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on the status of women

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MEMO TO: Member groups/Friends of NAC/Other interested parties

FROM: Annual General Meeting Co-ordinating Committee and Party Club

11th Annual General Meeting, March 25 - 28, 1983, Ottawa

Well, it's that time of year again! Please join us in Our Nation's Capital for the NAC Annual General Meeting. We promise you a very full weekend of workshops, meetings, caucuses, planning and socializing. On Monday March 28, we will converge on Parliament Hill for the annual Lobby Day, and we know you won't want to miss that!

The preliminary agenda on the inside is extremely tentative but you will receive the final agenda in January, barring Acts of Government and other nasty occurrences.

We will be at the Holiday Inn at Queen and Kent Streets in Ottawa (the same as last year) and we will send out hotel registration cards in the January MEMO. If you would prefer being billeted, please contact the office as soon as possible so that we can arrange accommodation in Ottawa. Other possibilities include the YWCA on Argyle Street which is a short bus ride from the Holiday Inn. The Beacon Arms Hotel on Albert St, is within walking distance and their rate is approximately \$38.00 a night, which makes it one of the few hotel bargains in Ottawa.

Please make note of the following deadlines:

REGISTRATION	March 1, 1983
BILLET REQUESTS	March 1, 1983
HOTEL BOOKINGS	ASAP

This year, we will be sending out much more pre-conference material so that member groups can discuss upcoming business prior to the AGM. This will include: workshop topics and areas of discussion, the proposed NAC Constitution (enclosed in this MEMO), information on the proposed move to Ottawa (also enclosed) as well as agendas and election information (see January MEMO). Speaking of election information, NAC needs interested women to run for the executive, now is the time to start thinking about aspiring to political office.

For further information on the AGM, please contact any of the following Committee and Party Club members:

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On to Ottawa!


Martha Elliott
1983 AGM Co-ordinator

EXTREMELY TENTATIVE AGM AGENDA March 25-28, 1983 Ottawa

FRIDAY MARCH 25

4:00 - 10:00 Registration
7:00 - 8:00 Cash Bar and Munchies
8:00 Welcome - Introduction
8:15 New NAC Slide Show or
Meeting on Proposed NAC Constitution or
Workshops

9:30 Regional Caucuses

SATURDAY MARCH 26

7:30 - 9:30 Registration
7:30 - 8:30 Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 Opening remarks, format, agenda, how NAC works etc.
9:30 - 11:00 Candidates' Speeches and Q and A
11:00 - 12:00 First set of workshops
12:00 - 1:30 Lunch
1:30 - 3:00 Second set of workshops
3:15 - 4:45 Third set of workshops
4:45 - 5:30 Polls open I
5:15 Resolutions Committee meets
5:00 - 6:30 Slide show presentations
6:30 - 7:15 Cash Bar
7:15 Banquet followed by evening programme

SUNDAY MARCH 27

8:00 - 8:45 Interfaith Worship
8:15 - 9:00 Polls open II
9:00 - 12:00 Business Meeting
12:00 - 1:30 Lunch
12:45 - 1:30 Polls Open III
1:30 - 4:30 Business Meeting
5:00 - 7:30 New executive meets - Supper
7:30 - 10:00 Lobby Day preparations

MONDAY MARCH 28

NAC Lobby of Party Caucuses

10:30 New Democratic Party
11:30 Progressive Conservative Party meeting times
12:30 Liberal Party tentative

2:00 - 3:00 Question Period - House of Commons
3:30 Press Conference

PLEASE NOTE: This is an amazingly tentative agenda. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or topics you would like to see covered.



Membership

We are pleased to welcome the following new member groups:

B.C. Native Women's Society, B.C.
 Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses, Toronto
 Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario, Toronto

Social Services

Work has begun on a NAC POSITION PAPER ON DAY CARE. One of the topics to be discussed will be the term we use to represent this service - day care, child care, or something else. The dateline for this paper is the Executive meeting in January, so that it can be distributed to members 60 days before the AGM. This committee hopes to see more and more connections made between the women's movement and other day care advocates. We have received positive feedback on NAC's contribution to the national day care conference (Winnipeg, September). See more later in MEMO.

A report is also being prepared on issues of concern for DISABLED WOMEN. Jill Weiss, a committee member, presented a workshop in Vancouver on disabled women. The facts and needs are staggering. The committee hopes that NAC will be able to make the AGM accessible to disabled women this year. Member groups are encouraged to look into making their services and meetings accessible - the Women's Centre in Happy Valley, Labrador, is used by a disabled women's groups for their meetings!

We are continuing to follow up on the federal recommendations on WIFE BATTERING, corresponding with Ministers and monitoring activities.

-----Billie Thurston, Chair-----

Native Indian Women

Native Child Welfare

At the December meeting of the committee we decided to investigate the issue of Native Child Welfare. The issues of child apprehension, adoptions outside Canada, and non-native foster home placements were discussed. over the next two months, the members of the committee will be contacting native women's groups and child welfare organizations across Canada to obtain more information as to the research done and the positions developed on these issues.

ACTION: PLEASE INFORM NAC OF ANY PROVINCIAL RESEARCH INTO NATIVE CHILD WELFARE AND/OR POSITIONS DEVELOPED BY NATIVE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS.

United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women: Since Canada has been a signator to the U.N. Convention for one year, the government is now required to submit a report concerning their fulfilment of obligations under the Convention. The Committee will be writing to the federal government to obtain a copy of this report and stating our concern over the Indian Act.

Sub-Committee on Indian Government: The brief being developed by the Committee on "Indian Women and the Indian Act" is ready to be presented to the Sub-Committee on Indian Government. A date will be requested from the sub-committee for presentation of the brief before our annual meeting. Copies of the brief will be available from the NAC Office in January, 1983.

-----Lynn Beak, Chair-----

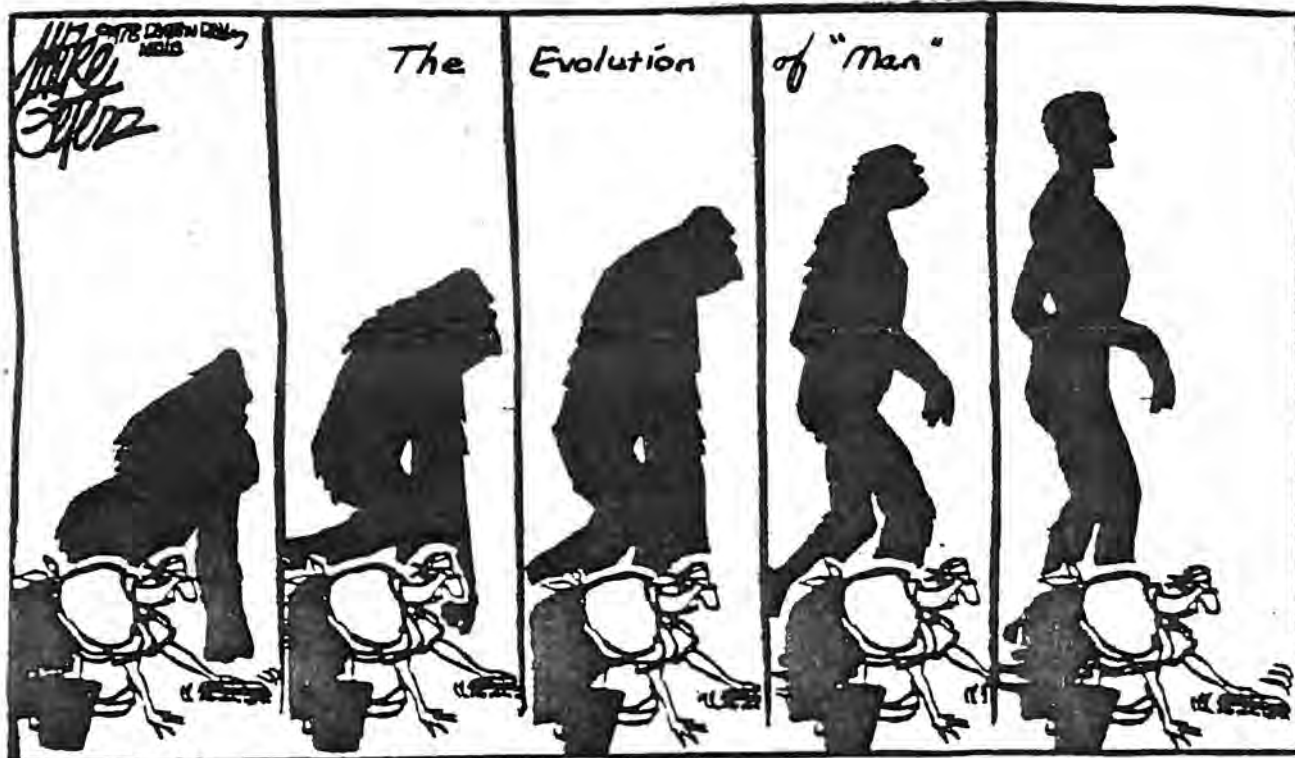
FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS - FUNDING

The Committee is preparing a lobby kit for member groups to use in the area of Federal-Provincial Relations - Funding.

In the meantime, we want to alert those of you who are concerned with the funding of Health, Post-Secondary Education, Sexual Assault Centres, Services to Battered Women, Day Care, Maternal and Child Health, Home Births and Midwifery, that:

One of the designated topics of the Royal Commission on the Economy is ---- Fiscal Federalism, that is, the area of financial arrangements between the federal government and the provinces. This has great impact on the funding of all the services listed above. WE URGE YOU TO PREPARE A SUBMISSION TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE ECONOMY, TO GET OUR CONCERNS ON THEIR AGENDA.

We hear that the speech from the throne in January will announce the formation of a Task Force on the financial relations between the voluntary sector and government. They will be looking at the tax system and its relation to charities, the definition of a charity, and also at the role of government in relation to the infrastructure of voluntary services. WE URGE YOU TO PREPARE SUBMISSIONS TO THIS TASK FORCE. It is said to be under the aegis of the Secretary of State. Concerns of women's groups should be significantly represented, since women have had such a crucial role in the development and maintenance of the voluntary sector in Canada.



MEDIA WATCH

Vancouver members of the Media Watch Committee, together with other interested women, have been meeting regularly. New volunteers are helping greatly with correspondence, filing complaints, and other tasks. Vancouver Status of Women has offered space for files and other materials to be kept. Focus of this group has been the "RED HOT VIDEO" issue... that is, working to have the law upheld and charges laid against distributors of videotapes which depict violence against women as a sexual "turn on". Vancouver members took part in a "take back the night march" to commemorate the International Day Against Violence Against Women on November 25th. Jillian Ridington also appeared on open-line shows, etc., on this issue.

MEDIA WATCH COMPLAINTS are coming in thick and fast. A new run of the complaint form, with a slightly altered format, has been received, and are available from Box 46699, Postal Station G, Vancouver, B.C. V6R 4K8

Judy Gushue has completed her report on the IMAGES OF WOMEN and the REPORT OF THE CRTC TASK FORCE ON SEX-ROLE STEREOTYPING, and presented it to the committee meeting, December 4. More, later in MEMO.

Media Watch will be supporting CRIAW's campaign to have the name of the MUSEUM OF MAN changed, and will request that it be renamed the MUSEUM OF HUMAN HISTORY.

attention :: Constitution drafters

REVISION COMPLETED

The NAC Constitutional Review Committee has completed its revision of the NAC Constitution, and the new contents were approved by the Executive Committee at its most recent meeting. PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED COPY OF THE SUGGESTED REVISION, as approved by the Executive. A motion will be introduced at the Annual Meeting to accept this revised Constitution as a whole. There will be debate only on those sections for which alternate amendments are proposed.

NOTE -- If a member organization wishes to propose alternate amendments, these must be received in the NAC office no later than 60 days in advance of the Annual Meeting. Note also that Regulations can be disallowed but not amended by the delegates at the Annual Meeting; Regulations can only be enacted or amended by the Executive Committee. Because many of the changes to the Regulations accepted by the Executive Committee also involve amendments to the main Constitution, they will not be considered to come into force until the proposed amendments to the main Constitution have also been voted upon.

VOTE OF THANKS

The NAC Constitutional Review Committee and the Executive Committee wish to express their gratitude to the member organizations and interested individuals who took the time to write with their comments and suggestions, and copies of other constitutions. These were all very helpful!

PROPOSED CHANGES -- A SUMMARY

We are attaching a copy of the revised draft Constitution, annotated to show where changes are proposed, compared to the Constitution that is now in effect:

~~~~~ (a wavy underline) = change in wording  
 [ (a square bracket) = a section added -- sometimes from Regulations  
 < (a pointer) = something has been removed

It is suggested that you use this annotated copy to make a comparison with the present Constitution. We have tried to mark the changes as closely as possible, although this could not be achieved with total exactness. Some of the changes in wording are not substantial -- they merely make ideas or procedures more precise, and eliminate repetition or redundancy. Here is a general overview, in the order in which items appear:

Format -- This has been simplified by changing the "Constitution" and "Rules of Association" into just a main Constitution. Numbering of parts has therefore been affected, although we have maintained the same order as much as possible.

Purposes & Objectives -- These have been given greater focus, and some elaboration.

Type of Organization -- There is recognition of two official languages, and removal of reference to types of bias to be avoided in NAC activities.

### Membership:

Eligibility -- There is a more elaborate description of full membership, its rights and obligations, including a more specific commitment to advancing the status of women on the part of member organizations. There is also clarification of the time for new members to be accepted in order to participate at the Annual Meeting. We have set up a new category for "co-operating" organizations, and specified their rights and obligations.

Severance -- Much of this section has been shifted from the Regulations. Procedures have been made more elaborate and precise -- and a right of representation has been added. The time in which the Executive must act on reinstatements has been shortened.

Friends of NAC -- These would be individuals only. Their rights and obligations have been spelled out.

Finances -- A wind-up clause has been added.

Fees -- would be set by the Executive and ratified by the Annual Meeting, rather than directed by the previous Annual Meeting. We have also removed redundancies about groups in arrears, and removed the reference to a due date, which appears in the new Regulations instead.

Executive Committee -- We propose to change its composition by: taking the Past President out of the Officers; adding 2 Regional Representatives (from Southern Ontario and northern B.C./Yukon); subtracting 3 Members-at-Large; and not electing the Chair of the Editorial Committee.

Its duties and powers have been expanded upon with a section based on former Regulations, and we have added a responsibility for upholding policy. Re vacancies, there is a new procedure for Regional Representatives, and there are new grounds and procedures for removal of an Executive Committee member. We have also done some editing to remove repetition.

NAC CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW (continued)

PROPOSED CHANGES -- A SUMMARY (continued)

Meetings:

Executive -- A minimum of 6 meetings annually (formerly in the Regulations) has been specified, and rights to attend have been added for member organizations.

Annual -- Its activities have been expanded, and reference added to a Parliamentarian.

Special -- Procedures for calling one have been elaborated and clarified.

Voting -- This has been redefined in a section outlining the voting body and procedures for all meetings involving member organizations. The number of voting delegates per member organization has been reduced from two to one. A new section has been added on right to attend. And rules of procedure have been changed from Bourinot's to Roberts'.

Elections -- A secret ballot has been specified. The Past President is not elected. Regarding nominations, there is clarification of the "highest office". And it is specified that nominations are due 14 days before the Annual Meeting.

Committees -- A reference to the President as ex officio a member of all but the Nominations Committee has been added from Regulations. It is specified that all committees must have one Executive Committee member, and that they are accountable to the Annual Meeting. The former "standing" committees have been renamed "administrative" committees, and the special structure of the Editorial Committee has been eliminated.

Policy Resolutions -- A new section has been added to deal with these, which were not mentioned in the old Constitution. Included are procedures for "emergency" resolutions, which would be the only type to originate at the Annual Meeting.

NAC Trust -- A section has been added acknowledging it and its relationship to NAC.

Regulations:

Purposes -- Specifications about Status of Women News have been removed.

Membership -- These provisions have been moved to the main Constitution (see above).

Fees -- A new system has been devised, with an increase in each category and incorporation of an optional scale for a suggested donation. There is standardization of the due date (which was formerly contradictory).

Executive Committee -- Its duties have been moved to the main Constitution (see above).

Lists -- There is clarification about their availability.

Meetings -- Definition has been added for proxy voting.

Elections -- There is a more detailed definition of campaigning, and a penalty for it.

Committees -- Some details about their composition have been moved to the main Constitution (see above). Some changes have been made in the duties of the Membership and Editorial Committees.

We hope this clarifies what the proposals are. Once again, thanks to all those who offered their time and ideas.

--Wendy Lawrence  
Chair, NAC Constitutional Review Committee



# (Canadian) Charter of Rights

First, an informal survey of committee members reveals a willingness to change the committee name from the Canadian Constitution Committee to the (Canadian) Charter of Rights Committee. After all, it is the Charter we are focusing on at this time, and the "Constitution Committee" as it was shortened to was confusing since the NAC Constitution Committee (reviewing the constitution of NAC) is also very active.

- 1) Invitations have been sent to all member groups of NAC which are national in scope, inviting the participation of a representative in a meeting, January 12, in Toronto. The purpose of the meeting is to strategize around a grass-roots women's conference in 1984 having to do with the Charter. It is hoped that a coalition steering committee can be struck to follow up on available funding and all the other details involved in organizing a conference.  
We invite any and all suggestions and participation.....
- 2) Throughout the Fall an active correspondence has passed between the Committee and the provincial and territorial attorneys general concerning statutes found in conflict with sections 15(1) and 15(2) of the Charter. A sub-committee has been struck to promote a provincial audit by local and provincial groups.  
We invite your participation. Please write. We'll send you copies of the correspondence and relevant information we have.
- 3) We are proposing to Judy Erola, Minister Responsible, that a fact sheet on the present status of the Charter be prepared and sent to women across the country. We will offer the services of the NAC Charter of Rights Committee to review the fact sheet and offer suggestions.
- 4) The committee is participating in the planning of a study day in Toronto in February, to be followed by a second study day a month or so later. The subject of the study days will be the Charter of Rights, with particular emphasis on update and an examination of some specific statutes. The days will be open to all women who are interested. The study days are being planned by a group of individual women from the legal profession, and other interested women from organizations which have experience on the subject.  
We will keep NAC members informed on the progress of these plans, and we hope that similar study days will be planned by legal and non-legal women in other cities.
- 5) We are approaching CBC Take 30 Access to do a piece on the Charter.
- 6) Through the Charter of Rights Committee, NAC is participating in a coalition of groups to celebrate and call attention to the 35th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1983. NAC is supporting the UDHR in the Canadian context and will use the occasion of the 35th Anniversary to focus on the concerns of women.
- 7) In this issue of MEMO, we are calling attention to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women. We urge that action be taken to call attention to Canada's commitment and responsibility..... see reverse....

## JUSTICE

The Justice Committee has continued to lobby for amendments to bring the recent sexual assault legislation (Bill C-127) in line with NAC policy, i.e. remove the possibility of using "honest belief" that the complainant consented as a defense, and disallow any evidence regarding the complainant's past sexual history under any circumstances.

The recent Ontario case in which SHIRLEY CALLARD WAS DENIED THE RIGHT TO CALL HER CHILD BY HER NAME, despite the fact that she had been separated from her husband for two years at the time of the boy's birth, has caused great concern to NAC. WE URGE WOMEN TO FIND OUT whether the Vital Statistics Act in their home province allows women equal rights to have their children carry their names, names, and to lobby for changes where changes are necessary.

Position papers are being developed on Prostitution and Pornography. If you have interest/expertise/concerns on these issues. please contact Jillian Ridington through the NAC Office.

## ...Action

On December 10, 1981, Canada ratified The Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women. The ratification of this Convention commits every province and the federal government to establish legal protection of rights of women on an equal basis with men and to ensure effective protection of women against discrimination.

"Some of the articles of particular significance for Canada call for States Parties to take appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in the political and public life of the country, to ensure equal rights with men in the fields of education, employment, health care, and in the areas of marriage and the family. In the area of employment, the Government of Canada has stated that the competent legislative authorities within Canada have addressed the concept of equal pay referred to in Article 11(1)(d)..."

The above quoted excerpt is from the text of the Joint Communique of federal and provincial ministers responsible for human rights, December 10, 1981.

Article 11(1)(d) referred to in the Convention states:

The right to equal remuneration, including benefits, and to equal treatment in respect of work of equal value, as well as equality of treatment in the evaluation of the quality of work;

This is a clear statement of Canada's commitment to equal pay for work of equal value, agreed to and ratified by all provinces and the federal government. In those provinces and jurisdictions where equal pay for work of equal value is not in effect, pressure should be exerted.

Article 11(1)(c) states:

The right to free choice of profession and employment, the right to promotion, job security and all benefits and conditions of service and the right to receive vocational training and retraining, including apprenticeships, advanced vocational training and recurrent training;

At the present time over 50% of Canada's women work outside the home; 42% of the labour force are women. Yet, only 30% of CEIC training places have gone to women in 1980/81. (Most recent figures)

The new National Training Act focuses on male dominated occupations. We can anticipate a drop in the participation of women in training programs as a result of this biased emphasis.

The Convention Against All Forms of Discrimination Against Women requires that Canada file a report on the state of its compliance within one year from the date of entry.

Our first report is currently being circulated (not to NAC) in draft form.

WRITE TO YOUR PROVINCIAL MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. ASK WHAT IS BEING DONE TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IN THESE AREAS. ARE THEY CONFORMING TO THE PROMISES THEY'VE MADE?

AND..... WRITE TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE, OTTAWA, CANADA K1A 0M5, AND REQUEST A COPY OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN.

Pat Hacker, Canadian Charter of Rights Committee



## PENSIONS & FAMILY ALLOWANCES

Following all the recent political activity on the question of whether or not old age pensions and/or family allowances should be given to middle and upper-income families (whatever the wife's own income), NAC's pensions committee decided to broaden its mandate to also include family allowances. Its first activities in that regard were:

- a) The preparation of a summary of NAC recommendations on family allowances, as follows:

The three federal programs for families with children are:

- 1) Universal taxable family allowances;
- 2) The children's exemption under the Income Tax Act; and
- 3) The refundable child tax credit for low-income families

NAC's position on these programs, as of the fall of 1982, are as follows:

- That family allowances be increased to provide more realistic assistance to families in meeting the costs of raising children (Annual General Meeting 1975, reaffirmed at the 1979 AGM)
- That family allowances be provided without discrimination to the parent with the lowest income (AGM 1977)
- That tax exemptions for children are unfair because they provide benefits that are in inverse relation to need; the richest parents save most tax from them, while low-income parents with no taxable income get nothing at all. For this reason, NAC recommended that children's exemptions be abolished, and that the funds thereby saved be redirected to either the refundable child tax credit or the universal family allowances (AGM 1976, 1977)
- That NAC supports the refundable child tax credit for low-income families and recommends that it be increased (AGM 1977, 1979)

--Prepared by the NAC Pensions & Family Allowances Committee, December 1982--

- b) The drafting of the following press release, endorsed by the full NAC Executive:

The Executive of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, meeting in Toronto this weekend, unanimously condemned the federal government for its proposed legislation to limit the cost-of-living indexation of family allowances and old age pension benefits.

"This is the thin edge of the wedge", said Doris Anderson, President of NAC. "Some M.P.s are already proposing that the indexation of family allowances be abolished entirely, with the result that their real value would drop every year until they were worth practically nothing at all."

The NAC executive agreed that the two Liberal ceiling-on-indexation bills, which have just passed second reading in Parliament, do not improve the system but simply try to take advantage of the vulnerability of women and children.

"If the government was serious about reforming benefits for children", said Doris Anderson, "it would abolish the tax exemptions for dependent children, whose benefits mainly go to wealthier fathers, and use the savings to increase the refundable child tax credit for low-income families."

"In the case of the old age pension, the present bill makes even less sense. The main losers in capping the indexation are not the wealthiest elderly, because they would have paid back a good proportion of the cost-of-living increase through their taxes anyway. Those most affected are the near-poor elderly whose income is just a little too high to entitle them to the Guaranteed Income Supplement for the elderly poor."

"If the government was serious about reducing benefits to wealthy pensioners, it could do so very easily by imposing a surtax on the old age pension of anyone whose income was over \$20,000 or \$30,000, for example. Such a system is already used now for unemployment insurance benefits. This would take back a large chunk of the pension from those who don't need it, and would not jeopardize the already very precarious financial position of most elderly women."

# Employment

...Action

## EMPLOYMENT CREATION PROGRAM (NEEDS)

Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Employment & Immigration, has announced the NEEDS program (New Employment Expansion and Development Program). Details are vague, but are available in a press release obtainable from his office.

It appears that money will be available for projects employing people whose unemployment insurance benefits have expired or who are receiving social assistance. Projects may be sponsored by government agencies (federal and municipal), voluntary organizations, businesses, and unions. Provincial governments may establish priorities for projects in their respective provinces.

Suggested types of projects include:

### Federal Government

- Community airports and tourism development projects;
- Construction of small craft harbours or fisheries facilities;
- Heritage restoration;
- Salmonid enhancement projects;
- Social housing upgrading and repair;
- Native housing construction and repair;
- Conservation measures;
- Parks Improvement;
- Water development for agriculture.

### Private Sector Projects

- Reforestation;
- Modernization of plant or facilities;
- Energy conservation;
- Pollution abatement;
- Site development for future construction.

### Municipal and Non-Profit Projects

- Improvement or adaptation of facilities for the handicapped;
- Infrastructure and municipal services;
- Cultural activities;
- Social and community support programs, including child care and services for the elderly;
- Tourism development;
- Public works which would not otherwise be initiated;
- Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation remedial action for low income home owners.

The approval process for projects is not detailed in the press release, although it refers to community boards in each province to advise officials in making decisions. Applications will be available at Canada Employment Centres by the end of December.

NAC is concerned tht a significant portion of this money must be allocated to women's employment. We are also urging that projects include a training component so that women acquire skills on the job which will be marketable in the future. Please send us your ideas for sectors where money should be targeted to create employment for women.

We will be meeting with Judy Erola to state our views, and strongly urge member groups to write to Mr. Axworthy to lobby that the program include these factors.

-----Michelle Swenarchuk, Chair-----  
Employment Committee

ALL PART-TIME WORKERS (12 WOMEN) AT QUEEN'S PARK (ONTARIO LEGISLATURE) CIVIL SERVICE CREDIT UNION ARE NOW ELIGIBLE TO ENROL IN THE EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PACKAGE, THANKS TO CATH DEVLIN (NAC EXECUTIVE MEMBER) WHO STEERED A PROPOSAL THROUGH LAST SUMMER.....

...Action

IMAGES OF WOMEN

Report of the Task Force on  
Sex-Role Stereotyping in  
the Broadcast Media

On September 1, 1982, the CRTC Task Force Report on Sex-Role stereotyping IMAGES OF WOMEN Report was released. The nineteen member task force consisted of representatives from the CRTC (4); the public (6 women from various women's groups across the country); the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (1); the private broadcasting industry (4); and the advertising industry (4). The report recommends self regulation by the industries, within a two-year frame.

Some of the recommendations made by the public members which were not accepted as a whole by the task force members are worthy of noting:

- .. that the CRTC establish a committee on sex-role stereotyping and that this committee be composed of CRTC Commissioners and staff and members of the public familiar with the issues.
- .. that periodic reports of all licensees on their progress and initiatives in dealing with the problem of sex-role stereotyping be made available to the public at the time of license renewal.
- .. that the CRTC and all licensees recognize the special problems of pornography and violence against women
- .. that the Government of Canada not only consider the under-representation of women, but also take action to remedy this problem
- .. that half of those individuals appointed to the CRTC and CBC Board of Directors be women
- .. that the CBC Board of Directors institute an on-going advisory committee (made up of representatives of feminist organizations) that would speak specifically on the subject of the portrayal of women on CBC radio and television
- .. Most of the recommendations made by the public members are practical and effective and must be accepted by the CRTC if real change is to take place

The CRTC, the federal broadcast regulator, said it agrees in principle with the findings of the three year study on sex-role stereotyping, and has created a committee to look at how it can enforce the recommendations. No specific reference to the public members' recommendations has been made.

The Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) is establishing a standing committee on sex-role stereotyping which will serve as an address for the public to write and as a mechanism to review complaints. The Advertising Advisory Board has also established a committee to receive and process complaints in regards to advertising. (NAC has a representative, Moira Armour, on the AAB Committee).

Long before the establishment of these committees, consumer complaints about advertising were increasing. In the first six months of 1982, more than 90 complaints were received concerning 82 different products and services, compared to only 7 during the same time period last year. Suzanne Keeler, CAAB public affairs director, attributed this to a growing awareness on the part of the public that there is a mechanism for complaints (NAC's MEDIA WATCH). What is crucial now is the active participation of the public in using this complaint mechanism in order to prove the necessity of such a task force report and the importance of its recommendations being implemented.

NAC's MEDIA WATCH sub-committee is also conducting its own monitoring and assessing programs and will make its independent analysis of the effect of self-regulation at the end of the two-year period. The MEDIA WATCH form has been slightly revised and the procedure for submitting has been simplified. These are now to be sent to MEDIA WATCH, BOX 46699, STATION G, VANCOUVER, B.C. V6R 4K8. From there they will be distributed. For forms, write MEDIA WATCH.

And you'll never guess who we're giving a bouquet to this month..!!!!!!!

# B.C. leads nation in outrage

VANCOUVER — Imagine a billion-dollar industry in North America, partly underground, that is run by women.

Imagine that the industry is based largely on depictions of the naked male body, with emphasis on genitals being twisted and pulled and threatened with mutilation.

Imagine that the industry had progressed from sleazy, gringy movie theatres and had progressed to the stage where you could rent for your female amusement video cassettes of these playful exercises so that you could take them home and play them for your friends.

Imagine how long this society, which is run by men, would find the whole caper amusing — and how long it would tolerate it.

This, essentially, is the way to look at the interesting events in British Columbia where women, fed up with male indifference, decided to fire-bomb three Red Hot Video shops that make pornography fun and profitable.

No one is in favor of fire-bombings, but what has started the local community (i.e. the one run by males) has been the widespread grudging support for the terrorist end of the feminist movement that planned and carried out the violence.

In a decision that rather discombobulated the leaders of public opinion (i.e. male), representatives of some 36 groups in the B.C. Federation of Women issued a careful, guarded statement giving support to the essential aim, if not the method, of the fire-bombers.

As an interesting offshoot, there is proof once again that Canada is a country made up of regional air-proof pockets.

The reason British California is regarded in the rest of the land as slightly loony, slightly on the edge, is because people here take to the streets in outrage over customs that are regarded as ho-hum elsewhere.

There is a parallel between the fact that Alberta, with every one of its MPs Conservative, does not send a single woman to Ottawa — and the fact that no one in Alberta apparently objects to the thought that porn-for-profit is okay.

B.C. has always led the country in the participation of women in politics.

The percentage of women in the B.C. legislature has been the highest in the country since the 1930s. Parliament Hill in Ottawa has made a big fuss about Jeanne Sauvé becoming the first female Speaker. B.C. had the first female Speaker in the Commonwealth, Nancy Hodges, more than 30 years ago.

B.C. is providing the closest female challenge ever for the Liberal leadership in the ambitious *Iona Campagnolo*.

Two-thirds of the female NDP MPs in the



## Comment

Allan Fotheringham  
*Southam News*

Commons, Pauline Jewett and Margaret Mitchell, are from B.C. and a smashing 50 per cent of the Tory female contingent, Pat Carney, is from the same angry place.

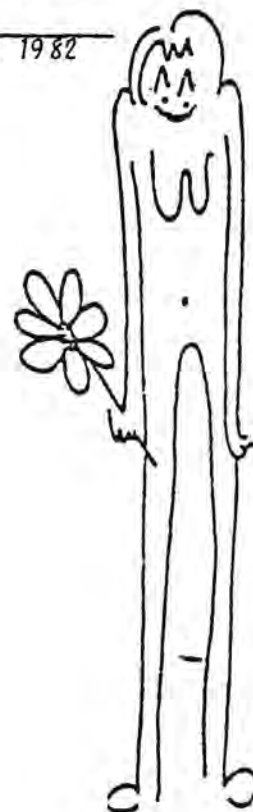
B.C. is the street theatre capital of the country, the edge of the frontier which staged the first police riot against the hippies in the bad old days of Mayor Tom Terrific, where John Diefenbaker and Lester Pearson had to flee rallies that had turned into brawls and where the handlers of Joe Clark, so nervous were they, did not stage one indoor meeting in the city in the 1979 election.

It's a frisky city, full of cells of activists who are impatient of pious resolutions and well-meaning motions.

Just as it leads the nation in strikes, it leads also in outrage. The outraged women of B.C. are saying to Red Hot Video that they are mad as hell and they aren't going to take it anymore.

The men of B.C. are rather startled. That, too, is a first.

*Ottawa Citizen, November 27, 1982*



## ...Action

In recent issues of TIME and MACLEANS (sorry, we're not sure of the date), the centre spread ad, courtesy of the Diamond Merchants of Canada, is very disturbing. Briefly, a woman is telling a man that she is going to strangle him... with diamonds. Please write to both magazines, and the Diamond Information Centre, 22 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto M4T 2T3, and tell them that this kind of advertising is reprehensible. As many women have noted, this is another example in a disturbing trend of having women in ads portrayed as violent and dominating.

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HEARINGS OF THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

## BATTERED WOMEN

*During January and February, 1982, the members of the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses lobbied the Provincial government to hold public hearings on the issue of wife-battering and the funding of shelters offering services to the victims of wife-assault; through the efforts of the transition houses and many other supporters, the three-party Standing Committee on Social Development started hearing witnesses in July.*

*A total of 33 organizations and individuals appeared before the committee, while many more sent in submissions. The committee also visited several transition houses and spoke with staff and residents.*

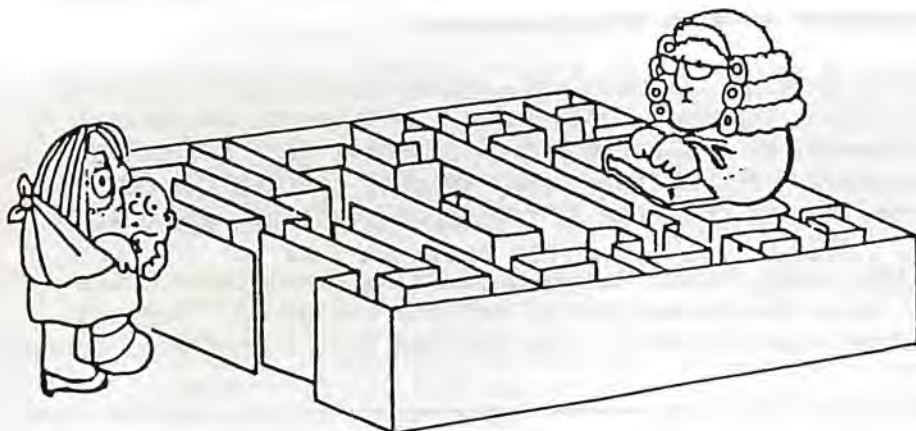
*The final report of the committee has, at the present, not been made public; however, in its draft form, strong recommendations are made to improve the situation for the victim and the shelters, e.g. ....*

- \* *reliable and improved funding for the houses through the enactment of new legislation specifically designed to deal with the funding of transition houses and other services for the victim*
- \* *the establishment of a 24-hour toll-free multilingual telephone line for the victims of wife-assault*
- \* *the Solicitor General through the Ontario Police Commission to instruct the police to lay charges in wife-assault cases*
- \* *police recruits and veteran police officers to receive extensive training on the nature and the extent of wife-assault*
- \* *municipalities to undertake the formation of coordinating committees on family violence with members representing criminal justice, medical, mental health and social service systems*
- \* *the Ministry of Education to develop guidelines for a mandatory life skills course to include the following topics: the roles of men and women in society and in the family, constructive problem-solving, conflict management, stress reduction techniques and anger control*

THE ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF INTERVAL AND TRANSITION HOUSES WELCOMES THE CONTENT OF THE REPORT, AND REQUESTS EVERYONE TO LOBBY THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

For further information, contact: Trudy Don, Coordinator, OAITH. (416) 925-1052  
O.A.I.T.H. Toronto, 925-2052

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## ACTIVITY BY THE SOLICITOR GENERAL CANADA

Interdepartmental Committee on Initiatives for Victims of Crime, Aims and Objectives:

- 1) Better assess victims needs and gaps in service delivery
- 2) Promote improved services for victims of crime
- 3) Develop and disseminate information to victims, witnesses and professionals on legal procedures, options and assistance available for victims of crime, as well as the needs of victims and ways of dealing with victims more sensitively.
- 4) Undertake policy-directed research projects

A study is being conducted by Dr. Colin Meredith, AVT Associates of Canada (a private firm). They are studying victims who go through the legal system - this could exclude battered women and rape victims. The study includes Richmond, B.C.; St. John's and Corner Brook, Newfoundland; P.E.I.; London, Ontario. Local advisory committees have been set up.

WRITE FOR INFORMATION AND INPUT TO: TANNER ELTON, ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER,  
SOLICITOR GENERAL CANADA, OTTAWA KIA 0P8

## DAY CARE

FOLLOWING IS THE NAC RESPONSE SUBMITTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2ND CANADIAN CONFERENCE ON DAY CARE, WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 1982. WE REGRET THAT IT WAS OMITTED FROM THE NOVEMBER MEMO.

The National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC) is concerned that a clear commitment to non-sexist child and family services has not been articulated in the resolutions passed at the conference. One resolution passed can be interpreted to include this program concern; it reads, "Government recognition that it is every special need child's right to be cared for in an environment that promotes her or his optimum development and positive self-image as a unique, capable and valued individual."

In order to see this resolution implemented, NAC believes that individuals, groups and governments should be actively instituting programs in all children and family services that do not perpetuate stereotypes of female and male behaviour. There is sufficient research to indicate that this is important if girls and boys are to receive equal benefit from programs and there are many sources of non-sexist programs and materials to make this possible.

We have identified many social problems, particularly those suffered predominately by women (incest, rape, sexual harassment, battering) which can be addressed by improving school programs and eradicating sexism from curricula. NAC believes that we must address the damage of sexist programs to our children in pre-school settings as well.

NAC calls upon the newly formed National Steering Committee to make this a priority issue in the setting of program standards. Any act, including a National Day Care Act, must address this fundamental concern.

Canada's abortion law has been in effect since 1969. It has been shown to be inequitable and unworkable but the federal government has no intention of changing the law preferring to blame the provinces and doctors for the deteriorating situation.

Readers of MEMO are probably quite aware of the erosion of the already inadequate abortion services. Anti-choice groups intent upon eliminating access to legal abortions have taken over hospital boards, intimidated physicians, harassed politicians and begun legal actions.

In Ontario, responding to the lengthy delays women face, the high cost of procedures done by private gynecologists and the increasing difficulty of referring women to clinic facilities, a coalition has been formed to work for the establishment and legalization of free-standing abortion clinics. Such clinics would provide compassionate care in a supportive environment, would reduce delays and decrease costs to the health care system.

The catalyst for the coalition has been the knowledge that a Toronto doctor is about to open a clinic in association with Dr. Henry Morgentaler.

The activities of the coalition centre around asking the Minister of Health for Ontario to approve such clinics and asking the Attorney-General to refrain from prosecuting doctors who are willing to help women in need. The coalition is attempting to mobilize the people of Ontario to speak out in support of free-standing clinics.

In Winnipeg, a similar coalition is being formed in response to a similar situation. Anyone interested in forming such a coalition in other provinces can contact Norma Scarborough, NAC Health Committee, for information and suggested strategies.

In the meantime, if you live in Ontario PLEASE WRITE TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, Larry Grossman, and the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, Roy McMurtry telling them that you support the establishment and legalization of free-standing abortion clinics (and/or circulate petition on reverse).

Chairperson's Message



THE RIGHT TO DECIDE

At a time when women are becoming self-determinant; when sexist and paternalist legislation is finally being replaced; when Canada has enshrined in its Constitution a Charter of Rights and Freedoms that applies equally to women and men; can women still be denied a medical service that is legal in Canada?

That is what happened in Moncton last June when, as a result of pressure on the gynecologists, and worse, on their families, therapeutic abortion services were interrupted for a period of at least six months.

It is completely unacceptable that, in our day, a group, no matter how well organized, can impose its personal religious beliefs on the majority, denying all women a legal medical service. If the followers of Jehovah's Witnesses mounted a campaign to impose their beliefs and to ban blood transfusions, how would the majority react?

The Advisory Council on the Status of Women had previously concentrated its efforts on education and prevention of undesired pregnancies. As long as therapeutic abortion services were reasonably available, the question of abortion did not seem to be a priority for women in New Brunswick. But after the gynecologists' decision, the Council had to address the issue directly.

Over the last four years, the Council has defended the right of women to self-determination in important matters affecting their personal lives. On the question of abortion, the Council members had to set aside their personal beliefs to speak for all women.

In effect, what we had to decide was if women have the right to decide for themselves, or if a unilateral decision should be imposed on all women and thereby deny them the exercise of their freedom and conscience. The Council decided in favour of choice.

Some may think that those who believe in the right to choice are promoting abortion. That is totally false. I personally don't believe that anyone is "for abortion". The decision to have an abortion is never taken lightly by any woman. But the choice must exist since there are cases where an abortion is the only solution, for many reasons.

By itself, the Council's position is not sufficient to change the gynecologists' decision. A much stronger and more popular lobby must be mounted. Certain gynecologists are calling for an opinion survey in the region. The Council does not have the resources needed to conduct such a survey, but if funds were made available by the Department of Health, the Council could hire the services of an independent firm for this purpose.

I call on all persons, women and men, who believe in the respect of individual rights, to make their opinion known to the medical authorities. Write to the Department of Health, the Board of Directors of the regional hospitals which don't have active therapeutic abortion committees; send copies of these letters to your federal and provincial representatives and to anyone you believe could influence the provision of these services. If you support the idea of a survey, inform the Department of Health.

You are not a minority. A Gallup poll conducted in June 1982 and published in September, shows that 72% of Canadians believe that the pregnant woman should be the one to decide if she wants an abortion. In the Atlantic provinces, still a majority, 57%, favored choice.

We're counting on you to take action!

Madeleine LeBlanc  
Chairperson





# SURVIVAL

# Step One: US/USSR Nuclear Weapons Freeze.

Committee members have been active - taking part in vigils, demonstrations, panels, workshops and in starting disarmament and survival groups. It is important that our discussions and information sharing lead to action. Correspondence, interviews, phone calls with MP's and other officials, publicity for disarmament and peace initiatives, any measures to stimulate public opinion towards action for non-violent solutions to our problems - starting within the family, schools and communities - all are important.

THE NAC SURVIVAL KIT is available and sells for \$2.00 (plus \$1.00 for mailing and handling). It contains much information, notes for discussion to accompany a film showing, petition card and other suggestions for action, articles by doctors, scientists, bishops and others.....

DON'T DELAY..... ORDER YOUR COPY NOW!!!

From time to time we will update the kit with notes in MEMO as to new material or other items you may want to get. Good luck with your activities... Remember, all we want is to change the world's approach to solving the problem..... NOT "I'm Strong! Therefore do as I say!" This no longer holds hope for the world. It has to be "We understand the problems, let's work together to solve them."

HAPPY PEACEFUL HOLIDAY SEASON & 1983  
.....KAY MACPHERSON AND HER SURVIVAL COMMITTEE...



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The following telegram was sent to Prime Minister Trudeau on December 8, 1982: Canadians' mounting horror of nuclear conflict not yet reflected in government actions. National Action Committee on the Status of Women urges refusal cruise testing, supports suffocation policy and de-escalation international tension.

## ..... action ——— STOP THE CRUISE CAMPAIGN ———

There is still time to write, wire, or phone to lobby against the cruise testing, but the long-expected agreement with the U.S. may come any day.

Immediate intense public opposition to the testing in Alberta could still be effective.

WRITE (no stamp required) or TELEPOST (CNCPC public opinion message: 15 words for approximately \$2.00, including postal code, sent to K1A 2A1, Ottawa.....

- TO: The Rt. Hon. Pierre E. Trudeau
- Hon. Allan J. MacEachen
- Rt. Hon. Joe Clark
- Edward Broadbent, M.P.
- Your own M.P. (at home in your riding most weekends)



MARLENE  
THE CARBONITE OBSERVER

# Medicare

## INFORMATION & ACTION

DID YOU KNOW THAT ACCORDING TO A REPORT BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WELFARE "..... the achievements of MEDICARE can no longer be taken for granted. There are strong and growing pressures from the medical profession and several provincial governments to break the promise of MEDICARE and make the patient pay directly for health care...." ".... and if the medical profession and several provincial governments have their way, Canadians everywhere would have to hand over cash every time they visited a doctor or hospital..." "..... if allowed to continue, extra billing will seriously damage our health care system...."

TO HELP PREVENT THIS HAPPENING:

1. Telephone (613) 995-6265 in Ottawa for a copy of the report.
2. Contact your MP in your own constituency and your Provincial Health Ministers and the Honourable Monique Begin to express your concern:  
Brooke Claxton Building  
 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9

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*           SPECIAL OPEN MEETING **
*           ON THE CANADA HEALTH ACT
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* TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1983.... 4.45 PM - 9.00 PM.
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* FEATURING: PANEL OF EXPERTS ON HEALTH PROMOTION POLICY
*             AND POLITICAL PROCESS: Barbara Harris,
*             Rhonda Love, Michele Harding
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*             Keynote Speaker: Michele Harding, Coordinator
*                               Ontario Health Coalition
*                               Social Planning Consultant
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** More Info: Diana Dick (416) 499-9533, Sue Williams 595-5156x452
    
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MORE MEDICARE..... SEE OVER....

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+++++++ FORMATION OF ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY OF HALIFAX ++++++
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| A group of women interested in addressing issues affecting women
| in conflict with the law in the Atlantic region have applied to
| the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies for membership.
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| The Halifax-based group plans to initiate a public education
| campaign through the media in 1983.
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| The group is interested in contacting other interested women in
| the Atlantic region. Please contact:
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| Mary-Liz Greene, 5 Flaxcombe Court, Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 4C4
| Ph: (902) 469-6590
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..... MORE **Medicare** ...

THE CANADIAN NURSES ASSOCIATION (CNA) IS A FEDERATION OF TEN PROVINCIAL AND TWO TERRITORIAL NURSES ASSOCIATIONS IN CANADA, AND IS THE OFFICIAL VOICE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL FOR 135,000 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES. THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THEIR RESPONSE TO THE FEDERAL PROPOSALS FOR A NEW CANADA HEALTH ACT:

PRINCIPLES OF THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN CANADA

The Association applauds the government's intent to clarify the national standards of our health care system. We share the growing concern that our national program is being compromised by practices that violate the principles on which the system was established. The CNA Board of Directors has defined the Association's position on the five basic principles of the Canadian health care system.

Universality

The CNA supports the federal proposal to include a requirement in the Canada Health Act that there be 100% coverage of qualified residents. We believe that every Canadian resident is entitled to all insured services of the national health program, regardless of ability to pay.

Comprehensiveness

The CNA strongly supports the federal proposal to extend the current definition of hospital services to include psychiatric and mental health services and commends the government for introducing this legislative change.

We believe that a new Canada Health Act, to be worthy of the name, should provide legislative provisions that support a range of services that contribute to the health of Canadians of all ages. In this respect, CNA views the federal proposals as inadequate. As they stand, the proposals continue an almost exclusive focus on illness care and costly institutional services. Comprehensive health care, in addition to diagnostic and treatment services, includes the promotion, conservation and restoration of health, the prevention of illness and handicaps, and supportive care when health has deteriorated.

The CNA supports the inclusion of extended health services as insured services under the Canada Health Act. The Board of Directors has taken a position on Health Care Economics, and we recognize that not all of these "extended" services can be included immediately. However, we believe that the direction should be clearly established in the Act so that provision is made for the gradual coverage of these services by regulation. Given what is known about factors contributing to the major health problems in Canada and the predicted increase in the percentage of elderly in our population, consideration must be given to the inclusion of health promotion programs, disease prevention services and home care services (provided by individuals and/or agencies), particularly for the elderly with chronic illness. Nurses can and do provide services that, as in the Minister's own words, represent "lower cost alternatives to costly physician and hospital services". In our view, it is not enough to wait for future renegotiations of EPF arrangements when we already have proof that the alternatives using nurses and other health professionals are cost-containing and cost-effective. Registered nurses are health care professionals who are well-prepared to provide these services, not only in hospitals, but also in the community and in the home.

The following are examples of ways in which nurses have demonstrated their ability to provide a broad range of health services:

**Prevention of illness:** In a controlled trial, nurses selected eligible patients, offered and provided influenza vaccination to elderly clients of an out-patient clinic in accordance with the guidelines for preventive services of the Canadian Task Force on the Periodic Health Examination. The nurses vaccinated 35% of eligible clients compared with a 2% vaccination of eligible patients by physicians whose clinic practices were monitored for control data.

**Health Maintenance:** In a Manitoba Study, patients attending a hypertension clinic staffed by nurse practitioners were more successful at lowering blood pressure and losing weight than patients attending a clinic staffed by physicians. Outcomes were compared at 6, 12 and 15 months periods.

The CNA proposes that the list of insured services in the Canada Health Act include nursing services provided by a qualified registered nurse. It is understood that a schedule of nursing services would need to be fully developed under the regulations of the various health care acts as well as a mechanism of reimbursement for these services. The CNA supports the concept of salaried health professionals as we believe that the fee-for-service system of remuneration is not an ideal one in health care. Patients are generally not in a position to assess the health services they require and there is potential for conflict and confusion between the needs of the patient and the needs of the health care provider. Appropriate utilization of health care personnel

CNA (cont'd)...

and teamwork among health professionals is difficult to achieve when the system remunerates some professionals by salary and others by a fee for individual acts. We do recognize that society has the right to determine fair and equitable methods of reimbursing health professionals.

#### Accessibility

The inclusion of nursing services as insured services in health care legislation will not only improve the comprehensiveness of the health care for Canadians. Under current legislation, access to the skills and competencies of a professional nurse has been severely limited except in cases when a physician admits a patient to hospital to obtain these services. Patients requiring nursing procedures, monitoring of chronic conditions (such as hypertension, obesity and diabetes), health education and teaching of self-care techniques could receive these services by direct access and by referral without the need for admission to hospital. Nurses can provide primary services offering an alternate point of first entry to the health care system, particularly for large groups within the population, such as the elderly, where health maintenance will reduce the need for more extensive and costly health services:

In a Canadian study, the residents of a senior citizens' apartment building with direct access to nursing services had fewer hospital admissions, higher morale and greater mobility than a matched group of tenants in a building without direct access to such services.

Controlled trials of nurses providing a primary care in rural Newfoundland and urban Ontario have demonstrated the ability of these nurses to provide care of comparable quality to that provided by physicians in the studies.

The CNA believes that nurses, physicians and other health professionals can work cooperatively to develop an improved health care system in which the expertise, skill and contribution of each group is acknowledged and utilized.

The CNA believes that accessibility to health care services should not be limited by the billing practices or user charges of any government, agency or practitioner in Canada. We are therefore fully supporting the federal proposal that extra-billing and user charges be prohibited. We believe that such practices violate a fundamental principle of our system, by limiting accessibility to services. Extra-billing and deterrent fees place an added financial burden on those in need of health care; the Canadian Health Survey identified lower income groups and the aged in society as those most likely to report health problems. We are also in agreement with the indicators of accessibility as identified in the federal proposals.

#### Portability

The CNA believes that Canadian residents have the right to expect that their health care insurance is portable. They must be able to have equivalent insured services in Canada and we support the proposal that better mechanisms be established for settling out-of-province claims. We also concur with the position that there should be equivalent coverage for out-of-country services.

#### CONDITIONS AND PROCESS FOR MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS

We are in agreement with the conditions of information as proposed, but realize that more specific details with respect to the conditions must be established. A cooperative federal-provincial annual review of the health care program would be beneficial if the inclusion of more specific standards is not feasible. The proposed process of dealing with federal-provincial disagreements regarding adherence to the provisions of the Canada Health Act seems reasonable provided that it is established as a two-way process, initiated by either level of government.

#### SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

*In sum, we support the majority of the proposals made by the federal government with respect to a new Canada Health Act and concur with the aim of establishing a comprehensive Act that sets out the criteria to be met so that the principles of our Canadian health system are clearly understood and are upheld. Despite our approval of the proposals made, we believe that they do not go far enough in promoting needed changes in the health care system.*

August 1982



## News...

NORTH YORK WOMEN'S SHELTER will be the first shelter for women and children in crisis to be built in the City of North York. It will be an all encompassing program. There will be much to do and many needed to do it. Volunteers will be required to take part in sharing and caring for those who need this shelter. WE CARE ENOUGH NOT TO REMAIN SILENT. WE CARE ENOUGH TO TAKE ACTION. For more information, please call Isabella Meltz at (416) 663-2733.

MOTHERS ACTION GROUP in Toronto are petitioning for the resignation of Frank Drea, Ontario Minister of Community of Social Services..... for more information, phone them at (416) 656-3641.


The LABRADOR WEST SAFE HOUSE PROJECT has been busy since it began in June. Three houses and a system of volunteers are providing shelter for abused women. The RCMP and social service system are supporting this project.

In another Labrador town, the Mokami Status of Women Council is working in cooperation with a community group to pursue the possibility of using Federal/ Department of Public Works buildings as shelters. Many buildings are kept in repair, but remain unused because of an armed forces pull out.

FAMILY BENEFITS WORK GROUP also have a bone to pick with Mr. Drea and his claims that there are enough support systems for the 50,000 sole support mothers on family benefits & 20,000 on welfare.. FOR MORE INFO: (416) 960-0258.

## Publications, Films...

New Book on the Disabled - "THE DISABLED HOMEMAKER" by Hoyt Anderson, Charles C. Thomas Limited, 1981. Illinois. Also, the Canadian Council on the Disabled - Suite 2110, 1 Yonge Street, Toronto, 862-0340 can provide info.

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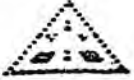

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| <p>"THE DINNER PARTY"<br/>Glenbow Museum<br/>Calgary<br/>Dec.3-Feb.27, 1983</p> <p>Info: 264-8300x279</p>  | <p>WOMEN OF THE YEAR BANQUET<br/>Hamilton Status of Women<br/>Wednesday, 26 Jan/1983<br/>Speaker: Doris Anderson</p> <p>Info: 1(416) 526-2735</p>  | <p>National Association of<br/>Women and the Law<br/>Fifth Biennial National Conference<br/><b>Women In The Workforce:<br/>Affirmative Action<br/>and Parental Benefits</b></p>  <p>February 23 to 26, 1983<br/>The Empress Hotel<br/>Victoria, British Columbia</p> <p>Info: Box 1700, Victoria<br/>B.C. V8W 2Y2</p> |
| <p>EQUAL PAY FOR WORK<br/>OF EQUAL VALUE<br/>Feb.25,26,27, 1983<br/>Toronto</p> <p>Info: Organized Working<br/>Women (416) 447-7462</p>                                                     | <p>Violence "An Explosive<br/>Heritage" (affecting<br/>Families &amp; Children)<br/>May 10-13, 1983, Montreal</p> <p>Info: CWLA (514) 392-6744</p> | <p>Women in Science: a<br/>National Conference.<br/>University of B.C.<br/>May 29,21,22, 1983</p> <p>Info: Box 2184, Vancouver,<br/>B.C. V6B 3V7</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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