

# FEMINIST SYMPOSIUM FEMINISTE

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FROM: THE COMMITTEE FOR THE FEMINIST SYMPOSIUM

In the interest of furthering the discussion on the Question of Women, their rights and their relationships to the social and political spheres of life, a group of Montreal women has been organizing the city's first national conference on women, The Feminist Symposium.

Since we began to invite women from across Canada and the United States, the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Women, individually and in groups, have signalled their intention of coming; women from Toronto, Vancouver, the New York and Boston areas have registered with us.

On opening night, we plan to tribute Montreal women, who have made a personal contribution to the life of the community.

Our key-note speaker, Ms. Selma James, will address herself to the topic of "Revolutionary Feminism and the Kitchen" on opening night, Friday, June 1st, in Room 132 of the Leacock Building, McGill University. Ms. James is a long-time fighter for human rights. Born and raised in Brooklyn, she first spoke out on the question of women in 1949. In 1952, from her experience as housewife and factory worker, came her essay, Woman's Place, now republished because of its relevance. In 1970 at the founding conference of Britain's national women's movement, her views developed over years of thought and experience, immediately made her a leader. She is now internationally recognized as one of the most articulate spokeswomen of the women's movement.

Panels will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 2nd and 3rd, in the Bronfman Building, McGill University. The topics will range from "Woman in the First Person" to "Law and Human Rights". Workshops will follow the panels.

There will be simultaneous translation into French.

The conference chairwoman will be Anne Cools, Montreal Community Organizer.

There will be an art display.

Men are welcome.

Free child care facilities will be provided throughout.

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