

well portrayed by Hollywood Film Makers

And that's America, isn't it? We sit in New York and reek of sophistry. Of course the war is wrong. Of course racism is declass. Of course we'll Dump the Hump. (We dumped the Hump, and look what we got.) But that doesn't effect us, does it? We've got Ecology to reckon with. We've got street-killers, muggers, rapists, Johnny Carson, The Village Voice and even Joe Franklin's "Memory Lane." Sonof-a-gun! We've got troubles and we've got kulcha. Who could ask for anything more?

And so it becomes permissible -- fashionable -- for the Movement to become just another ladder to climb. Who'll get to the latest atrocity first for a really inside interview with the bereaved? Great book. Great Book. The kid's got a real future!

And here I quote myself from my movie, loosely as I don't recall the exact words:

"... What kind of country is this where the cops beat up on the protesters and the peacemakers instead of the war-makers and the real criminals!"

New York. Our city is a microcosm for nothing at all! New York is to America as Paris is to France: no relationship whatsoever. Of course "The Strawberry Statement" is "too soft... too romantic." Of course the film seems, in terms of radical politics, "naive." Damn it all, I didn't write it for that 15-year-old girl in Wakefield. She's got to

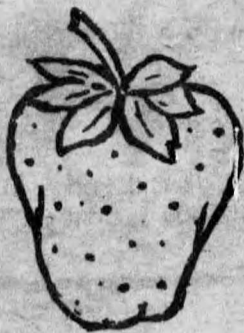
take her first step. If she doesn't we will suffocate with her. She is America: frightened always thinking and believing that "Things could be worse." Constantly spewing a casual never believing it for a moment. "I may dying appear to be, but the cancer cure is on the way. On the way.. On the.. On.. On.. Oooooo.." Life is short. There's no time for racism. There's no time for money. There's no time for the obscene slaughter of innocent people in the name of World Peace. There's no time, damn it! No time!

I don't know how to fix anything. I don't know if I really know anything at all. I think that America, the country, is dumb. I think that we might be sitting someday at out Nuremberg Trials pleading "We didn't know... We didn't know!" I think that we can stop the killing in Cambodia and Vietnam by getting the hell out of there. It seems to be a very simple cause-and-effort effect proposition. Yes, I hear the Economy needs the way. Wonderful! Show me a kid who gives a damn whether he's rich or poor and I'll show

What the hell are we giving our children? Victory? Over what? For what? They want to play and sing. They don't want to go to schools (prisons).

Imagine, if you will, trying to get the Bill of Rights through Congress now. Hilarious, isn't it? That was a violent revolution. Does it really have to come to that again?

a putstick on your left ear. Or a bullet in your stomach. Or another headline like today's.



these days, but it beats the hell out of a rap in the mouth. Or something to do with humanity? I think life is really funny. Especially when you think of how it ends. It just does. All the pushing and pulling didn't change anything did it, Willy?

A short speech and then you may go on to the movie ads: If you consider yourself a radical or even a tough liberal, please, please remember that most of America isn't there yet (an understatement). When a film or play or a story or an article or a poem or a talk show brushes by you that even hints at social reform -- embrace it. Just now, I don't really see a Movement, but I sense a slight bit of something in the air. Don't blow it away. Pacifism may well be unfashionable you a grown-up. Can't we get back to something that has

to be trained for jobs: they want to learn something new. Why do we change that?

Isn't it strange that man could invent wealth, but never find a way to spread it around? Naively I suppose, I've "an-

swered" the article of a few weeks back. Less naively, my instinct at the time was to find the young man who wrote the article and punch him in the mouth.

Even pacifists have their moments. All power to the people.

IN DEFENSE OF WOMEN



Fredericton Young Socialists

Over the last year a powerful women's liberation movement has emerged in Canada. Tens of thousands of women in hundreds of organizations from coast to coast are uniting, demonstrating their growing opposition to discrimination in the schools, on the job, in the family and struggling towards the liberation of their sex.

Anxious to discredit the entire movement, the business-controlled press has seized on the more peripheral and colourful aspects of the movement in a drive to misrepresent women's liberation as a tendency to learn karate, to hate or to become identical to men.

Yet there is no doubt that women are oppressed as a sex. Any evening of television gives dozens of examples of the sexual manipulation and degradation of women by corporations with the sole purpose of selling products and making profits. The Canadian Department of Labour reports that the average income of working women is roughly half that of men.

The struggle of women's liberation is not one of sex. Although male chauvinism is a completely reactionary attitude that must be opposed and overcome, the sexual subjugation of women is just part of the more basic oppression of working people by the corporate interests that control the property and power of our society. Like the struggle against the war in Vietnam and the movement to win the NDP to a socialist program, women's liberation is inseparable from the larger movement towards a socialist society.

Now the women's liberation movement has come to Fredericton. On September 21, several high school and campus women, working women and housewives founded the Fredericton Women's Liberation. This group is now involved in the support of high school women's protest of the discriminatory dress code. FWL supports all activities leading towards the liberation of women, particularly those based on the demands to write women back into history, for free 24-hour day-care centers, equal pay for equal work, and free abortion on demand. The group is eager to reach as many women as possible and will be running an active program on campus. Interested women should attend the meetings, held every Monday evening at 7:30 in Room 119 of the Student Union Building.

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