

CRITICAL ACTIONS.....PLEASE READ AND SUPPORT THEM BY JOINING WITH US

ABORTION CAVALCADE      MAY 9th - 10th, OTTAWA-BOUND, NATIONAL ACTION BY WOMEN

The Women's Caucus of Vancouver has started a campaign to repeal the Canadian laws on abortion. With concerted, national action, Canadian women will have Section 237 of the Criminal Code of Canada repealed, making abortion strictly a decision between "a woman" and "a doctor".

A steering committee has been formed in Toronto to co-ordinate the action by informing women, getting the support of women, getting women to Ottawa for the weekend of May 9- 10, when there will be a national confrontation with members of the federal legislature. Women's Liberation in Toronto is the liaison group with Vancouver and they have already done a great deal of work towards the action. Representation on the steering committee is open to all committed groups and, so far, there are six of these - individual groups will also push the campaign in their own way.

Briefly, the Vancouver cavalcade will gather support through the prairies, pass through Toronto and then proceed to Ottawa. A hearse and coffin will lead the vehicles (symbolic of those Canadian women who die violently and unjustifiably from illegal abortions). Another cavalcade will come from the east - both will link up in Ottawa for the weekend of May 9 - 10.

WE ARE DEMANDING THAT THE CANADIAN ABORTION LAWS BE REPEALED  
WE ARE DEMANDING THE RIGHT TO FREE ABORTIONS ON DEMAND

- + an abortion, under proper medical conditions, is safer than a tonsillectomy, yet abortions are available only under rigidly controlled, "safe" medical conditions, OR illegally undertaken, very often, "unsafe" medical conditions.
- + the Humanist Society of Canada has estimated that only 1% of Canadian women who WANT an abortion are able to get one under the present, restrictive legal qualifications surrounding a request.

WILL YOU HELP YOUR CANADIAN SISTERS?

WILL YOU MAKE A STAND FOR WOMEN AND COME TO OTTAWA?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Abortion is a crime only because of parliamentary legislation. Change the legislation and all women will have a free choice. Most of us, at some time or another have thought of abortion for ourselves or for our female relatives or friends - we must now think of abortion in terms of 51% of the population of Canada..... IT MUST BE A FREE, UNRESTRICTIVE CHOICE FOR EACH AND EVERY WOMAN TO HAVE, OR NOT HAVE, AN ABORTION!

INTRODUCING...."SEX" to the Ontario Human Rights Code

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This Bill has been introduced as a Private Member's Bill by the N.D.P. member for Oshawa-Whitby, Clifford Pilkey. The second reading will come up in the near future (only the 'good lord' and certain N.D.P.'ers know when) but, as it has not been publicized and little support has been gathered, it seems certain that it will be dropped at the second reading UNLESS WOMEN ACT TO SUPPORT IT. Women of the U.A.W. Local 222, Oshawa, N.D.P. Women's Liberation members and New Feminist members, met with Clifford Pilkey to inform him that they are 'for' the bill, that they will push it - they have called for A RALLY AT QUEEN'S PARK, TUESDAY APRIL 28, 5.30:8.00 p.m. The House will be sitting that night.....a mass rally is on!

Women know they are discriminated against but it is presently legally impossible for them to justify their charges on the basis of "sex discrimination". With a human rights code which carries "sex" along with "age" or "religion" as a sound basis for complaint, then one can rightly call the Ontario Human Rights Code applicable to the community - and not before then!

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WHAT IDEAS DO YOU HAVE ????