

MARGARITA PAPANDREOU began her career as a political activist at age 12 in her hometown of Oak Park, Illinois, helping her grandfather's campaign for the state senate, and she has been an activist ever since. In 1951 she married Andreas Papandreu, then a U.S. citizen who had left his native Greece a decade before, she continued her earlier commitment to political and social activism. Since her husband's return to Greece and his subsequent 1981 election as Prime Minister, Margarita Papandreu has been a leader in that nation's equal rights battles and in the on-going efforts to achieve greater global security. Currently International Liaison for Women For A Meaningful Summit, she is in touch with both Moscow and Washington on behalf of significant nuclear weapons reduction. Also President of the Women's Union of Greece, a group she helped found, she has successfully fought for equal pay for equal work, legalized abortion, and the abolition of the dowry system. "And this work must continue," she recently told delegates at an international women's rights conference. Given Margarita Papandreu's past accomplishments, you can be certain it will.