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Barbara Evans Crawford, Jean Witter, and Wilma, identifying themselves only as NOW members, interrupt Senate hearings to urge action on the ERA, February 17, 1970.

ABORTION: A WOMAN'S RIGHT OR A CRIME?

Two prominent speakers will debate in the Kent State ballroom on March 8 on the topic: "Abortion: A Woman's Right or a crime?"

Abortion is one of the sharpest issues facing American women today. Despite the 1973 Supreme Court ruling which made abortion a legal right, controversy has continued, and powerful anti-abortion forces are making a concerted effort to undermine women's access to legal, inexpensive and safe abortions.

Already the Federal Government has outlawed the funding of abortions through programs like Medicaid. In Akron, Ohio the City Council recently passed an abortion ordinance which invades privacy, subjects patients to anti-abortion and religious propaganda, and restricts the services of local abortion clinics. Similar ordinances have now been introduced in cities throughout the country. The biggest threat of all are the efforts being made to OUTLAW ABORTION through constitutional amendment.

Too many women have died at the hands of backroom abortion "doctors". Too many have died bloody deaths at their own hands, trying to abort themselves, to go back to the days of illegal abortion or to be intimidated by abortion clinic firebombings. Women have paid too high a price and fought too hard to now bend to the will of right-wing forces like Anita Bryant, Phyllis Schaffley, the John Birch Society and Right to Life, who are stirring up a movement to end legal abortion and generally force women back into their "proper role" within the system—pregnant and in the kitchen.

International Women's Day is a time to take stock of the gains made by the women's movement in fighting for equality. We hope students will take time out to hear this important debate and consider the threatened status of legal abortion in the U.S.

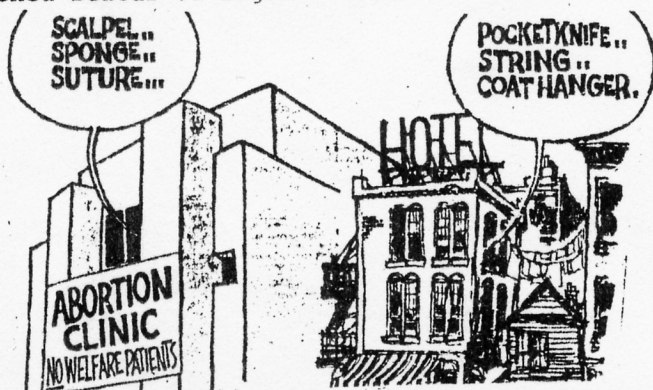
SPEAKERS:

BILL BAIRD

Nationally prominent pro-choice activist. Has appeared before the US Supreme Court 3 times to fight for greater abortion and birth control rights. Established national 1st campus Birth control/abortion center.

PROF. RAY ADAMEK

Prof. of Soc. at KSU. Active in pro-life movement since '72. Past Pres. of Greater Akron Right to Life. Current Pres. of Akron Pro-life Defense Fund.



Thurs. March 8
8:00pm
Ballroom

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