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You are joyfully invited to
attend the 'burial
of
CREEPING WOMANHOOD
who passed
with
a
sigh
to her Great Reward
this year of the Lord
1968
after 3000 years of
bolstering the egos of the
warmakers
and
aiding the cause of war...



New York Radical Women's "invitation" leaflet at the Jeanette Rankin Brigade March, Washington, DC, January 15, 1968. Designed by Shulamith Firestone. Outside cover. Courtesy of the Redstockings Women's Liberation Archives.

Don't Bring Flowers...

Do be prepared to sacrifice your traditional female roles. You have refused to hankly-wave boys off to war with admonitions to save the American Mom and Apple Pie. You have resisted your roles of supportive girlfriends and tearful widows, receivers of 'regretful' telegrams and worthless medals of honor. And now you must resist approaching Congress playing these same roles that are synonymous with powerlessness. We must not come as passive supplicants begging for favors, for power 'cooperates' only with power. We must learn to fight the warmongers on their own terms, though they believe us capable only of rolling bandages. Until we have united into a force to be reckoned with, we will be patronized and ridiculed into total political ineffectiveness. So, if you are really sincere about ending this war, join us tonight and in the future.

