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EDITORIAL

Cardinal's disavowal doesn't meet problem

Emmett Cardinal Carter's move to dissociate the Catholic Church from the anti-choice, anti-abortion pressure group Campaign Life (Pro-Lifers Bitter Over Carter on Militant Group — April 30) is laudable but deserves closer scrutiny.

While distancing his Archdiocese from one anti-abortion organization, Cardinal Carter continues to share the objectives of that organization and all other anti-choice groups. He has stated that he will "constantly strive to seek legislation (to eliminate legal abortion) via the Criminal Code or any other avenue."

Canada is a pluralistic society. There are many religions and many views on abortion; it is unacceptable for one religious group to enshrine its dogma in law. Pro-choice individuals and groups do not seek to impose one morality on all Canadians. No matter how their strategies may differ, anti-choice individuals and anti-choice groups such as the Catholic Church are determined to do just that.

These so-called "pro-life" groups attempting to eliminate access to safe, legal abortion would ensure the return of unsafe, illegal abortion and unwilling motherhood, along with all the misery and human suffering these entail. Contrary to the message delivered by Cardinal Carter, we are all pro-life and pro-love. A society that allows safe, legal abortion for those who choose it is a humane society demonstrating its

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concern for the woman, the family and the community as a whole.

Karen Hammond President Canadian Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL) Toronto

> Recently Cardinal Carter refused permission to use the parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto to disseminate literature which purported to instruct people how to vote, what parties to support, etc. However in a "clarifying statement" (see page 4) printed in the Globe and Mail, he states that "this did not and does not constitute "breaking ties" or "condemning" any pro-life group" and he "will constantly strive to seek legislation ...to protect human life from the beginning".

More recently, Archbishop John MacNeil of Edmonton, not satisfied with the position of Emmet Cardinal Carter on the constitution, has been lobbying the Prime Minister to include "protection of the unborn" in the Charter of Rights.

The question is, should a charitable organization such as the Catholic Church be lobbying politicians to en shrine Church dogma in law... or in the Charter of Rights? We believe that there must be a separation of Church and State. The Italian people recognize this. Do Canadians?

Dear CARAL:

I am a fairly new member of CARAL, so this was the first election in which I phoned and wrote to candidates. The responses I got from the candidates were surprising and frightening.

Each candidate assumed I was anti-abortion , obviously because those are the only people who ever bother to call or write about the issue. For example, although the NDP candidate in my riding was prochoice and believed the woman and her doctor should make the decision. I first had to listen to three minutes of assurances that the candidate was pro-life didn't want abortion used as a form of birth control, did not want women refusing to use contraception because it was too easy to get an abortion, etc., etc.

The Liberal candidate told the same story. He was personally "totally opposed to abortion". This was stated 3 different ways. Then he said that, however, he did not believe OHIP funding of abortion should cease because dangerous back-room abortions would return. He quickly followed that by saying again, he was opposed to abortion.

All candidates had only a feeble response when I told them I was pro-choice.

It became obvious to me that

these people were so used to hearing from anti-abortionists that they assumed anyone who asked about the matter was anti-abortion. The right-tolifers have laid down a very solid base in this province (Ont.). If people who are pro-choice do not write and phone, as you urge us to do, the politicians will soon believe, because they hear it so often, that the right-tolifers speak for all of us. We must stop this from happening.

I assure you I will be writing and phoning frequently from now on, and I urge all CARAL members to do the same.

Joanna Fairhart Houlden

Letter from pensioner with donation for our new office and executive director.....

As I am a pensioner, I can not always see my way to pledging the regular amount. However having been a nurse in the late 1930's and having seen the awful results from back street abortionists, I am very much in favour of legal abortions. I will support this cause whenever I can.

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CARDINAL CARTER ISSUES CLARIFYING STATEMENT

In view of the distortion and misrepresentation of my position concerning aspects of the proposed Canadian Charter of Rights, I wish to make the following statement for purposes of clarification.

1) At no time have I "approved" "endorsed" or otherwise offered support to this, Charter. At the request of the President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Joseph N. MacNeil of Edmonton, I made representation to the Prime Minister on the Church's position re: Catholic education, native rights and the protection of the unborn child. Subsequently I expressed myself as satisfied with the assurances I received on the first two subjects but dissatisfied with the Charter's failure to protect human life from the beginning. My request for an amendment to Sections 15 or 7 was not met. I continue to regret that omission and will constantly strive to seek legislation to that end via the criminal code or any other avenue. I was assured that the Charter at least did not worsen the present position and did not open the door to abortion on demand, etc. The reputable firm of lawyers consulted by the CCCB upheld that contention. While other respectable views are on record I could not honestly state that there was in my view a clear religious or moral opposition between the Church and the Charter.

This, in effect, has been the position of the Catholic Bishops through all contemporary Canadian problems. We have deliberately avoided taking sides in political debate or advising our people how to vote or what parties to support. Ours is the right and the duty to point out the issues in terms of gospel principles and Christian practice, not to enter the political arena. This position is strictly in conformity with the directives given by Pope John Paul II at Puebla and in Brazil where political activism would be much more easily defended than in a country like Canada where we have a reasonably democratic process.

- 2) It was with this in mind that I refused permission to use the parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto to disseminate literature which purported to instruct people how to vote, what parties to support, etc. Our Churches may not be used to these ends nor in this manner and the prohibition remains firmly in place. This did not and does not constitute "breaking ties" or "condemning" any pro-life group. It is a disciplinary measure which applies to any group which might seek a similar permission and this measure is restricted to the territory under my jurisdiction, i.e. Toronto.
- 3) It is my firm hope, and I plan to work towards that goal, that all pro-life groups will cooperate in harmony and also with charity and serenity. Ours is a gospel of love and we contradict ourselves when we hate and vilify those who do not share our views. We are pro-life and pro-love. We are not against anybody.

G. Emmett Cardinal Carter

Archbishop of Toronto

April 29/81

This ad recently appeared in the Toronto Globe and Mail.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE

FORM LETTERS

Politicians are always complaining that they don't hear enough from us. Let's make sure that Parliament hears the voice of the majority for a change.

Do your part for freedom of choice and send the enclosed form letter - or use it as a guide to write your own letter.

This issue's letter goes to the Prime Minister. You can copy it and send it to your M.P. as well. Just add; cc._____M.P. at the bottom of the letter. Send copies to the Minister of Health, The Hon. Monique Bégin, the Minister of Justice, the Hon. Jean Chrétien and to the Minister of Revenue, the Hon. Wm. Rompkey.

Remember, you do not need a stamp on any letter you send to a Federal Member of Parliament !!

Copy the letter and give it to friends and family to sign and send as well.

If you wish a reply remember to put your return address on the letter.

Don't forget every letter <u>counts</u> so.....

Keep On Mailing !!

AGM REPORT

CARAL'S 1981 annual meeting on April 4th was, as is usual, a success in terms of content and somewhat less than successful in terms of attendance. Approximately 70 people turned out at Hart House, University of Toronto to hear our speakers for the day as well as reports from our chapters across the country on the current situation in their areas.

Clayton Ruby, a Toronto civil rights lawyer and CARAL Honourary Director gave us his opinions on recent court decisions involving the abortion issue. He also spoke about the proposed Charter of Rights in the new constitution. Clay's opinion is we shouldn't worry unduly that the wording of the Charter might open the way for new judgements by the courts which could erode a woman's right to choose. He believes the courts do not want to deal with this issue and because they want the abortion law to remain in the hands of Parliament, they will do nothing that would change the current legislation.

Carolyn Egan, a Toronto birthcontrol counsellor and a member of the Toronto International Women's Day Committee, kindly agreed at the last minute to speak to us. Margaret Mitchell (NDP, MP - Vancouver East), our scheduled speaker, was unable to attend. Carolyn spoke about the rise of right-wing organizations and the threat they present to choice on abortion.

Both speakers gave excellent talks and remained to answer questions from the audience. They were very informative and we thank them both for agreeing to speak.

In our morning session, we heard chapter reports from Rita Anderson of Newfoundland. who told us the situation there is particularly bleak with only one doctor in the entire province performing abortions one morning per week; from John Baglow of Ottawa, Kathleen Martindale of Toronto, Nancy Harper of Hamilton, Vivien Batke of Kitchener-Waterloo, and Bill Ratcliffe of London. Reports from the Victoria and Halifax Chapters were read to us because their representatives were unable to attend this year.

Dr. Henry Morgentaler reported to us on the current situation in Quebec. We were happy to hear that his clinic in Montreal is running smoothly. It is continuing to receive women from all over Quebec, Ontario and the Atlantic provinces. Since the annual meeting, the Parti Québecois has been re-elected with a majority government, so Henry should have no problems continuing to operate as usual.

The following people were elected to CARAL's Board of Directors at the meeting:

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

John Baglow, Ottawa Bev Baker, Toronto Vivien Batke, Waterloo, Ont. Nicki Bergen, Vancouver Cathie Daw, Mississauga, Ont. John Glenn, Brantford, Ont. Karen Hammond, Toronto - Pres. Nancy Harper, Burlington, Ont. Helen Kiperchuk, Montreal Merike Madisso, Toronto - Treas Ruth Miller, Toronto - V.P. Bill Ratcliffe, London, Ont. Norma Scarborough, Toronto -Sec Betty Smith, Halifax, N.S. Shirley Yamada, Toronto

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Across 4---- > Canada

In a meeting recently with Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament, a delegation from the National Council of Jewish Women reiterated its strong prochoice position on abortion. The delegation told the MPs that abortion is a personal matter and should be left to the conscience of the individual woman. No group has the right to impose its moral code or standards on the rest of society. The women told the MPs that abortion should be removed from the Criminal Code.

Despite a proposal that the YWCA weaken its pro-choice position, delegates to the National Convention in May of this year voted to continue to support the long-standing freedom of choice position on abortion. We salute the women of the YWCA.

The anti-choice movement is threatening the rights and freedoms of Canadian women from British Columbia to Newfoundland. According to a 1979 Gallup Poll, 84% of Canadians either supported freedom of choice or the current legislation. Only 5% were hard-line anti-choice. Yet these few, through a highly organized and well-financed campaign, have managed to influence politicians at all levels of government. We have only to look to the United States to see what is in store for us here unless we become as vocal and as determined as the "meddle-in-your-lifers".

St. John's, Newfoundland

It is now virtually impossible to obtain an abortion in Newfoundland. A year ago, three doctors were performing terminations. Today, there is only one. Approved applications for terminations have been cut by approximately 75%, so that at the present, only 3 - 4 applications are approved each week. Since the waiting list is 6 - 7 weeks long and regulations here do not allow abortions after the 12th week, many women cannot even get a referral in time. MCP (the provincial medicare program) regulations have also been modified to rule out payments to women using clinics on the mainland. Travel costs have never been covered, even for journeys within the province

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Halifax and Dartmouth anti-choic Mayors declared Valentine's Day as anti-choice day. They both refused to consider pro-choice tag days. More and more women are being forced to rely on the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax for abortion services

The Abortion Information and Referral Service established by CARAL/Halifax and another prochoice group is alive and well. The service is staffed by volunteers,3 days a week and averages 4-5 calls a day. These calls are coming from across the

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province and other Atlantic provinces. The service provides information on procedures, all options to pregnancy, and referrals to area doctors.

Do you have any news??? if so please send to CARAL Newsletter - everyone would like to know what is happening across Canada.

CARAL GETS NEW OFFICE

As you are aware, CARAL National has been searching for a new office. Well, we were successful in our search. On May 31 we moved into our new premises at 40 St. Clair Ave. E., Suite 310. We are organizing our files and material. We have plans to hire a part-time executive director to enable us to expand our activities.

We sincerely thank all of you who have contributed so generously to this goal. We will keep you informed as new developments arise.

DID YOU KNOW ??

Legal abortion is one of the safest of surgical procedures - with a death rate in the U.S. of 1.4 per 100,000 procedures, or about 11 times safer than tonsillectomy.

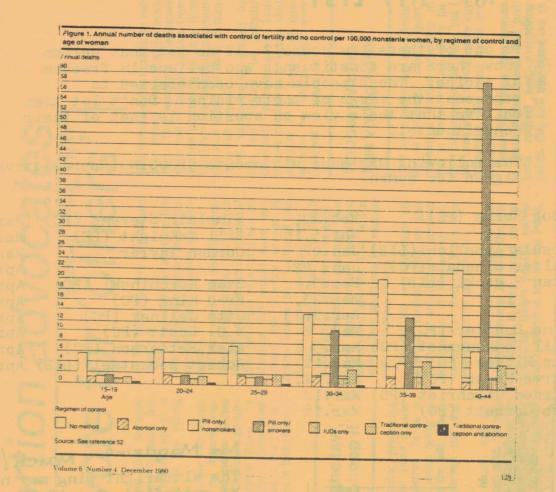
Illegal abortion in developing countries kills as many as 50 - 100 women per 100,000 procedures.

Not only higher death rates but also more complications occur with illegal abortion. Surveys in 5 Latin American countries show that between 20 and 58 percent of women required hospitalization after their last abortion (whether spontaneous or induced).

Hemorrhage, infections, and shock were the most common major complications of illegal abortion.

The cost of illegal abortion in money and other health care resources is high. As much as 50% of some maternity hospital budgets are spent on treatment of abortion complications.

from Population Reports Series F, No. 7, July 1980



The above chart was taken from the International Family Planning Perspectives Volume 6 Number 4 December, 1980. The figures are American but have relevance for Canadians.

You will note that the use of barrier methods of contraception, backed by abortion, has been shown to be the safest of all alternatives - at least with regard to mortality.

MP HIT LIST

Is one of these MPs yours ? If so let that person know there are constituents who believe in freedom of choice. These people have been elected to represent the views of their riding. Don't let them believe that their view on abortion is that of their constituents!!

The following MPs made statements <u>OPPOSING</u> Reproductive Rights for Women:

Doug Roche (PC)

Ursula Appolloni(LIB) Walter Dinsdale(PC) Stan Hudecki (LIB)

Vinc Dantzer (PC) Mar. 2 Bill Vonkoughnet (PC) Mar.3 Gus Mitges (PC) Mar.11 Girve Fretz (PC) Mar.12 Gordon Gilchrist (PC) Mar.12 Bob Corbett (PC) Mar.18

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| Sinclair Stevens (PC) | Mar.19 |
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| Bill McKnight (PC) | Mar.23 |
| Gordon Taylor | Mar.26, |
| | Apr.21 |
| Stan Korchinski (PC) | Apr.2 |
| Fred King (PC) | Apr.3 |
| Otto Jelinek (PC) | Apr.7 |
| W.C. Scott (PC) | Apr.21 |
| Alex Petterson (PC) | Apr.23 |
| Robert Bockstael (LIB) | Apr.23 |
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Good & Bad News!

Dutch adopt abortion bill

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THE HAGUE (Reuter) — The upper house of the Dutch parliament has adopted a bill to legalize abortion, ending more than 10 years of political debate.

Abortions must be carried out in licenced clinics and hospitals and the woman and her doctor are jointly responsible for deciding on the operation.

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The ultraright wing may not be satisfied even if they manage to get a Constitutional ban against abortions. In the November 24, 1980, "National Right to Life News", Burke Balch, past president of a group called National Youth Prolife Coalition, commented that a so-called Human Life Amendment wouldn't work effectively without a network of informers. He suggests that antiabortion forces set up such an informants' network throughout the country to monitor "through the grapevines of community gossip...the performance of surreptitious



Abortion advocates cast vote for 'others'

By MARY McGRORY

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ROME — The way some women in this Catholic country tell it, abortion is a matter too important for a mere man — not even the Pope — to decide.

The women state further that they do not want abortions for themselves, but *per le altre* — for the others.

Many of those interviewed, in an afternoon spent at two polling places, had come straight from Sunday mass to vote no to the repeal of Italy's four-year-old abortion law, The Pope, recovering from an assassination attempt, has been exhorting them for months to vote si

However, in a recorded message Sunday to 30,000 people on St. Peter's Square, the gravely wounded pontiff did not mention the referendum that had already begun.

The political parties which are against repeal — only the Christian Democrats support it were fearful that the sound of the pontiff's voice would sway italian women who might feel quilty at voting against him so soon after his near-martyrdom. But no conversion turned up in a random survey of the voting lines.

"I did not put the two things together," said an urbane, animated 35-year-old mother of two who voted no in Capena, a picturesque town outside Rome. "I agree with the Pope about abortion. I am against it, but I do not want to keep others from having it.

"We have the law, we should keep it"

"I am a believing, practicing Catholic. But the Pope is also against birth control. To be a Catholic doesn't mean being an imbecile. I take the pill. These matters are between me and God."

A woman in black, well beyond child-bearing, said, "If you are religious, you don't have an abortion. But I think if you want one, you should be able to have it. We have the law, we should keep it."

The repeal of the abortion law was one of four issues in the referendum held Sunday and yesterday..

There were two abortion questions on the ballot. The church backed a restrictive proposal that fell short of a total ban on abortion but would have outlawed the practice except in cases where the health of the mother was in "serious danger."

The Radical Party, a small leftist group, sponsored an alternate referendum proposal that would have further liberalized the current abortion law, which allows free abortions for women over 18 in state clinics.

Besides the two questions on abortion, Italians voted on gun control, an anti-terrorist law and elimination of life prison sentences. The Radical Party was also the author of all three:

But abortion was by far the most emotional issue in the referendum. It was forced on the ballot by Italy's pro-life movement, which is led by the Pope, who exhorted the faithful to vote si on almost every possible occasion. The-women's magazines were full of horror stories from women professing to have been butchered by amateur abortionists who would be back in business with repeal.

All campaigning ceased by law last Friday. In Catholic churches, priests gave lastminute reminders to voters that abortion is a matter of conscience on which they were "obliged" to speak out.

Robbery victim has voting habit

"I am against any manifestation of violence," said a quiet, red-haired woman standing in line in Rome. "I am sorry for what happened to the Pope, but I don't see why it should make any difference. We must make our decision."

Behind her was a slim woman in jeans whose house had just been robbed and everything taken. She still had come out to "The Pope is interfering in matters of state," said one of them. "This is a law of our state. Why take it away?"

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girls who are pregnant. It is an algly thing to have an unwanted child at such an age. It is also a rauma to have an abortion at hat age. It is complicated, but I will vote no for the others." One sad-looking older woman vas voting with the Holy Father. 'I am a Catholic, I have four hildren,' she said. "Every time found out I was pregnant, I rried and I said, What can I do?' But I brought them up, and I hink abortion is wrong. My laughter with me here is also oting si. And so are all my chil-ren — even my son who is di-orced." d

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When human life

begins 'unknown' WASHINGTON (AP) - There is no scientific evidence to prove when human life actually begins, a U.S. Senate subcommittee taking testimony on proposed abortion legislation was told yesterday.

"I have no quarrel with anyone's ideas on this matter, so long as they are held out not as scientific truths but as personal beliefs based on personal judgments," Dr. Leon Rosenberg, professor of human genetics at the Yale University School of Medicine, told the Senate judiciary committee's subcommittee on the separation of powers.

"Science, per se, doesn't deal with the complex quality called 'humanness' any more than it does with such equally complex concepts as love, faith or trust," he said.

However, another witness, Dr. Alfred Bongiovanni, professor of pediatrics and obstetrics at the University of Pennsylvania, told the subcommittee: "I have learned since my earliest medical education that human life begins at the time of conception."

Dr. Bongiovanni added: "I submit that human life is present throughout this entire sequence, from conception to adulthood, and that any interruption at any point throughout this time constitutes a termination of human life."

The two testified during the second day of hearings on legislation to redefine life as beginning at conception. The legislation would give an unborn fetus the same constitutional rights as those already born.

Senator John East (R., N.C.) began the hearing by asking that the public "reserve judgment on the nature, quality and extensiveness of these hearings . . . until the final end."

Critics of the hearings have alleged that they are stacked with witnesses who oppose abortion.

Senator East said he believes that by the time extensive hearings on the legislation are completed, the public will conclude that "we did do it fairly, openly, extensively and exhaustivelv."

The prospectively long and brutal battle over the proposal to give fetuses constitutional rights opened Thursday. Six members of a women's liberation group were arrested that first day on charges they disrupted the hearings.

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CARAL welcomes new affiliated organizations; The Kingston Action Committee on the Status of Women, Concerned Citizens for Choice on Abortion in Vancouver (CCCA), Toronto Business and Professional Women's Club, the Calgary Birth Control Association, National Association of Women and the Law, PEI Caucus, Ontario NDP Women's Committee. The CCCA recently held a huge and successful rally and are planning another.

CARAL also welcomes the newly revived Hamilton/Burlington chapter and the newly formed Kingston chapter. Hamilton/Burlington sponsored a successful rally on June 6 in support of the local hospitals which were being picketed by anti-choicers.

DO YOU live in a city or town where there is no CARAL chapter Would you like to be more involved? Write to us. If we receive a few letters from one city or town, we'll put you in touch with each other and help you get a chapter started.

ARE YOU MOVING???

We don't want to lose you. Don't forget to send us your change of address. The post office has free cards for this purpose.

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New Literature !!

Husbands can't block abortions, says lawyer

OTTAWA (CP) - Therapeutic Dickens refers to a 1979 case in bo abortion committees at Canadian hospitals are not accountable to the husbands of women seeking abortions, the courts or any other "third parties," suggests Dr. Bernard M. Dickens.

Dickens, a University of Toronto law professor, reached this tentative conclusion after reviewing laws recourt cases on the subject.

In an article in the latest issue of the Canadian Medical Association Journal, Dickens says hospital abortion committees owe their primary responsibility to women who have applied for permission to have abortions? . okust

from a third party to interfere with treatment of their competent, consenting adult patients for whom there is a danger to life or health may incur legal and ethical liabilities to such patients? Pite sthat was she at what have the addition what is a set 2 amon fainter and a fainter and a state of the set

Nova Scotia where a man launched court action to try to prevent his estranged wife from having an abortion

Doctors on the abortion committee at Victoria General Hospital in Halifax had approved the operation, but the hospital reversed the decision. because of the court case and the lating to abortion and a number of women subsequently continued her pregnancy. The case was never pursued, but

the article says there are strong doubts it would have succeeded.

Dickens says a man seeking to prevent a medically indicated abortion for his wife could place himself at odds with the Criminal Code of Can-"Hospitals that permit pressure ada by refusing to provide "necessities of life" to his spouse - a term that might include medical aid.

He says the courts cannot quash the findings of an abortion committee of doctors because those findings are medical rather than judicial

These articles: Abortion: 1. Definitions and Implications Abortion: 2. Fetal status and legal representation Abortion: 3. Therapeutic abortion committees and third parties.

are available for 25 cents for each set by writing to CARAL, P.O. Box 935, Station Q, Toronto, Ontario M4T 2P1 The 25 cents covers the cost of reproduction and mailing.

What Have You Done For **Freedom of Choice Lately?**

The following activities are just some of the things you can do. We all have our strengths - do what you're good at and do it more than once if you can.

- 1. Visit your MP in your riding. Go with a friend. Take CARAL literature (write us and we'll send you some). Then write us and inform us of his or her position; we need this information.
- 2. If you can't visit personally, call and speak to him or her.

DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T KNOW ?? PLEASE WRITE AND TELL US - WE MUST KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE GRASS ROOTS (AND THAT IS YOU ::)

- 3. If you can't speak to him or her, write a letter. You can also write to the federal Minister of Health (the Hon. M. Bégin), the federal Minister of Justice (the Hon. J. Chrétien), the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P.E. Trudeau), your provincial premier, your provincial Minister of Health, your local Member of Provincial Parliament.
- 4. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.
- 5. If you belong to a group, hold a meeting to discuss the issue and write letters.
- 6. Contact the local CARAL chapter for help and ideas.

2ND CALL FOR 1981 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

lf your label has '81 your membership is up to date. Otherwise, please use the enclosed form to renew your membership for 1981.

NEW FORMAT FOR NEWSLETTER

We hope you like it! Any comments or suggestions are welcome.

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