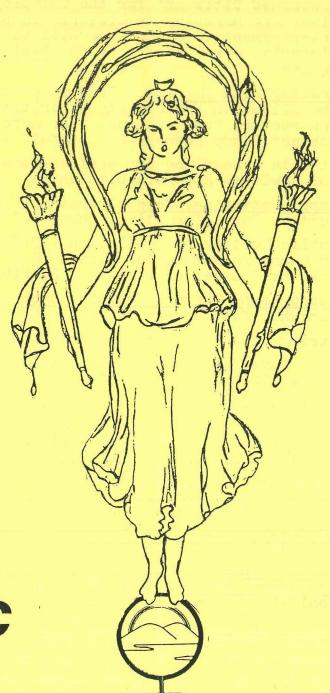
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March 25 - 28	National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC) Annual General Meeting & Lobby.
March 30	Concerned Citizens' for the Unemployed in Campbell River are marching to Victoria in protest of unemployment in B.C. They will be arriving in Victoria, April 4 at 1 pm for Rally at Centennial Square.
March 31 & April 5	Dealing With Shyness - 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm, Kelowna. The Elizabeth Fry Society of British Columbia instructor, Fran Jasirua. For more information, contact Cindy Downey, B.C. (Adult Worker) 763-4613.
April 8	Midnite - Deadline for applications for Coordinator for Cowichan Rape/Assault Centre.
April 9 & 10	Rape, Battering, Incest Workshop, Fernie Women's Centre. For information, phone 423-4819.
April 10	Public Meeting on Pesticides - 7:30 pm. Crganized by Okanagan Farmworkers Group. K A.D A C. Centre, Kelowna (corner of Bernard & Richter).
April 11	Pornography Through Feminist Eyes - 10 to 12:30 pm. Workshop for Women, O.K.W.C., Vernon.
April 11	Spring Frograms start Kelowna Community YW.
April 13	B.C. Human Rights Coalition Okanagan Regional Meeting, Vernon Arts Centre, 1 - 5 pm.
April 14	Continuation of above workshop, 10 - 12:30 pm.
April 16	Human Rights Workshop, St. James School, Vernon. Sponsored by the Okanagan Region of the BC Human Rights Coalition and the Social Justice Council.
April 20	Community Resources Workshop, 10 - 4 pm, information workshop to familiarize native people, especially women, with the local services. Sponsored by Native Okanagan Women's League United Native Nations Friendship Centre in Vernon.
April 21	Women's Work - Under Stress, Underpaid, Underfed and Overworked, 10 - 12:30 pm, Okanagan Women's Coalition, Vernon
April 22	Tools for Change Workshop(s), 10 - 4 pm at Kalamalka Campus, Vernon. Cosponsored with OKWC.
April 23	CRIAW Brunch (Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women), information exchange, upcoming conference in Vancouver, feminist research. CKHC, Vernon. All velcome - please call.

Coming Events (cont)

April 25	Women and Health - Around the World Workshop, slides and discussion with Frances Birdsell, OKWC, Vernon.
April 27	Same as above, 7:30 - 10:00 pm
April 28	Getting What We Deserve - H. Near, 10 - 12:30 pm. Lunch included.
April 28	On Going Support, 12:30 - 3:30, OKWC, Vernon. *See Page 9 *
May 6	Our "Editor's" Birthday!!!!
May 7 - 8	B.C. Federation of Women Coordinating Collective Meeting, Nelson.
May 20	Regional Lesbian Conference, Trout Lake Community Centre, Vancouver.
June 1 - 10	Deadline for sumbissions to Summer TAPESTRY issue.
June 11 - 12	B.C. Pederation of Women - Open Conference for Women, Vancouver.
June 30 to July 3	Women and Words Confernce, U.B.C., Vancouver West Coast Women & Words Society.

For further information on these or other upcoming events, contact the Okanagan Women's Coalition

in Vernon 542-7531 or 545-6406 (9-3pm) in Kelowna 762-2355 (9-1pm)

The OKWC Resource Centres are open during above hours, Monday through Friday.

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NAWL - National Association of Women & the Law

The NAWL Women in the Workforce Conference agenda included workshops, panel and resolutions on affirmative action, parental benefits and pensions. Other resolutions included pornography, reproductive rights, and NAWL constitutional changes.

Two women from B.C. were elected to the National Steering

Committee.



THE OKANAGAN WOMEN'S COALITION IS WORKING TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF ALL WOMEN.

Women who worked on this newsletter are:

Gwyneth Montgomery Jody McMurray Catherine Connell

Anne McIlwee Moore Terry Pratt Shiralee Fhillips Received January 6, 1983, from Kelowna Women's Shelter Box 1575, Station Kelowna, B.C.

... I hope your next edition comes out soon. We enjoy it so much. Have a great New Year! ...

Received January 21, 1983

Dear Women.

A Happy New Year to you all! Just received your winter issue of "Tapestry" before I have managed to mail off this package to you.

I hope you will re-new my subscription and I will send you

local newsletters from here.

I really enjoy receiving "Tapestry" and keeping in touch with the latest Okanagan women's news. "Tapestry" makes me feel at "home". I have really missed not being in B.C. Hopefully, 1983 will give me a chance to make it back.

I'm busy here with classes at McMaster University, the McMaster Women's Centre, the Women's Centre of Hamilton-Wentworth, and the Rape Crisis Centre (Hamilton). There is always lots to

do to keep busy.

After reading the winter issue, I looked up an article I wrote in August, 1982, on "Heterosexual Privilege." Pages 4 & 7 of "Tapestry", winter 1982, left me unsure of what exactly happened around the 4th Annual Women's Pestival and the issue of lesbianism. (I can image any number of things.) Anyway, if you can use the article at all, you are welcome to do so. It has appeared in "Women's Writes", Hamilton newsletter, August, 1982 and "The Gay Phoenix", Hamilton gay newsletter, Fall issue, 1982. Neither of these newsletters have any power over the article and I consent to its use in "Tapestry". The article is the basis for a workshop on "Heterosexual Privilege" or "Heterosexism" that I have co-facilitated with another Hamilton resident, Carol Sweeney.

Keep up the great work!

In struggle & sisterhood, Heather Field

Received March 14, 1983 from B.C. Regional Lesbian Con. Comm.

Enclosed please find one copy of the B.C. Regional Lesbian

Conference Pamphlet.

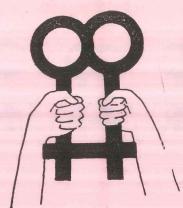
If there should be another issue of TAPESTRY before the conference in May, would you please include the information enclosed in the issue. We would like to have as many women from the Interior of B.C. and the NorthWest attending the conference and think that your newsletter can serve us well as a publicity source.

If you require any further information, would you please call

us at - 872-8213, area code 604.

In Sisterhood, Maureen

1983 B.C. Regional Lesbian Conference



Claiming our lives: IDENTITY, SUPPORT, CELEBRATION, MOVEMENT

What is the conference?

A weekend of celebration, strength, culture, art, music. sports. politics, survival-skills, commonalities, diversities, and building connections with old friends and new.

Where?

Trout Lake Community Centre, 3350 Victoria Drive, Vancouver. Wheelchair access. Sign language interpreted.

When?

May 20th - 23rd, 1983.

Who is the conference for?

Good question. We as women who love other women have so many identities. Some of us call ourselves Gay Women. Dykes or Lesbians, while others of us think there is no need for labels. No matter what the name of this conference is, it is an opportunity for us to come together and share the different realities we live with and to share what we have in common. So, if you are a woman and any of this interests you, come to the conference.

Cost?

Pre-registration fees for the conference are on a sliding scale from \$32.00 to \$40.00. You may send a pre-registration deposit of \$15.00 and pay the remainder at the door. Registration at the door is from \$35.00 to \$43.00. Fees cover three days of workshops, support groups, art displays, a craft market, music, a Saturday night dance, a cabaret of astounding talent, three nutritious and delicious meals, high quality child-care and discounts on goods and services at various gay and women's businesses in Vancouver.

We are asking that those who can afford to pay more do so. THIS EXTRA MONEY WILL BE USED TO SUBSIDIZE CONFERENCE. FEES. FOR WOMEN WHO COULD OTHERWISE NOT AFFORD TO COME.

Who are the organizers?

We are a group of 30 diverse women whose goals for the conference are:

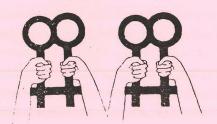
- to provide an opportunity for women to support and educate one another
- to strengthen existing lesbian groups
- to form new support groups and networks for urban and rural lesbians
- to promote our own culture
- to provide an opportunity for lesbians to feel ecstatic, proud and powerful as women loving women.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

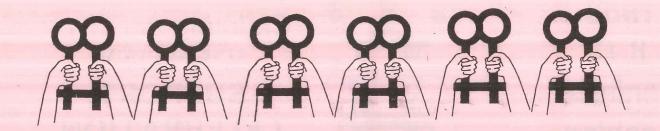
Support groups for those of us who are: younger, older, fat, physically challenged, professional, economically deprived, working class, mothers, spiritual Christian, Jewish, incest survivors, as well as rural lesbians, women of colour/third world women, women dependant on drugs or alcohol and support groupings by geographic or job areas.

Possible Workshops:

- Coming out or not
- Tolerance in the Lesbian Community
- Sons of Lesbian Mothers; where do they fit?
- Separatism
- Sex
- Relationships
- Power
- Violence Against Women
- Organizing together
- Racism
- Workshop space available for women of colour/third world women and aboriginal women







Cultural Events:

A cabaret, films and videos, art show and crafts. To display your art, show slides or sell crafts, please write to:

Women to Women 1426 Napier Street, Vancouver B.C. V5L 2M5

There will be an art display highlighting the life of rural women in the Kootenays.

A pride parade — taking to the streets in proud declaration of our right to live and love in the world.

A celebration of sports — participate or watch challenging games of baseball, soccer and many others. We dare any woman who can hold a cue stick to play in the B.C. Regional Lesbian Conference Pool Tournament.

I would like to register for the conferen

Child-care will be available during the conference hours. Our objective is to provide top quality child-care. We are hiring a staff, but it is imperative that non-mothers take responsibility for child-care shifts. All children welcome — lots of fun: workshops, films, crafts, outdoor activities and outings.

The founding meeting of a provincial lesbian rights organization — a chance to share visions and strategies for communication amongst us, and to initiate united and effective political action, and to plan for participation in the next Canadian National Lesbian Conference.

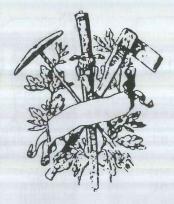
A bash with great bands, steambaths, good food and many women.

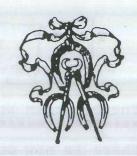
Tell us what you would like to see at the conference and we'll do our best.

REGISTRATION

I would like to register for the	conference.					
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Address:						
Pre-registration Deposit:						
Registration Fee:						
Subsidy?						
Travel Money Needed?						
I can work at the conference.	Call me at:					
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We are considering overnight						
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Ticket package and program can be picked up at the door

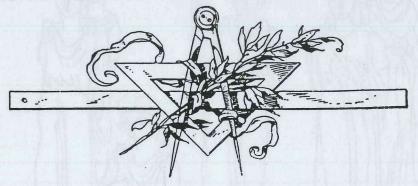




TOOLS FOR CHANGE

On April 22nd Okanagan College (Kalamalka Centre) and the Okanagan Women's Coalition will be presenting "Tools for Change -a Curriculm about Women and Work" at Okanagan College. This will be a workshop based on materials of the same name which have been developed at Douglas College and will address itself to educational professionals, employment counsellors and people in the community in a position to effect changes in the current school curriculum and to provide for training opportunities to enlarge the present scope of women's career choices.

The workshop will take place between 10:00 am and 4:15 pm with an evening mini-session for those unable to participate during the day. Cost for the workshop will be \$15 with the "Tools for Change" materials consisting of a book and tapes available for \$15. These materials can also be purchased at the Okanagan Women's Coalition either in Vernon or Kelowna.

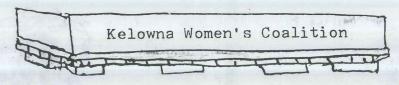




The Vernon Caucus of National Association of Women and the Law (N.A.W.L.) held their draw for the Texas Mickey at the Kelowna Women's Day open house on International Women's Day, March 8, 1983. The winner was Terry Pratt of Vernon, B.C. HAPPY PARTY TIME, TERRY!!! Proceeds went towards travel expenses for the Vernon Caucus of N.A.W.L. to attend the bi-annual Conference of N.A.W.L. which was held in Victoria this year. Please read next issue of TAFESTRY for more information on the Conference. Annual membership fee for our local N.A.W.L. Caucus is \$3.00. Contact number is 542-7531. There will be a NOON meeting at the OKWC, room 5, April 15, 1983.





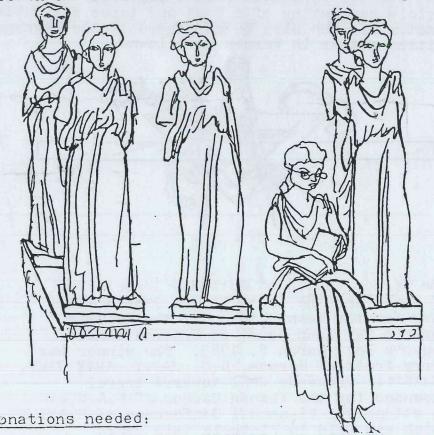


The Okanagan Women's Coalition is branching out!

There is now an office open in Kelowna, at #180-287 Bernard Avenue, phone 762-2355. It is staffed by our Kelowna Resources Coordinator Carole McCannell and Coalition Coordinator Karen Haire. Our drop-in hours are Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm.

We already have quite a few resources to offer women in the central & South Okanagan. Various sources have provided us with information pamphlets, books & other materials. We also have plans to offer at least one workshop, film, lecture, etc. each month as resources to women. Hopefully our outreach efforts will be facilitated by this addition to our service.

This promises to be a positive step in the growth of the Women's Movement in the Okanagan.



Donations needed:

money tape recorder & tapes lamps plants coffee pot (office size) tea pot chairs (stacking)

feminist books/posters paper & carbon paper pens, pencils, office suppies

kettle (electric)

Okanagan Women's Coalition workshops

The Okanagan Women's Coalition is sponsoring a series of workshops for women on feminist perspectives related to pornography and women's work in the home, in the paid labour force, and in the community. Women wishing to attend these workshops are encouraged to preregister as space is limited. There will be no charge for the workshops. Bring a friend and share in the discussion. Workshops will be facilitated by Jody McMurray:

Pornography Through Feminist Eyes

Monday, April 11

10-12:30

This workshop will give participants an understanding of feminist perspective regarding pornography. The workshop will also enable women to share our feelings about pornography as well as point out and discuss myths and social attitudes.

Thursday, April 14

10-12:30

This workshop will be a continuation of the above discussion with information on laws related to pornography. We will look at the present and past laws and patriarchal attitudes toward women. We will discuss what we can do as women to begin to stop the oppression of women from the proliferation of hard core violent pornography to other media forms that objectify women.

Women's Work

Under Stress, Under Paid, Underfed and Over worked

This workshop will outline trends of women's involvement in paid and unpaid works. We will discuss some of the problems that women face on the job, in the home, and in the community.

Thursday, April 21

10-12:30



Getting What We Deserve

"I'd like some respect reflected in my cheque" Holly Near This session will be a continuation of the women and "work" workshop. Participants and facilitators will also discuss methods in obtaining recognition and support for the work that we do as women.



Thursday, April 28 10 - 12 = 30

On Going Support

LUNCH PROVIDED

"Where do we go from here" Meg Christian

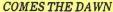
This workshop is designed to identify the needs and goals of participants. What other topics do we want information and discussion on?



Location: OKWC Resource Centre #6-3000-30 St., Vernon B.C. Tel: 545-6406/542-7531

Please contact the Kelowna office at 762-2355 for information on Kelowna workshops.





After a while you learn the subtle dif-

Between holding a hand and chaining a soul,

And you learn that love doesn't mean leaning

And company doesn't mean security. And you begin to learn that kisses aren't contracts

And presents aren't promises, And you begin to accept your defeats With your head up and your eyes open,

With the grace of a woman, not the grief of a child.

And learn to build all your roads On today because tomorrow's ground Is too uncertain for plans, and futures have

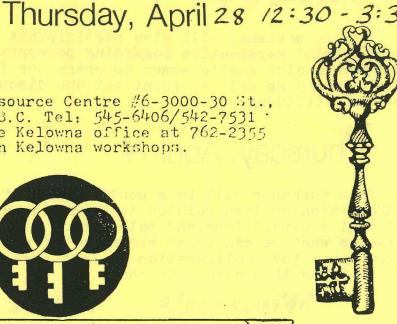
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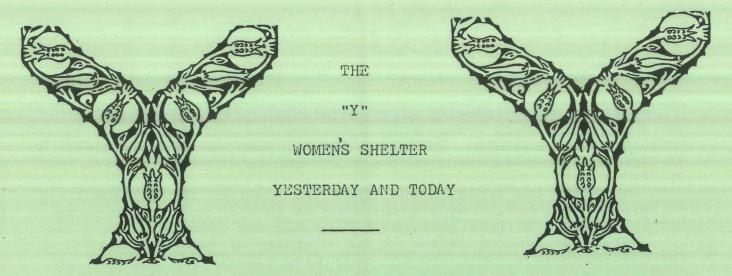
Burns if you get too much.

So you plant your own garden and

Your own soul, instead of waiting For someone to bring you flowers. And you learn that you really can en-

That you really are strong And you really do have worth. And you learn and learn . . . With every goodbye you learn.





In March of 1974 the Kamloops Community "Y" opened the "Y" Womer's Hostel. There appeared to be a great need to provide emergency food and shelter to the destitute women of Kamloops. Within a short period of time it became apparent that the hostel was serving women with a much larger variety of needs. Women with and without children came seeking refuge from family violence. Social Workers began placing teenage girls with us until more permanent homes could be found. The R.C.M.P. brought runaway girls for overnight stays until parents could arrange to have them returned home. Alcoholic women came to us to dry out as no other agency in Kamloops would take them. Tourists, familiar with Y.W.C.A.'s around the world stayed with us because of our association with the Y.

It became necessary for us to hire staff with the skills necessary to work effectively with women having these variety of problems. It meant staff of varying ages and personalities. We needed skills in the areas of family violence, early childhood education, psychiatric nursing, general nursing, Native Indians, social work, alchoholism, and drug abuse. We have been successful in finding

staff with all of those skills.

Towards the end of the 1970's the number of female "hippie hostellers" seeking food and shelter was on the decline. The "WOMEN'S MOVEMENT" was in full swing and there was increasing media coverage on violence against women and in particular the battered woman. It was time for us to evaluate our service and determine the direction we would take in the 1980's.

We changed our name in January 1982. It was a very necessary change. As the "Y" Womens Shelter, the women in our community began to realize that we were far more than a place for transients.

The service did not change in the least, we were still available to women with a variety of problems. Our priorities have gradually changed in that women from violent family situations are given preference over transients. Statistics show 75% of our clients to be battered women with children. The remaining 25% are given shelter for a variety of other problems. A woman's needs are assessed on admission and financial arrangements are discussed at that time. The Ministry of Human Resources will pay in full or subsidize her stay depending on her financial status. We are prepared to support her in any area, accompany her to appointments or advocate for her where necessary. She remains with us until her crisis is resolved.

The "Y" Womens Shelter...(cont)

We have a bed capacity of 17, admission is immediate and we are staffed 24 hours a day. The housework and cooking is done by both staff and clients. Rules are few but each woman is required to sign an acknowledgement of the rules and must agree to abide by them.

Our house has a playground and a playroom for the children. We have, on request, free childminding at the "Y" and free program

participation. We have pool passes for all our clients.

Our major funding source is the Ministry of Human Resources. The Kamloops Community Y and the city also contribute. We have an excellent working relationship with the Ministry and approximately 60% of our clients are referred from there.

Recently a number of women's groups and sororities have taken an interest in us. They are painting rooms for us, collecting large and small household furnishings, and making financial contributions.

The "Y" Womens Shelter has gained credibility and respect in the city of Kamloops. We are recognized as being a very valuable

service.

Submitted by:

Sheila Loranger

Residence

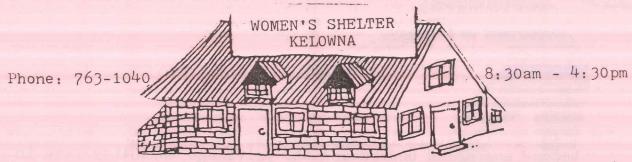
Director



SECOND STAGE HOUSING

The Vernon Women's Transition House is now operating a Second Stage facility for battered women. The facility is an eight-unit apartment building located in a quiet residential area close to schools and parks. Each apartment will be furnished and is reasonably priced for women with limited incomes. Women will be able to stay for up to one year. In addition to adequate low cost housing the Second Stage program focuses on life-skills training, community involvement, and job readiness.

Women who are battered often develop high dependency needs and suffer from low self-esteem and a sense of helplessness. This cycle of dependency and low self-esteem tends to be perpetuated in their children. Second Stage housing will allow women additional time to break the dependency cycle, gain self-esteem, and begin to establish a healthy and independent lifestyle for themselves and their children. For further information contact Okanagan Women's coalition at 545-7531/542-6406.



Since early in 1982 there has been a changing trend occurring at the Shelter. In 1981 occupancy rates at the Shelter exceeded 100%. In 1982 occupancy rates have decreased. We attribute this to several factors.

In 1982 the Ministry of Human Resources increased our funding, paying for 9 beds (equalling 100%) instead of 7. On average we shelter 20 women per month, which is up from last year's figures. The number of children is slightly less than before -- 13 per month. The average stay in 1981 was 7 nights but this has dropped to 6 in 1982. We assume this is due to the increased availability

of low-income housing in

Also, we believe that effect on many women's are increasing, and many lay offs. These factors violence in the home. feel more tied to her she puts their needs will tolerate more not leave her family.

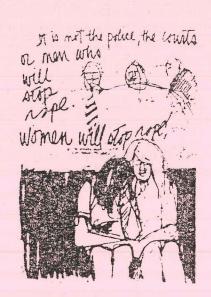
Kelowna this year. the poor economy is having an movements. Financial stresses husbands may be home due to increase the chance for the other hand a woman may family at this time because In other words, she first. violence to herself and will However, these are only con-

jectures on our part and not documented facts.

We do know that there are many occasions when we have empty beds at the Shelter. So, if you wish to make a referral or want

more information, contact us.

We also wish to encourage women to use our services for rape counselling, legal advocacy, over-the-phone counselling, and information inquiries. We can refer people to appropriate agencies if necessary and provide support to women not staying at the Shelter. The staff is available and trained for a variety of services. The Kelowna Women's Shelter exists for all women.



JIEMOW 6 mg. the Liberation OF all woman and so victory is born even in the darkest hours

submitted by: Beth Diprose

From Alberta Women's Newspaper February 1983 Vol.1 No.1 WEBSPINNER

HETEROSEXUAL PRIVILEGE
by Meather Field

become aware and understand the privilege that they have in society. It is important to recognize the oppressions that are within ourselves and not to assume that all women are heterosexual. We must look at the general position of people in society-at-large and notice that everywhere heterosexuality is reinforced. To refuse to acknowledge the heterosexual privilege that we have is homophobic. We must not deny the privilege we are given as heterosexual women. We must look at and examine the internalized views we have picked up through our socialization processes and work on stopping heterosexist practises in order to break down some of the barriers between women so that we are able to network and work closer together.

There are three basic political definitions of lesbianism. They are:

(1) Lesbian: a woman who is emotionally/sexually committed to other women and who is a self-identified lesbian but who is not

a self-identified feminist.

(2) Lesbian/Feminist: a feminist who is politically and emotionally/sexually committed to other women and who is a self-identified lesbian/feminist. "Feminist" assumes a political and emotional committment to other women. "Lesbian/feminist" assumes the committment is both to women in general and lesbians in particular.

(3) Woman-identified Woman: a woman who is politically and emotionally committed to other women and who is a self-identified

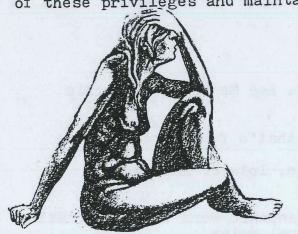
feminist.

Heterosexual Privilege (cont'd)

automatic power position in society as males). She is also free to ask from a power position, questions of lesbians, to experiment sexually, to talk freely about her sexual experiences with other women, to appear politically correct by talking about how some of her best friends are lesbians and by using the term "dyke" as it

is being reclaimed by lesbians.

To end, I would like to quote from an article written by Charlotte Bunch, "Not For Lesbians Only", as it offers us something to think about. "What makes heterosexuality work is heterosexual privilege -- and if you don't have a sense of what privilege is, I suggest that you go home and announce to everyone you know -- a roommate, your family, the people you work with--everywhere you go -- that you're a "lesbian". Try being a "lesbian" for a week. Do not walk out on the streets with men, walk only with women, especially at night for example. For a whole week experience life as if you were a lesbian and I think you will know what heterosexual privilege is very quickly. And hopefully, you will also learn that heterosexual privilege is the method by which women are given a stake in male supremacy and it is therefore the method by which women are given a stake in their own cppression. Simply stated, a woman who stays in line by staying straight or by refusing to resist straight privilege receives some of the benefits of male privilege indirectly and is thus given a stake in the continuing of these privileges and maintaining their source, male supremacy."





Feminist Collective

A collective is a group working cooperatively together with the political assumption that all the members are equal in that each has as much intrinsic worth. There are individual differences in knowledge, awareness, consciousness, intelligent and creative ability. We need not deny these or falsely equalize. We can recognize each other's authority in different areas without treating some people as intrinsically better than others. Sharing skills, knowledge and perceptions brings power and should not be withheld by "experts". Cooperative uses of power are more effective and fulfilling than competitive uses of power.

A feminist collective is concerned with the equalization of power. Equality for all human beings is not possible within a hierarchically-structured society. Feminism therefore is committed to a horizontal rather than vertical process and structure, and to a concern for the well being of all people, (including oneself), in order to achieve equality of power.

The concepts which follow the basic values equality and concern are cooperation, collectivism, the demystification of knowledge and classlessness.



SOME RECOMMENDED READING:

Children and Feminism by Mary Wallace, Lee MacKay, and Dorrie Nagler

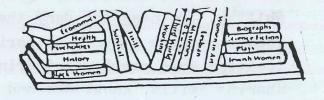
The Journey by Anne Cameron, A novel that's fun to read.

The Dinner Party Books by Judy Chicago, lots of interesting herstory.

Sexual Politics by Kate Millet, The landmark work that is breaking the tyranny of sexual roles.

And many more great books, come in to our Resource Centre and browse and/or borrow some material. Library cards at \$1.00 each for six months.

HAPPY SPRING!!!!





Mary Daly, in her book GYN/ECOLOGY, (The Metaethics of Radical Feminism) took me on a feminist trip around the world which I shall never forget.

With her searchlight and magnifying glass, she travels through time and space with angry insight and precision. She describes the "Re-enactment of Goddess Murder" in India, China, Africa, Europe and America in a way that leaves no doubt in one's mind as to the underlying intent of these 'rituals'.

In India I observed the rite of suttee, (legally banned in 1829), which was a way of disposing of surplus widows by burning them alive on their husband's funeral pyre. "At times hundreds, even thousands, of women died in suttee for CNE royal male, "(p.124) -- amongst them child-brides of course. At this point, Mary Daly gets out her magnifying glass and takes us on a little tour of the library, where we find Webster's defining suttee as "the act or custom of a Hindu woman willingly cremating herself or being cremated on the funeral pyre of her husband as an indication of her devotion to him." Webster neglects to point out that if they did not 'willingly' jump into the fire, they were bound and thrown in--nor, that if they survived, the only recourse was to become a prostitue, living in poverty, hunger and disease. In the library we also find Mr. Campbell, who conveniently describes this as a "widely practiced 'custom' of sending the family or part of it into the other world along with the chief member !". (p. 116) Sounds painless, doesn't it?

On my trip to China (as it was before 1920), it became obvious that the males did not have to confine their wives and daughters in <u>purdah</u> to protect their purity, but instead hopelessly crippled them through footbinding: "The hideous three-inch long 'lotus hooks'--which in reality were odiferous, useless stumps--were the means by which the Chinese patriarchs saw to it that their girls and women would never 'run around'". (p. 136) In fact, the deformed feet added to the sadistic, erotic pleasure of many males.

I was quite travel-sick by this time and needed a week's rest before I could continue on to Africa with my relentless tourguide. Africa -- the land of the unspeakable atrocities of genital mutilation -- "still inflicted upon women throughout Africa today, and practiced in many parts of the world in the past." (p.155) The word unspeakable is used in two senses here: "incapable of being expressed in words because inexpressibly horrible" and also because "there are strong taboos against saying/writing the truth about them, against naming them." (p.155) No one talks about it, least of all the medical profession. What exactly is genital mutilation? What is excision and infibulation? "This means 'excision of the entire clitoris, labia minora and parts of the labia majora. The two sides of the vulva are then fastened together in some way either by thorns ... or sewing with catgut. Alternatively the vulva are scraped raw and the child's limbs are tied together for several weeks until the wound heals (or she dies). The purpose is to close the vaginal orifice. Only a small opening is left (usually by inserting a slither of wood) so the urine or later the menstrual blood can be passed." (p.156) Infections are common, but there is disagreement about whether or not death is a common effect of the operation. However, "what is certain is that the infibulated girl is mutilated and that she can look forward to a life of repeated encounters with 'the little knife' -- the instrument of her perpetual torture. For women who are infibulated have to be cut open--either by the husband or by another woman -- to permit intercourse. They have to be cut open further for delivery of a child. Often they are sewn up again after delivery, depending upon the decision of the husband. The cutting (defibulation) and re-sewing goes on throughout a woman's living death of reproductive 'life'". (p.157)

The trip was evolving into a journey and making me quite ill, but I still felt safe. After all this was, in part, all in the past, and in any case it was in those far-away underdeveloped countries.

However, when entering historical Europe with its protestant and catholic elements, I could quite decidedly feel the temperature go up. The heat was on. I had lived part of my life in Germany as a Roman Catholic. But there was no turning back now. To my horror I found that witchburning was actually a 'craze' which spread throughout Europe, and that the two men, Kramer and Sprenger, who wrote the Malleus Maleficarum, 'the catechism of demonology,' were dominican priests. Even the Pope (Innocent VIII) gave the support of Rome to "Our dear sons", the dominican Inquisitors. Historical records are incomplete, but it is estimated that nine millions of persons were put to death for witchcraft after 1484, a period of three hundred years. Some protestants even extended the term witch to include "those who used catholic prayers or formulas."(p.186)

Would you have qualified as a witch? Any woman thought of as 'eccentric' or 'indigestible', i.e., a woman "living outside the control of the patriarchal family, women who presented an option" definitely qualified as witches. Single parents? Probably.

Lesbians? No doubt. A widow? A spinster? A herbalist? But of course you're a witch! And it wasn't the ignorant and uneducated who spread the witchcraze: "It was forwarded by the cultivated Popes of the Renaissance, by the great Protestant Reformers, by the saints of the Counter-Reformation, by the scholars, lawyers,

and churchmen of the age of Scaliger and Lipsius, Bacon and Grotius, Berulle and Pascal." (p. 191) One final note to make sure there is no misunderstanding here. The witches were not simply burned at the stake. They were tortured according to 'proper rules'; they were sexually abused; and children were flogged in front of the fire while their mothers burned. But this is all over with, right? Wrong. Young girls were used as legal witnesses against their mothers, and Mary Daly thinks that "Such children would have branded this self-hatred upon their daughters and upon generations that followed." (p.197)

So far I have been to India where the superfluous women were burned alive; to China where footbinding kept them from 'running around'; to Africa, where genital mutilation readies women for their destiny—marriage; and to Europe, where carnal, insatiable witches were burned to remove any threat to the male monopoly of every sphere of life.

It was hot travelling through Europe, but it did not acclimatize me for the trip through present-day North Ameria, my home sweet home. It is so easy to see the shortcomings of distant peoples. But here, at home? "In twentieth-century America, women are lulled by the myths and rituals of gynecology and therapy, believing that 'doctor knows best'. We have entered the Ice Age of Gynocidal Gynecology." (p. 224) "The massacre of the wise women/healers during the witchcraze was followed by the rise of man-midwives who eventually became dignified by the name 'gynecologist. ' Sexual surgery became The Man's means of restraining women." (p. 225) The father of gynecology, J. Marion Sims, died in 1883 having established his reputation as the 'architect of the vagina'. He began his work by performing dangerous sexual surgery on black female slaves in his back yard, and later indigent women were his guinea pigs. Thus clitoridectomy became accepted as a cure for female masturbation at one time. For several decades the removal of ovaries to cure 'insanity' became the craze. And more: Unnecessary radical mastectomies and hysterectomies, carcinogenic hormone therapy, psychosurgery and spirit-killing psychiatry became a part of the procession. This phenomenon, Mary Daly claims, is "directly related to the rise of radical feminism in the twentieth century." (p.228) She also shows the direct connection between Nazi medicine and American gynecology and goes on to point out how industry, doctors, pharmaceutical firms and medical manufactuers benefit financially.

It was extremely hot traveling through that all-too-familiar territory, as I personally have been a victim of the medical industry on several occasions. The greatest shock was finding this listed right alongside genital mutilation and witchburning and Nazi 'medical practices'.

So there we have it. Bacon and Descartes, the heroes of English 12 and Philosophy 100, are now dethroned: they spouted their great wisdom and logic and never uttered a word against the 'religious practice' of witchburning. Even the men who wrote history distorted it with the male perspective. And the English language itself—the tool of communication, the tool of thought—is sexist and full of verbal violence, "both audible and inaudible, visible and invisible." (p. 323) Grammatical usage causes ambiguity and confusion in the minds of readers: have you heard of Hurricana Agnes? do you know that "people were burned as witches"? and that "we failed in Vietnam"? Poor

Snow White will never be the same either: "The necrophiliac Prince Charmings keep their Snow White spouses in the State of Sleeping Death with promises of a fear-free future." (p.351)

Now there is no place left to hide. The Feminist Journey has changed me irrevocably. Reading GYN/ECOLOGY was like being taken far into outer/inner space, and from that satellite perspective all the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle clicked into place. loose ends of a lifetime suddenly all connected up. And the picture is not pretty. In the past I was quick to turn my anger upon myself, seeing everything as personal shortcomings. Now I feel connected to a lucid new anger. My struggle to stay true to myself has been burdensome not always because there is something wrong with me, but because I am part of a history, a culture, and a continent. "Hags see that the demonic rituals in the socalled underdeveloped regions of the planet are deeply connected with atrocities perpetrated against women in 'advanced' societies." (p. 153) If you are not a watchful Witch, you ought to be one; if you are not a Spinster, you should be one at heart. We should and can spin our Cosmic Tapestries -- without a map, against the current. "Spinsters spin and weave, mending and creating unity of consciousness." (p. 386)

Mary Daly is right: the burden of knowing is heavy. But in this Age of Consciousness we can become an active part of history. We can become her/story. We can travel through time and space—even down the street and to the neighbour's yard—and work to make the Journey easier for each other and for our daughters. As Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote, "If a woman ignores these wrongs, then may women as a sex continue to suffer them; there is no help for any of us—let us be dumb and die." "Gyn/Ecology is Un-Creation. Gyn/Ecology is Creation." (p. 424)



Lena Joy Warrington February 29, 1983



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PUBLIC MEETING

Guest Speaker: Calvin Sandborn, a lawyer and pesticide specialist with WCB.

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B.C. HYDRO'S PROPOSED HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS

The Revelstoke dam when finished in late 1984 will meet B.C 's projects electricity needs until well into the 1990's.

But B.C. Hydro is not standing still. It is proposing a series of major dams on most of the large rivers in northern B.C. If these rivers are dammed, the most productive valleys in the north will be flooded. These dams raise the possibility of over building --which would result in ever higher electricity rates. Also the dams will be expensive and more costly than many soft energy path alternatives.

STIKINE-ISKUT

Three dams: two on the Stikine; and one on the Iskut (pronounced "Is-KOOT") are being planned. In mid-August Hydro flew in consultants from around the world to inspect the proposed dam sites. Dams on these two rivers would likely have a major impact on the large salmon runs that originate in these rivers. These salmon are caught by both Canadian and Alaskan fishermen. In addition, dams on the Stikine would destroy much of the "Grand Canyon of the Stikine" -perhaps the most impressive river canyon in Canada.

LIARD

Three dam sites on the Liard River are being investigated.
The Liard is a major tributary of the MacKenzie River,
and damming the Liard will change flow conditions in the
MacKenzie This in turn could result in a delay in Spring
breakap in the MacKenzie River and delta, thereby
interfering with transportation on the MacKenzie
and with oil and gas exploration in the delta.

HOMATHKO/CHILCOTIN DIVERSION

The basic proposal is to build a generation dam on the Homathko River, which flows into the Pacific. In addition, a storage dam would be built on the upper Homathko at Tatlayoko Lake. (The Taseko River flows into the Chilcotin River, a tributary of the Fraser River.)

Apart from flooding more precious valley land, the diversion scheme might seriously affect the sockeye run on the Chilcotin River -a run second in size only to the famed Adams River sockeye run. The diversion may, however, be a "red herring". Hydro will likely propose the diversion, but will probably give it up if controversy arises. Hence, the diversion is a bargaining device that will be used by Hydro to acquire a "good had guys" image when it drops the scheme.

ELAHO

The Elaho River is a tributary of the Squamish River. It is a relatively small project (500 megawatts), but it could have a detrimental effect on the salmon run up the Squamish River.

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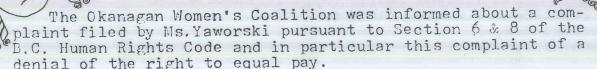
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EQUAL PAY FOR WORK

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Ms.Yaworski alleges that the Army & Navy Department Store Ltd. discriminates against female employees by employing them at a rate of pay which is lower than that of male

employees for similar work.

There are several complaints that were sent to the Right Honourable Minister, Mr. Bob McLelland. The Minister must decide whether to appoint Boards of Inquiry to hear these complaints, but is not obliged to do so. It is unlikely that Boards will be appointed for all complaints presently before him

Please assist Ms. Yaworski in convincing the Minister to appoint a Board of Inquiry in this matter. You may assist in any of the following ways:

- 1. Send a letter to the Right Honourable, Bob McLelland indicating your support for Ms. Yaworski's claim for equal pay for work of equal value for female employees of the Army & Navy Store Ltd.
- 2. Endorse her demand that this complaint be heard by a duly appointed Board of Inquiry, e.g. by resolution at your General Membership meetings.
- 3. Send all correspondence to Right Honourable Bob McLelland
 Minister of Labour
 Parliament Buildings
 Victoria, D.C.

THE PROVINCE, Tuesday, June 29, 1982

Slow action riles equal-pay activist

By ROD MICKLEBURGH Province Labor Reporter

Beverly Yaworsky wasn't too enchanted with her \$3.65-an-hour wage rate when she began work as a sales clerk at Army and Navy Department Store Ltd.'s downtown outlet in November, 1980.

But she became downright angry when she discovered the starting rate for the man next to her in the sporting goods section was \$4 an hour. "I started looking for another job quite quickly," she recalled.

When she left Army and Navy three months later she filed a complaint with the B.C. human rights branch, alleging sexual discrimination in wages — not only for herself but also on behalf of 28 other female employees at the store.

Now, more than 18 months later, Yaworsky has become fed up at what she regards as the branch's failure to press vigorously enough what seems a straightforward

Following a one-day leaflet drive outside the store by members of the Service, Office and Retail Workers Union of Canada, Army and Navy offered Yaworksy about \$150 in back pay and said wage rates at the store have been equalized since April last year.

Yaworsky said there is still no proof that rates now are similar. She wants a sum for damages and insists the other women also be compensated.

Human rights officer Les Berkes confirmed Yaworsky's complaint is unresolved. "We're still negotiating on her claim," he said.

Army and Navy representatives declined comment.

^{* 28} is Army and Navy's number, Beverley believes that the complaint covers a far greater number of women.

CHILDREN NEED QUALITY DAY CARE

from Kelowna Family Day Care Association Room 207-1135 - February 1983 - Sutherland Ave. Kelowna, B.C.

Day care is a fast growing service in today's society. With more and more mothers leaving the home to seek employment, a large number of children are spending their preschool years outside their own home. Some view this trend as a threat to the traditional family unit and consequently, much controversy has developed over the effects on children of working mothers. But, more mothers than ever beigre, with are entering the work reality is not force. Ignoring this going to help the children. While people are discussing the pros and cons, the children are waiting: waiting for someone to pay attention to their needs. What is happening to these children? children in day care The majority of in family day care are still to be found in unsupervised family situations, and most Kelowna Family Day day care homes. The Lonly three family day Care Society is one of British Columbia that care services in The two coordinators have supervised homes. responsible for on staff are assessing and supporting 100 member day care the average, 200 or homes. There are, on homes at one time. more children in these eight years ago by a The Society began group of individuals who were concerned of day care in Kelowna. about the standards from the Ministry of Funding was secured have remained the major Human Resources who source of funding. the Kelowna Family Day The goal of / Care Society is to provide quality day care for the children of

It is the philosophy of the Society that the preschool years are crucial in a child's development, therefore, the standard of day care a child receives at this time will have a significant influence on the person he becomes. Because of this, the Society strongly encourages that family day care should stimulate healthy social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth in day care children.

working parents, especially low income families.

Children Need Quality Day Care (Cont'd)

Also the Society is working to elevate the status of day care mothers to that of para-professional day care providers. Family day care is not just babysitting. A child in day care spends eight hours a day, day-in and day-out away from home. The quality of the day care will greatly determine how the child develops. Day care mothers are providing an important service to the community.

The Kelowna Family Day Care Society offers a support service to day care mothers. This includes monthly home visits to help the day care mother with any concerns or problems, to provide ideas on stimulating play activities, books and pamphlets on child care, children's books and educational toys on loan, liability insurance, monthly newsletter and art supplies at wholesale prices.

Also, the Society sponsors special events for the children such as a Christmas party, summer picnic and film days.

A course "Training for Day Care Mothers" is held twice a year in cooperation with Okanagan College. It covers all aspects of child care, including first-aid.



NATIONAL FILM BOARD

UNITED STATES RULING ON CANADIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, Canadians are proud of the independence and international reputation of the National Film Board. Its documentaries have won acclaim in film festivals around the world.

The decision of the United States Justice Department to declare three recent documentaries offensive and brand them as political propaganda, is unacceptable. Those in the United States who show National Film Board films "Acid From Heaven", "Acid Rain: Requiem or Recovery", and "If You Love This Planet", must record their names with the Justice Department as if they were taking part in a subversive activity. Incidentally, the latter film which warns of dangers in the nuclear arms build-up, has been nominated for an Oscar.

It is not enough for officials to make statements across the border about this unfortunate incident. It is imperative that the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacEachen) and the Minister of Communications (Mr. Fox) make a clear statement to the American administration that the treatment of these films is unacceptable to the people of Canada and the Government of Canada.

House of Commons Debates Friday, February 25, 1983

Vernon Daily News Tuesday, March 8, 1983

Regan says film outrageous

OTTAWA (CP) — Trade Minister Gerald Regan says a Canadian-made film about nuclear war is outrageous, in bad taste and unfair to U.S. President Ronald Reagan. The film — If You Love This Planet — is unfair because it uses film clips of the president much earlier in his career, presenting them out of context and in relation to the dropping of nuclear bombs, Regan said today.

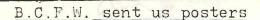
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A LETTER TO YOU FROM

THE CANADIAN COALITION AGAINST MEDIA PORNOGRAPHY

is composed of concerned individuals who recognize that pornography and sex-role stereotyping violate the dignity and right to self-determination of women. We define pornography as verbal or pictorial material representing sexual behaviour that is degrading or abusive to one or more of the participants in such a way as to endorse the degradation, and believe it to be substantially different from erotica, which we consider to be mutually pleasurable sexual expression between people who have enough power to be there by positive choice. We are not for the repression of sexuality but rather are seeking a new portrayal of mutuality and respect in the representation of sexuality.

THE CANADIAN COALITION AGAINST MEDIA PORNOGRAPHY

believes that pornography and sex-role stereotyping, a multibillion dollar industry in North America, promotes a climate in which women's physical safety in the street and in the home is jeopardized, and women's right to equality in the workplace continues to be denied. We are particularly concerned with recent government and business sponsorship of pornography on television and in the Canadian film industry and believe it to be a violation of the cultural integrity of Canadian artists and performers.

CCAMP's objective is to increase publice awareness of the negative images inherent in pornography. Our elected officals must be pressured to strengthen and enforce the laws which will create an environment in which women, men and children are all assured equality, dignity and self-respect.

Your membership and active participation will provide the necessary clout to achieve this objective.

Appication or Membership Name: Address: Postal code Telephone number	My \$15.00 for membership My contribution Due to my present circurmstance I am contributing for a membership.
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Canadian Coalition Against P.O. Box 1065, Station B Ottawa, Ontario. K1P 5R1	Media Pornography,

Pay TV airing adult entertainment (known as softcore pornography) has nothing to offer serious Canadian actresses, actors, creative writers, producers, etc

Pornography is inexpensive and quick to produce. It is not logical to pay for such smut. Pornography damages logical thinking. Why pay for something that is harmful for a person?

What artistic acting is there in one protraying sexual degradation for all human kind? NONE!

If people do not protest television and other media airing such brainwashing, dehumanizing pornography, other companies will try to outdo the Playboy channel.

Aideen Nicholson, MP said in the House of Commons Debates January 20, 1983 "When Pay TV was accepted, it was hoped that it would improve the level, content and variety of Canadian programming.

In fact, instead of upgrading, this is is available. In view of the between the new Pay TV stations, companies to try to outdo the In fact, this is already happening.

soft care

that her agency of the kind she could have. seven of these

There is enough advertising,

Why is the world becoming Is it becase of money, sexual responsibility? What is happening to my world, our world?

likely to downgrade what very competitive situation we can expect other so-called Playboy channel Last week, an actress constituency found had no work for her would accept; but she worked on one of pornographic films."

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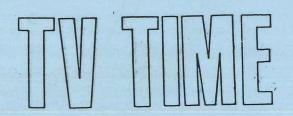
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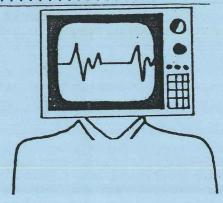
Protesting pornography on the airways and other media forms is not censorship. The protesting regarding pornography is a way to say WE CARE, I CARE what happens in our world. Don't we have any rights to say what happens in our world?

Are people going to protest by not paying for any sort of pornography or will people go to bed with pornography in their heads?

You can do what I WILL be doing, DON'T PAY for Pay TV because Pay TV will be airing pornography.

Submitted by: Shiralee Phillips





AAB Advisory Committee on

Sex-Role Stereotyping

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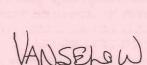
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Available at: Okanagan Women's Coalition.





"Yeah . . . That's what I want. The box says that with these you can swim, ride or play tennis, and I can't do any of those things."

Background

In 1976 CAAB established a Task Force "to examine how women are addressed and portrayed in advertising carried by Canadian media". In its Report the Task Force noted that "woman is typically portrayed in a limited and traditional way in advertising". The Report identified areas of specific concern, recommended several constructive steps that advertisers, their agencies and media could take in response, and included a check list as a guide to positive portrayals of men and women.

But the problem persisted. In September, 1979, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), following requests by the then Minister of Communications and Secretary of State, David Macdonald, and his predecessor. Jeanne Sauve, the Minister of Communications, announced a Task Force to examine the same issue. This Task Force comprised members of the advertising industry and public sector representatives of recognized feminist organizations. The Task Force determined that its responsibility was to investigate the best method of ensuring that sex-role stereotyping was recognized and to develop some mechanism to correct the problem.

Public Sector Task Force members developed a consensus of concerns based on research studies from the last ten years. which showed that many advertisements are considered insulting to women. These concerns included: manner of portrayal of sexes, presence of sexes, (e.g. predominance of male authority figures), use of sexual innuendos and exclusion of ethnic and older women.

Industry Response

The advertising industry undertook to prepare constructive proposals for responding to these concerns. Past experience has shown that self-regulation, involving industry and public representatives, has been effective in changing attitudes and, further, is more flexible and less costly to administer than government regulation.

These proposals, endorsed by numerous industry associations. were presented to the Task Force and, after discussion and some modifications, were unanimously adopted.

As part of the industry response, CAAB agreed to set up a special Advisory Committee on Sex-Role Stereotyping.

Committee Mandate

- 1. The Committee is responsible for an on-going information and "sensitizing" program with industry associations and groups, to be conducted by AAB staff and committee members. As part of this educational program, the Committee is supervising the distribution of a film dealing with the issues raised.
- 2. The Committee will supervise public attitude research on related concerns.
- 3. a) Members of the public are encouraged to send to the Committee complaints about advertising which they feel is not in accord with the Guidelines, and
 - b) Advertisers and advertising agencies are encouraged to seek counsel from AAB when they have any doubts as to whether certain creative concepts might conflict with the Guidelines.

A child trapped inside a television

> By:Yolanda 5 years old



Guidelines

The following "positive action statements" were adopted by the Task Force as guidelines to encourage more realistic portrayals of men and women in advertising messages. It should be noted that while the majority of the complaints are related to the portrayal of women, the concern of the Committee is sex-role stereotyping of both sexes.

- Advertising should recognize the changing roles of men and women in to-day's society and reflect the broad range of occupations for all.
- Advertising should reflect the contemporary family structure showing men, women and children as equally supportive participants in home management and household tasks, and as equal beneficiaries of the positive attributes of family life.
- 3. Advertising, in keeping with the nature of the market and the product, should reflect the wide spectrum of Canadian life portraying men and women of various ages, backgrounds and appearances actively pursuing a wide range of interests, sports, hobbies and business, as well as home-centered activities.
- 4. Advertising should reflect the realities of life in terms of intellectual and emotional quality of the sexes by showing men and women as comparably capable, resourceful, selfconfident, intelligent, imaginative and independent.
- 5. Advertising should emphasize positive personal benefits derived from products or services and should avoid portraying any excessive dependence on/or excessive need for them.
- Advertising should not exploit women or men purely for attention-getting purposes. Their presence should be relevant to the advertised product.
- 7. Advertising should reflect the contemporary usage of nonsexist language, e.g. hours or working hours, rather than man hours, synthetic, rather than man-made, business executives rather than business men or business women.
- **8.** Advertising should portray men and women as users, buyers and decision-makers, both for "big-ticket" items and major services, as well as small items.
- Advertising should reflect a realistic balance in the use of women, both as voice-overs and as experts and authorities.

More Sylvia by: Nicole Hollander



The Committee includes members from the following sectors:

Advertisers Advertising Agency Broadcast

Print Media and Three Public Members, two of whom represent recognized feminist organizations.

The Committee meets no less frequently than once a quarter, more frequently if circumstances warrant, and will publicize its activities.

The following associations have endorsed the guidelines and support the activities of the Committee:

Association of Canadian Advertisers Inc.
Advertising Advisory Board
Canadian Association of Broadcasters
Canadian Cosmetic, Toiletry & Fragrance Association
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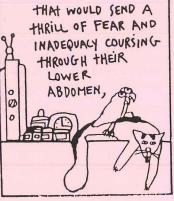
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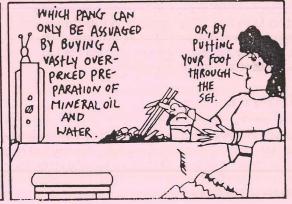
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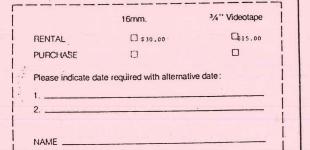
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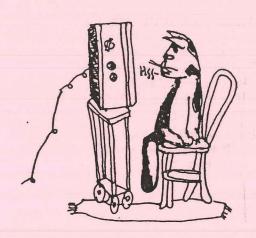








More Sylvia by: Nicole Hollander



Are You Choosing Tampons For The Right Reasons? Read On

Fatal disease that is four times more likely to strike women under 30.



Some women have suffered and are suffering from toxic shock syndrome (T.S.S.) resulting from very little research on tampons when tampons were put on the market over forty years ago.

Without knowing it we all have been involved in an experiment and now we are learning what harm comes to ourselves, our bodies from experiments done by companies without women's acknowledgement.

Toxic shock syndrome illness occurs almost exclusively in menstruating women using tampons. TSS produces a variety of symptoms:

-sudden onset of a high fever with vomiting

-tenderness or pain in the muscles followed by:
-decreases in the blood pressure below normal (hypertension)

-in severe cases, shock. Usually within 48 hours a fatal drop in blood pressure which is severe enough to cause kidney failure and require intensive care

-a sunburn-like rash is present during the acute phase of

the illness, about the 10th day after onset

-the skin may shed particularly on the palms and soles There is a 30% chance of this illness recurring in women who have had TSS once.

-bacteria (staphylococcus aureus) which enters the victim's blood during the menstrual period.

Other factors under investigation include:

-a chemical carbomethylcellulose, that is used in the super

absorbant tampons

-changes in the material composition of tampons over the last few years, that is, addition of deodorants, chemical additives and synthetic fibres

-the possibility of a new mutation of staphylococcus aureus

being implicated in TSS

S. Aureus is a bacteria; people carry it and never know it because their own body defenses prevent the bacteria from doing any harm. However, it may become a problem. S. Aureus produces toxins

Tampons (cont'd)

(poisons) that it releases into its environment; in this case, the vagina or the tampon. 5 to 15% of women have this bacteria in the vagina, but it is not known what percentage of women have this bacteria present specifically during menstruation.

Proctor & Gamble has ordered Rely removed from shelves at the request of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). FDA has also ordered other manufacturers of tampons to affix warning labels

to all of their brands of tampons.

Actions for women to take:

1. Alert other women to the risks of tampons and the potential financial benefits to tampon manufacturers of the "more frequent changes" solution.

2. Join or form women's health action groups through local

women's centres.

3. Write letters to the Federal government demanding that ingredients be listed on boxes of tampons and sanitary napkins; that a written warning about TSS be distributed with each box of tampons sold; that further testing of sanitary napkins, sponges, tampons by undertaken immediately.

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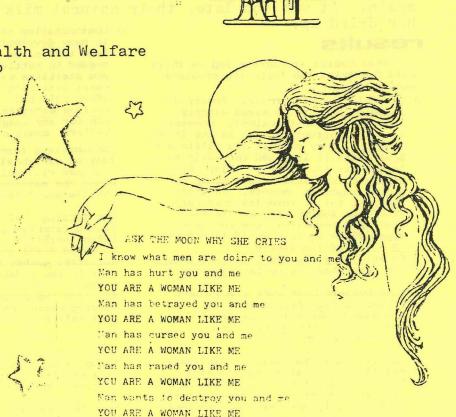
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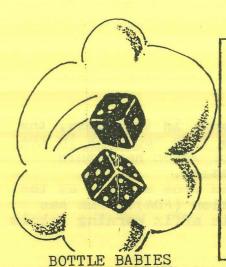
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The third world women could not afford to buy more "infant formula"; therefore would dilute the formula to make it last longer.

After Nestle peddles the "infant formula" to make women think their babies would be healthier drinking formula instead of mother's milk. (In Canada it is taught the best way to feed an infant is to bottle feed formulas and that bottle feeding is less time consuming.) The women were made to believe bottles were the main source for healthier food for babies.



After mothers realized what harm was coming to their children they tried to breast feed again. It was too late; their natural milk had dried up.

results

When babies are bottle fed in Third World Countries the following problems usually occur:

a) Overdilution of formula. Powdered formulas have to be mixed exactly according to instructions. However, even if instructions are in the local language, many mothers are illiterate. Some think it is mixed correctly as long as it looks white. Many more simply do not have enough money to buy appropriate amounts. In Great Britain, infant formulas cost only 2% of the family income. In less developed countries, the purchase of appropriate amounts would take from 10 - 80% of the income.

Formula supplies meant to last 3 days are stretched out to last 3 weeks.

Some mothers have even given their babies bottles filled with tea, cinnamon water and plain water — they thought the bottle was the important thing.

The result is malnutrition and marasmus (literally starving to death). Even if starvation is not the end result, in a weakened and malnourished condition, infants are more susceptible to infection and disease.

b) Contamination of formula. Conditions in many developing countries do not lend themselves to the cleanliness needed to bottle feed safely. How do you sterilize water in a gourd? The water available to many populations is often polluted. Formula mixed with unclean water and left under the hot sun for any length of time sends the bacteria count sky-high.

Contaminated formula leads to a variety of diarrheal conditions which, combined with malnutrition often becomes the marasmus-diarrheal or "bottle baby" syndrome.

The feeding of diluted and contaminated formula has caused the rise of infant morbidity and mortality rates in Third World countries. Dr. Derek Jelliffe, author of the book, "Human Milk in the Modern World" has estimated that one million babies a year die from the effects of formula feeding while ten million infants a year suffer from it.

c) Increased fertility. For the developing nations, prolonged breastfeeding is a significant method of child spacing. Theoretically it can prevent up to 20% of births in a highly fertile community. With bottle feeding ovulation returns much faster.

From Maternal Health Publication volume 6 number 3

How Can You or Your Group Support the Nestle Boycott?

by Jeanne Rose

The Nestle Company has continued its improper marketing and promotional practices in Third World countries despite Nestle's public statements of compliance with the World Health Organization (WHO) International Code of Marketing. You can become an active part of the more than 120 organizations and the 25 million people they represent who have endorsed the boycott of the Nestle Company. Contact the Infant Formula Action Coalition (INFACT), the boycott organizing organization, 1701 University Avenue S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414, U.S.A., for the name of the nearest local INFACT group. Also available is the Action Pack, "Breast is Best: From Policy to Practice" for \$5 (free to non-profit organizations or individuals in developing countries). The Action Pack is available in English, French or Spanish. It is a compilation of articles, background information and a skills training package on the infant feeding issue.

You can also refrain from buying any of the products or using any of the services listed below. This listing, supplied by INFACT, is current as of July 1982. An asterisk (*) indicates those products available in Canada. The boycott has, with increasing success, had an effect on Nestle sales and profits. Continued public pressure will send the message that true compliance with the WHO Code must be forthcoming.

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BEVERAGES

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Bottle Babies is a blatant indictment of transitional food companies profiteering at the expense of the children of the Third World. Feeding babies with bottles and milk powder is seen as a sign of affluence in "underdeveloped" communities. Families are willing to spend one third to one half of their income on the cans of milk powder. Companies such as Nestle, makers of Lactogen, a top selling milk powder in developing countries, are undertaking massive campaigns through radio, papers, posters, hospitals, hired nurses. Thus, the mothers have been convinced that artificial milk will produce stronger, healthier babies than their own breast milk can. What is really happening? Widespread malnutrition, retardation, infection, dehydration, death. Large sections of Third World budgets spent on milk powder imports. And, enormous profits for the coffers of transnational corporations;

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Sincerely,
Pam Johnston, Chairwoman
Choices in Childbirth

Let Our New Flatform Be: LCVING, BIRTH CONTROL, MCTHERING, BIRTHING,

REARING NATURALLY -by Catherine McDougall-

There are indeed many patriarchal values in our society which are imposed on women. Modern medicine, a primarily male dominated area, controls our general health, our depressions, our menstral cycles, our birthings, our fertility and our children's health. Many women, myself included, have finally found an holistic way to stop unwanted pregnancies. People all over the world have been using these methods with success. It involves knowing our bodies and cycles most intimately, not in the superficial manner that our physicians know us. If women do desire to control their own bodies, the first step is to do away with out blind faith in a profession that believes it can improve on the perfection of nature.

The Berkely Health Book, a wonderful compilation of natural healing and living methods, states, "The beliefs' of the sexual revolution are merging with practices of conscious evolution. The result is a return to living in harmony with natural laws, which support mindful celebration of sexuality and conscious choices about conception." The real questions are of self-confidence and self

responsibility.

The Berkely Health Book continues, "In order to move away from technology for birth control, we must undergo a radical shift in consciousness, to take responsibility for our sexuality, to revitalize our relationships and to discover our own and our lover's physiological, psychological and sexual cycles. Through natural methods of deducement -mucous, body temperature, astrological cycles, physical changes, emotional and mental changes. We can accept responsibility for the consequences of our sexual interactions and deepen our relationships with our lovers. This intimate sharing will build trust and nourish a caring attitude, the means by which true, honest intimacy grows best."

Motherhood becomes a choice rather than a millstone around our necks. The dehumanization of sex in culture and, most importantly sex education, drives us further away from creativity and meaning. In much of the liturature I have perused women are describes as ill-prepared as well as immature and unable to cope. This is where the women's movement should be informing young women and men of the joys of mothering and fathering, informing them of a natural way to choose a time for baby-having and encouraging strong, loving relationships. We should encourage natural childbirth, either at home or hospital, breastfeeding, for healthy babies and proper nutrition for our young brothers and sisters.

In this age we have achieved liberation fuller than ever before and in response, we must seriously consider changing and modifying some attitudes and platforms, not the least of which are mothering and family life. And we are the ones who are responsible. Morals and social attitudes change many times from age to age, but not so instinct. Innate maternal affection will ever make it woman's responsibility to be faithful to and to nurture sane, loving families.

I would like to quote one of my favorite readers, the Urantia Book. "On the present industrial and urban era, the marriage institution and the family are evolving along new economic lines. Family life has become more and more costly, while children, who used to be an asset, have become economic liabilities. But, the security of civilization itself still rests on the growing willingness of one generation to invest in the welfare of next and future generations. Marriage, with children and family life, stimulates the highest potentials in human nature and provides for the perpetuation of the human species."

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WOMEN & HEALTH- Around the World

BY FRANCES BIRDSELL

Frances Birdsell attended an International Conference on Women and Health in Geneva, Switzerland in June 1981. The conference was organized by ISIS, an international feminist network. Representatives of grass-roots women's groups were invited. Frances has worked in a Women's Centre in Terrace, B.C. for a number of years and is Chairperson of the Northwest Development Education Association, with particular personal interest in women and development issues.

It was recognized by most of the participants that poor health hits women and children first. The Third World women of Africa, Asia and Latin America felt that 80% of their health problems related to poor nutrition and the scarcity of good, safe water. (You must realize that many women have to walk several miles every day to get water.)

When you're poor, you just don't eat as well as you "should". The worst wages produce the worst health. Add to that the fact that in many countries women are the last to eat, with their husbands eating first and the children next and you start to see the connections between

The women from India were alarmed because of a decrease in the sex ratio in their country, It has long been accepted that women .comprise 51% of the population. The recent census in India indicated that the percentage of females had dropped to 48%. That is a startling change in a population as large as India's! The factors contributing to this were examined.

Frances Birdsell will be making a speaking tour on "Women and Health - around the World".

Anyone wishing further information on the tour or on international women's health issues, please contact Frances at P.O.Box 1035, Terrace, B.C.

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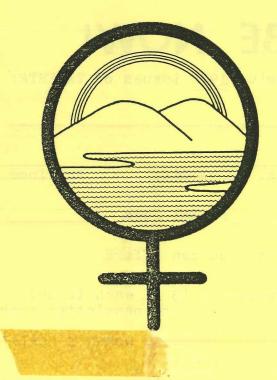
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