

## Women Work More Hours Than Men

Worldwide, women work twice as many hours as do men.

ILO statistics reveal that women who work at home, work an average of 69 hours per week. Women with outside jobs spend an average of 55.09 hours a week working at home plus an average of 44 hours a week working on the outside job. This adds up to a total of 99.9 hours a week spent working.

In Italy, 85% of mothers with children and full-time

jobs outside the house are married to men who do no domestic work at all. In Europe as a whole, a working woman has on average, less than half the free time as her husband.

In the industrialized countries, unpaid housework contributes between 25 and 40% to the Gross National Product (GNP).

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## A Museum for Women

The National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA), which opened in April 1987, is probably the first museum of its kind in the world. Its supporters say that the museum came into being in response to a need voiced by artists, art historians, collectors and museum professionals for an institution that focuses on the contributions of women to the history of art, but some of its critics fear that it is an idea whose time has passed.

Many of the museum's critics believe that at a time when women are making unprecedented breakthroughs in all professional fields, a separate museum for women's art is inappropriate.

The driving force behind the museum is its founder, Wilhelmina (Billie) Cole Holladay, who, with her hus-

band, Wallace, has formed a collection of art by women. She makes a paradoxical patron for today's women artists: politically conservative, she opposes feminist activism. "I must stress that we are not a part of the feminist movement", she states firmly.

The combined library and study centre is collecting monographs, general works, master's theses, and doctoral dissertations on women artists, women art collectors, and women art patrons, American and foreign, of all periods, as well as catalogue raisonnés and exhibition catalogues of women artists, rate books and exhibition catalogues has grown to more than 2,000 volumes, and the artists' files number more than 3,000. The only criterion for inclusion in the NMWA library is that the artist, apart from being female, must have had a sole exhibition.

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## Five Years After Nairobi

An international group of women who call themselves GROOTS, Grass Root Organizations Operating Together for Sisterhood, are planning a "Grassroot Forum" to be held in Madras, India in 1990. The Working Women's Forum, an organization of 37,000 women in South India, will host the meeting.

The forum will expand on networking begun in

Nairobi among low-income rural women and women workers. It aims to enable women from community-based organizations to share problems of day to day organizing, and exchange technical and managerial resources. Special attention will be paid to Community development strategies that help women overcome oppressive situations in the home, the workplace, etc.

## World Congress of Women

June 23 - 27, 1987

Women and their organizations on all continents are preparing for the World Congress of Women to be held in Moscow, June 23 to 27, 1987. This Congress will be an important milestone in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women until the Year 2000. It will be an open platform for discussions and actions for the promotion of women's rights, the guaranteeing of the peoples' right to national independence, sovereignty and development and the protection of life and the future of humanity against the threat of a nuclear war. Consultations, meetings and seminars at the national, regional and international levels are important steps on the way from Nairobi to Moscow.

An essential stage of the preparations for the World Congress of Woman was introduced by a con-



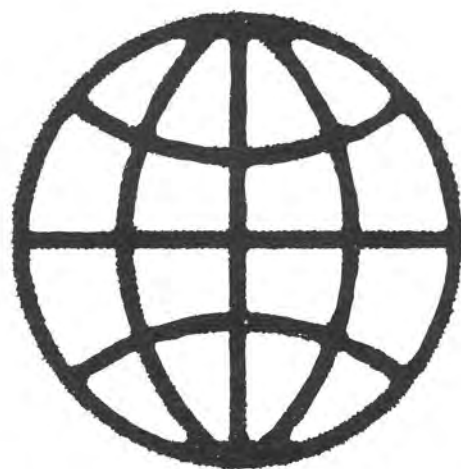
sultative meeting of international non-governmental organizations convened by the WIDF and held in Geneva in early June.

The process of consultation is being continued - in Africa, Asia, Latin and North America and Europe. The ideas and proposals conceived at these meetings will extend the range of topics to be discussed and considerably enrich the World Congress of Women.

## Shaking up The World Bank

The good news for women is that the new World Bank President, Barber Conable is planning to increase the number of female senior staffers. The bad news is that at present only 6 out of 60 senior staffers at the World Bank are female. At his first staff meeting, Conable, a former New York Congressman said, "Well, I expect to begin my address by saying, good morning ladies and gentlemen, but there seems to be a disappointing number of ladies here." A videotape of the speech was a huge hit among female staffers. Conable has not announced any personnel changes yet, but U.S. Treasury officials believe a shake-up of the bank's entrenched senior bureaucracy is long overdue.

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