo professions', acute shortages practically oriented. Personal experiences.
  - 4. Voluntary work transitional or testing ground for married women till able to pursue a career.
  - 5. A discussion on some social and psychological implications of women working. Zoe Hersov, Ann Dally, Haureen Brook, Judith Hubback, Rhona Robert Rapoport.

i) Women's lack of confidence - emotional adaption to work, related to their identification with children which have to get out of.

ii) is the problem women's or husbands too? In our society concept of 'women' not include work.

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6. How to do your housework efficiently, keeping family happy and working.

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Practical information provided

 Written at time of optimism about future both in terms of economy and women's 'equality' in society.

2. Anticipates that most women still prefer present position of bearing

major responsibility for home 'a vitally important job!.

3. Sections on opportunities for education, social services, office work, industry and commerce, health and hospitals, work with children, young people and in education, practical and miscellancous, the arts, sources of help and advice, 'looking forward' - Equal pay and Sex Discrimination Bill, offects of.

4. A Directory of qualifications and addresses for training/jobs.

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1. Mainly concerned with the problems of child care.

2. Well aware of the embivalence displayed towards working nothers: the unviability of the choice offered; how determined one has to be etc.

3. Work for financial reasons, but still likely to feel guilt.

4. Argues strongly for trade union membership, acceptance of part time work as 'proper' work with all its advantages, maternity leave, increased child care provision, change in husband's attitudes.

5. Deals with jobs, qualifications, training, pay etc.

- 6. Child care and fears about it: day nurseries, child minders, taking child to work, home care, nursery schools - playgroups - chapters on each.
- 7. Latch key children not hysterical about it, but it is a problem.
- Fairly damming about husband's role and their inability to actually involve themselves in responsibilities incurred when wife takes jobs child care.
- 9. Considers some recent developments: Sex Discrimination Act, Employment Protection Act - consultative document. Hot encouraging.

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 A survey of 250 women in part time work, mainly young, middle class women whose husbands also tend to be in professions.

2. Most of women do not want to work full time because of other interests i.e. unorthodox hours not a temporary phase to be dropped when child bearing/caring is finished. The women want a multifaceted life.

3. The utmost flexibility required to achieve personal pleasure from work which reflects back in family despite an arduous working week.

4. Domostic help crucial. Also children growing up. Also husband support.

5. Tends to assume man the breadwinner while professional wife provides the cake.

6. Most women waited till children started school before working. But still children's illness a problem. Mothers not feel guilty about situation.

7. Husbands generally indulgent or patronising about her work, testy when difficulties impinge on life at home; generally encouraging.

8. Problem of achieving promotion, work suited to experience/qualifications. Employers gain much from part timers.

9. Criticism of tax system which often makes it not worth it.

10. Finishes on optimistic note: argues against the 'Captive Wife'.
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