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TO ALL PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE NUCLEAR REACTOR MELTDOWN:

THE TRAGEDY AT CHERNOBYL TOUCHES US ALL AS MEMBERS OF THE GLOBAL VILLAGE. WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP SORROW AT THE LOSS OF LIFE AND HUMAN MISERY CREATED BY THIS DISASTER. WE RECOGNIZE THAT YOU MUST BE UNDER A GREAT DEAL OF STRAIN TO STABILIZE SUCH A SERIOUS SITUATION AND WISH TO OFFER HELP IN ANY WAY YOU SUGGEST. AS PARENTS WE CAN CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE VERY REAL CONCERN YOU MUST NOW BE EXPERIENCING. WE WOULD BE ONLY TOO WILLING TO HELP IN ANY WAY WE CAN.

WE ARE ONE WORLD. HUMAN CARING HAS NO NATIONAL BORDERS. WHAT

HAPPENS TO ONE HAPPENS TO ALL!

IN PEACE AND HARMONY,

B.C. VOICE OF WOMEN

VANCOUVER PEACE CENTRE

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FAMILIES FOR PÈACE FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION

AN EARNEST DESIRE FOR PEACE - by Moira Walker

She began by complaining about the size of her apartment (which housed, in addition to her family, a distant relative) and ended by extending an invitation to me to live with her family. The invitation followed my confession that despite my many years at university and my two degrees, I was unemployed. The woman assured me that I could easily find work in her country as there was no unemployment, and she graciously told me that I could live with her family as long as I wished or needed.

This conversation took place in the home of a Soviet family which I visited during my recent stay in Moscow. I had gone to this particular home with an American acquaintance who was bearing gifts to the family's boarder - the distant, Jewish relative who was an elderly, former American. While my companion was sequestered in a corner by the old woman, I was hospitably entertained by the Soviet family. Despite my lack of Russian and their limited English and French, we managed to speak of the tragic, early death of the Canadian pianist, Glenn Gould; of the similarities between the landscape and weather of Russia and Canada; of the family dog - its sucsesses in local dog shows and its behaviour. As we spoke, I was served oranges, Russian tea and sweet cake. At some point during the evening, I found in my purse an inexpensive pendant of a carved peace dove which I helped the fifteen-year-old daughter place around her neck. Later, as we said our good-byes and were wished, in characteristic Soviet fashion, good

health and happiness, the daughter came forward with what was obviously a precious keepsake - two carved, dancing, costumed figures. This gift was pressed into my hands.

The entire evening - my first glimpse of a Soviet home - was yet another example to me of the warmth, friendliness and generosity which I had come to associate with the Soviet people. I was reminded of the best of American Southerners as I gradually began to become acquainted with a people whom I had once regarded with a mixture of anxiety and fear.

My impressions of the Soviet people were formed by what was ad-However, my visit included a mittedly a mere two-week stay in the USSR. unique chance to observe Soviets quite closely. For one week, I participated in an intense program sponsored by the Soviet Women's Committee as part of their recognition of the U.N. declaration of 1986 as an International Year of Peace. Together with representatives from 28 signatory states of the 1975 Helsinki Final Act (a document committing the governments of Canada, Europe, the Soviet Union and the United States to honour post-WWII frontiers and to co-operate together to ensure justice and security in Europe), I participated in discussions on the perilous condition of the world today, which began at 9 a.m. and often lasted until after mid-For the duration of the Peace School, American, Canadian, European and Soviet women ate, sang, talked, laughed and wept together. conference itself was proof of the ability of people of different races, cultures, and ideologies to live peaceably together. And the conference also served to give many Westerners their first opportunity to witness the distinct character of the Soviet people - their dedication, their generosity, their passion and their earnest desire not to know ever again the horrors of war or the accompanying, inevitable condition of war - famine. It was, therefore, fitting that our peace school was held outside of Leningrad. for it was Leningrad that knew 900 days of siege during WWII and Delegates to the conference which suffered the loss of 1 million people. laid a wreath at the cemetery where ½ million lie in mass graves.

After the peace school, I journeyed by night train south to Moscow where I spent a week travelling on my own, by foot, trolley and metro, about the vast, ancient city. I attended a ballet at the theatre inside the Kremlin; I visited a numnery on the edge of the city where daughters and sisters of the Czars had been imprisoned; I watched two workmen playing chess at noon under a maple tree; I strolled up a street mall, basking in the warm, spring air. And together with a bride who, in keeping with a Soviet tradition, had just laid her wedding bouquet in front of a war memorial, I prayed that we, none of us, would know war again.

... AND MOIRA WRITES TO B.C. VOW MEMBERS:

"...I had a wonderful time in the Soviet Union and I am most grateful to members of the BC VOW for choosing me to represent the VOW at the Soviet Women's Committee Peace School, and for so generously support-

ing my trip.

"It was my first international conference, and I must say that it was quite bewildering to find myself amongst women from so many countries who shared our conviction that this military nonsense must cease. It was also curious to realize that we do, as Canadians, share something in common - I sensed an instant camaraderie between the 6 Canadian delegates (who included Edith Ballantyne from WILPF in Geneva).

"It was marvellous to rid myself of my remaining anxieties and fears about the Soviet Union. I feel that I will henceforth be able to speak with more conviction about their earnest desire never to know war again; and I believe that I have also gained new insight into their rich cultural heritage.

"One of my convictions, upon leaving the Soviet Union, was the

feeling that every anti-Soviet remark is another nail in our collective coffin. I also realized that the U.S. aggressive posture towards the USSR is another instance of a big bully beating up a smaller person: upon arrival in the Soviet Union one is made instantly aware that the GNP of the USSR is only half that of the U.S.

"With Terry's help, I have appeared on CHEK TV. I have also appeared in the Sidney Review, the Oak Bay Star and the Times-Colonist. I have shown my slides to three gatherings, and spoken at Camosun College and on Duncan radio. I will continue to try to speak about my trip whenever I can, as I feel that lingering anti-Sovietism and fears of the Soviet Union stop many from engaging wholeheartedly, if at all, in peace work.

"Again, thank you so much for sending me. I shall never forget my trip. Gratefully and sincerely yours in peace, MOIRA" (June 20, 1986)

Note: Moira recommends prospective visitors to USSR to use the Intourist office (Hastings, Van.), less expensive than Finn Air etc. which earn the agent more commission than the cheaper Aeroflot flights.

AROUND THE PROVINCE

COMOX VALLEY - Rene McCallum

* Something I would like to put before our membership right across the country is the idea of placing in waiting-rooms such as doctors' offices, dentists' and, most especially, hospital waiting-rooms, literature that has a liberal slant. We are doing it here in the Valley.

First, we are subscribing to Travel to the USSR for our Library. The publication goes directly to the Library - the cost is minimal (all Soviet mags. are inexpensive), and evidently it is being circulated a great deal. Our librarian says it is very popular. However, other Soviet magazines such as Soviet Woman (too big, she says), Sputnik (too small), and Misha, an excellent children's journal (children not interested in magazines), these were turned down for valid Library reasons. Our librarian is very supportive and has a great deal of excellent reading material on Peace.

I have been able to get copies of <u>Soviet Woman</u> into our local hospital, ...and into several Doctors' offices. I am now trying to put Sputnik into offices too.

The reason I'm urging VOW members to look into this is that I have recently had to spend a great deal of time waiting in (medical) waiting-rooms along with numerous other people. The reading material supplied was all reactionary: Macleans, Time, Newsweek, etc., etc., even, for God's sake, a copy of The Plain Truth. If people oppose Soviet literature, then how about the Christian

If people oppose Soviet literature, then how about the Christian Science Monitor, the Nation, Mother Jones, or something that presents our side? It is a captive audience, and one we should be reaching. In casual conversations I was appalled at the ignorance shown: people are so brainwashed!

CRESTON - Luanne Armstrong

* Luanne, who played a key part in the drafting of the Final Statement of the Women's International Peace Conference in Halifax last year, writes a column in her local paper, the Creston Valley Advance. In it she uses her considerable skills to educate the public on peace issues, and particularly on radiation hazards, drawing on (and giving credit to) Rosalie Bertell's book No Immediate Danger? Looks like she is the life and soul of the local loosely-structured peace group,

---> Arrows for Action ---> Arrows for Action --->

DENMAN ISLAND PEACE GROUP (DIPG)

An Information Sheet has been compiled by this group and sent out in May 186 to many peace groups and communities across the province, on the subject of proposed low altitude training flights of US B52 aircraft over Canadian territory. One of the 2 proposed new routes runs from North East B.C. to the Comox area. DIPG invites us all to join them in their opposition to this "Canadian complicity with these preparations for nuclear war-fighting."

Further info. from DIPG, Denman Island, B.C., VOR 1TO, or 'phone (604)

335-0351 or 335-0386.



-> Order the information sheet -> Make copies and distribute -> Write to Eric Nielsen

Write your MP and MLA
Write Provincial Min. of Environment, etc.

NANOOSE BAY - Nanoose Conversion Campaign (NCC)

* Solstice Weekend. The weekend of June 21-22 was celebrated in style at the peace camp with over 40 camping overnight. The gathering was in honour of two events:

1) the Peace Walk from Courtenay and Victoria to Nanoose, a successful and highly visible event. About 20 walkers came from Courtenay and 8 from Victoria, with 40 more who joined us to walk from the Camp to the CFMETR Base; and

2) CFMETR's annual Open House was attended by 200 peace activists - at

least half the crowd!

* Two big moves are the order of the day for NCC: firstly, with Canada's 10-year renewal of the Nanoose Agreement, a move from short- to long-term strategy; and, secondly, the ending of the Camp and the lighting of a continuous "vigil fire" on the beach and the mooring of a 50-foot junk in the bay.

* NCC is in great need of your support, whether financial or in person! #225 - 285 Prideaux St, Nanaimo, V9R 2N2. Ph. (604)754-3815.

NELSON VOW - Ann McArthur

Workshops on Changing Our Ways of Thinking, presented at David Thompson College by the Kootenay Centre for a Sustainable Future July 22 - Aug. 1, has been VOW's main focus this summer. We deeply regret being too late to give advance publicity in the Voice. According to Ann, Nelson VOW members planned to go to the workshop on A History of Women's Actions. Speakers at other workshops included Murray Thomson and Dr. Gideon Rosenbluth; and Dr. George Ignatieff was guest speaker on the final day.

PARKSVILLE

* was the site of a successful event on May 15 sponsored by Mt. Arrowsmith Disarmament Committee, a panel discussion and debate on the Nanoose Maritime Testing Range. Six panelists included peace workers, the military, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Conservative MP for Nanaimo-Alberni. The lively and interested audience of 200 included people with widely differing views.

POWELL RIVER VOW

* Local VOW members are saddened, as are many of us from other areas, by the death on May 29 of charter 'voice' GOLDEN STANLEY. A beautiful memorial service was designed by Martin Rossander, who, in his tribute, described Golden as a peace activist and "one whose life was dedicated to expanding the boundaries of human knowledge and awareness.

KOOTENAYS

* A new anti-nuclear group, as yet unnamed, has come together here with a specific action in mind: to establish a Canadian presence at the site of the N-power plant at Hanford, WA, in support of local groups there, one of which has a week of activities planned Aug. 2 - 9. goal," writes Eileen Pedersen of Winlaw, BC, "is to make an outrageous, creative, empowering, non-violent statement of international responsibility to stop nuclear pollution." It seems likely that this group will remain active after the Hanford action: information from Bonnie Williams, Sproule Creek Rd., Nelson, BC, V1L 5P5. 352-7641.

SALT SPRING ISLAND VOW

* SSI VOW are selling Arpilleras, and are assembling the Arpillera Show.

(see page 7 this issue. - Ed.)

* "Good Earthkeeping" project launched this spring by Virginia Newman, Bis Whitby and Marg Simons, calling for a "Good Earthkeeping" seal of approval to be attached to products manufactured or distributed by responsible (not involved in weapons production) companies. A seal logo has been designed, posters produced and mailouts are being made to spread the concept to groups in other countries. Research on Canadian companies is being done. Info. from Virginia Newman, RR 3, Quebec Dr., Ganges, BC, VOS 1E0; phone 537-9251 or 537-5959.

SECHELT

* The Sunshine Coast Peace Committee puts out a truly excellent newsletter, the Peace News. Your editor subscribes to, and highly recommend, it! \$6 p.a. from Box 2366, Sechelt, BC, VON 3AO (fee includes membership).

SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY

* Moira Walker (Leningrad School of Peace) and Carol Roy (Centra America International Peace Walk) spoke and showed their slides to 40 people in Cawston and to 20 in Hedley, in July. Very enthusiastic response, and the local paper printed Moira's article "An Earnest Response" (see pages 1 & 2) in its entirety.

* A local journalist, Dawn Johnson, is doing great work raising the level of public awarenest of radiation risks of nuclear power plants, and uses Rosalie Bertell's No Immediate Danger? as her chief source.

VANCOUVER

* The Peace & Disarmame t Symposium held during the Peace Festival in Ap-

ril: see report on page 8, also note top of page 7).

* The J.S. Woodsworth Summer Institute on Peace & War has been in process on eight dates in July, and its last sessions are on Aug. 5 & 7. For info. phone Rene Saklikar at 291-4695 or 291-4671.

VICTORIA VOW

Fate of the Earth Regional Workshop was held here in May, to report regional concerns to the international conference in Ottawa in June.

Delegate Terry Padgham reported to BCVOW's Sidney meeting, June 26, on the success of the Ottawa conference.

* Libya: Telegram to Mulroney, sent on Apr. 18/186 by VicVOW: "WITHOUT RESOLUTION OF ROOT PROBLEMS LIBYAN SITUATION COULD WELL ESCALATE INTO WORLD WAR 3. WE ARE APPALLED AT CONTINUING ROLE OF SUBSERVIENCE AS CANADA AGAIN HONOURS PRESUMPTION OF U.S.A. AUTHORITY. WHAT WOULD U.S.A. HAVE TO DO TO WARRANT CENSURE? DOES CANADA ALWAYS JUDGE U.S.A. ACTIONS BY STATE DEPARTMENT EXPLANATIONS? WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT OUR POLITICIANS ARE EITHER WOEFULLY UNAWARE OF U.S.A. POLICY OR WILFULLY DETERMINED TO IGNORE IT."

AND IN ALBERTA...

They've Elected A Voice!

Edmonton VOW have been incredibly busy, both recording VOW's past and continuing their efforts to further the cause of peace and justice; we are delighted to be receiving their exciting newsletters (from Betty Mardiros, 8902 - 120th St., T6G 1X5). Best of all, Edmonton VOW member, Marie Laing, has been elected as an NDP MLA in the Alberta Provincial Opposition, representing Avonmore. Well done, Marie! Well done, Avonmore!

LITERATURE PAGE

Books

MISGUIDED MISSILES - by Simon Rosenblum; pub. Lorimer, Toronto.

From Mary Cox, \$6.95

With a depth of research rarely seen in the national debate on the arms race, Rosenblum reveals how Pentagon and defence industry machinations, rather than security needs, explain the rise of both the Cruise and Star Wars.

IF YOU GIVE A DAMN ABOUT LIFE - by Harold Freeman; pub. by Dodd, Mead & Co., New Mork; paperback; 88pp. From Mary Cox, \$5.50 Prefaced by the Editor of The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, this staggering summary of the current nuclear scene (prior to Chernobyl) expands and updates Freeman's previous volume, "This Is The Way The World Will End...Unless..."

ON US GLOBAL INTERVENTION - by Katherine L. Camp (erstwhile president of WILPF; currently chair for its Disarmament Committee). This devoted American peaceworker gives a forthright and uncompromising view of the US presence world-wide and answers such questions as "Who Are the Terrorists?"

X-RAYS: HEALTH EFFECTS OF COMMON EXAMS - by John W. Gofman, M.D., Ph.D. and Egan O'Connor; pub. by Sierra Club Books, San Francisco 1985; hard-cover. Regular price \$25 US - but through BC VOW Lit. Comm. (Mary Cox), only \$15.00 US. Also: copies with slight bindery defects are available from the Lit. Comm. for \$10.00 US!

The tables in its various chapters present information which has never before existed. Now physicians, dentists, patients and parents can find out whether a contemplated diagnostic X-ray exam is going to give 1 chance in 20 of a serious later side-effect, or 1 chance in a million. A clear basis for informed consent.

Sheets

From Mary Cox, Box 393, Lantzville, BC, VOR 2HO:-

HOW TO REDUCE CANCER-RISK IN YOUR FAMILY - from the Committee for Nuclear Responsibility, P.O.B. 11207, San Francisco, CA 94101. (April, 1985)

VIGIL FOR PEACE AT NANOOSE - by Sean Griffin; Pac.Trib. reprint Dec. 1885

ONTARIO HYDRO PLANS TO SUPPLY US MILITARY - by Paul Ogresko; PT Mar 12/86

LET'S BAN NUCLEAR-TAINTED WEAPONS FROM OUR WATERS - by John Brewin, Victoria Times-Colonist, April 1986.

Also 4 small sheets on NANOOSE, recently printed (May 1986).

Miscellaneous

PROCEEDINGS of the PEACE & DISARMAMENT SYMPOSIUM, VAN. APR. 1986.

Available soon, in video and book form. Inquire from End the Arms Race,
1708 W. 16th Ave., Vancouver, BC, V6J 2M1. Phone (604)736-2366.

VANCOUVER PROPOSALS FOR PEACE (single sheet). Inquire as above.

PROCEEDINGS of the PEOPLE'S ENQUIRY INTO CFMETR, JAN. 1986. The book looks great and is extremely informative, according to a note in Nanose Update. Order your copy now, while supplies last: send \$10 to the Gabriola Island Peace Assocn., Box 82, Gabriola Island, B.C., VOR 1X0.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writing to Maggie
There just read the r

I have just read the recent (May, '86) copy of the Voice and found it expecially good. We are sending some letters, as requested, regarding Greenham Women's Peacegroup, to Margaret Thatcher etc.

- Mildred Fahrni, Vancouver.

ATTENTION CAROLYN KLINE! (p. 1, May Voice, "Politician's Wives")

I'm much interested in Carolyn Kline's idea, which has floated at the back of my skull for quite a while (until I get to Nancy Reagan).

- Mary Cox, Lantzville.

Yes, I think that the idea should be explored further to write to the wives of our Canadian politicians who make so many inhumane decisions, for wives have powerful influence over their husbands - even those men in Ottawa. I believe that they could be most effectively appealed to as mothers and grandmothers; also, in the ways suggested by B.C. Voice.

- Ruth Miller, Powell River.

Our group (Comox Valley Nuclear Responsibility) was quite interested in the suggestion to write MPs' wives - however, one of our members reminded us it would cost a stamp - and also, how about addresses?

- Rene McCallum, Courtenay.

THE ARPILLERA SHOW - by Beth Hill

Sheila Reid, a member of the Salt Spring Island Voice of Women, is going to Chile this summer to get photographs and documentation of the making of ARPILLERAS, the bright patchwork and embroidered pictures made by anonymous poor Chilean women. The arpilleras, sent to members of the Salt Spring group in small packages, are being assembled for a show at a gallery in Vancouver during the month of January, 1987. Chilean musicians and dancers will perform at the gallery during the show, and there will be Chilean speakers as well.

These Chilean women are desperate to earn money. Their deceptively charming pictures are politically pointed, conveying the truth about life under the junta. True arpilleras are rarely seen in Chile, but the government manufactures spurious ones, with the slogans of the Pinochet government. We want to support these women, whose needlework is transformed into a means of political struggle, while at the same time it earns money for food.

Our group wondered if the Arpillera Show should become a travelling exhibit? If any other VOW groups would like to show it, after Jan/187 please let us know.

- Beth Hill, RR 3 Churchill Rd., Ganges, BC, VOS 1EO

Vancouver Centennial Peace Festival; the PEACE & DISARMAMENT SYMPOSIUM

The week-long Vancouver Peace Festival (Apr. 19-27, 1986) was a huge success. It began with cultural and film events, followed by a Peace & Disarmament Symposium at the Orpheum Theatre, and wound up with the annual Walk For Peace, and Rally.

The Symposium included 18 speakers from all over the globe, and was chaired by Ambassador Stephen Lewis, Marion Dewar (former Mayor of Ottawa) and Joanna Miller (former Pres. of UNICEF Canada).

In the first session, Rear Admiral Eugene Carroll (former Chief of all US military operations in Europe and the Middle East), Gen. Gert Bastian (Germany) and Prof. Kosta Tsipis (MIT expert on space and nuclear weapons) all agreed that Reagan's Star Wars program is technologically impossible, and cannot work. The SDI is in violation of the ABM Treaty. In the words of Carroll, there is "nothing benign about SDI, it is a search for military superiority." All three felt that it was unwise to ignore or play down the Soviet Union's present moratorium on testing, or their desire to halt the arms race. According to Prof. Tsipis, most of the scientists supportive of Star Wars are on the US Government payroll:

Bishop Remi de Roo (R.C. Bishop of Victoria, BC), David Werlin (Pres. of Alberta Federation of Labour) and John Kenneth Galbraith (world-renowned economist) all talked about the need for conversion to economically, politically, socially and spiritually more worthwhile production than arms. Bishop de Roo strongly fears the implications of Free Trade between Canada and the US, since "Canada is a branch plant of the US military" and therefore Canada should not submissively allow military profits to "make us accomplices."

In the third session, the Very Rev. Lois M. Wilson (Pres. of the World Council of Churches), Bishop Thomas Bumbleton (R.C. Bishop of Detroit) and Dom Helder Camara (Archbishop Emeritus of Olinda & Recife, Brazil) all made pleas for conversion of weapons-spending to world relief. All three pointed out that it is time to think globally, we cannot ignore the starving in the Third World while continuing to pour money into "defence". They also all felt that action must start with the individual and work up through the democratic system, for change to be attained.

Takeshi Araki, atomic bomb survivor and Mayor of Hiroshima, gave a very moving speech asking for an end to all Muclear Weapons; while Joan Ruddock, M.P. and spokesperson for CND (Britain), and Petra Kelly (founder of W. German Green Party) spoke of what individuals can do to stop the storing and testing of weapons in their own areas. Kelly pointed out that the W. German and Canadian Governments have agreed to test low-flying supersonic military aircraft over the community of Goose Bay, Labrador, and she urged Canadians to protest this move.

In the last session, Paul Warnke (Chief US SALT II negotiator and former Director of US Arms Control & Disarmament Agency) stated that we must cut back on ICBMs and submarines with nuclear warheads, and eliminate forces arrayed against each other in Central Europe, in order to bring about any change in the present situation. Dr. Vitaly Zhurkin, Soviet expert on Western Politics & Military Strategies, stressed the importance of removing the world-wide threat of annihilation through cooperation, and the need for verifiable reductions in the arms race.

All speakers felt that we must force our governments to take action against the arms race. We are urged to follow the example of New Zealand and become Nuclear Weapons Free. In the words of Vitaly Zhurkin, "to all the planet, it is our duty to save this world in all its splendour, without diminution."

- from JANICE BRUNSON's report in the Peace News (see p. 5, "SECHELT")

It is our sad duty to report the passing of these dedicated "Voices":-

KATHLEEN STREDULINSKY of Hornby Island, suddenly, in Jan. 186. Her daughter Nora has joined VOW to keep up her mother's work for peace.

EARL WILLMOTT of Vancouver, on Apr. 30 in his sleep, only 15 weeks after his wife Katharine.

GOLDEN STANLEY of Powell River, peacefully on May 29. He was one of the original "men's auxiliary" of the local VOW. (see also p. 4. - Ed.) HELEN FREEMAN of Calgary, Alta., peacefully on July 1 after a long strug-

gle with Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and Rheumatoid Arthritis. "He clear-eyed view and level-headed guidance will be always in our hearts," wrote B.J. Denham, Calgary VOW.

NOTICES

Create an Emblem of PEACE

Make a DOVE carrying a GREEN SPRIG
Put it in a window for all to see.
A symbol of HOPE,

thinking beyond war; and a bond with all EARTH's creatures.

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- Alice Coppard.

ANTI-NUKE DRAWINGS

- by Frances Hatfield, member of BC VOW and Penticton Peace Group. Frances is willing to lend these pictures to groups, for special events. Write her at: Site 16, Comp.9, RR 1, Naramata, VOH 1NO (Tel. 496-5671)

LIBYA. Wire sent to Mulroney from Prov. Exec. of VOW, May 8th 1986.

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V.O.W. National Conference and General Meeting, 1986 Montreal, Friday Sept. 26 to Sunday Sept. 28

"STRENGTHENING THE VOICE OF WOMEN - WORKING TOGETHER FOR ACTION & STRATEGY"

Delegates Needed!

Good representation is sought from every province. Six from B.C. have come forward so far, five of them older members. That's fine all ages are welcome. But younger women keen on working for VOW are most especially needed, and encouraged to come. Be encouraged! Encourage someone else: TRAVEL AID IS AVAILABLE (see below).

ACT NOW: (1) Please refer to the information on p.9 of your current National VOW Newsletter (April-May-June 186, pink paper), as soon as possible. (2) Let us know what help you will need: write BC VOW treasurer Joan Jennings NOW, at 124 E. Kings Rd., North Vancouver, B.C., V7N 1H5.

Ideas Neededi

Whether or no you intend to come, YOU are asked to send in your ideas for future VOW strategies and actions, and your suggestions for the conference agenda and for alternative themes for its Sat. morning workshops. Please send them to National V.O.W. Office, 736 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ont., N5S 2R4 (or phone (416)537-9343). N.B. New Address:

Donations Heededi

PLEASE GIVE whatever help you can for delegates' travel expenses to the Montreal conference. Although we've made a start (\$250 already in BC VOW's Travel Fund, plus \$150 donated by BC VOW Treasury), more is desperately needed - especially if we are to realize our hopes of sending some young women to this crucial meeting.

Cheques should be made payable to, and sent to:
B.C. Voice of Women,
c/o Joan Jennings, 124 E. Kings Rd.,
North Vancouver, BC, V7N 1H5

Little crumbs
Or larger sums Anything's welcome
As long as it comes!

THANK YOU ALL!

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