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Editorial: Women and Civil Services

by A. Y.- M.

Is it true that women "have invaded," civil services, as some officials maintain? The writer of the article makes a very realistic analysis of the situation and explains the reasons for which in some services women outnumber men. Men of some worth are looking now for better paid positions in private enterprises and leave to women the low-paid employments. But even in these low-paid positions women are promoted with great difficulty, while male employees, who are often less competent — climb the ladder to the top leaving women behind...

Research: Violence against Women

Last December our League organised a public discussion on "Violence against Women". Due to the great interest aroused by the discussion, we considered it useful to publish the two introductory speeches made by the two Vice-Presidents of our League Ms. A. Miniati and Ms. R. Lampsas. We also asked Mr. E. Daskalakis, Asst. Professor of Criminology, to expound his views on the subject. Our President, Ms. Yotopoulos - Marangopoulos, professor of Criminology, added her own complementary and interesting views.

Ms. Lampsas pointed out among other things that there are many myths shrouding the subject of rape, myths based on a widespread misconception that women wish to be taken by force. It is also said that careless women

invite rape, that rapists are just sex-starved men who go out of control. Experts and victims, however, will tell you none of this is true. It can happen to any woman. Every day, women of all ages, races and social and economic backgrounds suffer from the trauma of rape and its aftermath.

Ms. Miniati made a research on the situation in Greece and she referred to different cases of rapes and family violences. She concluded with the hope that in the future, with the changing stereotypes of sexes, women will not have to bear the humiliation of male violence.

Mr. Daskalakis gave the scientific definition of violence and analysed it in the frame of woman's relations with her social surroundings. In conclusion he stated that violence is the consequence of institutions and not the nature of certain men.

Ms. Marangopoulos pointed out that the image a man has about a woman's insignificant value and about his own supremacy is the cause (together with other factors) of the act of violence against women.

Young Girl Immigrants and the Equality of Sexes

by Ms. Iris Avdi - Kalkani, lawyer

Young girls, children of Greek immigrants in Germany and other industrialised countries, are being brought up

with the sexist stereotypes and the old-fashioned traditions of the villages of their origin. A seminar on the subject held last summer in West Germany helped women realise their position and start fighting against the discriminations and prejudices held at the expense of their daughters.

News from Everywhere Banning of Feminist Magazine in Soviet Union

A group of women in Leningrad decided to produce the first free women's journal in their country, an Almanac, for women and about women. A crucial inhibitor to women's progress in the Soviet Union is the fact that "society's values are still masculine". The magazine also discussed the sexual division of labour and women's double oppression, women may work side by side with men outside the home, but the main responsibility for childcare and

housework still rests with them. The editors of the magazine have been questioned by the K.G.B. and the magazine was banned.

Woman in China

by Ms. Rena Lampsä

After a visit to China, Ms. Lampsä tries to give us an idea of the position of woman in China of today.

Letter from a Man Advocate of Feminism

Activities of the League

Marguerite Yourcenar, the first woman to enter the French Academy. A film review: Cramer versus Cramer