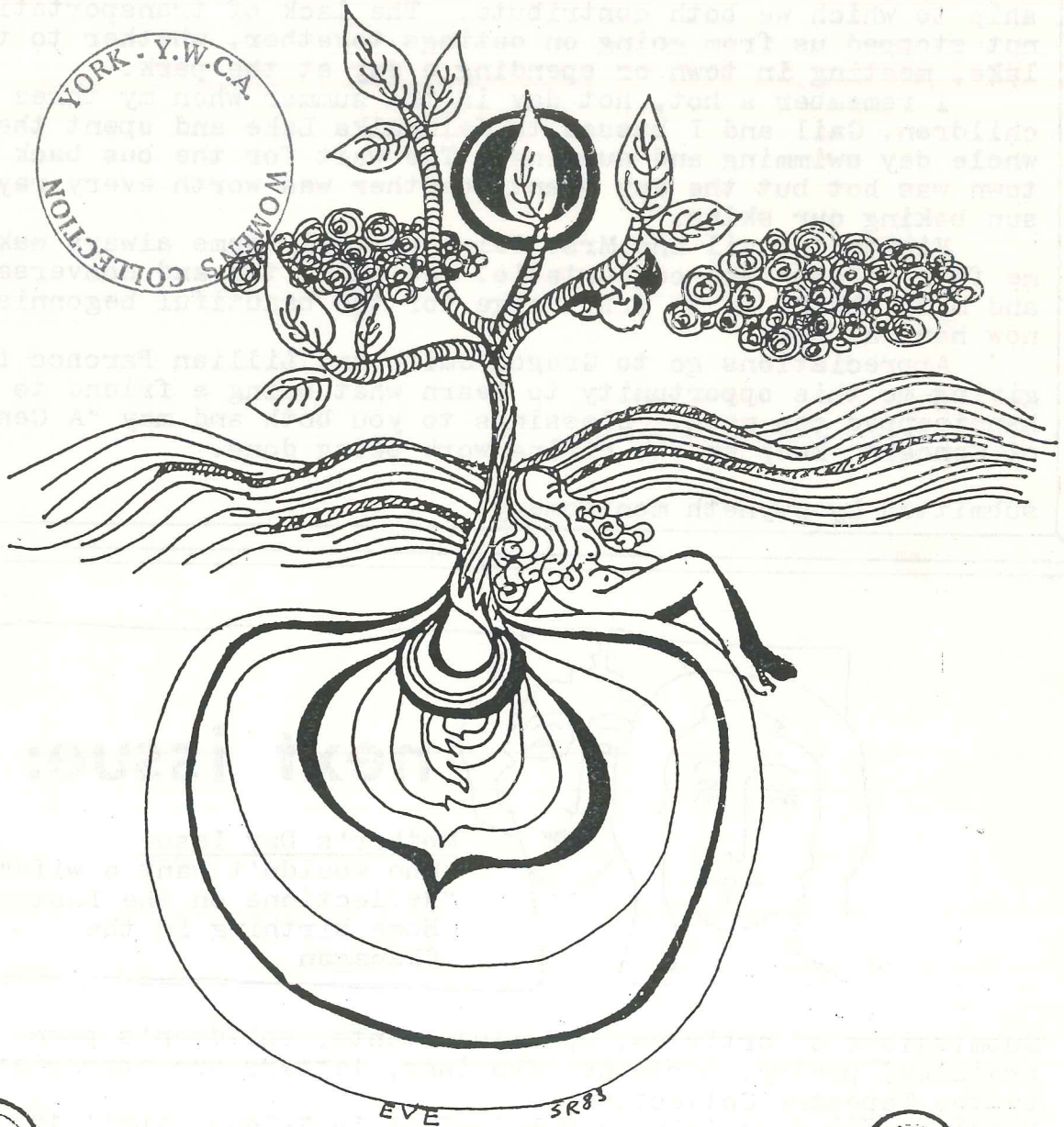


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OKANAGAN and SHUSWAP WOMEN'S QUARTERLY



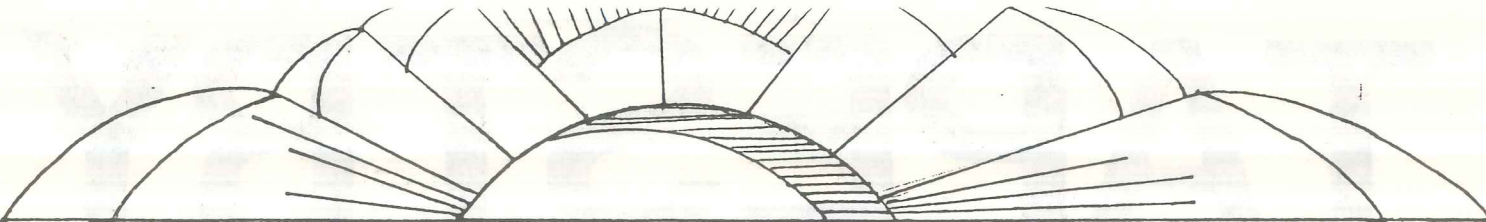
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F R I E N D S

Gail and I have been 'friends' for almost a year now. The awkwardness and shyness felt at the beginning of any friendship has changed, or rather grown, into an easy and friendly relationship to which we both contribute. The lack of transportation has not stopped us from going on outings together, whether to the lake, meeting in town or spending a day at the park.

I remember a hot, hot day in the summer when my three children, Gail and I bussed to Kalamalka Lake and spent the whole day swimming and sunning. The wait for the bus back to town was hot but the day spent together was worth every ray of sun baking our skins.

Visits to Gail and Mrs. Paige at their home always makes me feel welcome and comfortable. We share tea and conversation and many thanks go to Mrs. Paige for the beautiful begonia I now have at home.

Appreciations go to Gregor Smith and Lillian Parchoc for giving me this opportunity to learn what being a friend to the handicapped can mean. Blessings to you both and may "A Centre of Concern" keep up the caring work being done.

submitted by gwyneth montgomery



next issue:

Mother's Day Issue

"Who wouldn't want a wife"

"Reflections on the Past"

Home birthing in the
Okanagan

Submissions of articles, upcoming events, children's page articles, poetry, cartoons, drawings, letters are appreciated by the Tapestry Collective.

Deadline for next issue's submissions is Friday, April 10, 1984.

This issue of Tapestry was put together by --

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TAPESTORIAL

PEACE ON EARTH

1984 -- Will this bright New Year usher in the Orwellian age or will world leaders finally realize that every life on this planet is affected by militaristic mentalities?

Will governments finally see that funds spent on arms would be better spent on world peace, the fight against poverty, combating disease and education? Is it governments that inevitably pay for their decisions? No. It is the general population, who have little or no say in global events.

What of future generations? What future and what future generations?

Will world leaders see eventually that they really cannot stifle the masses forever, people do not wish to be suppressed, they do want a voice in their own destiny. Human rights is not a gift to be bestowed by governments, but the right of every individual.

If governments continue to tread the paths they have routed indeed an Orwell age could become a frightening reality.

Even in supposed free countries individuals or groups that speak or write in about controversial policies are bugged (telephones), photographed and files are compiled on them on an ongoing basis. Are these free countries?

How are such governments controlled? People can demonstrate and be jailed, write letters and petition and have them ignored, write letters to the editor and have them end up filed under garbage, complain that companies and institutes have too much input in government policies and shown derision.

What then is the end all for leaders and governments that insist on military policies and non rights for individuals?

One such answer would be a world government with some teeth. Would a world governing body mean a loss of identity as Canadians, Americans or Belgians? No. Each country, province, state, etc. would continue governing their own. Every nation would be represented by equal numbers and no country would have the veto power on such a world government.

Any country, state, province, principality or republic that threatened world peace, arms build ups, civil and human rights, would have their powers contravened by installing administrators appointed by a united world government, arms would be destroyed, offending leaders or groups would be jailed and fined, their powers revoked. Elections in the named nation would be called and the new government would then have their powers reinstated.

There are indeed answers, there is hope, the power must come from the people. Governments must once again look to the people because the people are the government, this fact has been ignored too long.

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1984 can and should usher in a new era and it is up to each individual to work towards peace and understanding, we then could all enjoy PEACE ON EARTH.

This editorial is intended to stimulate discussion. Letters in response are encouraged.

NEWS RELEASE, December 21, 1983

Bégin Announces Increases in Family Allowances

OTTAWA - Over 3.6 million Canadians who receive Family Allowances on behalf of 6.6 million children will get a raise in the new year.

Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin announced today that effective in January the federal government Family Allowances paid monthly for children under 18 will rise to \$29.95 from \$28.52 in most provinces and in the territories. This increase of five per cent is in accordance with the "6 and 5" restraint guidelines.

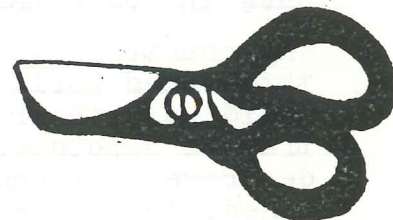
Under a provision in the Family Allowances Act, a provincial government may ask the federal government to vary the rates payable in that province according to the age or number of children in a family, or both, providing the average monthly payment equals the federal rate. This option has been chosen by both Alberta and Quebec for 1984.

In addition, the refundable Child Tax Credit for the 1983 taxation year will provide up to \$343 per child per year based on family income. In order to receive the tax credit, the parent must file an income tax return even if they had little or no taxable income in 1983.

Rapists appeal sentences

ANDERSON, S.C.--Three men who raped and tortured a 23-year-old woman have appealed their sentences, the lawyers said yesterday. Circuit Judge C. Victor Pyle gave them the option of 30-year jail terms or castration.

--Province, Wednesday, November 23, 1983



Letters

From Women's International League For Peace and Freedom:

Dear Sisters,

We recently received the last edition of Tapestry and thank you for including us on your mailing list.

We would like to exchange newsletters with you. Due to re-organization, I am not certain if you received our last edition and have enclosed a copy.

We found your last newsletter most interesting (I really like the artical on China). We hope that you find ours as interesting.

In peace and solidarity

Deb Parrell

Newsletter Committee

From Nelson Women's Center:

Dear Tapestry Collective,

Thank you very much for continuing to send us your very entertaining and action-packed journal. It certainly receives a lot of attention at our women's center.

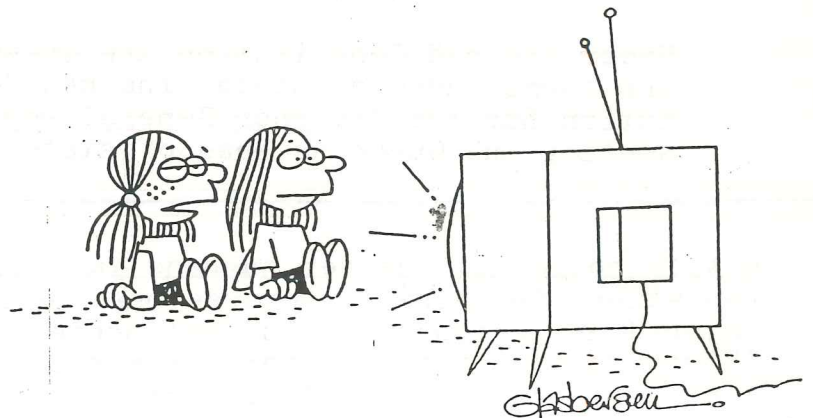
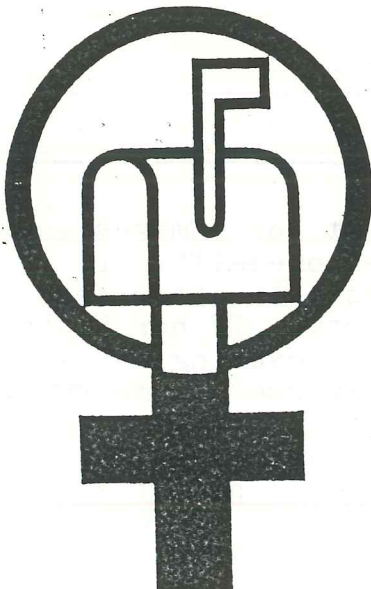
A note on our most recent copy indicated that it is time to renew our subscription. I believe our agreement with you is that we exchange newsletters. We would like to continue this arrangement if that is suitable to you. Our newsletter comes out once a month, as you know, and a copy was sent to you yesterday. So please keep us on your mailing list!

Many Thanks-

In Sisterhood,

for Mary Wood

Bev Bradshaw for
Nelson Women's Center



"Just once I'd like to see a witty female game show host with silly, emotional male contestants."

few woman

Commons Speaker Jeanne Sauve, a former Liberal cabinet minister, will become Canada's first female Governor General, early in 1984.

FIRST WOMAN

Following Ed Schreyer whose five-year term expires this month, Sauve will be the second western native to receive the appointment. Sauve was born in Prud'homme, Saskatchewan, educated in Ottawa and represents the Montreal riding of Laval-des-Rapides.

TO BECOME

GOVERNOR GENERAL

She has been in the Commons since 1972, serving in the cabinet for seven years in the sciences, environment and communications portfolios after working as a journalist and broadcaster for 18 yrs.

She took the Speakers' job in 1980 rather than an unnamed cabinet post which Trudeau offered because, had she refused the chair, "it might not have gone to a woman and that breakthrough would have been delayed," she once explained.

As Speaker of the House, Sauve's salary was above \$110,000 a year.

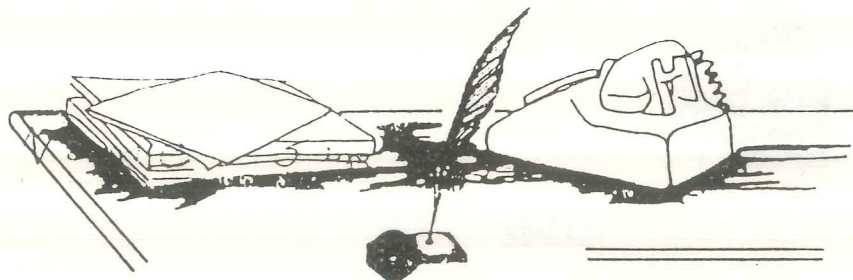
As Governor General, Jeanne Sauve must give her royal assent before bills become law. She has the right to be consulted by all cabinet ministers and to encourage or warn them on any federal government issues, policies or legislations. However, she must act on her cabinet ministers' advice.



JEANNE SAUVE . . . breakthrough

Under the old Constitution the Queen was the formal head of state. The new Constitution has the Governor General representing the Queen as head of state.

A Wife could not sue her husband in a civil court for damages (compensation) for assault because one could not sue "oneself". If he injured her person and also her property, she was able after the 1870's to sue, but only for damages of her property. If her husband beat her, breaking her leg, nose and glasses, thus causing considerable medical and pharmaceutical expense, she could only sue him to recover the cost of her broken glasses (property) but not the cost of the medical and pharmaceutical expenses which arose from her personal injuries. In 1975, Ontario was the first province to permit a wife to sue her husband for compensation of personal injury as well as damage to her property.



COMING EVENTS

1984

- Jan. 19 Women Emerging meets first and third Thursday of every month at OKWC, Kelowna. There will be a presentation on alcohol and drugs on the 19th.
- Jan. 28 9 - 4 pm Human Rights are for Everyone -- panel, discussion, speaker Alicia Lawrence. Okanagan College, Salmon Arm -- no charge.
- Jan. 28 CBC FM 105.5 A drama on Nuclear Disarmament titled Loose Talk airing at 7:05 pm.
- Feb. 2 7:30 pm film: In the Nuclear Shadow -- sponsored by Vernon World Disarmament Coalition- first night of Thursday peace classes with discussions, films and speakers.
- Jan. 28 10 - 3pm Gathering for persons interested in supporting Okanagan Association for Safe Alternatives in Childbirth (OKASAC) at Armstrong Day Care Centre, 2720 Rosedale Avenue.
- Feb. 8 1:30 pm Okanagan Regional Meeting at the BC Human Rights Coalition, Secretary of State office, Kelowna.
- Feb. 10,11 Transitions: Women, Work, Technology Conference -- Caribou College, Kamloops. Further info contact OKWC or Women's Access Centre, 374-0123 Local 295 or Local 228.
- Mar. 2,3,4 Women's Centre Conference, Vancouver -- OKWC is sending 4 delegates (2 Kelowna - 2 Vernon)
- Mar. 2 * supportive briefs. Legal Services Society - further info call Carol Pfeifer collect at 689-0741
- Mar 16-19 National Action Committee (N.A.C.) Annual General Meeting, Ottawa

late February, early March - Vernon Solidarity Coalition sponsoring workshop on the Fraser Institute.

* Public Hearings of the Task Force on Public Legal Services, Kelowna (March 3 in Kamloops)



FILMS

To be shown at The Okanagan Women's Coalition Centre
Room #4 - 3000 - 30th St. Vernon

1984

- Jan. 25 "Some American Feminists"- 55:51 - A series of interviews interspersed with newsreel footage, place the American Feminist movement in historical perspective. Six of the women who gave such impetus to the movement, among them Betty Friedan and Kate Millet, discuss those issues which most concern them and which are still being debated now.
- Feb. 1 "Our Dear Sisters & Rosanna - Portrait of an Immigrant Woman" - 14:40 & 11:03 - Alanis Obomsavin, a North American Indian who earns her living by singing and making films, is the mother of an adopted child. She talks about her life, her People and her responsibilities as a single parent. Her observations shake some of our cultural assumptions.
- Feb. 8 "A Question of Rape" - 50:45 - In this gripping courtroom drama, Crown and Defence wage a heated battle over the question of consent, as it relates to a young woman's charges of rape against two young men with whom she previously has had a casual friendship. The program accurately simulates courtroom procedure and gleans thought-provoking insight into the law and how it works.
- Feb. 15 "Women on the March" - 29:18 - A film record at the turn of the century and of the Suffragette Movement's struggle for equal rights. Spear-headed by women like Emmeline Pankhurst, the movement was characterized by imprisonment, demonstrations and a great following of men and women. Women of all classes, women working during the war, overseas and in North America are presented in this fine documentary. Part 1
- Feb. 22 "No Life for a Woman" - 26:28 - A film about the lives of women in single industry resource towns.
- Feb. 29 "Women Want" - 24:47 - A film which gives rise to several questions about where women stand in Canadian Society. It touches on some of the major issues affecting women.
- March 8 "Through the Flower" - we are attempting to get this film about the making of Judy Chicago's Dinner Party.

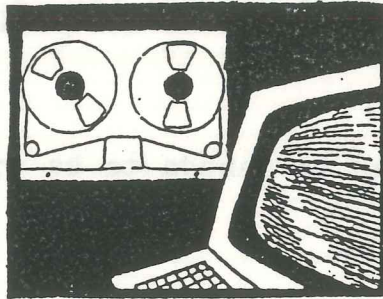
Mar. 30

"Not a Love Story" - A film about pornography. To be shown at Okanagan College - Vernon campus - 8 p.m.

Late addition

Feb. 19

7:30 p.m. Film - "Birth Reborn" - with French Doctor Michael Odent's clinic - film shows an underwater birth and a birth in squatting position with arm support. A Place to Give Birth is as comfortable and intimate as A Place to Make Love. Place To Be Announced - for further information contact Pam Johnson of OKASAC at 542-7067 or Okanagan Women's Coalition in Vernon.



TRANSITIONS

WOMEN

WORK

TECHNOLOGY



TECHNOLOGY COMES HOME
TECHNOLOGY: BOON OR BANE?
INTRODUCTION TO THE COMPUTER

IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY ON THE WORKPLACE
IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY ON THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE WORKPLACE

CONTINUATION OF "IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY ON THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE WORKPLACE"
CAREER & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TECHNOLOGIES

PLANNING THE FUTURE - LIFE/CAREER OPTIONS
EQUAL PAY FOR WORK OF EQUAL VALUE
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

WOMEN, LEADERS OF THE FUTURE
WORK ALTERNATIVES, OPTIONS FOR THE 80'S
JOB SHARING; the COTTAGE INDUSTRY; WOMEN IN THE TRADES & NON-TRADITIONAL OCCUPATIONS.

FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 1984

**CARIBOO COLLEGE
KAMLOOPS, B.C.**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

SECRETARY OF STATE FUNDING MAKES FULL AND PARTIAL FEE SUBSIDIES POSSIBLE. PHONE THE NUMBER LISTED IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND BUT FEEL THAT YOU CANNOT AFFORD IT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL

374-0123

LOCAL 295 or LOCAL 228

Women's Access Centre
Box 3010
KAMLOOPS, BC
V2C 5N3

Briefs of 1983

Dec. '82 - Feb. '83

Judy Chicago The Dinner Party, Calgary. OKWC Resource Library has 'The Dinner Party' and 'Through the Flower' to loan.

February

Kelowna Women's Resource Centre has grande opening. Although funding has now run out, Kelowna OKWC has been given free rent (OKWC to pay utilities) until another renter is acquired. Meanwhile OKWC is trying to secure space at the CR3 building in downtown Kelowna.

March 4

Bertha Wilson - first woman in Canada to be appointed Supreme Court Judge.

June, July

Winnipeg and Toronto Abortion Clinics raided; occupants including patients taken into custody. Cases still in Court.

In Regina, anti-abortionist Joe Borowski won the legal right to represent fetuses in Court.

October 31, Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench dismissed case by Joe Borowski...to declare all fetuses human beings from conception.

July 7

Social Credit government and Fraser Institute introduce "Restraint Program". The fight against this discriminatory legislation is still waging.

Summer

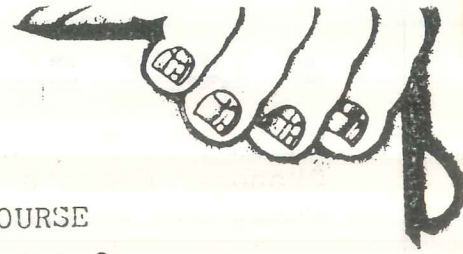
Tracey Sheridan, 70, spent her summer with 38 others near her age, bicycling across Canada.

September

Testing of Cruise Missile in Canada given OK by Trudeau government despite tens of thousands of protesters.

September 16

Vernon Women's Transition House officially opens Second Stage Housing, an eight-unit apartment complex. Furnished and reasonably priced for women with limited incomes. Focuses on life-skills training, community involvement and job readiness.



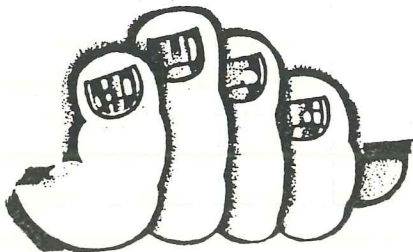
WAGING PEACE

AN INFORMATIVE & CHALLENGING SIX SESSION COURSE
OFFERED THURSDAYS Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 Mar. 1 & 8
AT V.S.S.* Room 403 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.
No Charge.

- Feb. 2 Coping With the Tension of Living Under the Threat of a Nuclear War.
Dr. Martin Impey, Child Psychiatrist
Film - In the Nuclear Shadow, What Our Children Tell Us.
Panel, Lecture, Questions
- Feb. 9 An Objective Assessment of Current Global Security. Understanding the Psychology of the Arms Race.
John Moelaert, Kelowna Communications Consultant, Environmentalist, Author.
- Feb. 16 The Medical Consequences of a Nuclear War. The Case for Prevention.
Local Physicians from the Physicians for Nuclear Responsibility.
- Feb. 23 Projections into a Post-Nuclear Era in Vernon. Is Survival Possible?
Steve Holland, Educator, Scientist, Writer
- Mar. 1 A Factual Examination of Canada's Present Defence Policy. How Safe Are We? What Are the Alternatives -- the Passage to Planetization.
Jeffrey Mellows, M.A. Political Scientist with Specialty in International Strategies.
Joan Crebo, World Federalist, Environmentalist, Community Organizer, Former Editor.
- Mar. 8 The Relevance of the Peace Movement. What Can You Do? As an Individual? As a Community? As a Nation?
Panel (T.E.A.)
Moderator - Jane Evans, Vice-Pres. National Action Committee on the Status of Women, Member N.A.C.
Survival Committee and Founding Member of Armstrong Rural Alliance for Peace.

Sponsored by Vernon World Disarmament Coalition

*Vernon Senior Secondary School, 2303-18th St., Vernon.



A LOOK BACK and A LOOK FORWARD

Taken from Kelowna Status of Women,
Okanagan Women's Coalition Newsletter
Published in 1978.

" Dear Sisters,

In mid August when we realized that the Kelowna Status of Women was looking for someone to put together the monthly newsletter, we enthusiastically volunteered our time and energy. Not only are we new to the newsletter but we are also new members of the Kelowna Status of Women. Both of us, no doubt, will gain alot by our involvement with the group and we, in turn, hope to be able to offer some new ideas and fresh spirit. We will do our best to maintain the high quality of newsletter that has been put together by those before us; however, we reach out to all the members of Status to give us your help. We also wish to make clear that the articles appearing in the newsletter will not always necessarily reflect our own viewpoints. We will be depending on your thoughts, ideas and feedback. We look forward to getting to know you all.
Dee Tilson and Linda Cline."

Now it is 1983- soon to be 1984. Okanagan Women's Coalition started in 1976-1977. In 1978 Okanagan Women's Coalition published two newsletters, (and women kept publishing a newsletter) now titled "Tapestry". The present newsletter "Tapestry" is in desperate need of volunteers to keep the publication alive.



Volunteers can learn alot of herstory and the roots of the women's movement.



Taken from Okanagan Women's Coalition Newsletter-1979;

MS. MEETS MRS.

Then...
the white picket fence
two point five children
and a dog...hmm

Sounds
easy...safe...even comfortable
no wonder, its
on the nations best seller list

Us...
me on my counsellor chair
in a women's center
feminist...
seemingly tatoed across my forehead
sometimes it hurts.

We...
finally meet
you've come to show me your tato
a broken arm
shattered faith
a face black and blue
it hurts...I know.

P. Berano 79 We can't go on meeting this way.

P.I.N.

CRISIS LINE

Vernon- 545-2339

Kelowna- 763-9191

Salmon Arm, Enderby

and Armstrong-

dial 0 ask for

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Vernon Women's
Transition House
Phone: 542-1122

Kelown Women's
Emergency Shelter
Phone: 763-1040

Shuswap Area
Family Emergency
Salmon Arm
Phone: 832-9616

The Without Reasonable Cause Provision of the BC Human Rights Code

No legislation can anticipate all the cases that will arise under a particular provision, nor can legislation foresee how public attitudes and expectations will change. The concept of reasonable cause has been considerably successful in providing flexibility and responsiveness without the requirement for constant legislative amendments to the BC Human Rights Code.

The reasonable cause provision of the BC Human Rights Code is included in the following sections:

- Section 3 - Access to public facilities, accommodations, and services
- Section 8 - With respect to employment and equality of opportunity
- Section 9 - Membership in trade unions and occupational associations

By the breakdown of cases by prohibited grounds in 1981, more than 27% were under the without reasonable cause provision. This involved about 132 cases. The only prohibited ground with more cases in 1981 was discrimination based on sex.

Prohibited grounds under the without reasonable cause provision include:

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| mandatory retirement | pregnancy |
| physical disability/condition | age under 45 |
| source of income | family composition/status |
| criminal charge | sexual orientation |
| residency | financial status |
| mental disability/condition | educational requirement |
| language ability | attire |
| height and weight requirements | sexual harassment |

The BC Human Rights Commission, based on its findings through public hearings throughout the province, brought forth to the Minister of Labour recommendations to expand the Code to explicitly prohibit discrimination against some identifiable groups. These recommendations were to specifically include:

- Without reasonable cause in Sections 4 and 5 of the Code which covers the rental and purchase of property
- In Sections 3, 4 and 5, physical and mental disability (of whom discrimination is practised and in fact institutionalized)
- Sexual orientation in Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9
- Sexual harassment
- Family Composition in Sections 3, 5, 7 and 8
- Source of income in Section 5 which deals with tenancy
- Criminal Conviction in Section 7a, employment advertising and 7b, requesting information
- Mandatory Retirement in Section 8(3) and 9(3)

Bill 27, the proposed new Human Rights Act of BC, has included mental and physical disability as prohibited grounds for discrimination in cases involving the sale or rental of property, public facilities and employment. This change has strengthened the protection for the disabled in the purchase or lease of property. However, other changes to the Code considerably weaken protection for mentally and physically disabled people.

Bill 27, the proposed Human Rights Act of BC, does not include without reasonable cause provisions. THE OBLIGATION TO ACT REASONABLY IS REMOVED. Bill 27 will not protect unidentified groups that were covered with the reasonable cause provision in the BC Human Rights Code.

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Without Reasonable Cause (cont)

Bill 27 proposes many other changes from the existing human rights legislation in this province. Some of these changes include enforcement, education, complaint procedures, advertising and intent. These changes do not broaden human rights legislation as Bennett would have us believe. For more information on human rights in BC and in Canada contact the

Okanagan Women's Coalition -- 545-6406
Box 1242
Vernon, B.C. V1T 6N6 542-7531

or

OK Region - BC Human Rights Coalition
Box 1795
Vernon, B.C. V1T 3W8



WAR IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Global peace threatened by growing conflict in Central America

The United States, under President Ronald Reagan, is threatening to destroy Nicaragua. Central America is turning into a war zone. Privileged elites are armed to muzzle the pressure for social change.

Nicaragua - Undeclared war by economic blockage is being exercised. The U.S. government and their military allies refuse meaningful negotiations with the opposition.

El Salvador - Negotiations with the opposition refused, further military escalation a threat.

The Honduras - the neutrality of Honduras is becoming a staging ground for armed intervention.

These countries are becoming a new Viet Nam. Peace can only be founded on a basis of non-intervention and self determination. The government of the U.S.A. seems determined to undercut any peace initiatives from being formulated.

Militarism, repression and war have too long dominated the lives of Central Americans. Canada must bring hope by acting now for justice and for peace.

Your support is asked to further influence the Canadian government to take steps to speak against U.S. intervention.

Write letters of support and send donations to -
Non-intervention in Central America - Canadians for self determination, N.I.C.A., Box 850, Station P., Toronto. Ontario. M5S 2Z2.

Please make postal orders or cheque payable to Non-intervention in Central America.

A VISION OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING

Marg Chapman, growing up on the prairies, could not know that in the near future her world would be threatened with Nuclear Annihilation.

The second world war, which should have been a lesson for world leaders to work toward a lasting peace, had claimed the lives of thousands of soldiers and civilians as well as ushering in the atomic age with the dropping of the Atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Marg Chapman, as did many other Canadians, watched the coming of peace with hope and faith that this would indeed be the war that would end all wars.



Marg Chapman at home in Vernon

Marg was the first woman in her district to obtain a degree. She worked as a dietician for a number of years in T.B. control and later at a school for the mentally handicapped, she eventually moved to B.C. in 1947 where she was involved with post grad work in Victoria. From Victoria Marg went to Tranquille, in Kamloops. Following her work at Tranquille Marg retired for a period of ten years to raise her family of three girls and one boy. Marg was by no means inactive during this period, she helped organize and found an Indian - non Indian Association (Mika and Nika, Chinook for me and you), helping to promote better understanding between the two groups. Marg was also a founding member of the Kamloops University Womens group and helped found the Kamloops branch of the Consumers Association of Kamloops.

Marg's interests and involvements led her to freelance for a Kamloops newspaper. As a home economist, she later served as a consultant to two small interior hospitals (Ashcroft and Lytton).

In 1979 Marg and her family moved to Vernon, her interests have certainly not lagged, presently she is active in the Vernon World Disarmament Coalition and serves as clerk for the Outreach Committee of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) of Canada yearly meeting.

Over a period of time, realizing that the threat of Nuclear War was a very real threat to world peace and human survival, Marg dedicated herself to World disarmament.

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- Marg's vision of the future parallels that of many of us
- A world order based on peace and justice (eliminating the occasion for wars)
 - Prevention of Nuclear War (by reduction of tensions between the super powers)
 - An immediate freeze on the development, production and deployment of nuclear and conventional weapons.
 - development of a planetary initiative to work together to solve world problems, (overpopulation, pollution, inadequate housing, medical care, etc.).

As are many people in the Province, Marg is concerned by the situation whereby it appears the burden of the recession is to be born by those less fortunate, she would hope this could be reversed.

Marg would like to see real participatory democracy in our province and country. Labour, business and government working together to solve our problems.

In Marg's personal life, she is looking forward to spring which signifies renewal of life, deepening her faith that miracles are indeed possible.

Tapestry salutes Marg Chapman for her ongoing interests and the work she is doing towards disarmament and peace on earth.

THE CRUISE MISSILE:

BASIC QUESTIONS



The Context

The nuclear arsenals of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. now total over 50,000 warheads with explosive power equivalent to more than 4 tons of TNT for every person on Earth. Both sides have more than enough for deterrence, yet the nuclear arms race proceeds faster today than ever before. Over ten new warheads are built each day, and globally, over a million dollars a minute is being spent on armaments. Superpower relations have deteriorated, with NATO defence planners developing strategies for fighting and 'winning' a nuclear war. It is in this context that Canada is being asked to test the Cruise missile, which represents the latest escalation of the nuclear arms race.

The following facts, obtained primarily from the US Defense Department, should be considered in making an informed decision on this crucial issue.

What is the Cruise?

The Cruise is a new kind of missile: it is not a ballistic missile, but a small pilotless aircraft. It can be launched from air, land or sea. It can deliver a conventional warhead or a nuclear warhead (15 times the size of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima) with deadly accuracy, to a target 2500 kilometers (1500 miles) away. It is guided by an on-board computer which corrects its course during flight, enabling it to twist and turn to avoid obstacles and enemy aircraft defences along its preprogrammed route and to hug the terrain, flying below enemy radar.

Why does the U.S. want to test the Cruise in Canada?

The U.S. military would like to perfect the missile's complicated guidance system by flight testing over terrain which closely resembles the central Soviet Union. Such requirements are met by the testing range near Cold Lake, Alberta.

A second reason for requesting the tests in Canada is to demonstrate to the world that Canada supports current U.S. nuclear policies. These policies were recently summarized in a U.S. Defence Department master plan, (see Vancouver Sun, Aug 16, 1982). They called for the U.S. to prepare to wage a prolonged nuclear war and rejected the concept of peaceful coexistence with the Soviet Union.

Does Canada's NATO commitment require us to test the Cruise?

No. Nothing in the NATO agreement requires us to play a role in the development of any nuclear weapon or delivery system. Furthermore, the air-launched version of the Cruise missile which we are being asked to test will not even be used by NATO. NATO is slated to deploy the ground launched version. The air-launched Cruise missiles will be assigned to the independent U.S. strategic arsenal, and they will total over 3,000 in number.

In fact, Canadian testing can be of no value to NATO since the deployment of the Cruise missiles in Europe will begin before the testing begins in Canada.

Although we have a serious commitment to assist the U.S. in defending this continent, we also have a moral responsibility to distinguish between legitimate defence and reckless policies which threaten our security.

Will the Cruise missile help deter World War III?

No. The United States already has a retaliatory force capable of destroying the Soviet Union many times over, in the event of any conceivable attack. The Cruise missiles would not significantly add to this deterrent.

Instead, the Cruise is designed and intended for use in fighting a "limited" nuclear war. It offers great accuracy, low cost, escape from the limitations of SALT agreements (because it is not a ballistic missile it "doesn't count") and the possibility of early deployment in large numbers. It encourages military planners to think about "winning" a nuclear war.

In the official Pentagon document "U.S. Military Posture F.Y. 1984, the Joint Chiefs of Staff state that "if deterrence fails," nuclear weapons such as the Cruise and Pershing II would make it possible "to escalate the intensity of the conflict in a controlled manner." What the Pentagon really means is that the new weapons might be used, not to prevent World War III, but to wage it.

KIPICHISICHAKANISIK WOMEN'S PEACE CAMP

Kipichisichakanisik Women's Peace Camp has been set up at Cole Bay, Saskatchewan, next to the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range, in opposition to the testing of the Cruise Missile in Canada. The peace camp is a continuation of the Women Gathering to Stop the Cruise action/ritual of August 1983.

Cole Bay is a Metis community next to the Cruise testing site. The Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range is a million and a half acres of land in Alberta and Saskatchewan. This land was taken from the Cree, Dene, and Metis people 30 years ago by the Department of Defence who designated this traditional hunting and fishing ground as a "wasteland". Close to 3,000 people in eight communities next to the testing range have lost their right to hunt, fish, and trap on this land. The Women's Peace Camp supports the aboriginal rights to the land. They believe the land should be used to support and retain life, not as a testing ground for weapons of destruction. For more information contact OKWC or write: Kipichisichakanisik Women's Peace Camp General Delivery, Cole Bay, Saskatchewan S0M 0M0

Bill 27 - dropped or ?

December 8/83, the Minister of Labour, Bob McClelland announced Bill 27 would be dropped. This is a victory for Solidarity. Bill 27 was a horrendous bill which threatened to take the heart out of Human Rights in this province. Were it not for Solidarity, its rallies, protests, petitions and the political strike, Bill 27 would have been passed months ago.

Here in Vernon there was much concern. Many who signed the petition for example were particularly concerned about what the government was doing to the Human Rights Code, as well as the tenants act. Also on the picket lines there was a very clear awareness on the part of the strikers that they were fighting to protect Human Rights. All those who protested in whatever way they did should feel good today.

However, having said that it also is clear Solidarity supporters should not be overconfident. There are 2 ominous signs that the fight, even for Human Rights, is far from over.

The first sign is the make up of McClelland's proposed advisory committee. The Vernon Solidarity Coalition discussed this question. Our recommendation to the Provincial Solidarity Coalition was an advisory committee comprised of 2 people from Solidarity, 2 from the government and a 5th person both Solidarity and the government could agree on. This recommendation follows a long standing method used in resolving labour disputes. It is fair and it works. But McClelland is recommending 2 from Solidarity, 2 from the public and a chairperson he will appoint. If McClelland appoints the public and the chairperson anyone who can add knows what that will mean.

The 2nd sign is the knowledge that for the last two years the Human Rights Coalitions throughout the province have worked to put together a report recommending improvements to the Human Rights Code. Two years of work with public hearings all over the province. That report was given to McClelland. With one exception, he completely ignored those recommendations and instead brought forth the horrendous Bill 27. Should we expect him to hear any better now, than before?

Never the less.

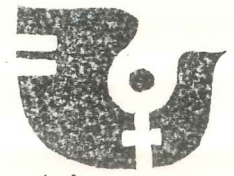
Bill 27 has been dropped.

For today, that is good news.

-Murray Shaw, Co-chair Vernon Solidarity Coalition



Worse Than Ronald Reagan, Says NAC President



"It's the most retrograde piece of legislation that has been passed in Canada in modern history. It makes Ronald Reagan look like a moderate," declared Doris Anderson, president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, about the recent Socred budget in British Columbia and the 26 pieces of accompanying legislation, including Bill 27, the Human Rights Act.

"Women make up a large part of public sector workers and they are mainly in low-paid, part-time, non-unionized jobs. The Socred legislation will make sure they stay there for the next fifty years, if we don't fight it."

"With no protection from the Human Rights Code, once again they can be sexually harassed, be paid lower salaries for work of equal value, be fired if they become pregnant, and there will be no place they can go to get such wrongs redressed."

"Eliminating rent control will hit the people who can least afford it -- single mothers and older women. Without a rent control board to appeal to, they are at the mercy of landlords."

"Slashing of the money to support rape crisis centres and transition houses for battered women will remove the small havens that women have now when they face violence within our society."

"There is no way B.C. women and Canadian women are prepared to go backwards in this way," said Anderson. "Rights for women have been hard fought for and we have no intention of 'accepting less' because of some ministers' or governments' beknighted notions that allowing more discrimination against women is necessary for economic recovery."

The National Action Committee on the Status of Women is the single largest women's organization in Canada with a membership of over 250 member groups, representing over three million women.

NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE

MID-YEAR MEETING

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

The National Action Committee on the Status of Women held its mid-year meeting in Regina on the weekend of Nov. 5 & 6 attended by delegates from member groups across Canada. Present from B.C. were Margaret Sissle from Fort St. John, Carol Gordon of Cranbrook, and Jane Evans, NAC vice-president, from the Okanagan Women's Coalition. The B.C. delegates took with them material on the proposed B.C. legislation and addressed the group and the press, asking for nationwide support to combat these repressive bills.

The theme of the conference which was held in conjunction with the mid-year meeting was Rural Women. Workshops and discussions helped to focus energy on the problems for women connected with a rural lifestyle. Many of the workshop resolutions reflected these concerns, as can be seen from the very limited sample below:

- ...Women should have access to training dollars spent by private business and government in proportion to the numbers of women employed in the organization. Support services should be available to women taking training.
- ...Recognize that reinstatement of women (native women) and first generation children is an important issue and represents one aspect of oppression of native women in Canada.
- ...The Canadian public wishes to develop a safe and humane system of maternity care; we unite to support the legalization of midwifery services in Canada.
- ...Advocacy service to be connected with community legal services clinics to provide information and assistance to battered women.

Finally, the conference unanimously supported the following resolution brought forward by the B.C. delegates:

Whereas the government of British Columbia has either abolished, cut or frozen funding for the Human Rights Commission, child abuse teams, homemakers, post-partum counselling, Planned Parenthood, Vancouver Transition House, second stage transition houses, family support workers, community and centre programs, child care, legal aid services, Project Parent, and welfare rates, be it resolved that this combined conference of the National Action Committee and the Saskatchewan Action Committee condemn the attack on both human rights and the delivery of vital social services for women in British Columbia.

-Jane Evans

WIND

My father
would have loathed this place
He hated wind,
and although I don't mind it myself,
I think of him
and shiver.

Elizabeth Brewster
from Sunrise North

An up among the downs

On a positive note the Vancouver Women's Health Collective has been given \$5800 by the City of Vancouver. City Council voted unanimously to give the Health Collective all of the money left in their 1983 emergency fund. As well there is a possibility that the City will provide a rent free space to the Health Collective since they are being forced out of their present building which is being torn down for development. Whether the City comes through or not, it is heartening to see one level of government taking some responsibility for the needs of its citizens. The Collective is still active and busy these days. For more information or support call 736-6696 (1501 W. Broadway).

What good old days?

People keep talking about feeling like we are going back in time with all these cuts. But that's not really true. Ten or twenty or thirty years ago we didn't have safe houses or child abuse teams partly because we didn't really think or realize that wives were getting battered or children were getting beaten up and sexually abused. Now we know it's happening all around us. Now if we don't have services to protect and help these people we can't plead ignorance. So I guess now they are saying they know it's going on and it's okay . . . ?

Solidarity Times

Solidarity Times is a politically independent weekly newspaper that supports the aspirations of Solidarity Coalition, trade unions, workers, women, ethnic minorities, native people, the handicapped, pensioners, social service recipients, gays and lesbians, tenants, defenders of human rights, environmental and peace activists, consumers, students, artists, and religious people seeking a socially relevant church. It is published by a non-profit society and is not the spokesperson or official organ of any organization.

available at:
Okanagan Women's
Coalition 3000-
30th. Street,
Vernon, B.C.

Blow-jobs at Franklin's

"Could I have a blow-job?" he said with a leering grin on his face. Did he get a deserving response? No, he is the customer, she is the waitress and a blow-job is the newest drink at Franklin's Lounge on 111th Avenue in Edmonton.

A man who overheard this request called the ASWAC office recently to tell us about it and get some advice on what action he could take.

The Alberta Human Rights Code wouldn't cover it but the customer and the management are guilty of sexual harassment. The waitresses are set up for it, consciously and deliberately. "Serving" people is difficult enough without management condoning this type of harassment.

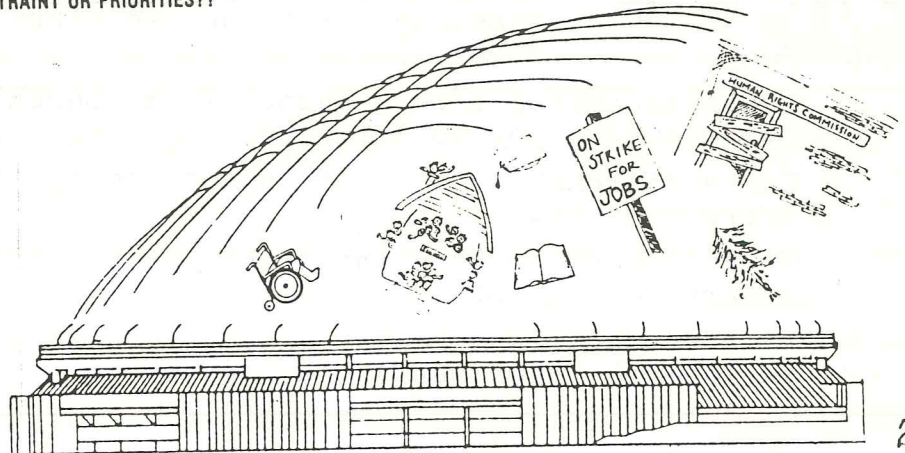
It is interesting to note the names of drinks that have become popular in this country - dirty mother, screwdriver, harvey wallbanger, bloody mary, between the sheets and so on. Advertisers have long connected alcohol and sex in their commercials and glossy ads. Waitresses face frequent and degrading sexual harassment, probably more than any other occupational group.

If you come across something like this yourself, complain to the owners and managers and tell your friends about it. No one should have to put up with this kind of crap.

Frances Adams
Reproduced from
ASWAC Dec. newsletter

Solidarity Times Nov. 16/83

IN 1983 THE GOVERNMENT SPENT \$205 MILLION ON B.C. PLACE....
RESTRAINT OR PRIORITIES??



PROVINCIAL UPDATE

Student Funding in B.C.

Student funding in B.C. is presently experiencing a two million dollar shortfall in this programme.

This means students will be pushed out of colleges and universities onto the welfare roles or unemployment lines.

B.C.'s participation rates in post secondary education is low overall in comparison to other provinces, especially pertaining to rural or students from outside the greater Vancouver area.

The policy the Government has adopted on student funding will only allow those affluent enough to obtain post secondary education.

Over 35% of all students require additional funding. This money is well spent as it increases the skill levels of B.C.'s future work force.

Students today face increases in tuition fees, book prices, price of accomodation and food costs.

The needs of B.C. students require a comprehensive study. This province already educates fewer of their citizens than even the poorest of the Maritime provinces.

Surely Student Assistance is cheaper than the welfare roles and lowers the numbers in the unemployment lines at the same time increasing the level of skills in B.C.

Why should we in this province advertise outside our own boundaries for skilled labour and professionals when we have right here potentially skilled people? Why does our Government insist on penalizing their own while rewarding others from out of Province? It's time we train our own.



THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF HERBAL PRACTITIONERS

The organization of Herbology is concerned with the pressures of the government and selfseeking vested interests backing them, against those who choose to follow a more natural path to WELLNESS.

Herbal practitioners cannot alone fight this trend, they need the assistance of lay persons dedicated to Natural Therapeutics. Help is needed to prepare research papers and monetary donations to acquire a lobbyist.

The Association offers Associate memberships at \$10.00. This fee entitles you to the newsletter which comes out quarterly.

The additional funds will be applied to the research project aforementioned.

We must work to stay the trend to legislate alternate health programmes out of existence.

Your support is urgently requested. If you are interested in registering your support of the Association send it to

The Canadian Association of Herbal Practitioners
Box 253, Station M
Calgary, Alberta
T2G Y40

Community Involvement Program

Thursday, December 15 was the day earmarked as the Community Involvement Program's Day of Action.

Everything possible has been done to get the Government in Victoria to rethink its position on the Community Involvement Program and Legal Aid cutbacks.

If unemployable people are excluded from the program, many disabled people will be barred from making valuable contributions to their communities. By refusing to pay a meager \$1.25 an hour (The Provincial contribution) the Government is denying people the opportunity to acquire job skills and develop important social contacts.

What is C.I.P.? It is a special (non statutory) program that gives welfare recipients work skills, self confidence, community contacts and a real purpose.

Legal Aid

Since October 1982 shortfalls in Government funding have forced reductions in coverage that hurts the poor and the unemployed as well as deserted parents who can't get legal help for maintenance and custody applications. Accused low income people must go through the courts without legal assistance, and consumer, tenant and other disputes will go unfunded. However, as a result of a recent B.C. Court of Appeal decision (The Mountain Case), the court ordered the Society to provide services as required by the Act.

It is now feared that due to the Court decision the Government will now change the Act to avoid having to fund Legal Aid.

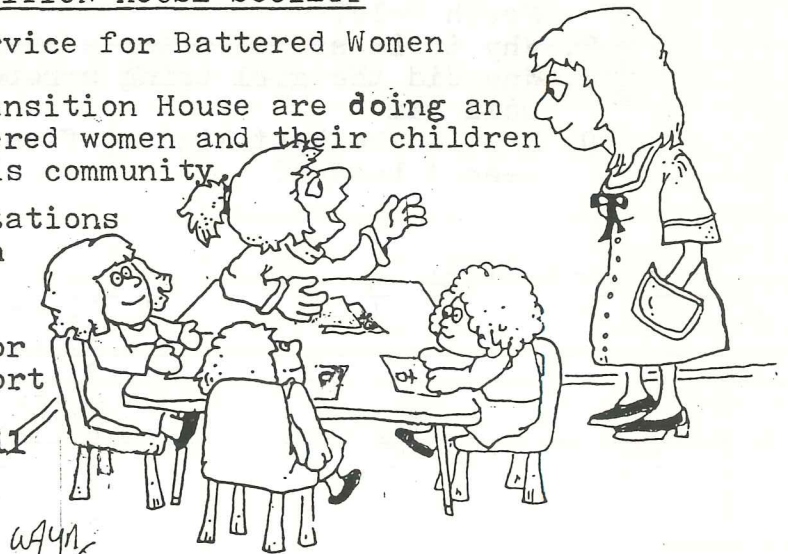
VERNON WOMEN'S TRANSITION HOUSE SOCIETY

Emergency Shelter and Support Service for Battered Women

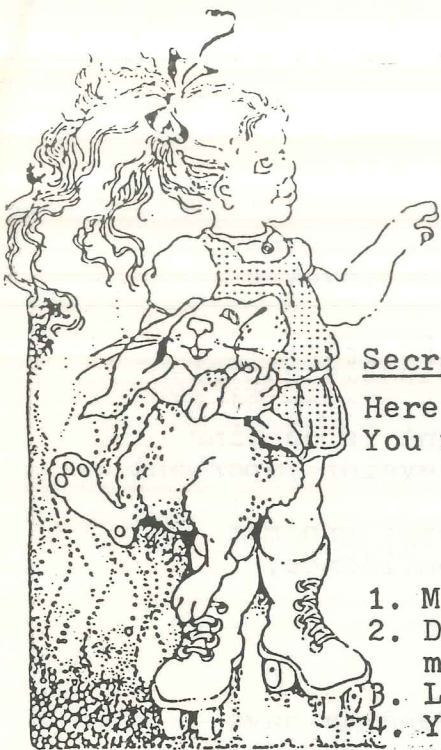
The volunteer's of the Vernon Transition House are doing an extensive membership drive. Battered women and their children are a vital concern to all in this community.

They are asking different organizations for their support for the Vernon Transition House service. The membership fee is \$5.00, which will be used to provide a fund for children's activities. Your support will help the Transition House build up their membership and will also provide a child with some enjoyment.

For more information contact:
Vernon Women's Transition House,
P.O. Box 625, Vernon, B.C. V1T 6M6
or telephone: 542-1122



"It's not a tea party, it's a board meeting."



for the fun of it

This is Tapestry's first children's page. Any comments, ideas or submissions would be welcome.

Secret Message

Here's how to send a secret message to a friend.

You need: two spoonsful salt
two spoonsful hot water
small bowl
toothpick and paper
soft pencil

1. Mix the salt in water until dissolved.
2. Dip the toothpick into the 'ink' and write your message on paper.
3. Let the paper dry for half an hour.
4. Your friend can decode the secret message by rubbing the paper with a pencil.

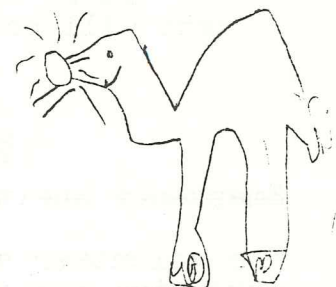
June: "My Aunt collects fleas."

May: "What does your Uncle do?"

June: "Scratch."

Riddles

1. Why did the shark cross the sea?
2. What 3 letters frighten any thief?
3. Why did the window call the doctor?
4. What kind of ears does an engine have?
5. What is white, has one horn and gives milk?
6. What is brown, has a hump, and lives at the North Pole?
7. Why is it so hot after a basketball game?
8. Why did the girl bring a rope to the basketball game?
9. What's the best kind of fish to have with peanut butter?



1. To get to the other tide.
2. I. C. U.
3. Because it had a pane.
4. Engineers
5. Jelly Fish
6. A milk truck.
7. Rudolph, the red-nosed camel.
8. She wanted to tie the score.
9. All the fans have gone home.

cartoons by Yolanda
jokes from Chickadee & Electric Company
Children's Magazines

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How To Stay Out of The Gynecologists Office
by The Federation of Feminist Women's Health Centres
Illustrations by Suzann Gage c 1981

This treasury of information about prevention and treatment of common problems has been gathered over the last decade by self-help groups and lay health workers in women-controlled clinics providing well-women care (birth control, treatment for vaginal infections, Pap smears, abortions). A variety of women's groups within the Women's Health Movement and certain dedicated individuals have collected much of this valuable material, particularly in the realm of herbal remedies. Until now, this knowledge has been available only as mimeographed handouts distributed within the Women's Health Movement, women's clinics or Self-Help groups. Now How To Stay Out of the Gynecologist's Office presents an in-depth examination of those problems that every woman faces at some time in her life.

Our Bodies, Ourselves A Book By And For Women
Revised and Expanded by The Boston Women's Health Book Collective c1971, '73, '76, '79

The book that has been called "the most important work to come out of the women's movement" continues to grow with its authors, its readers and the movement itself. This second edition sustains the intentions of the original: "Our Bodies, Ourselves is written by and for women in response to an imperative need for women everywhere to learn about our bodies in order to have control over them and over our lives. We seek to communicate our excitement about the power of shared information; to assert that, in an age of professionals, we are the best experts on ourselves and our feelings; to continue the collective struggle for adequate health care. We intend to stimulate women (and men also) to the kind of discussion and action which leads to continuing growth and change."

CKWC has over 500 books in our resource library. These books are available for borrowing.

You Can Say No

The Grande Prairie Pornography Action Committee has published a report of their public education project. The report is entitled "You Can Say No" and it gives a detailed description of the formation of the committee, what it did and why.

Copies of the report are available for \$3 from P.A.C. at Box 1395, Grande Prairie.

PORN VIOLENCE

URGENT!

Vancouver Rape Relief is supporting a woman who has been charged with Civil Disobedience against a Pornography store.

They are looking for women who have had actual experiences of being abused because of pornography. Video porn is of special interest, but any account of pornography related violence towards women would be useful.

For example: a man who brings home pornography tapes and wants a woman to act out what they've seen on the tapes-

porn left at the scene of a rape-

women that have been abused while employed in the pornography industry.

These actual experiences are essential in order to establish the relationship between pornography and violence against women.

Rape Relief is also looking for women who would be willing to testify in court, but more than that they need letters describing experiences to present as evidence.

Cable or send special delivery as trial date is imminent.

Remember, it could be any one of us!

Vancouver Rape Relief,
77 East 20th. Avenue,
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A woman called CJIB Radio's Chow Town Pet Patrol regarding a pet she had found. Frank Martina asked the caller over the air, "Was it the December pet?" The woman laughed--- We don't think Frank Martina's response was in good taste.

STUDENT FASTS FORTY DAYS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Andre Sobolewski, a 27 year old student at UBC, started a 40 day fast December 18 to call for the restoration of adequate human rights protection in B.C. Sobolewski began his fast as a personal contribution and spiritual conviction towards human rights.

Andre, with a Polish background, comes from Quebec. He has corresponded with a prisoner who has fasted for the right to have native ceremonies in prison. Sobolewski has also corresponded with Premier Bennett and plans to meet with him on January 26th.

Along with his parents, Sobolewski has received support from members of the B.C. Human Rights Coalition. Alicia Lawrence, past coordinator of the Okanagan Women's Coalition, has been visiting and working with Andre in his personal attempt to have the Premier take heed of the need for adequate human rights legislation in this province.

Letters and telegrams of support to Andre can be sent to:
Lutheran Campus Centre
6138 Sub Boulevard,
Vancouver, B.C. V6T 2A5
(Phone : 224 - 1614)

The Unquiet Bed

The woman I am
is not what you see
I'm not just bones
and crockery

the women I am
knew love and hate
hating the chains
that parents make

longing that love
might set men free
yet hold them fast
in loyalty

the women I am
is not what you see
move over love
make room for me.



The Cabbage

The doctor goes on handing out -
pills

that reduce me
from animal
to vegetable

Why couldn't he
implant some sunflower seeds
so at least I'd be able to see
over the fence?

DOROTHY LIVESAY

"The Women I Am"

stuff and nonsense: laws still on the books



In Memphis it is against the law for a woman to drive a car unless there is a man either running or walking in front of the car waving a red flag to warn approaching motorists and pedestrians.

In Connecticut females are not allowed to play in orchestras after 10 p.m.

An Iowa law states that women are not allowed to wear corsets (When this law was first passed years ago, men were appointed as corset inspectors. Their duty was to poke women in the ribs to see if they were wearing corsets.

In Norfolk, Virginia, a girl cannot attend a public dance without wearing a corset.

There is a Kentucky law that forbids a housewife to move furniture in her home without her husband's consent.

Another Kentucky law prohibits women from marrying the same man four times.

Alabama husbands have the legal right to chastize their wives with sticks no larger than the thumb.

Vermont says that a woman cannot walk down the street on a Sunday unless her husband walks twenty paces behind her with a musket on his shoulder.

In Lebanon Tennessee, a husband can't kick his wife out of bed, even though her feet are cold; a wife however, can kick her husband out of bed anytime, without giving reason.

A Michigan law states that married couples must live together or be imprisoned.

In Columbia, South Carolina it is unlawful for women of bad character to ride horseback in the streets.

An Indiana law forbids anyone to lead young ladies astray while teaching them to roller skate.

Reading, Pennsylvania says a woman cannot hang her underwear on an outdoor clothesline unless a screen is placed around the line.

Alton, Illinois forbids women to wear slacks.

In Tennessee a man can beat his wife if he uses nothing larger than a broom handle.

A twelve year old, California girl received nine days in solitary confinement for not testifying against her step-father who allegedly abused her sexually.

A twenty two year old Ontario woman received a three month jail term for refusing to testify against her boyfriend in an assault case.

In Vernon, a twenty two year old woman received a death sentence administered by her husband when she attempted to leave him. The husband received a four year sentence for snuffing out a life, charge - manslaughter.

August 18, 1983 - Linda Chemko was violently attacked and killed by her husband.

Statements put forth at the preliminary hearing indicated that Linda's husband, Steven, had repeatedly assaulted her. The young woman received multiple blows to her head so severe that her brain swelled into the spinal cord area, a dislocated fracture of her right elbow required considerable force applied to sustain such an injury. Lacerations on her face that were apparently caused by dragging the body over concrete would suggest that part of the assault occurred outside the residence, yet no assistance was forthcoming from neighbors who were aware that a violent, domestic dispute was occurring.

In sentencing Steven Chemko the presiding judge took into consideration the fact that Steven was under the influence of alcohol and marijuana, had a young son and tried to revive his wife by sewing the head laceration.

Linda Chemko's mother, Valerie Frank of Calgary, is still waiting for justice to be served. Sheriff King Home, a women's transition house in Calgary, is acting on behalf of the Frank's in lobbying for changing Steven Chemko's sentence.

Valerie Frank and her husband are presently involved in formal procedures to adopt their daughter's young son. The father, Steven, has signed papers giving up his paternal rights releasing the child to the Franks.

The Vernon Transition House Society is alarmed by the leniency of the Court and feel morally obligated to insist that an appeal on the decision be forthcoming. It is the concern of the Society that the Steven Chemko sentence may become a dangerous precedent thus being no deterrent for such a violent crime. The transition house staff and board encourage the public, who are deeply concerned with the Linda Chemko case to write - Chief Justice Alan McEachen, their local M.P., The Honourable Judy Erola, postage free, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6 and Brian Smith, Attorney General, Province of British Columbia, Legislative Building, Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4. Copies of this correspondence should be sent to the Vernon Women's Transition House Society, Box 625, Vernon, B.C., V1T 6M6. The Society is keeping copies of correspondence, hearing transcripts, newsclippings and forwarding them to the Sheriff King Home in Calgary.

Korean workers call for boycott

A worldwide boycott of Adidas and Nike running shoes and other products has been called to protest the manufacturer's repressive acts against its workers.

The boycott call came in the March edition of the United Church's official magazine, The Observer, which endorsed a call for a boycott from the Korean workers.

In a report from South Korea, the magazine reported on-going human rights violations at a Kukje Corporation textile plant in Wonpoong, where one of the last democratic labour unions in Korea is slowly being destroyed.

The Wonpoong workers had kept the factory running after its previous owners declared bankruptcy in the mid-1970s, turning it into one of the best mills in the region, with good wages and working conditions.

In 1978, the government forced the Wonpoong workers to merge their plant with the Kukje Corporation, a conglomerate of 20 companies.

It was then the union began to be harassed.

Since 1980, the workforce at the plant has been reduced to 950 from 1,700. Machinery operation is at 30% of capacity. Over the last year, leading members of the union have been fired, with no reasons having been given.

Recently, some male employees of the company - with outside help - occupied the union office, forcibly detaining the union president, a 25-year old woman. She was beaten, forced to kneel on a cement floor for 17 hours, and tortured (she lost consciousness several times) in an attempt to force her to resign her post. She refused.

"At last, before daylight," The Observer reported, they loaded her into a car and tossed her out on the roadside, miles from home or factory, in her bare feet, her body covered with bruises and her face swollen beyond recognition."

The workers sat-in for days, doing their work, but not leaving the plant. Management closed the cafeteria and shut off the water, but the sit-in continued. Many passed out and were taken to hospital for treatment. When they were weak from lack of food and water, thugs dragged them out bodily, stacking them on the ground. The riot police were ordered to trample them but they refused. Some wept in sympathy.

The attack was the final straw for the workers, who issued their call for a boycott of Adidas, Nike and Kingtex products within days.

-article and graphic from IMAGES, August/September, 1983





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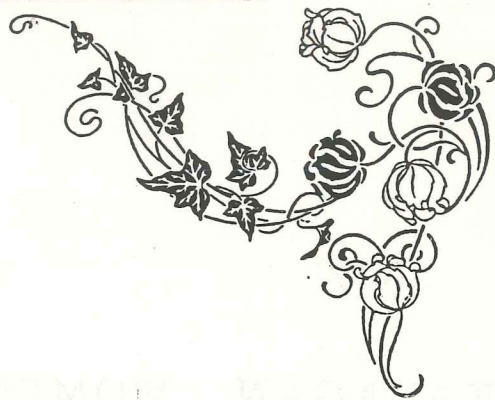
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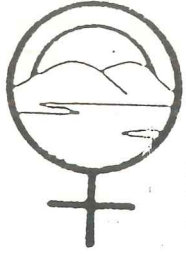
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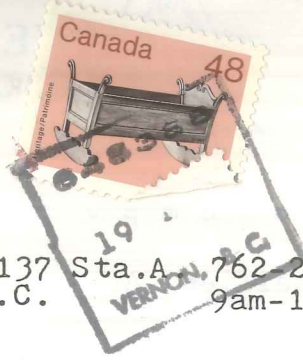
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