

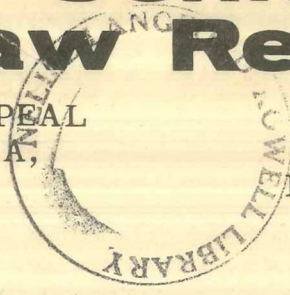
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# Cross Canada Conference for Abortion Law Repeal

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Dear Friends:

The January 22 decision of the U. S. Supreme Court which overturned restrictive abortion laws in 46 states and made abortion a private matter marked a significant victory for women around the world. However in Canada women still face archaic laws which cause untold anguish and suffering.

In the Gallup Poll held in Canada in January, 61 per cent agreed that abortion should be a matter between a woman and her doctor. This new evidence of support for taking abortion out of the Criminal Code, coupled with the victory in the United States, makes it the clear responsibility of the Canadian government to take action to repeal all sections of the Criminal Code dealing with abortion.

Yet on January 23, the day following the U. S. Supreme Court decision, Justice Minister Otto Lang said that the government saw no need for even a debate on the abortion laws. This situation cannot be allowed to continue.

On March 16-18 the Canadian Women's Coalition to Repeal the Abortion Laws is sponsoring a second Cross-Canada Conference for abortion law repeal in Toronto. The conference will provide an opportunity for women from Victoria to Halifax to meet together to launch a new offensive against the present restrictive abortion laws. Women of all ages, occupations and backgrounds and representatives from a wide range of organizations will attend.

Those of us who support the justice of this goal cannot stand aside or remain silent. Together we must do what we can to ensure that abortion law repeal will take place.

We are appealing to you to help build this conference. Publicity and transportation costs alone will amount to several thousand dollars. It is essential that as many women from as many different areas of Canada as possible attend this important gathering. In this situation your help is needed. Please give as generously as possible toward this conference. (Cheques can be made payable to the Canadian Women's Coalition.)

Yours for repeal of the abortion laws,

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