

# BULLETIN

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NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
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In order to strengthen the communications link between member organizations and subscribers, the National Action Committee will be issuing ten Bulletins in the coming year. These will be in addition to five issues of STATUS OF WOMEN NEWS and will report current events, International Women's Year projects and activities and suggest areas for action on the implementation of recommendations of the 1970 Royal Commission on the Status of Women. Readers are urged to place the NAC Bulletin on their mailing and press lists in order that we may be kept up to date on your activities and special projects for 1975. The Address is NAC Bulletin, 121 Avenue Road, Toronto M5R 2G3.

## The Provinces

The Manitoba Action Committee with the help of Secretary of State funding, hired three students for a summer project called Outreach Manitoba. The main idea of this project was to travel to rural Manitoba to inform people about the Manitoba Action Committee on the Status of Women and its objectives.

The areas of interest ranged from equal pay for equal work to concerns about the rights for disabled women. One topic that came up constantly in the farming areas, was that of Mrs. Murdoch and the position of the woman on the farm. Women and men who farmed both expressed indignation and surprise at the Supreme Court ruling.

The total number of women that we talked to and/or gave pamphlets to was approximately eight hundred. The corresponding number of men was three hundred and fifty. In general the response we got was good. People that we met were interested and concerned about the Status of Women.

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### VANCOUVER STATUS OF WOMEN "WOMAN ALIVE" - IN COLOUR!

Our weekly television programme is now well into its second series. Topics have been Prostitution, Men in the Women's Movement, Abortion, Women in Suburban Areas, Rape, and Dr. Henry Morgentaler.

If you are interested in working on any future programmes or have ideas, please call Glinda Sutherland at 736-3746.

KINESIS, VSW Newspaper.

## Federal Council

The full Executive Committee met with Hon. Marc Lalonde for the first time in November. Requesting (again) that immediate action be taken toward

creation of a Human Rights Commission, the Executive asked particularly that the ACSW be able to make representation to the parliamentary committee considering the legislation when it has been tabled in the House. The Executive noted that it continues to be impressed with the fact that M. Lalonde is an excellent Minister.

### LANDMARK MEETING

The provincial chairpersons from the Ontario and Quebec councils met with Katie Cooke, chairperson of ACSW, 29 November, consulting the Saskatchewan chairperson by telephone, to set the agenda for the first joint meeting of Status of Women Councils. Such matters as CPP changes, manpower training schemes, day care, marital property rights will come under consideration. If any new provincial councils are officially set up before the meeting, they will be invited. The meeting will be held 30 January in Toronto.

### PVI

Le bill Omnibus est encore en premiere lecture devant la Chambre.

Le bill du plan des pensions du Canada (C-22) a ete sanctionne.

Mary Pearson, CCSF chercheuse-auxiliaire, travaille actuellement a la recherche de base au sujet de la planification familiale et du controle des naissances.



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From the IWY SECRETARIAT NEWSLETTER  
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As mentioned in previous Newsletters, funds will be available for projects relating to International Women's Year. The IWY Secretariat is not in itself a funding agency; as an

information centre we will make sure that you get the information you need to help you with your requests for funds. But keep in mind that the supply of funds available is definitely limited. It will not be possible for federal departments to fund each and every project, no matter how worthy. There are many ideas that can be carried out inexpensively, or at no cost. Before applying for funds, consider the many projects that you may be able to carry out using your own resources. Provided all the regular criteria are met, projects whose effect on the status of women will continue after International Women's Year will have the greatest chance of success.

To receive this Newsletter, write to: IWY Secretariat, Privy Council Office Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A3.

**NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**

We have two possible projects for IWY which we in Yellowknife are working on:

1. Involves sending two women on a tour of NWT settlements a. to give information re women (law, jobs, education, etc.) and support to any efforts they are making; b. fact-finding feedback on future needs.
2. Send two women or two groups of two on tour of north from other northern countries- Lapland, Siberia, etc.  
(They might be combined.)

Terry Padgham

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**Calendar**

The Second Annual Conference on Canadian Women and the Law will be held at the University of Manitoba, January 30 to February 2, 1975. Contact Reeva Tessler, Faculty of Law, Robson Hall, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg R3T 2N2.

The second annual Montreal National Lesbian Conference will take place January, 1975.

As last year, we will be having workshops and discussion. We will also provide entertainment with one lesbian feminist band and one folk rock group. Films and video tapes will be available for continuous showing, so you can attend workshops and not miss anything.

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and Referral Centre,  
3595 St. Urbain Street,  
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"Human Dignity and the Experience of Woman" is the theme for a film festival and a lecture series being held in Kingston at Queen's University January 10 to 15, 1975. Juliet Mitchell, Doris Anderson, and Elizabeth Hardwick are the lecturers. For further information contact Brenda Zanin at (613) 547-2880.

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