

MRS. JONNIE RANKIN

Mrs. Rankin wrote a column for the newspaper of the Shipyard General Workers Union during the War, describing the experiences of women workers in the shipyards. She has been involved with the OTEU (office workers); and IWA as well. She was an activist in the Labour Progressive Party during the War. The tape describes the motivations for women to take industrial jobs during the War; hiring procedures; attitudes of men to women workers; craft and industrial unions; daycare; political struggles in the unions; Soviet women and the War; piecework; shopstewarding; layoffs and women; work with the People; the LPP; left-wing theatre; Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union organizing; the IWA strike of 1946; working for the IWA; equal pay struggles, women's auxiliaries.

MRS. SOUDERHOLM

Mrs. Souderholm was active with Finnish community organizations in the Maple Ridge area during the War. The tape describes that community during the Depression; the cooperative movement; women's organizations; work at Berryland and organizing a union there; non-monetary issues and the unions; women in War industry; conditions in the fish canneries.

MRS. MARGE STORM

Mrs. Storm was and is a member of the IWA, and has been involved in women's rights organizing in the BC Federation of Labour. The tape compares work in organized and unorganized wood plants; sexual harassment on the job; women and union positions; seniority; weight limits and women; equal pay and job actions; the Human Rights Code; childcare, women's caucuses; racism in the wood industry; office work.

BILL WHITE

Bill White was President of the Bailermakers Local in Prince Rupert during WWII, at the shipyards. Many women from the community entered production there. He was and is active in the Trotskyist movement. He was involved in struggles against women being laid off after the War. The tape describes conditions in Rupert; the battles between the soldiers, workers and the Natives; racism in Rupert; the growth of the shipyard, response to the entry of women in the yards and the community; attitudes towards the Japanese; anti-war sentiments; the LPP; no-strike pledge.

MRS. EILEEN TALLMAN

Mrs. Tallman (nee Sufrin) began her interest in unions as a CCF youth activist during the Depression, and began organizing through the CCYM's trade union committee in Ontario. She was involved in the 1940 - 1941 organizing drive in the banks which culminated in the strike in Montreal, and the defeat of the drive. She continued to organize for the Steelworkers, coming to Vancouver in 1943 to train officers of the union, and initiate "Steel", the union's press. She was involved in political struggles with the Labour Progressive Party leadership in the B.C. labour movement, and was active on the Vancouver and District Labour Council. She later returned to Ontario, where she led a campaign to organize Eaton's 9600-person workforce, a drive that was lost by only 600 votes. She returned to the USWA and worked with their office workers' department, participating in the Continental Can drive.