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ABORTION CAVALCADE



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MARCH ON MOTHER'S DAY

IN OTTAWA: 11:30am SAT MAY 9 assemble supreme ct. bldg., Wellington St. for march to Plmt. Bldgs. IN TORONTO: 7:30 AM SAT MAY 9 assemble Queen's Pk. for trip to Ottawa IN WINNIPEG: 2:00 pm SUN MAY 10 assemble city hall for march to leg. bldgs. IN EDMONTON: 1:00 SAT MAY 9 assemble leg. bldgs for march to court house IN VANCOUVER: 1:30 SUN MAY 10 assemble Lost Lagoon, Stanley Park, for march to St. Paul's Hospital

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NEWS BRIEFS

held recently. In a study done in Sweden of children who were

born only because of their mother's inability to secure an

abortion, a high degree of mental illness was discovered. As to

the psychological effects on women who receive abortions. Dr.

Heln Anis, psychiatrists at Detroit's Lafavette clinic, cited

NEW YORK - Under pressure of the growing abortion law

repeal movement, the New York State Senate has approved

the most liberal abortion law in the country, legalizing all

abortions performed by licensed doctors. The bill must now go

VANCOUVER - On April 18th Women's Caucus participated

in the anti-Vietnam War demonstration and rally sponsored by

the Vancouver Vietnam Action Committee. The women were

SEATTLE - The Stewardess Emeritus Association of Seattle

sent the following statement, signed by 23 representatives, to

Vancouver Women's Caucus: "We the undersigned being

representatives of the Stewardess Emeritus Association do

hereby endorse the efforts being taken by Vancouver Women's

MONTREAL - McGill University has set up one of its Senate

committees, this time to investigate discrimination against

women at McGill in such matters as student admissions, hiring,

TORONTO - Two hundred women and men demonstrated in

Toronto April 28 in support of a private member's bill to the

Ontario legislature to amend the provincial Human Rights Act

to include "sex". As it stands, the Act does nothing to prevent

discrimination in hiring, promotion etc. on the basis of sex

Ministers Refuse Meeting

be available to meet your group Due to a heavy schedule my

May 9th in spite of ultimatums, minister cannot concur with demands and threats as set out your request for a meeting in the

.. and Trudeau will be too busy preparing for a European

promotion, salary and benefits for staff, and use of facilities,

many studies showing them to be nil.

to the House, where approval is anticipated.

part of the "Women Against the War" contingent.

Caucus to liberalize the existing abortion laws.

Helena Rose Gutteridge, a young tailoress, left London in 1911 to move to Vancouver. She immediately began work in the labour movement by helping to organize laundry workers, oncentrated. She talked about her early days of organizing in a 1957 interview (Pacific Tribune, March 8,1957): 'The conscription fight in 1919, the shooting of "Ginger" Goodwin, and the vigilante raid on the old Labour Temple on Dunsmuir Street, the Winnipeg General Strike in 1919, and a long list of other strikes and occasions when violence was used against the

In 1912, Helena Gutteridge was elected to the local Trades and Labour Council and held this office for eleven years. The situation in the female labour force during the war was of particular concern for her: "Timid, anxious for work, ignorant of industrial ways, these women were an easy mark for unscrupulous employers. I brought these questions before the unions and the men endorsed our demands. I saw to it that they did!" She also took the question to the University Women's Club and with the aid of Judge McGill (first woman lawyer in Vancouver) a proposal on government regulations on minimum wages for women was drawn up. In 1917, the bill was passed by the Conservative government largely through Helena Gutteridge's efforts.

Another campaign in which Helena participated was the struggle for women's suffrage. Both as a founding member of the B.C. Women's Suffrage League, as well as a Labour representative on the Local Council of Women, she continually raised the demand to extend the franchise to women on the provincial level. Mary Norton (a participant in the suffrage struggle who is now living in Vancouver) recalls that Helena Gutteridge held suffrage meetings at the Labour Temple at night, rather than following the generally accepted form of Women in History



Helena Gutteridge

parlour meetings during the afternoon. In addition, Helena Gutteridge used a tactic employed by the British Suffragettes. women: she set up 'soap-boxes' on the street corners to further the cause of women's suffrage. Mary Norton also points out that at this time Helena Gutteridge was not a socialist, and in fact often became upset when socialist men, also meeting at the Labour Temple, came to her meetings and attempted to lin suffrage with a socialist analysis of society

The following year, Helena Gutteridge continued to agitate about the plight of workers when she organized around the principle that injury or death on the job must be compensated by the industry. Previously, the lack of hospital insurance for workers had often left families penniless when industrial accidents occurred. Many bills of social legislation were passed

In 1921, Helena Gutteridge moved to the Fraser Valley where she married and began a poultry farm. She returned to Vancouver in 1932 to continue her struggle against exploitation. She immediately became involved in founding of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (the precursor to the NDP) and headed the CCF Economic Planning Committee

In 1937, the second stage of her life began. She was the first woman to be elected for the Vancouver City Council. In this capacity she is remembered as one who continuously raised in council the need for city-assisted low-cost housing schemes. She was re-elected for a two-year term of office in 1939 and through this period, she was renowned for raising demands to aid the workers and the large numbers unemployed men and women in Vancouver

In 1960, Helena Gutteridge died of cancer in Vancouver at DODIE WEPPLER

B.C. Doctors Call Cops On Women

couver Women's Caucus confronted the College of Physicians and Surgeons with a statement which contained a series of demands relating to the role of the College in the administration of the abortion law:

that all medical students be required to learn abortion procedures.

that the College of Physicians and Surgeons define health as the complete physical, mental and social well-being of the person as stated by the World Health Organization.

that the College and the B.C. Medical Association, in the interests of the health of women patients, appeal to Ottawa to remove abortion from the criminal

and that the College recommend to the Provincial Health Minister that he approve additional facilities for doing abortions, as he is empowered to do under the fed-

make the medical profession more responsible to the public.

banners and leaflets. Before they

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However, two cops, who had point. After a discussion, we de-

fighting the College." The women left and gathered women's liberation songs

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They moved together to the front door only to find it was

At this point an official an-

is our RIGHT

CARAVAN SCHEDULE

stopped at the corner by the One Caucus member reported: Association and the College, and

The women arrived at the locked. Two Women's Caucus nounced that the College would College building at 8:00am with members went to the back door, meet with two women for ten found it was not locked, entered minutes. The women demanded even had a chance to present the building and proceeded past a meeting of at least 11 women their statement to the College the officials to open the front to equal the number of men on Council meeting, they were door for the women outside. the council. This was refused, by with their sleeping bags, insisting they would remain until

in front of the building singing



Registrar of the College, Dr. "We opened the front door, and McClure. He told the women: the officials tried to shove us out "You cannot enter the building. of the way. We argued that we I have already consulted with were victims of an official the police and have been in- silence. We said we had come unformed that if you enter you invited after being refused a will be trespassing on private meeting by both the Medical The women insisted that they after we had been referred to the The brief also demanded that had a right to present their posimedical profession by Prime the Medical Act be amended to tion to the medical profession. Minister Trudeau and Health

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a test case on abortion from the District of Columbia, thus establishing whether constitutional guarantees of individual liberty supercede state laws regulating abortion. The case will be heard in the fall session, and a decision will be handed down MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay - The Tupamaro urban querrillas liberated 13 women from jail on March 8, International

been informed by the College that the women were 'creating a disturbance' announced that the women would have to leave. One participant said: "We felt we had the right to present our case. However, we had made our cided to leave the building - but we knew we were not finished

Sask women demonstrate for safe abortion **Munro Agrees to Talk-**Health Minister John Munro's reception in Saskatoon was part of the Canada-wide campaign to repeal all abortion laws. As we go to press, the women's liberation cavalcade has just left for Ottawa to demand free abortion on request for all women. They were sent on their way at noon, April 27, by over 100 women and men who gathered at the Vancouver court house, singing women's liberation songs, with banners waving The cavalcade will be met with rallies, guerrilla theater, public meetings and marches in every major center in Canada, and more women will join them

When Federal Health and Welfare Minister. John Munro, came to Saskatoon April , he was met at the Bessborough Hotel by some

Canada will demonstrate Mother's Day weekend in solidarity with the Ottawa action.

one hundred very angry women and men. The issue was the freedom for women to be able to control their own bodies, by immediate repeal of all Canadian abortion

The occasion for Mr. Munro, was a banquet given in his honor by the Saskatoon Press Club. The press club is the 'establishment' journalists' organization.

Women from all around the province, most of them members of women's liberation groups in Saskatchewan, came to Saskatoon to show Mr. Munro that they demand the repeal of all Canadian abortion laws.

A brief arguing for free choice in abortion was read to Mr. Munro as he entered the Bessborough to attend the press club dinner.

Picketing had been taking place in front of the hotel for about an hour before the health minister arrived. The sixty or so women were joined by many men, some of them doctors at Saskatoon's community clinic

During the picketing, leaflets, copies of The Prairie Fire (Regina community newspaper) and copies of the Saskatoon women's brief were passed out to elegantly dressed press club guests as well as to passers-by

Not only do the women demand that abortion be legalized, but they also demand that the federal government begin to take some responsibility for a whole range of maternal health facilities, both for women who seek safe abortions and for those women who require assistance in bearing and keeping their children

The main point the brief raised is the fact that somewhere in the neighborhood of 2,000 women in Canada die each year from illegal and medically unsafe abortions. However, in failing to consider any abortion reform in Canada, the federal government is completely ignoring this barbaric situation. Many women are subjected to butchery because they cannot afford safe abortions, either in England or Japan, or expensive safe illegal abortions in Canada

along the way. The women will arrive in Ottawa May 9 to demand the immediate repeal of Canada's inhuman abortion laws. Thousands of women across

"Death from illegal, non-medical abortion is wholly preventable," said Joan Stevens of Saskatoon in reading the brief to Mr. Munro in front of the Hotel. "There is no indication that recent changes in the abortion laws will in any way rectify the situation which these statistics indicate," she said.

'These laws deny women the most basic of human and personal rights, that of control over their own bodies and the choice of motherhood. They discriminate against poor and working class women.

"They deny the basic right of children to be wanted condemning them more often than not, to lives of loneliness and abuse.'

The brief severely criticized the present set-up of hospital abortion committees, which subject women to endless, time-consuming red tape, sometimes even resulting in abortion becoming medically unsafe, because of the length of time a pregnancy has existed.

'Canada's abortion laws are man-made. They follow no universal or divine laws," the

The brief sums up its demands with the

Repeal of all laws which coerce a woman to terminate or to continue a pregnancy,

The provision of counselling, safe abortion and birth control services available to all

The creation of a social consciousness which fully accepts women's right to make those choices and decisions which most intimately affect their lives as human beings.

Mr. Munro spoke briefly following the presentation of the brief, stating explicitly that abortion reform was "frankly not his priority at the moment."

"I have a lot of responsibilities and this isn't one of my high priorities at the moment," he said. "One of our prime concerns is about four or five million Canadians many of whom are living in poverty level and below. I'm particularly concerned at the moment with the poverty

Mr. Munro failed to agree to the suggestion that the abortion question was intimately connected with the whole question of poverty, and that one could not be considered without the other

"Why can't the government consider both health and poverty; they are not separate," one demonstrator pointed out to Munro.

"That is only your view. I am not convinced of that," he replied.

He spoke for a few more minutes to the group and then left to attend the press club dinner. He did, however, promise to meet with women in Ottawa, in May, when a cross-Canada cavalcade will be demonstrating to the federal government for repeal of all

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then Chickens Out



in your letter of March 19th. near future.

Turner's assistant

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

tour to meet the women!

The Executive Board of the Federation has, in line with Federation policy, endorsed the campaign by the Women's

Caucus to have the present federal laws governing abortion repealed. We urge all affiliated unions to support actively this campaign. Letters to Prime Minister Trudeau and a series of demonstrations will lead up to a mass demonstration on Parliament Hill on May 10th. Please contact the Women's Caucus for further information and details as to how you can lend your support. . . Fraternally yours.

Secretary-Treasurer

Munro's assistant

B.C. FEDERATION OF LABOR

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WOMEN'S

Work night to prepare for May 10 March Drop by to the office for an hour or so on

Saturday May 2

Pedestal sales 1:00 - 3:00pm in front of the Library (Robson & Burrard)

Sunday, May 3

Pedestal meeting 11:00am, at the office For all those interested in writing, layout, circulation etc.

SELI Women's Caucus meeting, 7:00 pm Apt. 416, Louis Riel House

Tuesday, May 5

Abortion Information Service, 7:30, office

Wednesday, May 6

Guerrilla Theatre — for all those interested in planning guerrilla theatre for May 10 march 8:00, 137B Water St.

Thursday, May 7

Abortion campaign planning meeting - final plans for May 10 march, plans for Makaroff trial, 8:00, office

Friday May 8

Work night for May 10 march, office

Saturday, May 9

Pedestal sales 1:00-3:00, Library

Sunday, May 10

Pedestal meeting 11:00 am office MARCH AGAINST ABORTION LAWS! 1:00 assemble Lost Lagoon, Stanley Park

Monday, May 11

Co-ordinating committee meeting 8:00, office All active groups should be represented

Tuesday, May 12

Working women's workshop, 8:00, community educational & research centre (CERC) 434 W.

Abortion Information Service, 7:30, office

Wednesday, May 13

Educationals workshop, to plan future educationals

GENERAL MEETING 8:00 office

Friday, May 15

Work night for Makaroff trial, office

Saturday May 16

edestal sales 1:00-3:00, Library

Sunday, May 17 Pedestal meeting 11:00am office

MAKAROFF TRIAL 9:30 Public Safety Building, Main & Hastings, Courtroom 1 Abortion Information Service, 7:30 office

Wednesday, May 20

Night off! - Write a paper for the strategy conference for June.

Thursday, May 21 Abortion campaign meeting, 8:00 office

Plans for June 10 meeting of College of Physicians & Surgeons (Makaroff?) Teachers' meeting, 8:00pm, 3892 Burke, S. Bby

Saturday, May 23

Pedestal sales 1:00-3:00. Library

Sunday, May 24

Pedestal meeting 11:00 am office

Monday, May 25 Co-ordinating committee meeting 8:00, office

Tuesday, May 26 Working Women's workshop, CERC, 434 W.

Pender, 8:00pm Abortion Information Service, 7:30, office

GENERAL MEETING 8:00 office

Work night for demo at College of Physicians & Surgeons June 10

Saturday, May 30

Pedestal sales 1:00-3:00, Library

Sunday, May 31

Pedestal meeting - likely at SFU working on paste-up etc.

TUES. MAY 19 9:30AM MAIN & HASTINGS

The Medical Establishment

cians and gynecologists held a conference on Marriage, the family and human sexuality. The conference was held behind closed doors at UBC. Among the topics discussed were "The Role of the physician in marriage counselling," "How to bear children -afterwards," "The relationship marriage stress to illness, "Hidden Games between Doctors and Patients," (one of the speakers was the author of "Games People Play") and "The teenager and the Pill."

Women's Caucus felt that since the conference was dealing speci-fically with problems of women patients, women and teen-age women should be present to discuss their problems with these doctors

the doctors was refused, and they were given the alternative of talk ing to doctors in the lobby on their 1/2hour coffee break, with the added comment that doctors would not appreciate our wasting their precious time.

Two women who quietly sat in for one session were strongly reprimanded afterwards for dar ing to break through the "expert-'barrier.

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