

NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE on the status of women

LE COMITÉ NATIONAL D'ACTION sur le statut de la femme

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NAC

Where Were You in 172?



and where will you be in '83?

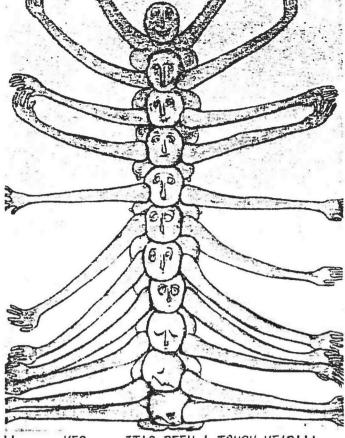
We are looking forward to seeing you all at the 1982 AGM.

A great program has been prepared for our 10th Anniversary ---- come celebrate.

Laura Sabia will reminisce about the good old days, there will be workshops on many policy areas, an update on the constitution, entertainment, lobbying, business and lots more --- don't forget your bathing suits --- the hotel pool opens every day at 7 am.....

 IS IT A BIRD....???

IS IT A PLANE ... ???



NO.....

IT'S THE OUTGOING NAC EXECUTIVE!!!

YES ... IT'S BEEN A TOUGH YEAR!!!

It was a year when we, with our sisters across Canada, were continuously called on to rally on the constitutional debate while continuing to lobby and fight for all the ongoing issues which never go away.... The bread and butter issues like Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value, Child Care, Women's Health, Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements, Native Women are less easy to raise and form a constant day to day lobbying load for the NAC Committees.

We had our internal problems on the Executive, and these eroded energies and took up time. I hope we are through them now and that we can look back on this year with pride:

- our contribution, with other Canadian women, to the constitutional debate
- the NAC Mid-Year Meeting in Newfoundland
- the unique contribution made in the pensions debate through the Pensions Kit, pensions conferences, articles, etc.
- the support for paid maternity leave in the CUPW contract
- the briefs on Women & Culture, Impact of Technology, Employment committee's response to the Dodge Task Force and U.I. Reports, and Media Watch brief to CRTC
- the many speaking engagements
- the revival of our exciting new <u>Status of Women News</u> and the steadily growing subscription list
- the 30 new member groups from all parts of the country
- the successful fundraising activities of the NAC TRUST, with its support for pensions, native women and other projects
- the tons of day-to-day work done by committee chairs and members, our Secretary and our Treasurer, and our regional reps who have really made great strides in linking NAC to its grass roots, especially in B.C. and Newfoundland

For a bunch of volunteers, I think we did a good job. Throughout it all, we've been very ably supported by our terrific staff: Pearl Blazer, Janet Port and Maxine Hermolin --- thank you from all of us.

I will not be running for office next year. I wish the new Executive, as it enters the next ten years, every good wish.

Jean Wood
President

p.s. Thanks for all the great comments about MEMO.... we like it too!!! The work on it throughout the year has been done by the continued efforts of the Vice-Presidents, President and Office Staff.

Membership Committee

Welcome to our new member groups:

Action Day Care, Toronto
Action Travail des Femmes du Quebec Inc, Montreal
Brant Women's Network/Le Reseau des Femmes de Brant, Brantford, Ontario
Ottawa Women In Trades Association
Oxford Women's Study Group, Kingston, Ontario
Queens Women's Centre, Kingston, Ontario
Shuswap Area Family Emergency Society, Salmon Arm, B.C.
Toronto Women Teachers' Association
Womanspirit, London, Ontario
Women Today, Belgrave, Ontario

To be ratified pending receipt of approved questionnaire:

Saskatoon Society, Saskatchewan Action Committee WILPF - Vancouver and Ottawa

MEDIA WATCH

MEDIA WATCH has now distributed over 2,000 forms. Due to limited funds, we have been unable to fill large orders (some people are requesting 1000 forms). Groups who have the forms include women's centres at Sheridan College, U.B.C., York University, University of Regina, Okanagan College, Fanshawe College and Camosun College (Victoria), and forms were distributed at conferences held by NAWL, CRIAW, B.C. Federation of Women, Federated Anti-Poverty Groups, Status of Women Action Group (Victoria) and the NAC Mid-Year meeting. Unions and political parties have also distributed the form, and MEDIA WATCH has been written up in Kinesis, B.C. Human Rights Commission Newsletter, and an NDP National Newsletter.

We are encouraging women across the country to start their own MEDIA WATCH groups. The Media Monitoring Committee of the Manitoba Action Committee on the Status of Women has expressed interest. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM OTHER NAC MEMBER GROUPS.

Complaints are coming in, though we expect increased postage costs have slowed the response. We have corresponded with complainants and with advertisers, broadcasters and the CRTC and CAAB. A brief was presented to the CHRC and interventions were made at CRTC hearings on Pay-Tv and on Religious broadcasting. Copies of all these briefs can be made available. We are planning interventions, as and when appropriate, into CRTC license renewal hearings for broadcasting stations across the country. WE WILL BE ENCOURAGING NAC MEMBER GROUPS AND MEDIA WATCH "MONITORS" TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE, when stations in their local areas come up for licence renewal.

TODATE, we feel the response to our programme has been excellent. However, it is evident that there is a need for greater education and explanation; this has been particularly true when a MEDIA WATCH member has spoken about our programme after material showing the relationship between violence against women (e.g. the film NOT A LOVE STORY) has been shown.

In two years, the CRTC will decide whether the "self-regulation" now being implemented for advertisers and programmers has been effective. In order to properly document and assess the effectiveness of this self-regulation, we feel there is a great need for our members to attend conferences and consult with women's groups in order to fully explain the MEDIA WATCH programme. This will require money as we are requesting funds from the Secretary of State, Women's Programme, B.C. Human Rights Commission and other funding bodies. WE HAVE RECEIVED SMALL DONATIONS FROM GROUPS, AND MORE ARE VERY WELCOME.



Justice Committee

The Committee has sent a telegram and encourages all NAC Executive and Member groups to continue lobbying the federal government for the appointment of a women to the vacancy on the Supreme Court.

Mary-Anne Nixon will present a brief on Sexual Assault to Federal Justice Affairs in Ottawa on March 8.

EDITORIAL

The current <u>Status</u> has gone to print, with lead articles dealing with paid maternity leave, religion and feminism. The graphics for the magazine have been done by Canadian women artists and designers.

We are still looking for writers and illustrators from all regions of Canada. PLEASE WRITE US. The next issue of Status will feature a debate on pensions for housewives, domestic workers - a profile and the law on domestics, Pay-TV, Women in China, the law on prostitution in B.C. the 10 years of women's press, NAC's 10 years, farm women

PLEASE LET US KNOW THE NAMES OF NEWSSTANDS IN YOUR REGIONS.... we need to expand our distribution ... ALSO, CONFERENCES FOR FLIER DISTRIBUTION....



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs

The Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs of the House of Commons will be holding meetings on Bill C-53, An Act to amend the Criminal Code in relation to sexual offences and the protection of young persons and to amend certain other acts in relation thereto or in consequence thereof.

Individuals and organizations who wish to make written submissions to the Committee relating to Bill C-53 may do so in French, English or both official languages.

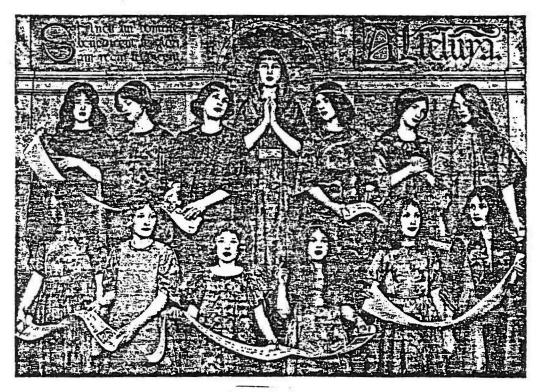
If possible, submissions should be typed on 28 cm by 22 cm paper with margins of 3 cm by 2 cm.

All written submissions should be submitted by 5:00 p.m., March 8, 1982.

Submissions should be addressed to:

Bernard G. Fournier, Clerk, Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario KIA 0A6

> Jean-Guy Dubois, M.P., Chairman



ALLELUYA! -

NAC CELEBRATES THE WOMEN OF CANADA ON MARCH 8TH

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Pensions Committee

The Manitoba pension conference held on January 23rd was a great success.... Despite -38° temperatures, there were over 100 people in attendance.

Committee efforts to get publicity for women and pensions resulted in an article in "Chatelaine" (May 1982) and an interview with the "Financial Post" (the latter has not appeared yet).

We have heard that the government green paper on pensions has been delayed again. Now due in May 1982.

NAC is cosponsoring a pensions seminar with the Saskatchewan Action Committee on the Status of Women, in Saskatoon, March 20, 1982.

Requests for Pensions Kits continue to come into the NAC Office. The demand has been such that we are printing more.

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COMING EVENTS ON THE PENSIONS SCENE

(taken from CACSW newsletter and other sources)

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA March 6, 1982 Contact: Edith Nee

Ph: (604) 261-7266 (b)

732-0834 (h)

MONTREAL, QUEBEC CITY AND CHICOUTIMI, April 1982

Contact: Jeanne Gariepy Ph: (514) 844-7049

SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN March 20, 1982

March 20, 1982 Contact: Margaret Harris Ph: (30€) 374-3237

NEW BRUNSWICK, May 1982 Contact: Rosella Melanson Ph: (506) 388-9660

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA Spring 1982

Contact: Joan Fraser Ph: (902) 455-6694

NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA Contact: Rhoda Witherly Ph: (604) 624-2161 (b) 624-9043 (h)

April 30/May 1, 1982 Contact: Janice Tait Ph: (613) 996-3664

OTTAWA, ONTARIO

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. May 1982

Contact: Heather Orford Ph: (902) 892-3664

TEMISCAMING, QUEBEC May 8, 1982

Contact: Brigette Turcotte Ph: (819) 333-6028

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO May 1982 Contact: Mary Rakowski

Ph: (807) 345-7045

RECENT PAST EVENTS

January 15, 1982 The National Council of Women of Canada presented its annual brief to the Federal Government, which includes a section on Pensions.

Conferences were held in February at St. John, N.B. (June Naves (506) 648-4545) and Labrador City (Grace Stapleton (709) 944-5774)

MEMBERS.

ATTENTION B.C. MEMBER GROUPS

The Attorney-General of B.C. has withheld funding from the B.C. rape relief centres.

These centres provide an essential service to victims and we urge all B.C. member groups, and anyone else concerned, to write to:

The Hon. A. Williams Attorney-General Government of B.C. Legislative Building Victoria, B.C.



Globe & Mail February 25/82

Donations will keep centres open

VANCOUVER (CP) - Rape relief centres in Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo and Terrace will be able to remain open without government money, according to a spokesman for the Coalition of B.C. Rape Crisis Centres.

Bonnie Agnew of Vancouver's Rape Relief said donations have been flooding in since last week's breakdown of talks between the provincial Government and the centres, and the Government's subsequent invitation to finance other groups will-ing to provide services to rape and sexual assault victims.

Miss Agnew these private donations, along with donations from speaking engage-ments by rape relief volunteers will help cover operating expenses, which include rent and telephone bills.

"NOT A LOVE STORY"

This NFB film on pornography has been publicised throughout Canada. It has been banned in some provinces from general circulation but is available for hire by private parties from the National Film Board.

In Newfoundland, the Newfoundland Status of Women Council, St. John's, has shown the film several times and conducted discussion on it with a resource person, together with a donation box. They have collected \$1100 in this way for transition houses.

Your group may want to follow up on this and combine viewing and discussion on a very important subject with fundraising for women's shelters.

PRAISING GOD TOGETHER

At previous NAC Annual Meetings, some women have gathered on Sunday morning to express their sisterhood in religious belief. The interfaith service this year will be prepared collectively by all women who would like to assist. Please bring to Ottawa relevant material you wish to share and watch for posters announcing time and place.

REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

As we go to press, Joe Borowski is still waiting to hear where his challenge to Canada's abortion law will be heard - Federal or Provincial. But when that decision is made by the Supreme Court of Canada, Borowski and his lawyer say they are ready to go.

In the December MEMO we told you about the Supreme Court's decision to grant Borowski standing to challenge the Federal Legislation, on the grounds that it violates the Canadian Bill of Rights. Borowski says fetuses and embryos are persons and he wants to see abortions totally outlawed.

This very serious challenge to women's right to safe legal abortion must be answered. Already, CARAL has engaged legal counsel to try to intervene in the case. The Canadian Government must defend its current legislation, which allows abortion under certain circumstances.

A letter from you to the Hon. Jean Chretien, Minister of Justice, would help him to understand what the majority of Canadians support ----

SAFE LEGAL ABORTIONS

Support CARAL's Intervention ----- Your \$10 Membership (or more) will help meet the tremendous cost of intervening in this case. CARAL's address is:

Box 935, Station Q Toronto, Ontario M4T 2P1

We will keep you informed............ A workshop on this subject, organized by CARAL, will be part of NAC's AGM Program on March 13 at the Holiday Inn, 100 Kent Street, Ottawa.

CARAL big battle ahead





I support the st	atement of purpose of	f CARAL and wish to become a member

Province Postal Code Occupation Name of Federal Riding or Member

Your cancelled cheque is your receipt.

Return to CARAL, Box 935, Station "Q", Toronto, M4T 2P1

LOBBYING

HOW TO SEND LETTERS TO	HOW TO SEND LETTERS TO FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT THE EASY WAY				
Send letters bulk to the following people and their staff will distribute to each member. A telephone call and/or an accompanying letter of request would be in order.					
FEDERAL MP'S	The Honourable Jeanne Sauve Speaker of the House Parliament Buildings Ottawa, Ontario KIA OA6 Ph: (613) 992-5042	300 copies			
SENATORS	Senator Jean Marchand The Senate Parliament Buildings Ottawa, Ontario KIA OA6 Ph: (613) 992-4416	96 copies			
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Ministry of the Provincial Secretary Postal Branch, Parliament Buildings Victoria, B.C. VBV 1X4 Attn: Mr. Leon Hall Ph: (604) 387-3952	57 copies			
SASKATCHEWAN	Speaker's Office Room 129, Legislative Building Regina, Saskatchewan S9S OB3 Attn: Bernice Wilson Ph: (306) 565-2282	'To Ministers 24 copies			
ALBERTA	Must be hand delivered to each office	79 copies			
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NEWFOUNDLAND	The Office of the Hon. Len Simms Confederation Building, 9th Floor St. John's, Newfoundland AIC 5T7 Attn: Lynn Patey Ph: (709) 737-3403	52 copies			

Chaviva Hosek, _____ Secretary, NAC Executive

THE OUTCASTS





EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

We thought you might want to lobby your city for an ad such as this.... This particular one had 8,000 responses --- who says there are no good women, minorities, disabled people, etc.!!!!!!!



City of Toronto

The City Needs Your Help...

We need your help in broadening the representation of racial and ethnic minority groups, women, and disabled people, on City of Toronto Boards and Committees, to better reflect the cosmopolitan nature of the City.

By the end of the year, the following citizen appointments must be made:

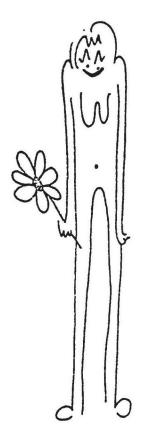
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Albert Franck Fund Committee	(1)	-
Book Award Selection Committee	(5)	
City Cycling Committee George Brown College	(9)	_
Board of Governors	(1)	
Local Board of Health	(3) Ch	airman \$8,270 ce-
	Ch	airman 4,774
	Me	ember 4,178
Metropolitan Toronto Library Box	ard (1)	-
City of Toronto Planning Board		airman \$4,178
	Ch	airman 3,819
	. Me	ember 3,581
St. Lawrence Centre for The Arts		
.Board of Management	(5)	-
Toronto General Hospital	4.00	
. Board of Trustees	(5)	_
Toronto Historical Board	(5)	-
Toronto Public Library Board	(1)	
Toronto Recycling Action Commi	ttee (11)	

Do any of these committees interest you? With our new Outreach Programme it's easy to apply. Just write us, outlining which one(s) you're interested in, and your qualifications. A nominating committee will choose the candidates best suited for the various positions.

Your application must be received by the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, M5H 2N2, no later than November 16, 1981.

For additional information call Ms. Dorothy Rusoff at 367-7193 or Mr. Earl Miller at 367-7191.





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by Ben Wicks



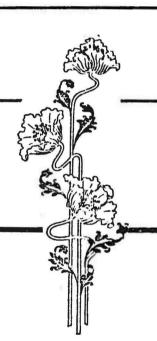


What is happening to women in Canada?

The best way to find out is to subscribe to Status of Women News

We will keep you up-to-date on women and the law, pensions for women, women's housing co-ops, work-related day care, books about women, women and technology.

Mattus of Women News is a political magazine with articles, news stories, book reviews, and discussions of controversial issues. It is the official publication of The National Action Committee on The Status of Women.



Où en sont les Canadiennes

Pour le savoir, abonnez-vous à la revue Statut de la Femme

Ous vous tiendrons au courant des dernières nouvelles concernant les femmes et la loi, les pensions pour les femmes, les logements en coopérative pour les femmes, les garderies sur le lieu de travail, les femmes et la technologie ainsi que des derniers livres sortis touchant les femmes.

Statut de la Femme est une revue politique contenant des articles, des récits d'actualité, des critiques et sélections de livres, des discussions sur des sujets controversés. C'est l'organe officiel du Comité national d'action sur le statut de la femme.

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- MONTREAL -

Nomi Kaplan (feminist photographer) Show at DAZIBAO March 10 to April 4, 1982

Judy Chicago: "The Dinner Party" Musee d'art contemperain March 11 to May 7, 1982

Women Celebrate Women



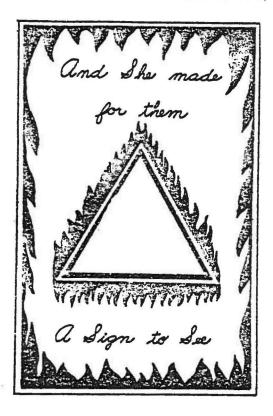
Join women just like yourself at the Third Annual YWCA (Calgary) Women Celebrate Women Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Calgary Convention Centre Thursday March 11, 1982 with special guests Barbara Frum and Heather Bishop. Along with the dinner are the Women of the Year Awards presented by Barbara Frum to six exceptional women from Calgary and district.

Third Annual YWCA (Calgary)
WOMEN CELEBRATE WOMEN DINNER
Thursday, March 11
Tickets: \$50 each
available from YWCA, Calgary.

For ticket information call (403) 264-4055 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. MST. Out-of-town reservations invited.

COME TO THE SCREENING OF "RIGHT OUT OF HISTORY: THE MAKING OF

judy chicago's the dinner party"



FRIDAY, APRIL 23 AT 7 + 8.30 PM O.I.S.E. - 252 BLOOR STREET WEST ADMISSION --- \$5.000

A FUNDRAISING EVENT SPONSORED BY C.A.R.A.L.



WOMANSPIRIT ART RESEARCH & RESOURCE CENTRE, London are having a terrific program of lectures and concerts on Women in the Arts...... through March 1982.... Including "Lost Women Composers" and a lecture by Judy Chicago....

For Information: Womanspirit

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\$7.50 unemployed, \$10 employed, children under 12 free......
Reserve tickets: women's bookstore 322 w. hastings.......
preregister for childcare.... 734-5393 or 251.3872..... sign language interpreter, wheelchair accessible...... proceeds to women against nuclear technology, a.m.n.l.a.e. - women's association of nicaragua...

women for political action

are celebrating International Women's Day with a dinner, followed by a panel discussion, at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto -- MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1982, 6.30 PM.

Theme: "YOUR ISSUES, THEIR ANSWERS"

Guest Panelists: THE HON. FLORA MACDONALD

and PAULINE JEWETT, M.P.

Tickets \$25

Information: Grace Lallemand, 924-0701



CANADIAN ABORTION RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE (CARAL) ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE POUR LE DROIT A L'AVORTEMENT (ACDA)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 24, 1982 AT HART HOUSE, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

ON FRIDAY, APRIL 23, AT O.I.S.E. A SCREENING OF "RIGHT OUT OF HISTORY" a film about Judy Chicago's THE DINNER PARTY

FURTHER INFORMATION: CARAL 961-1507

GREECE THROUGH NEW EYES A unique tour organized by: The Women's Union of Greece

August 22 - September 5, 1982

Cost (incl. food) \$600 U.S.

"We tour Greece and we stop at places where Greek women have been struggling for centuries against: injustice, tyranny, foreign occupation and for: Equality, Liberty and Human Dignity."

For more information write: The Women's Union of Greece 8 Ainianos Street Athens, Greece Tel. 82 34 937



THE FEMINIST PARTY OF CANADA has launched a series of courses in response to the need for readily accessible feminist education opportunities. Courses run for six two-hour weekly sessions and are taught by feminists (start Feb.):

Women in a Sexist Justice System Topics: rape, abortion, wife battering, the juvenile justice system and the female offender.

Women Spirit: Feminism & Religion Interconnections between feminism and religion.

Only \$5 per course, waivable in case of financial hardship.

Information: 960-3427

B.C. TASK FORCE ON IMMIGRANT WOMEN

Extend an invitation to attend their March Conference in Vancouver: *

* DIALOGUE FOR ACTION - A CONFERENCE ON THE STATUS OF IMMIGRANT WOMEN

March 19 - 9am to 4pm March 20 - 9am to 2.20pm

Registration: \$15.00 (incl.lunches)

Contact: Edith Nee, Chairperson 622 Seymour Street Vancouver, B.C. V5B 3K4
