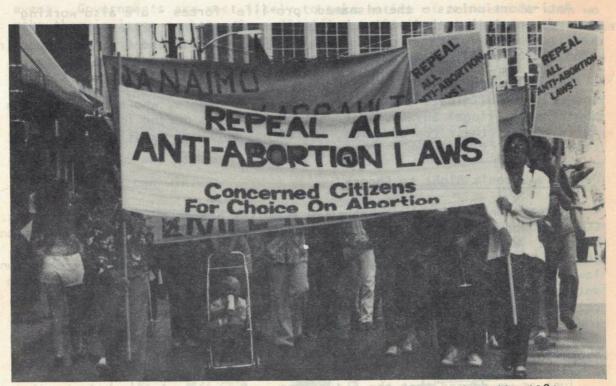


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Greetings to readers of our first newsletter. We in CCCA appreciate and need your support. Our successful rally on September 12th, pictured above, drew over 500 supporters. There's a tough, but exhilarating, battle ahead before women's right to control their own bodies is won. In this editorial, we want to outline our aims and how we plan to achieve them. continued...

## Editorial Continued

#### Repeal All Anti-Abortion Laws

Progress toward safe and available abortion is stalled so long as the anti-abortion laws remain in the federal Criminal Code. The right to choose is a basic human right, and abortion is a simple medical procedure. There is no need for special laws to govern it.

Anti-abortionists - the misnamed 'pro-life' forces - are also working toward repeal, but their aim is to make any abortion a crime, What they want repealed are amendments to Section 251, added to the Criminal Code in 1969, which enable legal abortions to be performed at some hospitals.

But what about a law to curb backstreet abortionists, some ask. Our answer is to eliminate the market for such racketeers, who exist only when abortion is illegal anyway. Make all the services needed for women to fully control their reproduction, including abortion, readily available at local medical facilities.

#### Defend a Women's Right to Choose

Another concern is the takeover of hospital boards by anti-abortionists. CCCA has worked closely with pro-choice groups that fight hospital election battles. With them, we are committed to defending a women's right to choose. But we firmly believe that only repeal of the federal anti-abortion laws will end these exhausting, annual election melees and protect us from anti-abortion abuse of hospital boards. This is because the present laws relegate control over women's bodies to hospitals and empower them to individually decide whether or not to provide abortions. The antiabortionists are taking advantage of these laws to achieve local bans on abortion.

Just as we demand that the federal government repeal its anti-abortion laws, CCCA makes demands of the provincial governments also. We call on the provinces, which have jusisdiction over health care policy and facilities, to guarantee access to safe, legal abortion to all women.

#### How We Can Win These Demands

Since the spring of 1978, when CCCA was founded, it has been an actionoriented group. It is important to educate people about the issues involved in the abortion-rights struggle. We are pleased to be launching this newsletter, which will appear every two months; it can help us maintain contact with you.

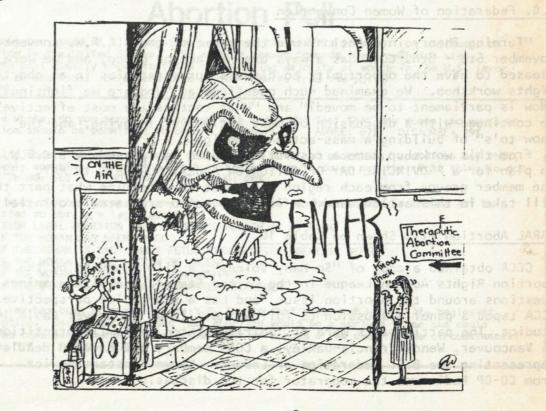
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But we find that the most effective education takes place through organizing events that large numbers of people can participate in. We have organized many conferences, rallies, and demonstrations, and we plan to continue to do so. These provide occasions when all those who support the right to choose and the demand for repeal can come together, show our solidarity, exchange views, and inspire others to join us. Often, the media takes the message beyond ourselves and magnifies the impact of the event. Governments are most likely to take notice of our demands when we make them in large numbers, in a dignified, militant, and highly visible way

Nationwide polls have shown that the majority of Canadians support choice on abortion. CCCA is working to mobilize that majority. We see the need for an active movement for repeal and choice that will span the province, the country - and tie in with pro-choice struggles around the world.

Your help is needed. Plan to attend our next action. Subscribe to this newsletter. Send us your donation. Attend our upcoming CCCA meetings on December 1 & 15 and January 5 & 19 at 7:30pm, 517 East Broadway.

Together we can win!



## **CCCA** Activities

Since the September 12th march and rally, CCCA has been involved with several major projects, one of which you are reading. Some of the others include the following:

#### Abortion Booklet

CCCA has for some time felt the need for a detailed booklet about many aspects of the abortion issue. To this end, we are in the process of writing the booklet and are devoting meetings to discussion of its content and production.

The booklet will include a discussion of the abortion laws as they now exist in the Criminal Code of Canada, the need for repeal of those laws, and how the issue is being fought across Canada and around the world. In addition, a comprehensive statement of our strategy of mass action will be featured, together with ideas about how to organize an effective mass-action campaign. We hope to have the booklet completed and ready for distribution in early January.

#### B.C. Federation of Women Convention

"Turning Theory into Action" was the theme of the B.C.F.W. convention November 6th - 8th. CCCA has always been an action group, and we were pleased to have the opportunity to discuss our strategies in an abortion rights workshop. We examined such questions as "Who are we fighting?", "How is parliament to be moved?" and "What tactics are most effective?" We continued with a discussion of mass action vs. lobbying, and the "how to's" of building a mass-action campaign.

From this workshop came a resolution, which was passed by B.C.F.W., to plan for a PROVINCIAL DAY OF ACTION ON ABORTION RIGHTS IN MAY, 1982. The member groups from each region will meet to determine what part they will take in this action, and how it is to be co-ordinated provincially.

#### NARAL Abortion Film Shown on Cable 10

CCCA obtained a copy of "So Many Voices", a film produced by the National Abortion Rights Action League in the United States. The film examines many questions around the abortion issue, and has a pro-choice perspective. CCCA taped a panel discussion to follow the film at Vancouver Cable 10 studios. The participants were Dr. Shirly Rushton, a family practitioner in Vancouver, Wendy Francis-Oakley, a CCCA member, and Maureen Headley, representing the B.C. Federation of Labour. Karyn-Konstantynowicz from CO-OP Radio was the moderator for the discussion.

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The NARAL film with discussion is called "A Matter of Choice", and has been aired in Vancouver, Burnaby and Richmond at least five times. In addition, CCCA hopes to air the program on Cable 10 on the North Shore and in Surrey, Delta and in the Frazer Valley region.

In addition to working on these major projects, CCCA has also been attending and speaking at various meetings and conferences. In September representatives from CCCA spoke at a Bread and Roses public meeting on "Women Speak Out Against the Right", and in November we spoke at a UBC Women's Club meeting and a Planned Parenthood meeting. In October, three members of CCCA went to Victoria to participate in a conference sponsored by the National Association of Women and the Law. While in Victoria, we were able to meet with a member of CARAL to discuss future plans for hospital board elections, the possibility of a national poll on the abortion issue (we'll write the questions), and what work can be done on the provincial level to fight for abortion clinics, as they now exist in Quebec.

# Abortion Poll

The November issue of Life magazine contained the results of a poll on attitudes on abortion in the United States. The article leaned towards the Pro-Choice view, and the poll clearly shows that the overwhelming majority of women in the U.S. favor choice on abortion. Below are some of the results from the poll.

On the whole, do you agree or disagree with those who feel that any woman who wants an abortion should be permitted to obtain it legally? AGREE: 67% DISAGREE: 29%

Thinking about the woman or women you know who have had abortions, would you say that, generally speaking, it was the right thing for them to do or not the right thing to do? RIGHT THING: 66% NOT THE RIGHT THING: 28%

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A new law has been proposed in the U.S. Senate that says that human life begins at conception. Under this proposed law, abortion would be a serious crime and could even be considered murder. Would you favor or oppose a law under these circumstances? FAVOR: 32% OPPOSE: 59%

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# B.C. Hospital Scoreboard

The anti-abortionists have frequently chosen the hospital board elections as their battleground to deny women choice on abortion. Each board <u>may</u> decide to appoint a Therapeutic Abortion Committee (TAC), which has the power to decide whether a woman can have an abortion.

The Hospital Scoreboard is a regular feature of the CCCA Newsletter to keep you informed about the availability of abortion in B.C. Each issue will feature updated information about TAC's, their composition, the number of abortions performed at each hospital, and other relevant information. We welcome and need information from all newsletter readers to keep this list of hospitals with TAC's up to date.

LOCATION

## HOSPITAL

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Cranbrook Cumberland Dawson Creek Delta Duncan

Fort St. John Ganges Golden Grand Forks Hope

Invermere Kamloops Kelowna Kimberly Kitimat

Langley Maple Ridge Mission Nanaimo Nelson Matsqui-Sumas-Abbotsford General Burnaby General Campbell River & District General Castlegar & District Chilliwack General

Cranbrook & District Cumberland Diagnostic & Treatment Dawson Creek & District Delta Centennial Cowichan District

Fort St. John General Lady Minto Gulf Islands Golden & District General Boundary Fraser Canyon

Windermere District Royal Inland Kelowna General Kimberly & District Kitimat General

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Vernon	Vernon Jubilee
Victoria	Royal Jubilee
Victoria	Victoria General
White Rock	Peace Arch District
Williams Lake	Cariboo Memorial

Source: Statistics Canada, January 1, 1981

## **B.C.** Abortion Statistics

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Inpatient and Day Care Surgery combined.

1971-1978 Primary procedures only.

1979/80 Primary, secondary and tertiary procedures combined.

Source: Statistics Canada

## Abortion in the Criminal Code

Section 251 makes abortion illegal except under the following conditions. (1) It must be done in an accredited or approved hospital. (2) All applications must be approved by a Therapeutic Abortion Committee (TAC) made up of three qualified medical practitioners. (3) A majority of the TAC must certify in writing that "in its opinion the continuation of the pregnancy would or would be likely to endanger (the) life or health" of the woman. (4) The abortion must be performed by a qualified medical practitioner who is NOT a member of the TAC. (5) The decisions of this committee may be reviewed by the provincial attorney general.

No hospital is required to have a TAC. Many hospitals that use public funds refuse to form a committee. Some hospitals that do form committees adopt a policy that is so conservative that most applications are refused. There are also differing provincial regulations regarding the formation of TACs. As of 1977 only 20% of hospitals in Canada had formed TACs. Provincial regulations alone prevented 35% of hospitals from forming TACs.

Repeal of Section 251 would make abortion a matter to be decided on by the pregnant woman and her doctor, and an operation performed according to the general rules which apply to ALL other medical operations. Regulations concerning medical acts and the illegal practice of medicine are found in provincial Health Codes and Medical Acts.

#### Other sections relating to abortion are:

Section 159(2)(c) makes the selling and advertising of drugs, articles, and other methods intended to cause abortion illegal.

Section 252 makes the selling and procuring of drugs, articles, and other methods intended to cause abortion an indictable offense punishable by a two-year jail sentence.

In 1969 the regulation of the sale and advertisement of contraceptives was removed from Section 159 and included in the Food and Drug Act. There is no reason to believe that the same type of beneficial transfer could not be done in the field of drugs and devices intended to be methods of causing abortion.

<u>Section 221(1)</u> refers to a person causing death in the act of birth, making it an indictable offense punishable by life imprisonment. Although not intended to refer to abortion, in the absence of any provision in the CCC on the subject of abortion, this subsection could be extended to include abortions. It is essential that this subsection be amended so that it clearly and unambiguously excludes abortion situations.

Repeal of these sections of the CCC is only the first step in guaranteeing a woman's right to choose. However, it is the FIRST step and these sections must be repealed if a woman is to control her own reproductive life.

# Contacts for Choice

There are many organizations in addition to CCCA working to defend each woman's right to choose and to repeal the anti-abortion laws. Those listed below are but a few, and we hope to continue to put you in touch with these groups in future issues.

CARAL - The Canadian Abortion Rights Action League is a nationwide organization which lobbies for repeal of the federal anti-abortion laws. CARAL members meet regularly with federal MPs to educate them about the pro-choice side of the issue, and to counteract the flood of materials forwarded by the anti-abortionists. CARAL has active chapters in many cities in Canada, including Victoria. CARAL members receive a newsletter, minutes of meetings and information about the activities of anti-abortionists. You can join CARAL or obtain more information by writing to them at Box 935, Station "Q", Toronto, Ontario, M4T 2P1.

Hospital Board Groups - Many groups have formed in B.C. to fight the yearly attempt by anti-abortionists to take over local hospital boards. In North Vancouver, the North Shore Association for Choice on Abortion (NORSACA) has been active for several years, signing up pro-choice members to the Lions Gate Hospital Society. This year they were successful in electing pro-choice candidates to the board. The Surry-Delta Association for the Right to Choose (SARC) has been deeply involved in the effort to keep abortion available to women in that community. The Richmond Pro-Choice Movement valiantly campaigned to sign up pro-choice members to the Richmond General Hospital Society, but were outnumbered by the antiabortionists. In Victoria, CARAL joined forces with other groups and individuals to form the Coalition for Choice, but were defeated in their efforts to elect pro-choice candidates to the board of Victoria General Hospital.

NAC - NAC is a voluntary feminist organization actively working to improve the position of women in Canada. It consists of over 170 organizations across the country. NAC grew from the Committee for the Equality of Women in Canada (a Toronto based group) which sought the establishment of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women.

NAC promotes reform in laws and public policies through developing feminist positions, presenting briefs to government, legislators, commissions and by lobbying elected representatives. NAC does public education on various issues of concern to women, fosters cooperation among women's organizations by sharing information, organizing conferences and building a national network. You can write to them at 40 St. Clair Ave. East, Suite 306, Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1M9.

# FREEDOM OF CHOICE

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## a quick reading summary on THE PURPOSE OF CARAL -- from our Constitution

The purpose of CARAL is to ensure that no woman in Canada is denied access to safe, legal abortion. Our aim is the repeal of all sections of the Criminal Code dealing with abortion, and the establishment of comprehensive contraceptive and abortion services, including appropriate counselling, across the country.

"We regard the right to safe, legal abortion as a fundamental human right."

#### IS CARAL PRO-ABORTION?

No. **CARAL** stands for *Freedom of Choice* on abortion.

We recognize that unwanted pregnancy causes women to *seek* abortion.

The need for abortion arises from failure of birthcontrol methods, lack of availability of, or education in the proper use of those methods, or human error.

A woman faced with the problem of an unwanted pregnancy must have the freedom to choose whether to continue the pregnancy or to have a safe, legal abortion. She may choose to seek assistance and advice from her partner, her family, her physician or her church, but she shouldn't have to worry about politicians, or the criminal law.

#### WHAT IS THE ABORTION LAW?

Section 251 of the Criminal Code forbids abortion, except when performed in an approved or accredited hospital, after approval by a Therapeutic Abortion Committee of at least three doctors (none of whom may perform the abortion), who certify that continuation of the pregnancy would, or would be likely to endanger the life or health of the woman.

## THIS LAW SOUNDS LIBERAL AND FAIR. WHY REPEAL IT?

The Federal Government-appointed Committee on the Operation of the Abortion Law (*The Badgley Report*, Feb. 1977), lists only 559 out of 1,348 civilian hospitals as eligible to perform abortions. The central finding of the Committee is summed up in these words: "...the procedure provided in the Criminal Code for obtaining therapeutic abortion is in practice illusory for many Canadian women." Another conclusion: many women and doctors do not know that abortion is legal in Canada under the present law and the circumstances described, or they are not aware of the law as it is written.

A recent survey (1975) by the Doctors for Repeal of the Abortion Law shows that:

- Canada's Abortion Law is unfairly and unequally applied and tends to discriminate against low-income and rural women. This conclusion is confirmed by the Badgley Committee.
- 2. Access to safe, legal abortion will remain unavailable to most Canadian women until abortion is removed from the Criminal Code.

The World Health Organization definition of health has been accepted by the Canadian Medical Association: "Health is a complete state of physical, mental and social well-

#### being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." Unfortunately most Canadian hospitals do not apply the W.H.O. definition. Some hospitals, and doctors, trying to serve the public within the law, have been picketed and intimidated by pressure groups who believe in compulsory pregnancy and are against abortion under any circumstances. Remember that hospitals are publicly financed. Women pay for them with taxes.

#### WON'T REPEALING THE LAW LEAD TO INDISCRIMINATE ABORTION?

No, it won't. Most advanced countries now perform abortions, and some have fewer abortions than we do. England has safe, legal abortions, but its abortion rate remains one of the lowest in the world. England has good sex education and birth control programs, whereas the use of birthcontrol is still opposed by many in Canada. France and Austria, both Catholic countries, have legalized early abortion. Even Italy, recognizing the need for change, has legalized abortion. Israel has also passed a bill making abortion legal.

#### IS REPEAL OF THE ABORTION LAW A RELIGIOUS ISSUE?

Religious, yes - denominational, no. For the last 100 years, Popes have been taking a strong stand against birth-control and abortion under any circumstances, but many Catholics do not agree. Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Unitarians, Humanists, Agnostics and Atheists are working together for repeal. No woman should be pressured into either undergoing an abortion, or carrying a pregnancy to term because of the beliefs and attitudes of others.

#### IS ABORTION LAW REPEAL A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE?

Very much so! **CARAL** believes that the present law, because it is unevenly applied, violates the Canadian Bill of Rights by denying Canadian women equal access to a legal medical procedure.

In a pluralistic society, one where respect for differing views and attitudes is encouraged, it is unacceptable that the religious or moral convictions of one group be imposed by law upon all. Removal of abortion from the Criminal Code would permit all Canadians to act according to personal conscience.

#### IS ABORTION LAW REPEAL A WOMEN'S ISSUE?

Certainly. Many women resent the fact that laws telling them what they may do with their lives are written and enforced largely by men. However, many men favour repeal, and have joined the campaign to remove the abortion law from the Criminal Code.

It should be emphasized that, frequently, groups which favour repressive abortion legislation also oppose contraception and sterilization. We question whether these groups sincerely want to reduce the abortion rate, or whether they are, in fact, opposed to *any* and *all* measures which allow women to control their fertility and therefore their lives.

#### IS ABORTION LAW REPEAL A WORLD ISSUE?

Yes. The United States, England, France, Austria, Japan, China, the USSR, and many others, allow legal abortions, so that approximately two-thirds of the world's women live in countries where abortion is *safe* and *legal*. Few social changes have swept the world so rapidly. Why should we lag behind?

This world movement reflects an increased willingness by governments to face the reality of abortion as a major public health issue. They recognize that legal **prohibition of abortion does not prevent its practice.** Women continue to seek abortion even though illegal and dangerous. In fact, one of every three pregnancies in the world today is terminated by abortion, either legal or illegal.

Canadians must convince their MPs not only to decriminalize abortion by removing it from the Criminal Code, but also to provide the necessary funds for further research into better, and safer, birth-control methods.

We must insist that all levels of government develop educational programs and community services to encourage early sex education and good contraceptive practice. This is the humane and effective way to reduce the number of abortions performed in Canada.

#### IS ABORTION LAW REPEAL A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE?

Yes. Every country where abortion has been liberalized or made legal shows a decrease in the maternal death rate. This health benefit results not only in fewer dangerous, illegal abortions, but when safe abortion is available, fewer births take place during those child-bearing years, early and late, which are the most hazardous for women. The death and illness rates are greater not only for women in these age groups, but for their *infants* as well. Thus, complete freedom to choose abortion when necessary helps us to have healthier mothers, children, and families: A HEALTHIER SOCIETY.

#### ARE MOST CANADIANS IN FAVOUR OF FREEDOM OF CHOICE ON ABORTION?

Yes. A Gallup poll survey, March 1979, showed that 57% of adult Canadians believe that the decision whether or not to have an abortion should be left to the woman and her physician. The Centre de Recherche sur L'Opinion Publique found in 1975 that 57% of the Quebec population shared this view.

#### **IS ABORTION SAFE?**

Yes. In most cases, first trimester (up to 12 weeks) abortions by vacuum aspiration, performed by qualified physicians, are ten times safer than actual childbirth.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

WHAT IS THE CARAL PROGRAM? An educational one. Many Canadians, including Parliamentarians, are not aware that Section 251 is inequitable and unworkable. Canadian women and their families are suffering, as are conscientious physicians who

want only to provide the best possible care for their patients. We need help to educate our MPs as well as the public.

JOIN CARAL

**CARAL** is the only coast-to-coast organization working full-time for abortion law repeal. Make your influence felt at this critical time. Get your friends to join.

#### CONTRIBUTE

You can join for as little as \$10.00, but if you can afford a larger contribution, remember that we don't have government grants or the support of wealthy religious organizations. This is a grass-roots organization.

Write to your Member of Parliament and tell him or her that you support freedom of choice in the matter of abortion and believe that abortion should be removed from the Criminal Code.

#### DON'T PUT IT ASIDE -- DO IT NOW

Send your membership fee and contribution to:

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<u>ICASC</u> - Internationally, the International Contraception, Abortion and Sterilization Campaign organizes events to publicize the need for reproductive rights. Their activities are participated in by hundreds of groups in many countries. They may be contacted at 374 Grays Inn Road, London WC1, England.

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