3 in 10 pregnant women get abortions

1.4 million U.S. women—29 percent of those who became pregnant in 1978—obtained abortions to terminate their pregnancies. Between 1967, when some states began relaxing restrictive abortion laws, and 1973, the latest year of which there are data, more than six million women — one out of eight women of reproductive age—obtained a total of eight million abortions.

Two-thirds of all abortions are performed in specialized abortion clinics, with the number and the proportion performed in hospitals on the decline. Ninety five percent of abortions are performed in metropolitan areas.

Mainly because of the concentration of services in relatively few metropolitan areas of the country, and because of the unavailability of public funding of abortion services, nearly one-half million women in need were unable to obtain abortions in 1978. These women were disproportionately poor, young, rural and members of minority groups.

These are among the principal findings of an Alan Guttmacher Institute survey of health institutions and private physicians providing abortion services in the United States for 1977-1978.

Also in the current issue are the results of the most recent Institute survey, by Institute research analyst Aida Torres, of the U.S. family planning clinic network. It shows that 4.2 million U.S. women—most of them poor, and three in ten of them teenagers—received contraceptive services in 1977 at some 5,300 family planning clinics.

Together, the two surveys comprise the most comprehensive and up-to- date analysis of abortion and family planning services in the United States.

The Abortion Survey

The Institute's fifth annual abortion survey covered all of 1977 and the first quarter of 1978; projections of national data were made for the remainder of 1978.

There were 1,320,000 abortions reported in 1977 and 1,374,000 projected for 1978—an increase of four percent, compared to an increase of 12 percent in the previous year.

Nevertheless, the survey results showed, some 506,000 women in 1977 and 479,000 in 1978 were unable to obtain the abortion services that they wanted and needed.

Need for abortion services was calculated by averaging the resident abortion rates of the six states with the broadest abortion service availability, assuming that the average of their rates represented the level of abortion use that would probably occur in other, less-well served areas if abortions were equally available and accessible there.

Thus, 28 pe-cent of women estimated to be in need of abortion services were unable to obtain them in 1977, and 26 percent could not obtain them in 1978—five years after the Supreme Court decisions legalizing abortions in the United States.

In addition to the 507,000 women in need who could not obtain abortions in 1977, another 118,000 had to travel to another state because of unavailability of services in their home state.

Hundreds of thousands more could not get abortions in their own counties (77 percent of U.S. counties had no abortion provider), and had to travel, often considerable distances, to obtain services.

These requirements of travel, the authors note, involve additional cost and inconvenience.

Even more important, they increase the risk of the procedure because women who must travel long distances tend to delay the abortion to a ister, more dangerous period of gestation, and because distance impedes the rapid diagnosis and treatment of postabortion complications.

These difficulties are compounded by the fact that only 37 percent of U.S. hospitals (20 percent of public hospitals and 31 percent of private non-Catholic hospitals provided abortion services in 1977.

The number of abortions performed in hospitals declined by 24,000 between 1976 and 1977; whereas the number performed in nonhospital facilities increased by 165,000. Seven in ten abortions were performed in nonhospital facilities.

The authors suggest that the failure of hospitals, especially public hospitals, to offer abortion services, increases the hardships suffered by poor women, for whom hospitals are a traditional source of medical care, and for rural women who live in areas too sparsely populated to support specialized abortion clinics.

The authors note that in the year before enforcement in late 1977 of the Hyde amendment restricting government financing of abortions for poor women, nearly one-fourth of the total number of abortions (298,000 of 1.3 million) were obtained by indigent women and were paid for by federal and state Medicaid funds.

Since that time, the number of federally funded Medicaid abortions has fallen by 90 percent. The federal government helped pay for only 4,044 abortions between July 1, 1978 and June 30, 1979, with 85 percent of those abortions performed because the life of the pregnant women.

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ALPHA ALPHA SIGMA SORORS of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. who hosted the group's Northeast Regional mid-winter workshop here at the Holiday Inn Downtown on Jan. 26 are (L to R): Louise Jones, Hortense Franklin, Julia Medley, Reba Matthews, basileus of Alpha Alpha Sigma chapter, (of Baltimore), Lota Howard Victorine Jones and Emily Bryant.

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LINKS' PRESENTATION — Pictured making a monetary presentation to the Carl Murphy Scholarship Fund at their January 26 meeting at 400 N. Charles St. are (L to R): Mrs. Kay Carter, chairperson, John Eruphaol, African student at Morgan U. and president of the Interdenominational Student Association (he received the contribution), Mrs. Peggy Crawford, the Association advisor and Mrs. Vera H. Hayes.

Links are linking Third World

"Linking With the Third World" is the theme of the Baltimore Chapter, Links Inc.

This theme has been carried out under the umbrella of International Trends and Services, chaired by Kathleen M. Carter.

The Baltimore Links began with an overview and invited Gretta Middleton to a 1978 meeting to provide this because of her diversified experience and travel.

Ms. Middleton is president of Mackel Middleton Enterprises Ltd., a recently established trading and consulting firm with headquarters in Baltimore.

Because of the leadership she demonstrated in establishing trade with the Third World and because of her contribution in heightening awareness of an increasing knowledge of these countries, a plaque was recently presented to Ms. Middleton.

She has begun to trade in grain and machinery. According to Ms. Middleton she has found the experience rewarding, yet challenging to her as a woman and especially as a black woman.

At the January meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Links Inc., held at 4000 N. Charles St., a presentation was made by Kathleen Carter to the Carl Murphy Scholarship Fund.

John Eruphaol, president of the International Student Association, received the award on behalf of the organization. Mr. Eruphaol is a member of the Ibos Tribe in the state of Imo in Nigeria.

He and the association advisor, Peggy Crawford, joined the Links for brunch at the home of Link Lydia Mussenden recently.

They spoke of the hardships students face because of the difficulties involved in getting their money out of their countries, through many channels and then into the United States and to the various universities in this country which they attend.

In addition they have to meet stringent requirements set by our immigration officials. One such requirement is that they must be in school or leave the country.

Despite these and other hardships, the students in this area continue to maintain the highest academic averages at Morgan University.

Baltimore Link committee members are Pearl Brackett, Beatrice Butler, Robbie Chissell, Geraldine Desbordes, Audry Howard, Emma Michael, Bennie Ruth Simpkins, Ann Weaver and Kathleen M. Carter, chairperson.

Women to push supportive candidates

"If candidates support the 1977 Houston Plan of Action, women will elect them next year," said Dr. Alma Quigley, the newly elected chair of the National Women's Political Caucus's Democratic Task Force.

"Without affirming commitment to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, a woman's right to choose and other issues adopted by women in 1977, a candidate will not receive an endorsement from the Democratic Task Force."

The National Women's Political Caucus, a non-partisan organization of 45,000 members, works for the election of candidates who champion women's issues.

As part of the NWPC's effort to elect more women as delegates to the national party conventions, the Democratic as well as the Republican Task Forces will continue their policy of getting women involved in delegate selection.

"Our women will be strongly represented at the Democratic platform hearings this year," added Quigley.

"With 50 percent of the delegates to the Democratic convention women, we will play a significant role in the selection of this year's presidential candidate and in the writing of the Democratic National Plank."

Dr. Quigley was elected chair of the Democratic Task Force last weekend when the Steering Committee of the NWPC met in Washington, D.C. to formulate policy for the organization. Besides being the chair of the New York State Political Action Caucus, and besides organizing the action of the NWPC at the 1976 Democratic Convention, Dr. Quigley has coordinated the campaigns of women candidates like Mary Ann Krupsak and Bella Abzug. Dr. Quigley is currently on the faculty of the Temple University School of Social Action, in Philadelphia, Penna.

"No more will candidates who promise to work for women's issues but fail to live up to their words be elected," Dr Quigley concluded. "In 1980, women will be the deciding force, and women will make it happen."

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