

Summaries

Kartini and 'De Hollandsche Lelie'

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One of the foremost precursors of the Indonesian social emancipation movement was R. A. Kartini, daughter of an enlightened regent of Japara in Central Java. At the end of the 19th c. this young girl corresponded with representatives of the dutch feminist movement, with whom she came into contact through the feminist magazine *De Hollandsche Lelie* (Amsterdam). One of the first Javanese girls allowed to attend the dutch primary school in Java, this highborn girl was kept home from her 12-th year in order to be taught the 'ladies accomplishments' of her set, in view of her inevitable marriage. This life of the upperclass Javanese, who opened their doors to western culture while keeping to their ancestral customs, is vividly portrayed by Kartini in her *Letters* written in dutch, the language of the colonial masters. Eager to learn from her correspondents in Holland about the suffragettes' struggle for emancipation, she was also aware of the fact that her own ideals reached farther: the emancipation of a whole people.

Working mothers and child centres in the Netherlands

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Child centres (kindercentra) are institutions in which children mostly younger than 4 years are received and provided for during the day. These centres are no part of the schoolsystem.

There are indications that the part of working mothers with young children has increased from about 7 to 19 %, between 1960 and 1970. In the same period there was a spectacular growth of a 100 to 2000 child centres. But these are mostly playgroups, open only several hours in the morning. Day care centres (child centres which enable mothers to work) have not grown in number as fast as the playgroups.

Only 20 % of the working mothers brings the child to a day care centre. Mothers prefer to keep their child in the family, where it is generally looked after by family-members. The old pattern didn't change.

More research is required after the factors which can explain this development. This kind of research is done in the Krecheproject of the Sociological Institute of the University of Amsterdam.