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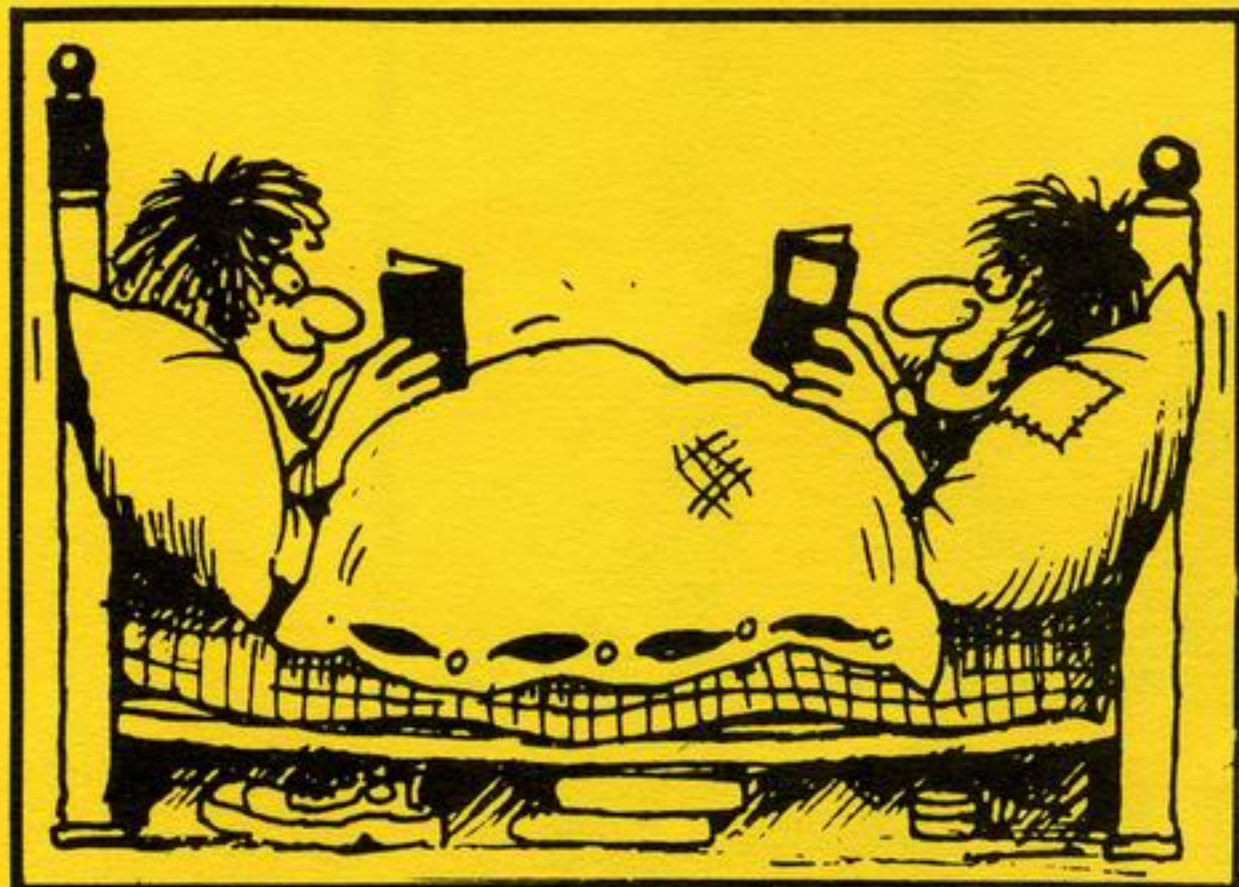
We think we've come up with three ways CONNEXIONS can better support Canadians working for peace, justice and liberation.

First, *information* remains one of the basic needs of individuals and groups working for social change — and we will continue to publish summaries of groups and their materials as we have for the last seven years. In addition, however, we want to expand this part of our work with more editorial comment. Through articles by the CONNEXIONS collective and by those working on particular issues, we hope to identify common themes in analysis and strategy, to make links across issues, and to explore in greater detail our shared visions for a transformed society.

Second, we want to become more intentional in our efforts at *network building*. As we reflected in the results of our readership survey of last summer, we realized that many of our subscribers do not use CONNEXIONS to identify and develop relationships with potential allies across the country. We have thus initiated as a regular feature a network building section called EXCHANGE. (See below). We hope that you, our readers, will write to give us feedback, and to share your perceptions, critiques and affirmations of each other's work.

Finally, we want to become a focus for *mutual support* by publishing letters and articles that speak to the particular problems we experience as groups and individuals who challenge the established order. What can we do to nurture ourselves better? What experiences and resources can we share to enrich each other's work or simply to ensure each other's survival? We want to hear about funding strategies, group process hints, and resources for personal sanity and growth. Your articles and suggestions will be published in the section we are tentatively calling WAYS AND MEANS (see page 14 ).

## **EXCHANGE**



With this issue, we're introducing a new section — EXCHANGE. It's yours to use and develop.

Write us a letter to:

- comment on recent issues of CONNEXIONS—tell us what you used, things we missed, how it looked and read, what you thought of the articles, your analysis of the content;
- tell other readers about a strategy your group's using, and how it's going;
- ask other readers for information or ideas for tackling some issue you're working on.

We'll print your responses in the next edition.

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# Women and Men

Three years ago, CONNEXIONS published an issue on Women. In today's climate of economic and political retrenchment, the gains achieved by the Women's Movement are in jeopardy. As our readers have suggested, there is a critical need at this time to re-affirm the strength and impact of our collective actions for a sexist society. In this edition of CONNEXIONS, readers will find listings of 73 individual and group efforts to address sexism.

There are many forces in contemporary Canadian society that reinforce sexism in public and private spheres of life, and which socialize our children into that system. Our economic system is based on competition, winners and losers, domination and submission. It has little respect for health and safety, full employment, the environment, or women's demands for equal participation. Our political system does not permit effective grassroots participation or influence. Our laws, our media, our education system and, too frequently, our churches and our unions support existing structures in favour of the status quo.

You will read in this edition of a variety of strategies that have evolved to challenge sexist structures and ideology. Publications offering alternative perspectives on personal, social, and political issues are now available in many Canadian cities (e.g. Kinesis, Hysteria). Women are taking control of their own health, by establishing health education collectives (e.g. Vancouver Women's Health Collective, Women's Health Education Network), through publications (e.g. Healthsharing, Maternal Health News), by raising occupational health issues in their unions (e.g. Organized Working Women), and by lobbying for reform of Canada's abortion laws (e.g. CARAL, OCAC). Women are entering non-traditional jobs; they have formed organizations for mutual support, education, and outreach to other women (e.g. Women in Trades). Lesbian mothers have formed action groups to challenge discriminatory child custody practices (e.g. Lesbian Mothers Defense Fund, Lesbian and Feminist Mothers Political Action Group). Women have organized to learn about, publicize, and fight the perpetuation of violence against women (e.g. Battered and Blamed, WAVAW, Media Watch). And, very importantly, arts and culture that express and celebrate new visions of a non-sexist world are flourishing (e.g. Womanspirit Art Research and Resource Centre, West Coast Women and Words Society, Centre for Feminist Culture).

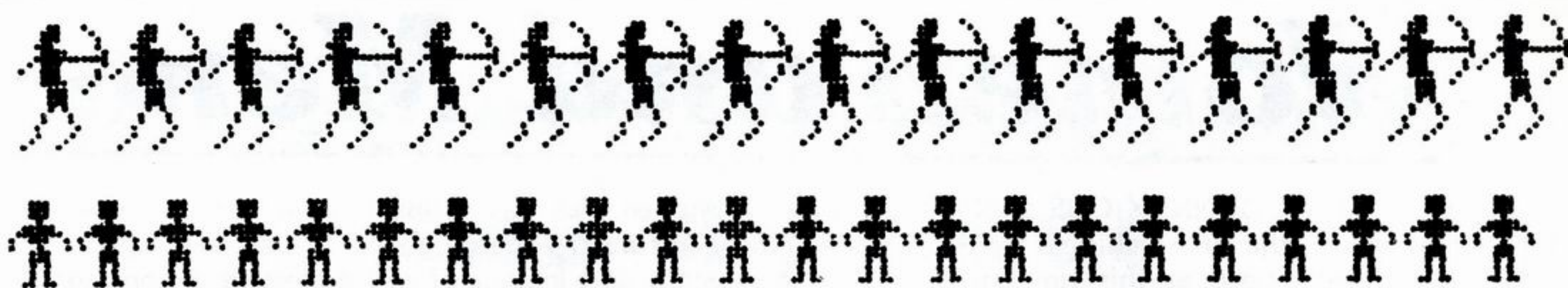
Men too are organizing to better understand their history, their socialization, and the unequal power relationships that men have created both with women and among themselves. Except in the gay community (see Flaunting It!), the men's movement is quite new in Canada, but there are some indications that it is gaining momentum (e.g. Men's Child Care Collective, Vancouver Men Against Rape, Victoria Men's Anti-Sexist Group). To support this movement, which we believe to be essential, we have broken with our usual practice and published an abstract of an American journal (M: gentle men for gender justice), that may assist men in their organizing efforts.

Through these efforts, we are developing not only an understanding of the factors that oppress us and reinforce sexism, but we are learning how to put into place alternative structures for living and working. We are replacing hierarchal and patriarchal structures with collectives, self-help groups, and community-based organizations. We are learning, often painfully, how to combine direct service with social action (e.g. transition houses, rape crisis centres). The links between social issues are becoming clearer to all of us — sexism, militarism and violence; sexism and imperialism; health, labour, and environmental issues. Through this growing understanding, our base for collective action is broadened, our relationships are strengthened, and our sense of support is enhanced.

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# CONTEXT

CX 2692

## STILL AIN'T SATISFIED!

ed. by Maureen Fitzgerald, Connie Guberman

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The Women's Press, 16 Baldwin St., Toronto, Ont.  
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In 1972, the Women's Press published its first book, *Women Unite!*. It was an anthology of writings on the issues, debates, demands, and strategies of the developing Canadian women's liberation movement. In celebration of its tenth anniversary, and of the survival and strength of the women's movement, Women's Press has published *STILL AIN'T SATISFIED!* It is an anthology of twenty-seven articles; all but three were written especially for this collection. Authors were asked "to focus on major areas of women's activity and participation, to pinpoint the current priorities and characteristics of the movement and also to provide a background for determining aims and strategies for the future". The book is intended to be a resource for both activists and those new to feminism.

The book is divided into three sections. "Out of the Bedrooms" contains articles on abortion, wife battering, rape, pornography and sexuality. "Into the Workplace" covers day care and the variety of ways women are organizing in the labour movement — in independent feminist unions, in the CLC and in the CCU. Also covered are the issues of sexual harassment, health hazards in the workplace, and the efforts of women in trades. The third section, "Onto the Streets", focuses on women's organizing and mobilization, with articles on immigrant women, Native women, publishing, education and the arts.

The women's movement in Canada does not have a singular voice, nor an ideological line to which all activists adhere. *STILL AIN'T SATISFIED!* reflects the existing diversity in analyses and strategies in its documentation of "the development of women over the decade towards increasing visibility and collective strength".

CX 2693

## WOMEN AND HUMAN WHOLENESS

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WOMEN AND HUMAN WHOLENESS is one unit of a curriculum on social justice issues for use in high schools, youth groups, and churches. Other units are on: work, militarism, development, and human rights. The units begin with the students' own experience and explore a wide range of issues, making local and global connections. The program includes teacher background information, readings, activities, discussion guides, lesson outlines, and resource suggestions.

The unit of WOMEN AND WHOLENESS focuses on women's experience, oppression, spirituality, and struggles for change and liberation. The unit points out that most of what we learn about the world, we learn from a white male perspective. Thus, there is a need to look at the issue of women's oppression from a women's perspective in order to really understand it and to identify forces for change. The material shows how oppression takes a variety of forms which affect women around the world: discrimination within the workplace or educational systems, economic disparities, violence against women, cultural or media manifestations of the denigration of women.

"Sexism" is defined in the unit as "the discrimination or oppression of women or female children on the basis of gender." Sexism is manifest in personal relationships, for example, when a man beats the woman he lives with, when an employer refuses to hire women for certain jobs, or when a school counsellor advises able young women to be nurses rather than doctors. Sexism is also reflected in the economy (in women's consistently inferior economic position relative to men), in educational systems, in the media, in legal structures, in the churches.

WOMEN AND HUMAN WHOLENESS also identifies signs of hope, of change, of alternatives to sex roles or oppressive structures. The authors put forth



a vision of human wholeness which is rooted in Scripture, in Christian tradition and in women's experience. The vision is **not** that of mere equality or that women adopt male roles, but rather that "both women and men transcend present stereotypes and prisons and achieve the liberation of full humanness which really does reflect the image of the God who created us."

**CX 2694**

**THE OPTIMIST**

**Yukon Status of Women Council**

**302 Steele St., Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C5**

**24 pp., January, 1983**

"We are strangers in a strange land. This is not our home. We do not belong here. We did not create this culture . . . We do not significantly shape it . . . and it is not healthy for us: this patriarchal culture is, in sum, inhospitable to women, children, as it is to people of colour, lesbians, gays, the old, disabled and poor." These words are from a speech by Denise Horman delivered to the Fall Women's Conference in 1982. They appear in the January 1983 edition of **THE OPTIMIST**, a newspaper published four times a year by the Yukon Status of Women Council.

The January editorial on sex role stereotyping makes the point that the stereotyping of women and men especially in the early years encourages intolerance of individual differences. These differences then serve to reinforce the stereotypes as we grow older. **THE OPTIMIST** sees education as the key to breaking this vicious circle so that the next generation of women and men can have a better chance to reach their human potential.

Other articles in this edition deal with incest, women and unions, daycare, older women, and single parents. One on women in Yukon history points out the problem of discovering this history. Since most of the accounts are by men, the histories "reveal more about men's images than women's roles". Indian women and White women also have two different histories in the Yukon and its development. The article concludes with the hope that Yukon women can work together in the 1980s to review their histories and begin to shape a new consciousness.

**CX 2695**

**THE LESBIAN AND FEMINIST MOTHER'S POLITICAL ACTION GROUP (LAFMPAG),**

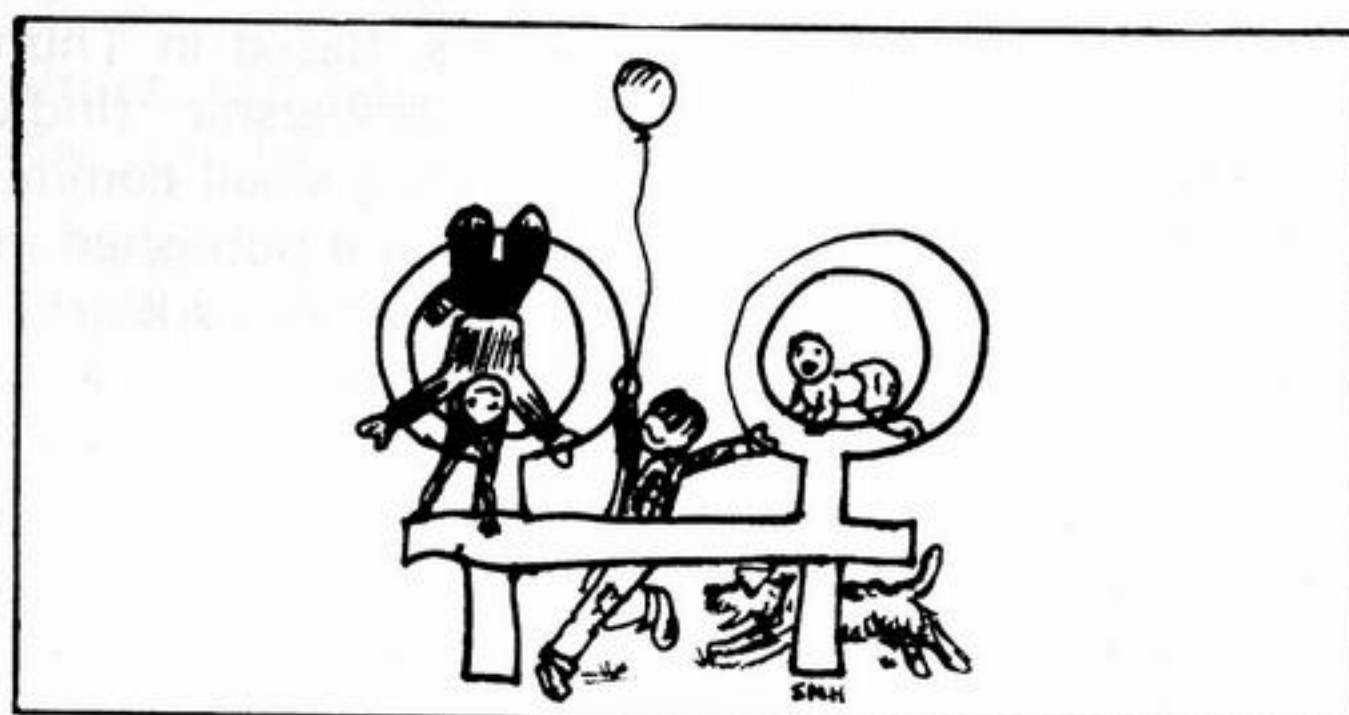
**c/o 2766 W. 4th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.**

**THE LESBIAN AND FEMINIST MOTHER'S POLITICAL ACTION GROUP (LAFMPAG)** was founded in 1979 and is a member of the British Columbia Federation of Women. This political action group is dedicated to "improving the position of children and mothers throughout the feminist community". LAFMPAG believes that feminists have lost wide support from women because of the movement's failure to adequately deal with the needs of mothers and children. The group believes that women must learn to develop practical ways to take more collective responsibility for their children before significant change will be sparked in society. For the group, the "mother" role is synonymous with the "nurturing" role and therefore is to be shared with all women and men (parents or non-parents).

In addition to helping feminists' collectives put more energy into children's issues and to become more sensitive to the struggles of mothers and children, LAFMPAG encourages more non-sexist male involvement in the lives of children. By fostering a movement for children's liberation, the group hopes to enable children to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively struggle against their own oppression.

LAFMPAG chose to be a mixed group (lesbian and 'straight' feminists) in order to counter the stereotype that all mothers are heterosexual and to accent the commonality of problems both groups experience. The struggle of lesbian mothers is of particular concern to this group.

LAFMPAG conducts a workshop on mothers and children in the feminist movement. Included in it is a slide-tape show dealing with women's feelings about having or not having children. Another workshop for use at social and political events is being planned: it will deal with how to meet children's needs. Future activities of this group involve the publication of a book on the place of children in the feminist movement, a survey of children's needs and the resources available to meet those needs in the feminist community in Vancouver.





**CX 2696**

**RISING UP STRONG**

Linda Briskin and Lorna Weir

Available from DEC Films, 427 Bloor St. W.,

Toronto, Ont., M5S 1X7 (416) 964-6901

60 min. colour, ¾" video-cassette

RISING UP STRONG examines some of the major themes in the women's movement today. The tape consists of two parts: "At Work and At Home"; and "Control of Our Bodies".

"At Work and At Home" examines the problems of low wages, job ghettos, responsibility for housework, and inadequate childcare facilities. It focuses on women who are fighting back, individually and collectively, through unions, at workplaces, in working for day care.

"Control of Our Bodies" looks at the issues of rape, violence against women, contraception, and abortion.

**CX 2697**

**NORTHERN WOMAN JOURNAL**

316 Bay St., Thunder Bay, Ont.,

6 issues/yr. \$5 individuals; \$9 institutions; \$.90/copy

THE NORTHERN WOMAN JOURNAL, published in Thunder Bay, Ontario, provides a feminist perspective on a wide range of local, national, and international events and issues.

As a follow-up to a Women and Pensions Conference held in Thunder Bay in May, the JOURNAL's two final issues of 1982 (7-4 and 7-5) highlight the need for pension reform and present proposals for action. Condensed versions of conference presentations on pensions by several experts detail the reasons why women in particular are not adequately covered. The current design of the Canada Pension Plan systematically discriminates against women. Work women do in the home, as well as the fact that women hold down the lowest paying jobs, is not recognized. Spouses are also treated unequally. One of the speakers at the conference went so far as to say that any suggestion that there is a contradiction between the interests of women at home and women in the labour force, in terms of homemaker participation in pension plans, is erroneous. To make matters worse, pension reform gets used as a bargaining tool in federal-provincial fiscal negotiations. The full Conference Report on Women and Pensions is available free of charge from the Northern Women's Centre, 316 Bay St., Thunder Bay.

Other articles report on actions being taken to deal with violence against women. At the local level, a public education project on wife battering is being undertaken by the Thunder Bay Women's Centre.

The rationale that such violence is an inherent part of society is challenged. New anthropological evidence indicates that societies differ markedly, ranging from "rape free" through "rape present" to "rape prone". This suggests a need for further investigation of the conditions that contribute to those differences, which can lead to new strategies for change.



**CX 2698**

**NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO WOMEN'S  
DECADE COUNCIL,**

c/o Leni Untinen, R.R. 16, Pine Shore Drive,  
Thunder Bay, Ont.,

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The NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO WOMEN'S DECADE COUNCIL acts as a networking and lobby group for women in that region. It also provides technical assistance and resources to emerging women's groups and to individual women working on women's issues. For example, members with lobbying expertise are encouraged to share these skills with others. Based in Thunder Bay, the COUNCIL draws its membership (individuals and groups) from surrounding small communities. It has sponsored conferences and published materials, such as the report entitled *Women's Work: the Northwestern Ontario Case* by Barbara Mattew, which documents the nature of women's work in the home and paid labour force in the region, their skills, education, training interests, the lack of opportunities made available to them, and proposals for action.



CX 2699

**SASKATCHEWAN CHRISTIAN FEMINIST NETWORK**

c/o Conference Office of the United Church of Canada

1805 Rae Street, Regina, Sask., S4T 2E3

The SASKATCHEWAN CHRISTIAN FEMINIST NETWORK is a visible feminist presence in Saskatchewan moving from a Christian base. It seeks to share and explore the implications of Christian feminism, to offer support and energy for feminists as they carry on their activities of seeking justice for women in the world, to develop feminist methods and models to reach other women through consciousness raising and to expand awareness of women's issues. The NETWORK has gatherings approximately three weekends per year (usually in Saskatoon or Regina) as well as a week-long event on feminist issues.

CX 2700

**FLAUNTING IT!**

Edited by Ed Jackson and Stan Perksy

Pink Triangle Press, Box 639, Station A, Toronto, Ont.

New Star Books, 2504 York Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

*The Body Politic*: Box 7289, Station A, Toronto, Ont.

312 pp., 1982

\$9.95

FLAUNTING IT! is an anthology of articles spanning the first decade of the Canadian gay liberation periodical, *The Body Politic*. The book draws its title from the accusation, regularly made whenever homosexuals are at all visible or vocal, that they are "ramming" their preferences "down people's throats". Flaunting it.

*The Body Politic* has fought against the attitude, sometimes held even by gays themselves as well as by those hostile to them, that homosexuality is somehow dirty or perverted, a guilty secret that properly belongs in the "closet". Instead, *The Body Politic* communicates the message that gay is good, and it also communicates the strong belief that only by organizing and acting can lesbians and gay men win and keep the rights to which they are entitled. Articles on gay history and culture, and reports on political and legal battles, all reflect this belief.

The most powerful parts of this anthology are the articles which flow most directly out of the principles that "the personal is political" and that "sexual politics matter". It is here that it becomes most clear that the issues raised by gay liberation transcend questions of civil rights or political organizing. In "Forgotten Fathers", Michael Lynch talks about the

pain a gay father feels in having to decide between being honest about his gayness, and getting to keep his children. Lilith Finkler describes the anguish, confusion, and exhilaration of coming out as a lesbian at seventeen. Another article describes the special problems and additional obstacles faced by people who are handicapped as well as gay. Other topics include dancing, self-defence, child-adult relationships, censorship, lesbian humour, and psychiatry.

The message of *The Body Politic*, and of this anthology, is that a serious examination of the questions raised by the gay movement means a basic re-evaluation of the way all of us lead our lives. The personal and the sexual have profound repercussions on structures of authority and power, on our fears and our willingness to seek and risk change. Confronting these issues is therefore of crucial importance.

CX 2701

**GAY LIBERATION AGAINST THE RIGHT EVERYWHERE**

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GAY LIBERATION AGAINST THE RIGHT EVERYWHERE (GLARE) is a collective of gay men working with lesbian-feminists to fight the rigid enforcement of sexual norms and roles. In response to "escalating right-wing attacks on our communities", hate literature, and police harassment, GLARE is providing accurate information about gay men and lesbians, exposing the motivations of groups who attack them, organizing community events, and initiating or participating in marches and other public actions.

GLARE warns that the same forces that attack the gay and lesbian communities pose a threat to everyone who wants a freer, fuller life — especially workers, women, immigrants, blacks, and all who oppose the arms race — because "they want everyone to keep his/her place . . . and they mean to decide where that place is." More specifically these groups want to keep women in the home, keep workers unorganized and with lower wages, and keep building the arsenals in preparation for nuclear war. "These people like the world the way it is. They oppose any kind of change that might mean a better life for many more people, because they fear it might cost them a little of their power or privilege."

In its flyer "That's us. But . . .", GLARE describes some of these groups and their repressive actions. Two of the most dangerous are the police and religious bigots. While anti-gay/lesbian hate literature circulates with the blessing of the law, the police have been working for three years to close down the respected gay liberation journal *The Body Politic*. At the same time, conservative "Christian"

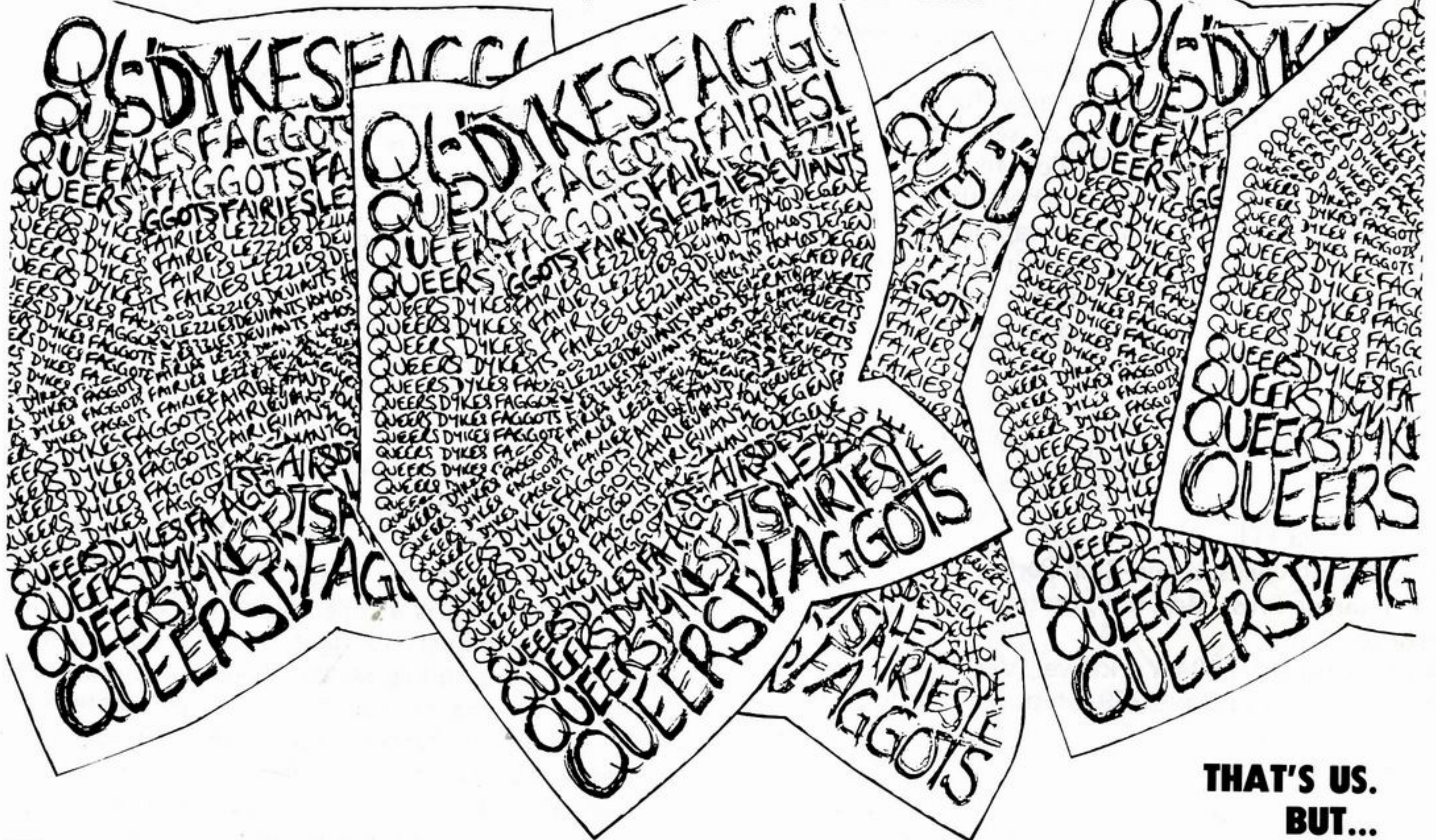


organizations like Renaissance International and the "Moral Majority" actively maintain the myth that homosexuals are child molesters (despite the fact that all reputable studies show that more than 90% of all sexual abuse of children is done by heterosexual men with girls, very often in the same family).

GLARE wants to ensure "our ability to live as open loving lesbians and gay men" and hopes that,

by struggling together, all people can have the chance to become the people they choose to be — heterosexual, gay, or lesbian.

**CX 2702**  
**MEN'S ANTI-SEXISM GROUP**  
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**THAT'S US.  
 BUT...**

## LAW

### **CX 2703** **WOMEN AND THE CONSTITUTION: THE NEXT FIVE YEARS**

Summary of the Proceedings of the Conference on the Constitution, organized by the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women (CACSW)  
 May 29-30, 1981.

Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women,  
 P.O. Box 1541, Station B, Ottawa, Ont., K1P 5R5

This summary provides background information about the impact of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms on women's rights in Canada. It evaluates the strengths and weaknesses of the constitutional changes, and the efforts required to ensure that the charter provisions are implemented. These efforts include litigation, public education, lobbying governments to prepare or update inventories of laws and practices which have been found to be discriminatory.

CACSW will continue to act both at the government level and as a resource to women's groups across Canada on this issue. Among the tasks being undertaken are studying the issues involved in establishing a legal defense fund, the preparation of a lobbying kit, the dissemination of timely information on task forces, and the presentation of briefs.

**CX 2704**  
**ONTARIO COALITION FOR ABORTION  
 CLINICS (OCAC)**  
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The ONTARIO COALITION FOR ABORTION CLINICS (OCAC) "believes that the right to control our bodies is a basic human right. Yet women do not have this right. Controlling our bodies means the right to choose if and when to have children. It means the



right to safe, free abortions." More than 30 per cent of women live in communities where hospitals do not provide abortions; more than 70 per cent of hospitals in Canada do not perform abortions at all. Abortion is now legal in Canada, but only under extremely controlled conditions. Access is limited, and many women who choose to have abortions are unable to obtain them.

OCAC develops this position in its pamphlet, *The Right To Choose*. It explains how "in a society where women are sexually and economically exploited, where women make up the largest percentage of the poor, where women are often denied paid parental leave and access to daycare and individually carry the major responsibility for child-rearing, where women are raped and beaten, and where contraceptives often fail or have serious side effects, abortion must be an available option."

The COALITION is careful to note that it is neither pro- nor anti-abortion. Rather, it sees the issue primarily as one of choice. The pamphlet points out that "women who are against abortion already have the right to follow their beliefs to continue an unplanned pregnancy to term. But anti-choice proponents should not be allowed to impose their own moral and religious views through legislation or intimidation on those who view abortion as a responsible moral choice."

The COALITION sees free-standing abortion clinics as an effective means of providing women with this choice. A free-standing clinic is a clinic outside of a hospital where abortions are provided on an out-patient basis. This type of clinic would also offer a supportive environment, counselling, and more thorough birth control information. Medically-insured abortions are already provided by community clinics in Quebec (where there is broad public support for the right to choose). OCAC hopes to build such support in Ontario and convince the provincial government to legalize free-standing abortion clinics. The COALITION began a public campaign with this goal in October, 1982. To date, many groups (including the Ontario Federation of Labour, the Labour Council of Metro Toronto, the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, the Canadian Abortion Rights Action League, Women Working With Immigrant Women, the International Women's Day Committee, the Medical Reform Group of Ontario, and the Law Union of Ontario) have endorsed the legalization of free-standing clinics providing medically-insured abortions.



Freedom of choice

Liberté de choix

## CX 2705

**CANADIAN ABORTION RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE (CARAL)/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE POUR LE DROIT A L'AVORTEMENT (ACDA)**  
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The purpose of CARAL, as defined in its Constitution, "is to ensure that no woman in Canada is denied access to safe, legal abortion". Its aim is "the repeal of all sections of the Criminal Code dealing with abortion, and the establishment of comprehensive contraceptive and abortion services, including appropriate counselling across the country". Removal of abortion from the Criminal Code "would permit all Canadians to act according to personal conscience". It would eliminate the current situation, in which Canada's Abortion Law is "unfairly and unequally applied and tends to discriminate against low income and rural women". Only one-fifth of Canadian hospitals have Therapeutic Abortion Committees; yet a Gallup poll done in June 1982 "showed that 72% of adult Canadians believe that the decision whether or not to have abortion should rest with the consenting patient."

CARAL maintains an extensive file on abortion around the world, and publishes a bibliography and information materials. (One article, entitled "When Does Life Begin? — The Evolving Position of the Roman Catholic Church", traces the history of the church's position on abortion.) Members are also active in lobbying politicians across the country.

CARAL points out that it is not pro-abortion, but that they do recognize that "all birth control methods can fail, and unwanted pregnancies do occur . . . it's a situation where there are no good answers, only rational decisions". "In a humane and caring society, every child should be a wanted child."

## CX 2706

### **FAMILY VIOLENCE: CYCLE OF FEAR**

#### **Women in Crisis**

Available for rental or sale from DEC Films,  
427 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont., M5S 1X7  
30 min., ¾" video-tape.

In this film, we see interviews with the victims of family violence, and with social workers, police, and women's hostel workers. Women discuss the mental and physical abuse they've experienced; the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the minor tranquillizers (e.g., valium) prescribed by their physicians; and the difficulties of pressing charges against their aggressors. A section of the tape looks at a number of hostels where battered women can find both protection from a violent domestic situation and support from other women.



A unique feature of the film is an interview with a woman and a man who are trying to break down this "cycle of fear". As the tape suggests, major changes in violent family situations will not occur without a change in how society views women.

#### **CX 2707**

##### **BATTERED AND BLAMED**

by Women's Research Centre and Vancouver Transition House.

Women's Research Centre, 301-2515 Burrard St., Vancouver, B.C. V6J 3J6

BATTERED AND BLAMED is a "report on wife assault from the perspective of battered women". The data provided supports a mandate for the establishment of more transition houses and other essential services for battered women. "Vancouver Transition House and the Women's Research Centre undertook this research project in an attempt to document women's situations, needs, and concerns — to move beyond the theoretical discussions of 'why' wife battering occurs to a more practical discussion of how it occurs and is perpetuated." Second, they realized that "women's groups and others who want to start transition houses and similar services required information about the concept and structure — physically, financially, and philosophically". Third, both groups realized that the kind of research on wife battering being done by researchers in professional agencies and academic institutions was not satisfactory, particularly because this research fails to look at the problem in the context that it actually occurs.

The first section of the report presents case histories of six battered women, recorded by Vancouver Transition House workers. The second section is a description of the physical, psychological, and sexual aspects of wife assault, by the women themselves. The third section of the report is an analysis of ways of dealing with the consequences of wife battering. Finally, conclusions and recommendations are presented as a reflection of the accounts, concerns, and needs of Vancouver Transition House residents and workers who participated in the research project.

#### **CX 2708**

##### **VIE OUVRIERE**

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VIE OUVRIERE is published in French in collaboration with Jeunesse Ouvrière Chrétienne (JOC), Le Mouvement des Travailleurs Chrétiens (MTC) and le Centre de Pastorale en Milieu Ouvrier (CPMO).

The November 1982 edition, entitled "L'Exploitation Sexuelle des Jeunes", analyses the issue of young people involved in prostitution, with its related violence and disease. The articles explore how adults influence these youth, who find themselves surrounded by prostitution, topless dancing, strippers, and violent and exploitative magazines and movies.

Two articles discuss how police and social workers are attempting to control the sexual exploitation of the young in Montréal. Three articles on prostitution in Nicaragua provide a contrast. There, the Sandinista government is supporting prostitutes to choose alternate careers. Many bordellos were expropriated by the government and re-opened as government sponsored women's centres. Many former prostitutes are now receiving skill training and are becoming active community members.

#### **CX 2709**

##### **WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (WAVAW)**

Box 174, Station D, Toronto, Ont., M6P 3J8

WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN is a radical feminist group committed to identifying and combatting violence against women in all its forms. It maintains that sex oppression is universal and results in a denial of self-determination for women, which is violent in itself. The manifestations of this denial are recognized in subtle forms of violence to women such as sexist advertising and pornography as well as the more obvious rape and women battering.

WAVAW sees the causes of these various forms of violence to women as being a result of a "patriarchal sex-caste structure", in which men have power by virtue of being male and women have power only





through their relationships with men. "The patriarchal structure protects perpetrators of misogyny and the destruction of women." This theory is the basis for the political action of WAVAW. Actions include the Take Back The Night March, pickets of theatres, petitions and letter campaigns. Education in the forms of panel discussions and conferences is an ongoing activity. Currently, research is being done on pornography and the sex industry in Toronto.



CX 2709.5

#### PORNOGRAPHY

A brief submitted to the Commission D'Etude sur le Cinema et l'Audiovisuel, by the Masculine Collective Against Sexism, Montreal, December 1982  
c/o M. Dufresne, 4801 Brebeuf St., Montreal, Que.,  
H2J 3L4

The MASCULINE COLLECTIVE AGAINST SEXISM, based in Montreal, was established following Quebec's Colloques Regionaux sur la Violence, where the group's members recognized the will of certain men to make others aware of the reality of rape and various other forms of violence against women. The COLLECTIVE has organized public meetings, led a personal and political reflection on sexism, worked out a statement of principles, and seeks to intervene publicly against sexism as manifested in rape, pornography, and advertising. There are ten regular participants and about 75 other active members, who are informed and consulted on the group's decisions and activities.

In December, 1982, the COLLECTIVE submitted a brief on pornography to the province's Commission D'Etude sur le Cinema et l'Audiovisuel. The brief identifies the negative impacts pornography has on both men and women. It debunks fallacies about the positive role porn might play in satisfying individual and social "needs", and situates the growth of pornography within a political, economic, and social framework.

The authors of the brief stress that their analysis of and position on pornography "should not be re-

duced to some puritanism or other form of morality." Rather, it is a matter of human rights. The statements made by porn contravene basic rights and freedoms of women as citizens and serve the same purposes as "racist propaganda". Pornography is "profoundly discriminatory". The support of governments in its spread represents a move to "institutionalize civic inequities".

The brief points out that the marketing of pornography is being done more and more efficiently — porn videocassettes, which currently constitute 75 per cent of the market, bring it into individual household. Porn is a \$5 billion dollar industry in North America. "How can we attempt a sexual deconditioning or a quality sex education when the State itself talks of joining the fray?"

As for the "need" which porn serves, is that not "a need to demean women?" The myth of romantic love, which earlier served to keep women 'in their place', is progressively being replaced by images of submission and extreme hate intended to serve the same purpose of controlling women, the COLLECTIVE notes.

As for freedom of choice in consumption, this is illusory. "No one is forced (to view porn) but what five-year-old can escape the porn displayed at the corner variety shop or outside the neighbourhood theatre? No man we know has managed to escape the systematic pollution of his vision of women . . . That's oppression, well-rooted in our lives and in those of the women who bear it with us . . . We can testify of its long-term effects on our relationships with women and with other men."

The authors of the brief argue that the issue of pornography must be addressed by social activists because its spreading influence subverts the work of the progressive movements in which they are engaged. Porn advocates unequal power relationships and violence. It falsifies the nature of our sexuality, depicts men and women as natural enemies, isolates us, and dehumanizes us. "Pornography initiates us into society", it is a potent socialization into violence. The result is an "escalating desensitization that plays so nicely into the hands of those who otherwise control our lives in the workplace or on imminent battlefields."

"Pornography offers men stereotypes of women as victims on which to dump frustrations accumulated at the job, behind the wheel, anywhere. Thousands of women and men are working at putting people in touch with true, comprehensive and far-reaching solutions to these accumulated frustrations . . . why should we let the State give free rein to a 5 billion dollar industry whose entire activity directly opposes the process and the struggle so many of us are leading?"





**CX 2710**

**VANCOUVER MEN AGAINST RAPE**  
Box 65306, Station F, Vancouver, B.C.

A group dedicated to antisexist politics VANCOUVER MEN AGAINST RAPE is committed to educating and organizing to combat the oppressions of sexism, racism and economic exploitation. They practice criticism/self-criticism to eliminate sexism in themselves and in society. Through collective struggle, members work against misogyny and homophobia to challenge the power of the male sex role. Their work includes facilitating men's radical therapy workshops; criticism/self-criticism with men who have raped or battered; discussions on rape, sexism and anti-sexist childrearing; organizing men into active anti-sexist work; and support and fundraising for Rape Relief House and the Canadian Farmworkers Union.

**CX 2711**

**EDUCATION WIFE ASSAULT**  
427 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont., M5S 1X7

EDUCATION WIFE ASSAULT is a non-profit organization working to help assaulted women throughout Ontario, with sources of help, information and shelter from Kenora to Kingston. It maintains that freedom from assault is every person's basic right and that wife beating is a crime, a form of vio-

lence against women. EWA presents factual and legal data concerning the issue. Assault victims are provided with insights into the nature of the problem and suggestions on how to better deal with it. Women are encouraged to take some form of action if victimized, and different possibilities are outlined.

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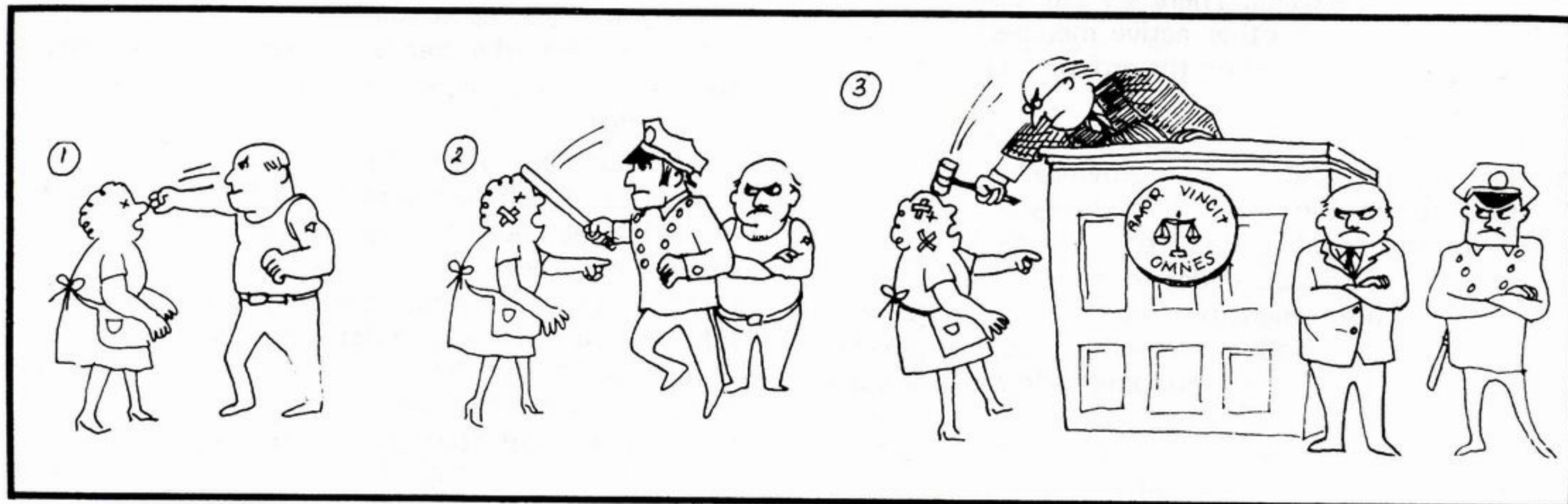
**THE LESBIAN MOTHERS DEFENSE FUND**  
P.O. Box 38, Station E., Toronto, Ont., M6H 4E1

While battles for the custody of children between straight parents are often difficult and painful experiences, custody battles involving lesbian mothers tend to be much worse. THE LESBIAN MOTHERS DEFENSE FUND coordinates aid and support to mothers in their fight for custody and visiting rights. They offer pre-legal advice and information on successful cases, referrals to sympathetic expert lawyers, financial help in building a strong court case and personal and emotional support. They also publish a newsletter two to three times yearly called "Grapevine", which covers news of fights for custody in both the U.S. and Canada and reports on support work currently being done in this area.

**CX 2713**

**STATUS OF WOMEN NEWS**  
National Action Committee on the Status of Women  
40 St. Clair Ave. E., Ste. 306, Toronto, Ont.  
M4T 1M9  
(416) 922-3246  
\$8.00/year individuals, \$12.00/year institutions

This quarterly is produced by NAC, a feminist organization working to improve the position of women in Canada. Its member groups comprise more than 170 non-governmental organizations from across the country.





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# LABOUR

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**CX 2714**

## **COMMUNIQUELLES**

**Les Editions Communiqu'Elles**

**3585 St-Urbain, Montreal, Que., H2X 2N6**

**\$12.00 per year**

COMMUNIQUELLES is a bi-monthly magazine created and managed by women in Quebec. The January, 1983 edition reports on two recent conferences.

The Conference on Women and Work was held in October, 1982 at the University of Quebec in Montreal. A number of workshops focussed on:

- unemployment and the right to work;
- discrimination and equality of opportunity;
- access to unionization;
- technological changes;
- women and job security;
- the right to maternity leave and daycare;
- domestic work and homemakers;
- education and socialization.

Since the conference was created to put researchers more closely in touch with women's issues, recommendations generated by the workshops included ways in which research needs to be structured and carried out if it is to be more useful and accessible to women.

Another report describes the Congress of the Family held in October, 1982 at Concordia University. Statistics noted there pointed out that:

- one in four families are now disrupted by divorce;
- women usually head single parent families;
- one quarter of all school age children do not live with both biological parents;
- the number of working mothers with school age children has doubled, with pre-school children it has tripled.

The Congress suggests that men and women cannot be empowered to parent without the support of other crucial structures such as employment, education, health care, and housing.

**CX 2715**

## **UNION WOMAN**

**Organized Working Woman**

**15 Gervais Dr., Suite 301**

**Don Mills, Ont.,**

Trade unions have a vital role to play in the lives of working women. And working women have a vital role to play in their trade unions. Topics which are of concern to all organized working women are the focus of UNION WOMAN. This newsletter, which is

published four times a year by Organized Working Women, deals with issues such as reproductive hazards in the workplace, the fight for equal pay and the struggles of women within their unions and with employers.

There is also the opportunity for reader commentary and the formation of links between unions. Upcoming events of interest to union women are listed in a regular calendar feature.

**CX 2716**

## **TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE AND WORKING WOMEN**

**by Jane Stinson. A paper prepared for the Organized Working Women Conference on Women and Employment, Toronto, Feb. 20-22, 1981.**

**Available from the Canadian Union of Public Employees Research Department, 21 Florence St., Ottawa, Ont.**

The purpose of this paper is to alert workers to the dangers posed by microelectronic technology. These include possible job loss, health and safety hazards, and the potential fragmentation of jobs, creating even more repetitive and boring work with reduced freedom. The implications for women employed in white collar ghettos receive particular attention.

For unionized workers, a section on contract clauses gives examples on how to word contracts to protect against the adverse effects of technological change. One analysis of Ontario data from some technological change clauses reveals that, even among unionized workers, most do not have some of the most basic contract clauses. Suggestions are given for mounting an effective union campaign on the issue of microelectronics. The paper also provides a bibliography on the impact of microelectronics on work, and the response of trade unions.





**CX 2717****WOMEN IN TRADES ASSOCIATION**

c/o Times Change,  
22 Davisville Ave., Toronto, Ont., M4S 1E8

WOMEN IN TRADES is a collective association consisting of tradeswomen and students as well as supporting and interested individuals. The association points out that the continuing use of computer technology will cause millions of women currently working in 'traditional' jobs to be displaced by machines within the next few years. Thus, women need access to work from which they have been traditionally excluded. 'Access' would include non-discriminatory career counselling and increased opportunities for training as well as affirmative action programmes in hiring and apprenticeships.

WOMEN IN TRADES actively encourages women to enter jobs in areas considered to be 'non-traditional' and provides personal support and increased contact among women isolated in such jobs. Members are involved both educationally and politically to ensure that women are provided with the necessary training and equal employment opportunities to enable them to enter non-traditional fields.

The association holds regular meetings for its members and all interested women. While speakers are often invited and films shown on a variety of relevant topics, the emphasis of the meetings remains on learning from and supporting one another. WOMEN IN TRADES has a pool of women willing to serve as speakers or resource persons, and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, a pamphlet and a resource guidebook — thus providing information on jobs and training opportunities in non-traditional fields.

**CX 2718****WOMEN IN TRADES ASSOCIATION OF B.C. (WIT)**

400A West 5th Ave., Vancouver, B.C., V5Y 1S8  
(604) 876-0922

WOMEN IN TRADES OF B.C. (WIT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1979 by a group of tradeswomen. WIT provides support and information on employment and training opportunities for women interested in non-traditional jobs. It uses workshops and information meetings to encourage women in similar situations to work together to improve living. WIT has participated in developing new training programs for women, and is active in promoting a greater representation and a more positive image of women in trades.

**CX 2719****WOMEN IN TRADES ASSOCIATION — WINNIPEG**

c/o The Women's Building, 730 Alexander St.,  
Winnipeg, Man., R3E 1H9  
(204) 783-8501

**CX 2720****SORWUC — SERVICE, OFFICE AND RETAIL WORKERS UNION OF CANADA**

1115-207 West Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1H7

One of the primary goals of SORWUC — SERVICE, OFFICE AND RETAIL WORKERS UNION OF CANADA is organizing the unorganized. This union was formed in 1972 "as it was seen as important for working women to run and control their own unions . . . The majority of women who work in downtown Vancouver are not unionized, and, of course, are paid wages that barely enable us to survive from pay cheque to pay cheque. The work we do is not valued, is not recognized as skilled work and is poorly paid, with terrible working conditions (i.e. no coffee breaks). We feel that only through uniting and organizing into democratic unions and demanding better wages and working conditions can women achieve economic independence."

SORWUC members draw up their own contracts and negotiate them with their employers. They feel they can better express why they need or want a certain clause in their contract than any paid official or hired negotiator.

**CX 2721****CUPW 1981: MOTHERS RIGHTS, UNION RIGHTS**

Amelia Productions

Available for rental or sale from DEC Films,  
427 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont., M5S 1X7  
(416) 964-6901

27 min., colour, video-cassette

This film is about the 1981 strike of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, with its central focus being the key issue of maternity benefits. The film crew interviews women on the picket line in Vancouver who stress the need for contracts that include full maternity leave benefits. Women should not be penalized for having children, they say, yet that is what the Unemployment Insurance Commission does in paying only part-benefits. Women interviewed also talk about how economic changes exert other kinds of pressure: for example, some women state that they would prefer to stay home and take care of their children without having to return to work, but don't have that option because one income is insufficient to support the family. The need for fathers to have time off when a child is born is also stressed.

The film looks at these issues in the overall context of the strike and of work at the post office. We learn that fully 53 per cent of all on-the-job injuries in the civil service occur in the post office. CUPW feels that improved, safer working conditions would benefit the workers and improve mail service. Unlike many unions CUPW feels it is important to fight for the rights of part-time workers to avoid creating divisions between different sections of the workforce.





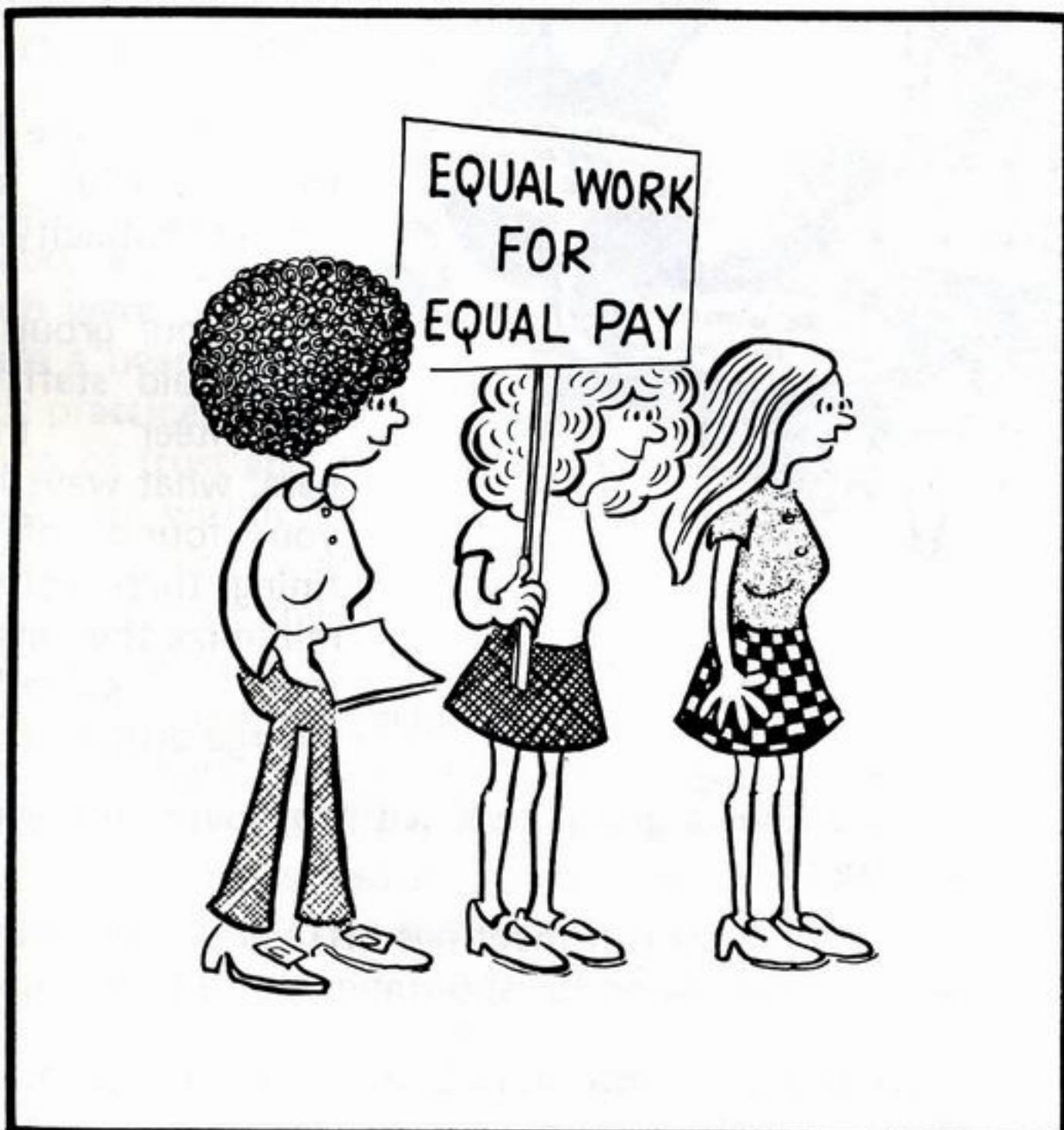
**CX 2722**

### **INEQUALITY AT WORK**

Social Planning Council of Metropolitan Toronto  
185 Bloor St. E., 3rd Fl. Toronto, Ont., M4N 3J3  
(416) 961-9831

32 pp., \$2.00 each. Bulk orders available for less

INEQUALITY AT WORK is a 32-page booklet on the subject of male-female inequality in employment. It provides basic facts on labour force participation, wages, and occupations of women, as well as concise, critical assessment of the problems, and approaches being used to improve the situation. These include legislation, providing for equal pay for work of equal value, and affirmative action, recruitment and training of women in non-traditional occupations, family support services such as day care and parental leave, and greater unionization of women.



**CX 2723**

### **MEN'S CHILD CARE COLLECTIVE**

c/o 790 Markham St., Toronto, Ont., M6G 2M5

The MEN'S CHILD CARE COLLECTIVE of Toronto does child care for feminist and gay events. These include International Women's Day activities, and various conferences, concerts, and dances. The group has a core of nine members who meet regularly to plan, as well as twenty-five other men who can be called upon to assist with the child care.

The COLLECTIVE evolved out of a group of men who did the child care for International Women's Day in Toronto in 1976. Since that time, requests to the group for child care have increased and the COLLECTIVE has become more formalized. The group now has a child care manual which includes registration forms, a screening process for new members, and a ten-item "basis of unity". As a collective, all decisions are made by consensus and differences are resolved using structured constructive criticism.

The members see their child care activities as an expression of their political beliefs and as a constructive way for men to actively support the women's movement. The COLLECTIVE avoids any sort of public face which would draw attention away from the women's movement or from the events the group supports.

When approached by a group whose membership includes both men and women, the COLLECTIVE encourages the men in that group to do the child care, and will help them with it.

The MEN'S CHILD CARE COLLECTIVE would like to hear from similar groups or from anyone interested in starting a group.

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# Ways and Means

Our striving for a new and better society has taught many of us that our goals are inseparable from the means we use to achieve them. But this plain truth is also one that we commonly have to learn rather more frequently than we would like. How often do we find ourselves forgetting what we think we have learned, acting in ways that undermine our aims? Or how often do we find ourselves at a loss, feeling sure that there must be a more effective way of proceeding, but unable to discover the best way around the road-blocks we face? At such times a fresh perspective or a sharing of someone else's hard-won experiences and practical insights can make a real difference.

Starting with this issue CONNEXIONS will attempt to stimulate this kind of practical and theoretical sharing, with a new section which we are tentatively calling **Ways and Means**. In this section, we hope that our readers will give us, and each other, the benefit of their ideas and experiences on matters ranging from collective process to fundraising, breaking down sex roles in groups to resolving conflicts, decision-making to ways of giving each other mutual support.

We see this section as consisting mainly of short letters, comments, articles, or how-to (or how-not-to!) recipes on specific topics, problems and even favorite foods!

To launch this section, we have described some aspects of CONNEXIONS' own functioning as a collective; specifically our ways of trying to structure meetings in a manner appropriate to a positive collective process.

We welcome your comments on our experience, and we would also welcome your ideas and experiences about questions such as the following, or any other matters you find important:

— What kinds of things do you find are sources of energy for you as an individual, or for groups you are part of?

— What kinds of things drain energy away?

— How can we work through "burn out", recover, and become even more effective?

— How do members of your group respond to or take into account each other's emotional needs? How do you support, encourage, and affirm each other as individuals and in your work? How do you celebrate?!

— What ways have you found of ensuring that decision-making in your organization is shared as widely as possible? How do you prevent power in an organization from centering itself in a small core group?

— If you are an individual who works for social change without belonging to a group, why have you chosen to do so? What experiences have you had with existing groups that influenced your decision? Does the absence of a reference group make it harder to sustain involvement?

— How does a group handle serious disagreements constructively, preventing them from becoming divisive and destructive?

— What are the keys to successful fundraising? Publicity?

— If your group has both paid staff and "volunteer" members, what ways have you found of defining these roles to minimize the tensions that sometimes emerge around them?

— How does a group deal with turnover and regenerate itself?

— How do you run meetings efficiently, while at the same time allowing for spontaneity and flexibility?

— What would you include if you were making a list of things that social change organizations should avoid? Utilize?





# Meeting collectively

We at CONNEXIONS realize that as social activists we can easily become isolated, discouraged, and overwhelmed, or, to use the current catch phrase, "burnt out". We are aware of our need for encouragement and affirmation. Each of us comes to the collective for a variety of personal reasons, but we all value the personal support that comes from working with a group in which members attend to one another's social and emotional needs.

As individuals -- there are currently nine of us in the CONNEXIONS collective -- each of us works elsewhere for peace, justice, and liberation, and our work is very important to us. As members of the collective, we are committed to the task of building networks between Canadians who struggle for the same ends. Our CONNEXIONS work too, is very important to us.

The ways we accomplish our work are also important. In working for social justice, we want to use means that are consistent with our ends. We want to eliminate oppressive structures in society and in our own lives. So we choose, for example, to work as a collective. We strive to develop and use strategies that are both effective and satisfying. We would like to share with you some of the ways and means we use to accomplish our work. And we would like to hear from you about how you work toward your goals.

## Meetings

One of the ways that we at CONNEXIONS work together is -- naturally -- through meetings. The mood, structures, and dynamics of meetings, we have learned, have a great deal to do with how well the work of the group proceeds.

One simple way in which we tune in to each other at the beginning of meetings is by each member of the collective "checking in". This practice was originally intended to be a brief statement of the mood, energy level, and general mind-set which we each were bringing to the meeting, and which might have a bearing on our participation. The changes in this practice through time have reflected the growing sense of trust and caring about one another that has built up within the collective. As members grew closer to one another, there was a corresponding lengthening of the "check-in" time, as we used it to catch up on the many aspects of our respective lives over the two-week periods between meetings. In the interest of getting our CONNEXIONS business done, we have now reluctantly decided to return to abbreviated check-ins and save our personal news for other times, such as our pot luck dinners.

Similar in concept to the "check-in" is "checking-out" at the end of meetings. The idea here is for people to quickly evaluate how the meeting went and identify what might have been done better. Checking out, however, is a practice that we have frequently

neglected of late, although this has been identified as a shortcoming we intend to rectify.

What happens between "check-in" and "check-out" depends on our agenda, a matter we now handle differently than was once our custom.

Just over a year ago the CONNEXIONS collective decided that the existing structure for our bi-weekly meetings was not allowing us enough flexibility to meet our changing needs effectively. So with some trepidation, we decided to dispense with the use of a tightly-structured, pre-set agenda and rely instead on an "agenda-building" process for each meeting. With this process, each CONNEXIONS member assumes the responsibility for raising items which s/he considers relevant to the current meeting; when negotiated with the rest of the collective, these items are placed on the agenda. Items are then ordered and a time is allotted to deal with each. As before, one member acts as "facilitator" to guide the meeting (with generous amounts of newsprint) and another as notetaker. These tasks, as with the editorial and production tasks related to producing our publication, are rotated on a regular basis among all members, based on an eight-to-twelve-week cycle. This provides the opportunity for each member to gain experience and develop expertise in all areas of collective work.

The practice of building a new agenda at each meeting does not mean that we begin meetings with the disconcerting prospect of an absolutely clear slate. We operate within a production cycle which directs our attention to a particular set of tasks at each stage of that cycle (eg., education, evaluation of the last issue.) As well, some items tend to be carried forward from the previous meeting. The staff report (CONNEXIONS has one paid staff person) near the beginning of each meeting usually translates into one or more agenda items.

The result of our shift from a pre-set agenda to an agenda-building practice has been to enhance individual responsibility for the collective process and to strengthen each person's commitment to the decisions made.

Much of the success of the agenda-building procedure probably hinges on the amount of preparatory work which goes on in advance of each meeting. Members are strongly encouraged to come to meetings with concrete proposals for ways of dealing with any issues they have identified as requiring attention.

Designating a meeting "facilitator" rather than a more authoritative "chairperson" has the same intent, that of giving each member the responsibility of monitoring his/her own behaviour and that of others, to ensure that the meeting does not go off track. Shared responsibility for our process, we think, is one key to real collectivity.



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### CX 2724

#### WOMEN'S SELF-HELP NETWORK

145 Mansfield Drive, Courtenay, B.C. V9N 2M1  
(604) 338-1133

The WOMEN'S SELF-HELP NETWORK is an organization of women who believe that encouraging the expansion of women's strengths into the public domain "can provide an ethical and political direction that moves self-help into social responsibility", and goes far beyond developing individual coping skills. The NETWORK recognized that the types of self-help initiatives developed for an urban, middle-class population could not be effectively introduced into a situation where "feminism/women's lib" may be equated with the break-up of families. The NETWORK collective is instead a demonstration project which speaks to the reality of women's lives in rural areas.

The NETWORK project combines three elements: a group method for problem analysis/problem-solving, the Friere popular education method, and a "value-context" that affirms women's lives. Women's daily domestic labour role in primary resource-based communities is analysed in the context of its relationship to the structures of industrial capitalism.

Over the past three years, the NETWORK has been preparing an educational self-help kit designed to empower women in rural areas to organize for social groups. The kit (estimated cost \$25) includes a training manual, guides to two courses developed by the NETWORK (Peer Counselling, and Women Working With Women), and a booklet on process skills for working collectively.

### CX 2725

#### WOMEN WORKING WITH IMMIGRANT WOMEN (WWIW)

c/o Bathurst St. United Church  
730 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont.  
(416) 922-1256

WOMEN WORKING WITH IMMIGRANT WOMEN (WWIW) is an umbrella organization for agencies and women working with immigrant women in Metro Toronto. Its main goals are to promote the self-determination of immigrant women, to provide a forum for information sharing and referral, and to engage in social action related to the needs of immigrant women.

The Health Committee of WWIW has produced an updated (1982) "Physicians Services Directory for Immigrant Women", and has translated into Spanish

and Italian the Addiction Research Foundation slide tape "Women and the Use of Mood-Altering Drugs".

The Labour Committee works with unions, community agencies, and with the community at large to discuss the reality of immigrant women in the workplace and the response of the organized labour movement, and to look for solutions. The Education Committee addresses problems that immigrant women and their children face in relation to the school system, particularly language acquisition and streaming.

WWIW produces a quarterly newsletter, as well as slide-tape shows and videos on issues relevant to immigrant women.



### CX 2726

#### CANADIAN COMMITTEE ON LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN (CCLOW)

c/o Lenore Rogers, National Chairperson  
2049 McTavish St., Regina, Sask., S4T 3W8

CCLOW is a national voluntary organization, formed in 1972 for the purpose of improving opportunities for women in Canada. Such opportunities are broadly defined as "any experience designed for women, formal or informal, which promotes their advancement intellectually, emotionally, socially, politically, and which enables their full participation in Canadian life on terms which they themselves participate in determining."

CCLOW brings together in local, regional, and national networks members of community groups, unions, colleges, universities, YWCA's, Status of Women committees, women's bureaus and a variety of other organizations, for the purpose of information exchange, support and collective action.

CCLOW identifies gaps in services and unmet needs in the current provision of adult education programs as they affect women. It encourages and supports the extension of learning and training opportunities for disadvantaged women. It lobbies institutions and governments for changes in those policies and practices which set barriers for women attempt-



ing to obtain access to educational opportunities and publicizes innovative programs, has developed self-training kits as part of a learning model designed for its members, hosts an annual congress, and issues a newsletter.

#### **CX 2727**

##### **RESOURCES FOR FEMINIST RESEARCH/ DOCUMENTATION SUR LA RECHERCHE FEMINISTE (RFR/DRF)**

**Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE)  
252 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont., M5S 1V6**

RFR/DRF is a Canada-based, international, interdisciplinary quarterly journal providing resources for teachers, researchers, activists, and policy-makers concerned with women's issues. Regular features include:

- book reviews and critical essays
- annotated bibliographies
- guides to resources
- special sections on current issues and themes
- over 300 abstracts in each issue covering: education, social sciences, humanities, social policy, health and sciences, and feminist theory.

Recent issues have dealt with Women and Trade Unions, Women as Elders, Women and Agricultural Production, and Lesbian Issues. The Fall, 1983, issue will be focused on Women and Education. In addition to these theme-centred issues, RFR/DRF publishes an Annual Index/International Guide to Women's Periodicals and Resources. Also available are single back issues, offprints, and special publications on selected themes.

#### **CX 2728**

##### **WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE**

**St. Andrew's College, 1121 College Dr.  
Saskatoon, Sask., S7N 0W3**

The WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE is a base for feminist material and activity in Saskatchewan. It is operated by a collective of women from around the province and is housed on the lower level of St. Andrew's College, U. of S. campus. Resources include: books for sale, a good selection of feminist journals, and a small lending library. Materials on Christian and secular feminism are available. It's also becoming a clearing house for student papers in the area of feminism/women's issues. Donations of papers done for course work are welcome. The WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE does educational events as well.

#### **CX 2729**

##### **WOMEN'S INFORMATION AND REFERRAL CENTRE**

**3585 St-Urbain, Montreal, Que., H2X 2N6  
(514) 842-4780**

This centre for women is marking its tenth anniversary in 1983. A number of events are scheduled including: a workshop on searching for jobs, a health clinic, and a consumer day. A series of workshops on health education will also be offered to immigrant women. In addition, the Centre will offer French courses free of charge to immigrants and those on social assistance.

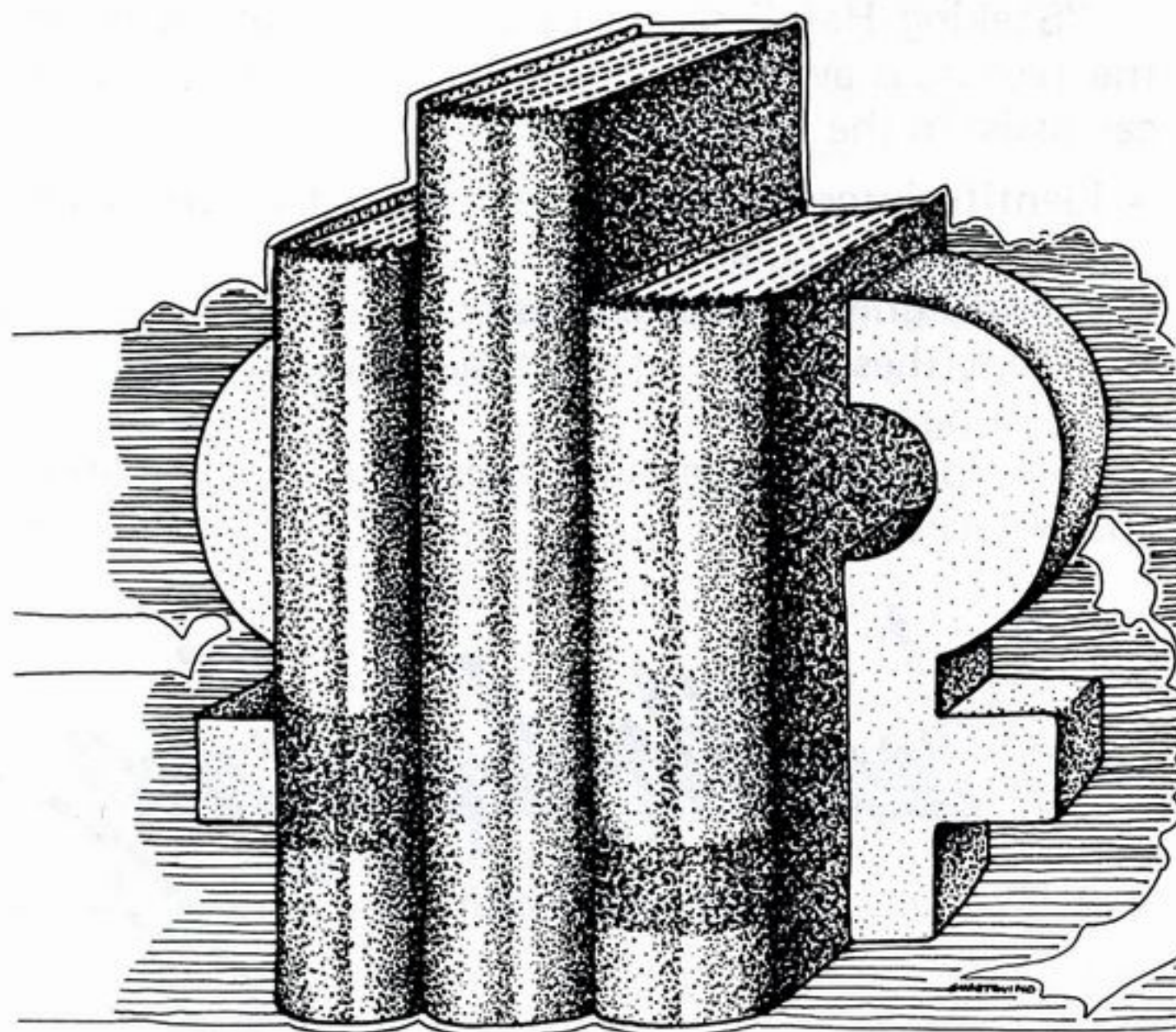
#### **CX 2730**

##### **WOMEN'S RESOURCE CATALOGUE**

**Women's Program, Department of the Secretary of  
State, Ottawa, Ont., K1A 0M5**

First published in 1978, and revised in 1982, the WOMEN'S RESOURCE CATALOGUE lists print and audio-visual materials by, for and about Canadian women. The emphasis is on inexpensive, readily available Canadian resources produced no earlier than 1975. Materials marketed by larger publishing houses and widely available through general booksellers have not been included.

Materials are organized under broad issue areas such as the arts, careers and life planning, health, herstory, law, media, violence, women's studies, filmographies, bookstores, and presses. There are brief descriptions of content, production date, length, cost and source. An index cites sources, producers, and their addresses. French and English materials are complementary, rather than translations of each other, and are listed only in the language of availability.





CX 2731

**LISTING OF WOMEN'S GROUPS (revised, 1982)**

Women's Program, Secretary of State

Ottawa, Ont., K1A 0M5

Free

This directory lists women's groups actively addressing a wide variety of issues at the local, provincial, and federal levels.

CX 2732

**ORGANIZING MEN'S RESOURCE NETWORK**

c/o Organizing Committee

848 E. 11th Ave. Vancouver, B.C. V5T 2E6

Men from various men's groups in Vancouver are working to form a men's network and clearing house for information relevant to men interested in constructive change. The organizing committee is compiling a directory of existing men's groups and resources.

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# HEALTH

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CX 2733

**MATERNAL HEALTH NEWS**

Maternal Health Society

P.O. Box 46563, Station G, Vancouver, B.C.

V6G 4G8

20 pp., December 1982, \$7.00—\$10.00 per year

MATERNAL HEALTH NEWS (MHN) is published quarterly by the Maternal Health Society. It provides informative articles on birthing options, regular features on the Vancouver Women's Health Collective, and the International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), as well as reports on conferences, book reviews, and personal accounts of experiences in community organizing for maternal/family health.

The December issue of MHN includes a report on the Northern Childbirth Conference which focused on the particular problems associated with giving birth in a small town. Among the problems identified are geographical distance from the city, and the attitudes and practices of northern caretakers. The results of a survey indicate that options such as father-present caesarians, availability of an anesthetist, whether or not a labour support person is allowed, sibling visitation, spontaneous second stage, and birthing suites, generally are not available in a small town.

A report on the Midwives Alliance of North America noted that only two countries in the world, the U.S. and Canada, have tried to abolish midwifery. Yet, the National Childbirth Conference has affirmed a need for midwives: "We need to set our medical priorities and establish areas of responsibility for everyone — midwives, doctors, nurses, and labour support persons — involved with the health care requirements of a community".

Another article entitled: "Parents Against Triforine", reported how British Columbian parents have organized and lobbied against aerial pesticide sprays. Possible consequences of the use of triforine include an increase in childhood cancers and the number of stillbirths.

CX 2734

**HEALTHSHARING**

Women Healthsharing

P.O. Box 230, Station M, Toronto, Ont., M6S 4T3

40 pp., Winter 1982

\$6.75 per year

HEALTHSHARING is a Canadian women's quarterly magazine. Each issue carries feature articles, health news, film and book reviews, notes on new health resources and upcoming events, letters, and requests for information from its readers.

The Winter 1982 edition, entitled "Women in Therapy", is the result of a joint venture by Women Healthsharing with the Feminist Therapy Support Group, and includes six feature articles.

"Our Story" is a brief history of the Feminist Therapy Support Group. It does this by combining problem-solving with learning from external sources. The aim of the group is "growth in two complementary directions — internal knowledge and external knowledge".

"Seeking Help" discusses when to seek help and the resources available. It identifies four steps which can assist in the process of seeking help:

- identify internally that something is happening and needs attention now;
- identify unmet needs and establish priorities;
- accept these needs as legitimate, worth exploring and getting help for;
- seek out available and appropriate information and services.

*Healthsharing*  
A Canadian Women's Health Quarterly



"Feminist Therapy" traces the roots and practice of this form of therapy. Part one focusses on psychoanalysis; part two discusses the practice of feminist therapy with respect to power, the therapist's political view of the world, situations, and groups. Part three looks at the feminist therapist at work in various institutional/non-institutional settings.

"Women and Institutions" is a history of the use of mental institutions as a means of social control. "Lesbians in Therapy" is a discussion of what lesbians want and need in therapy, and "Tranquility Can Kill" is an account of one woman's struggle with valium addiction.

#### CX 2735

**VANCOUVER WOMEN'S HEALTH COLLECTIVE**  
1501 W. Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 1W6  
(604) 736-6696

The fundamental principle by which the VANCOUVER WOMEN'S HEALTH COLLECTIVE operates is that women have a right to control their bodies. "Women who are knowledgeable about their bodies and their care are less easily mystified or intimidated by professionals who attempt to monopolize information and power. "HEALTH COLLECTIVE members organize public discussions on women's health issues and on the health industry. A research group gathers information and facilitates skill-sharing clinics on specific topics. Pregnancy and birth control counselling and abortion referral are provided by collective members.

"A Feminist Approach to Pap Tests" is a twelve-page supplement written by the HEALTH COLLECTIVE for inclusion in the February 1983 edition of *Kinesis*. The authors were concerned about the lack of good information and the abundance of surgical procedures relating to abnormal Pap test results. They wrote the article to share information collected through library research, discussion with health care personnel, and through listening to and reading about other women's experiences.

The article outlines the influences allegedly related to abnormal Pap test results — hormones, infections, viruses, environment, stress and class. Medical treatments such as cryosurgery and biopsy are described, along with alternative treatments including vitamins, diet, lifestyle changes, and replacing Pill and IUD usage with barrier methods of birth control. Learning of abnormal Pap test results can cause great stress and vulnerability. The authors of this article hope that the information presented "will help to relieve some of these stresses by providing information and by arming women with information to make thoroughly informed decisions, and . . . to proceed in a more powerful and purposeful manner". The article is available from the COLLECTIVE for \$ .50.



#### CX 2736

**THIS ISN'T WONDERLAND**  
**WOMEN IN FOCUS**

Arts and Media Centre, Suite 204,  
456 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1R3  
(604) 872-2250  
16 mm film

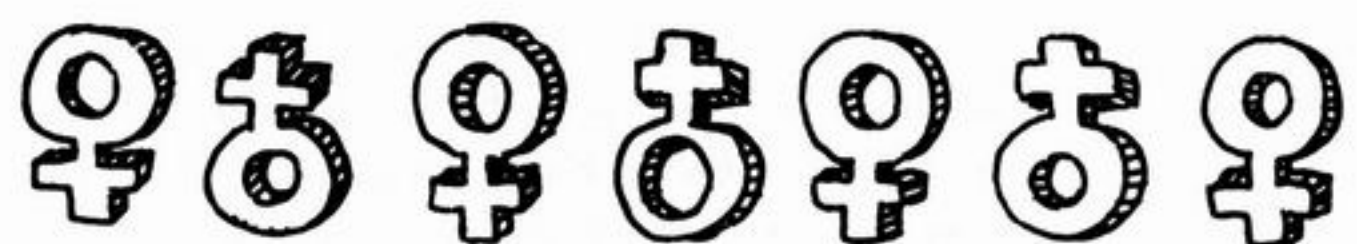
THIS ISN'T WONDERLAND is a film about a woman who takes valium to calm her anxieties and finds herself alone in a psychiatric clinic trying to deal with what amounts to a collective problem. Like so many other women, Alice is trying to steer her way through the troubled waters of depression. When she looks in the mirror, a thousand Alices stare back, all experiencing the same sense of suffering and revolt and each one feeling alone.

#### CX 2737

**PROCEEDINGS FROM STRATEGIES FOR WELL BEING**

**A Conference for Action on Women's Health.**  
Contact the Ontario Regional Office of the  
Health Promotion Directorate, Health and  
Welfare Canada. 1982

Women actively involved in health issues or concerned with the quality of health care in Ontario communities hosted a conference in Toronto in 1981. The objectives of that conference were to develop a feminist concept of health, share information about Ontario women's health problems and the resources available to deal with them, develop strategies to improve women's health, and to begin to develop an effective provincial women's health network. The proceedings of that conference were published in 1982.





**CX 2738**  
**NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO WOMEN'S**  
**HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT**  
214 Red River Rd., Ste. 4., Thunder Bay, Ont.  
345-1410 or 345-7583

The WOMEN'S HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT as organized in Northwestern Ontario, is intended to promote personal responsibility for women's health through education. As a result of the information generated, it's hoped that women will be empowered to act. The four-member collective plans to help 13 target communities in the region gear their health education to their own specific needs using questionnaires, workshops, and other means. The project, which began in September 1982, is funded by Health and Welfare Canada for a three-year period.

**CX 2739**  
**WOMEN'S HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT**  
P.O. Box 4192, St. John's, Nfld., A1C 5Z7

**CX 2740**  
**WOMEN'S HEALTH EDUCATION**  
**NETWORK (WHEN)**  
P.O. Box 1276, Truro, N.S., B2N 5C2  
(902) 895-2140

**CX 2741**  
**SASKATOON WOMEN'S HEALTH COLLECTIVE**  
124 — 109 St., Saskatoon, Sask., S7L 4Z9  
(306) 384-2668

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# PEACE

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**CX 2742**  
**WOMEN'S ACTION FOR PEACE**  
c/o Alliance for Non-Violent Action  
730 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont., M5S 2R4  
or 1 Thorndale Ave., Toronto, Ont. M8X 1M6

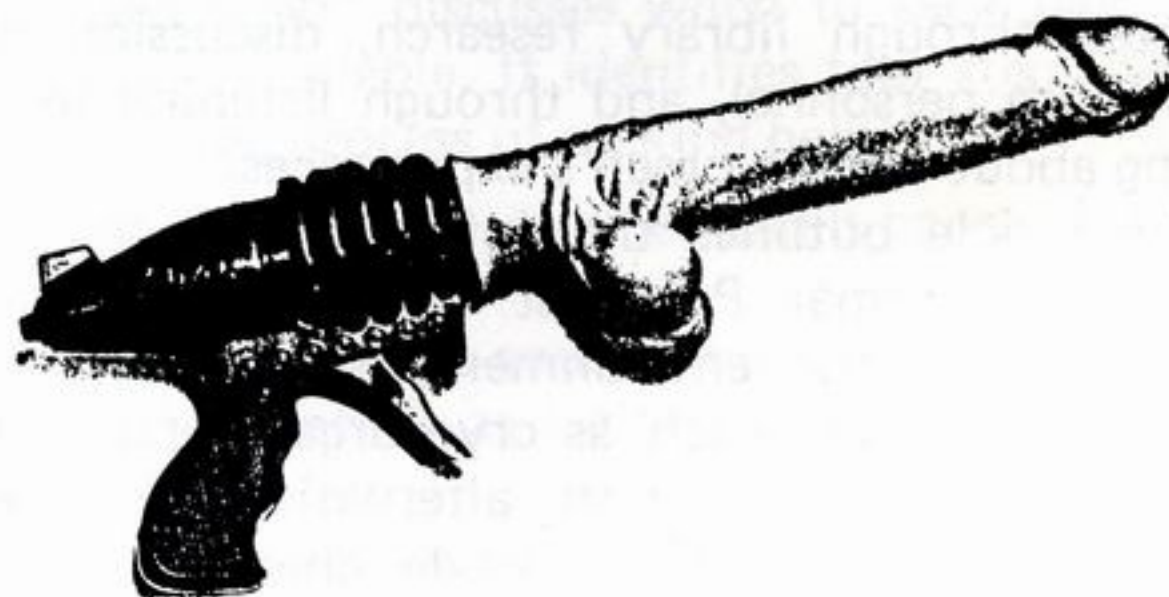
WOMEN'S ACTION FOR PEACE is a group of women of many ages, experiences, skills, interests and backgrounds who "perceive the undeniably clear connection between the bomb-making militarism of this male-dominated society and the oppression of women everywhere." The group sees nuclear weapons as the inevitable manifestation of a patriarchal society which believes that 'might is right'.

"On a daily basis, it is the same male-controlled power structure which controls all women's lives by the ever-present threat of rape in the same way as it controls 'weaker' nations by threatening to drop the bomb. In both cases, the act does not always have to be carried out in order for the threat to be effective in intimidating and controlling the movement and the choices of the victim.

"It is this same male-controlled power structure which spends approximately \$1½ billion every day on military expenditures to cause death and destruction while it denies women, children and poor people, both in North America and the Third World, adequate access to basic life-giving survival tools such as food, education, housing, control of our reproductive rights, good child care so that we can work, and equal pay for work of equal value.

"It is this same male-controlled power structure which sees the natural resources of the world as theirs to dominate and waste just as they exploit women's energy and skills both in the home and in the workplace.

"Because we see the nuclear threat to world survival and the oppression of women as rooted in the politics of domination, we also see that world nuclear disarmament would be only a partial step toward a lasting world peace. We must challenge not only the arms build-up but also all the props that support militarism as the characteristic solution to problems between individuals or nations, in society and the world. We must consciously seek out non-hierarchical alternatives which enable us to live in a healthy, sensible and loving world."



*This object\* was found by a woman and her two young children for sale in a corner store in Montreal. When the trigger is pulled, it makes the sounds of a siren and a machine gun, and emits sparks. What a graphic symbol of the links between violence, militarism, and machismo!*

*\*taken from the cover of Vie Ouvriere, Nov. 1982.*



CX 2743

**WOMEN AND MILITARISM RESOURCE KIT**

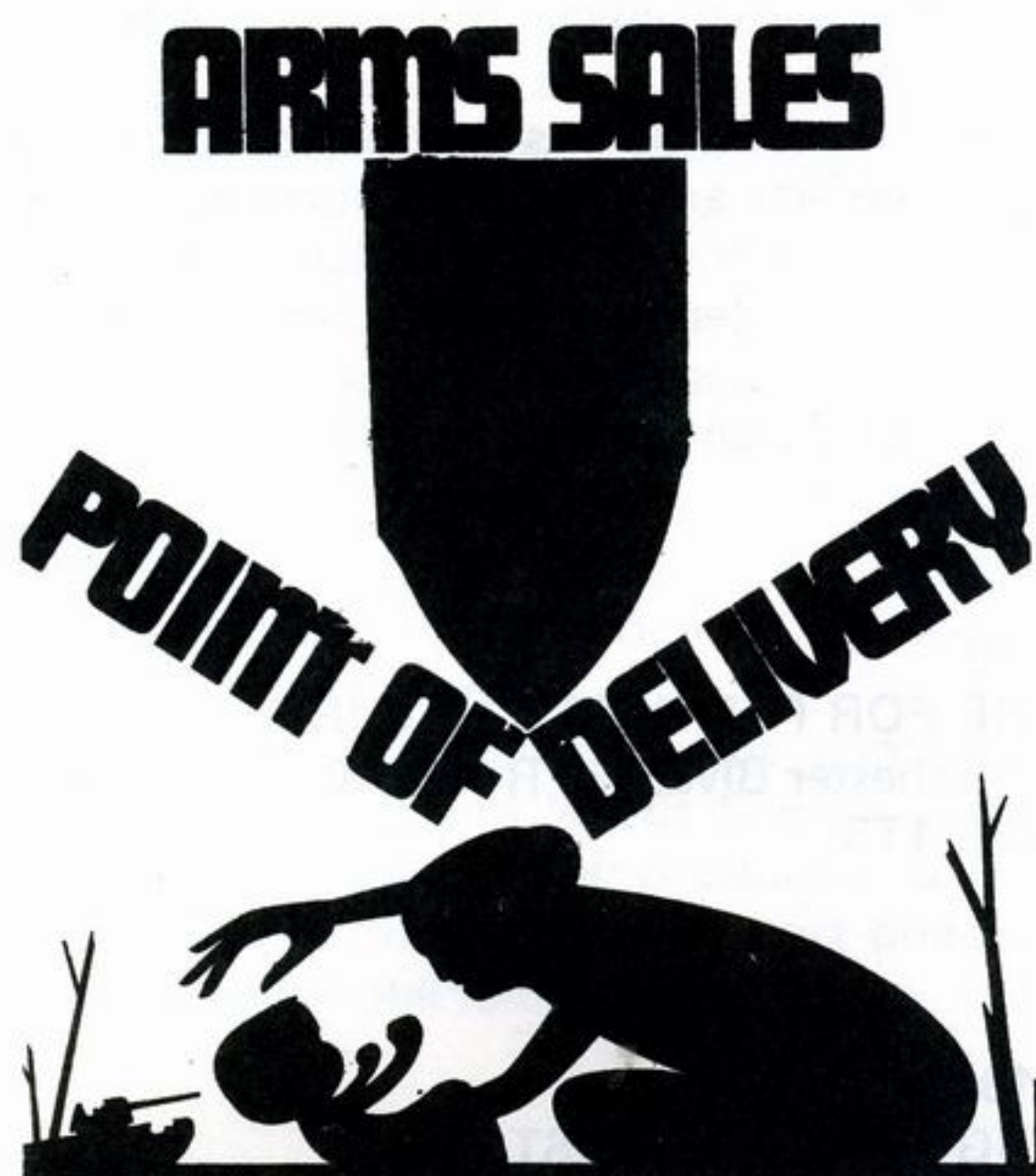
Available from Alliance for Non-Violent Action

c/o 730 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont., M5S 2R4

(416) 532-6720

125 pp., \$5.00

Assorted articles exploring the relationship between feminism, non-violence and militarism.



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## ENVIRONMENT

CX 2744

**WOMEN AND ENVIRONMENTS**

Faculty of Environmental Studies

York University, 4700 Keele St., Downsview, Ont.

M3J 2R2

WOMEN AND ENVIRONMENTS offers news, features, and reviews on women's work in housing, energy, ecology, planning and design. Although produced in Canada, the magazine's coverage is international in scope. It provides a medium for women active in environmental design and planning to share their analyses, strategies, and experiences in working for change. It is intended to facilitate networking.

The Summer 1982 issue (Vol. 5, No. 2) focuses on "Women as Urban Developers". A number of articles discuss the different roles to which women and men are socialized, which not only govern their activities but in large part determine the nature of the built environment in which they function, and the uses to which they will put their surroundings.

The journal also reports on the theoretical frameworks which feminist groups are using to approach environmental issues, such as eco-feminism. For example, the Summer issue reports on a New Zealand-based group, Feminists for the Environment, who suggest that in the same way that sexism distorts the relationship between women and men, so a mindset which seeks to dominate, subdue, and exploit the earth's resources represents a distortion of the interrelationships of humans with their natural environment.

CX 2745

**WOMEN AND CONSERVER SOCIETY**

Project Directors: Linda Ryan Nye, Jill Porter

National Survival Institute,

229 College St., Toronto, Ont.

(416) 593-1299



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# ARTS, CULTURE, MEDIA

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**CX 2746**

**WOMANSPiRiT ART RESEARCH AND  
RESOURCE CENTRE**

**359 Dundas St., London, Ont. N6B 1V5  
(519) 432-2826**

WOMANSPiRiT works to address the cultural aspects of the subordination of women. There is a predominance of male themes in art, as the broader culture tends to ignore the experiences of women in menstruation, childbirth, childrearing, and styles of spirituality/interpersonal relating. At the same time, there exist disparities between male and female artists. Through its various activities, WOMANSPiRiT hopes to build an awareness of the positive images and symbols available to women as they explore their distinct cultural heritage. It also works to offer women a forum in which to show or perform their works and build their promotional skills and self-esteem as artists.

WOMANSPiRiT has compiled a resource library and operates a gallery through which women can present their works to the public (theatre, dance, poetry, or literary readings, photography, and painting). The CENTRE has also undertaken research projects, most notable among them being the research of Sasha McInnis-Hayman on the status of women artists in Canada. The CENTRE now has a Canadian Studies grant to research women artists who were productive in the 'twenties and 'thirties.

WOMANSPiRiT produces a quarterly journal called *Spirale* which presents a forum for views on women's contributions to art and culture, particularly with reference to Canadian artists and the politics of culture in Canada.



**CX 2747**

**VANCOUVER WOMEN IN FOCUS SOCIETY  
456 West Broadway Ave., Ste. 204, Vancouver, B.C.  
V5Y 1R3  
(604) 872-2250**

Founded in 1974, WOMEN IN FOCUS is a women's

alternative arts and media centre. It is involved in the production, exhibition and distribution of video tapes, films and slide-tape productions that present the varied expressions of women's imagery, and challenge the stereotypical images presented in the dominant media.

WOMEN IN FOCUS has a print library relating to women in the arts and media, resource catalogues on videos and films by women producers, and lists of Canadian and international women's film-making groups. It also operates a Women's Gallery, and organizes exhibitions, workshops and performances by women artists.

**CX 2748**

**CENTRE FOR FEMINIST CULTURE**

**1355 Dorchester Blvd. W., Room 102, Montreal,  
Que. H3G 1T3**

**CX 2749**

**FINDING LESBIAN HERSTORY**

**by Frances Rooney**

**P.O. Box 868, Station P, Toronto, Ont M5S 2Z2**

FINDING LESBIAN HERSTORY is a slide show with a difference. There is no taped presentation to accompany the slides, rather, Frances Rooney talks about the slides as she presents them.

Lesbians need to reclaim their culture and heritage. The slide show is an attempt to organize lesbian herstory in a way which makes it more generally accessible. FINDING LESBIAN HERSTORY looks at seventy 19th and 20th century lesbians, both famous and obscure. It is the only lesbian herstory with Canadian content. Frances Rooney will be presenting her slide show in Regina and Saskatoon in the first week of May. Details about times and locations will be announced in a forthcoming issue of the Saskatchewan Status of Women Newspaper.

**CX 2750**

**WOMEN AND WORDS**

**LES FEMMES ET LES MOTS**

**Box 65563, Station F, Vancouver, B.C. V5N 4B0  
(604) 684-2454**

WOMEN AND WORDS/LES FEMMES ET LES MOTS is a country-wide conference to be held in Vancouver from June 30 to July 3, 1983. It will be a meeting of women working with the written word in both traditional and alternative frameworks. Participants will include writers, editors, publishers, critics,



printers, typesetters, academics, playwrights, librarians, distributors, booksellers, translators, and educational and cultural organizers. The conference is being organized by the West Coast Women and Words Society. One of the intentions of the Society in organizing the conference is to establish a network of support among Canadian women who are involved in such endeavors.

**WOMEN AND WORDS/LES FEMMES ET LES MOTS** will feature presentations of papers, panel discussions, workshops and interviews relevant to such themes as: feminism, power and alternative structures, doing it (i.e. developing work strategies), traditions and new directions.

The conference will provide a forum for women to celebrate their strengths, discuss their differences, and exchange skills and knowledge. The organizers hope that it will provide an opportunity for cross-cultural exchange among women from Quebec, as well as Native and ethnic women from each of the provinces and territories.

In addition to organizing this conference, the West Coast Women and Words Society is currently compiling an anthology of previously unpublished prose, poetry, critical work and short one-act plays, to be published in the fall of 1983.

#### CX 2751

#### **BEYOND THE IMAGE: A GUIDE TO FILMS ABOUT WOMEN AND CHANGE**

National Film Board of Canada

P.O. Box 6100, Station A, Montreal, H3C 3H5

**BEYOND THE IMAGE** is "a guide to films that reflect the experiences of women's lives, that provoke questions and discussion and offer analysis and insight". It draws on films produced by the NFB, the CBC, and independent Canadian filmmakers. Only those films easily available in Canada are included.

#### CX 2752

#### **VANCOUVER CO-OPERATIVE RADIO (CFRO 102.7 FM)**

337 Carrall St., Vancouver, B.C. V6B 2J4  
(604) 684-8494

**VANCOUVER CO-OPERATIVE RADIO** is a "co-operatively owned, non-commercial, listener supported, community access radio station". Membership is open to any community member 16 years of age or older, to incorporated groups and to certified unions. CFRO broadcasts daily from Vancouver; it is also available to cable subscribers in over 25 other B.C. communities.

CFRO is an alternative to the sexist portrayal of men and women that prevails on most commercial stations. The gay and lesbian communities produce two shows weekly: "Coming Out" and "The Lesbian Show". "Women Vision" and "Rubymusic" provide news, book, movie and theatre reviews, interviews, music and announcements of upcoming women's events. News about women in the labour movement is covered by the programme "Union Made".

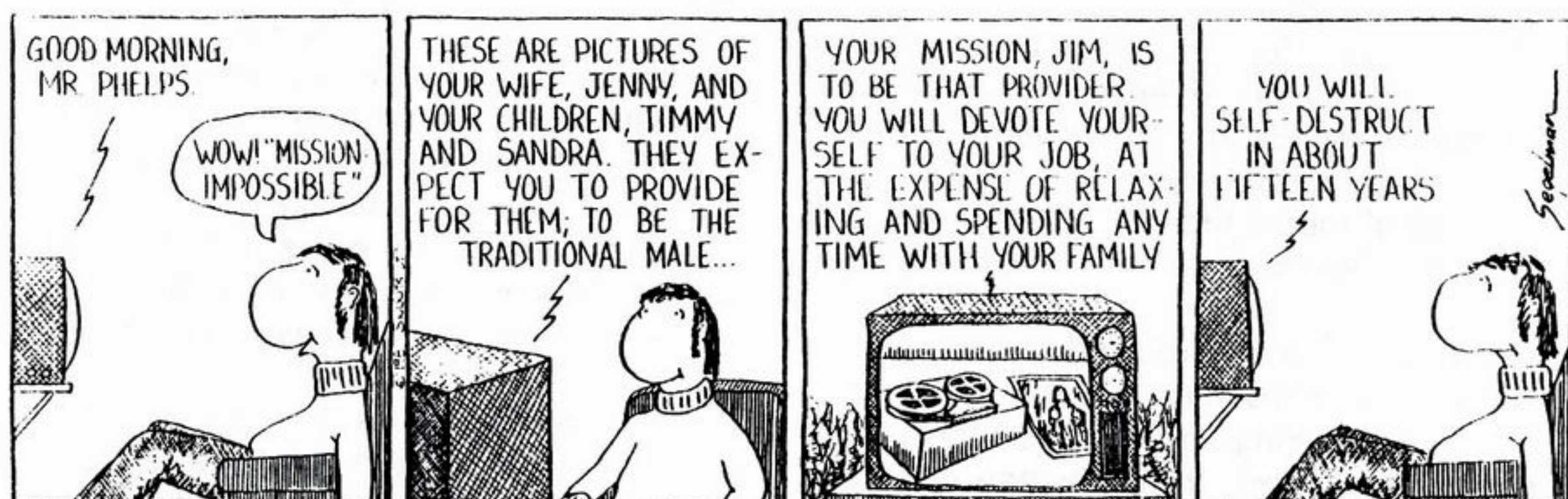
#### CX 2753

#### **M: GENTLE MEN FOR GENDER JUSTICE**

306 N. Brooks St., Madison, Wisconsin 53715 U.S.A.  
\$12.00 per year

*We did not do well in locating groups or resources relating to men's issues or men's liberation. For this reason we have decided to break with our usual practice and list a U.S. publication which might interest Canadian men.*

**M: GENTLE MEN FOR GENDER JUSTICE** is a quarterly journal. Recent issues have included articles on: The Men's Movement in the 1980's, Striking Back at the Porn Barons, Sports and Male Identity, Toward a Positive Heterosexual Identity, Condom Sense, What is a Feminist Man?, Dealing with Other Men's Sexism, and Helping Men Ask for Help.



# M.



**CX 2754**

**A SUBMISSION TO THE CANADIAN RADIO –  
TELEVISION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION TASK FORCE ON SEX-ROLE  
STEREOTYPING**

**Author: Mount Saint Vincent University  
c/o Dr. Susan Clark, Mount Saint Vincent University  
Halifax, N.S.**

**14 pp., February 1980**

This brief addresses the problem of sex-role stereotyping in the broadcast media. The University argues that in some instances advertising is offensive to women. Local support for this view comes from a study carried out by the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission that reported on the views of nearly 500 Nova Scotian women who felt women are portrayed in TV commercials as "unintelligent, servile, incompetent, and lacking in identification."

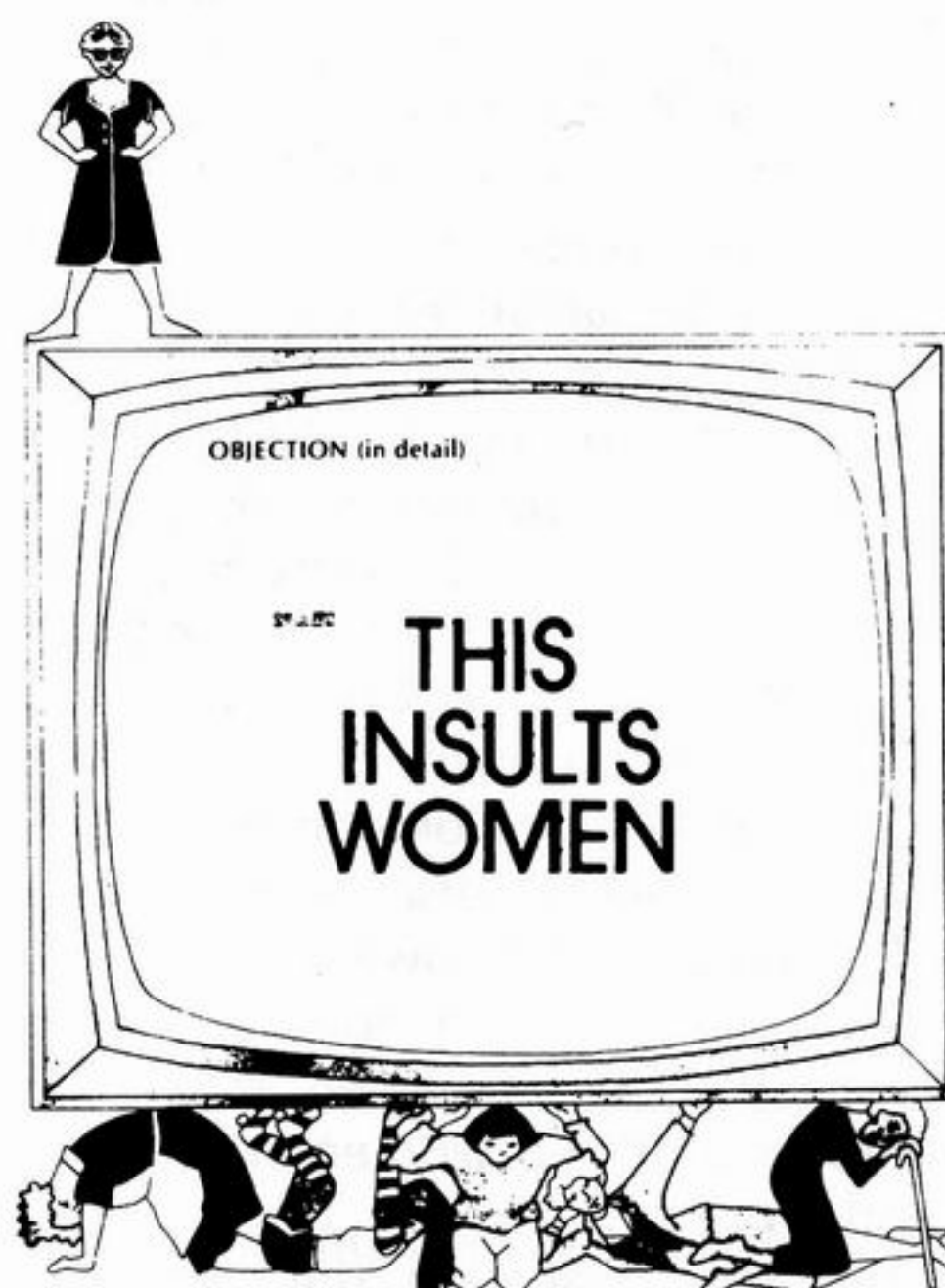
In addition to the portrayal of women in advertising, the University is also concerned with the representation of women in the broadcast industry, particularly in management, and in "on-camera" and "on air" roles. The brief calls for more visibility for women broadcasters and reporters.

The authors agree with other researchers who suggest several strategies for redressing the problems of sex-role stereotyping in the media, including: education, guidelines for industry, and legislation.

The submission concludes with these recommendations:

"The federal government or its regulatory agencies have a major role to play in dealing with the problem of sex role stereotyping. Their role should involve:

1. ensuring equality of opportunity in employment and equality of payment for men and women employed in all bodies for which the federal government is directly or indirectly responsible;
2. providing research and other funding to women's and other groups for public education, for programs aimed at persuading the advertising industry to regulate itself;
3. providing support for programs sponsored by interested groups, aimed at encouraging provincial ministers of education to develop courses within the public school system, which would develop childrens' media literacy, just as they are now taught discrimination in matters of language and literature;
4. funding should also be provided for the establishment of a media consumers' association, which would treat the offerings of the mass media as products to be evaluated, in much the same way as products are now examined by other consumer groups;
5. supporting research which will establish the dimensions of the problem and provide a yardstick against which progress can be evaluated."



**CX 2755**

**MEDIA WATCH**

**Box 46699, Station G, Vancouver, B.C. VCR 4K8**

MEDIA WATCH, a sub-committee of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, is acting to combat sexism in TV, radio and print. Individuals upset by "insulting, inaccurate and stereotypical" portrayals of women in advertising and programs, who may have thought their protests would be ineffective, can now join forces with MEDIA WATCH to press for change at both local and national levels.

MEDIA WATCH will supply forms for sending complaints to the guilty organization's head office, to the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), and to MEDIA WATCH who will keep records of all complaints. This will help the committee monitor the effectiveness of the self-regulatory guidelines under which the media industry will be operating for the next two years.

MEDIA WATCH intends to warn local women's organizations of any upcoming CRTC licence renewal hearings for radio and TV stations in their areas. This will enable women to monitor a station's programming for sexist content and prepare a brief where warranted.

The committee is also pressing for use of more female commentators and specialists in news and public affairs programs, and for better and more coverage of women's issues. It is particularly concerned about the advent of pay TV, and has suggested that the CRTC draw up licencing regulations which would eliminate sexist, exploitative use.



**CX 2756**

**THE RADICAL REVIEWER**

P.O. Box 24953, Station C

Vancouver, B.C., V5T 4G3

\$5.00 per year

This feminist journal of critical and creative work endeavors to provide a critical survey of work by women in the arts. Covering all aspects of the female condition, it not only provides reviews of books by and about women, but also covers current developments in the fields of music, theatre, video, film, and journalism. The current issue contains excerpts from an autobiography in progress and an extensive poetry selection. Herstory from the feminist perspective is represented by reviews of books published both previously (*Three Guineas*, by Virginia Woolf) and recently (*Daughters of Cooper Woman*, by Anne Cameron). The RADICAL REVIEWER includes visions of society, new perspectives on old mythologies, developments in children's literature, articles relating to racism and lesbian experience, as well as bibliographies. It is a forum in which information and resources can be shared among groups and individuals working in the arts from a feminist perspective. Original materials are actively solicited from the readership; RADICAL REVIEWER prints poetry and excerpts from longer work. This comprehensive journal celebrates the ambitions of women to make their views, dreams and struggles heard.

**CX 2757**

**HYSTERIA**

P.O. Box 2481, Station B, Kitchener, Ont., N2H 6M3

HYSTERIA is a feminist magazine published by women in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario. Produced by a volunteer collective, it includes the work of local artists and writers. HYSTERIA grew out of the enthusiasm generated by the 1979 International Women's Day celebration. Since then, it has published five issues, each focussed on a particular theme. Past themes have been: "Women and Culture", "Women and Work", "Women and Art", and "Women and Sexuality". (The latter three are still available). The theme of the Winter 1982/83 issue is "The Future: Science Fiction and Other Speculations".

Regular features in HYSTERIA include editorial comments, letters to the Collective, information on community resources, women's news, books reviews, and "She's Just Being Hysterical — a regular feature of personal outrage." The Winter 1982/83 "She's Just Being Hysterical" deals with the efforts of women in Ontario to fight the May 1982 provincial budget which began taxing sanitary napkins and tampons.

Beginning with the next issue, HYSTERIA will be focussing on the analysis and representation by the media, both that produced by women and that which

affects women. This focus will be manifested three ways: first, HYSTERIA will publish literary and graphic art by women, particularly that which has a political perspective; second, HYSTERIA will assess other media and report on it from a feminist perspective; second, HYSTERIA will assess other media and report on it from a feminist perspective, and; third, HYSTERIA will publish announcements and information about the women's movement in Canada. The magazine invites the contributions of women from across the country.

**CX 2758**

**KINESIS**

Vancouver Status of Women

400A West 5th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1J8

KINESIS is published ten times a year by the Vancouver Status of Women. Its objectives are to enhance understanding about the changing position of women in society and to work towards achieving social change. In addition to feature articles, KINESIS provides short news reports, poetry, a letters page and a list of upcoming events.



**CX 2759**

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWSMAGAZINE**

44 St. George St., 2nd Fl., Toronto, Ont.

(416) 978-4911

The UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWSMAGAZINE is published by a feminist collective committed to "building a strong independent women's voice on campus". An editorial in the September 1982 edition outlines how women's issues are systematically ignored at U. of T. The Equal Opportunity Office has been closed, the Women's Studies Department has been consistently underfunded, and women are disproportionately under-represented in positions of authority on campus. The Administration has avoided developing a policy on sexual harassment, and "refuses to acknowledge that a campus serving over 50,000 people requires more than sixty day care spaces".



The NEWSMAGAZINE collective also condemns the actions of the Student Administrative Council (SAC). While spending "lavish amounts of money on ski days and maintaining stables", it has not supported the development of a women's centre, nor has it offered sufficient or free self-defense courses for women. SAC's abortion counselling and referral policy "is dictated by a small minority of males (led by St. Michael's College), resulting in this service being controlled and restricted by those who will never need it".

SAC and the Administration have also failed to prohibit the circulation of "hate literature and media that promote violence against women on campus". The Engineering Society continues to publish "The Toike", which has been condemned by the Ontario Human Rights Commission and campus groups because of "its repeated sexist, racist and homophobic content".

Collective members believe that "an integral part of feminism is the recognition of, and struggle against the many other forms of social oppression — racism, anti-semitism, economic exploitation, heterosexism, and discrimination against the physically and mentally disabled". The articles in the UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWSMAGAZINE promote an awareness of these links and provide "a forum for analysis and development of feminist theory".

**CX 2760**  
**NEWSMAG**  
 Women's Network Project  
 c/o Voluntary Resource Council, 81 Prince St.,  
 Charlottetown, PEI., C1A 4R3

NEWSMAG is intended as a vehicle to build community among the women of Prince Edward Island, by providing information and serving as a forum for the discussion of mutual concerns.

**CX 2761**  
**WOMEN'S PRESS**  
 16 Baldwin St., Toronto, Ont., M5T 1L2

This feminist socialist press is committed "to bringing materials of importance from the women's movement to the attention of Canadian readers." They have published a wide range of materials during the past 11 years — fiction, non-fiction, and children's books.

**CX 2762**  
**EDEN PRESS**  
 4626 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal, P.Q.  
 H3Z 1S3

EDEN PRESS was founded in 1977 as an independent publishing house for scholarly women's studies. It has since expanded its operations to include medical and scientific works. The primary purpose of the press is "to produce solid books that will have an impact on bettering the status of women."

**CX 2763**  
**WOMEN'S CONCERNS NEWSLETTER**  
 Women's Desk Division of Mission in Canada  
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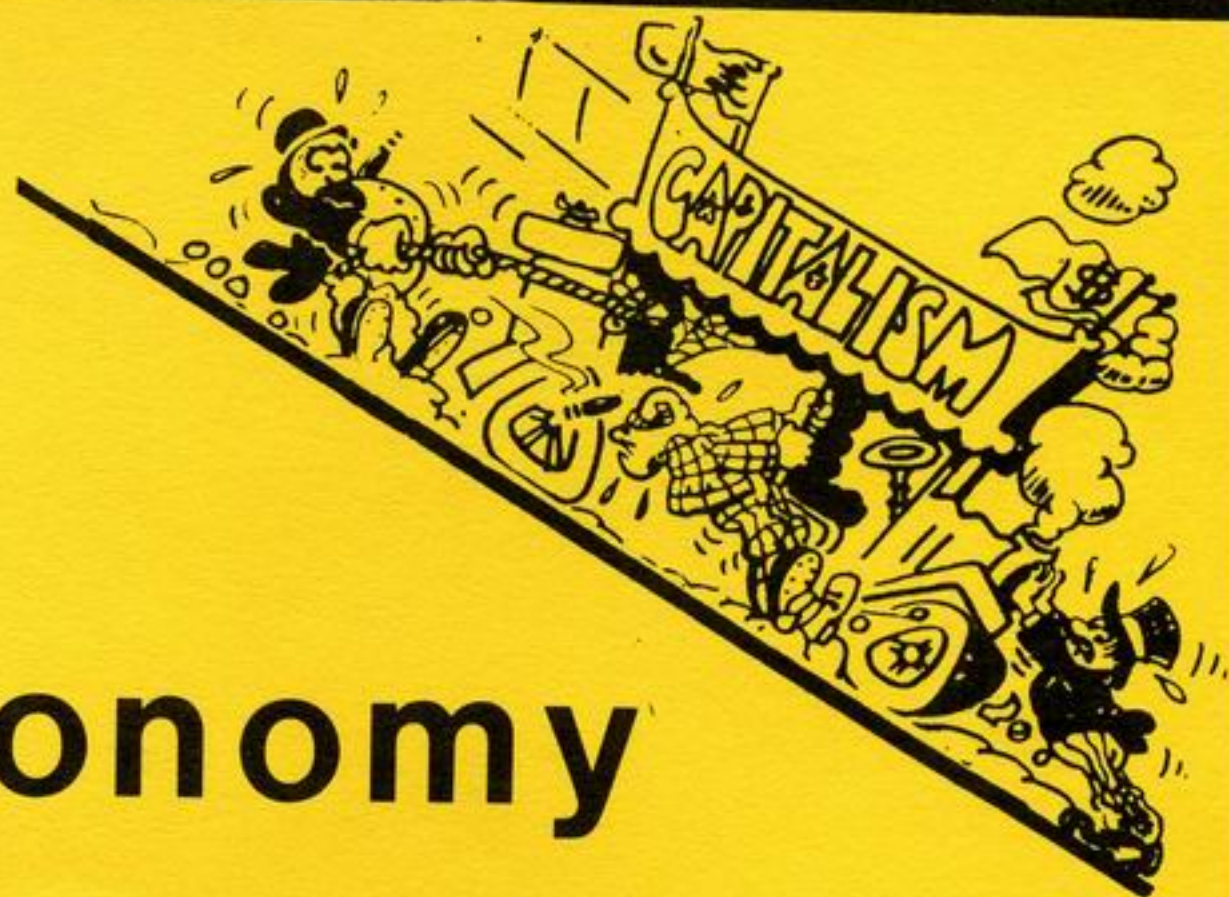
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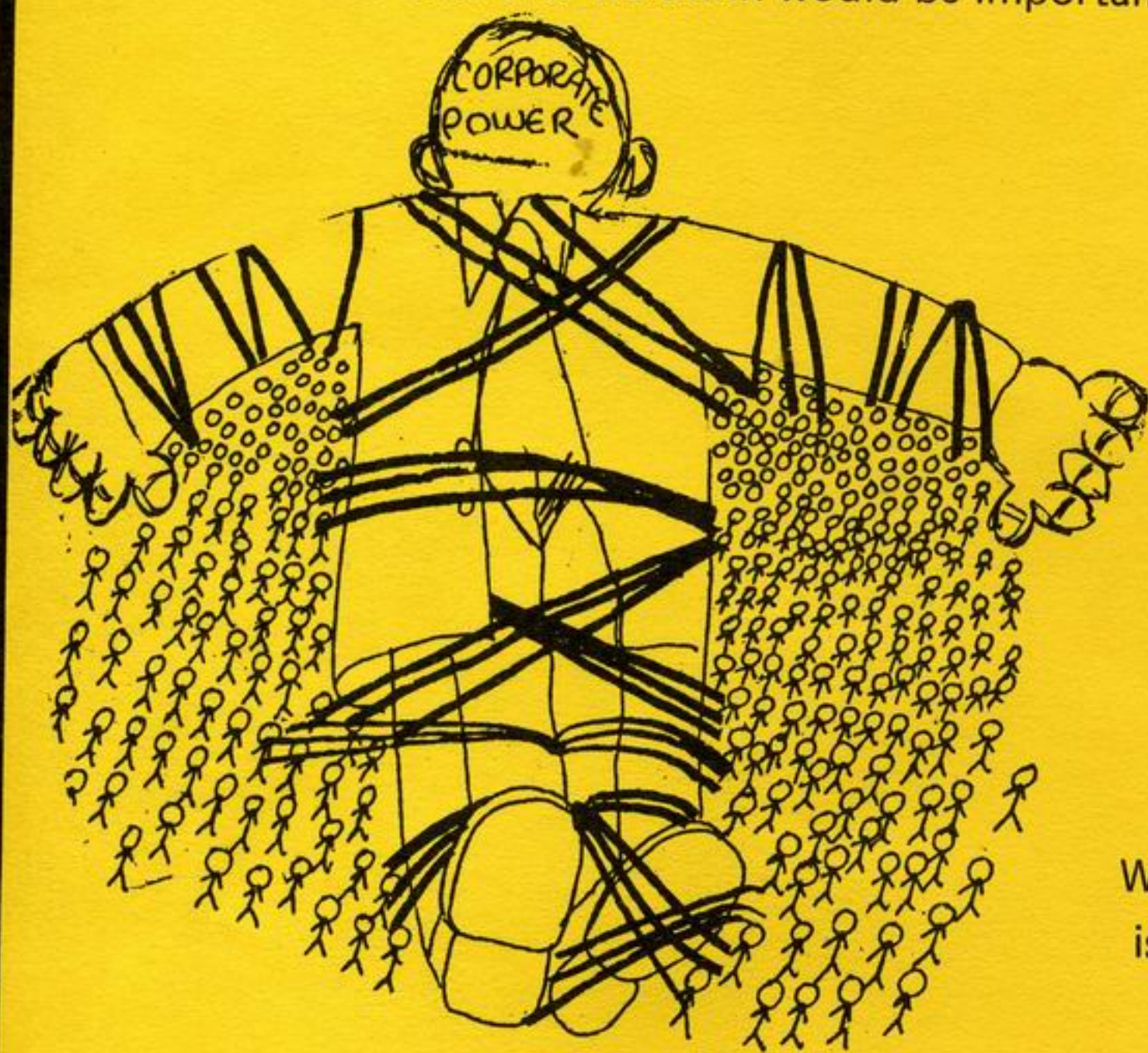


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