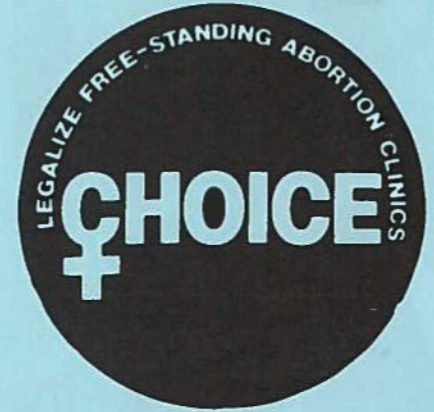


MARCHING FOR WOMEN'S LIVES!



The Supreme Court is deliberating the jury acquittals of Dr.'s Morgentaler, Scott and Smoling. This is the time for every supporter of women's rights to take a public pro-choice stand. Now, more than ever, it is crucial that we take to the streets and **March for Women's Lives**.

Join us in support of a woman's right to choose. Stand up and be counted. We must send a clear message to the government and the courts that we demand:

FULL ACCESS TO FREE ABORTION

- Repeal the federal abortion law
- Legalize free standing clinics providing medically insured abortions
- Drop the charges against the doctors
- End harassment of clinic patients and staff

RALLY FOR ABORTION RIGHTS

Sunday, 1 p.m., October 18, 1987
District Court, 361 University Ave. (at Dundas)

MARCH TO THE MORGENTALER CLINIC

For further information and to send donations, please contact:

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The Struggle for Choice Intensifies . . .

For years the labour movement has supported the fight for women's right to choice on abortion. Now we face a critical stage in the struggle for reproductive rights. Women across Canada and Quebec are facing declining quality of services and access to abortions as therapeutic abortion committees cease functioning, doctors refuse to do procedures and governments further restrict limited services through cut-backs. In the face of this, the Supreme Court of Canada is deliberating on whether or not to uphold the jury acquittals of Dr.'s Morgentaler, Scott and Smoling for providing much needed abortion services in free standing clinics. It is critical that we stand united and clearly demand that the jury acquittal be upheld and the federal abortion law be repealed.

The Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics (OCAC) has, since 1982, been working to build a visible, broad based pro-choice movement to repeal the federal abortion law and legalize free standing community health clinics providing medically insured abortion services. The struggle for reproductive choice, like other labour struggles, is about control. Under the existing abortion law, women are denied the right to control our bodies on the basis of our class, race, language, age and proximity to urban centres. For working women, the ability to determine if and when to have a child is as important as the right to equal pay, job training, universal day care, first contract, right to strike and collective bargaining.

The National Citizens Coalition, in backing Merv Leveigne's case, would prevent unions from supporting many issues. This threat to unions' freedom of action goes beyond particular issues — clearly, abortion is simply the front line of their attacks. Unionists must not be silenced by this type of pressure. **You know how expensive it is to fight in the courts and organize campaigns. We need your help to continue to respond forcefully and press forward to end this unjust law. Please make a donation, whatever you can manage, to OCAC.**

Secondly, we would like your support in building the demonstration, "Marching for Women's Lives." In co-operation with the Quebec Coalition (a l'avortment libre et gratuit), OCAC is organizing the October 18th action as part of the bi-national day of action. The Quebec Coalition has financial support and endorsement from the Quebec Teachers Federation, Quebec Federation of Labour and the Confederation of National Trade Unionists and over 500 other member groups and individuals. We believe it is important for Ontario to also clearly show trade union support for women's reproductive rights.

What can your local do?

- send a donation to OCAC to help organize the demonstration
- endorse the demonstration, "Marching for Women's Lives"
- bring a delegation from your union local or women's committee
- invite an OCAC member to speak at your union meeting
- delegate a member of your committee/local to attend OCAC meetings.

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