

Increase Family Allowance Now!

Cutting our money, doubling our work

The Labour government has chosen its cuts carefully. And we women are the prime target. As always, we are expected to do without, to put our own needs last, to have no money in our pockets. Education and nursery cuts take away our wages as teachers, cooks and cleaners, and increase our work at home—DOING THE SAME WORK FOR FREE. The government wants to save two ways, ON THE WAGES THEY DON'T GIVE US and ON THE EXTRA WORK THEY MAKE US DO.

Family Allowance—the woman's right

With every price rise, Family Allowance is whittled down. And they don't even call it a freeze. But having less money, we are forced to be more dependent on money from men. Why should we be? We're entitled to money in our own right. Family Allowance is often THE ONLY MONEY WE CAN CALL OUR OWN, the only recognition that housework is WORK and that EVERY mother is a WORKING MOTHER.

We women want our increase

Three years ago, we women fought to keep Family Allowance—and won. We've led the fight for higher pensions, more Social Security, equal pay. Those of us who look after others—mothers, teachers, hospital workers—are refusing to be blackmailed into working harder for less. As the nurses said, You can't put dedication in the bank. We need the money to deal with OUR crisis.

**Our housework is worth money
like any other work**

Those of us who work full time at home have been picked to be the symbols of self-sacrifice. But ALL WOMEN are being made to pay for the present crisis. Every day we face:

- * **HIGHER PRICES** – More work shopping for bargains, more time cooking, and more explaining why there's less on the table.
- * **REDUNDANCIES** – Now when we're forced more than ever to go out to work, there are fewer jobs about. If we're laid off, many of us don't get unemployment pay—we just go home with no money.
- * **GETTING LESS SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT** – Unsupported mothers, widows, pensioners have to choose between heating and eating.
- * **CUTS IN THE HEALTH SERVICE** – We wait months and years for treatment, face induced births because of staff shortages, look after relatives and friends sent home too early from hospitals.

Because we're so used to working without pay at home and for low pay in outside jobs, they expect us to suffer in silence. But we need money as much as other workers, and we intend to get it.

FAMILY ALLOWANCE MUST INCREASE TO CATCH UP WITH PRICES AND MUST BE PAID FOR EVERY CHILD

We don't want to pay Family Allowance back in taxes, and we don't want the men to take a pay cut when we get an increase. We are all making profit for industry and corporations. Let the government get the money from them.

FAMILY ALLOWANCE MUST BE MADE TAX-FREE

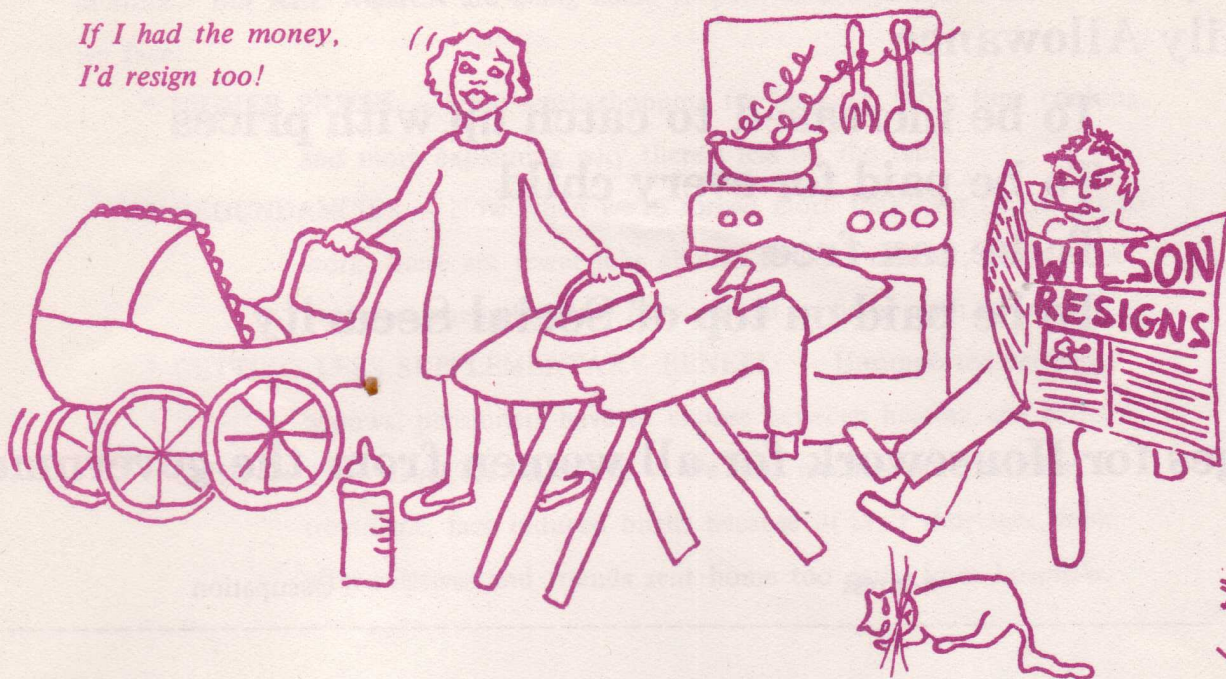
Unsupported mothers never see Family Allowance. It's just deducted from Social Security.

FAMILY ALLOWANCE MUST BE PAID ON TOP OF SOCIAL SECURITY

The only way for ALL WOMEN to stop the cuts is to make the government pay for ALL the work we do. Then they'll think twice before trying to make us work harder.

WAGES FOR HOUSEWORK FOR ALL WOMEN FROM THE GOVERNMENT

If I had the money,
I'd resign too!



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