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President's Letter

Your new Executive is well into its work for the coming year, with the committees and their plans under way.

We have already appeared before the Parliamentary Task Force on Pension Reform and had discussions with Donald Macdonald and some of the members of his Commission in a preliminary meeting.

We've also had a meeting with Marc Lalonde, Minister of Finance, Judy Erola, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, and some of the people from Monique Begin's department of Health & Welfare, to discuss our study on Funding of Social Services for Women.

Over the summer, we will be working on several briefs and papers in preparation for the fall, and our Committees' work plans are outlined in this MEMO.

We urge you to write us with any suggestions or input from either yourself or your group.

Cheers,

Doris Anderson

Membership

We welcome the following new member groups:

Chatham-Kent Women's Centre, Chatham, Ontario
 Fredericton Women's Centre, Fredericton, N.B.
 Kitchener-Waterloo YWCA, Kitchener, Ontario
 Ontario Nurses Association, Toronto, Ontario
 Soroptimist International of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan
 West Kootenay Women's Association, Nelson, B.C.
 WINS Transition House, Trail, B.C.

NAC is having a membership drive in 1983-84. Our organization has been growing steadily and now has 260 member groups involving more than 2½ million women. Our aim is to have 300 groups by the 1984 AGM and we are enlisting the support of all of you to attain this goal. If you know of a group that could benefit by involvement in a national organization with extensive lobbying capability and contact with groups & individuals working on women's issues across Canada, please inform the NAC Office or your regional rep. If you are able to enrol a new group, we will be pleased and grateful. The power and skills of a large membership are what make an organization effective.

-----Jane Evans, Chair-----

Education

The Education Committee of NAC has had its second meeting and, with the help of individuals and organizations, we have become more focused.... in fact we have now set one year, two year and 3 year goals.

In Year One we plan to collect as much information as possible on sexism in education and the funding relationship between municipal, provincial and federal monies in education. Our goal here is to reach out to other groups concerned with how education contributes to the inequality of women, and to share this empowering information.

During our second year, we hope to hold a national conference in coordination with groups identified in Year One. At this conference, information will be reviewed, issues will be discussed, policies will be set and strategies will be determined.

The third year will focus on implementing strategies to redress the identified problems.

PLEASE... keep sending information, data, studies, policies and advice. To make this information empowering, contributors will be sent a list of other contributions.

-----Pat Masters, Chair-----

***** great job opportunity *****

NAC NEEDS A LIAISON PERSON IN OTTAWA, STARTING SEPTEMBER 1, 1983.

MUST BE BILINGUAL AND HAVE THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF FEMINIST ISSUES. EXPERIENCE ON THE HILL AN ADVANTAGE..... A GREAT CHANCE FOR THE RIGHT PERSON. SALARY NEGOTIABLE. MAY LEAD TO A PERMANENT POSITION.

SEND RESUMES TO THE NAC OFFICE, 40 ST. CLAIR EAST, #306, TORONTO M4T 1M9

Social Services

The Social Services Committee is now in place for the coming year....
Two main tasks have been set:

- 1) To review the paper Day Care in Canada and formulate a strategy for distribution and lobbying
- 2) A review of the changes and proposed changes in Family Benefits legislation, province by province, the implications for women and whether or not the changes contravene the Canada Assistance Plan (CAP).

Other issues under review with an eye to possible action are Transition House Funding, Sexual Assault Centres, Disabled Women, Incest..... and Child Abuse.

The Committee would like to hear from anyone who is interested in working on the above issues.

SPECIFICALLY, WE URGENTLY NEED ASSISTANCE in collecting information on changes in Family Benefits or Social Assistance regulations in every province/territory... If you have information or first hand experience on your provincial regulations, PLEASE CONTACT Committee Chair, Barbara MacDonald, Box 95, Heatherton, N.S. or phone (902) 386-2585.. or contact the NAC Office.

Committee members are Claire Marie Fortin, Jennifer Keck, Lynn Beak, Susan Lucy.

-----Barbara MacDonald, Chair-----

Employment

This month the Committee decided to develop a strategy and direction for the next ten month period. We isolated the following areas as priorities for work in the committee:

- (a) work-week policy (including benefits for part-time work, work-sharing programs and policy)
- (b) microtechnology
- (c) affirmative action (mandatory legislation, equal pay)
- (d) parent rights (including changes to UIC)
- (e) job creation/National Training Act

Working groups will be set up in each of these areas to identify where policy has to be developed and where position papers are already available.

We also agreed that we would set up a series of meetings with Employment and Labour Ministers in September and October. Work will be done over the summer by each of the sub-groups to clarify positions and coordinate our strategies with the Ministers. We will also examine the possibility of putting together a general policy paper outlining NAC's resolutions on women's work. A brief will also be presented to the Macdonald Commission in early October.

If any groups or members have any other concerns not outlined above, please contact either of the chairs before the next meeting:

Jennifer Keck 183 College St, Sudbury, Ont. P3C 4T9 (705) 673-5427
Claire Marie Fortin 98 Hopewell Ave, Ottawa, Ont. K1S 2Z4 (613) 234-2844

We are particularly interested in hearing about regional issues regarding women's employment -- please send material to Claire Marie, Jennifer or your regional representative.

-----Jennifer Keck-----

UPDATE..... In the May MEMO we reported that the NOVA SCOTIA Government is amending its Family Benefits Act to disallow single, unwed mothers under 19 years of age from collecting Provincial Social Assistance. Partly as a result of a brief presented by NAC Executive member, Barbara MacDonald, the proposed legislation has been somewhat softened. However, an allowance of \$200 a month for pregnant teenagers is hardly adequate.

In New BRUNSWICK there is a proposed policy to deny social assistance to pregnant teenagers.....

In ALBERTA, similar changes are being implemented (see clipping).....

In ONTARIO, the provincial government is integrating welfare and family benefits in certain test locations, with a view to imposing it on the whole province.... Family benefits are a right, whereas welfare could be tied to work-incentive programs and could be cut off. By combining family benefits with welfare, the province is transferring the financial responsibility to the municipality to the tune of 20% of the cost. All these changes constitute an assault on the poorest people in society, a disproportionate number of whom are women.

We will keep you further informed and ask that you share similar information with us.....

-----Chaviva Hosek, Chair-----

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS - FUNDING

WELFARE RULES THAT DENY RIGHT TO APPEAL ARE ILLEGAL - PROFESSOR (Edmonton Journal)
May 5, 1983

The Alberta Social Services Department will begin welfare cutbacks July 1 designed to save the government \$50 million this year. This is another report in a continuing look The Journal will take at the effects these policies will have on Albertans receiving welfare.

By WENDY KOENIG
and LORRAINE LOCHERTY
Journal Staff Writers

The Alberta government's new welfare policies are illegal, says a prominent University of Alberta law professor.

Jim Robb says the new measures violate a federal-provincial funding agreement by denying thousands of Alberta welfare recipients the right to appeal if they feel they're being short-changed or denied help.

Robb claimed the changes also infringe upon Alberta's social welfare law and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms by arbitrarily eliminating or reducing help to hundreds of single people and 16- and 17-year-olds.

But Social Services Minister Neil Webber says his department's lawyers feel the welfare policies are legal and the government won't change them unless forced to by the courts.

"If, through the legal process in time, decisions are made which make us change these programs, we'll have to do so."

Robb said the Canadian Assistance Plan (CAP) agreement between the federal government and provinces clearly gives welfare recipients the right to appeal all decisions affecting their financial situations.

About 25,000 welfare recipients hit by recent shelter allowance cuts can't appeal the new limits to regional citizens' appeal committees. The cuts, effective July 1, will force many welfare renters to move to cheaper accommodation and will leave welfare homeowners in danger of losing their houses.



About 800 Albertans who face welfare cut-off because they have money or property in excess of new limits are also being denied appeals. The new asset limits are \$1,500 for singles and \$2,500 for married people, or those with dependents (\$1,000 lower than old limits.)

In the past, appeal committees have sided with welfare recipients against government in at least three out of five cases, Webber said.

He said government lawyers feel the CAP agreement requires only that appeal mechanisms be set up, not that welfare recipients be allowed to use them in all cases.

Robb said he was shocked a government would make such an argument.

"Appeal committees have always been a safety valve for the welfare system to make sure no one is caught up by artificial requirements," Robb said.

"(They) are a recognition that conditions vary. For instance, in a small community, \$490 could get you a real nice place, but in Edmonton it gets you a dump."

Dean Moodie, CAP director for the federal health and welfare department, said he wasn't aware of Alberta's new policies on welfare appeals, and couldn't comment on their legality, but would look into them.

Under CAP, the federal government picks up about half of Alberta's welfare budget, expected to be about \$470 million this year. If Alberta violates CAP regulations, the federal government has the right to withhold its contributions.

However, Webber admitted in the legislature Alberta had not checked with the federal government to find out if new appeal rules were legal.

Robb said a new rule that single Albertans may now only receive short-term assistance violates the CAP agreement, and Alberta's Social Development Act, which regulates welfare.

Both laws are based on the principles that help must be provided to those in need, and in all cases people should be considered individually. Cutting whole groups off welfare or restricting their benefits is illegal, the lawyer said.

Sixteen- and 17-year-old Albertans not living with their parents can now only get welfare for a month.

The new rule on 16- and 17-year-olds violates the CAP agreement, and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which says all Canadians have equal protection under the law regardless of age, the law professor claims.

Native Indian Women



We are requesting that EACH AND EVERY WOMAN send a telegram to the Minister of Indian Affairs, demanding immediate legislation to:

- 1) Reinstate all native women who have involuntarily lost their Indian status under the operation of the Indian Act, and
- 2) Register the first generation children of these women.

We need URGENT ACTION since the matter is presently being addressed by Cabinet and we must ensure that the draft legislation satisfies the concerns of Native Women. The Minister can be contacted as follows:

The Honourable John Munro
Minister of Indian Affairs
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6
Ph: (613) 997-0002

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ALONG TO ALL YOUR MEMBERS TO INCREASE OUR LOBBYING EFFORT...

Please send copies to Prime Minister Trudeau, and we would greatly appreciate copies of your actions sent to us by mail.....

(Members of our Native Indian Women Committee: Lynn Beak, Doris Anderson, Jane Evans)

-----Lynn Beak, Chair-----

...action.. now!!

Sec. State ... Funding

At the last NAC Executive meeting there were a number of concerns raised regarding cutbacks in funding for the Women's Program at Secretary of State. The NAC Executive has been advised that there will be no increase in this year's budget for Women's Programs. This means that they will not be able to expand their funding to new groups or increase funding to existing groups.

Regional reports at the Executive meeting indicated that member groups across the country are experiencing problems due to these cutbacks. The decrease in funds seems to be happening at the same time as the report and administration demands of Secretary of State are increasing. NAC has been advised, for example, that our budget will not be increased from the amount of funds allocated in last year's program.

At the 1983 NAC AGM, the Saskatchewan women re-opened the debate on the problems associated with government funding for women's organizations. We are concerned that groups are not going to be able to meet increasing demands for reporting and financial administration at the same time as their funds are substantially reduced. It is clear that new, small and regional groups are going to suffer as a result.

The Executive is asking member groups to document any similar problems you may be experiencing and send the information to your regional representative or to the NAC Office. It is important that we document the problem regionally and nationally so that we can put some pressure on the federal government in this area.

more action.....



Freedom of choice
Liberte de choix

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TO ALL MEMBER GROUPS OF NAC

The final day of the trial between Borowski and the Federal Government saw summations by Borowski's lawyer and the government lawyer after two weeks of "expert" evidence by anti-choice witnesses.

Testimony ranged from claims of fetuses "cavorting in the womb" to claims by one of Borowski's witnesses that God was punishing her for having an abortion.

The Government's lawyer did not bring one witness to counter these "experts".

The cross-examination by the Government's lawyer was perfunctory.

It was clear that the Government was a reluctant defendant, willing to risk losing the case rather than be seen to be in opposition to the claims of Borowski that personhood begins at conception.

As you know, CARAL sought and was denied intervenor status in the trial. Thus the interests of women were not presented.

If Borowski wins, abortion could be illegal in this country.

If Borowski loses, you can be sure he will appeal the decision. No further evidence can be entered in an appeal. It is therefore clear that the Minister of Justice, Mark MacGuigan, was willing to ignore the possible consequences of this refusal to present evidence.

It is for this reason that CARAL has launched its own lawsuit against section 251. (see MEMO last month) The anti-choice minority raised \$350,000 for Borowski's action. Let's try to match it and prove that we really are 72% of the population.

AND IN THE MEANTIME.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL PRO-CHOICE GROUPS IMMEDIATELY REITERATE THEIR POSITION PUBLICLY.

Do the following: 1) Issue a press release. 2) Send copies to the federal Minister of Justice, the Prime Minister, the leaders of the opposition parties, your local media and to us at CARAL.

or..... Write letters to all of the above. or... send telegrams to all of the above.

WITHOUT YOUR HELP WE CANNOT WIN

action....

Medicare

HAVE YOU WRITTEN YOUR LETTER TO THE HON. MONIQUE BEGIN, YOUR PROVINCIAL MINISTER OF HEALTH AND/OR YOUR HEALTH COALITION, URGING THAT THE NEW CANADA HEALTH ACT PROPERLY PROTECT MEDICARE??

THIS MATTER IS VERY URGENT AND MOST IMPORTANT AND THE TIME TO DO IT IS NOW! EACH LETTER REPRESENTS VOTERS LET OUR NUMBERS COUNT..

Sample Letter

I am strongly opposed to extra billing, user fees and premiums which impede access to Medicare services, and urge that these practices be abolished.

Please ensure that the new Canadian Health Act firmly re-establishes, along with the other principles of Medicare, accessibility to insured health services for all Canadians.

Yours sincerely,

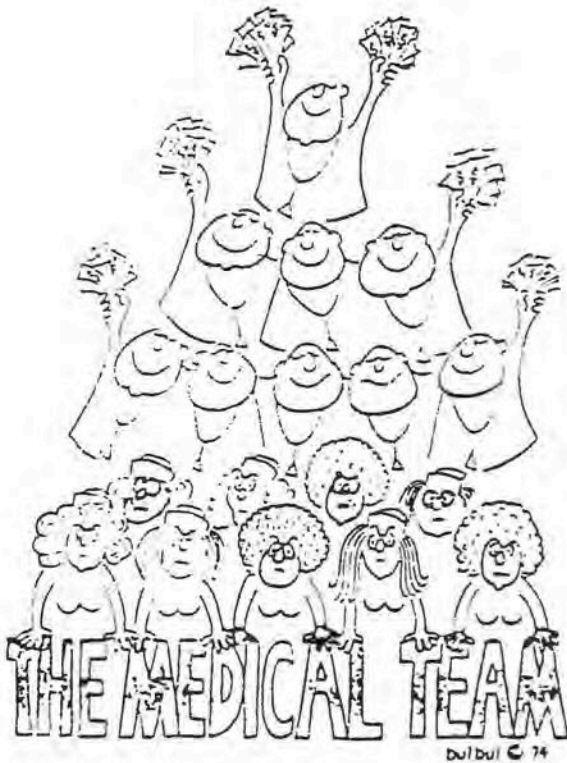
action....

SEND TO:

CANADIAN HEALTH COALITION
2841 Riverside Drive
Ottawa, Ontario K1V 8X7
Ph: (613) 521-3400

OR PROVINCIAL HEALTH COALITIONS

ALBERTA FRIENDS OF MEDICARE
BRITISH COLUMBIA HEALTH COALITION
MANITOBA COUNCIL OF HEALTH UNIONS
NEW BRUNSWICK HEALTH COALITION
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR HEALTH COALITION
NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH COALITION
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HEALTH COALITION
SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH COALITION
ONTARIO HEALTH COALITION



BUTTONS: For "SAVE MEDICARE" buttons, write or phone the Canadian Health Coalition to order.... (they would appreciate a small donation to cover costs....)

-----Madeleine Gilchrist, Chair, Health Committee

INFACT

"Millions of Third World infants have died because their mothers, living in poverty conditions, were convinced to use infant formula rather than breast feeding. NESTLES must stop its aggressive formula promotion and agree to abide fully with the World Health Organization Code in policy and practise. We will not buy any Taster's Choice until they do so."

INFACT Canada, 10 Trinity Square, Toronto, Ontario M5B 1B1

Contact them for more information.....

Pensions

On May 10, Doris Anderson and Louise Dulude appeared before the PARLIAMENTARY TASK FORCE ON PENSION REFORM to present NAC's views on the best ways of achieving this reform.

The highlight of our presentation was our release of cost estimates showing that direct Canada Pension Plan (CPP) coverage for homemakers would cost no more than the federal Green Papers' proposals for surviving spouses, and considerably less in the long run. This is because the cost of survivors' pensions as proposed in the Green Paper would be extremely expensive and would continue to rise forever, while the cost of homemakers' pensions would gradually diminish as more and more women joined the labour force. So much for Monique Begin's dismissal of homemakers' pensions as a "dream" that Canada cannot afford!

Other points made in NAC's presentation include:

- Canadian women pay a fearful price for bearing and raising the future citizens of this country. The least governments can do in exchange is provide us with decent pensions in our old age.
- The best way to improve women's pensions is to expand public pensions. Improvements to private pensions would do very little for women because:
 - less than 15% of women aged 18 to 64 participate in private pension plans, and of those 15, nine are civil servants;
 - as evidenced in Saskatchewan, so-called mandatory survivors' pensions in private plans do not work because most wives sign away their rights in order to get a larger initial pension for their husbands.
- The Green Paper's proposals for wives/mothers/homemakers are unfair because:
 - they discriminate between people on the sole basis of their marital status: a woman who was married for only one day before being widowed would be eligible to receive full widows' benefits, while another who was married for 40 years and then divorced by her husband would get no counterpart at all;
 - they discriminate against full-time homemakers by providing fully subsidized CPP coverage for career women who drop out of the labour force temporarily (through the child-rearing drop-out provision), while giving no CPP credits at all to long-term homemakers who do exactly the same child-rearing work.

For more information on NAC's presentation and the Task Force's reaction to it, phone or write the NAC Office to obtain a copy of our "Pink Paper on Pension Reform" and of the "Minutes and Proceedings" of the Task Force for the time we appeared. Also, don't forget to keep us informed of your activities on the pension front.

-----Louise Dulude, Chair-----

GUIDELINES FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ANY NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF NAC COMMITTEES MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON ISSUES, PRESS RELEASES OR OTHER MATTERS ON NAC POLICY MUST CLEAR SUCH STATEMENTS THROUGH THEIR PARTICULAR COMMITTEE CHAIR. NO PERSON MAY SPEAK FOR NAC UNLESS THEY ARE A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE TO WHICH THE MATTERS PERTAINS.

SURVIVAL & THE FUTURE



CRUISE:

NAC is responding to the request from Operation Dismantle to join with them in taking the federal government to court if it agrees to the testing of the cruise missile. They maintain that the tests represent an infringement of our "right to life and security" as guaranteed in Article 7 of the Charter of Rights & Freedoms. Operation Dismantle is hoping that many other organizations will support this action.

We are also writing Prime Minister Trudeau in response to his open letter on the Cruise Missile. Many of our member groups and individuals have already expressed strong disagreement with some of his statements.

CANDU IN ARGENTINA: The Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, who is also Minister of Mines, was reported recently as welcoming the establishment of the Argentinian Embalse Nuclear Station with its Candu reactor. NAC takes a dim view of her enthusiasm for Canada's cooperation with this dictatorship - condemned for its human rights violations and its thousands of "disappeared" people. Canada has paid out \$130 million for the chance to give this dangerous product of ours to a nation with the potential for making nuclear bombs. We are writing Judy Erola with our views..... please do the same.

The SURVIVAL/FUTURE Committee plans to contact all our member groups this year. We want to hear from you -- how you feel about the threat of nuclear war or, if you are worried, discuss what we can do..... making contacts, lobbying, studying, strategizing, acting... We want to record and collate information on our successes - better ways to avoid failure, etc. Help us by sending clippings, reports, pictures, ideas...

We are also deeply concerned about the world we are and will be living in IF we survive.

We want to study the impact & implications of the computer, high technology, micro chip world which is enveloping us..... and be prepared to cope with monumental changes in our lives.

Those of you who have started collecting information/studying/acting on how our society will be affected, please let us know.....

WRITE: Survival Committee "FUTURES", C/o NAC Office.....

good news

THE LOST --- has been found ----- in the NAC Office yet.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THE LOST GENERATION, 20 minute film made in Japan, voice over - Jane Fonda. Made with film taken by the U.S. after Hiroshima (shown at NAC AGM) Available on request from the NAC Office. Charge \$25.00 (if circumstances permit), plus cost of return mailing.

Also available in English and French from your nearest NATIONAL FILM BOARD OFFICE..... award winning "IF YOU LOVE THIS PLANET"..... no charge.

... AND NOT SO GOOD....

Sorry..... We have had to raise the price of the NAC SURVIVAL KIT..... Pick up from the NAC Office \$5.00 (if you can manage it).... plus \$2.00 postage exactly covers postage & envelope.... We are constantly updating and improving materials and the kit contains many suggestions for action..... DON'T MISS IT.... We are hoping to include Penney Kome's excellent lobby guide, "Play from Strength".

-----Kay Macpherson, Chair-----

CLC supports coalition for peace

By WILFRED LIST

The million-member Canadian Labor Congress has joined the Canadian peace and nuclear-freeze movement with the endorsement of a peace caravan. It is also planning to put its manpower resources into the peace campaign.

The decision to back a peace coalition launched on the West Coast by a group headed by Donald Erickson was taken this week by the CLC executive council, which in the past has been cautious about becoming identified with specific peace organizations.

Mr. Erickson, who appeared

before the executive council, said in an interview the CLC's support is important, because it adds to the backing for the peace movement not only those concerned with a nuclear holocaust, but those aware of the economic havoc being created by the arms race.

The nuclear-freeze proponents would ban the testing of the cruise missile over Alberta.

The CLC adopted a position in principle at an earlier council meeting that it should become involved in the peace movement. But it was not until Mr. Erickson laid out the objectives of the caravan that the labor congress made a firm and

specific commitment.

In his appearance before the CLC executive, Mr. Erickson gave assurance that the peace group does not call for unilateral disarmament but is seeking a freeze that would stop the escalation of the arms race.

The labor body had been concerned that some of the peace groups backed unilateral disarmament.

The national committee guiding the peace caravan includes leading figures from a number of peace organizations, including Operation Dismantle. G&M May 28/83

This caravan - cars, buses, etc - will pick up support and canvas for signatures across the country this summer. On arrival in Ottawa, signatures will be presented to government. All peace and other groups are asked to send representatives. Itinerary is as follows:

Depart Vancouver July 10 via Cold Lake Peace Camp, Alberta
 Aug. 7 via Toronto (rally August 20)
 Arrive in Ottawa Aug. 27

Information: Don Erickson, B.C. (604) 537-9328, or your local peace group.

Cold Lake Peace Festival



COLD LAKE PEACE CAMP, Box 330, Grand Centre, Alberta T0A 1T0 Ph: (403) 594-1152
 Visit, send contributions, plan to stay a few days, support those who oppose the Cruise Testing ... all kinds of things (besides money & visitors) are needed at the camp... plastic dishes, cups, cheap flatware, dish pans, flashlights, sleeping bags, blankets, pots, pans (campfire types) and tents.. PLEASE SEND TO CATHERINE MOIR, C/o the above address...

A PEACE FESTIVAL begins June 25th at the camp.... which is located at English Bay camp ground (approx. 12 miles from Cold Lake) to start off the Summer long demonstration SPEAK YOUR PEACE..... Take your camping gear, food, contributions and enthusiasm to express your support with the Cold Lake Peace Campers Musicians, speakers, workshops, children

AND.... Peace camps go on at Parliament Hill, Ottawa and in Queen's Park, Toronto.....

WOMEN'S PEACE CAMP (from July 4, Labour Day) at Seneca Army Depot
 Info: Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace & Justice, 150 Castle Street, Geneva, New York 14456.



Recent actions by groups across the country - some initiated by members, some working in coalitions..... some we've heard about:

Ottawa: Women ringed the Parliament Buildings in a March for Peace on Mothers' Day... A lobby was conducted the following day.

Cold Lake, Alberta, from whence a Peace March arrived in Edmonton on Mothers' Day....

Mothers's Day also saw marches/demonstrations across the country:
 400 at a rally in Vernon, BC; 125 in Armstrong, BC;
 Halifax-Vernon-Sault Ste Marie had all day radio shows on peace;
 St. John's and Cornerbrook commemorated the day with peace.....

Attention: all Member Groups

The following letter was received by the Chair of the Membership Committee and a copy sent to the NAC Office. We do not have, as yet, any written pro-choice policy on sexual orientation and this seems a good time to prepare one:

"We are a province-wide group of rural lesbians involved in a variety of work on issues of importance to all women.

Rural Lesbians was formed to share information and give support for the oppression we experience specifically as lesbians. As feminists, we believe that the homophobia of our society serves to keep all women from "stepping out of line".

We, Rural Lesbians, would like to know if NAC has any written pro-choice policy on sexual orientation. If not, we would be glad to put you in touch with lesbian groups in each province for more information on lesbianism and lesbian-feminism. We would be interested in receiving a copy of your constitution, policies or by-laws.

Thank you for your time and looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Rural Lesbians, B.C."

NAC has 2½ million members; none of our groups is identifiable as lesbian through its name but, of course, with this huge number, we have many thousands of lesbian members. While we see the ideal as allowing all women to work together for their rights, regardless of sexual orientation, we recognize the need of our lesbian sisters to declare themselves. The issue of lesbian rights is a feminist issue and must be addressed by those who are concerned with all human rights. NAC welcomes and values the work that lesbian women have put into the women's movement.

The constitution of our organization demands that policy be formulated by resolutions of member groups put forward at the Annual General Meeting and voted on by those groups. We hope, therefore, that groups concerned with this important issue, will begin now to prepare a strong, clear resolution for the 1984 AGM.

correction

In the May MEMO we reported that the Charter of Rights Conference Planning Committee had received from Secretary of State Women's Programme, \$5,000 to hold a planning meeting in Toronto.

This announcement was somewhat premature. The Secretary of State Women's Programme has agreed to make available to the Committee up to \$5,000 in letters of agreement to support the travel of group representatives to Toronto for the planning meeting.

This money would be made available when the Women's Programme received letters of support from participating groups, a satisfactory agenda for the meeting, and a list of participants including address and phone numbers.

At the present time this material is being gathered for submission to Women's Programme, with a lead time of six weeks for travel arrangements to be made.

We will keep you informed of the progress of the Committee.

action....

The following is an article which is typical of anti-feminist tracts which appear in our daily newspapers.... Franks Jones has on occasion criticized daycare as anti-child and anti-family, and regularly attacks the feminist movement as a "fringe" conspiracy.

This article has two major problems. First, he challenges the right of the president of a national organization to speak on behalf of its membership. He suggests that NAC does not represent 235 member groups (we are now 260!) and that it is not an organization that can speak on behalf of women in this country. He goes further and challenges the right of NAC to speak out on very important issues -- pro-choice and the public financing of daycare. This, despite the fact that neither issue has ever been a major focus of debate at a NAC Conference.

We are asking member groups to write letters to THE EDITOR, TORONTO STAR 1 YONGE STREET, TORONTO M5E 1E5, challenging Frank Jones' statements. NAC is a democratic organization and it is most important that elected Executive members are able to speak out on policy that has been ratified by its membership. It is also important that pro-choice women and groups speak out on abortion as an issue that does not divide the women's movement.

PLEASE WRITE AND SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION...

Toronto Star June 2/83

Nobody speaks for all women

When Doris Anderson sits down at the typewriter to write a letter, clouds darken the sun, lightning splits the sky and thunderbolts crash to earth. She is, she begins portentously, writing on behalf of three million women.

It is in those terms that she wrote to The Star earlier this year to protest a column I had written about abortion.

It's very flattering to think that women in fishing villages in Newfoundland, on Indian reserves in Alberta and on B.C. campuses were all totally outraged over something in The Star. But the fact is that The Star's weekday circulation falls rather short of three million and in this case Anderson's claim to speak on behalf of three million women was preposterous and silly.

The foundation for her claim is that she is president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, an umbrella group that counts some 235 women's groups among its members. These run the gamut from the Anglican Church to the Communist Party of Canada. Included are many pro-abortion groups as well as the Federation of Junior Leagues, the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, Indian Rights for Indian Women, and the Progressive Conservative Party women's caucus.

I am sure Anderson would like to think all three million members of these organizations are rooting for her when she writes a letter, but it's highly unlikely.

No doubt there is almost complete unanimity on issues like a better deal for elderly women, equal job opportunities and measures to deal with sexual violence. But on issues like abortion and even public financing of daycare the women Anderson claims to speak for probably hold dozens if not hundreds of



FRANK JONES

differing and sometimes opposite opinions.

The trouble is these days nearly everyone is claiming to speak for women. A Star columnist talks about "we women" in criticizing the recent abortion rights case in Regina and infers the opposition to abortion on demand is a male scheme. What then were those creatures in female attire protesting Morgentaler's Winnipeg abortion clinic? Transvestites?

In the media, so-called "women's issues" are dealt with almost exclusively by hard-line feminists with little recognition that women, just like men, hold opinions on all sides of the political and social spectrum.

Anderson herself is former editor of Chatelaine, and it's main rival in Canada, the ludicrously named Homemaker



Doris Anderson: It's highly unlikely that she speaks for 3 million women.

Magazine (Some have been unkind enough to call it Homebreaker) has espoused the extreme pro-abortion, frequently anti-family line for years.

Judy Erola had no sooner been appointed minister responsible for the status of women when she outraged a large chunk of her constituency by suggesting women without children who stayed home were making no contribution to society.

And when women on the other side of the fence organize themselves it seems to me they get into just as much trouble. Responding to Erola's dismissive remarks, a group that calls itself R.E.A.L. Women of Canada has set out to "reaffirm that the family is society's most important unit, since the nurturing of children is best accomplished in the family setting."

(One of the founding members, Sabina McLuhan told me she regards herself as a feminist. "Women shouldn't be doormats, but neither do I want to live in a world where men are treated badly." The group, she said, wants to make it acceptable again for women to stay home and raise their families.

I think some of the things the group stands for are terrific and need to be said. But I also have concerns. The name of the organization, R.E.A.L. Women, is an insult to women who, in good faith, hold different views. And the organization is anti-abortion. There are plenty of fervent stay-at-home mothers who also want to see abortion liberalized.

So where does it leave you? If someone announced they were going to speak on behalf of men and men's issues, I would laugh at them. In the same way no one really speaks for women.

Least of all me. I can't even speak to my wife some mornings, let alone for her.

REGIONAL REPORTS

québec

The Québec women's movement is alive and well -- in Montreal alone International Women's Day activities drew over 10,000 women this year -- and a new feminist magazine, "La Vie en Rose" provides laughter and food for thought.

The precarious situation of non-profit daycare centres in Québec has recently improved, thanks to pressure tactics such as sit-ins and participation in recent public sector negotiations by Le Regroupement des Garderies. In February the Minister of Social Affairs finally conceded a retroactive increase of 50 cents per child to bring the per diem direct subsidy to \$3.50. Without this increase some of the non-profit daycare centres would have been forced to close.

On the abortion front, we concluded three years ago that our hospitals would never provide the abortions women need. The next step was to set up autonomous women's health clinics, four of which are now providing safe and accessible abortion services. To help other women across Canada to obtain comparable services, 90 Québec women's groups recently held a press conference to demand repeal of the abortion law. Members of the Québec Women's Health Clinic are working closely with CARAL and OARAL on this common issue.

Transition houses for battered women are engaged in ongoing struggle with the Ministry of Social Affairs over funding. The ministry is again insisting that members of Le Regroupement des centres d'hebergement pour femmes battues require that women seeking shelter pay for this service out of their welfare cheques. This makes it impossible for women to accumulate enough money to establish a separate residence and will force women to return to the violence they are fleeing. The Regroupement plans to keep fighting on this one! Long term counselling to female victims of violence is offered by La Riposte des femmes at the downtown YWCA.

Health services have been of great concern to us in Québec. Recently, the union which represents the majority of Québec nurses passed a denunciation of rampant sexism in medical practice and decided to set up a series of specific committees to work with autonomous women's groups to address specific abuses in obstetrical and gynecological practice, in emergency care provided to victims of violence, and many other areas. A new organization, Naissance-Renaissance, has been pressuring hospitals to change obstetrical practices and educating women about natural childbirth. The group has worked closely with midwives who are doing home births and organizing around the legalization of midwifery in Québec.

As in the rest of Canada, pornography is a key issue. Several months ago, La Voix des femmes mobilized Québec women against Custer's Last Stand. However, the pornography market still flourishes, especially video cassettes which are exempt from controls. The Common Front Against Pornography, spearheaded by the Federation des femmes du Québec, has undertaken a lobby to influence the Québec government which is now studying changes to the Cinema Act. The objective is twofold: to have government control and surveillance over video tapes sold to individuals, and to develop a new censorship code which would set standards for portrayal of women, especially in the area of hate/abuse films.

In the area of unemployment, women's groups joined with unions, youth groups, minorities and church members in the May 28 MARCH FOR JOBS. Action Travail des femmes (which has been active in Montreal in sensitizing a broad range of groups on the links between technological change, military expenditures and unemployment) presented a brief on the topic for federal MP's in Montreal ridings. 1500 copies of the brief have been distributed to individuals. Québec has recently proposed some very mild changes to the Labour Code which do not include the changes which Rank & File and others pressured for. Employer groups vigorously lobbied against the changes which would have given minimum wage workers (75% of whom are women) access to unionization through a structure of sectorial bargaining units.

And, finally, a common front of women's groups and ethnic minorities is soon being formed to deal with problems in the way in which the Québec Human Rights Commission processes complaints, especially sexual harassment and employment discrimination.

-----Carol Wallace, Quebec-----

bc/yukon

Our BC/Yukon Regional Rep has been busy communicating with our 30 group membership in her region..... In May she concentrated on those in the larger BC/Yukon area and in June she will be in touch with Vancouver/Victoria groups (who constitute approximately 50%). As in most regions across the country, funding is of great concern.

The key issue on the West Coast continues to be pornography, with many groups holding film festivals using STUDIO D films. The Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre and the Yukon Status of Women held their second screening of "Not a Love Story" ... 300 people attended.

A Northwest women's conference is planned for Morristown, July 23,24, and the Cranbrook women are holding a women's Healthfair, June 11. The Transition Home Society, BC/Yukon, is planning its quarterly meeting and continues to work towards better funding and organization. Howe Sound is working on a study of battered women, and Terrace has a new board of directors. B.C. Native Women have made submissions to the federal Sub-Committee on Indian Government. The NDP Women's Caucus have been reading about the Socialist Conference in Portugal and their fall/1983 conference for women in the Yukon will focus on communications.

-----Jon Leah Hopkins, BC/Yukon Rep-----

newfoundland

Pornography was also a major issue on the East Coast. At the CRTC hearing in St. John's, Newfoundland, on May 3, Dorothy Inglis made an intervention on behalf of NAC, and Ann Bell and Dorothy Robbins intervened for the Provincial Advisory Council. Objections were made to the continuation of Playboy programming on First Choice Channel and the Commission was asked to take a stand against pornography being brought into our homes via the airwaves.

Mothers' Day was celebrated as a day for peace: In Cornerbrook, Barbara Walton (NAC liaison for Cornerbrook Status of Women Council) organized "a garden of peace" in the local park; in St. John's, Project Ploughshares organized a rally at which Dorothy Inglis spoke for NAC.

-----Dorothy Inglis, Newfoundland Rep-----

northern ontario

NORTH BAY... The North Bay Women's Resource Centre has recently sponsored two conferences - one on family violence and a second geared for women in Receipt of Social Assistance. They also hosted a dinner featuring Pat Hacker who spoke on "Taking Control".

SAULT STE MARIE.... The peace march was very successful with more than 250 people marching on Mothers' Day. Gayle Broad recently attended a Native Women's conference on Manitoulin Island, representing NAC since Lynn Beak and Jennifer Keck were attending other conferences that weekend.

SUDBURY.... The Sudbury Women's Centre sponsored a Miners' Mother Day Tea which was attended by over 300 people in celebration of Sudbury's Centennial. They are coordinating a display of Northern Ontario environmental issues with Saulte Ste Marie at Environment Week in Toronto.

TIMMINS... The Northwestern Ontario Women's Network held their latest conference on Multinationals with a focus on Women and Health - Alternatives to Despair. Jennifer Keck attended on behalf of NAC.

THUNDER BAY.... also held a successful peace march on Mothers' Day with 250 in attendance. The Decade Council sponsored a recent conference on Women and the Economy, and Lynn Beak chaired the conference on behalf of NAC. An FBA-GWA Integration group to monitor the pilot project in place in Thunder Bay has been formed and is linking up with other women's groups in Southern Ontario working on this issue of family benefits.

-----Lynn Beak, Northern Ontario Rep-----

Election Action

The next FEDERAL ELECTION could be called within two years. Don't wait until an election is called to become active in your riding association. Decisions are being made NOW on who will run and what the issues will be. GET INVOLVED NOW....

Some suggested actions:

- Attend educational meetings on how to get nominated in your riding
- Learn media skills.... TV, radio, press releases, how to deal with the media
- Contact your local party riding association or party headquarters to find out about meetings ... become involved in campaign work, get nominated, lobby them on women's issues. The women's organizers for the three major parties are:

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6980 Granville Street
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LANGUAGE ALERT NEWSLETTER

A group of women in the Integrated Studies Programme at the University of Waterloo has started the Language Alert Newsletter. In it they will public short reviews of the language used in recent books or journals, pointing out primarily sexist language. These reviews will be sent to the author(s) and publisher, together with a set of Guidelines for non-sexist language, as a consciousness-raising exercise. They welcome short reviews point out how the language used in a work is INACCURATE or MISLEADING. The first issue of Language Alert Newsletter will appear in July 1983.

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therapists needed

The WOMEN'S COUNSELLING, REFERRAL AND EDUCATION CENTRE is a mental health service for women in Metropolitan Toronto and outlying regions. Their therapists are screened for their sensitivity to women's issues.

They are currently in the process of expanding their resource file of therapists accessible to low income women, i.e. psychiatrists, psychologists and/or social workers within OHIP - or within agency settings with sliding scale fees. As this is a time limited project, WCREC will only be interviewing those individuals who meet the above criteria.

If you have had positive experiences with therapists who meet their needs and who would be amenable to the interviewing process, WCREC would appreciate your recommendations.

Please contact: Women's Counselling, Referral & Education Centre
348 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1S4
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(WCREC IS A MEMBER GROUP OF NAC)

Women workers' health examined at conference

Long hours, repetitive tasks, heavy lifting and noise and chemical pollution pose serious health problems for working women in Thailand, where half the country's working population is female, says Malinee Wongphanich, a physician in the public health faculty at a Bangkok university.

For working women in the Philippines, "the laws and realities are poles apart," according to Nora Samiento Cacha, a worker in the metal industry and a part-time trade unionist.

Factories operate round the clock, and while night work is prohibited for women, many work in these factories, Cacha said. The law provides for day-care centres for working women, yet there are none, she said.

Wongphanich and Samiento Cacha are among some 100 scientists and trade unionists in Montreal this week for an international conference on working conditions and their effects on women's health.

The five-day conference, organized by the Confederation of National Trade Unions, is being held at the University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM).

The issue of working conditions on women's health has been virtually ignored up until now because women are not thought of as working in jobs that can be hazardous to their physical or psychological health, say conference organizers.

The health hazards which have been studied are those most often found in mostly-male job sectors, such as mines, they say.

Constant shifts, meticulous work, monotony and sitting or standing for long periods - all inherent in the kind of jobs done by women - trigger problems that can affect the

body, say organizers, yet they rarely have been scrutinized.

Nor have the combined effects of women's conditions at work and outside work - child-raising and housework - been studied.

Too often, according to Karen Messing of the department of biological sciences at UQAM and one of the conference organizers, women are left out of studies of work safety, or the kind of work they do is not considered in studies on their health.

The conference is looking at such issues as health problems experienced by women as a result of their working conditions, how such conditions affect reproduction, and whether health and working conditions should be examined differently in the case of women.

Delegates from Europe, Africa and Asia, as well as representatives of Quebec unions, including the Centrale d'Enseignement du Quebec and the Federation Quebecoise des Infirmiers et Infirmieres, are attending the conference, being held at UQAM's Pavillon Judith Jasmin on St. Denis St.

The conference will be open free to the public for two days, starting Friday morning at 9 a.m. with a summary of the first three days' work.

This will be followed by a debate on women's working conditions and health at 11 a.m., and one at 3 p.m. on how reproduction is affected by working conditions.

There will be two debates on Saturday: One at 10 a.m. on how women's struggle for equality affects concern about health and safety conditions at work, and one at 2 p.m. on how co-operation among researchers, workers and unions can best be developed.

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FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

MARION PORTER PRIZE
Call for nominations

The Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women invites nominations for the Marion Porter Prize, to be awarded to the best feminist article from a journal or anthology published in 1982. The articles must, in some way, promote the advancement of Canadian women.

Articles must be brought to CRIAW's attention in order to be considered for the Prize. Photocopies would be appreciated. The winning article will be announced at the CRIAW annual meeting and conference in Vancouver, November 11-13, 1983.

Address:

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Nominations must be received by August 31, 1983 to be eligible.

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Nominations must be made in writing and provide detailed information (résumés or curriculum vitae) which enable the committee to make its selection.

The announcement of the 1983 award will be made at the CRIAW annual general meeting and conference in Vancouver, November 11-13, 1983.

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Battered Wives- Theatre of the Oppressed

STICKS and STONES: a theatre collective of 14 women from Sudbury who were looking for an alternative theatre expression. A theatre group has organized recently in Sudbury to examine the experience and oppression of battered women. We wanted to expose the oppression of battered women; but in a way that would identify that oppression as prevalent in all of our lives, not just as it affects a certain group of women.

Theatre of Oppression is a technique developed by Boal, a Brazilian who used theatre methods to help his people understand their own oppression and ways of fighting it. We are finding that it is a powerful tool for educating people about the particular problems faced by battered women in our society. Using Boal's methods, we've developed a "theatre game" that asks the audience to interfere in the lives of two battered women.

First, the actresses perform two skits, one dealing with a woman's home life, the other with her attempts to get outside help. The first skit starts again. This time members of the audience are asked to say STOP when they witness a particular instance of oppression. When this occurs, the person who stopped the skit must identify the oppressed and the oppressor and suggest an alternative form of behaviour for the oppressed character. The skit continues, incorporating the suggestion. If the revision seems at all unrealistic, another person can call MAGIC. He or she then gives her reasons for the judgement and a show of hands is requested from the audience. The skit proceeds accordingly.

The struggle of the battered women involved becomes the audience's, and it doesn't seem that anyone leaves the experience unmoved. We are very excited by the reactions we've received at each performance. And it is a technique that can be used easily by any group. If your group or organization is interested in developing similar educational or political forums around wife assault, we strongly recommend using this form of theatre.

For more information about this form of theatre and technique, groups can contact Laurie McGauley at the Sudbury Women's Centre: 38 Beech St., Sudbury, Ontario. (705-673-1916)

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