



Statue of Liberation

That famed lady in New York harbor — the Statue of Liberty—had a brand new banner after about 100 women from various women's liberation groups demonstrated at the statue in support of a constitutional amendment, then before Congress, barring discrimination on the basis of sex. The measure passed the House of Representatives, 350-15, and the banner came down. (RNS)

How Now, Women's Lib?

"If men had to have babies there would be no population explosion," is one of the familiar battle cries of the women's liberation movement.

"The day I can find a woman capable of playing middle guard for the Green Bay Packers is the day I'll say women are equal to men" may be considered a parallel remark.

Yet suffragettes in Susan B. Anthony's day probably seemed just as inane to some people as the staunchest libbers today.

And recently a 122-pound female, albeit in an exhibition game, played during a professional football contest.

Events from the ridiculous to the serious keep bouncing around on all sides of the women's lib movement. Everything from the necessity for brassieres to abortion has been dragged into the issue.

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It may seem safe to say that women should progress on the job according to their ability. But there is the inevitable reaction, "It's impossible to work for a woman boss," heard from both sexes.

There is a special plateau of the debate wherein the right to a career is pitted against the noble and traditional role of mother of the family.

The obvious answer would seem to be that individual women should decide for

themselves. Yet on one side are innuendoes that fulltime rearing and care of a family amounts to servitude and on the other that women belong only in the home.

Recently a "liberated" nun, Sister Margaret Ellen Traxler said that Catholic Sisters have failed the lib movement not only because they let men tell them what to do but because they betrayed their own pioneering efforts.

"We were the first to educate women and we had to fight men to do it," says Sister Traxler, best known for her activities with the National Coalition of American Nuns which she helped found.

A recent House-approved bill guarantees "equal rights" for women, along with it the right to be drafted.

The issue has taken on comic proportions with women winning the right to attend a previously all-male bar in New York City. The first to benefit from this right promptly found herself crowned with the contents of a mug of ale by a disillusioned male customer.

Also inherent in the debate is a theological consideration — should a female play a greater role in the liturgy, up to and including priesthood.

All sides of these questions will be hashed and rehashed today, Women's Lib Day. Courier-Journal readers are invited to express their views in letters to the editor.

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