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Media Advisory

Barbara Ehrenreich joins Yale women workers' fight *Candlelight vigil: "A Woman's Place is in Her Union"*

New Haven, CT—Barbara Ehrenreich, author of bestseller *Nickel & Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*, will join hundreds of Yale workers when they take to the streets again, in a march/rally planned for 6:30pm on Wednesday, Dec. 10.

The action will coincide with hundreds of simultaneous actions for the right to organize, coordinated nationwide by the AFL-CIO. About 2000 Yale hospital workers and 2000 Yale graduate teachers have been trying for years to organize a union. Yale won't agree to a fair process to unionize. For both graduate teachers and hospital workers, the family health insurance provided by Yale is so expensive, and their wages so low, that they have had to go on welfare to insure their children through the state's HUSKY program. Wednesday's action will spotlight this and other women's issues.

Who: Barbara Ehrenreich, author of NYT bestseller *Nickel and Dimed*.
Hundreds of Yale union members, students, and community allies

What: Demonstration that "A Woman's Place is in Her Union."
Coordinated with Nat'l AFL-CIO mobilization for Right to Organize

When: Starts 6:30pm on Wednesday, December 10
(Dec. 10 is "International Human Rights Day")

Where: March starts at corner of Elm/College, New Haven, CT
Rally at "Women's Table", in front of Yale's Sterling Memorial Library

Background on threats to right to organize:

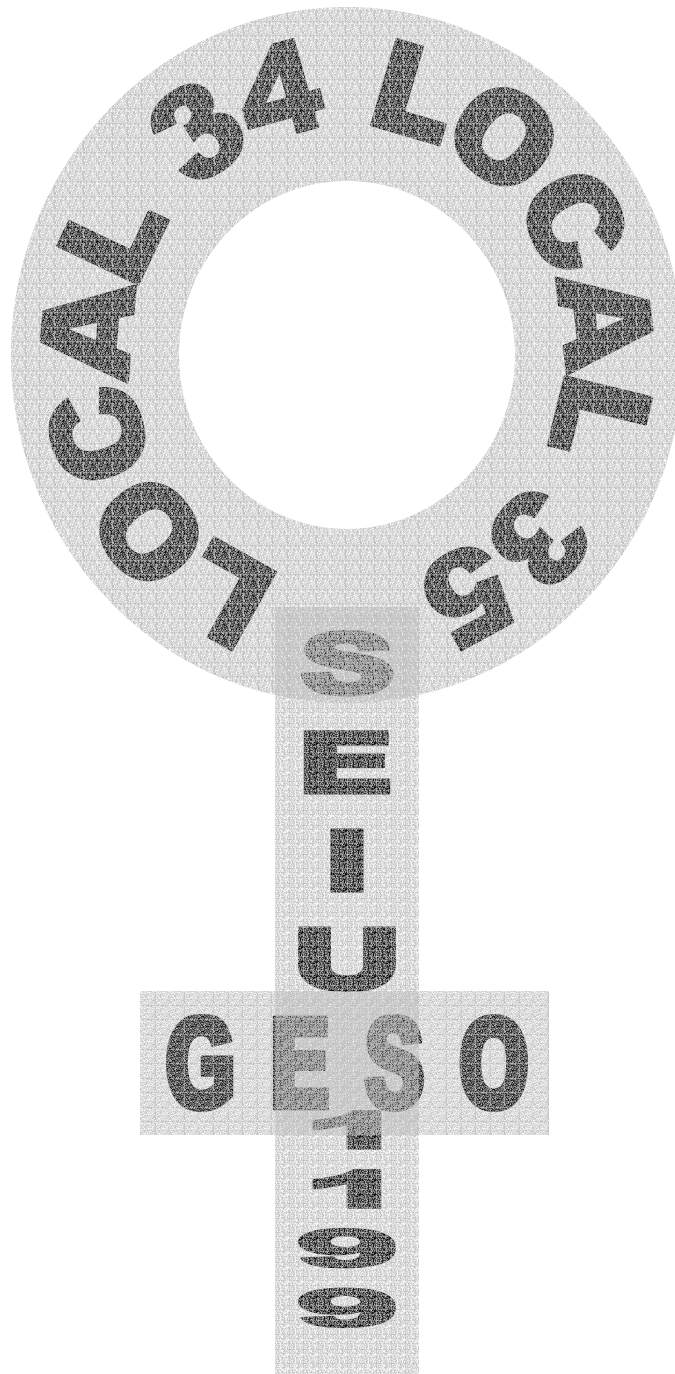
Human Rights Watch report → <http://www.hrw.org/reports/2000/uslabor/>

Yale Law Student report → <http://www.yaleunions.org/geso/pubs/WRP-Report.pdf>

GESO report → <http://www.yaleunions.org/geso/pubs/ALB-GESO-report.pdf>

Academic Labor Panel statement on Yale → <http://www.yaleunions.org/geso/pubs/statement.pdf>

For more information about the AFL-CIO national mobilization on December 10:
<http://www.afcio.org/aboutunions/voiceatwork/d10.cfm>



"A Woman's Place is in Her Union"

Solidarity Action

With Barbara Ehrenreich

6:30pm, Elm & College St

After the GESO and Local 34 membership meetings