

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 1990

Women Workers Weave the Future: Threads of Resistance



Success Stories and Challenges Internationally and in the U.S.

Sunday, March 11, 1990

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1 - 2:45 pm – Plenary Panel

- **Welcome and Moderator** — Marta Ames, *The Women's Building*
- Sadie Geli-Williams, *Instituto Laboral de la Raza, Center for Ethics and Social Policy*
- Young Shin, *Asian Immigrant Women Advocates (AIWA)*
- Members of the AIWA Workers Board
- Margaret Butz, *East Bay Coalition of Labor Union Women, SEIU Local 790*
- **Cultural Performance** — Isabel Yrigoyen, Jesse Ortiz and Erika Luckett

2:45 - 3:00 pm – Break

3 - 5:00pm – Workshops

- 1) **Women and Organized Labor:** will look at changes in the economy and in the workplace as well as organizing models and strategies; examples of successfully overcoming barriers and building unity among women workers.
 - Katie Quan, *ILGWU, International Ladies Garment Workers Union*
 - Kai Douglas, *Tradeswomen Inc.*
 - Millie Phillips, *SF Coalition of Labor Union Women*
 - Angie Fa, *Community Labor Education Research Project, Hospital Employees and Restaurant Employees Local 2*
 - **Moderator:** Barbara Kellog, *East Bay Coalition of Labor Union Women*
- 2) **Immigrant and Refugee Women:** legal, economic and family pressures facing

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immigrant and refugee women and organizing efforts.

- Gloria Canas, *Organizer, CRECE, Central American Refugee Committee*
- Deanna Jang and Trinidad Madrigal, *Co-chairs, Immigrant Women's Task Force of Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and Services*
- **Moderator:** Miriam Louie, *Associate Director, Asian Immigrant Women Advocates*

3) **Health Care:** strategies for organizing within the context of a worldwide and domestic crisis in health care; special focus on issues of health care benefits, occupational and environmental risk and women's specific health needs.

- Luz Alvarez Martinez, *National Latina Health Organization*
- Cathy Chapman, *Urban Indian Health Board Inc.*
- Susan Liroff, *Women's Cancer Resource Center*
- Alexis Rankin, *SEIU Local 535, East Bay Coalition of Labor Union Women*
- Member of Bay Area Black Women's Health Project
- **Moderator:** Marta Ames, *SEIU Local 250, SF General Hospital AIDS Special Care Unit*

4) **Women and Poverty:** will look at the ever increasing numbers of women and children living in poverty; policy implications and political response to welfare reforms and workfare; specific economic and social impact on Black women and Native American women.

- Barbara Nabors-Glass, *Income Rights Project*
- Deirdre Won, *PRIDE (Parents Right to Income, Dignity and Education)*
- Wanda Qwitiquit, *State Bar of California*
- Linda Burnham, *Women of Color Resource Center*
- Erna Pahe, *Corporation for American Indian Development*
- **Moderator:** Ethel Long Scott, *Women's Economic Agenda Project*

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Food: Elizabeth Fry Center - an alternative to prison for women with young children.

