

## Morocco

*Bouchra Bernounssi* and *Oumaima Sayeh*, aged 23 and 24, have graduated in November 1985 from the Moroccan National Pilots School and become the first women commercial airline pilots in Morocco.

They were received in a private audience by *King Hassan II* of Morocco alongside with all the men in their promotion. *Bouchra* and *Oumaima* are qualified to fly all types of commercial airlines and will work with Royal Air Morocco (RAM).

AFP, 13/11/1985

## Computer Camp for Girls

A 3-week computer camp was organized in Alexandria, Egypt, for girls from different Arab countries.

The daily schedule involves three hours of computer training, and some hours are devoted to recreational programmes and social activities. Girls have shown great enthusiasm, patience and determination for learning computer studies.

Sayidaty, 17/11/1985

## Arab Women's Activities in London

The Arab Women's Association has introduced Arab heritage, culture and art to London's cultural events by sponsoring the play «Thousand Stories in Okath Market».

The play was shown on December 3, 1985 in Albert Hall, London. The play consists of thirteen acts that are not bound to a specific time of history. Yet the events, when put in a certain context, reflect significant implications in Arab History. The play has put special emphasis on Arab famous characters and their linkage to different phases of history. *Nidal Ashkar* was behind the idea of the play that was written by *Dr. Walid Abou Seif*. The Arab Women's Association sent the funds that were raised to help the children of Lebanon.

Sayidaty, 11/11/1985

From the 24th till the 27th of March 1986, the International Conference on Women's History will take place in Amsterdam. Numerous speakers from the Netherlands and abroad will lecture on subjects from the field of women's history. The conference will consist of lectures, workshops and discussion-sessions and, as it is an international conference, the main language will be English.

Participants will receive a conference-book in advance.

Anybody who wishes to attend should write or call to the conference office for registration forms:

International Conference on Women's History  
Herengracht 286, kamer 109  
1016 BX Amsterdam  
020-5252617 (monday, tuesday, wednesday)

## Multiple-Role Women are Healthier than Others

A symposium held during the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, found that multiple-role women who juggle outside jobs and family responsibilities are healthier than others.

Speaking at the symposium, *Dr. Lois M. Verbrugge*, an expert on women, work and health at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, said:

«The best health is found among employed married mothers, followed closely by employed married women without children.»  
The worst health is among women with «no rules», unmarried women with no job or children.

«Employment is associated with good health,» she said,

«Marriage is also a healthful status, compared to nonmarriage».

Concluding the results of her study on multiple-role women, *Dr. Verbrugge* asked, «Are multiple-role women healthier than others because having important roles offers satisfactions and resources that promote health, or because only healthy women can take on several roles?»

In her final statement the social scientist predicted that as women spend more years of their lives working, their health will improve.

UPI, June 9-10, 1984

## Beirut 1984

### A Population and Health Profile

Edited by Huda C. Zurayk and Haroutune K. Armenian

This volume presents the findings of a population based health survey in the city of Beirut. As part of its concern to develop action oriented research dealing with public health issues, the Faculty of Health Sciences at the American University of Beirut, has selected the city of Beirut as its community laboratory. This survey has generated a unique data base about the inhabitants of a city undergoing a long civil war. Thus, this book records survey findings, discusses methodological and organizational issues faced in the implementation of the survey, and provides an information base for decision making by the concerned authorities.

This is the result of a group effort by several faculty members, research assistants, interviewers and a very responsive community. It is a rational first step for a health development plan for the future.

The book is published by the American University of Beirut, 1985. 253 pages.

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