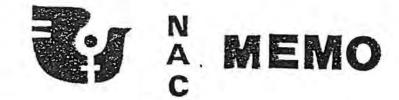
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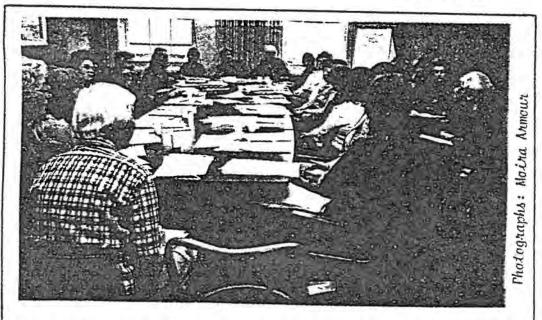
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President's Letter





The National Action Committee on the Status of Women Executive for 1982-83 has just completed its first meeting - a jam-packed weekend of setting up committees and sorting out priorities for the coming year.

As we worked we also "networked" and began to discover our various skills and concerns. For myself, I have rarely had the pleasure of working with such a dynamic and talented group of women with such a wide range of expertise and interests. The commitment, the meshing of talents, the spirit of cooperation and the zeal as we worked was highly exciting. We are beginning to tackle the resolutions that came out of the Annual General Meeting as well as the NAC Constitution and our other many projects and concerns for the coming year.

Please look through the MEMO and get as involved as you can. There's a lot of work to do, but with your help and support we will maintain the high level of enthusiasm and commitment that was so evident at our first meeting.

A want handered Deris Anderson

President



All members were present Regional Reps are as follows	at the first regular meet Lows	ing, April 17/18.
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	Jill Schooley	(709)726-0936
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MANITOBA/SASKATCHEWAN	Pat Keyser	(306)658-4743
ALBERTA/NWT	Janina Vanderpost	(403) 429-2355
B.C./YUKON	Jane Evans	(604) 546-8471

Contact them ----- exchange information ----- Use as speakers-----

NAC COMMITTEES 1982.83_

Any member or NAC Member Group or Friend of NAC who is interested in working with these committees or who has any expertise or ideas to offer, please get in touch with the chairperson through the NAC Office or directly. If you have a committee or project let them know. We need to communicate with women all across Canada who are working in similar fields.

Write NAC Office

STANDING COMMITTEES

	Chairperson	or Telephone
Editorial	Cathy Devlin	(416) 596-0965
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NAC Trust	To be elected	
Budget & Finance	Martha Elliott	(613) 234-5508
Media Relations	Pat Hacker	(613)233-4474

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Justice	Jillian Ridington	(604)738-0395
Health	Kathy Coffin	(902)426-2101
Social Services	Billie Thurston	(709)726-1149
Constitution (Canada)	Pat Hacker	(613)233-4474
Pensions	Louise Dulude	(613)233-1683
Employment (incl.Impact of Technology)	Michelle Swenarchuk	(613)233-1832
Media Watch (incl. Cultural)	Jillian Ridington	(604)738-0395
Survival	Kay Macpherson	(416)922-7490
Native Women	Lynn Beak	(807) 344-1304
Fiscal Rearrangements	Chaviva Hosek	(416) 463-2822
Futurist (& Technology)	Silvia Isenor	(902)861-2516

The Friends of NAC Committee, which has attracted very good response at NAC functions and other means, will be incorporated into the Membership Committee who will carry on the promotional activities. 'Friends' will be reviewed from time to time.

In November 1981, Lloyd Axworthy Minister of Employment and Immigration, announced new policies affecting foreign domestic workers in Canada.

Three of the key policies were:

- Allowing domestic workers who have been in Canada two years or more 1) to apply for Landed Immigrant Status
- For those workers who failed to qualify, they could be given up to 2) two years to attend school and upgrade their skills
- If, after upgrading, they did not qualify for Landed Status, they 3) could work for another year and then have to go home

Domestic Workers Union knows of only one domestic worker who has benefited from the new policies, and five who are worse off because of the changes.

Domestic workers have long been one of the most exploited sectors of Canada's workforce. Mr. Axworthy stated that his recognition of the plight of domestic workers promoted him to make the changes. If Mr. Axworthy is to believed, he must prove his intent. To this end, the DWU has focussed on three women in the Vancouver area who are worse off under the new legislation. They are: Prudence Cummings, Maria Solis and Daphne Williams. These three women and many more domestic workers across Canada have a right to the following:

- 1)
- The right to renew work permits The right to apply for Landed Status 2)
- 3) No penalty for being sick
- 4) The right to collect U.I. for premiums paid

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT.... NAC has sent the following telegram to Mr. Axworthy and we encourage you to do the same:

"THE NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN STRONGLY URGES YOU TO GRANT LANDED IMMIGRANT STATUS TO DAPHNE WILLIAMS, PRUDENCE CUMMINGS AND MARIA ELENA SOLIS. TOGETHER THEY HAVE SPENT TWENTY YEARS WORKING IN CANADA, YET THE TIME AND ENERGY THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS COUNTRY ARE BEING IGNORED. WE DEMAND THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO STAY PERMANENTLY AND WORK.

DORIS ANDERSON, PRESIDENT "

For more information, please contact: DOMESTIC WORKERS UNION C/9 1992 West 1st Avenue Vancouver, B.C. V6J 1G6

day care

The cuts and inaction aimed at Day Care services are beoming more and more critical across the country. NAC Member groups have been active in many areas, and coalitions have been formed to keep up the pressure on governments.

NAC endorsed actions by the Ontario Coalition for Better Day Care which among other actions -- held a day-long meeting and lobby of Ontario Premier Davis and MPPs. The Ontario Federation of Labour has initiated and sponsored action, CUPE Local 79 has a Day Care Committee and Action Day Care has initiated many presentations and deputations.

Priorities: 4,000 new day care places, \$5.00 per day per child grant for non-profit centres

NAC AFFILIATES -- LET US KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR AREA.....

SURVIVAL

At the NAC 1982 AGM we passed a resolution calling on NAC, its member groups and individual members to make SUFFOCATION OF THE ARMS RACE a PRIORITY FOR ACTION in 1983-83 (full text available from NAC Office).

A committee on Survival was established by the Executive.

action urgent action

The Women's Petition for Peace is gathering signatures from women across Canada (for copies of the petition, write to Voice of Women, 175 Carlton Street, Toronto M5A 2K3, Ph: 922-2997/486-8750).

- Women in Halifax will be holding a Mothers' Day Canvas -- May 9 -to obtain signatures for the petition. For more information, phone (902) 423-3887.
- On May 20, led by Halifax Voice of Women, the petition will be presented to women MPs, Senators and others in Ottawa... Women, children, balloons, are welcome... Meet by the Eternal Flame in Front of Peace Tower, 10.30 a.m. Petitions and support messages by May 10 to VOW Halifax, Box 3231, Halifax South, B3J 3H5, or call Ottawa 233-0740/233-4474. If you want to give support, see tear-off.
- NAC hopes to send a representative to the 'Women of the World Working for Peace" Conference at Barnard College New York City, June 3 and 4. Sponsored by Women's International League for Peace & Freedom.
- Actions will be taking place across Canada on the first weekend in June (before the U.N. Special Session on Disarmament)... Contact local disarmament networks, coalitions, committees or Voice of Women, Congress of Canadian Women (Box 188. Station E, Toronto, M6H 4E2) or WILPF (Telephone (613) 829-7232/236-2976).
- Buses are being organized for women (and men) to attend the Mass Rally in New York City on June 12, coinciding with the Second United Nations Special Session on Disarmament (UNSSOD 11) Petitions will be presented to U.N. officials and there are conferences, festivals, religious services, etc. For further information on bus, contact Voice of Women (see addresses above) or Montreal Coalition, 3625 Aylmer, Montreal, Ph: (514) 392-3008 or Sarah Evett (514) 270-4542.

IF YOU WANT TO SUPPORT THE ACTIONS IN OTTAWA AND NEW YORK, Tear and send to VOICE OF WOMEN, Halifax or Toronto, before May 18th.

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NAC'S IOTH ANNUAL MEETING

Excerpts from NAC's official report

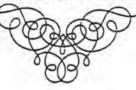
The fun of celebrating our 10th anniversary, the satisfaction of reviewing our considerable accomplishments, the work of trying to consider 59 resolutions, the election of the 1982-83 Executive, the participation in workshops, the privilege of having speakers and films, the lobby sessions on Parliament Hill, the warm feeling of shared goals and experience with old and new friends - were the main positives of NAC's Annual Meeting, March 12-15, 1982, at the Holiday Inn, Ottawa Centre.

125 of our 190 member groups were represented, and with the Executive made 204 voting members; 148 observers, resource people and special guests swelled the number to 352 - a record attendance.

...In February, the 3 requested workshops made much reorganization for Cathy Devlin when they suddenly became 9. Yet she and Bev LeFrancois pulled off a great banquet program headlining Linda Ryan Nye's songs and guitar, and Wendy Lawrence's Feminist News commentary. We had presentations of portraits in pastels to President Jean Wood and 3 retiring long-term Executive members: Lynn McDonald, Lee Grills and Betsy Carr.

...Highlights of the year's activities in the President's report were the Pension Committee's cosponsoring of four seminars across the country, development of their related brief, kits and slide presentation, assisted by the NAC Trust; the reappearance of <u>Status of Women News</u>; the major role NAC Executive and member groups played in mobilizing women across Canada to influence the Charter of Rights in Canada's Constitution; the mid-year meeting in St. John's, Newfoundland.

THANKS TO BETSY CARR AND HER COMMITTEE (A FULL REPORT WAS PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE)



In response to a resolution passed at the 1982 AGM, the following telegram was sent to: Lucie Pepin, President; Monique Forget and Eileen Hendry, Vice Presidents: and Members of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women:

"THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CANADIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN JOINED THE CANADIAN UNION OF PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES IN JUNE, 1981, BUT DESPITE THE INVITATION BY THE UNION TO BEGIN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IMMEDIATELY THE COUNCIL HAS REFUSED TO GIVE THE UNION VOLUNTARY RECOGNITION TO DO SO.

WHEN THE UNION APPLIED TO THE CANADIAN LABOUR RELATIONS BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION THE COUNCIL OBJECTED TO THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION AND ONLY AFTER THE INTERVENTION OF THE HONOURABLE JUDY EROLA IN DECEMBER, 1981, MOVED TO PLACE THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF RELATIONS BOARD.

THE COUNCIL HAS NOW APPLIED TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF RELATIONS BOARD FOR EXCLUSIONS WHICH WOULD DEPRIVE ALL BUT FIVE EMPLOYEES OF THEIR RIGHT TO UNIONIZE.

THEREFORE THE NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN CONDEMNS THE ACT OF THE COUNCIL IN OBSTRUCTING AND DELAYING THE UNIONIZATION OF ITS EMPLOYEES DESPITE ITS PUBLIC STATEMENT IN FAVOUR OF UNIONS FOR WOMEN WORKERS, AND NAC URGES THE COUNCIL TO WITHDRAW ITS PROPOSALS FOR EXCLUSION OF EMPLOYEES AND TO GRANT VOLUNTARY RECOGNITION TO THE UNION CHOSEN BY ITS EMPLOYEES AND TO BEGIN NEGOTIATING IMMEDIATELY FOR COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT."

Shortly after the telegram was sent, an agreement was reached between the Advisory Council and its employees, who are now in the process of organizing their union.



THE LIGHTER SIDE

by Kay Macpherson

Business and policy making were not the only items on the agenda at NAC's AGM. This was our 10th anniversary and we celebrated with pride and enthusiasm. A highlight was the showing of the film "Strategies for Change", a Moira Armour production on the first conference in 1972.

We saw Thérese Casgrain who worked to get Quebec women the vote: "I'm working for peace and I've been fighting all my life"; Florence Bird, who chaired the Royal Commission on the Status of Women; Elsie Gregory MacGill, also a Commissioner, NAC Executive member and author; Madeleine Parent, the tireless union organizer and fighter for women's rights within them; Maryon Kantaroff, feminist sculptor and speaker, and Rita MacNeil, feminist singer from Cape Breton.

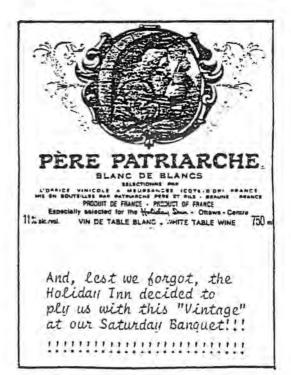
Laura Sabia spoke after the film, delighting everyone with the Real Story about NAC's beginnings, interspersed with her typical irreverent and scurrilous comments. She recalled that when it appeared unlikely that a Royal Commission on the Status of Women would be struck by the government, she was asked by the press what she intended to do next. Off the top of her head she replied "Oh, we'll probably march a million women to Ottawa." Her horrified eyes saw the banner headline the next morning - "Women threaten to march on Ottawa". Whatever the effect, the Commission was set up a few weeks later.

Sabia also described some of NAC's early member groups. They ranged from the IODE to church women to the more radical consciousness raising groups which were forming everywhere. She reminisced about our small beginnings, with the Women Teachers' Federation donating office space, time and staff; how Helen Tucker (present and active as ever) took minutes, wrote letters and kept records, and how Grace Hartman, now CUPE President, was the first treasurer struggling with a fledgling organization which was rich in energy and commitment but poor in bucks.

The Saturday evening banquet saw Linda Ryan Nye, complete with token mink stole and wig, sing of Laura's wish to be Pope for a Day. Of course, several not so popular chauvinists suffered irreverent attention from the delegates. Alderman Joe Piccinnini walked away with the National Pacifier Award 1982, for the most outrageous public remarks about women: "They are all too lazy to get out of bed and apply for jobs at City Hall." Naturally, this year's winner recalled previous nominees - Senator Harry Hayes and Lloyd Axworthy to name only two. Jean Wood, our retiring (in one sense only) President, whose wicked sense of humour has long been the cause of much hilarity was honoured (and we use the term lightly) by Executive member Terry Padgham who, in her appalling "Scottish" accent, brought out many of Jean's favourite sayings: "I've got a problem...", "...substantive issue...", etc., etc.

Sunday evening saw delegates planning strategies for Monday's lobby of MPs. Teams of questioners prepared a preamble, the question and what action was expected from the government and opposition parties. The following day, well over 100 women crowded the Railway Committee room, with Doris Anderson, the new President, chairing. If numbers are significant, the NDP Leader, both

women MPs and almost half the caucus were present. The Conservatives, led by Joe Clark, with Flora MacDonald and about 25 members were present. The Liberals sent July Erola, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, her parliamentary secretary, 2 unknown backbenchers and Senator Yvette Rousseau (former chair of the Advisory Council). Robert Kaplan arrived, departed and brought another Minister on his return appearance. This was not thought to be evidence of commitment to women or their concerns, and delegates' displeasure was much in evidence. Erola made a good impression until she suggested that survival and disarmament were not women's issues and therefore not her concern. Like the Conservatives, the Liberals spoke only of "security" and strength through increased armaments. The words of NAC's final speaker on survival called for the government to use Canadian initiatives to begin an end to the arms race. Her comments were met with thunderous applause and a standing ovation. We can hope that this will have some effect on our government. It won't be the last time they hear from women!



ATIVE INDIAN WOMEN and the CONSTITUTION

On April 14th the native women of Canada mourned the continuing loss of their rights. NAC issued the following press release, in support of the action:

"NO HUMAN RIGHTS YET FOR CANADIAN INDIAN WOMEN

Women will wear black arm bands to symbolize their mourning for the forgotten Indian women of Canada.

The National Action Committee on the Status of Women is joining Indian women in a day of mourning and demonstrations being planned for Ottawa, Toronto, Edmonton and Victoria, on Wednesday, April 14, 1982, 1:30 p.m. local time.

It has been 14 years since the issue of equal rights for Indian women was raised in the report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women. It was recommended in that report that Section 12 (1) (b) of the Indian Act be amended. Presently, Indian women who marry non Indian men, including non status Indians and Metis, are stripped of their Indian status by Section 12 (1) (b) of the Indian Act. These women cannot live on reserves nor take part in band business; they cannot be buried on the reserves and their children are not allowed status as Indians.

The government of Canada has been aware of the U.N. decision on the Sandra Lovelace case, in which the U.N. made it clear that the government of Canada is persisting in discriminatory legislation with this section of the Indian Act.

Indian women are discouraged and angered by the empty promises and the facade of equal rights for women and men in Canada. A false view of Canada is given to the world in the face of a new Charter of Rights and Freedoms. ''No Canadian delegate should sit on the U.N. Committee on Human Rights until the Indian Act Section 12 (1) (b) is amended so that everyone is equal'', said Mary Two-Axe Earley, spokesperson for Equal Rights for Indian Women. The Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly on December 8, 1979, and ratified by all provinces of Canada, December 10, 1981.

Judy Erola, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, has said that Cabinet is committed to the changes in Section 12 (1) (b) of the Indian Act that will give equal status to both women and men. It was announced in the House on October 19, 1981, that the Minister of Indian Affairs, Mr. John Munro, has been instructed to develop the mechanism by which this change in the Indian Act will take place. Mrs. Erola says that she "intends that this will go through". The women are asking --- when?..."

*** 六六六 This is part of what Mary Two-Axe Earley said at the NAC Annual Meeting: * 六十六六 六六 "Ten years ago, I was outraged and angry at the grave psychological effect experienced by so many sisters, of being ostracised from their ancestral communities, legally stripped of their cultural identity, exiled from the 12 立立 mainstream of their life's experience and banished from their tribal roles, -161-123 1222 as though they had died and were journeying to meet the creator, and were no longer considered as persons. I was angry that I was so helpless as a victim *********** as well as an observer of the devastating effects on so many women who sought ż. comfort with drugs and alcohol, escape through suicide and refuge in the 六 psychiatric wards of hospitals. Today as I stand before you, the outrage and anger still smoulders within my heavy heart. I am still a victim, and every day I pray that the dawn of tomorrow will bring the sunshine of hope that it will become our turn to join 125 **** the parade " 嘉 菜 ... ********* ********

A WOMAN in the highest court in the land

In a press release NAC said:

"Women across Canada lobbied actively to ensure this appointment.... and urged the government to recognize that a number of women had served on the bench for years, women were qualified for the job and their views must be recognized."

In a telegram to <u>Madame Justice Bertha Wilson</u>, NAC sent "..... warmest greetings on the announcement of your appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada... We are delighted that the Supreme Court will be enhanced with the presence of such a well qualified, distinguished woman."

But.... as some of NAC's members said --- ONE IS NOT ENOUGH. Here's to more Supreme Court and many other women Justices.

NAC Commissioned a medal to be struck to honour the 50th anniversary (L979) of the Persons Case, a significant legal event for women. The first medal struck was reserved for presentation to the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada. We look forward to the great pleasure of making this presentation to Madame Justice Bertha Wilson.

Outgoing Media Watch Chair, Alicia Lawrence, sent the following thoughts: "... the cartoon on Bertha Wilson is from the Bar Association paper... I read it the day after her "swearing in" which had moved me to tears. The cartoon had the opposite affect - still trivializing women after so much progress! The news item found me with mouth open as well - as if ONE Supreme Court seat will make it "COMPLETE". My final comment on the cartoon: And where do the other justices have their periwigs done???? SIGH.....



OTTAWA — The first woman to sit on a Canadian superior appellate court now adds another "first" to her long list of credentials.

Madam Justice Bertha Wilson, appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada on March 4, has been a judge of the Ontario Court of Appeal since 1975. Before that, she practised with the Toronto firm of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt. CBA President Paul Fraser reacted swiftly and positively to the appointment. "The CBA is very pleased for two reasons. First and foremost as a lawyer and a judge, her Ladyship has demonstrated her worthiness to sit on the highest Court in Canada. Secondly, the appointment of Madam Justice Wilson to the Supreme Court of Canada involves women in every level of the judiciary and <u>makes the role</u> of women in the administration of justice appropriately complete." Justice Minister Jean Chrétien praised Madam Justice Wilson's ability. "She is a very able judge. She has all the necessary qualities and I am very pleased that she is a woman too."

that she is a woman too." Born in Scotland, Madam Justice Wilson received her LL.B from Dalhousie Law School in 1958. She was called to the Nova Scotia bar in 1953 and the Ontario bar in 1959. She was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1973.

An active member of the Canadian Bar Association, Madam Justice Wilson was elected to the Ontario Council in 1970 and national Council in 1973. She was a member of the forward planning committee of the Ontario Branch and a member of the national committee of charitable organizations.

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What they said in the house



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December 2, 1981 - April 2, 1982

Is your MP listed in the following review of Parliamentarians who spoke up for women in the last session? If not, why not? If she/he is listed, find out what was said and let your MP know if you agree. Your MP should be able to send you - free - the parliamentary transcript (<u>Hansard</u>) for the days in question. Or your library should have copies. Letters to MP's sent to the House of Commons, Ottawa, don't need a stamp.

Please note, although as comprehensive as possible, this listing may not be 100% complete. Also, the responses of government MP's to questions, etc., are not indexed unless they are telling us something new and positive.

Appointments

-To the Bench Flora MacDonald (PC) Feb.8,16 Jean Chretien (Lib) John McDermid (PC) Feb.8 Mar.1 Ray Hnatyshyn (PC) Mar.30 -To the Senate Bill Yurko Feb. 12 Armed Forces Terry Sargeant (NDP) Mar.29,30 Budget and Women David Crombie (PC) Dec.8 Celine Hervieux-Payette (Lib) Dec.8 Walter McLean (PC) Dec.8 Chris Speyer (PC) Dec.10 Jim Hawkes (PC) Dec. 10 Joe Clark (PC) Jan.25 Peter Elzinga (PC) Feb. 16 Canadian Advisory Council on SW Pauline Jewett (NDP) Feb.17 Constitution Doug Anguish (NDP) Dec.2 Svend Robinson (NDP) Dec.3 Walter McLean (PC) Dec.8 Daycare Bill Clark (PC) Feb. 22 Allan MacEachen (Lib) Feb.22 Bob Ogle (NDP) Dec.9 Hal Hebert (Lib) Feb.11 Howard Crosby (PC) Feb.11 Margaret Mitchell (NDP) Feb, 10, 11, Mar. 24 John Bosley (PC) Mar.23 Employment Affirmative Action Rod Murphy (NDP) lan Deans (NDP) Herb Gray (Lib) Feb.3 Mar.24 Mar.24 Margaret Mitchell (NDP) Mar.25 Equal Pay/Opportunity Margaret Mitchell (NDP) Feb.3 Flora MacDonald (PC) Feb.4 David Smith (Lib) Feb.4 Howard Crosby (PC) Feb.19 Outreach Walter McLean (PC) Mar. 18 Technological Change Simon de Jong (NDP) Mar. 23 Training Remi Bujold (Lib) Feb. 19 Margaret Mitchell (NDP) Mar. 24(NAC Brief) Albert Cooper (PC) Mar.30

Farm Women Vic Althouse (PC) Jan. 28 Freedom of Speech Joe Clark (PC) Feb.23,24, Mar.1 Bill Vankoughnet (PC) Feb.23,25 Flora MacDonald (PC) Mar. 1 Walter Baker (PC) Mar.30 Health Care Margaret Mitchell (NDP) Mar.24(NAC Brief),29 Cyril Keeper (NDP) Mar.29 Housing Margaret Mitchell (NDP) Feb.8 Immigrant Women Margaret Mitchell (NDP) Feb.5 Human Rights (U.N. Covenant) Gerald Regan (Lib) Dec. 10 Income Support -Maternity Benefits Rod Murphy (NDP) Dec.15 Dec.15 (who managed Fred Oberle (PC) to support maternity leave while attacking trade unions - read and be critical!) Pauline Jewett (NDP) Feb.3 -Pensions Neil Young (NDP) Dec.11, Jan23, Feb.3 Mar.1,30 National Action Committee Sid Parker (NDP) Mar. 18 Native Women Joe Clark (PC) Mar.18 Lorne Greenaway (PC) Mar.22 Frank Oberle (PC) Mar.22 Flora MacDonald (PC) Mar.30 Prison Walter McLean (PC) Dec. 15 Margaret Mitchell (NDP) Mar.30 Prostitution Svend Robinson (NDP) Dec.2, Mar.18 Sexual Assault Yvon Pinard (Lib) Dec.3 Walter Baker (PC) Dec. 17 Pat Carney (PC) Dec.17 Jim Hawkes (PC) Dec. 17 Bill Jarvis (PC) Dec. 17 Sexual Harassment Svend Robinson (NDP) Feb.22 Jim Peterson (Lib) Feb.22 Social Services Funding

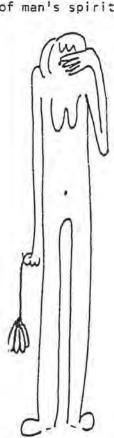
Margaret Mitchell (NDP) Feb.18

Brickbats

- A regrettable increase in the number of bricks this time:
 - On December 3, Doug Neil (PC) with his sexist view of the family: "When one is young, newly-married and starting out in life, one buys life insurance to guarantee that one's wife and children will be taken care of if something happens to the breadwinner,"
 - On December 10, more noble, but sexist language from Fred King (PC): "No single occurrence should inflame our patience more than the oppression of man's spirit and the denial of men's freedoms."
 - Racism on December 14 with Walter Blenkarn (PC) who referred to Japanese made automobiles as: "Jap Cars". Taken to task by John Evans (Lib), he said: "Racial be damned" and repeated his slurs.
 - More stereotyping on December 14 from Gordon Taylor (PC) who referred to laid-off employees as exclusively male: "He may have worked in industry for ten years, but when he is unemployed, his kids get hungry and his wife bleeds when you prick her."
 - December 17 saw some poor and uninformed performances from MP's on the government's proposed amendments to the Criminal Code on prostitution and sexual assault (C-53).... in particular, Gordon Taylor (PC) who opposed ending husbands' right to rape their wives as "another nail on the coffin of the family unit."

Like Gordon Taylor, Blaine Thacker (PC) also showed himself to be uninformed on the rationale behind the sentencing provisions of C-53.

- On January 26, Allan MacEachen (Lib) presented arguments justifying the reduction of the child tax credit on the basis of family income instead of the income of the primary parent and, on February 18, Hal Hebert (Lib) took the same line.
- February 18 was the regrettable day on which Howard Crosby (PC) said that the only term he had to describe single parents - was "unwed mothers". "Nobody," he said, "likes nomenclature which has the effect of casting aspersions on female persons or anyone else in society, but I have important things to say."
- February 23 and 24 were the days on which Prime Minister Trudeau (Lib) and Revenue Minister Bill Rompkey (Lib) decided no public servant has the right to object to the government position on national issues - even if these views are totally unrelated to his/her job and expressed on private time. Don Johnston (Lib), President of the the Treasury Board, added his ha'pennyworth to this nonsense on March 1.
- On March 18, both Svend Robinson (NDP) and Bob Kaplan (Lib) won brickbats. Bob Kaplan refused to set up a special sub-committee to deal with the prostitution sections of C-53. Brickbats to Svend, however, for raising the issue in the first place since as he well knew this arrangement had already been agreed to in principle by Jim Peterson (Lib) who is Kaplan's parliamentary secretary and sits on the Justice Committee. Peterson had not had the chance to brief Kaplan on this agreement by the time Robinson posed his request. Robinson's unfortunate timing on this question means that women may have lost the chance to deal separately with these two aspects of the bill a separation we have long been requesting.
- Prime Minister Trudeau (Lib) distinguished himself on March 25 by refusing to answer NDPer Margaret Mitchell's request for mandatory affirmative action programs. Instead, he baited her on Saskatchewan Premier Allan Blakeney's poor show on entrenching women's rights in the Constitution.
- Monique Begin (Lib) won a big, big brickbat on March 22 for her claim that no native women have lost their status under the Indian Act since 1976. In fact, about about 1800 women have lost their status, according to the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.
- OH YES ---- and Father Bob Ogle (NDP) made his usual anti-reproductive rights noises on December 9. HO HUM.....



Bouquets

However.... with those notable exceptions, MP's are becoming a lot more adept in using non-stereotyped references to women and men. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Bouquets to Pat Carney (PC), Jim Hawkes (PC), and Bill Jarvis (PC) for speeches on sexual assault, indicating they really understood some of the issues in Bill C-53 (on December 17).

A bouquet to Peter Elzinga (PC), for a presentation on the impact the new budget will have on women (on February 16).

Bouquets also to Howard Crosby (PC), Hal Hebert (Lib) and Margaret Mitchell (NDP) for insightful speeches on Daycare on February 11.

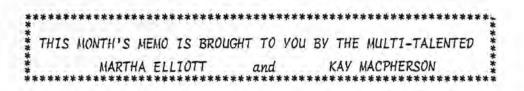
THE CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HAS RELEASED A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT DECISIONS IN RECENT MONTHS.

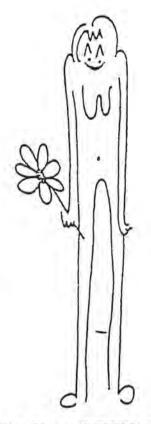
Briefly:

- * CN opens non-traditional trades to women
- * The federal penitentiary system discriminates against women inmates; a concilliator has been appointed
- * Equal pay plan for General Service workers has been approved, affecting 2,300 women
- * Pregnant federal employees may use up sick leave and vacation credits
- * Refusal to pay health insurance premiums for male and female employees is sex discrimination
- CHRC also released a poll in November which showed that two-thirds of Canadians would support quotas to ensure that minorities get a fair share of public sector jobs - 73% of women strongly support or somewhat support, 64% of men.

For more information contact: CHRC, 257 Slater St, Ottawa KIA 1E1







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You may not be familiar with the newest American "sport" craze which has surfaced in at least one community in Canada. It's a fairly recent phenomenon, involves young women and often has something to do with recognized charities. We are, of course, referring to "LADY MUD WRESTLING".

\$ A group in California called "Sweet L'il Mud Pies Inc." promoted a team of Ś "lady mud wrestlers" (as they call themselves) called The Mud Pies; the city Ş of Red Deer, Alberta, just couldn't resist. According to the promo sheet sent Ş out to prospective customers, lady mud wrestling is "a popular sporting event" put on by "a very special group of ladies". And is it a full evening's Ş \$ S entertainment. Not only do they wrestle in the mud, but each and every wrestler Ş "will entertain you prior to her match with her opponent by dancing for you. This is to warm you up for her actual match." The agenda is fairly straight-Ş forward. After dancing for the audience to the strains of disco, the wrestlers Ş strip down to their bathing suits. They divide into three teams according to Ş 57 57 weight and the audience watches three six minute "bouts". After each "round", the wrestlers shower off in front of the audience. Finally, the member of the audience who bids the highest, has the once-in-a-lifetime chance to enter the Ş ring and fight two of the wrestlers. The money, in the case of Red Deer, went Ş to the United Way. An editorial in the Red Deer Advocate allowed that there was no reason to cancel lady mud wrestling since the city "regularly permits men to Ş Ş wrestle at the Creative Arts Centre." One can only assume that the writer accidently forgot that men don't wrestle in mud, do not dance beforehand and \$ Ş are not auctioned off to the highest bidder. But then, how could one possibly \$ object ??? The promoter himself stated, "It's not a sleazy show. We're promoting Ş entertainment, not sex." And, the city recreation coordinator insisted that all shows at the Arts Centre had to be "general audience events". Ş \$

Ş On the big night, 683 people paid \$7.00 in advance and \$8.50 at the door to see \$ Ş such wrestling stars as Hot and Heavy Holly and Rambunctious Rita. In an Advocate review following the show, the writer noted that the women were all "attractive, young and physically fit - wore splashy dresses slashed to thigh Ş Ś level." Within moments, they had stripped to "light one-piece swimsuits" and \$ the "fight" was on. The evening's main event was the auction and, after "loud and lengthy bidding", the winner was a Red Deer College student who came up with \$210.00. He later thanked his friends for chipping in "to help him realize his fantasy". Dan Ayer, 16, said, "I loved the way the girls fought the refs \$ \$ \$ Ş and the way they all wrestled one another. I would really like to come back lots of times." Well, Dan, one can only hope the city heeds your call. Art Stronquist, a 39 year old drilling engineer commented, "If I was a little bit Ş Ş Ş younger, I wouldn't mind asking one of those girls out." Art, you sly devil, \$ you. Ken Boychuk noted that, while some of the audience comments were "vulgar", Ş Ş it was "definitely a great evening of entertainment." In these hard economic times, it's nice to get your money's worth. Ş

Ş Finally, Frank Ryan, Advocate editor did not want mud wrestling at the Memorial Ş Centre since it is for "cultural events. But not certainly for lady mud wrestling." Ş Ryan goes on to note that the Memorial Centre holds 799 people theatre style and Ş Ş queried, "How many of those people will be able to see what's going on? Wouldn't it be better to have ... [the] deep tank the gals wrestle in placed in the middle \$ of the Creative Arts Centre floor with bleachers all around?" Ryan finishes by saying that his only knowledge of lady mud wrestling came from Penthouse magazine. Ş Ş Ş "Jeske [city recreation coordinator] promises its nothing like that. And, he says the booked event won't harm the image of the Memorial Centre. Let's hope Ş he's right!" One can only hope, Frank s

S Lady mud wrestlers were to appear at the University of Saskatchewan, but through the efforts of the Women's Centre, the student union cancelled and began setting up guidelines to prevent sexist entertainment on campus. Mud wrestling is also a common event in bars on Toronto's Yonge Street.

LADY MUD WRESTLING It may be coming to a community near you. WATCH OUT FOR IT !! s

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Media Watch

...more action The Coalition for Equality at the University of British Columbia needs individuals and member groups to participate in a letter writing campaign.

> The Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) at UBC has begun publishing their paper, "The Red Rag". It appeared on campus in early February. To say that this paper displays a completely unacceptable attitude towards women, gays, visible minorities and sexual assault victims is an understatment. This attitude is further displayed in other EUS activities such as the annual Lady Godiva Ride and the "Smoker", a live sex show produced annually at the University.

As a result of pressure brought on the University administration with regard to "The Red Rag", the EUS offices were recently closed. In response to the closure, the outgoing EUS president stated that the paper would not be published in A similar promise two years ago was never honoured. In addition, future. EUS has explicitly stated that their decision to stop publishing "The Red Rag" will not affect any of their other events, including the Godiva Ride and the "Smoker".

The EUS and the administration must be made aware that these sorts of activities are entirely unacceptable at a publicly funded institution.

They ask that you and/or your organization write a letter expressing your concern to the EUS, President Kenney, the Dean of Engineering and the Professional Engineers Association. The Coalition would also like to receive copies of any letters you send. For more information, contact the Coalition at the address below or phone (604) 224-4532.

THIS IS AN ISSUE NOT ONLY OF CONCERN TO THOSE OF US ACTIVE IN THE AREA OF WOMEN AND POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION. We strongly urge that you take some time and send off the letters to the people listed below. It is absolutely crucial to impress upon the EUS and the administration the seriousness of the situation.

Richard Day, President Engineering Undergraduate Society C/o Faculty of Applied Science University of British Columbia 2324 Main Mall, Room 2006 CEME Bldg Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1W5

Douglas T. Kenney, President University of British Columbia 6328 Memorial Road Old Admin. Bldg, Room 107 Vancouver, B.C. V6T 2B3

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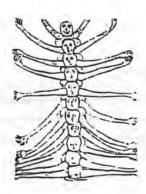
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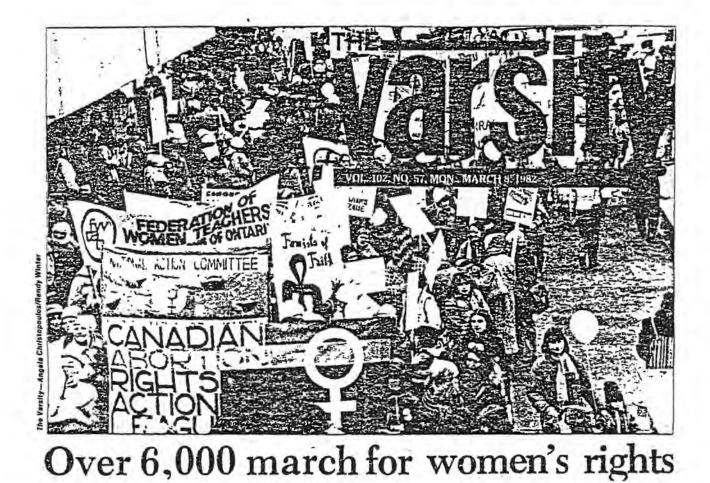
University Coalition for Equality C/o Faculty of Law University of British Columbia 1822 East Mall Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1Y1

Canadian Council of Professional Engineers 116 Albert Street, Suite 401 Ottawa, Ontario KIP 5G3



OUR APOLOGIES

We ran this marvellous picture on page 2 of the February MEMO ... and unfortunately couldn't identify the artist .. our sleuths have since discovered that the artist is HELEN LUCAS of Toronto and she has given us her blessing she also told us that the original painting hangs in the home of Judge Rosie Abella (long time NAC consultant...) Thanks, Helen.

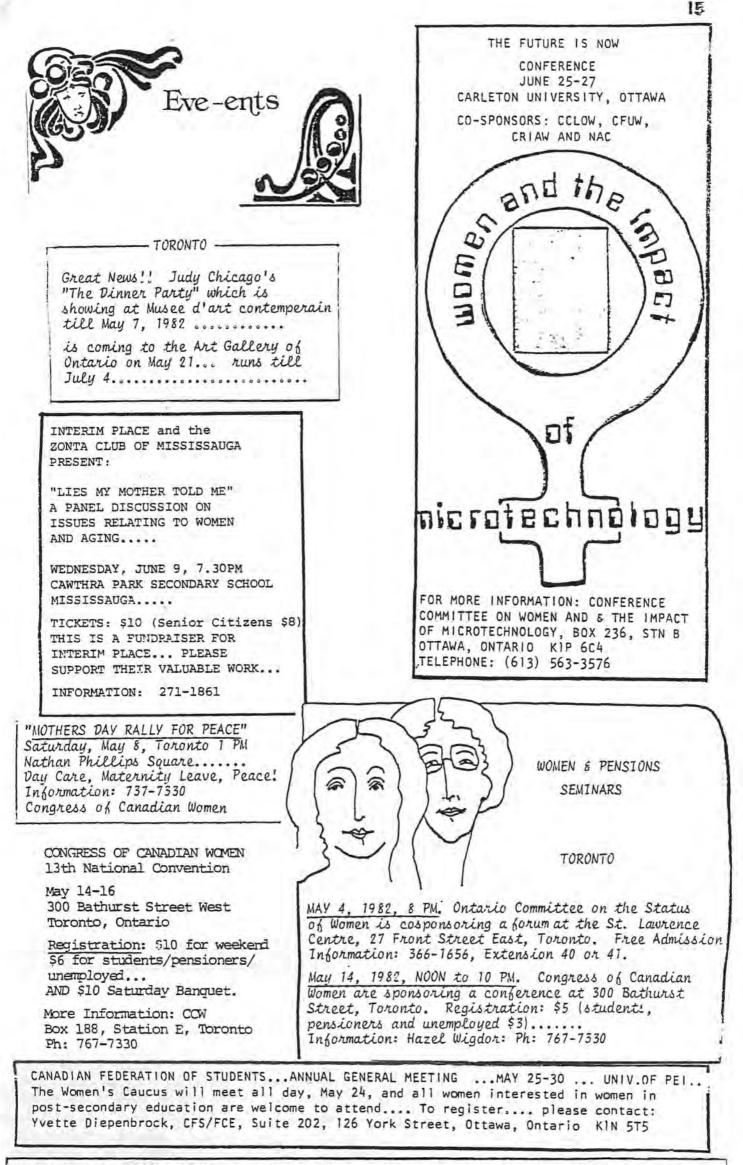


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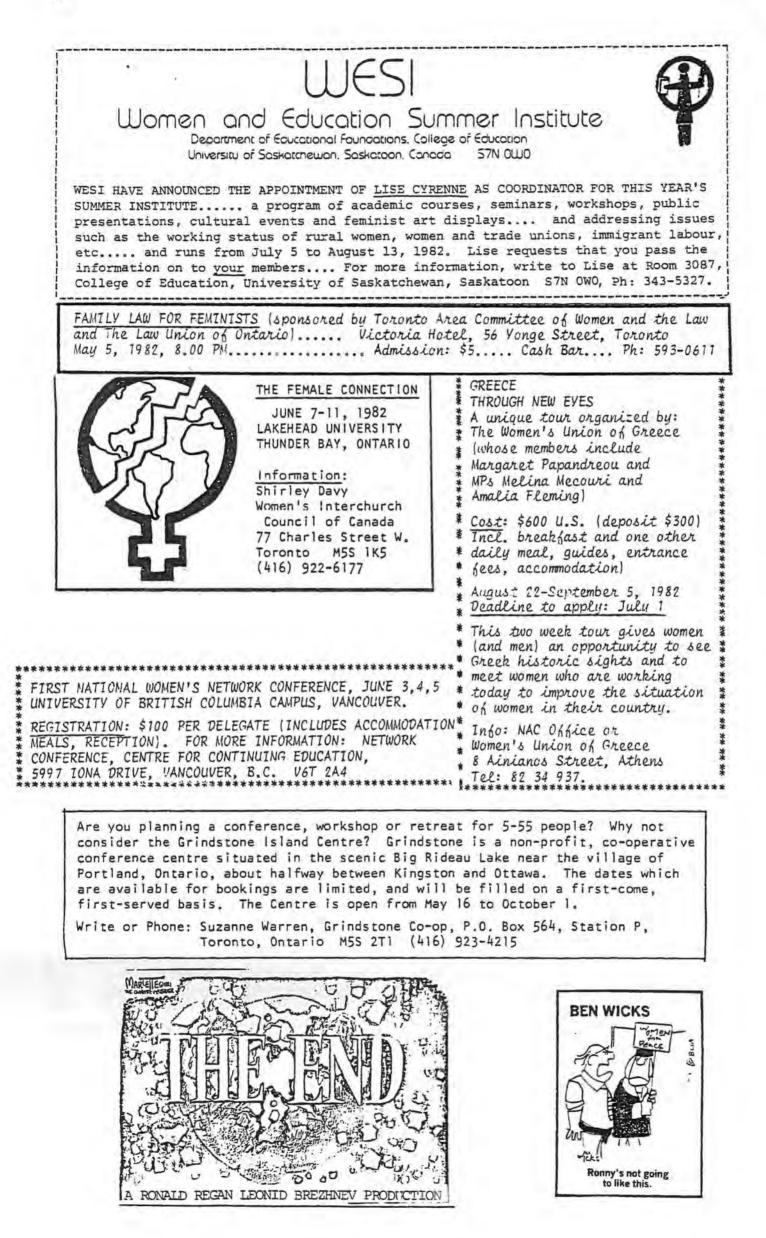
Celebrations of all kinds took place across Canada to mark International Women's Day. Toronto's very successful demonstration, march, fair and dance attracted over 2500 women and, with a fine day and incredibly detailed planning, was a tremendous success with greater participation than ever before. Congratulations to NAC member group - the International Women's Day Committee - which works all year round for this event.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM MEMBER GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE STATUS subscription forms.... please write or phone and we will be happy to send you a supply..... Many thanks.

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THE TORONTO WOMEN'S COMMITTEE, UNITED JEWISH PEOPLES ORDER, invites you to their Annual Celebration of Women, Monday, May 10, 1982, 8 PM, 585 Cranbrooke Ave, Toronto.... Guests: NAC's Cath Devlin with a Women & Pensions Presentation, and Linda Ruan Nye with her great musical offerings..... Tickets: \$2.50. For Tickets phone: 789-5502.... All Welcome.



Publications ...



Two Quebec organizations have readied plans to distribute questionnaires on sexual harassment. The YWCA will distribute "LES DESSOUS 9 à 5; questionnaire sur le harcèlement sexuel des femmes au travail" in La Vie en Rose, a feminist magazine and through several unions. Au Bas de l'Echelle will insert a questionnaire in Fédération des Femmes du Quebec Petite Presse and in Chatelaine. Additionally, the Y is planning to open a self-help and action centre on harassment in September 1982 in Montreal, while Au Bas De L'Echelle (Rank and File) has formed an action committee to help victims of harassment.

Contact: YWCA, Feminist Action, 1355 Dorchester Blvd. West, Montreal, Quebec H3G 1T3 and Au Bas de l'Echelle at 445 St-François-Xavier, Montreal, Quebec H2Y 1P5

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THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE RIGHTS OF DOMESTIC WORKERS now has a newsletter. WRITE: CARDWO, 728 East 37th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

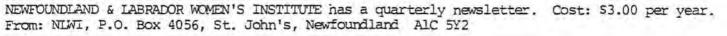
CRIAW'S FIRST PAPER IN THEIR CRIAW FIRST PAPER SERIES is now available. Title: "SPORT, SEX ROLES AND SEX IDENTITY". Cost: \$3.50 for members, \$5.00 for non-members, Write: CRIAW, Box 236, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario KIP 6C4

VANCOUVER STATUS OF WOMEN has issued a booklet listing services and phone numbers of use to BATTERED WOMEN in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland. Write: VSW, 400A West 5th Ave, Vanc.

"BATTERED AND BLAMED" - A report on wife assault from the perspective of battered women. Prepared by: The Women's Research Centre and Vancouver Transition House, Nov. 1981. 131 pages. Cost: \$5.00. Write: Women's Research Centre, 201-517 E. Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V5T 1X4

Regina Plains Community College has a new "How-to" booklet ON CONFERENCE ORGANIZING, NETWORKING AND POLITICAL ACTION entitled "NUTS AND BOLTS". Cost: \$3.50. Order from: Regina Plains Community College, 1801 Broad Street, Regina, Sask. S4P 1X7

CANADIAN ABORTION RIGHTS ACTION LEAGE publishes a newsletter for its members. For more information write: CARAL, Box 935, Station Q, Toronto, Ont. M4T 2P1



THE CANADIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN HAS MANY PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON SUCH ISSUES AS: Working Women, Women and Aging, Family Law, etc. All are available in French and English: Write CACSW, Box 1541, Station B, Ottawa KIP 5R5.

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FEMINIST ACTION COLLECTION, P.O. BOX 4454, STATION E, OTTAWA KIS 584, OFFERS LEAFLETS ON WOMEN'S WORK, SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY ON WOMEN...



Kinetic Films announces an exciting new film on sexual harassment of working women entitled "THE WORKFLACE HUSTLE"..... CONTACT THEM AT 781 Gerrard Street East, Toronto M4M 1Y5... IF YOU ORDER BEFORE APRIL 30, YOU CAN PREVIEW IT FOR FREE.

United Steelworkers of America has a 15 minute film on the women in Barrie who organized their union and their strike acainst Radio Shack. For more information write: USWA, 55 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario M4P 185.

DEC Films has "RISING UP STRONG - WOMEN IN THE 80'S", a film available for sale or rent. It consists of two 30 minute parts: At Work & At Home and Control of our Bodies. For more information: DEC Films, 427 Bloor Street West, Toronto, M5S 1X7. Ph: 964-6901.



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NAC President, Doris Anderson fails to hide her surprise

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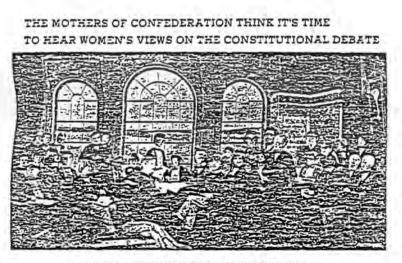
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DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME offer.... (we hope we don't have to go through yet another patriation...) NO CANADIAN'S CONSTITUTION SCRAPBOOK WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT "THE MOTHERS OF CONFERATION". Write (don't phone, please) the NAC Office.... and enclose \$2.00.....

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