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## Ten Years of ERA Is Enough!

Illinois was the front-line battleground of the ten-year debate over the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. The Illinois General Assembly voted on ERA at least once every year for ten years, and five times in 1982.

The pictures printed in this Report show the radicals who promote ERA, and some of their violent and disruptive tactics designed to ride roughshod over the constitutional amending process. Their activities cost days and weeks of expensive legislative time. The Capitol Rotunda was the scene of a hunger strike planned to coerce the Legislature into an emotional vote. One ERA proponent was convicted of offering a cash bribe to induce a legislator to vote Yes on ERA; her conviction was upheld on appeal.

In the final days of the ERA debate in June 1982, a cadre of ERA supporters went to the slaughterhouse, bought pigs' blood in plastic sacks, and then squirted it on the Flags and on the marble in the State Capitol. The picture below shows these ERAers writing in blood on the marble floor of the Capitol on June 25. They also

wrote in blood the names of the legislators they hated the most.

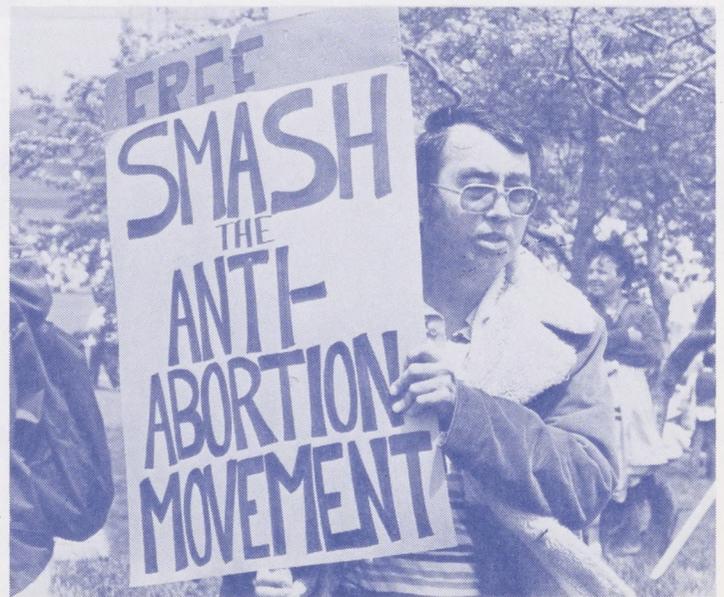
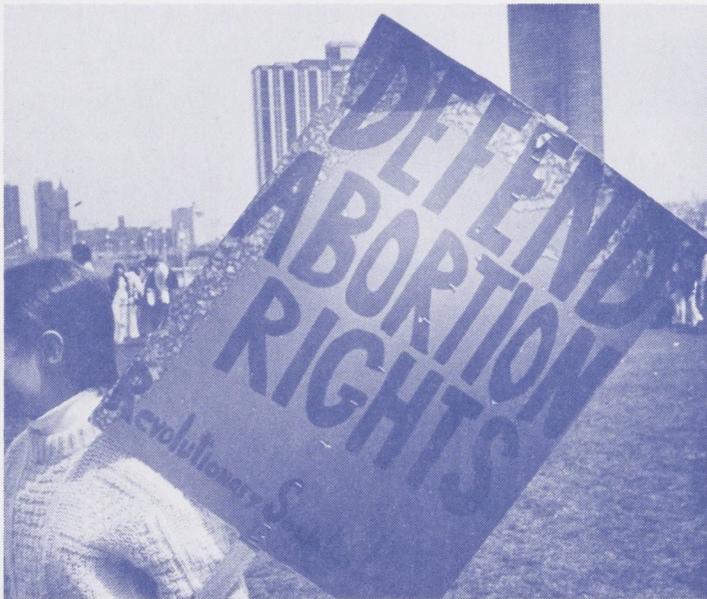
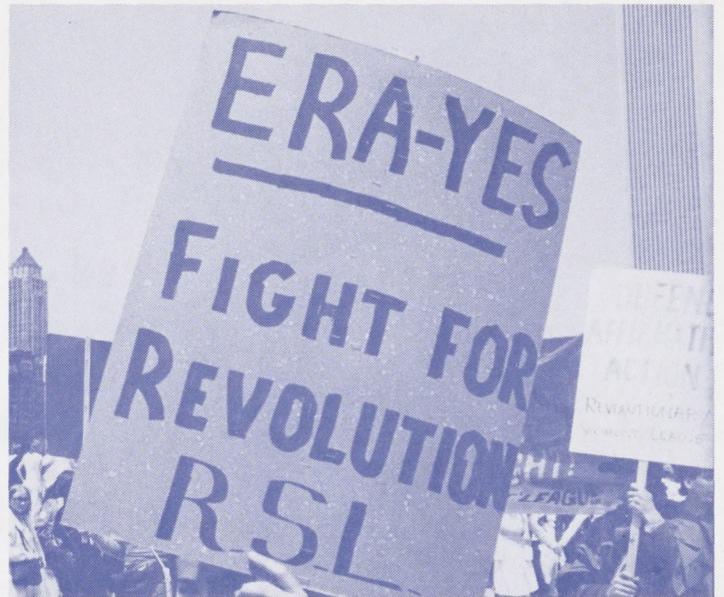
The pictures on page 4 show the "ERA Chain Gang" — ERA supporters who chained themselves to the doors of the Senate Chamber (so Senators had to step over them to get in) and lay down chanting in front of the Speaker's rostrum in the House Chamber (to bring the legislative session to a halt). The ERAers had to be carried out of the Capitol after they refused to leave. The pictures on page 2 and 3 are from the ERA March in May 1980. Illinois suffered years and years of these divisive and disruptive tactics.

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Ask your U. S. Senators and Congressmen: How could you possibly send ERA back to the States so that these radicals can disrupt the State legislative process again? Doesn't respect for the United States Constitution demand a "cooling off" period?



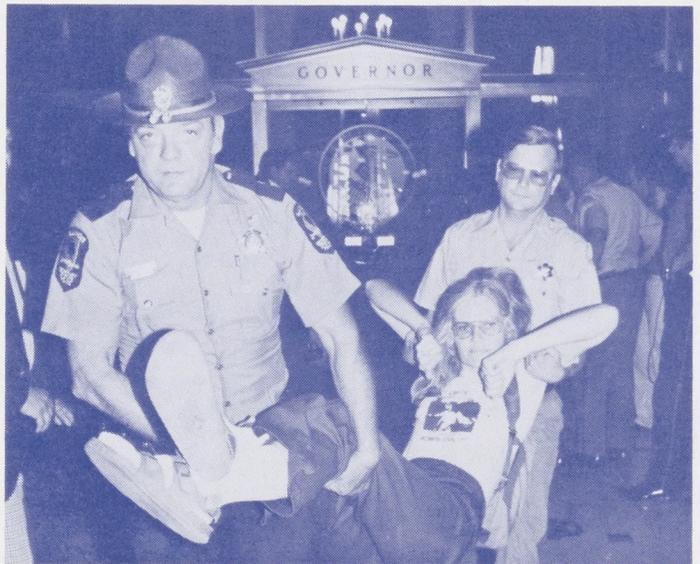
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- Phyllis Schlafly Reports* (50¢ per copy; 4 copies \$1; 100 copies \$10)  
 Ten Years of ERA Is Enough!  
 How ERA Would Change Federal Laws  
 What Are N.O.W.'s Policies and Goals
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