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To Housewives.

What is the class struggle? and why is it that wives of working men should be active and interested in the class struggle? The answers to these questions will give also the reason for the existence of the Militant Women's Movement which seeks to draw all sections of the working women into active participation in the class struggle.

Society is made up of two main social groups or classes whose interests are diametrically opposed to each other. On the one hand, the working class, who own no means of production of their own and are compelled therefore to sell their ability to labor (or labor power as it is called) in order to live, and on the other hand, the employing class - the capitalists - who through their ownership of the means of production live by exploiting wage labor. The employers seek to continually reduce the proportion of production which is given to the workers in the form of wages and thus compels the working class to organise and fight against the masters. This in short is the class struggle.

Let us compare the conditions as they affect the child of a worker and the child of a capitalist. The worker's child is more often than not a burden to its parents who have to practise the strictest economies in order to maintain it. At about fourteen years of age if it survives all the dangers of malnutrition and diseases of poverty the child becomes also a wage slave subjected all day long to severe exploitation. The worker's child has been denied education except of the most elementary and sometimes most harmful kind. The child of the capitalist is pampered and petted, receives all the good things of life in abundance including a good education. Is it not clear that wives of workers should be vitally interested in changing such conditions?

At present the threat of unemployment is particularly menacing and thousands of housewives of the working class have to plead with landlords and shopkeepers and seek charitable relief in hopeless endeavour to maintain a decent standard of life. By what right does the power belong to the capitalist class to say when we will work and live and, when we shall be unemployed and starve?

The master class has always encouraged the inactivity of women in the working class movement but working women and wives of the workers are beginning to recognise the necessity for uniting with the workingmen in the struggle against our common enemy. We have nothing to lose by fighting but everything to gain - we want the right to live decently; to have comforts and pleasures and to give our children proper nourishment and care. These things can be secured only by the overthrow of the capitalist system and the setting up of socialism - the social ownership of the means of production and its consequent abolition of social classes. We, the workers, must overthrow the capitalists ourselves, we must organise and train ourselves for this task by struggling to improve our conditions. We workers have to get used to fighting together and taking an interest in the historical mission of our class - Housewives! Be active in the class struggle!

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