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# MEMO

NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE  
on the status of women

LE COMITÉ NATIONAL D'ACTION  
sur le statut de la femme

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## *President's Letter*

The NAC Executive Meeting held on the weekend of May 29-30, was a very productive one with all committees organized and well into the year's work. Some committee reports are incorporated within this MEMO.

NAC Vice-President, Jillian Ridington, past executive member Lorene Clark and I appeared before the Parliamentary Justice Committee on June 1st, 1982. Jillian Ridington (Vancouver) presented the NAC Brief on Soliciting. Lorene Clark (Nova Scotia) answered questions extensively on Bill C-53. It was interesting that the Committee spent the entire morning on these issues. This is the third attempt to introduce legislation to change the criminal code on sexual assault and there is hope that this bill will now go into committee and be passed before the summer recess.

In 1979 NAC commissioned a medallion to be struck to honour the 50th Anniversary of the Persons Case, a significant legal event for women. A replica had been presented to The Supreme Court of Canada at that time, and on June 4th, 1982, NAC presented Madame Justice Bertha Wilson with the first medallion struck and set aside for the first woman to be appointed to the highest court in the land.

Doris Anderson, President.

## NAC COMMITTEES AT WORK...

### MEDIA RELATIONS

MEDIA

The MEDIA RELATIONS COMMITTEE is in the process of developing a network system throughout the country to enable NAC Regional Representatives to have immediate access to Press Releases coming from the NAC office or committees. This will enable Regional Representatives to make comments as to the regional relevance of issues. This will also increase NAC's visibility and lobbying strength in the regions. We are also preparing a network relay of NAC contacts for use in national campaigns and lobby efforts on issues that require immediate response.

We will be preparing educational packages and information on effective media use for member groups. If you have any suggestions or media success stories, pass them our way! If you have lists or names of media contacts that you have had success with, please submit those as well.

### RELATIONS - FUNDING

FEDERAL / PROVINCIAL

#### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Lots! So we've changed ours - we are now the COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL RELATIONS - FUNDING.

Our focus is who is paying for what services? Who is blaming whom for lack of services? What's happening to women's needs while the provinces and the federal government are constantly dodging responsibility for funding services. What does your provincial government tell you when you request improved or increased funding for services? Are you or other groups that you know of suffering because of cutbacks or changes in funding procedures?

We need to know this information if we want to effectively lobby for change. The economic squeeze is on and women will be the first to feel it.

Contact this committee with your information and suggestions.

CONSTITUTION

#### HOW'S OUR CONSTITUTION? - NAC'S 10-year tune-up

Ten years into the existence of our organization, NAC has created a Constitutional Review Committee to look over our rules of association and regulations and to come up with recommendations for change.

The Committee has now done a preliminary "inventory" to identify areas of concern, and has already collected suggestions and proposed amendments from some member groups. We will be developing concrete proposals to circulate to member groups in the fall.

If your group has ideas, recommendations, examples of other organizations' constitutions that could be helpful for comparison, or other questions for this discussion, the Constitutional Review Committee would like to hear from you -- by the end of June, if possible.

Please send your contributions to us c/o the NAC office.

--Wendy Lawrence -- Chairperson --

## FUTURIST

FUTURIST COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE

- To consider the future effects of economic and social trends on women, their employment and their place in society.
- To consider promoting a conference on the future of women.
- To present resolutions and recommendations to the Executive of NAC.

Anyone interested in having input into this Committee please contact: Silvia Isenor, Chairperson,  
Box 247, Waverley, N.S. B0N 2S0

## SURVIVAL

The United Nations Special Session on Disarmament is meeting in New York, June 7 - July 9, and NAC member groups are alerted to watch for and take part in actions in support of all efforts focussing on freezing and reducing the production of nuclear weapons and ending the arms race. NAC feels women have a special concern and contribution to make in developing new techniques for negotiation and non-violent solutions to international problems in the nuclear age.

The WOMEN'S PEACE PETITION was presented to women Senators, MPs and others in Ottawa with a demonstration for disarmament organized by Voice of Women. NAC President and Executive members were there. The Petition is going with busloads of women to the United Nations in June.

The Survival Committee plans to purchase a print of the National Film Board film, "IF YOU LOVE THIS PLANET" (Helen Caldicott), and make it available for showing to member groups and others. The film will be accompanied with printed material and a speaker when feasible.

Send us your thoughts on:

- the relationship between women and peace;
- the women's movement and the peace movement;
- Patriarchy, War the exploitation of women.

We'll be discussing a possible NAC statement at our next Survival Committee Meeting June 17 - 19, 1982.

-- Kay Macpherson -- Chairperson -- Survival Committee --

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**GO** **NUCLEAR**  
**FREE**

Bumper Stickers 3 for \$1.00

Available from: Edmontonians for a Non-Nuclear Future, Attention: Betty Mardiros  
8902 120th Street (P.O. Box 1602)  
Edmonton, Alta. T6G 1X5

**BEN WICKS**



Any luck?

# HEALTH

PRESS RELEASE May 30, 1982 EXTRA-BILLING - EXTRA DISADVANTAGE TO WOMEN

The National Action Committee on the Status of Women, at its executive meeting today, expressed its concern that at the Conference of Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health in Ottawa on May 26, there was no decision taken to eliminate extra-billing and user charges from Health Services in Canada

Chaviva Hosek, a vice-president of NAC said: "Extra-billing has greater impact on the elderly and the poor, most of whom are women. Women are usually responsible for the health care of their families. Extra-billing and user fees affect women disproportionately." Kathy Coffin, a vice-president of NAC added: "Mme Begin herself has said that extra-billing and user charges threaten accessibility and gradually erode our prepaid health care system. Why did the conference of health ministers not decide at their meeting to eliminate these practices?"

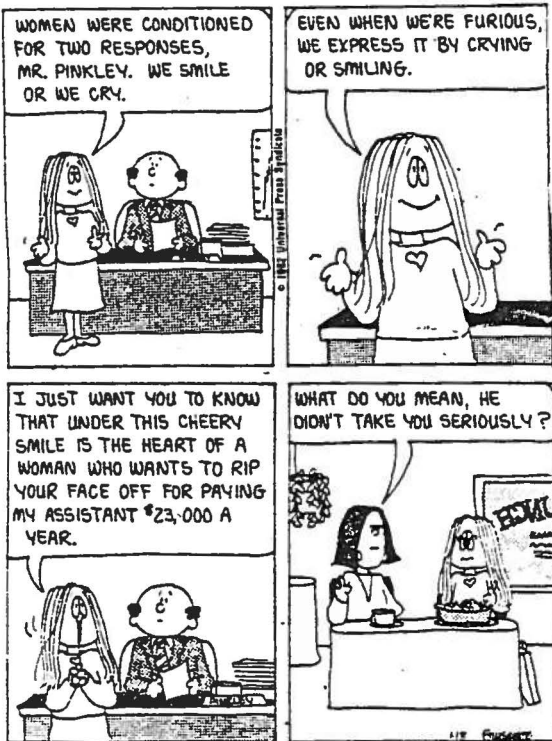
Telegrams have been sent by NAC to all Ministers of Health in Canada, expressing this concern.

NAC is an organization of 208 groups working to improve the status of women in Canada.

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CATHY

by Cathy Guisewite



## World Beat

World Press Review - May 1982  
Predictions

Futurists, predicting the course of life on Earth, are making newsworthy prophecies, reports Glen Allen in the independent *Gazette* of Montreal [Mar. 15]. Among their current forecasts are:

"The loss of privacy. There will be little about you that your neighbor does not know, little he cannot find out . . .

"Fewer women in the work force and great dissent among middle-level . . . workers. More and more people will be pushed into entrepreneurship.

"An explosion of singles living alone or sharing accommodations in commune-like settings.

"A boom in higher learning, which will be a continuous process for those with time on their hands."

Kimon Valaskakis, a University of Montreal professor of economics, predicts, "In thirty years all of Canada will belong to the [U.S.] . . . Canada is like a bad party. Everyone's too polite to go until the first guest leaves, then they all leave."

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\* THANK YOU to NAC Executive Members, Kathy Coffin \*  
\* and Billie Thurston for the May/June MEMO. \*  
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## FROM NAC MEMBER GROUPS

The VOICE OF WOMEN, Toronto, issued a statement on NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT and MILITARY BUILDUPS, which included the following action plan:

- (1) The creation of additional Nuclear Weapon Free Zones by either one country or groups of countries.
- (2) A ban on the production of fissionable materials which could be used for nuclear weapons.
- (3) Agreement for "no-first use" of nuclear weapons.
- (4) Reduction of armaments and armaments budgets with specific plans for conversion to civilian production.
- (5) Much greater allotment of funds for education for disarmament and for productive assistance to developing nations.

They stated, "We women reject our historical role of support for war, the reproduction and nurturing of fighting men, ourselves replacing men in the workforce for the production of armaments, and finally caring for and succoring the wounded, sick, destitute, starving and bereaved victims of war. We are determined that, together with men who work for peaceful solutions to the world's problems, we will compel our governments to take the first concrete steps to reduce tensions and fear by freezing, reducing, de-emphasizing and finally ending the arms race."

"We, The Voice of Women, with women of every nation, want our children to survive so that together we can meet the challenge of providing adequate food, housing, education and health in a safe, just and peaceful world."

VOICE OF WOMEN/LA VOIX DES FEMMES      175 Carlton Street      Toronto, Ontario

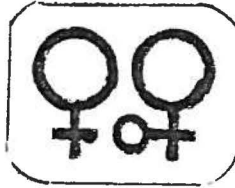
Nan McDonald, the Communist Party of Canada's delegate to the NAC 1982 AGM, has called to our attention that a new resolution was being introduced when a quorum count closed the meeting. Following is a copy of the resolution which will go to the executive for discussion at the May 29-30 meeting, along with other resolutions submitted prior to the AGM and which did not reach the floor before the meeting was adjourned.

9. Be it resolved that full employment and economic security for women be realized and that the following demands be implemented:
  - a) full employment policies with affirmative action programs for women
  - b) guaranteed jobs at equal pay for work of equal value
  - c) equal access to retraining and upgrading of skills
  - d) reduced hours of work with no reduction in take-home pay
  - e) equal access to promotion
  - f) legislative prohibition of plant closures and layoffs
  - g) farm wives to receive a wage for farm work through tax concessions
  - h) access to information on birth control and pregnancy termination
  - i) fully paid maternity leave with no loss of seniority or of benefits
  - j) universal access to comprehensive child care services government funded
  - k) free post secondary education, special courses for immigrant women
  - l) universal old age pension of \$600/month at age 55 years for women
  - m) mortgage rates to be rolled back
  - n) moratorium on foreclosures declared on homes, farms, small businesses
  - o) public housing programs, rent controls rents at no more than 25% of a persons' income
  - p) prices on essential foods and energy be rolled back

COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA

The NAC Executive discussed the above resolution at their May 1982 meeting. It was decided that no further action could be taken until the resolution is reintroduced at the next Annual General Meeting (1983).

Update on Borowski Challenge to  
Section 251 of the Criminal Code -  
Canada's Abortion Law



Freedom of choice  
Liberté de choix

As of this writing, no decision has been made by the Supreme Court of Canada as to where anti-abortionist Joe Borowski can bring his case. Borowski contends that fertilized eggs are persons and deserves the protection of the Canadian Bill of Rights.

In December 1981, the Supreme Court gave him standing to challenge the Canadian abortion law on this basis.

Borowski, a 47 year old Roman Catholic and militant opponent of the abortion law, since it was passed in 1969, resigned as highway minister in Manitoba's NDP government in 1971 to protest the funding of hospitals which do abortions.

Later he went to jail for refusing to pay his taxes in protest against the law. He launched his court challenge in 1979 in Court of Queen's Bench in Saskatchewan, but Federal lawyers argued that it could only be heard by the Federal Court of Canada.

In the summer of 1981, Borowski began a 90 day fast to protest the abortion law. He decided to give up his fast because to fast to the death would be against his religion.

The Canadian Abortion Rights Action League has decided to ask for intervenor status as soon as the case comes to court. CARAL has retained Morris Manning Q.C. to represent the organization in this matter. If Borowski were to win, abortion would be illegal again in Canada. It is for this reason that CARAL considers Borowski's challenge a serious threat. You can help defeat this man by contributing to CARAL's legal defence fund.

Send contributions to CARAL Box 935, Station Q, Toronto, Ont., M4T 2P1

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P.O. Box 1242, Vernon, B.C. V1T 6N6 542-7531

CALL FOR SUPPORT - Amendments to B.C. Human Rights Code affecting women: Equal Pay, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Orientation, Source of Income, Primacy of the Code ... No action on implementation of these recommendations in past year.

NAC Member Groups, especially in B.C. urged to support the lobby of B.C. Premier & Minister of Labour. Please send letters from your executives.

PERSONS  
MEDALLION

Does anyone have a bronze medallion (to spare) that they wish to sell? If so, please contact: B.L. Tachit, Box 238 Hines Creek, Alta. T0H 2A0

# What they said in the house...

March 31, 1982 - May 21, 1982

Is your MP listed in the following review of Parliamentarians who have spoken up for women? If not, why not? If s/he is listed, find out what was said and let your MP know if you agree. Your MP can send you - free - the parliamentary transcript (Hansard) for the days in question. Or your library may have copies. Letters to MPs sent to the House of Commons, Ottawa, don't need stamps.

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

## -- CORRECTION --

In last issue "What they said ...", we tossed a brick bat at Svend Robinson (NDP) for asking Acting Justice Minister Bob Kaplan on March 18 to set up a special sub-committee to deal with prostitution. We said that Mr. Robinson knew that this proposal had already been agreed to informally by the Parliamentary Justice Secretary, Jim Peterson, but that Peterson had not yet had a chance to brief Kaplan. Kaplan's response was - predictably, therefore - negative. We said Mr. Robinson's "unfortunate timing" consequently jeopardized our chances of dealing with this issue separately from the sexual assault issues raised in C-53.

In response, Svend Robinson called us up and told us that the Justice Committee had not agreed to establish a special committee. Furthermore, before posing his question, he had consulted Mr. Kaplan and obtained an understanding that Mr. Peterson as Parliamentary Justice Secretary would respond to any question on prostitution addressed to the Acting Justice Minister. Mr. Robinson anticipated that Mr. Peterson's response would be at least an informed and open-door one. Mr. Robinson was therefore very surprised and perturbed when Mr. Kaplan answered instead. Mr. Robinson, who is a "Friend of NAC", pointed out that our criticism hurt and invited us to check out his side of the story.

What we've found out is that there appears to be a genuine misunderstanding on the Hill about whether or not the steering committee of the Justice Committee agreed to establish a special sub-committee on prostitution. The Tories say "yes" and even issued a press release on it (later withdrawn); the NDP and Liberals say "no". Through his legislative aide, Mr. Kaplan told us he did not recollect any discussion with Mr. Robinson to let Mr. Peterson answer the question. He pointed out that the record shows the question is clearly addressed to him. To this, Mr. Robinson has responded that his question was addressed to "The Solicitor General while he is still Acting Minister of Justice" and that it would have been quite in order for Mr. Kaplan to indicate that Mr. Peterson, the Justice Secretary, should rise in response.

Many thanks to Svend Robinson for encouraging us to clarify this - and apologies for the hurt.

Just to bring you up-to-date, after much angry- and procedural wrangling, the House agreed to request the Justice Committee to hear witnesses on prostitution. The hearings will, however, be scheduled so as not to impede progress on C-53.

### Advisory Councils on the Status of Women

Celine Hervieux-Payette (Lib) May 11  
July Erola (Lib) May 11

### Battered Women

Margaret Mitchell (NOP) May 12,13  
Judy Erola (Lib) May 12  
Bob Kaplan (Lib) May 12  
Marcel Roy (Lib) May 13  
Ursula Appolloni (Lib) May 14  
James McGrath (PC) May 14  
Neil Young (NDP) May 14  
Joe Clark (PC) May 17  
Jean Chretien (Lib) May 17

### Charities

Walter McLean (PC) May 21

### Constitution

Joe Clark (PC) May 7  
Jean Chretien (Lib) May 7

### Day Care

Hal Herbert (Lib) Apr 22  
Bill Blaikie (NDP) Apr 22  
Walter Baker (PC) Apr 22  
Norman Kelly (Lib) Apr 22

### Disarmament

Pauline Jewett (NDP) May 20

Employment

<u>Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action</u>	
Margaret Mitchell (NDP)	Apr 28/May 11
Cyril Keeper (NDP)	May 14, 17
Lloyd Axworthy (Lib)	May 14
Douglas Fisher (Lib)	May 17
<u>General</u>	
Svend Robinson (NDP)	May 12
<u>Outreach &amp; Retraining</u>	
John Bosley (PC)	Apr 8
Flora MacDonald (PC)	May 11
Lloyd Axworthy (Lib)	May 11
<u>Public Service</u>	
Sid Parlow (NDP)	Apr 5
Neil Young (NDP)	Apr 30
Flora MacDonald (PC)	Apr 30
<u>Technological Change</u>	
Rod Murphy (NDP)	Apr 6
<u>Unemployment</u>	
Flora MacDonald (PC)	Apr 8
Cyril Keeper (NDP)	Apr 8
<u>Immigrant Women</u>	
Dan Heap (NDP)	Apr 20
<u>Income Support</u>	
<u>Child Tax Credit</u>	
Bill Clarke (PC)	May 14

Income Support (cont'd)

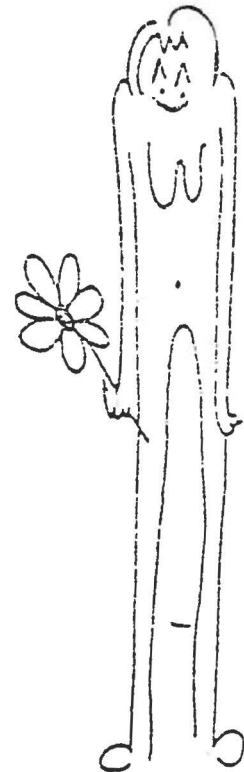
<u>Pensions</u>	
Ian Deans (NDP)	Apr 1
Stanley Knowles (NDP)	Apr 26
(Welcome back!)	
Monique Begin (Lib)	Apr 26
Stan Dosling (PC)	Apr 28
Neil Young (NDP)	Apr 29
<u>Single Parents</u>	
Svend Robinson (NDP)	May 17
<u>Native Women</u>	
Flora MacDonald (PC)	Mar 31/Apr 26
Frank Oberle (PC)	Mar 31
<u>Prostitution</u>	
Pat Carney (PC)	Apr 19, 21, 27, 29
Jean Chretien (Lib)	Apr 19/27
Svend Robinson (NDP)	Apr 22
Jim Peterson (Lib)	Apr 27/May 6
Svend Robinson (NDP)	Apr 27/28/29/ May 6
<u>Sexual Assault</u>	
Ray Hnatyshyn (PC)	Apr 30
<u>Voting Rights</u>	
Flora MacDonald (PC)	May 10
Yvon Pinard (Lib)	May 10
Gilles Lamontagne (Lib)	May 10

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## Bouquets

To Cyril Keeper (NDP) who, on May 14 and 17, pressed the government to account for a memo to C.E.I.C. Affirmative Action consultants in Winnipeg which read in part, "You will not promote affirmative action nor visit employers in this regard. In addition, you will not conduct any seminars or disseminate any information to the field to explain or promote affirmative action." To his credit, the Minister for C.E.I.C., Lloyd Axworthy (Lib), seemed as dismayed as anyone and promised immediate action.

To Justice Committee members Svend Robinson (NDP), Ray Hnatyshyn (PC), and Bud Cullen (Lib), for their close scrutiny of the Canadian Bar Association Brief on Bill C-53 (Justice and Legal Affairs Committee minutes, April 27). Hnatyshyn got the C.B.A. presenter (Greg Brodsley) to admit that the brief - with respect to sexual assault - had only been presented to the Criminal Justice Section of the C.B.A. Robinson further got Brodsley to admit that it had not even been formally approved by that Section. Robinson said Brodsley's presentation "reeks of sexism". Bud Cullen noted the brief represented at most the opinions of 150 lawyers out of 10,000 across the country.





# Brickbats

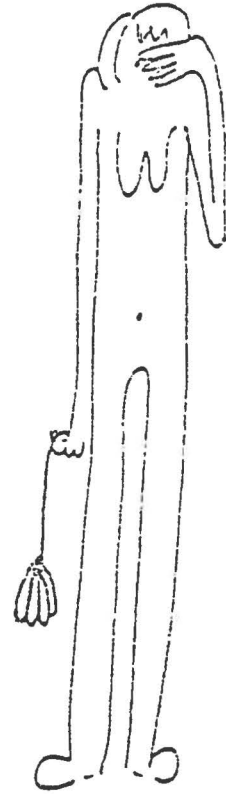
To Justice Committee Member, Gilles Marceau (Lib) for this sexist argument in support of the need to question rape victims on their past sexual history: "There are women who enter the witness box and play innocent - who shed crocodile tears and wear pretty hats; the tears and the handkerchief are ever ready and when you know the past history, and the jury does not know it - I can tell you that it is a question of Justice."

(Justice & Legal Affairs Committee Minutes, May 4.)

To Liberal and Tory MPs for laughing and joking when Margaret Mitchell (NDP) asked a question on battered wives (May 12). Another load of brickbats to the same MPs who, on May 13, twice refused to apologize for their behaviour. They finally made amends and apologized on May 14.

To Chris Speyer (PC) who on May 11, described as a "typical situation", a family consisting of a businessman, a non-working (!) wife, and two dependent children. By now, Speyer should know this model represents only about 7% of families.

To Gordon Taylor (PC) who once again tabled a petition asking for the return of the death penalty and also - wait for it - the return of the lash for the "rape of innocent (sic) women and girls".



## REPORT CONDEMNS TORY RECORD ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

### ONTARIO N.D.P. COMMUNIQUE

The NDP released a leaked report which shows the Ontario government is ignoring its own advisors by refusing to bring in an effective affirmative action programme for women across Ontario.

Jim Foulds & Marion Bryden, NDP Women's critic, released a report from the Ont. Advisory Council on Equal Opportunity for Women entitled "Three-year Report on Affirmative Action." It has been presented to the Minister of Labour, but must be approved by the government before public release.

"The Council's report is a complete contradiction of the Minister of Labour's glowing reports of the government's affirmative action policy," Foulds said.

"On almost every substantial recommendation for the last three years, the government has ignored the council and has refused to act.

"The conclusion is that the Tories are blocking effective affirmative action, despite the overwhelming evidence that current policies have failed," Foulds said.

Bryden said the report underscores the need for action on several fronts to ensure women have equality in the workplace.

The Council, with equal representation from business & labour, included these recommendations in the report:

- legislation on mandatory affirmative action
- greater resources for affirmative action programmes
- removing the muzzle from Council members which prohibits public statements without ministerial approval
- stronger enforcement of equal pay legislation; extensive data collection on men's and women's rates of pay
- more support for child care programmes
- mandatory affirmative action programmes for human rights offenders

"We challenge the government to end its hypocrisy on this important issue, and to act now to bring true equality for women to the workplace," Foulds said.

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**Wife Battering**

The Newfoundland Association of Social Workers, P.O. Box 5244, St. John's, Nfld. A1C 5W1, has produced a Social Policy on Wife Battering, calling for, among other things, an orientation of social workers toward the issue of wife battering within the areas of counselling, education, services, the police function, and legislative reform. In closing, the report states, "The struggle against wife battering must be part of the struggle against male dominance and all legal vestiges of that dominance. The N.A.S.W. therefore supports all changes toward the full equality of women and men in all aspects of life."

The Canadian Association of Social Workers is also producing a position paper on battering.

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Approach associations of social workers in your area about their position on this issue. If they don't have one, urge them to take a stand!

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**Family Violence**

NATIONAL CLEARING HOUSE ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

This has been set up by Health and Welfare Canada and is headed by Susan Lee Painter. It will provide information and resource materials.

Write to them at: Social Services Division  
Brooke Claxton Building  
Tunney's Pasture  
Ottawa, Ont. K1A 1B5  
(613) 995-1050

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and let them know your needs. If you have a committee on services for assaulted women, ask to be on the mailing list for RESPONSE - a newsletter on family violence.

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ATTENTION

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 "VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN" Brochures were left on display at the NAC Annual General Meeting. Proceeds money is in the NAC office.  
 Would the rightful group please notify us at the NAC office.  
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Planned Parenthood Nfld./Labrador has won \$500.00 in damages in its defamation suit against Vera Fedorik, former executive director of the national organization Alliance for Life. This is the first case initiated by Planned Parenthood against an anti-choice spokesperson. We hope that this decision will make anti-choice people more circumspect in their statements. Court costs of between \$12,000.00 - \$15,000.00 are anticipated.

In the summer of 1980 Planned Parenthood issued a writ against Vera Fedorik and the St. John's Right to Life Association asking for a public apology and a retraction of statements made about Planned Parenthood Nfld./Labrador in the spring of 1980. Supreme Court Judge Noel in his judgement dated April 1982 said that the things which Vera Fedorik said in the magazine Atlantic Insight and on an open line show implied that Planned Parenthood provided sex education films for teenagers that were pornographic and that we presented sex education in such a way as to cause a steep rise in the illegitimacy and abortion rate for teenagers and these words were found to be false and defamatory; that is the words would tend to lower Planned Parenthood in the estimation of right thinking members of society or to expose it to hatred, contempt or ridicule.

Ms Fedorik was employed under a grant from the Grey Nuns to Valade Vitae Services to organize and coordinate the activities of anti-choice organizations in Nfld. But as she was neither an executive member nor an employee of the St. John's Right to Life Association, the judge said she did not speak for the Right to Life Asso. The case against the St. John's Right to life Asso. was dismissed with us paying five days of their court costs.

A copy of the decision is available from Planned Parenthood Nfld./Labrador, 203 Merrymeeting Rd., St. John's, Nfld. A1C 2W6. Please include \$1.00 for postage & handling. Also, any and all donations to help defray costs are appreciated. Please get together and raise some money or make an individual contribution. We need tangible (ie. financial) support. Thank you.

At a recent conference in Solidarity with the Liberation Struggles of the Peoples of Southern Africa, it was stated that the white minority South African regime has intensified its repression of the black majority within and close to its boundaries.

Women's groups and organizations should:

1. Seek to establish closer contacts with the ANC and SWAPO Women's Section recognizing that the oppression of women is an integral issue to be addressed in our solidarity work.
2. Promote and sponsor cross-Canada tours of women speakers from ANC and SWAPO.
3. Promote the celebration of August 9 as the Day of Solidarity with the Women of South Africa and December 10th as the Day of Solidarity with Namibia in accordance with the U.N. General Assembly Declaration.
4. On March 8, International Women's Day, include solidarity with ANC and SWAPO women.
5. Organize material aid campaigns for the special needs of South African and Namibian refugee women and children.
6. Demand the release of all women political prisoners in Namibia South Africa.
7. Organize to provide aid for the families of all political prisoners and detainees.

For information on how to do this contact:

African National Congress of South Africa (ANC)  
P.O./C.P. 2641, Station 'D'.  
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5W7

# Publications

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**INEQUALITY AT WORK** - a handy, readable, very useful educational booklet on male-female inequality in employment, providing basic facts on labour force participation, wages, occupations of women.

Available from: Social Planning Council of Metropolitan Toronto, 185 Bloor Street East, 3rd Floor, Toronto, M4W 3J3. Orders to be prepaid.

Price: 1 - 9 copies: \$2.00 each    10 - 49 copies: \$1.75 each  
           50 - 99 "    1.50 "    100 - 999 "    1.25 "  
           1,000 plus    1.00 "

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**MAKING CHANGES: Employment Orientation for Immigrant Women:** students' book and accompanying teachers' guide is designed to facilitate students' access to the Canadian job market.

Available from: Cross-Cultural Communication Centre, 1991 Dufferin St., Toronto M6E 3P9. Price: \$7.00 - student's book, \$8.00 for teacher's guide.

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**FIREWEED - Feminist Quarterly** - publishing "work that's too political, too outraged, too outrageous, too theoretical, too personal to fit into mainstream media." Available: P.O. Box 279, Station B, Toronto M5T 2W2.

Price: Institutional- \$15.00; Personal: \$10.00; Out of country - \$12.00.

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**REPORT ON VIOLENCE IN THE FAMILY: WIFE BATTERING** - House of Commons Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs, May, 1982.

Available from: Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada, Hull, Quebec. K1A 0S9

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**SOMEBODY HAS TO DO IT: WHOSE WORK IS HOUSEWORK?** by Penney Kome (McClelland & Stewart, \$9.95) Examines homemaking as an occupation & discusses how responsibility for housework affects every other career choice a woman makes. Learn how society can change to improve the homemaking occupation, and how homemakers can help themselves & each other through collective action.

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**"A NEW IMAGE FOR SEXUAL OFFENCES IN THE CRIMINAL CODE"** 42 pages, \$5.00/copy  
 French & English

A Brief in Response to Bill C-53

Available from: National Association of Women and the Law  
 P.O. Box 197, Station B, Ottawa K1P 6C4 (613) 238-1544

or from: Monique Charlebois,  
 1500 de Maisonneuve West, Montreal, Que. H3G 1N1 (514) 931-9221

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**Canadian Film Digest: 1982 YEARBOOK, \$15.00**

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**Breaking the Silence** - a newsletter on feminism in social welfare, research action, policy and practice.

Project of the Feminist Caucus of the Carleton School of Social Work,  
 Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, K1S 5B6

Aims: To raise the level of women's awareness of social welfare issues, and  
 To promote & strengthen a feminist perspective among those working in  
 the field of social welfare.

Donations gratefully accepted. Write - address above, attention Sherry Galey.

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## \*\*\* Happenings \*\*\*

CONFERENCE: 'WOMEN & MILITARISM'

June 30 - July 4, 1982 (Ontario)

Participants will explore the connections between sexism and militarism, violence against women, patriarchal thinking and feminism & non-violence.

\$135 - incl. accommodation & meals  
Grindstone Island Centre  
P.O. Box 564, Station P,  
Toronto M5S 2T1 (416) 923-4215

CONFERENCE: SOCIAL POLICY IN CANADA:  
DESTRUCTION OR REBIRTH

30th biennial Conf. on Social Development

June 21-23, 1982 Montreal

Program will address these issues:

Housing, Health, Social Services,  
Income Security, Citizen Involvement  
and Social Planning.

Info: Lyse Teasdale (613) 728-1865  
Canadian Council on Social  
Development, 55 Parkdale Ave.  
Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 4G5

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WRITING GUILD11th IWWG CONFERENCE AND RETREATAugust 13-20, 1982 New York  
(week-end, 5-day or 7-day options)Theme: "HOPE, COURAGE, INSPIRATION  
AND CREATIVITY"Info: IWWG, Box 810, Gracie Station,  
N.Y. 10028

## Retreat Location:

Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs,  
N.Y. 12866

*Elizabeth Fry Society*  
*of Toronto*  
**30th**  
**Anniversary**  
**Est. 1952**

30th Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 16, 1982

7:30 p.m.

60 Lowther Ave. Toronto

Guest Speaker:

Archbishop Edward W. Scott

OPEN HOUSE: Tues. June 15  
3:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
215 Wellesley St.E. Toronto

PRAIRIE WOMEN IN THE 80's

Women &amp; Education Summer Institute 1982

July 5 - August 14, Univ. of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon"A Celebration of Women Achievements  
in the Arts"

Info: WESI Coordinator, Room 3087  
College of Education,  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0  
(343-5327)

2nd CANADIAN CONFERENCE ON DAY CARE

Winnipeg, Man. Sept. 23 - 25, 1982

Sponsors: Can. Council on Social  
Development & Health & Welfare Can.

Info: Lyse Teasdale, Conference Coord.  
Can. Council on Social Dev.  
55 Parkdale Ave.  
P.O. Box 3505, Station C  
Ottawa K1Y 4G1 (613) 728-1865

WOMEN AND PENSIONS CONFERENCEUNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA  
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FOR INFO PHONE: SANDY SUSUT  
(403) 432-3093

Vancouver Folk Music Festival

June 16, 17, 18/82  
Jericho Beach Park

Entertainers include Meg Christian,  
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Holly Near, Betsy Rose & Cathy Winter,  
Claudia Schmidt, Cris Williamson - who  
do great feminist music that's ener-  
gizing & enjoyable. Highly recommended!

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Info &amp; Tickets:

Vancouver Folk Music Festival  
3271 Main St. Vancouver V5V 3M6  
879-2931



# Sun Day '82



June 21st, 1982

A cross-Canada series of events in support of renewable energy and energy conservation.

Info: Sun Day '82 National Working Group  
Box 3382, Station D  
Ottawa, Ont. K1P 6H3

Endorsements requested. Please clip & send to address above:

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Our organization fully endorses the purposes and principles of Sun Day '82.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

## PENSION REFORM FOR WOMEN

SEMINAR: Sat. June 12, 1982  
Univ. of Alberta - Edmonton.  
Women's Program, in coop. with  
Alberta Status of Women Action  
Cttee.- Catholic Women's League,  
Options for Women & NAC.

Fee: \$15 (\$8 pensioners/students)  
Faculty of Extension, Univ. of Alta.  
82 Avenue & 112 Street  
Edmonton, Alta. T6G 2G4 (432-3093)

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\* POT LUCK DINNER \*  
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Speaker: Shirley Davy  
Topic: "How I Perceive the  
Current State of the Women's  
Movement"

Centre for Christian Studies  
Thurs. June 24, 6:00 p.m.

### TORONTO:

Women's Inter-Church Council 922-6177  
United Church of Canada 925-5931  
Anglican Church of Canada 924-9192  
Canadian Council of Churches 921-4152

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## FILMS

### INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

International Development Education Resources  
Association, 2524 Cypress St. Vancouver, B.C.  
(604) 738-8815 V6J 3N2

#### Documentary films:

- "South Africa Belongs to Us"
- "You Have Struck a Rock"
- "Women in Arms"

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#### New Film: "The Workplace Hustle"

Sexual harassment of working women.  
Ed Asner - spokesperson.  
Lin Farley featured - expert in the field & author of compelling book - Sexual Shakedown.

## AMES

Association de las Mujeres  
de el Salvador  
(Salvadorean Women's Asso.)

- to provide an org. through which women can participate in liberation struggle
- to provide women with an org. which will fight for rights of women

B.C.-El Salvador Women's Support Group is raising funds for AMES projects - planning a cross-Canada tour of an AMES representative.

Donations welcomed. Info. re tour schedule:

B.C. - El Salvador Womens Support Group, c/o 400A West 5th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6Y 1J8



# NAC TRUST

## The NAC Charitable & Educational Trust

Among the projects funded by the NAC TRUST have been pension conferences in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The Trust contributed to the cost of NAC's Pension Kits (still available from the office for \$6.00)

The NAC TRUST also funded a slide-tape show describing the lives of native women in New Brunswick. This was produced by Shirley Bear and will be available to buy or rent from the National office. Another film about NAC's activities is at present being made by filmmaker Sylvia Spring.

Donations to the Trust are always welcome & are Tax Deductible!!

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## What is happening to women in Canada?

### Où en sont les Canadiennes?

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