In the past five years, "women's liberation" has become a "household word" in the U.S. and throughout the working class. Successfully mobilized, the ERA era has been one of great gains for women, and indeed the movement for democratic rights for women has made significant gains since the early sixties.

But with the economic recession of the '70s and a climate of political reaction against the working class and the oppressed nationalities, the modest gains of women have been under severe attack. The ERA has been bogged down, the right to abortion challenged, pregnancy disability denied, childcare facilities cut back, newly hired women laid off, wage differentials increased. While the working class, and especially national minority women, have been the hardest hit by this reaction, women of the middle class have also suffered a setback.

Women are fighting back against all these attacks. Yet this fight back is scattered and haphazard. On a university campus, the layoff of a woman professor is protested. In a factory, chemicals which endanger women's reproductive capacities are the subject of a safety drive by the workers. In a hospital, women are in the forefront of a union organizing drive. Elsewhere, women have joined a rank and file caucus to push their demands into action. A group of women health professionals forms an alternative clinic more responsive to women's medical needs.

ALL WOMEN HAVE THE SAME ENEMY: CAPITALISM

Are all these struggles part of the "women's movement?" Scattered and unconnected as they are, all these women are taking up the struggle for women's rights. And in fact, conscious of it or not, all these women are fighting against the same enemy - the capitalist class and the capitalist system itself.

The reason that the women's movement is pitted against the working class is the power of the media. 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