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Women's group gets promises

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OTTAWA (CP) — Liberal Cabinet ministers issued a series of general promises yesterday aimed at meeting some demands by the country's largest women's rights organization for more job creation, better health care, pension reform and repeal of laws that sanction discrimination against women.

Members of the Toronto-based National Action Committee on the Status of Women questioned large groups of MPs from all three political parties for an hour each on a wide range of issues. Doris Anderson, the president of NAC, said "no party came out smelling like roses."

Massive spending on job creation in the federal budget expected next month was one of the highlights of the women's proposals, worked out at a week-end policy-making conference attended by about 300 representatives of various women's groups.

Paul Cosgrove, Minister of State for Finance, said the budget "will include items designed to stimulate the economy and address the very real problem of unemployment and create jobs."

He wasn't specific on how much money would be spent, how many jobs would be created, or whether half of them would be reserved for women, as the organization proposed. He said Ottawa has already allocated about \$2-billion for job creation in 1983-84.

In the Commons, Employment Minister Lloyd Axworthy rejected accusations by opposition MPs that women do not have equal access to job training programs financed by the federal and provincial governments.

Mr. Axworthy said recent reforms to legislation allow special training for more than a year in such areas as literacy to make people eligible for regular training. He said money has been specifically set aside for projects to help women.

Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan said during the women's lobby that he planned to introduce legislation within the next few months that would make a series of federal laws comply with the sexual equality guarantee in the constitutional Charter of Rights, which takes effect in April, 1985.

Among the laws the women want changed to comply with the Charter is the Indian Act, which they say sanctions sexual discrimination. Under the law, Indian women lose Indian status and the property and other rights that go with it if they marry a non-Indian, while Indian men lose no rights if they marry non-Indian women.

Judy Erola, minister responsible for the status of women, said a Cabinet paper on the Indian Act is being prepared. She said, however, she was in no position yet to promise that Indian status would be restored to Indian women

who married non-Indians before the law is changed.

Labor Minister Charles Caccia said full collective bargaining rights are scheduled to be restored to public servants when the federal six-and-five restraint program expires next year.

The women were also dissatisfied with the federal response to their call for removal of sanctions against prostitution in the Criminal Code.

Mr. MacGuigan made it clear that he doesn't support that view and is studying proposals of the Commons justice committee to toughen anti-prostitution provisions.

Mrs. Erola and the women's group agreed it is time to review existing family-related tax benefits such as the spousal exemption.

The women's group wants the benefits designed to provide the most value to the neediest. But they don't want removal of any benefit, such as family allowance, that people are used to.

The Liberals favor pension reform, which Parliament is working on, but hadn't decided on such specifics as whether the Canada Pension Plan should be expanded to include homemakers.

They said the Government plans to attempt in negotiations with the provinces to ban extra billing by doctors, a commitment that Mrs. Anderson singled out for praise.

Well! We went to the hill and now we're back with a new NAC Constitution and resolutions from our 1983 AGM (copies of which are enclosed in this mailing to member groups)....

As we gear into action, this MEMO begins to tackle some of the resolutions ... We have a lot of work ahead, but with your help and support the current Executive and Committees can maintain the high level of enthusiasm and commitment that has made NAC the "MOST POWERFUL LOBBY FOR WOMEN IN CANADA".....

1983-84 NAC EXECUTIVE

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* Please contact your regional rep -- exchange information -- use as speakers -----

NAC COMMITTEES

Any member of a NAC Member Group or Friends of NAC with expertise or ideas to offer our committees, please contact the chairperson directly. If you have a committee or project in the following areas, please let them know. We need to communicate with women across Canada who are working in similar fields.

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The new NAC Executive has just completed its first meeting - a jam-packed weekend of setting up committees and sorting out priorities for the coming year. The schedule of meetings for the balance of the year is as follows:

1983	MAY	28th, 29th
	JUNE	25th, 26th
	SEPTEMBER	17th, 18th
	NOVEMBER	5th, 6th
1984	JANUARY	7th, 8th
	FEBRUARY	18th, 19th
	MARCH	23rd, 24th, 25th (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)

Membership

We welcome the following new member groups:

Sudbury YWCA
 Windsor Women's Incentive Centre, Ontario
 Cranbrook Women's Centre, B.C.
 CFUW Ontario Status of Women Committee
 ATHENA, Ontario
 NDP Participation of Women Committee,
 IODE National Chapter of Canada
 Rigolet Women's Group, Labrador
 Pink Ribbon Committee, Toronto
 National Association of Women & the Law, Windsor Caucus
 DES Action/Canada, Montreal
 Ontario Federation of Labour, Women's Committee, Toronto



Social Services

The Committee has focused its attention on a discussion paper on Day Care. There are many complicated issues, e.g. federal-provincial jurisdiction and effective funding mechanisms, and the committee wants to hear from NAC member groups on all of these issues. We hope that NAC can produce a policy paper on Day Care in the coming year.

THE DISCUSSION PAPER ON DAY CARE IS NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE NAC OFFICE.
 PLEASE WRITE, ENCLISING \$2.00 (includes postage).....

At the 1982 NAC AGM, we asked member groups to support the Ontario Coalition for Better Day Care.... At its meeting on February 21, the coalition made arrangements for speakers to go to some Ontario localities to meet with those interested in day care and to help set up local coalitions.

If you should receive a call from one of these representatives, please give them your support.....

We urge member groups to contact their provincial interim representatives on the National Day Care Steering Committee (established at the national conference in Winnipeg, 1982) and ask them what is happening with that committee. The interim committee was mandated to find the best way to democratically elect two representatives from the day care community (before March) to sit on the National Steering Committee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON YOUR PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE, PLEASE CONTACT: CANADIAN COUNCIL ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, 55 PARKDALE, OTTAWA, ONTARIO K1Y 4G1. (613) 728-1865.

Employment

At its convention in November 1982, the ONTARIO FEDERATION OF LABOUR endorsed a strong statement on Women and Affirmative Action. The paper points to high unemployment levels, exclusion from skilled trades and job loss due to microtechnology as threats to women's rights to participate in the economy. Mandatory affirmative action, equal pay for work of equal value and the resumption of collective bargaining are advocated as steps to relieve the present inequalities.

NAC has been invited to participate in a public campaign to pressure the provincial and federal governments in these areas. A series of regional public forums are currently being organized for the fall. The forums will take place in the following cities:

OTTAWA	October 4
KINGSTON	October 6
SARNIA	October 11
LONDON	October 13
SAULT STE. MARIE	October 18
SUDBURY	October 20
HAMILTON	October 25
TORONTO	October 29

Member groups who are interested in joining the planning committees for these forums, or in participating in the fall can contact: SHELLEY ACHESON, ONTARIO FEDERATION OF LABOUR, 15 Gervais Drive, Suite 202, Don Mills, Ontario M3C 1Y8, Ph: 416-441-2731. As well, bulk copies of the STATEMENT ON WOMEN AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION are available from the same address.

(Canadian) Charter of Rights

UPDATE..... The coalition of women's groups, including NAC, YWCA Canada, Junior League of Canada, CLOW, Anglican Church of Canada Women's Concerns Desk, and others, has received \$5,000 from the Secretary of State Women's Programmes to organize a meeting to plan the grassroots conference on the Charter of Rights & Freedoms in 1984. We welcome the involvement of national and regional groups across Canada and are seeking the participation of women who meet the following requirements:

- 1) are interested in the Charter
- 2) have some previous involvement with the issue
- 3) have time to commit
- 4) can represent a national or regional group
- 5) has the support and cooperation of her group
- 6) has organization, planning or other skills needed in directing the planning of a national conference

Please note that "previous experience with the issue" does not mean that one must be an expert. As far as we can tell, there are NO experts yet. However, it would be useful to have been involved in the Constitutional discussions and lobby prior to the patriation of the Constitution and the formation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. If your group is interested in participating or being involved at any level in the organizing of this event and all pre-conference events and activities, please contact PAT HACKER through the NAC Office.

Last year's Charter Committee was very proud to have been able to bring to the entire 1983 AGM, as the lunchtime speaker, Shelagh Day, Director of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission. Shelagh, a long time feminist and human rights activist, received a standing ovation.

In Toronto, the Charter of Rights Educational Fund is beginning their audit of provincial legislation to identify relevant legislation that is in conflict with 15(1) & (2) of the Charter. We are hopeful that in the coming year women in other provinces will take up the effort. For more information on this, contact the NAC Office.

-----Pat Hacker, 1982-83 Chairperson-----

REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

Dateline..... April 29, 1983

NORMA SCARBOROUGH, President of CARAL (Canadian Abortion Rights Action League) has launched a constitutional challenge of the restrictive abortion law, Section 251 of the Criminal Code.

According to the writ filed in the Supreme Court of Ontario on April 28, CARAL and its affiliated organizations, as representatives of pregnant women who seek to exercise their freedom of choice, and other persons who believe in the freedom to choose whether or not to have a medically safe and legal abortion, have a direct interest in having Section 251 of the Criminal Code declared to be of no force and effect as inconsistent with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Defendant is the Attorney General of Canada.

The primary goal of CARAL is decriminalization of abortion by its removal from the Criminal Code, so that the decision of whether or not to have an abortion is left to any Canadian woman on the basis of her conscience, and after consultation with a physician and whomever else she chooses.

CARAL is a member group of NAC and our many organizations support CARAL's objectives, as do 72% of Canadians (according to a 1982 Gallup Poll).

Education

For the first time, NAC is taking a long look at women's issues in Education.

We need to scan what material is available prior to developing strategies for action. If you are a member of an organization that has developed or is developing material on SEXISM and/or SEX-ROLE STEREOTYPING within Education, the Education Committee of NAC would like to receive copies..... Thank You!

Pat Master, Education Committee Chair.

MAIL STAR, April 14, 1983

Act changes cause group concern, dismay

The recent announcement of legislative changes to the Family Benefits Act has been greeted with concern and dismay by the National Action Committee on the Status of Women.

In response to the amendments introduced by Social Services Minister Edmund Morris, Kathy Coffin, vice-president of NAC, said Wednesday that priority must be given to preventing adolescent pregnancy rather than taking punitive action against the "young, low income women."

"The government of Nova Scotia must pro-

vide priority in funding to develop public access to learning and to unbiased contraceptive services equitably to all young people around the province," she said.

She further suggested Mr. Morris' announcement that family life education may be introduced was "not good enough."

Before amendments are made to the act she said the minister should wait until the report on the adolescent pregnancy issue by the joint committee involved has been released.

She said because this

issue was a "community failure and not a life style issue" it warranted the attention of the pro-

vincial government.

"The cost of dealing with unwanted pregnancies would more than

cover the amounts Mr. Morris is paying these women in social assistance," she said.

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. IF passed, it will take effect September 1, 1983.

NAC has vigorously protested and will present a brief at the law amendments stage.....

PLEASE LEND YOUR SUPPORT (particularly if you live in Nova Scotia) AND PROTEST TO THE HON. EDMUND MORRIS, MINISTER OF SOCIAL SERVICES, GOVERNMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA, HALIFAX, N.S.

PENSIONS UPDATE

Have you seen NAC's answer to the federal GREEN PAPER on Pensions? It is titled Pension Reform: What Women Want, but we like to call it the "PINK PAPER ON PENSION REFORM". A copy is enclosed with this MEMO, and additional copies may be obtained from the NAC Office. The cost is as follows:

1 copy:	Free, but we would appreciate a \$1 donation to cover printing and postage
2-25 copies:	75 cents each
26+ copies:	50 cents each

Have you prepared your submission to the Parliamentary Task Force on Pensions yet? NAC is slated to appear before the task force on May 10 at 9.30 a.m., at the House of Commons, Ottawa. If you are interested in doing the same, in Ottawa or elsewhere, individually or in groups, you will be interested in the following notice:

PARLIAMENTARY TASK FORCE
ON
PENSION REFORM



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The House of Commons Task Force on Pension Reform will be holding meetings to consider the proposals for reform of the Canadian retirement income system contained in the Government of Canada's paper "Better Pensions for Canadians", with special reference to the following:

1. the method of inflation protection proposed for employer-sponsored pension plans;
2. the changes proposed in survivor benefits under the Canada and Quebec pension plans;
3. the issue of expanding mandatory pension arrangements;
4. the financing of the Canada Pension Plan;
5. the proposals to overcome the special problems facing women, including homemakers, under the current pension system.

Individuals and organizations wishing to make written submissions to the Committee relating to the subject of pension reform may do so in French, English, or both official languages. If possible, submissions should be typed on 28cm by 22cm paper, with margins of 3cm by 2cm.

Those appearing before the Committee will be selected from among those who submit a written brief or who make known to the Clerk of the Committee their intention to send a brief before 5:00 o'clock p.m., on June 30, 1983.

The Committee plans to hold public hearings at the national level in Ottawa in late April and May. Public hearings will also be held outside Ottawa. Although no schedule or itinerary has yet been established, this travel will likely be undertaken in September. The Committee can defray travelling expenses incurred by groups or individuals who are invited to testify before it in Ottawa or in other cities.

All submissions, correspondence and inquiries should be addressed to:

Audrey O'Brien, Clerk, Parliamentary Task Force on Pension Reform
House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6
Telephone: (613) 992-3150, Ext. 231.

Medicare

...action... now!!

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I met a woman at the NAC Annual General Meeting who related an awful story of how she had to have a specialist for her delivery, didn't have the money to pay the bill immediately and the bill was given to a collection agency -- no questions asked. And this took place in Ontario where we find the highest health care premiums in Canada. I spoke to another woman from Ontario whose mother refused to keep appointments with her specialist because he was charging her an "additional" \$40 per visit.

And there's more:

- \$20 per day per bed in Alberta and that province extra-bills to the tune of 35%
- Nova Scotia has been threatening user fees and 54% of their physicians extra-bill. Where does this leave women in one doctor communities?
- Well-woman clinics are unable to do their work because the nurses who run them cannot get reimbursed because they are not "insured".

WE HAVE A PROBLEM!! What happens with the Canada Health Act is very much our concern. Medicare and health services are being destroyed before our eyes. We are being forced through premiums, user fees in hospitals and through balance or extra-billing to pay ever-increasing costs for health care and services. Yet women are not earning any more money!

The debate is more than the issue of extra-billing and user fees. The Canadian Medical Association is arguing for the provinces that the new Act, among other things, infringes on provincial jurisdiction. BUNK#! They serve their own interests and jurisdiction and want to preserve the "curative model" of health. I have not heard them speak out to have preventive services defined and covered in the new Act or to identify new points of entry into the health care system or to insure other health practitioners such as nurses, midwives, paramedics, homecare workers, etc. We must question their motives and methods.



The CANADA HEALTH ACT is a major piece of legislation which will affect our lives in many ways as the consumers and providers of health care. A conference of all Ministers of Health is planned for May, at which time federal-provincial agreements to the proposed legislation and the future delivery of Medicare might be made.

The NAC AGM in March passed a resolution on the Canada Health Act (see over) and since then we have made our views known to Monique Begin and the provincial Health Ministers. However, this is not enough. They need to hear from us individually. Provincial health coalitions need our support! Contact them or the Canadian Health Coalition, Ph: 613-521-3400 (address next page),

WRITE LETTERS, SEND TELEGRAMS OR PETITIONS. WRITE TO THE NEWSPAPERS AND TELEPHONE.... SHARE MEMO WITH OTHERS AND SPEAK OUT PUBLICLY ON THIS VITAL ISSUE..... A SAMPLE LETTER FOLLOWS..... USE IT/ADAPT IT..... BUT WE MUST ACT NOW !!!!!!!!!!!!!

----- Kathy Coffin-----

DRAFT LETTER ON THE CANADA HEALTH ACT

I am writing to you to urge that the new Canada Health Act properly protect Medicare. I believe that this is being eroded by extra-billing, user fees and premiums, and that these practices will lead to a two-tier system, one for the rich and one for the poor.

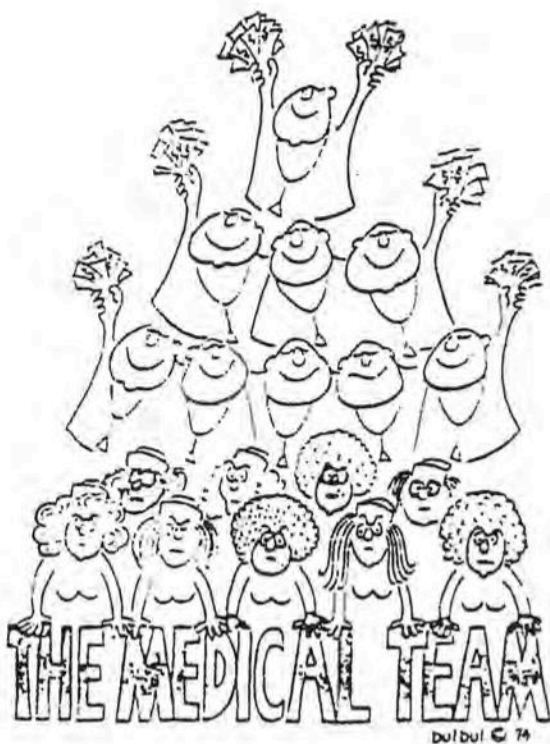
Low-income people cannot afford to pay extra-billing charges and additional fees for hospital use. The inability to pay these extra costs can restrict their use of necessary health services. In some instances, failure to get an early diagnosis, because a person is unable to pay the extra charges and is too embarrassed to admit this, could prove fatal.

The same is true with regard to premiums in those provinces where some of the health care costs are covered by premiums: if an individual cannot afford to pay her premiums or is too proud to apply for assistance, she may also refrain from seeking necessary care. Moreover, it is unjust that a family of four with an annual income of \$14,000.00 must pay the same annual premium as a family earning \$50,000.00. In Ontario, for example, which has the highest premium rates, this means \$648.00 per year.

Medicare was introduced to ensure that health care would be accessible to all Canadians. The practices of extra-billing, hospital user fees and premiums limit accessibility. I therefore urge that the new Canada Health Act abolish these.

I would also urge you to prevent further erosion of the Medicare principles of universality, comprehensiveness, accessibility, portability and non-profit public administration, and encourage improvements in health care by placing greater emphasis on prevention. Greater involvement of we the consumers of health care must be sought.

Sincerely,



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SEND TO:

CANADIAN HEALTH COALITION
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PROVINCIAL HEALTH COALITIONS

ALBERTA FRIENDS OF MEDICARE
BRITISH COLUMBIA HEALTH COALITION
MANITOBA COUNCIL OF HEALTH UNIONS
NEW BRUNSWICK HEALTH COALITION
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR HEALTH COALITION
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ONTARIO HEALTH COALITION

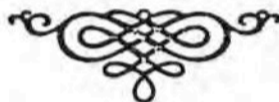
RESOLUTION PASSED AT NAC 1983 AGM

T BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed Canada Health Act include the five principles of Medicare as stated below and that a principle of positive health be reinforced by placing greater emphasis on health promotion and preventive services, that the Act allow for the coverage of other points of entry into the health care system and be extended to cover other health practitioners besides physicians.

PRINCIPLES

1. Universality of coverage - insured services be made available to 100% of qualified residents and that the prior payment of premiums should not be a pre-condition of entitlement to insured services as defined in the Canada Health Act.
2. Comprehensiveness of insured services - that the definition of health be one that reflects "health" as a state of optimum physical, psychological, social and environmental, well-being, and not merely the absence of disease and disability and the incidence of premature death.
3. Accessibility - in the case of extra-billing, user fees, or premiums - only the absence of these practices can be regarded as an indicator of reasonable accessibility.
4. Portability - that the proposed definition for portability be broadened to include also the mobility of human resources.
5. Public administration - that the public administration be a non-profit public administration of insured services benefits.

II BE IT RESOLVED that NAC lobby for these issues immediately, by whatever means possible, at both the provincial and federal levels.



PROVINCIAL MEDICAL CARE & HOSPITAL PLANS

PROVINCES/ TERRITORIES	FINANCING (PREMIUMS) Monthly as of Jan/82	EXTRA-BILLING		HOSPITAL USER FEES (as of Jan/82)
		MANNER	% OF DOCTORS* MARCH 1981	
British Columbia	Premiums Single \$11.50 Family \$23.00 or \$28.75	Opting Out	None	Inpatients \$7.50/day Outpatients \$4.00 emergency \$7.00 day surger
Alberta	Premiums Single \$9.50 Family \$19.00	Balance Billing	44.7%	Inpatients \$5.00 admin Chronic Care
Saskatchewan	Funded from Taxes	Extra Billing	30.7%	None
Manitoba	Funded from Taxes	Opting Out	5.9%	None
Ontario	Premiums Single \$23.00 Family \$46.00	Opting Out	15.5%	For Chronic, rehab care
Quebec	Funded from Taxes & employer (3% of payroll)	Opting Out of Medicare System	0.5 practice outside Medicare	For long-term care
New Brunswick	Funded from Taxes	Extra Billing	13.7%	None
Nova Scotia	Funded from Taxes	Balance Billing	52.8%	None
Prince Edward Island	Funded from Taxes	Extra Billing	5.8%	None
Newfoundland	Funded from Taxes	Opting Out	0.5%	Ward charge for first 15 days (\$3.00 daily)
Yukon	Premiums Single \$18.00 Family \$25.00	Opting Out	None	None
Northwest Territories	Funded from Taxes	Opting Out	None	None

* from National Council of Welfare Document

This chart taken from a Report on Medicare to the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, March 1983.

IN OPTIONAL PHYSICS AND MATHEMATICS IN LATER HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, CANADIAN FEMALES ENROL AND ACHIEVE AT A SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER LEVEL THAN DO MALES. THIS CONSTITUTES A PROBLEM BECAUSE MARKS EARNED BY GIRLS IN EARLIER SCHOOL YEARS SHOW THAT IT IS A LIE THAT FEMALES CANNOT DO SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS.

The SCIENCE COUNCIL OF CANADA Science Education in Canada Study^{*} gives only FOUR (4!!!) of its over 600 pages to this situation, and nowhere, in the rest of its work, integrates this issue (draft final report).

We are urging that the final report include recognition that this situation DOES constitute a problem for all people responsible for science education in Canada, and that in all parts of the final report the SCC recommend specific procedures to ensure that by the end of high school years, female students will have received, (at least) the same science and mathematics education as male students.

The Science Council itself has only three women among its 30 members and, if, in their final report, they do not seriously address the problem of Women in Science, it will appear as though they are contributing to the problem.

PLEASE SUPPORT US AND WRITE TO:

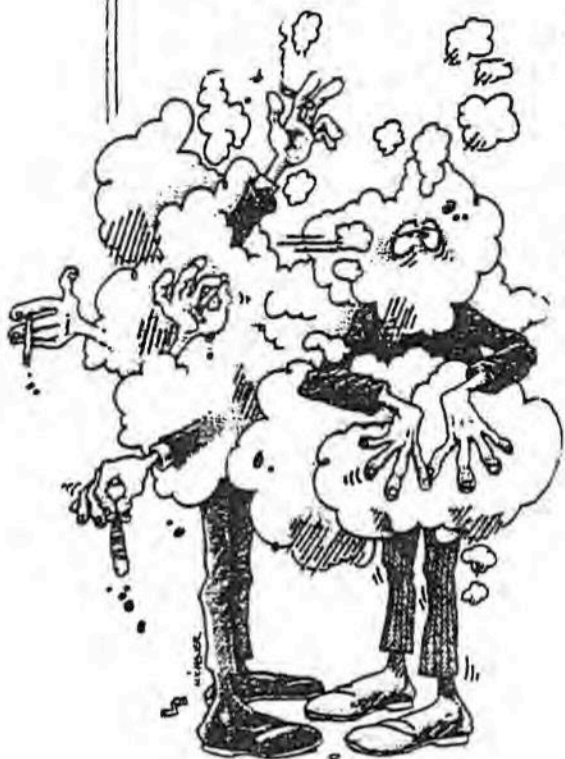
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WHERE DO YOU STAND ON THE ISSUE OF INVOLUNTARY SMOKING?

New Health Committee chair, Madeleine Gilchrist attended 'HEALTH EFFECTS FROM PASSIVE TOBACCO SMOKE' conference in Toronto, April 12, 1983, and came back with the following information...

ONE OPINION

“I try to keep my smoking from being a nuisance but, after all, I'm not really hurting anyone.”



1. The O.M.A. recognizes a scientific basis for the view that there are short-term (acute) and long-term (chronic) health effects from exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke in the home, public buildings, work place and transportation facilities, and that this exposure is a significant factor in serious respiratory, cardio-vascular and other diseases.
2. **Acute effects in healthy adults**
Acute effects of second-hand smoking in healthy adults are irritation of the eyes, nose, sinuses and bronchial tubes, with tears, nasal congestion, headache, wheezing and cough.
3. **Long-term effects in healthy adults**
The observed damage to small airways may be irreversible. Continual exposure to second-hand smoke may put people at higher risk of ordinary virus infections and at higher risk of progressing on from small airway damage to chronic bronchitis.
There is suggestive evidence that long-term exposure to passive smoking increases the risk of lung cancer.
4. **Effects on healthy children**
The scientific literature clearly establishes that passive smoking increases the incidence of respiratory disease in infants and children, results in more time lost from school due to respiratory diseases, and increases the use of hospital and medical facilities.
5. **Health effects on adults with pre-existing disease**
Heart disease
Patients with angina have their tolerance to ordinary exercise, such as walking, reduced as a result of second-hand smoke exposure.
Asthma
Patients with asthma (7% of the population in south-western Ontario) and hay fever (15-20% in south-western Ontario) have their symptoms considerably worsened with nasal congestion (headache) and shortness of breath from bronchial obstruction after exposure to second-hand smoke.

SURVIVAL & THE FUTURE

(New Committee name - formerly "Survival")

Most of last year's SURVIVAL COMMITTEE wish to continue working with us this year. But we need more woman power:

- 1) to help with reading, copying, phoning, making up Survival kits
- 2) to act as contacts across the country with groups and individuals, relaying information to and from us (so far we have reps in Sault Ste Marie, Invermere, and St. John's, Nfld)
- 3) to study various subjects so that we can keep up with all aspects of our PRIORITY, Disarmament.... but we also need broader understanding of environmental resources, future predictions for our rapidly changing society and non-violent solutions to conflict resolution, etc..... (more info next MEMO)

Following the AGM Lobby, NAC's Survival Committee members met with a small all-party group of MP's who oppose Cruise Tests. They advised us to keep up the pressure in every way - particularly having face to face meetings with MPs all across Canada. They felt we should not press for a vote in the House at this time.... MP's will not break ranks for a vote - unless for a vote of conscience, when they are free to vote as they wish without threat of the government being defeated.... Here is the latest poll of MP's on Cruise Testing:

A4/TORONTO STAR, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1983 ★★

Where Canada's MPs stand on conducting cruise missile tests

The Star asked every member of Parliament the following question: "Do you favor the testing of the cruise missile in Canada under the framework agreement signed Feb. 10?" Here are their responses:

Metro MPs

YES

Ursula Appolloni (L-York South-Weston), David Crombie (PC-Rosedale), Jesse Fiis (L-Parkdale-High Park), Gordon Gilchrist (PC-Scarborough East), Ken Robinson (L-Etobicoke-Lakeshore), Michael Wilson (PC-Etobicoke Centre).

NO

Dan Heup (NDP-Spadina), Lynn McDonald (NDP-Broadview-Greenwood), David Weatherhead (L-Scarborough West), Neil Young (NDP-Beaches)

Don't know/Won't say

John Bosley (PC-Don Valley West), Charles Caccia (L-Davenport), David Collenette (L-York East), Roland de Corneille (L-Eglinton-Lawrence), Paul Cosgrove (L-York Scarborough), Jim Fleming (L-York West), Bob Kaplan (L-York Centre), Norm Kelly (L-Scarborough Centre), Roy MacLaren (L-Etobicoke North), Aileen Nicholson (L-Trinity), Jim Peterson (L-Willowdale), John Roberts (L-St. Paul's), David Smith (L-Don Valley East).

Rest of the Country

(Ontario MPs listed by riding, others by province)

YES

LIBERALS

Berger, David (Quebec); Blaker, Rod (Quebec); Bloomfield, Garnel (London-Middlesex); Breau, Herb (NB); Campbell, Bennett (PEI); Campbell, John (Quebec); Chretien, Jean (Quebec); Cote, Eva (Quebec); Cousineau, Rene (Quebec); Cyr, Alexandre (Quebec); Desmarais, Louis (Quebec); Duquet, Gerard (Quebec); Foster, Maurice (Albama); Girmael, Pierre (Quebec); Henderson, George (PEI); Isabelle, Gaston (Quebec); Lachance, Claude-Andre (Quebec); Lalonde, Marc (Quebec); Lamontagne, Gilles (Quebec); Laniel, Gerald (Quebec); Pepin, Jean-Luc (Ottawa-Carleton); Tessier, Claude (Quebec); Tousignant, Henri (Quebec).

CONSERVATIVES

Bienkarn, Don (Mississauga South); Crouse, Lloyd (NS); Dick, Paul (Lennox-Rentrew-Carleton); Domm, Bill (Peterborough); Fennell, Scott (Ontario); Forrestall, Michael (NS); Gamble, John (York North); Greenaway, Lorne (BC); Gurbin, Gary (Bruce-Grey); Hees, George (Northumberland); Korchinski, Stan (Sask); Lambert, Marcel (Alta); LaSalle, Roch (Quebec); MacDougall, John (Timiskaming); MacKav, Elmer (NS); McCuish, Lorne (BC); McDermid, John (Brampton-Georgetown); McKinnon, Allan (BC); McKnight, Bill (Sask); Reid, Joe (St. Catharines); Shields, Jack (Alta); Stevens, Sinclair (York-Peel); Stewart, Ron (Simcoe South); Thacker, Blaine (Alta); Thomson, John (Alta); Towers, Gordon (Alta).

INDEPENDENT

Yurko, Bill (Alta).

NDP

None.

NO

LIBERALS

Baker, George (Nfld); Duclos, Louis (Quebec); Frith, Doug (Sudbury); McRae, Paul (Thunder Bay-Atikokan); Pelletier, Irene (Quebec).

CONSERVATIVES

Carney, Pat (BC); McLean, Walter (Waterloo); Murta, Jack (Man); Rocne, Doug (Alta).

NDP

Allhouse, Vic (Sask); Anguish, Doug (Sask); Benjamin, Les (Sask); Blackburn, Derek (Brant); Blaikie, Bill (Man); Broadbent, Ed (Oshawa); Deans, Ian (Hamilton-Mountain); de Jong, Simon (Sask); Fulton, Jim (BC); Hovdebo, Stan (Sask); Jewett, Pauline (BC); Keefer, Cyril (Man); Knowles, Stanley (Man); Kristiansen, Lyle (BC); Lewycky, Laverne (Man); Manly, Jim (BC); Miller, Ted (BC); Mitchell, Margaret (BC); Murphy, Rod (Man); Nystrom, Lorne (Sask); Ople, Bob (Sask); Orlikow, David (Man); Parker, Sid (BC); Riis, Nelson (BC).

Don't know/Won't say

All remaining Liberals and Conservatives

According to a Gallop Poll in March 1983, 53% OF CANADIANS OPPOSE CRUISE TESTING... The numbers are increasing. Eventually, there has to be an election. We have heard that three cabinet ministers now oppose the testing... The opposition is building... We may yet achieve our aim. There are many more ways we can lobby for peace Is your town a nuclear free zone??? If your municipality held a referendum on balanced disarmament, will your Mayor now go to Ottawa to lobby the Federal Government???? KEEP AT THEM..... more action over.... but....

HELP.....URGENT..... LOST!!!!!!

Somewhere after the AGM, we mislaid our new film "THE LOST GENERATION" which was screened at the Survival workshop. If anyone has a clue as to where it went, please telephone (collect!) the NAC Office. We need to make it available to member groups.....

action...

..Kay Macpherson, Chair..

STOP THE CRUISE!

Don't tire!!! The efforts of hundreds of thousands of people -- here and in Europe -- are having an effect. Keep sending:

LETTERS to

- Prime Minister Trudeau
- Hon. Allan MacEachen, Secretary of State for External Affairs
- Hon. Gilles Lamontagne, Minister of Defence

TELEPHONE....

- Prime Minister Trudeau (613) 992-4211
- Hon. Allan MacEachen (613) 992-9171


Make an appointment with your MP in his/her riding office. Take some friends/neighbours with you -- represent your community (school, church, business, university) and talk about your concerns.... Don't be put off by "You should go to Moscow!".... Nordic women went there last summer and others were in East Berlin this spring.... Don't be put off by "We are committed to the Cruise through NATO""We" are not these cruise missiles are air-launched for the U.S. Long Range Strategic Air Command - NOT FOR NATO!

IDEA FOR ACTION

Call the National Film Board and ask for dates when "IF YOU LOVE THIS PLANET" is available. Approach local community centres, old peoples homes, schools, clubs, apartment buildings where you know a tenant, libraries, churches ... and ask if they will set aside time and space (and a projector if necessary) to show the Academy Award winning film, with discussion afterwards. Notices should be posted.. (NFB has a flyer about the film)... Have information and facts on hand. End with ideas sessions on what people can do. Encourage everyone to take action.

TRY this with your MP or other elected officials, clergy, teachers, etc..... Get them to view the film and start discussion.....

Sunday Star, Apr 24/83

Message to  *Queen's Park to City Hall yesterday to protest testing the cruise missile in Canada. The peace march was more than a kilometre (.6 mile) long and took three hours to pass. Ontario NDP Leader Bob Rae spoke at the rally*

St - P *Ua Waa:* **CRUISE MISSILES**

WHAT A DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 80,000 PEOPLE RALLIED ACROSS THE NATION AGAINST CRUISE..

NAC and its member groups were well-represented in the biggest demonstrations and marches across the country! (Estimates: 65,000 in Vancouver; 15,000 in Toronto; 2,000 in Saskatoon; 400 in Whitehorse.....)

PLEASE send us your clippings and reports..... Every one helps encourage us and gives us new ideas....

MORE X-COUNTRY NEWS

COLD LAKE PEACE CAMP, BOX 330, Grande Centre, Alberta T0A 1T0... Modeled on Greenham Common Camp in Berkshire, England, this protest on the Saskatchewan/Alberta border has survived the winter and looks forward to operating during the summer.... But help is needed... visit them, write them, send donations, support their efforts to prevent CRUISE TESTING at the nearby armed forces base...

ACTION is planned across the country for MOTHERS DAY.... In Ottawa women are encircling the House of Commons..... in Toronto there is "Support for Mothers of El Salvador"in Sault Ste Marie they have a "Mothers Walk for Peace"..... and similar action in Halifax....

KEEP MARCHING..... THEY'RE LISTENING...

PORNOGRAPHY

A HUGE BOUQUET TO THERESE KILLENS, M.P FOR SAINT-MICHEL-AHUNTSIC, WHO WROTE THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF FIRST CHOICE PAY TV:

Sir/Madam,

I object to the pornography and sex role stereotyping as planned on "First Choice" for Pay-TV.

I am alarmed at the increase of actual violence against women in the form of sexual assault (rape), sexual harassment and battering of women.

Last week in Ottawa I viewed films transmitted by satellite off the Playboy channels in the U.S. I don't want to see such degradation in Canada.

I therefore advise you that as of today I am taking action not to deal with your company in any way, shape or form until I am assured that "First Choice" complies to recommendations of the Task Force on Sex Role Stereotyping relating to sexual exploitation of women.

Pornography promotes violence against women. I am against it.

*Therese Killens, M.P.
Saint-Michel-Ahuntsic*

AND SENT A LIST OF "FIRST CHOICE" SHAREHOLDERS TO THE MANY PEOPLE WHO REQUESTED THE INFORMATION AFTER HEARING HER RADIO INTERVIEW IN MONTREAL.

THE SHAREHOLDERS ARE:

FIRST CHOICE CAN. COMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION OF TORONTO
1 Dundas Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 1Z3 (416) 977-5485

EATON'S (PRESIDENT'S OFFICE)
1 Dundas Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M5B 1C8 (416) 591-3111

MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF TORONTO
200 Bloor Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M4W 1W5 (416) 928-4100

ROYFUND (EQUITY) LTD
Suite 2990, South Tower
P.O. Box 70
Royal Bank Plaza
Toronto, Ontario
M5J 2J2 (416) 865-0505

AGF MANAGEMENT LTD.
P.O. Box 50
225 Toronto Dominion Bank Tower
Toronto, Ontario
M5K 1E9 (416) 367-1900

EMPIRE CO. LIMITED
115 King Street
Stellarton, Nova Scotia
B0K 1S0 (902) 755-4440

GLEN WARREN PRODUCTIONS LTD.
OF TORONTO
Box 9, Station 0
Toronto, Ontario
M4A 2M9 (416) 291-7571

BATON BROADCASTING INC.
101 Richmond Street West
Suite 1206
Toronto, Ontario
M5H 1T1 (416) 364-6491

EATON'S
677 Ouest, Ste-Catherine
Montreal, Quebec
H3B 3Y6 (514) 284-8484

QUEBECOR INC. DE MONTREAL
225 est, rue Roy
Montreal, Quebec
H2W 2N6 (514) 282-9600

ASSURANCE-VIE MANUFACTURERS
1140 ouest, de Maisonneuve
Montreal, Quebec
H3A 1M8 (514) 288-7171

.... playboy continued.....

AS WELL, PLEASE SEND YOUR PROTESTS ON PLAYBOY PROGRAMMING TO:

SECRETARY-GENERAL'S OFFICE
C.R.T.C.
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0N2

MEDIA WATCH
Box 46999, Station G
Vancouver, b.c.
V6R 4K8

action...

A CRY FOR HELP -- FROM THE NORTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTRE

"We have been working for ten months on the pornography issues, and there has not been one single conviction, and there has, to our knowledge, been only one pornographic product banned at the border (after a parliamentary row).

PAY-TV continues unchecked.

BUT..... provincial and federal law enforcement officials will meet this spring. If ALL NAC MEMBER GROUPS let their provincial Attorneys-General and Mark McGuigan (federal Minister of Justice) know that pornography is a high priority with them, we might just get some co-ordinated action.

Tell them that we want strong laws and better law enforcement!!!

FURTHER ACTION

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities will consider a pornography resolution. Have you told your civic officials that you know there is a public safety issue here. Do you know that this is a top priority item with your group? Pick up the phone or write a letter and get the municipal officials to pressure the Attorney-General in your province.

WHEN ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE AWARE, INFORMED AND DETERMINED, WE MIGHT GET SOME ACTION!!!"

IF PORNOGRAPHY APPEARS IN YOUR LOCAL VIDEOSHOP

1. Check the list of publications and tapes on shelves
 2. View films (use school or library equipment to save costs)
 3. Take the film to your local Police or RCMP office and lodge a complaint, in writing if required. Mention combination of explicit sex with violence, incest, child pornography, all of which are forbidden under the Criminal Code, Section 159. COMPLAINTS ESTABLISH COMMUNITY STANDARDS!
 4. The Police will view and recommend to Crown Counsel for prosecution or not.
 5. Whatever the decision, ask for the reasons IN WRITING.
 6. If you are dissatisfied with the decision, complain to your Attorney-General whose responsibility it is to enforce the Criminal Code in your province.
 7. If you should get a charge laid, pack the court, picket. Let the community know that this is hate propoganda against women and must be regulated.
 8. If you get a conviction, approach the municipality to lift the business license on the grounds of criminal conviction.
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- A. LOBBYING LOCAL POLITICIANS IS ALWAYS USEFUL BECAUSE THEY ARE IN CONTACT WITH OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. CONVINCE THEM THAT THIS IS A COMMUNITY ISSUE.
 - B. CONSIDER ACTIONS TO EMBARRASS CUSTOMERS.
 - C. NETWORK WITH OTHER GROUPS USING JILLIAN RIDINGTON'S DISCUSSION PAPER ON PORNOGRAPHY AS A RESOURCE - AVAILABLE FROM NAC or NATIONAL ASSN WOMEN & THE LAW.
 - D. SOME PROPRIETORS ARE ANXIOUS TO AVOID COMMUNITY DISAPPROVAL AND WILL LET YOU VIEW FILMS AND SUGGEST WHICH ONES SHOULD BE CUT OR REMOVED. BY ALL MEANS USE THIS ROUTE IF POSSIBLE. IT IS THE FASTEST, BUT YOU HAVE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION CONSTANTLY; BETTER TO LOBBY FOR CHANGES IN THE CRIMINAL CODE.
 - E. CONTACT NORTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTRE, 600 WEST QUEEN'S ROAD, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. V7N 2L3 (PH: 604-988-7115 x 338) FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE.

FUNDING OF TRANSITION HOUSES: a complex system

	SECRETARY OF STATE	HEALTH PROMOTION	WELFARE GRANTS	SOLICITOR GENERAL	CEIC CANADA COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECT	CMHC	DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES NFLD	C.A.P. HEALTH & WELFARE CANADA
	PROJECT GRANT	PROJECT OR DEMO. GRANT	DEMO. GRANT	PROJECT OR DEMO. GRANT				
A. CAPITAL OR RENT (HOUSE)	Rent or LTP	Rent or LTP	Rent or LTP	Rent or LTP	Renovation %	Yes	Yes	No
INSURANCE (LIABILITY)	Rent Covers	Rent Covers	Rent covers	Rent Covers	Yes	No	"	Yes
TAXES ON SHELTER	"	"	"	"	"	No	"	"
PERMIT TO OPERATE SHELTER	"	"	"	"	"	No	"	"
MAINTENANCE OF SHELTER	a portion	a portion	portion	a portion	"	Yes	"	"
UTILITIES (LIGHT, HEAT)	"	"	"	"	"	No	"	"
FURNITURE FOR SHELTER	no	no	no	no	Capital %	Yes	"	No
HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS (LINEN, DISHES)	no	no	no	no	"	No	"	Yes
B. SALARIES	no	project	project	project	1-min+50% X-min+20%	No	"	"
PENSION PLAN	no	?	?	?	Yes	"	"	"
HEALTH PLAN	no	50%	?	?	"	"	"	"
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	no	project	project	project	"	"	"	"
STAFF TRAINING & DEV.	More approp. for volunteers	Could be a project	Could be project	Could be project	"	"	"	"
C. OFFICE SUPPLIES	Project	Project	Project	Project	"	"	"	"
PROGRAM SUPPLIES	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
PUBLICITY	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
PRINTING	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
POSTAGE	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
TELEPHONE	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
TRAVEL	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
D. FOOD	no	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
E. BANK CHARGES	Project	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
AUDIT	no	no	no	no	no	"	"	"
OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS	Defined	Defined	Defined	Defined	Defined	Defined	Legal Fees	"

This chart represents the patchwork of possible funding sources for transition houses for battered women -- nothing better illustrates the complicated way in which we have to put together funding efforts to establish and maintain them...

CHART COURTESY OF FORMER EXECUTIVE MEMBER, BILLIE THURSTON

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS - FUNDING

Sexual Harassment:

Bonnie Robichaud is a working mother who has been fighting a sexual harassment case and discrimination on the basis of sex for four years.

Since she first complained about sexual harassment in June 1979, she has received no change in her working conditions. She continues to work under the man who sexually harassed her and he has been supported by the Department of National Defense by their "blind eye" attitude to any further harassment. No working woman should have to endure this.

Bonnie's case went to the Federal Human Rights Commission in December 1979 following no action by her union and the Anti-Discrimination Directorate of the Public Service. In December 1980, it was decided that the case should be presented before a Tribunal, the first federal case of this kind to do so. It was not until June 1982 that Chairman Abbot handed down her reply that there was "no decision".

When Bonnie decided to appeal Abbot's decision, she had to hire her own lawyer as the federal Human Rights Commission would not appeal for her. The Appeal Tribunal decided in her favour in February 1983. The Department of National Defence is currently appealing this ruling.

What has been done is that the Treasury Board of Canada has published "Personal Harassment in the Workplace" stating a policy against harassment and a procedure for complaint. The problem still exists because this policy leaves discipline and investigation in the hands of a manager who might have a conflict of interest. Also, no specific guidelines as to discipline are laid out and no appeal procedure is outlined.

THE NORTH BAY WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE is asking that you help fight for Bonnie and all working women. They contend that:

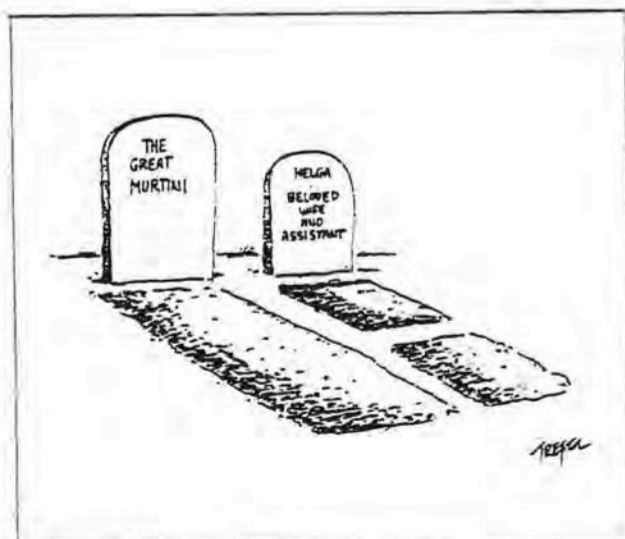
- Once an employee complains of sexual harassment, an attempt should be made to remove the harasser immediately from any supervisory role until the matter is settled
- The Treasury Board and Department of National Defence should set down specific guidelines and procedures to investigate and discipline harassers
- A person who is harassed has a right to continued and harmonious employment and every right to be assured of this.

It has cost Bonnie a great deal of time, energy, pain, and over \$8,000 to fight this. She has been sued for slander, falsely disciplined and continually harassed at work. Please write to the following to show your support for Bonnie.

- Hon. Herb Grey, Treasury Board of Canada
- Hon. Judy Erola, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women
- Hon. G. Lamontagne, Minister of Defence
- R. Juriantaz, Canadian Human Rights Commission

DONATIONS TOWARDS BONNIE'S LEGAL EXPENSES WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED...

Send to: North Bay Women's Resource Centre, Box 891, North Bay, Ontario P1B 8K1
Telephone: (705) 476-2425



news from STUDIO D



STUDIO D is the only publicly-funded, woman-run centre for women filmmakers in Canada -- and indeed the world!

Its staff filmmakers have made such films as PATRICIA'S MOVING PICTURE, I'LL FIND A WAY, NOT A LOVE STORY..... It has employed free lance women filmmakers to produce films like THE LADY FROM GREY COUNTY, IF YOU LOVE THIS PLANET..... Through a program of assistance, STUDIO D has contributed to the majority of films made by independent women filmmakers in this country, including A WIFE'S TALE, MOVING MOUNTAINS, P4W (KINGSTON PRISON FOR WOMEN)...

STUDIO D is threatened: The Applebaum/Hebert Report on culture has recommended that our base - the National Film Board - cease producing films and be reduced to a centre for training and experiment. It recommends that the bulk of government assistance for film be transferred to the private commercial film industry, and administered by the CFDC. Nowhere is there any recognition of the abysmal record of the CFDC or the commercial feature film industry vis-a-vis the image of women or the role of women as filmmakers. Nowhere in the recommendations on film is there any provision for the kind of films that we as women need as audiences; that we as women filmmakers need to make to express our perceptions and perspectives.

We ask you to let the Government know how you feel about the future of the National Film Board and STUDIO D. Include your suggestions for improvements. Do you think we should have more money to produce more films? To enable us to support more independents? That prints of women's films should be available in greater numbers so they are more easily accessible? Do you feel that women's films should receive more exposure on CBC?

It is important that the Government of Canada be aware of women's concerns: Send your views on the N.F.B. and STUDIO D to:

Honorable Francis Fox
Department of Communications
Journal Tower North Bldg
300 Slater Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C8

and send copies to:
•Your own MP
•Right Hon. Pierre Trudeau
•Studio D, P-43
Box 6100, Montreal H3C 3H5

...Action



When the Sudbury Centennial Foundation proposed its logo for the Sudbury Centennial, 1883-1983, the SUDBURY WOMEN'S CENTRE was quick to protest. They argued that the logo, featuring two mining men, did not represent the contributions made by women to the City of Sudbury. Their suggestions fell on deaf ears.

The Sudbury Women's Centre has now created their own logo, one which does reflect the contributions of women. They will honour the contributions as a tribute to Sudbury women, "Miners' Mothers Day" on May 7, 1983, the day before Mothers Day.

Even though Sudbury came to prominence as a mining community, after all... didn't every miner have a mother?????????

FOR BUTTONS, SEND \$1 TO 38 BEECH STREET WEST, SUDBURY, ONTARIO P3C 1Z3

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 x Exhibition Schedule x
 x London Regional Art Gallery (Publicity Photos available) x
 x 421 Ridout St. N. London, Ont. N6A 5H4 (519) 672-4580 x
 x May 13 - July 3, 1983 x
 x Gairloch Gallery, Oakville Ontario Oct. 22-Nov 20/83 x
 x Mount St. Vincent Univ. Art Gallery x
 x Halifax, Nova Scotia Dec. 19-Jan 29/84 x
 x The Gibson House, Willowdale, Ont. June 25 - Aug. 5/84 x
 x Art Gallery of Ont., Toronto, Ont. Aug. 27 - Oct. 7/84 x
 x INFO: Laura Jones (Guest Curator) x
 x 729 Carlaw Ave. Toronto M4K 3K8 (416) 461-2106 x
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Info: Barbara Caruson, Ph.D. Director,
 The National Summer Institute in Women's Studies
 Box 94, Earlham College, Richmond, IN. 47374 (317) 962-6561, x505/322

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C O P O H (204) 947-0303
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Winnipeg, Man. R3C 0B9

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Que l'expérience et la jeunesse se rencontrent

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Date: Le 3, 4 et 5 juin 1983

FEDERATION DES FEMMES CANADIENNES-FRANÇAISES
325, rue Dalhousie, pièce 525
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7G2 Tél. (613) 232-5791

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Info: NAC Office or
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8 Arianos Street, Athens
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Are you planning a conference, workshop or retreat for 5-55 people? Why not consider the Grindstone Island Centre? Grindstone is a non-profit, co-operative conference centre situated in the scenic Big Rideau Lake near the village of Portland, Ontario, about halfway between Kingston and Ottawa. The dates which are available for bookings are limited, and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The Centre is open from May 16 to October 1.

Write or Phone: Suzanne Warren, Grindstone Co-op, P.O. Box 564, Station P,
Toronto, Ontario M5S 2T1 (416) 923-4215

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80 Woodlawn Avenue East
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SUMMER SCHOOL FOR WOMEN ORGANIZING



June 17 - 26, 1983
Silver Creek Ranch, Water Valley -
(110 km. NW of Calgary)

Themes: Health, Work, Violence,
The Alberta Scene.

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HEALTH & CULTURE WORKSHOP

"Health is a Cultural Affair"

May 13, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Ryerson Public School
(Bathurst & Dundas - Toronto)

Info: Health & Culture Workshop
c/o Charlotte Bonds
7th floor, East Tower
City Hall, Toronto M5H 2N2

ENDING THE SILENCE

A Conference Exploring Violence Against Women

University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta
May 27-29, 1983



FOR GENERAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

The Alberta Society of Women Against Violence
9926-112 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
Telephone: 488-8863

KATE MILLETT, well known American feminist and author will speak on Friday, May 27th, and on Sunday May 29th. DEBRA LEWIS, Canadian author of RAPE: THE PRICE OF COERCIVE SEXUALITY will give a public address.

International Women's Writing Guild (IWWG 12th Annual Conference)

Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. July 22-29, 1983
(plus optional weekend, July 30-31)

Info: Greta Nemiroff, Director, The New School of Dawson College
Canadian Congress for Learning Opportunities for Women,
Victoria Campus, 485 McGill St. Montreal, Que. H2Y 2H4

or, Cultural Council Foundation, IWWG, Box 810, Gracie Station, N.Y. 10028

Publications ...

The CRIAW PAPERS (Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women)- based on feminist research on women in politics, women in sport, women & culture, conference papers, etc. Series of 5 papers \$20.00. CRIAW 415-151 Slater St. Ottawa K1P 5H3

YWCA-Metro Toronto has publications & tapes available on the following topics: Discovering Life Skills with Women; Rape: Once is too Often (video); Women and Employment; Women's Group List (1983); Volunteers. More information & prices - YWCA of Metro. Toronto, Resource Development Dept. 80 Woodlawn Ave. E. Toronto M4T 1C1

GOODWIN'S - Canada's national alternative magazine for the '80s - Issues: Workplace democracy, Racism, Sexism, Energy, New technology, Housing, Health care, Day Care ... A social issues watchdog offering workable alternatives. Subscription \$10.00 Goodwin's, Box 1043, Station B, Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5R1. (Spring 1983 Premier edition)

INDEX TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES - a comprehensive publication describing over 1000 federal programs, many of which are of particular interest to women. Program of the Task Force on Service to the Public. Available in public libraries, post offices; can be purchased from federal Publishing Centre (Hull) or bookstores carrying government publications.

FREEDOM FROM HARM OR FREEDOM OF SPEECH? - A Feminist Perspective on the Regulation of Pornography. A discussion paper by Jillian Ridington. Available \$5.00/copy from National Asso. of Women & the Law, 124 O'Connor St. Suite 305, Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5M9

WOMEN, WORK AND DEVELOPMENT, Publications of the International Labour Office. Titles & Prices available through ILO Publications, International Labour Office CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland.

ABUSE OF WOMEN IN THE MEDIA - one of the first books from a developing country dealing with women's portrayal as inferior & as sex objects in the media. Write to: Consumers' Asso. of Penang, 27 Kelawei Rd., Penang, Malaysia. \$3.00 U.S. & postage/copy.

C O U R S E S SUMMER INSTITUTE IN CRITICAL PEDAGOGY & WOMEN'S STUDIES AT OISE "The Teacher in the Middle: Families, Schools and Government" Summer Institute July 6 - August 13 (registration July 5) For more infor. & regis. details write - Ontario Institute for Studies in Education 252 Bloor St. W. Toronto, Ont. M5S 1V6 (416) 923-6641

ON YOUR OWN - resource directory for teenage women 16-21 who may have left home for reasons of violence vs women; published by YWCA -Metro Toronto, 80 Woodlawn Ave. E. Toronto, Ont. M4T 1C1 (416) 961-8100.

F I L M "GOOD MONDAY MORNING" A film about worklife and the women who live it. By Laura Sky. 30 min. 16 mm. colour. Produced for National Union of Provincial Gov't Employees. Available from SKYWORKS, 566 Palmerston Ave. Toronto, Ont. M6G 2P7 (416) 536-6581.

P O S T E R " Dropping Math " Available through Clarke Irwin @ \$2.00 each or 10 for \$19.00 Write: Clarke Irwin & Co. Ltd. 791 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto, Ont. M6C 1B8 (416) 654-3211

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