

Fifteen Mothers on Rampage

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A mothers' group with 15 members and no name has taken up the ecology crusade in Honolulu.

The group, composed mostly of young, hip women with small children, is attacking people pollution, water pollution, air pollution, and anything else that needs fighting in the ecology sphere.

They will present their current battles, for population control, sewage disposal, and mass transit, in an exhibit at Ala Moana Shopping Center Monday and Tuesday.

The mothers have no leader, no by-laws, no charter.

"We try to keep it free," explained Mrs. Tony Hodges one of the original members and

one of three interviewed at the Foundry while they prepared their exhibit. Actually the group is so free it declines even to talk about "members."

MRS. HODGES SAID that anyone is eligible to join who has a sense of urgency about the ecology movement and wants to work for ecological improvement without being

bound by organizational restrictions.

"We felt that so many organizations exist and have taken stands already that it would be more interesting to be a non-organization," she said. It has become very difficult for an individual to speak out on topical issues, Mrs. Hodges said, without being labeled a spokesman for that or that organization.

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"The group was started in February," Mrs. Hodges said, "when about a dozen mothers with young children decided we were tired of sitting around talking about all these problems and not doing anything about them. The Ecology Circus was fine, but we didn't want the interest it stimulated to die."

The group's first effort was an almost heady success—the distribution of anti-water pollution fliers entitled dramatically (and graphically), "You Swim In Your Sewage."

The mothers made newspapers all over the country when they passed out their fliers on Waikiki beaches from

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Three mothers, from left, Benni Hodges, Peggy Hopper and Stephanie Morrison finish ecological posters.