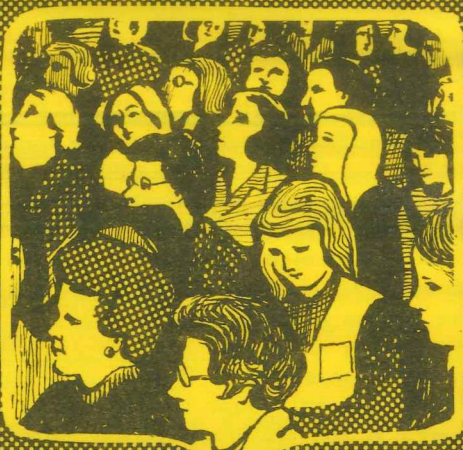


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NATIONAL ACTION  
COMMITTEE OF THE  
STATUS OF WOMEN  
IN CANADA

## WHAT IS NAC ?

Long-standing efforts to improve the status of Canadian women gathered new momentum in 1966 when a small committee led by Laura Sabia, then president of the Canadian Federation of University Women, brought together 31 national organizations into the COMMITTEE FOR EQUALITY OF WOMEN IN CANADA which pressured the federal government to set up the Royal Commission on the Status of Women.

When the Commission's Report appeared in 1970, the original committee dissolved and re-formed as the National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC) with some 50 voluntary organizations and "issue-oriented" groups, firm in their determination to see that the recommendations in the Report were implemented satisfactorily and quickly.

## WHAT NAC DOES

NAC urges the formation of Status of Women groups in every province and in every national organization to study issues and stimulate action in the political arena. NAC urges that a federal Human Rights Commission be set up as soon as possible to protect Canadians against discrimination. NAC intends to continue its direct approach to government.

NAC DOES NOT DUPLICATE NOR SUPERSEDE ESTABLISHED ORGANIZATIONS. IT IS NON-PROFIT AND NON-PARTISAN. NAC SERVES AS AN EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNICATIONS LINK FOR WOMEN IN CANADA WHO ARE STRIVING TO IMPROVE THEIR STATUS AND TO CHANGE THE TRADITIONAL ATTITUDES AND HABITS OF PREJUDICE TOWARDS WOMEN .

## **NAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Thus far, NAC has accomplished two major efforts:

- 1 a submission to the Government of Canada in February 1972 on behalf of 2,000,000 women, outlining priorities for action on RCSW recommendations:
- 2 the "Strategy for Change" Convention, April 1972, attended by more than 500 delegates from all parts of Canada.

From the Convention workshops came 74 recommendations for action, reflecting a wide diversity of concerns and an intense eagerness to initiate change through legislation and social education.

**ONE OF NAC'S PURPOSES IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT EVALUATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN RECOMMENDATIONS. ANOTHER IS TO WORK FOR REFORM OF ANTEQUATED LAWS AND TO ERASE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR UNIONS, EDUCATION, THE MEDIA, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LIFE.**

### **NAC IS COMMITTED TO WORK FOR:**

- Better and more daycare centres;
- Greater financial security and independence for women;
- Wider distribution of birth control and family planning information, counselling services and clinics;
- Greater opportunities in industrial, academic and professional fields;
- More women in elected offices, on boards and commissions, and in government;
- Changes in traditional concepts of male/female roles as depicted in educational materials and in the mass media;
- Women who will give leadership.

## PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

Alberta Action Committee on the Status of Women  
Anglican Church Women  
L'Association des Sciences et des Techniques de  
la Documentation  
B'nai B'rith Women District 22  
B.C. Vancouver Status of Women  
B.C. Victoria Status of Women Action Group  
B.C. West Kootenay Status of Women Council  
Canadian Association of Hospital Auxiliaries  
Canadian Association for Repeal of Abortion Laws  
Canadian Association of Unitarian Universalist  
Women  
Canadian Committee on the Status of Women  
Canadian Congress of Women  
Canadian Federation of Business and Professional  
Women's Clubs  
Canadian Federation of University Women  
Canadian Home Economics Association  
Canadian Labour Congress  
Canadian Library Association  
Canadian Negro Women  
Canadian Union of Public Employees - CUPE  
Family Planning Federation of Canada  
Federation of Women Teachers' Association of  
Ontario  
La Fédération des Femmes du Québec  
I.O.D.E. National Chapter of Canada  
Junior League of Toronto  
Manitoba Action Committee on the Status of  
Women  
Manitoba - Brandon Branch  
National Council of Jewish Women of Canada  
N.D.P. Committee for Participation of Women  
in Politics  
New Brunswick (Liason)  
Newfoundland Status of Women Council  
Nova Scotia (Liason)  
Northwest Territories Status of Women Action  
Committee  
Ontario Committee on the Status of Women  
O.M.E.P. (Canadian Ctte. on Early Childhood)  
Ontario Federation of Labour  
Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation  
Prince Edward Island Status of Women  
Committee  
Progressive Conservative Women's Association  
of Canada  
Saint Joan's Alliance, International  
Saskatchewan Action Committee on the  
Status of Women  
Toronto Waffle Women  
Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada  
Ukrainian Women's Organization of Canada  
United Church Women  
United Nations Association  
Voice of Women-La Voix des Femmes  
Women's Committee on the Status of  
Women - Liberal Party  
Women for Political Action  
Women's Place Toronto  
Y.W.C.A.  
Yukon Status of Women Council  
Zonta Club, International

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