

**THE NATIONAL
ACTION COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

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Dear Delegate:

We are glad you are able to attend the Strategy for Change Conference. The responses we are getting are most exciting.

Please note there are three (3) workshop choices available under Day Care & Education:

- a) Day Care Centres
- b) Texts in Public Schools
- c) Continuing Education

You can specify choice at registration desk upon arrival.

Please Note: Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. (sharp) on Friday, April 7. Anyone arriving late may not be served, and may have to find their own meal in the hotel cafeteria.

You will receive no more communication prior to the Conference. We look forward to seeing you on the 7th!

Cordially,

Dorothy Martin

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Secretary.

Enclosures
Map of Toronto
Tentative Programme

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STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE CONFERENCE

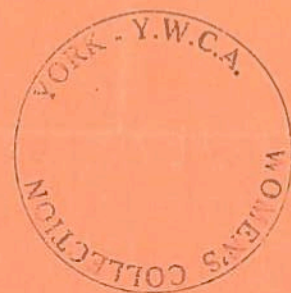
April 7, 8 and 9, 1972

King Edward Sheraton Hotel, Toronto

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME (subject to change)

Friday, April 7

3:00 p.m.	Registration Mezzanine Floor
6:00 p.m.	Cocktails - cash bar Canadian Court
6:30 p.m.	Dinner Sheraton Room
	Guest Speaker The Honourable John Munro Minister of Health and Welfare Ottawa
	"An Accounting to the Women of Canada"
	Open Discussion - questions from the floor
10:00 p.m.	Adjournment



Saturday, April 8

8:00 a.m.	Registration Mezzanine Floor
9:15 a.m.	Call to Order Ballroom - 17th Floor
	Chairman's Remarks Laura Sabia
	Keynote Speaker Elsie Gregory MacGill Member of Royal Commission

Saturday, April 8 (cont'd)

Steps Canadian Women Must Take

Esther Greenglass
Liberal Task Force on Status of Women

Introduction to the Workshops and the Leaders

- 1) Political Action
- 2) Mass Media Impact
- 3) Day Care & Education
- 4) Economic Status
- 5) Direct Action Techniques
- 6) Community Organization

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Workshop Sessions
Locations to be announced later

1:00 p.m. Luncheon
Ballroom - 17th Floor

2:00 p.m. Workshop Sessions - draft recommendations

4:00 p.m. Films and Video-tapes
"See Yourself at the Conference"
Location on Mezzanine Floor to be announced

6:00 p.m. Cocktails - cash bar - 17th Floor

6:30 p.m. Dinner - Ballroom - 17th Floor

8:00 p.m. Entertainment

Followed by an opportunity to meet and chat

Sunday, April 9

9:30 a.m. Call to Order - Ballroom - 17th Floor

Chairman's Remarks
Laura Sabia

Reports from Workshops

Discussion and formulation of strategies for change

Recommendations

Closing remarks - the Chairman

12:30 p.m. Adjournment

(Please mail to your local newspaper)

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WOMEN'S GROUPS HOLD NATIONAL CONVENTION

Almost 500 women from all provinces of Canada, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon attended a national women's convention held in Toronto from Friday, April 7 to Sunday, April 9. Florence Bird, chairman of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women in Canada, opened the convention with an assessment of developments in the status of women since publication of the Royal Commission Report a year and a half ago.

A panel chaired by June Menzies, chairman of the Manitoba Action Committee on the Status of Women, discussed directions in which the movement for women's rights should go. Panelists were Senator Thérèse Casgrain, feminist Maryon Kantaroff, union executive Madeline Parent and Jan Steele, chairman of the Liberal party task force on the status of women.

Elsie Gregory MacGill, a member of the Royal Commission, spoke on Saturday morning.

Theme of the meeting was "Strategy for Change" and most of the convention was devoted to workshop sessions discussing various types of strategies and agreeing on action to be taken at the federal, provincial and municipal levels to improve the position of women.

The convention was organized by the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, an organization representing forty women's groups with a total membership of over two million women. Delegates were there from most of these forty groups, including such diverse organizations as the Canadian Federation of University Women, the YWCA, the Women's Liberation Movement, the Voice of Women, the National Council of Women, the Planned Parenthood Association, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Association for the Repeal of Canadian Abortion Laws, la Fédération des Femmes de Québec, New Feminists.

In addition, representatives from native people's groups and poor people's organizations from various parts of Canada took part. Attendance of delegates from parts of Canada distant from Toronto was made possible by a \$15,000 grant from the federal government.

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