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There were also excellent slide shows presented to the audience of 200. The first was an historical documentation of the struggle of women workers. The rich history of women workers’ resistance to capitalist exploitation came through very clearly in this show. The Association of Eritrean Students in North America presented a speech and slide show. The slide show pointed out that 30% of the EPLF is composed of women cadre. This is an excellent situation for a country in which women have historically been kept in the position of virtual slaves. In Eritrea there is now a new Association of Eritrean Women, which is rapidly expanding its membership.

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