



Letter to the Spare Rib, Women's Liberation Magazine.

Dear Sisters,

Firstly I must say a Big Thank You for your Magazine, it has kept me sane for the last 7 years.

May 24<sup>th</sup> is International Womyn's Day for Disarmament. It is part of the move to protest outside Greenham Common. Womyn will be demonstrating in their own areas, which may take the form of stopping work. Also we could do a womyn's strike on Mothers Day, holding it at Greenham. Womyn have never gone on strike before, I think it's about time they did, but in a big way we can show our solidarity outside of Greenham and that we are determined to stop Cruise Missiles.

The powers that be are still haggling around the table, while some lunatic may decide to press the bloody button. We are the humanitarians, who will get the job done for them, not with aggression but by peaceful demonstrations. At present most of us do nothing. We look away, we remain calm, we are silent. We take refuge in the hope that the Holocaust won't happen, and turn back to our individual concerns. We deny the truth that is all around us, indifferent to the future, we grow indifferent to one another. We drift apart, we grow cold, we drowse our way toward the end of the world.

"When one tries to face the nuclear predicament, one feels sick, whereas when one pushes it out of mind, as apparently we must do most of the time in order to carry on with life, one feels well again. But this feeling of well being is based on the denial of the most important reality of our time, and therefore is itself a sickness. A society that systematically shuts its eyes to an urgent peril to its physical survival and fails to take any steps to save itself cannot be called psychologically well. We must proceed with all forms of refusal to accept the unnatural and horrifying prospect of a nuclear holocaust".      Quote from Jonathan Schell's The Fate of the Earth.

Are we going to let them play their little war games, and erase us from the universe, or are we going to "take the toys from the naughty boys". Our we going to take our lives into our hands. Our children, and the unborn have no say, we exist, therefore we must speak for them. We have nurtured long enough, the misogynists have had their day. Now we must take a stand, and be counted. We must get this planet back on it's feet, there is so much to do. Millions die of hunger, mostly children, three quarters of people on this planet are sick, everything is dying, everything that we need to keep us alive.

Womyn of the World Unite this is our struggle we must claim our right.

In Sisterhood, Marlene