

MS-2, "Women Leave War-time Work"

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Time-line Decade V, Labor Events,
1945, "Jobs that were assigned to Women during war are
again being assigned to men"

MS: ...But when the war was over in 1945 -- I have two daughters and they have always -- they still continue to ask what was the matter with the women that they got out of the jobs? Why didn't they stay? Because there was no women's revolution.

MW: And you were still living at home. You weren't married?

MS: I was still living at home. I wasn't married. I say to them -- I say to you -- there was no question. I mean, the men went off to war, and that's what the posters all said -- and that every man that worked in industry in Bridgeport was promised a job when they came back. So that they were the ones that we all felt -- which is not true today. And, of course, the conditions are different with two people working in a family. But we got out so that they could come in. But there was never any feeling about that. And I think that the women that wanted to stay could stay. There was enough room for everyone. But I just felt that they probably would have eliminated my job anyway because that was a requirement --