

# Women hold rallies for 'Equality Day'

By the Associated Press  
**TERRY STONE** of Boston spent yesterday demonstrating for women's equality. Margaret Kennedy of Miami was too busy ringing up sales at the supermarket to worry about her rights.

The two reflected the different attitudes of Americans toward Women's Equality Day, proclaimed by President Ford to mark the 54th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

Ms. Stone, a member of the National Organization for Women [N.O.W.] who prefers the title "Ms.," said Boston feminists were raising money to fight abortion opponents.

"Sure, we're celebrating the right to vote," she said, "but the next most crucial issue is the right to control our own lives."

**MRS. KENNEDY**, a cashier and the 39-year-old mother of five, said: "Equality Day may be all right for people who have nothing else to do, but when you get up at daybreak, get breakfast, take three kids to the baby sitter, then get yourself to work, you don't have much time to think about equality."

Rallies and celebrations were called, meanwhile, to protest job discrimination and to urge support for the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. Thirty-three of the 33 states needed for ratification

have approved the amendment.

In Chicago, an estimated 100 members of N.O.W. demonstrated at Sears Tower, 233 S. Wacker Dr., in protest of alleged sex discrimination in pay and promotion at Sears.

Sears employees and inter-

ested observers heard Anne Ladky, president of the Chicago chapter, charge that women at Sears are "underpaid and undervalued."

**MS. LADKY** said six members of Sears, Roebuck and Co. sit on the board of the Sears bank, thus making discrimination in their bank and their retail stores "interchangeable."

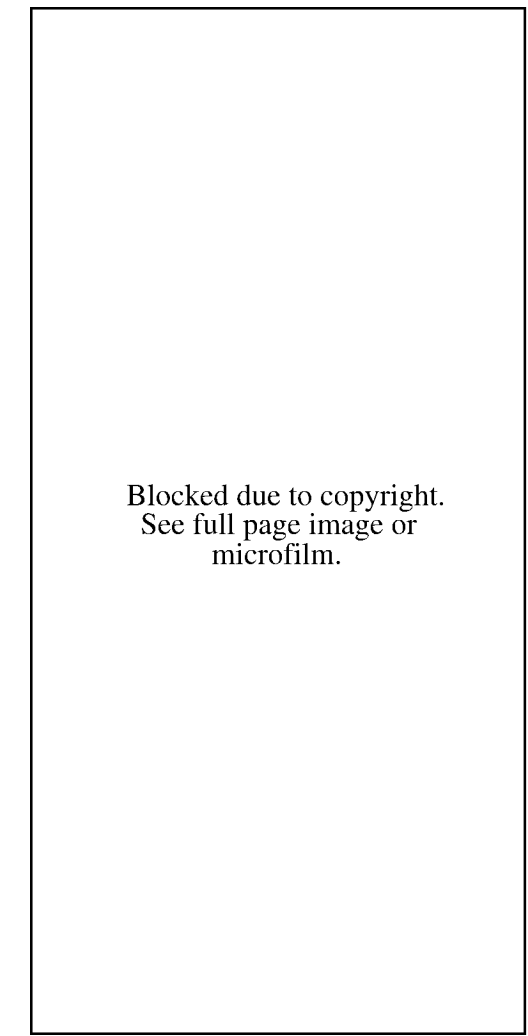
A "women's proclamation" was posted on the door of Chicago's Holy Name Cathedral, 730 N. Wabash Av., by Catholic Women for the E.R.A. to celebrate Women's Equality Day.

Jessie Adler, 96, a suffragette who said she's been fighting for equality for more than half a century, had little sympathy for women who aren't aware of or are fighting against the amendment.

"I could slap those women in the faces," she said from her home in St. Petersburg, Fla. "They are financially supported by their husbands. They have no idea what it's like for a single woman or a divorced woman with children who has to work for a living."

Selma Levitt of Mount Vernon, N. Y., a housewife who went back to work when her children were grown, said she wasn't even aware that yesterday was a special day. What did it mean to her? "Not a thing . . . I doubt that anybody pays the slightest attention."

The N.O.W. chapter in Washington, D.C., held a series of "zaps," protest demonstrations against institutions



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Members of National Organization for Women protesting alleged sex discrimination in hiring at Sears Tower yesterday.

and government agencies accused of sex discrimination. They also distributed their own "F.B.I." posters. The initials stood for "Feminist Bureau of Investigation" and the posters identified the group's "10 most wanted men" who have discriminated against women.