The Day They Buried "Traditional Womanhood": Women and the Politics of Peace Protest

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You are joyfully invited to attend the burial of
SLEEPING 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...
'Don't Bring Flowers...

Do be prepared to sacrifice your traditional female roles. You have refused to faintly 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 suppliants 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.