

## WOMEN'S CAUCUS NEWS

June 4, 1970

Most of the news about what's going on is in The The Pedsetal – but here's some extras that didn't get in, plus some things to note especially.

**WE'VE MOVED!!!! See back page of the The Pedsetal for details.**

Don't forget the conference. See The The Pedsetal, page 2, for details. Co-ordinators who volunteered at the last General Meeting, May 28<sup>th</sup>, were Mary Trew, 224-0291; Brenda Huxley, 684-9087; Mary Borsky, 324-9331; and Cathy Walker and Barb Hicks, both at 299-6129.

A group of people working in the office is slowly growing, want to join? They'll be meeting at 7 p.m., before the General Meeting June 11<sup>th</sup>.

See **MOTHERS** in The The Pedsetal, page 2, for details on Day Care projects.

ANNOUNCEMENT: A group of people wanting to have a pre-conference discussion meeting has asked that it be announced in the Newsletter. The meeting will be held June 19, Wednesday, at 8 p.m., 137B Water St. Purpose of the meeting is to discuss the general direction of Women's Caucus and to begin to discuss strategies for involving as many women as possible in our movement. Particular topics will probably be (1) a critique of style as the basis for organizing, and (2) the function and use of revolutionary language in talking to women, plus others as they come up.

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Reports on the Caravan – see The The Pedsetal front page and centre spread. Most of last Thursday's General Meeting was given over to a Caravan report.

The Abortion Counselling Service is now being held on Wednesday nights instead of Tuesdays. Reason is that the Vancouver General Abortion Committee meets on Tuesdays. The change in time reflects a change in the functioning of the Service. It has been operating since December. At present, however, the possibility of obtaining safe abortions in Vancouver is almost non-existent. The Counselling Service has therefore decided to apply pressure on the legal channels supposedly open to women.

This means that the medical profession, the government and the hospital Abortion Committees, in particular, will be confronted by women desiring an abortion. These women will be supported by members of the Counselling Services. For example, this week, four women, along with Caucus supporters, visited psychiatrists and gynaecologists in order to get the signatures necessary to bring their cases before the hospital Abortion Committees.

The four women are only a fraction of the women who contact us – there are usually over thirty who come in to be counselled each week and more who phone. Women who can afford to leave the country are given that information, but the situation is desperate for poor women.

The Counselling Service can use all the help it can get. If you want to help confront the people and institutions creating this situation, call the office and leave your number, or call Melody Rudd at 433-1010.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>. Don't forget.

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