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We have attended the Pageant itself, and exercised our rights of free speech and dissent against it because:

- 1) The Pageant pushes a degrading image of women as stereotyped, mindless ^{passive} sex objects. This Great American Plastic Flesh Auction forces our sister-contestants to epitomize the roles we are all pressured to play every day in this ~~city~~ sexist society.
- 2) The Pageant has never had a non-white contestant, blatantly reflecting the values of our racist society.
- 3) The Pageant endorses the bloody Vietnam War, + uses our sister, Miss America, to pep-talk ~~the~~ our men into killing + dying "for American womanhood" ~~exp~~ collaborating with the ideals of our militaristic society.
- 4) The Pageant commercializes our sister into a saleswoman for its sponsors' products, + manipulates us all as consumers; ~~and pits~~ pits sister against sister in a competition symbolic of our capitalist society.

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~~We~~ wanted our sisters across the country, isolated in their kitchen-ghettos, to see that women were militant + together enough to proclaim freedom ~~was~~ during the live telecast. The Pageant will hence ~~to~~ be taped - or to cease completely. ~~The~~ Pageant officials know this + are running scared of us, calling down the usual U.S. repression on us - pressuring our bosses to cancel at the last minute, issuing ~~spurious~~ spurious mouse illegal injunctions, harassing ~~and~~ ^{us, + manhandling us, +} arresting us.

But we will not be silenced! Free all sisters!

