



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

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Signed

Deborah Curry

date

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 26, 1981

Thomas J. Hart
Lippman & Hart
Suite 220
1801 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Re: MUR 1386

Dear Mr. Hart:

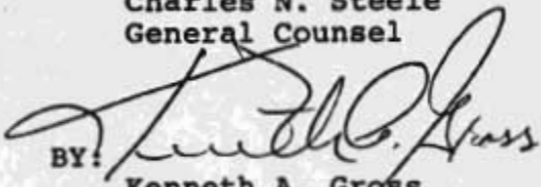
On June 26, 1981, the Commission notified you of a complaint alleging that your clients had violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

The Commission, on August 25, 1981, determined that on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe that a violation of any statute within its jurisdiction has been committed. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. This matter will become a part of the public record within 30 days.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele
General Counsel

BY:


Kenneth A. Gross
Associate General Counsel

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Re: MUR 1386

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Sincerely,

Charles W. Steele
General Counsel

cc:

Kenneth A. Gross
Associate General Counsel

James Hopp, Jr.
BRAMBS, BOFF, & BRAMBS
900 Sycamore Building
19 South Sixth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47807

Re: MUR 1386

Dear Mr. Hopp:

The Federal Election Commission has reviewed the allegations of your complaint dated June 1, 1981 and determined that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint and information provided by Respondent that there is no reason to believe that a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 as amended ("The Act") has been committed.

Accordingly, the Commission has decided to close the file in this matter. The Federal Election Campaign Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(6).

Should additional information come to your attention which you believe establishes a violation of the Act, you may file a complaint pursuant to the requirements set forth in 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 111.4.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Steele
General Counsel

BY:

Kenneth A. Cross
Associate General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 26, 1981

James Bopp, Jr.
BRAMES, BOPP, & HAYNES
900 Sycamore Building
19 South Sixth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47807

Re: MUR 1386

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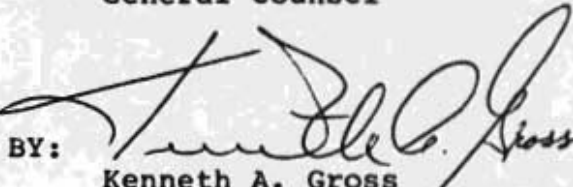
Accordingly, the Commission has decided to close the file in this matter. The Federal Election Campaign Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Should additional information come to your attention which you believe establishes a violation of the Act, you may file a complaint pursuant to the requirements set forth in 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 111.4.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele
General Counsel

BY:


Kenneth A. Gross
Associate General Counsel

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)

National Organization for Women)

Political Action Committee)

Maine National Organization for)

Women Political Action Committee)

MUR 1386

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on August 25, 1981, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions regarding MUR 1386:

1. Find no reason to believe that Maine NOW-PAC violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b or former 11 C.F.R. § 102.13 (former 2 U.S.C. § 435(b)).
2. Approve the letters as submitted with the First General Counsel's Report dated August 20, 1981.
3. CLOSE THE FILE.

Commissioners Aikens, Harris, McGarry, Reiche and Tiernan voted affirmatively in this matter; Commissioner Thomson did not cast a vote.

Attest:

8/26/81

Date

Marjorie W. Emmons

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary of the Commission

Received in Office of Commission Secretary:
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August 28, 1941

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. J. L. Bunker
FROM: Stephen A. Hayes
SUBJECT: MIA 1204

Please have the attached First General Counsel's
Report distributed to the Commission on a 48 hour tally
basis. Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Curry

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
1325 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

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FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL
BY OGC TO THE COMMISSION 8-20-81

MUR 1386
DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED
BY OGC June 4, 1981
DATE OF NOTIFICATION TO
RESPONDENT June 11, 1981
STAFF MEMBER
Deborah Curry

COMPLAINANT'S NAME: National Right to Life Committee, Inc.

RESPONDENTS' NAMES: National Organization for Women Political
Action Committee;
Maine National Organization for Women
Political Action Committee

RELEVANT STATUTE: 2 U.S.C. § 441b 11 C.F.R. § 102.13

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: MUR 1198

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

James Bopp, Jr. on behalf of the National Right to Life Committee ("NRLC") submitted a signed and sworn complaint (Attachment I) to the Federal Election Commission on June 4, 1981, alleging that Maine National Organization for Women Political Action Committee (Maine NOW-PAC) violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b by soliciting contributions from persons who were not members of the Maine National Organization for Women ("Maine Now").

In addition, the complaint alleges that Maine NOW-PAC failed to include the disclaimer required by 11 C.F.R. § 102.13 on

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solicitations of contributions.^{1/} The complaint requests that Maine NOW-PAC be instructed to return the allegedly illegally solicited funds to the donors.

This MUR (1386) grew out of a complaint filed by NRLC in MUR 1198. In MUR 1198 the Commission on July 1, 1980, found that there was no reason to believe that NOW-PAC or Maine NOW-PAC had violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). However, NRLC now offers additional evidence in the form of a copy of the March/April, 1981, Maine NOW Times which it believes indicates that Maine NOW-PAC is a separate segregated fund of Maine NOW.

FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

In its complaint, NRLC states that Maine NOW-PAC solicited non-member Maureen Sutton on February 11, 1980, for a contribution when Ms. Sutton read a brochure which had been posted on a bulletin board at the University of Maine. NRLC also alleges that Maine NOW-PAC is the separate segregated fund of Maine NOW. To support this allegation NLRC has submitted a copy of the March/April 1981, Maine NOW Times. NRLC states that according to this document Maine NOW-PAC is described as the political

^{1/} It appears that the complaint is referring to regulations prior to their revision as of April 1, 1980. The regulations were revised by the Commission so as to conform to the Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1979, Pub. L. No. 96-187, effective January 8, 1980. 11 C.F.R. § 102.13 and 2 U.S.C. § 435(b) required the notice, "A copy of our report is filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase from the Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C." The present regulations do not require such notice.

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action arm of Maine NOW. In addition, NRLC points to the same page of the Maine NOW Times that states that at a March Board Meeting Maine NOW voted to pay all future administrative costs of Maine NOW-PAC. Therefore, NRLC concludes that "[a]s a PAC connected to a membership organization, it [Maine NOW-PAC] is prohibited from soliciting contributions from any person not a member of the connected organization."

Relevant to the inquiry in the instant matter is the solicitation provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. As part of the Act's general prohibition against corporate spending in connection with federal elections, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(4)(A) states the following:

It shall be unlawful --

(i) for a corporation, or separate segregated fund established by a corporation, to solicit contributions to such a fund from any person other than its stockholders and thier families and its executive or administrative personnel and their families ...

(c) This paragraph shall not prevent a membership organization, cooperative, or corporation without capital stock, or a separate segregated fund, established by a membership organization, corperative, or corporation without capital stock from soliciting contributions to such a fund from members of such organization, co-operative, or corporation without capital stock.

Taken together these sections require two elements to constitute a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441b. First, Maine NOW-PAC must be a separate segregated fund of Maine NOW, and second solicitation of contributions in connection with a federal election from non-members of Maine NOW must have occurred.

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2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2)(c) provides for "the establishment, administration, and solicitation of contributions to a separate segregated fund to be used for political purposes ..." by a membership organization. The Maine NOW Times article states that Maine NOW-PAC is the political arm of Maine NOW and that Maine NOW had voted to pay all future administrative costs of Maine NOW-PAC.

Maine NOW-PAC in its reply to the complaint (Attachment II) states that it is "exclusively a state and local election political action committee" and that "Maine NOW-PAC neither solicits contributions for use in federal election campaigns nor contributes to any campaigns involving federal office." There is no indication from the Maine Now Times article that Maine NOW-PAC has supported or is contemplating supporting federal candidates. Further, Maine NOW-PAC states that it is entirely independent of NOW-PAC, which does contribute as a political committee to federal candidates, and that it is not affiliated with any other political committee. Main NOW-PAC further states that "[i]t maintains its own accounts and does not transfer any funds or otherwise contribute to NOW-PAC or to any other political committee covered by the Act. None of its officers are officers of NOW-PAC."

As Maine NOW-PAC has indicated that it is a state and local committee and is not a separate segregated fund established under the provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b) for the purpose of making contributions or expenditures for federal elections, it is not a political committee as defined by 2 U.S.C. § 431(4). Accordingly, there is no basis upon which to find a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441b.

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Likewise, NRLC's allegation that Maine NOW-PAC violated former 11 C.F.R. § 102.13 (former 2 U.S.C. § 435(b)), by its failure to include a disclaimer, is without merit as that section of the regulations and Act only applied to political committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission:

1. find no reason to believe that MAINE NOW-PAC violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b or former 11 C.F.R. § 102.13 (former 2 U.S.C. § 435(b));
2. approve the attached letters; and,
3. close the file.

Aug 19, 1981
Date

Charles N. Steele
General Counsel

BY:

Kenneth A. Gross
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Associate General Counsel

Attachments

- I. Complaint
- II. Response of Maine NOW PAC and NOW
- III. Letters

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MUR 1386 ①
ATTACHMENT I

TELEPHONE
(317) 880-8421

June 1, 1981

Federal Election Commission
1325 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20463

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), I am filing the following complaint of violation of federal election laws by the National Organization For Women Political Action Committee and the Maine NOW-PAC.

The Maine NOW-PAC is a Political Action Committee whose Treasurer is JoAnne Dauphinee, 23 March Street, Bangor, Maine 04401. This PAC claims to be affiliated with the National Organization For Women Political Action Committee which is registered with the Federal Election Commission and is the connected PAC to the National Organization For Women. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the March/April, 1981, Maine NOW Times. On page 3 Maine NOW-PAC is described as the "political action arm of Maine NOW". In addition, the article indicates at the March State Board Meeting, Maine NOW voted that in the future all administrative costs of Maine NOW -PAC will be paid by Maine NOW. It is obvious, therefore, that Maine NOW-PAC is the separate segregated fund of Maine NOW. As a PAC connected to a membership organization, it is prohibited from soliciting contributions from any person not a member of the connected organization. 2 USC § 441 b.

Maine NOW-PAC, however, has solicited members and contributions in violation of federal election laws. Specifically, on February 11, 1980, Maureen Sutton found a brochure soliciting members and contributions from Maine NOW-PAC on the bulletin board of the University of Southern Maine as revealed in her affidavit which is attached herewith.

Accordingly, we request that the Federal Election Commission immediately investigate this complaint and determine whether or not the National Organization For Women Political Action Committee and its affiliated or subordinating PACs including Maine NOW-PAC are soliciting contributions or membership from persons who are not members of NOW, its connected organization.

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Federal Election Commission
June 1, 1981

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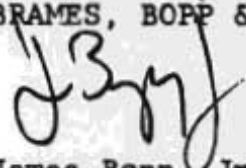
In addition, the solicitation for contributions by Maine NOW-PAC has failed to include the required disclaimer. 11 CFR 102.13. We request the Federal Election Commission to investigate whether or not NOW-PAC and its affiliated or subordinated PAC such as Maine NOW-PAC are failing to comply with this requirement of the law.

To prevent illegal funds from being used in 1980 elections, we request that NOW-PAC and Maine NOW-PAC be instructed to return these funds illegally solicited to the donor.

Under penalties for perjury, I believe that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I have personally prepared this complaint. This complaint was not filed for and on behalf of any candidate.

Sincerely,

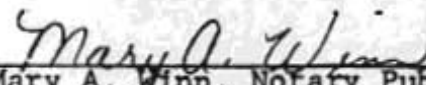
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James Bopp, Jr.

JB:maw
Enclosures

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for Vigo County, Indiana, this 1st day of June, 1981.

My Commission Expires
December 14, 1984


Mary A. Winn, Notary Public
County of Residence: Clay

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I, Maureen Sutton, first being sworn, hereby depose and state:

1. I reside at 23 Neal Street, Portland, Maine.
2. On February 11, 1980, I found the attached brochure of Maine NOW-PAC on the bulletin board of the University of Southern Maine.

DATED: March 9, 1980

Maureen Sutton
Maureen Sutton

STATE OF MAINE
CUMBERLAND, SS.

March 9, 1980.

Personally appeared the above-named Maureen Sutton and made oath that the foregoing Affidavit by her subscribed is true and correct.

Before me,

Ralph J. [Signature]
Notary Public

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believes in your right to choose

PRO-CHOICE MEANS

- if you want to have children, the government has no right to interfere
- consenting to sterilization should not be a requirement of other procedures (childbirth or abortion)
- the government has no right to demand that your pregnancy be revealed to either your husband or parents
- the community and government should provide information and access to contraceptive information and services
- when all is said and done, it is the pregnant woman's **RIGHT** to decide whether or not to terminate her pregnancy
- every woman, regardless of income, has a right to medical care during pregnancy, childbirth, or abortion
- support for research on birth defects, genetic counseling, birth control, pre- and post-natal care, and quality reproductive health care
- respect for women, our right to privacy, our right to religious freedom, our right to choose the number and the spacing of our children

ANTI-CHOICE MEANS

- anti-contraceptives
- anti-IUD's
- anti-birth control pills
- anti-voluntary sterilization
- anti-family planning
- anti-amniocentesis
- anti-birth defects research
- anti-responsible sex education
- anti-right to privacy
- anti-separation of church and state
- anti-abortion even to save the woman's life
- anti-woman's right to choose

"Right to Lifers" in Pennsylvania advocate death as a punishment for abortion

ANTI-CHOICE IS ANTI-PEOPLE. THEY MUST BE STOPPED!

MYTH: No one has to get pregnant in this day and age. Forced pregnancy is the price for being careless or ignorant.

MYTH: We can't afford to pay for the abortions of poor women.

MYTH: If contraceptive information and services are improved, it will encourage teens to have more sexual relationships.

MYTH: Anti-choice is pro-life.

FACT: It costs far less to pay for abortions than to pay for forced pregnancies, support for mother and child, and medical care for the victims of botched abortions.*

FACT: One-third of all couples practicing birth control for five years has an unwanted pregnancy. Only men are secure in the knowledge that they can't get pregnant.

FACT: 5,000 women between the ages of 14 and 20 become pregnant in Maine each year. 70% are using no method of birth control. Teen pregnancies are an alarming reality. Contraceptive information and access, good pre- and post-natal care, and safe, legal abortions are all responses to the needs of our young women.

FACT: Four times as many women die of childbirth as of legal abortion. Teens have the highest mortality and morbidity rate. When your life and health are at stake, the choice should be yours.

..... did you know

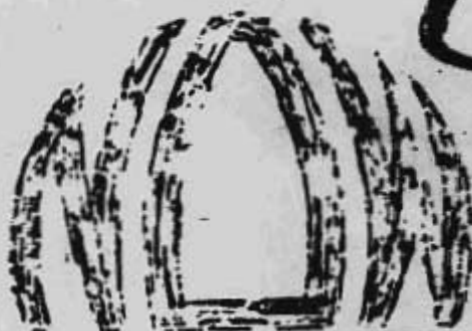
- 80% of Maine people support the right of a woman to choose whether or not to terminate her pregnancy
- every pro-choice incumbent legislator identified by Maine anti-choice won re-election to the 109th Maine legislature
- even though the Democrats support abortion funding and voted that support into the Maine Democratic platform, every male Democratic senator voted the anti-choice position.

- Maine NOW testified at every hearing concerning Choice in the 109th legislature
- Maine NOW lobbied every Maine legislator on the issue of Choice, over half in person or by phone
- the Maine Legislature did not once support the pro-choice position on any piece of legislation in the 109th.

We must truly weigh what we know to be true. Childbirth can be an affirmation of life or a resignation to it.

Abortion can also be an affirmation of life, a position commitment to ourselves, and to those already in our lives.

T. Hunt Page
Sandy



MAINE

TIMES

March/April

NATIONAL
ORGANIZATION
FOR WOMEN

1981

THEY CALL US MILITANTS, BUT GENERAL WESTMORELAND, GENERAL ABRAMS, GENERAL MOTORS, AND GENERAL DYNAMICS - THEY'RE THE REAL MILITANTS. WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A HELICOPTER.

Flo Kennedy

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! SAVE YOUR PENNIES!! PREPARE TO ATTEND...

THE NINTH ANNUAL MAINE NOW CONFERENCE

MAY 16

COLE'S TOWER, BOWDOIN COLLEGE

BRUNSWICK

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THE FEMINIST ETHICAL MAJORITY

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The majority of American people support the Equal Rights Amendment, the Right to Choose, Assistance to victims of family violence, non-discrimination in employment (& housing & credit & education, etc.), equal pay for work of comparable value... In short, the majority of Americans support either all or most of the Feminist Agenda. Ethics refers to a discipline, such as feminism, that deals with what is good and bad and with moral duty and obligation and principles of conduct by which we should govern ourselves. We are the FEMINIST ETHICAL MAJORITY and, in order to make our agenda a reality, we dedicate ourselves to effective and ethical actions to preserve and promote feminism.

ONE CAN NEVER CONSENT TO CREEP WHEN ONE FEELS AN IMPULSE TO SOAR.
-Helen Keller

Plan to attend THE NINTH ANNUAL MAINE NOW CONFERENCE

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND RESPONSIBLE WOMEN AND MEN (Still subject to change as the MNT goes to press)

NOTE: Throughout the day, there will be an ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBIT & SALES by Maine women (see separate story); MAINE NOW Propaganda and Sales Table; WOMEN NOW film; and various films from Colby, Phyllis Mannocchi's Women's Studies class

9 am - REGISTRATION

10am - GREETINGS - Marilyn Kirby, State Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRO TO CONFERENCE - Joan Trento, Brunswick NOW

THE FEMINIST ETHICAL MAJORITY - Lois Reckitt, NE NOW and/or JoAnne Dauphinee, Asst. St. Coor.

(SCHEDULE continued on page two)

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR NINTH ANNUAL MAINE NOW CONFERENCE-BRUNSWICK

NAME

I do ☐ do not ☐ need

ADDRESS

childcare, other needs???

PHONE

ENCLOSED IS MY PRE-REGISTRATION OF \$3 ☐ (\$5 will be asked at the door, but no one will be turned away for inability to pay)

ALSO ENCLOSED MY CONTRIBUTION OF \$ ☐

(Make checks payable to "Brunswick Area NOW" & mail to: Joan Trento
11 A Maple Street, Brunswick ME 04011)

MAINE NOW

STATE COOR. Marilyn Kirby POBox5195 Sta A, PtInd. 04101.....772-2753
 ASST. ST. COOR. JoAnne Dauphinee 23 March St, Bangor 04401...942-2830
 LEGIS. COOR. Melody Chadbourne RFD Box 13, Harmony 04942....683-5252
 SCRIBE Kim Block 57 Deering St Portland 04101.....772-3445
 TREASURER Chuck Melanson POBOX 868 Wells 04090.....646-2507
 CHAPTER ID # - CHAPTER - CONTACT PERSON
 0100 BRUNSWICK AREA NOW, Joan Tronto 11A Maple, Bruns.....725-7621
 0025 GREATER BANGOR NOW, Melody Chadbourne (see above).....
 0600 GREATER FARMINGTON NOW, Deb Stahler, BOX 891, Farmington 684-4142
 0275 GREATER PORTLAND NOW, Marilyn Kirby (see above).....
 0022 MOUNT DESERT ISLAND NOW, Chris Rusnov, 2 Higgins Terrace,
 Bar Harbor 04609....288-4501
 0800 WASHINGTON COUNTY NOW, Lois Tetreault, Woodland 04694...427-6951
 no# AUBURN-LEWISTON AREA NOW, Jennifer DeLong-White.....783-2042
 no# AROOSTOOK COUNTY NOW, Paulette Dodge POBox948, P.I....762-6391

NORTHEAST REGIONAL NOW REP'S TO THE NATIONAL NOW-BOARD

Lois Galgay Reckitt 38 Myrtle Ave So. Portland Maine 04106
 207-799-8744 (Northeast Regional Director)
 Theresa Bergen 284 79th St. Brooklyn, N.Y. 11209 212-833-9530
 Rosemary Trowbridge 10 Dana St #11 Cambridge Mass. 02138
 617-492-4689
 Anne del Prado 3 Edgehill Rd. Winchester, Mass. 01890
 617-729-9410 (H) 617-727-7035 (W)

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE continued

10:45 am - WORKSHOP 1

- A. Ethical Issues of Abortion - JoAnne Dauphinee
- B. Take Back The Family - Lois Reckitt
- C. Education May Be Hazardous To Your Health (if the Moral Majority (sic) controls it) - Vendean Vafiades

Noon - Lunch break / Don't forget the ARTS AND CRAFTS, etc. !!

12:50 pm - MAINE NOW STATE BOARD ELECTIONS

1 pm - "SO, YOU THINK YOU KNOW FEMINISM?" - A panel of veteran feminist activists participate in a lively match of wits, knowledge and insight on critical issues and strategies for the feminist 80's action agenda (ERA, HLA, etc.)

QUIZMS. - Joan Tronto

PANEL (subject to change) - JoAnn Fritsche, Affirmative Action Director, UMO
 Lois Reckitt, NE Regional NOW Director
 Theresa Bergen, National NOW Board
 JoAnne Dauphinee, Assistant State Coordinator
 Rosemary Trowbridge, National NOW Board
 Anne del Prado, National NOW Board

TALLY & TIMEKEEPERS - Deb Stahler, Melody Chadbourne, and Kim Block

2:40 - WORKSHOP 2

- A. Racism - Anne del Prado C. Feminism & the Indian Nation -
- B. Feminist Men - Peter Prizer Penobscot Nation women
- D. Rural Feminists & Isolation - Deb Stahler & Melody Chadbourne

4:05 - WORKSHOP 3

- A. Lesbian CR - Christine Torraca
- B. Anger - Liz Cinnamon

NOTE: During WORKSHOPS 1, 2, & 3 the option of attending a Demonstration of CR is also being offered, each with limited enrollment.

6pm Dinner break 7:30 Entertainment 9pm Dance (\$2 donation asked)

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I WANT TO JOIN MAINE NOW

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

(Checks payable to "MAINE NOW"
 & send to MARILYN KIRBY
 address at top of page)

ENCLOSED IS THE FULL REGULAR DUES OF \$30 ☐

ENCLOSED ARE THE DUES I CAN AFFORD (MINIMUM \$11)\$ ☐

PLEASE MAKE ME A MEMBER OF (GIVE CHAPTER #, SEE TOP OF PAGE, AND/or Name of CHAPTER) _____

CRAFTY WOMEN TAKE NOTE !!
ANNOUNCING!

There will be a Women's Art/Craft show and sale at the Maine NOW Conference, May 16, 1981. This year's conference will be held at Cole's Tower, Bowdoin College, in Brunswick (see front page story). The Art/Craft Show will be just one of the many exciting events planned for this all day affair.

There will be a fee of \$3 for women wishing to display art/craft items, or a fee of \$5 for women selling their work. Those interested in participating should contact Deb Stahler (684-4142) Box 891, Farmington 04938, for more info & to pre-register. There are many fine craftswomen in Maine. We hope to hear from you!

MAINE NOW PAC (MNP)

MNP IS THE POLITICAL ACTION ARM OF MAINE NOW, CREATED TO RAISE AND DISTRIBUTE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING CANDIDATES AND PROMOTING ISSUES SUPPORTED BY MEMBERS OF MAINE NOW. Current Officers:

President- Melody Chadbourne

Scribe- Joan Tronto

Treasurer- JoAnne Dauphinee

Contributions should be sent to

MAINE NOW PAC

23 MARCH STREET

BANGOR ME 04401

Checks to "MAINE NOW-PAC"

MNP distributed over \$400 in the 1980 elections, and we hope to raise considerably more than that for 1982. In our last report, we noted the treasury stood at \$109. Since then we have received two contributions totalling \$25.00. We authorized expenditures of \$80. \$35 (of the \$80) has been spent to prepare raffle tickets to be sold to raise money for MNP. The drawing will be August 22, the Saturday before Women's Rights Day. \$45 dollars was authorized to promote L.D. 761, the lesbian and gay rights bill.

At the March State Board meeting Maine NOW voted that in the future all administrative costs of MNP would be paid by Maine NOW, so that the original administrative costs of each future project would be returned to Maine NOW but all profits from future projects would go to MNP. It was felt that should a particular fundraiser fail, the costs could better be absorbed by Maine NOW.

Our treasury for MNP stands at \$54.68. Won't you become a supporter of MNP?

STOP HLA

Maine NOW raised well over the \$1800 required to place the STOP HLA ad in the February 15th (Susan Anthony's birthday) edition of the Maine Sunday Telegram. The full-page ad contained over 400 names from all parts of Maine. Our deep thanks to all who contributed time, money, and names to this important effort. Representatives of Maine NOW visited the offices of our federal delegation to discuss HLA with them or their staff. What follows are excerpts from written responses to our efforts.

Olympia Snowe - "I have always felt that the choice of whether or not to have an abortion is a personal, moral, and religious one which should be left to each individual woman. While I plan to pay close attention to any developments in this area, I do not intend to support a human life amendment."

David Emery - "I have always been and continue to be opposed to abortion as a means of birth control except when the pregnancy endangers the mother's life, and support Rep. Oberstar's Human Life Amendment, H.J. Res. 125 which includes that exception. I feel that the so-called 'Paramount Human Life Amendment', introduced by Senator Helms and Rep. Dornan, goes too far in its attempt to define life, and eliminates choice in contraceptive methods. I cannot possibly support that language for those reasons. I continue to support Family Planning programs and the availability of sex education classes for teenagers as responsible alternatives to abortion..."

George Mitchell - "I have not cosponsored or endorsed any constitutional approach to the abortion issue because I believe that amendments to the Constitution should not be lightly undertaken, and because on this issue, I believe a far more thorough review of the entire question and its implications for Constitutional law is necessary...I will keep in mind both the position you espouse and the concerns of those who believe the issue does merit Constitutional action..."

William Cohen - "Earlier this year, Senator Helms introduced legislation in the Senate which would amend the Constitution to prohibit
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abortions under any circumstances. I cannot support the Helms approach. In my view, a constitutional ban on abortions may create more problems than it would resolve, particularly in the area of federal-state relations. Moreover, it would detract from a very serious problem, which is the prevention of unwanted pregnancies in a responsible manner."

Comment by JoAnne Dauphinee

Political doublespeak and partial responses are an art no politician can survive without. Snow's letter is the clearest and most responsive to the issue, with Emery's a close second though regrettably with a negative message. Even though Cohen runs on to a third page in his letter, on HLA he is more alarming in what he fails to say than comforting in what he does say. Cohen refers to the most outrageous HLA of them all (there are many versions) and assures us he cannot support "the Helms approach". One might imply that he could support a different approach; or, should we take comfort in that his two stated concerns are "federal-state relations" and "prevention of unwanted pregnancies"? Cohen's voting record on abortion issues is mixed. While we commend his unfailing support for funding, I for one am not content to trust he will do the right thing on all pro-choice issues.

Mitchell, who is basically anti-choice gets the award for double-speak on this issue (and a few other issues as well). "more thorough review...necessary", "I will examine the...record" keeping in mind both positions - He has not told us anything, except that if we want a response we must write again.

HLB, not to be confused with HLA is now an even more immediate concern. Two identical bills have been introduced in the Senate (S.158) and House (H.R.900) which would allow the States to outlaw all abortions - without exceptions and without regard for the life of the mother. 41 SENATORS FAVOR THIS BILL AND THE HOUSE IS BARELY SHORT OF THE SIMPLE MAJORITY NEEDED FOR PASSAGE. If abortion is still legal in this state by the time you read this, I urge you to get off your ass and do something to help preserve that right.

Short range: Telegrams, calls, and letters to the federal delegation. Circulation of petitions, letters to editors, demonstrations.

Long range: If your state representative is not pro-choice vote her or him out of office. Contribute time and/or money to Maine NOW-PAC and/or

Pro-choice groups of your choice. Find out who in or near your community performs abortions and find out who, if any will continue to offer abortions when and if the law changes. Become visible in your community for choice so women needing abortions will know who to turn to.

In April Congress takes a break. While our federal reps are home arrange to visit them to talk about abortion. If they will not give you an appointment (or even if they will) find out whether they plan to speak in or near your town while they are home. Track them down, a demonstration is best, but any indication that you are pro-choice would be helpful.

Senators recess- April 13-20
House recess - April 16-26

THERE'S NO MOVEMENT IF EACH ONE OF US DOESN'T MOVE. PERSONALLY, I'LL SUPPORT ANYTHING THAT'S OFF ITS ASS.

Flo Kennedy

My friends, for many in Congress the issue is not whether to support choice or not, the issue is which HLA and/or HLB is the best way to oppose choice. Being calm and logical and "reasonable" is not working. They have got to understand that our right to control our bodies is not a tradable issue.

I quote from Mitchell's letter: "I hope that the question does not divide people who share similar goals in all other areas."

Friends, our backs are against the wall. The situation is not of our making. No one said life is fair if you're a politician. I for one will not waste my time energy or vote on anyone who is not pro-choice. One good thing; there will be so few candidates that qualify for my help, it will be the easiest political season of my career.

MAINE - Senator David Huber who sponsored the abortion-funding bill this session (as in previous sessions), has so far held the bill in legislative drafting. Since he insisted on being the sole sponsor, only he can release it. He fears if he does, restrictive legislation will also be released and, given the current mood, I disagree with his tactic, but I agree with his conclusion. For Choice, J.D.

IT IS BETTER TO VOTE FOR WHAT YOU WANT AND NOT GET IT THAN TO VOTE FOR WHAT YOU DON'T WANT AND GET IT. - Old Feminist Proverb

FEMINIST CALENDAR ITEMS

- APRIL 9 Judiciary Hearing on L.D.961, Lesbian & Gay Rights - KEEP THOSE CARDS & LETTERS POURING IN TO YOUR LEGISLATORS THROUGH APRIL!! THANKS !!!
- 13 - Betty Williams, Irish Peace activist, Hauck, UMO 8pm
- 14 - Student Act. Cntr., UMA, Potluck, film, discussion
- 20 - Justice For All film, "Welfare" 7:30pm, All Souls Church, 11 King St, Augusta (hereafter just "All Souls") 622-3232
- 26 - Poet-Activist Kala Ladenheim reading, 3pm, New Leaf Books, 23 Main, Rockport
- 27 - Justice For All film "With Intent to Harm" 7:30 All Souls
- Secretary Week begins (patriarchal creation)
- oops, All Souls will also show "Holy Outlaw" and the role of Civil Disobedience will be discussed
- "GERTRUDE STEIN GERTRUDE STEIN" Westbrook College, performance by Pat Carrol \$12
- 29 - Grtr. Bangor NOW POTLUCK at Cyn's house, 387 College Ave. Orono, everyone welcome!
- MAY
- 2 & 3 - Holly Near - Boston
- 3 Pentagon March (contact: MADN, Box 331, Westbrook)
- 4 - film "3,000 Years & Life" at All Souls, Augusta
- 5 - Everywoman's Center, Waterville film, Potluck, discussion
- 8,9,10 - Lesbian & Gay Symp. Ptld.
- 9 - 2nd Annual New Hampshire WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL (contact: YWCA Everywomen's Center, 72 Concord St., Manchester, NH 603-625-5785)
- 10 - MOTHER'S DAY MARCH & CELEBRATION for PEACE, Woolwich to Bath (see story on earlier page of this issue of MWT)
- 11 - film "Politics of Torture" All Souls Augusta
- 16 - NINTH ANNUAL MAINE NOW STATE CONFERENCE "THE FEMINIST ETHICAL MAJORITY" see p.1
- 18 - film "Rape Culture" All Souls
- 23 - Grtr. Bangor NOW CARWASH, Union St., Bangor
- 27 - Greater Bangor NOW meeting

JUNE

- ? - Hot Rumor: Margie Adam in concert, Portland (contact Maine Women's Lobby, Box 15, Hallowell)
- 5-7 Women's Weekend, contact YWCA NH (see address for 5/9/81)
- 11-14 - East Coast Women's Music Festival write: 246 Mass Ave, Cambridge 02140

WORKING WOMEN'S RIGHTS PROJECT

Since the summer of 1980 the WWRP has been holding a series of one and two hour workshops for women clerical workers. Designed to increase the awareness among women office workers of their rights as women and as employees, the workshop topics include affirmative action, pregnancy, sexual harassment, and job safety.

These and other legal issues are presented in an informational/discussion format and provide a forum for women to share their common concerns and experiences as well as develop positive ways to combat sex discrimination in their work places.

As a legal education project of the Maine Civil Liberties Union the WWRP offers these workshops on job rights free of charge. Interested groups (formal, ad hoc etc) should call WWRP Director Cynthia Strout at the MCLU office 774-5444.

BOYCOTT NESTLE

Infants in non-famine areas of developing countries are needlessly dying from severe malnutrition and dehydration due to improper preparation of infant formula. Frequently, pure drinking water and refrigeration are absent; instructions are inadequate and misunderstood. Nestle is the largest infant formula distributor in the third world. In spite of appeals by boycott organizers they continue to promote their product against people, for the almighty profit.

Nestle names to BOYCOTT (partial list): Taster's Choise, Nescafe, Nestle's Crunch, Libby-MacNeil, Libby, Souptime, Nestea, Quik, Decaf, Stouffers, Chocolate Chips... For more info: National INFAC 1701 University Ave, SE Minneapolis MN 55414 (612) 331-2333.

GROWING OLD...GRACEFULLY???

About 1/3 of the 5 million older women who live alone have yearly incomes of \$3,000 or less. For Black women its \$2,000. 1/3 of all widows live below the poverty line. Only 2% of widows get their husbands' pension benefits. 25% of all working (outside the home) women can expect to be poor in old age. Maybe NOW is the time to support the GRAY PANTHERS!!

MAINE NOW LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The following quote is from a speech by Laura X, who recently led a successful campaign in California to make marital rape a crime. Marital rape is now illegal in less than a dozen states. Maine is not one of them.

IN THE END IT BECAME CLEAR THAT NONE OF THE ARGUMENTS FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR WIVES WITH OTHER RAPE VICTIMS, OR EVEN THE ARGUMENTS TO STOP ALLOWING THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE TO BE A HAVEN FOR VIOLENCE, SWAYED THE LEGISLATORS, BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT OPEN TO RATIONAL ARGUMENTS...WHAT FINALLY AFFECTED THE LEGISLATORS, I'M TOLD, WAS THE FLOOD OF CALLS AND LETTERS IN FAVOR OF OUR CAMPAIGN. THIS IS WHAT COUNTED FOR THEIR RE-ELECTIONS, AND THIS IS WHAT THEY LISTENED TO. THE LESSON HERE APPEARS TO BE THAT OUR ROLE IS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC...SO THEY...WILL PUT POLITICAL PRESSURE ON THE LEGISLATURE.

- L.D. 961 - Lesbian and gay rights bill- This bill was drafted and introduced at Maine NOW's request. Sponsors are Senator Conley Rep. Connolly, Rep. Baker, and Rep. Benoit. Maine NOW is circulating petitions, coordinating testimony, encouraging letters and postcards, and offering to coordinate rides to the hearing. If the hearing date is known by the time this is published, the date and time are on page 1. We request your help and support throughout April, and those able to attend the hearing are requested to do so. Letters are crucial! Letters to editors are very effective too. Support L.D.961. Equality is useless if there is no justice.

LESBIANISM IS TOO NEAR THE BONE FOR MANY WOMEN, AND TOO DISORIENTATING TO THE ARROGANCE OF MOST MEN. Dr. Charlotte Wolff

- L.D. unknown - Pine Tree "Jobs" bill - The last time I checked this bill did not have an L.D. number yet. Sponsored by Senator Najarian and Rep. Beaulieu, and promoted by Pine Tree Legal, this bill changes the method of calculating AFDC grants to provide better incentive to seek work. Currently, the method has disincentives that actually penalize recipients if they work. For Maine NOW, Dauphinee will offer written or oral testimony supporting the bill. We will also offer our support for the governor's call for a 7% increase in AFDC benefits.
- L.D. 966 - Maine Family Protection Act- Opposed by Maine NOW. The hearing on this restrictive legislation was 3/18 before the Education Committee. For Maine NOW, Stahler will write a letter of opposition to members of the committee, with a copy to Maine Family Planning (also opposed to L.D.966).
- L.D. 644 - Establishing the Women's Training and Employment Program - Supported by Maine NOW, Chadbourne will offer written or oral testimony to the Appropriations Committee. Hearing 3/30
- L.D. 617 - D.C. Representation, Ratification of Amendment to the U.S. Constitution - Supported by Maine NOW, Tronto will write or encourage chapter member to write to members of the State Government Committee. Hearing was 3/25.
- L.D. 658 - Alternative Working Hours in State Government - Supported by Maine NOW, Tronto will encourage a chapter member to write on our behalf to members of the State Government Committee.
- L.D. unknown - Funding for Domestic Violence Shelters - This bill will provide a cost-of-living increase for Piscataquis and Washington counties, and carries a full price tag of \$84,000. Stahler will write Maine NOW's support to members of the Appropriations Committee. The funding level of \$84,000, recommended by Human Services Commissioner Petit, was deleted by the governor in his final budget request. Letters of support for funding of Domestic Violence Shelters should be sent to the Appropriations Committee throughout April. (This is the case for all funding bills, including the 7% increase for AFDC recipients.)

MAINE NOW LEGISLATIVE UPDATE cont.

- L.D. 974 - Rights of Privacy for Recipients of Assistance - Hearing was 3/18. Maine NOW supports.
- L.D. 1042 - To Make "Threat of Force" sufficient to convict of Rape - Hearing 3/26. Maine NOW had not reviewed this bill prior to State Board meeting on 3/21, and a copy was not available at that meeting.
- L.D. unknown - Making Customers of Prostitutes Who are Minors Liable to a Fine - Supported by Maine NOW.
- L.D. unknown - To Ban Rental Discrimination Against Families With Children - This bill had no L.D. number yet last time I checked. This is one of Governor Brennan's bills.
- L.D. 769 - Unemployment Benefit improvement - Supported by Maine NOW. Persons likely to be helped by this bill are women with children. It alters the requirement that an unemployed person must be available 24 hours a day for work, so that certain reasonable exceptions might be made. For example, if a woman had to turn down a night-shift job because of inability to arrange child care, she might remain eligible for unemployment benefits, so long as reasonable prospects for employment remain. Sponsor: Rep Beaulieu.
- L.D. 739 - Food Stamp Benefits in cases of Immediate Economic Loss - This bill would assure that families eligible for food stamps would receive them in the month that they become eligible, based on their actual economic circumstances. Supported by Maine NOW. Likely to pass. Sponsor: Sen Conley.
- L.D. 698 - To Prohibit Dissemination of Obscene Material - Opposed by Maine NOW. This bill contains restrictive definitions of obscenity and requires a jury trial. (Also, there have been past attempts to declare material on abortion obscene, as well as material on homosexuality.)
- L.D. 699 - Providing a Period of Silence in Public Schools - Opposed by Maine NOW. In second reading and likely to pass.
- L.D. 608 - To allow Reasonable Attorney's Fees as a Remedy in Actions Under the Maine Human Rights Act - Supported by Maine NOW. Still in the Judiciary Committee at the end of March.
- L.D. 814 - To Increase the Maximum Civil Penalties under the Maine Human Rights Act - Supported by Maine NOW. Hearing was 3/11. Bill was still in the Judiciary Committee as of late March.
- L.D. 335 - To Change the Name of the Department of Manpower Affairs to the Dept. of Labor and Industry - "in deference to affirmative action and equal opportunity laws and policies." Supported by Maine NOW. Engrossed in the House, but indefinitely postponed in the Senate.

DEAF CAN CALL LEGISLATORS

A Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) has been loaned to the Maine legislature and is available between 8am and 5pm. The TDD phone number is 289-2511.

BEING A MOTHER IS A NOBLE STATUS, RIGHT? RIGHT. SO WHY DOES IT CHANGE WHEN YOU PUT "UNWED" OR "WELFARE" IN FRONT OF IT? Flo Kennedy

MOTHER'S DAY MARCH FOR PEACE

On May 10th, Mainers will gather on the north side of the bridge in Woolwich on Rt1 for a parade and celebration for Peace. The celebration will include a slide show, information tables, workshops in the library, and, possibly, a film on El Salvador. The site of this action was chosen because of its proximity to Bath Iron Works, a company that enjoys \$8 billion in Navy Contracts. The organizers hope that this action will provide the information and enthusiasm for people to organize in their respective communities a basis for a peacetime mentality to counter the Reagan wartime mentality.

For more information on the Mother's Day Peace Celebration you can contact:

Sparky or Sue 772-6953
or Sandra Piechocki
338-1441

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Lucia Ames Mead 1900

REPORTS FROM THE FRONT LINES

GREATER BANGOR NOW - GBNOW has been very active over the last few months. In January, we reaffirmed the following folks to a second term: Melody Chadbourne, President and JoAnne Dauphinee, Scribe. We welcome to their first term: Mike Carter, V.P. Cyndie Smith, Treasurer and Kit Smith, Outreach and Welcomer. On Feb. 8, we assisted at the NOW table during the Holly Near concert, and there we began collection of signatures on NOW's Lesbian and Gay Rights Petition. On Feb. 15th, we held the Susan B. Anthony Coffeehouse at the Brewer Savings Bank. Over 40 people attended and a good time was had by all. JoAnne and Cyndie entertained with music. On Feb. 17th, we held our CR (Consciousness Raising) Demo with 18 women attending. The CR group started with 16, and has settled at 15 women. We're in our final weeks with this group, and consider it our chapter's most satisfying activity. In March, we gave some modest assistance to the Women's Symposium at U.M.O., and circulated petitions at the Meg Christian Concert. JoAnne facilitated a workshop on ERA. We sponsored a table for Women's Issues Day at the Airport Mall in Bangor. On the 21st of March we hosted the Maine NOW State Board meeting. Plans for April include a carwash, and on April 29th we are having a Potluck at Cyndie's, 387 College Ave, Orono. In May we are looking into the possibility of state Senator, Mary Najarian coming to speak. Special thanks to Jan Stratton for assisting with a bunch of shitwork for GBNOW recently. Thanks to Kit too, and to all who make our chapter one to be proud of!

MOUNT DESERT ISLAND NOW - Volunteers to fill the following positions stepped forward in Jan. and Feb: Coordinator, Chris Rusnov - Asst Coordinator, Mohya Hutt-Smith - Scribe, I've Miro - Treasurer, Marty Williams - Munchies Coor., Helen Douglas - Greeter, Julia Smith - Newsletter, Rose Frick. MDI NOW's Founder, Joanne DeLuca, is moving out of state. She deserves much thanks and credit for nurturing MDI NOW from the summer of '79 until her moving on. Best wishes Joanne! The January meeting was a discussion meeting on HLA and on Domestic Violence. A Domestic Violence Task Force was formed and Mary Follett (288-4509) will serve as the contact person. In Feb, we had an Indoor Garage and Bake sale to fatten the treasury. In March, Deb Stahler of Greater Farmington NOW offered a Carpentry Workshop; we had a chapter Pot Luck; and on the 21st, MDI NOW and the League of Women Voters sponsored a "MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS" session at the YWCA. Roland Salisbury and Meredith Bordeaux were there for the legislature. A poll of the audience on abortion-funding resulted in 36 out of 40 in favor. Though most of the audience were women, only 8 were NOW members. The poll results were a poignant surprise to our legislators. In other action, the task force met with community leaders; also, chapter members sent postcards to legislators supporting the lesbian and gay rights bill.

LOSERISM IS WHEN OPPRESSED PEOPLE SIT AROUND AND THINK UP REASONS WHY THEY CAN'T DO SOMETHING. WELL, JUST DO IT. THINKING UP REASONS WHY YOU CAN'T IS THE ESTABLISHMENT'S JOB.

Florynce R. Kennedy, Esq.

FRONT LINES, cont.

WASHINGTON COUNTY NOW - Membership: Most of our winter meetings have had a small turnout of 5 or 6 people. When we have had guest speakers we've had up to 16 people present. Some people who have been active in Washington County have never been to a meeting. They write or call me and ask what letters we want written, what petitions or information we want circulated. These "stay at home" activists are great when it comes to getting things stirred up out there in the swamps and bushes. Newsletter: Hoping to have our first attempt out soon. We are having some trouble getting access to a copier. Stop HLA: We have put a lot of effort into circulating Women USA's anti-HLA petitions. It is planned that some of our members will spend a day in Calais distributing information on the Stop HLA campaign. Guest Speakers: We had a speaker and film from the Wash. Cnty Domestic Violence Project with 14 attending. It was necessary to cancel a March meeting when we had hoped to have Barbara Patterson speak on the Women's Training and Employment Program. Feminist Literature: There is little or nothing available in our area on Feminism, Women's Studies, etc. Until we get the people who order the books for our libraries to wake up, we will be donating such books ourselves (and loudly bragging about it to the local press!) Any suggestions on book lists from other NOW members welcome. Films: Suggestions on films also welcome. Dow Study: To make a research study valid, it has to be distributed around the country all at the same time. The Dow Study (abortion) Questionnaire is now being printed. Lesbian and Gay Rights: Chapter people are writing letters of support for L.D. 961 to Senator Larry Brown.

GREATER FARMINGTON NOW - Our chapter is really beginning to click again. We had a Potluck dinner and meeting on Feb. 25th. We showed the filmstrip, "Women NOW" and we had plenty to talk about. We set up another Potluck for March 25th and the main topic will be CR. Several women said they will find a meeting place, set the time, and publicize a Demonstration CR. They are very enthusiastic about getting Consciousness Raising going! GFNOW contributed to Maine NOW's Stop HLA ad campaign, both with money and by collecting signatures. We are also circulating ERA petitions and Lesbian and Gay Rights petitions. For the Maine NOW Conference, May 16th, Deb Stahler is coordinating a Women's Arts and Crafts exhibit (see separate article). Deb offers a Women's Carpentry Workshop as well, and recently did one for the MDI NOW Chapter.

BRUNSWICK AREA NOW - BRUNSWICK AREA NOW organized the ERA Service at the Unitarian Church in Brunswick on 22 March, the ninth anniversary of the passage of ERA. At our March meeting we discussed ERA fundraising for the summer, HLA, and the Lesbian and Gay Rights bill (L.D. 961). We wrote letters to Congress and to some state legislators on those issues. In April, Maddy Spadula will speak at our meeting, 2 April, in the Women's Center at 24 College Street, on Women and Alcoholism. In our continuing efforts on HLA, we are organizing coffees to discuss reproductive rights. If interested in sponsoring a coffee, call Joan (725-7621). Our May meeting will be our annual meeting, with election of officers. We're all eager to see you at the NOW STATE CONFERENCE!!!

GREATER PORTLAND NOW - The leadership search is still on for a chapter President! Interested?!? We'd like to thank Anne Melanson - the out-going treasurer - for all her hard work and energy, and welcome Jennifer West - our new treasurer. Our CR session is going strong. The group could go on forever - sharing ourselves and learning from one another. Our meetings are the 4th Tuesday of every month (chapter meetings), 7:30pm. See ya!

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NOW BOYCOTT THOSE UNRATIFIED STATES AND PASS THE ERA!!!

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ATTACHMENT II

June 26, 1981

Mr. Kenneth A. Gross
Associate General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

Attn: Lee Andersen, Esq.

Re: MUR 1386

Dear Mr. Gross:

This letter is in response to your notice dated June 11, 1981 to the National Organization for Women Political Action Committee (NOW-PAC) and Maine National Organization for Women Political Action Committee (Maine NOW-PAC) of the filing of a complaint against them. This office will represent both NOW-PAC and Maine NOW-PAC in this matter.

The complaint, filed on behalf of the National Right to Life Committee by its counsel, charges that NOW-PAC and the Maine NOW-PAC improperly solicited contributions from persons who were not members of their respective parent organizations (the National Organization for Women and its autonomous Maine State affiliate: Maine National Organization for Women). The sole basis for the complaint is the alleged discovery by a Right to Life Committee member of a Maine-NOW brochure on a college campus bulletin board which contained a request for contributions to the Maine NOW-PAC. The complaint seeks to bring NOW-PAC into the picture by claiming that Maine NOW-PAC and NOW-PAC are affiliated within the meaning of the Federal Election Act (the "Act"). The complaint is utterly groundless.

Maine NOW-PAC is exclusively a state and local election political action committee. It is, moreover, entirely independent of NOW-PAC, which is a nationally

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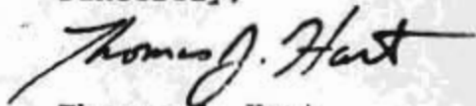
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oriented political action committee and which contributes primarily to federal election campaigns. Maine NOW-PAC neither solicits contributions for use in federal election campaigns nor contributes to any campaigns involving federal office. Maine NOW-PAC is not affiliated with any other political action committee. It maintains its own accounts and does not transfer any funds or otherwise contribute to NOW-PAC or to any other political committee covered by the Act. None of its officers are officers of NOW-PAC. Since Maine NOW-PAC neither solicits for nor makes contributions to federal election campaigns and is entirely independent of NOW-PAC, it is not a political committee regulated by the Federal Election Campaign Act. The complaint against it, accordingly, must be dismissed. And, since Maine NOW-PAC is entirely separate from and independent of NOW-PAC, Maine NOW-PAC's activities (even if they had been improper) could not be attributed to NOW-PAC. The complaint against NOW-PAC must therefore be dismissed as well.

Both NOW-PAC and Maine NOW-PAC will be happy to supply affidavits supporting the factual statements made herein if requested to do so.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Hart

TJH:lf

cc: Alice Chapman, Treasurer, NOW-PAC
Eleanor Smeal, President, NOW
Joanne Dauphinee, Treasurer, Maine NOW-PAC

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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ATTACHMENT III

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Washington, D.C. 20006

Re: MUR 1386

Dear Mr. Hart:

On June 26, 1981, the Commission notified you of a complaint alleging that your clients had violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

The Commission, on August , 1981, determined that on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe that a violation of any statute within its jurisdiction has been committed. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. This matter will become a part of the public record within 30 days.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele
General Counsel

BY:
Kenneth A. Gross
Associate General Counsel

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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James Bopp, Jr.
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900 Sycamore Building
19 South Sixth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47807

Re: MUR 1386

Dear Mr. Bopp:

The Federal Election Commission has reviewed the allegations of your complaint dated June 1, 1981 and determined that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint and information provided by Respondent that there is no reason to believe that a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 as amended ("The Act") has been committed.

Accordingly, the Commission has decided to close the file in this matter. The Federal Election Campaign Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Should additional information come to your attention which you believe establishes a violation of the Act, you may file a complaint pursuant to the requirements set forth in 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 111.4.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele
General Counsel

BY:

Kenneth A. Gross
Associate General Counsel

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June 26, 1981

Mr. Kenneth A. Gross
Associate General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

Attn: Lee Andersen, Esq.

Re: MUR 1386

Dear Mr. Gross:

This letter is in response to your notice dated June 11, 1981 to the National Organization for Women Political Action Committee (NOW-PAC) and Maine National Organization for Women Political Action Committee (Maine NOW-PAC) of the filing of a complaint against them. This office will represent both NOW-PAC and Maine NOW-PAC in this matter.

The complaint, filed on behalf of the National Right to Life Committee by its counsel, charges that NOW-PAC and the Maine NOW-PAC improperly solicited contributions from persons who were not members of their respective parent organizations (the National Organization for Women and its autonomous Maine State affiliate: Maine National Organization for Women). The sole basis for the complaint is the alleged discovery by a Right to Life Committee member of a Maine-NOW brochure on a college campus bulletin board which contained a request for contributions to the Maine NOW-PAC. The complaint seeks to bring NOW-PAC into the picture by claiming that Maine NOW-PAC and NOW-PAC are affiliated within the meaning of the Federal Election Act (the "Act"). The complaint is utterly groundless.

Maine NOW-PAC is exclusively a state and local election political action committee. It is, moreover, entirely independent of NOW-PAC, which is a nationally

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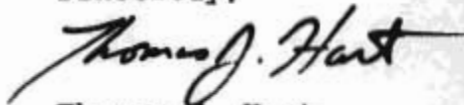
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oriented political action committee and which contributes primarily to federal election campaigns. Maine NOW-PAC neither solicits contributions for use in federal election campaigns nor contributes to any campaigns involving federal office. Maine NOW-PAC is not affiliated with any other political action committee. It maintains its own accounts and does not transfer any funds or otherwise contribute to NOW-PAC or to any other political committee covered by the Act. None of its officers are officers of NOW-PAC. Since Maine NOW-PAC neither solicits for nor makes contributions to federal election campaigns and is entirely independent of NOW-PAC, it is not a political committee regulated by the Federal Election Campaign Act. The complaint against it, accordingly, must be dismissed. And, since Maine NOW-PAC is entirely separate from and independent of NOW-PAC, Maine NOW-PAC's activities (even if they had been improper) could not be attributed to NOW-PAC. The complaint against NOW-PAC must therefore be dismissed as well.

Both NOW-PAC and Maine NOW-PAC will be happy to supply affidavits supporting the factual statements made herein if requested to do so.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Hart

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cc: Alice Chapman, Treasurer, NOW-PAC
Eleanor Smeal, President, NOW
Joanne Dauphinee, Treasurer, Maine NOW-PAC

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June 11, 1981

CERTIFIED MAIL
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James Bopp, Jr.
Bramas, Bopp & Haynes
900 Sycamore Building
19 South Sixth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47807

Dear Mr. Bopp:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your complaint of June 1, 1981, against Maine NOW - PAC and National Organization for Women Political Action Committee which alleges violations of the Federal Election Campaign laws. A staff member has been assigned to analyze your allegations. The respondents will be notified of this complaint within 5 days and a recommendation to the Federal Election Commission as to how this matter should be initially handled will be made 15 days after the respondents' notification.

You will be notified as soon as the Commission takes final action on your complaint. Should you have or receive any additional information in this matter, please forward it to this office. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Gross
Associate General Counsel

Enclosure

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 11, 1981

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Maine NOW-PAC
JoAnne Dauphinee, Treasurer
23 March Street
Bangor, Maine 04401

Re: MUR 1386

Dear Ms. Dauphinee:

This letter is to notify you that on June 4, 1981, the Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that your Committee may have violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") or Chapters 95 and 96 of Title 26, U.S. Code. A copy of this complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 1386. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate, in writing, that no action should be taken against your Committee in connection with this matter. Your response must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath.

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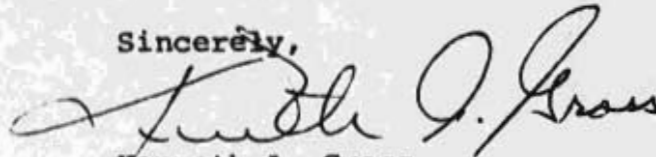
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Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Gross
Associate General Counsel

Enclosures

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June 11, 1981

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National Organization for Women
Political Action Committee
Alice J. Chapman, Treasurer
P.O. Box 317
425 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: MUR 1386

Dear Ms. Chapman:

This letter is to notify you that on June 4, 1981, the Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that your Committee may have violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") or Chapters 95 and 96 of Title 26, U.S. Code. A copy of this complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 1386. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

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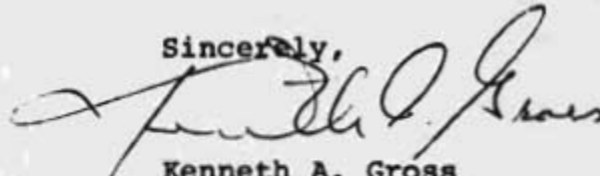
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Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Gross
Associate General Counsel

Enclosures

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Complainant James Bopp, Jr (on
behalf of National Right to Life
Committee, Brames, Bopp & Haynes,
900 Sycamore Building, 19 South
Sixth Street. Terre Haute, IN 47807

Respondent

1. Maine NOW - PAC

JoAnne Dauphinee, Treasurer,
23 March Street, Bangor, Maine
04401

2. National Organization for Women / Political
Action Committee, Alice J. Chapman,
Treasurer, P.O. Box 317, #25 13th Street,
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

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DAVID D. HAYNES

TELEPHONE
(317) 238-2421

June 1, 1981

Federal Election Commission
1325 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20463

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), I am filing the following complaint of violation of federal election laws by the National Organization For Women Political Action Committee and the Maine NOW-PAC.

The Maine NOW-PAC is a Political Action Committee whose Treasurer is JoAnne Dauphinee, 23 March Street, Bangor, Maine 04401. This PAC claims to be affiliated with the National Organization For Women Political Action Committee which is registered with the Federal Election Commission and is the connected PAC to the National Organization For Women. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the March/April, 1981, Maine NOW Times. On page 3 Maine NOW-PAC is described as the "political action arm of Maine NOW". In addition, the article indicates at the March State Board Meeting, Maine NOW voted that in the future all administrative costs of Maine NOW -PAC will be paid by Maine NOW. It is obvious, therefore, that Maine NOW-PAC is the separate segregated fund of Maine NOW. As a PAC connected to a membership organization, it is prohibited from soliciting contributions from any person not a member of the connected organization. 2 USC § 441 b.

Maine NOW-PAC, however, has solicited members and contributions in violation of federal election laws. Specifically, on February 11, 1980, Maureen Sutton found a brochure soliciting members and contributions from Maine NOW-PAC on the bulletin board of the University of Southern Maine as revealed in her affidavit which is attached herewith.

Accordingly, we request that the Federal Election Commission immediately investigate this complaint and determine whether or not the National Organization For Women Political Action Committee and its affiliated or subordinating PACs including Maine NOW-PAC are soliciting contributions or membership from persons who are not members of NOW, its connected organization.

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Federal Election Commission
June 1, 1981

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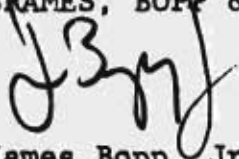
In addition, the solicitation for contributions by Maine NOW-PAC has failed to include the required disclaimer. 11 CFR 102.13. We request the Federal Election Commission to investigate whether or not NOW-PAC and its affiliated or subordinated PAC such as Maine NOW-PAC are failing to comply with this requirement of the law.

To prevent illegal funds from being used in 1980 elections, we request that NOW-PAC and Maine NOW-PAC be instructed to return these funds illegally solicited to the donor.

Under penalties for perjury, I believe that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I have personally prepared this complaint. This complaint was not filed for and on behalf of any candidate.

Sincerely,

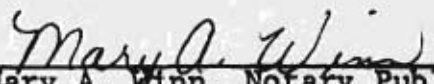
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James Bopp, Jr.

JB:maw
Enclosures

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for Vigo County, Indiana, this 1st day of June, 1981.

My Commission Expires
December 14, 1984


Mary A. Winn, Notary Public
County of Residence: Clay

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AFFIDAVIT

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I, Maureen Sutton, first being sworn, hereby depose and state:

1. I reside at 23 Neal Street, Portland, Maine.
2. On February 11, 1980, I found the attached brochure of Maine NOW-PAC on the bulletin board of the University of Southern Maine.

DATED: March 9, 1980

Maureen Sutton
Maureen Sutton

STATE OF MAINE
CUMBERLAND, SS.

March 9, 1980

Personally appeared the above-named Maureen Sutton and made oath that the foregoing Affidavit by her subscribed is true and correct.

Before me,

Ralph J. [Signature]
Notary Public

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The National Organization for Women believes in your right to choose

PRO-CHOICE MEANS

- if you want to have children, the government has no right to interfere
- consenting to sterilization should not be a requirement of other procedures (childbirth or abortion)
- the government has no right to demand that your pregnancy be revealed to either your husband or parents
- the community and government should provide information and access to contraceptive information and services
- when all is said and done, it is the pregnant woman's RIGHT to decide whether or not to terminate her pregnancy
- every woman, regardless of income, has a right to medical care during pregnancy, childbirth, or abortion
- support for research on birth defects, genetic counseling, birth control, pre- and post-natal care, and quality reproductive health care
- respect for women, our right to privacy, our right to religious freedom, our right to choose the number and the spacing of our children

ANTI-CHOICE MEANS

- anti-contraceptives
- anti-IUD's
- anti-birth control pills
- anti-voluntary sterilization
- anti-family planning
- anti-amniocentesis
- anti-birth defects research
- anti-responsible sex education
- anti-right to privacy
- anti-separation of church and state
- anti-abortion even to save the woman's life
- anti-woman's right to choose

"Right to Lifers" in Pennsylvania advocate death as a punishment for abortion

ANTI-CHOICE IS ANTI-PEOPLE. THEY MUST BE STOPPED!

MYTH: No one has to get pregnant in this day and age. Forced pregnancy is the price for being careless or ignorant.

MYTH: We can't afford to pay for the abortions of poor women.

MYTH: If contraceptive information and services are improved, it will encourage teens to have more sexual relationships.

MYTH: Anti-choice is pro-life.

FACT: It costs far less to pay for abortions than to pay for forced pregnancies, support for mother and child, and medical care for the victims of botched abortions.

FACT: One-third of all couples practicing birth control for five years has an unwanted pregnancy. Only men are secure in the knowledge that they can't get pregnant.

FACT: 5,000 women between the ages of 14 and 20 become pregnant in Maine each year. 70% are using no method of birth control. Teen pregnancies are an alarming reality. Contraceptive information and access, good pre- and post-natal care, and safe, legal abortions are all responses to the needs of our young women.

FACT: Four times as many women die of childbirth as of legal abortion. Teens have the highest mortality and morbidity rate. When your life and health are at stake, the choice should be yours.

..... did you know

- 80% of Maine people support the right of a woman to choose whether or not to terminate her pregnancy
- every pro-choice incumbent legislator identified by Maine anti-choice won re-election to the 109th Maine legislature
- even though the Democrats support abortion funding and voted that support into the Maine Democratic platform, every male Democratic senator voted the anti-choice position.

- Maine NOW testified at every hearing concerning Choice in the 109th legislature
- Maine NOW lobbied every Maine legislator on the issue of Choice, over half in person or by phone
- the Maine Legislature did not once support the pro-choice position on any piece of legislation in the 109th.

We must truly weigh what we know to be true. Childbirth can be an affirmation of life or a resignation to it.

Abortion can also be an affirmation of life, a position commitment to ourselves, and to those already in our lives.

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March/April

NATIONAL
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FOR WOMEN

1981

THEY CALL US MILITANTS, BUT GENERAL WESTMORELAND, GENERAL ABRAMS, GENERAL MOTORS, AND GENERAL DYNAMICS - THEY'RE THE REAL MILITANTS. WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A HELICOPTER.

Flo Kennedy

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! SAVE YOUR PENNIES!! PREPARE TO ATTEND...

THE NINTH ANNUAL MAINE NOW CONFERENCE

MAY 16

COLE'S TOWER, BOWDOIN COLLEGE

BRUNSWICK

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THE FEMINIST ETHICAL MAJORITY
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The majority of American people support the Equal Rights Amendment, the Right to Choose, Assistance to victims of family violence, non-discrimination in employment (& housing & credit & education, etc.), equal pay for work of comparable value...In short, the majority of Americans support either all or most of the Feminist Agenda. Ethics refers to a discipline, such as feminism, that deals with what is good and bad and with moral duty and obligation and principles of conduct by which we should govern ourselves. We are the FEMINIST ETHICAL MAJORITY and, in order to make our agenda a reality, we dedicate ourselves to effective and ethical actions to preserve and promote feminism.

ONE CAN NEVER CONSENT TO CREEP WHEN ONE FEELS AN IMPULSE TO SOAR.
-Helen Keller

Plan to attend THE NINTH ANNUAL MAINE NOW CONFERENCE

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND RESPONSIBLE WOMEN AND MEN (Still subject to change as the MNT goes to press)

NOTE: Throughout the day, there will be an ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBIT & SALES by Maine women (see separate story); MAINE NOW Propaganda and Sales Table; WOMEN NOW film; and various films from Colby, Phyllis Mannocchi's Women's Studies class

9 am - REGISTRATION

10am - GREETINGS -Marilyn Kirby, State Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRO TO CONFERENCE - Joan Tronto, Brunswick NOW

THE FEMINIST ETHICAL MAJORITY - Lois Reckitt, NE NOW and/or JoAnne Dauphinee, Asst. St. Coor.

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR NINTH ANNUAL MAINE NOW CONFERENCE-BRUNSWICK

NAME _____

I do ☐ do not ☐ need

ADDRESS _____

childcare. Other needs???

PHONE _____

ENCLOSED IS MY PRE-REGISTRATION OF \$3/____ (\$5 will be asked at the door, but no one will be turned away for inability to pay)

ALSO ENCLOSED MY CONTRIBUTION OF \$____
(Make checks payable to "Brunswick Area NOW" & mail to: Joan Tronto
11 A Maple Street, Brunswick ME 04011)

SHOULD A WOMAN
HAVE THE RIGHT TO
CHOOSE, FREE FROM
GOVERNMENT
INTERFERENCE,
WHETHER OR NOT TO
CONTINUE HER
PREGNANCY?

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PRO
CHOICE

PLEASE DO NOT CONSIDER THIS A
"MAINE NOW-PAC"
JoAnne Dauphinee, Treasurer
23 March St., Bangor, ME 04401

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
TOWN _____ ZIP _____
AMOUNT _____

I WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK IN A
POLITICAL CAMPAIGN FOR CHOICE.
PLEASE CALL IF YOU NEED ME.
YES ☐ NO ☐

I WISH TO JOIN NOW. HERE ARE MY DUES
ENTITLING ME TO NATIONAL AND STATE
NEWSLETTERS AND ACTION ALERTS AND
VOTING RIGHTS.

- ☐ Regular Dues \$27 (20 National, 2 State,
5 nearest chapter)
- ☐ Special dues \$10 - For those who can't afford
more (7 to national, 1 to state, 2 to chapter)
- ☐ Bargain Basement \$_____ (Fill in amount -
Now does not discriminate on the basis of
income)

3 Contribution \$ _____
Thanks!

MAINE NOW

STATE COOR. Marilyn Kirby POBox5195 Sta A, Ptlnd. 04101.....772-2753
 ASST. ST. COOR. JoAnne Dauphinee 23 March St, Bangor 04401...942-2830
 LEGIS. COOR. Melody Chadbourne RFD Box 13, Harmony 04942....683-5252
 SCRIBE Kim Block 57 Deering St Portland 04101.....772-3445
 TREASURER Chuck Melanson POBOX 868 Wells 04090.....646-2507
 CHAPTER ID # - CHAPTER - CONTACT PERSON
 0100 BRUNSWICK AREA NOW, Joan Tronto 11A Maple, Bruns.....725-7621
 0025 GREATER BANGOR NOW, Melody Chadbourne (see above).....
 0600 GREATER FARMINGTON NOW, Deb Stahler, BOX 891, Farmington 684-4142
 0275 GREATER PORTLAND NOW, Marilyn Kirby (see above).....
 0022 MOUNT DESERT ISLAND NOW, Chris Rusnov, 2 Higgins Terrace,
 Bar Harbor 04609....288-4501
 0800 WASHINGTON COUNTY NOW, Lois Tetreault, Woodland 04694...427-6951
 no# AUBURN-LEWISTON AREA NOW, Jennifer DeLong-White.....783-2042
 no# AROOSTOOK COUNTY NOW, Paulette Dodge POBox948, P.I....762-6391

NORTHEAST REGIONAL NOW REP'S TO THE NATIONAL NOW BOARD

Lois Galgay Reckitt 38 Myrtle Ave So. Portland Maine 04106
 207-799-8744 (Northeast Regional Director)
 Theresa Bergen 284 79th St. Brooklyn, N.Y. 11209 212-833-9530
 Rosemary Trowbridge 10 Dana St #11 Cambridge Mass. 02138
 617-492-4689
 Anne del Prado 3 Edgehill Rd, Winchester, Mass. 01890
 617-729-9410 (H) 617-727-7035 (W)

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE continued

10:45 am - WORKSHOP 1

- A. Ethical Issues of Abortion - JoAnne Dauphinee
- B. Take Back The Family - Lois Reckitt
- C. Education May Be Hazardous To Your Health (if the Moral Majority (sic) controls it) - Vendean Vafiades

Noon - Lunch break / Don't forget the ARTS AND CRAFTS, etc. !!

12:50 pm - MAINE NOW STATE BOARD ELECTIONS

1 pm - "SO, YOU THINK YOU KNOW FEMINISM?" - A panel of veteran feminist activists participate in a lively match of wits, knowledge and insight on critical issues and strategies for the feminist 80's action agenda (ERA, HLA, etc.)

QUIZMS. - Joan Tronto

PANEL (subject to change) - JoAnn Fritsche, Affirmative Action Director, UMO
 Lois Reckitt, NE Regional NOW Director
 Theresa Bergen, National NOW Board
 JoAnne Dauphinee, Assistant State Coordinator
 Rosemary Trowbridge, National NOW Board
 Anne del Prado, National NOW Board

TALLY & TIMEKEEPERS - Deb Stahler, Melody Chadbourne, and Kim Block

2:40 - WORKSHOP 2

- A. Racism - Anne del Prado
- C. Feminism & the Indian Nation -
- B. Feminist Men - Peter Prizer
- Penobscot Nation women
- D. Rural Feminists & Isolation - Deb Stahler & Melody Chadbourne

4:05 - WORKSHOP 3

- A. Lesbian CR - Christine Torraca
- B. Anger - Liz Cinnamon

NOTE: During WORKSHOPS 1, 2, & 3 the option of attending a Demonstration of CR is also being offered, each with limited enrollment.

6pm Dinner break 7:30 Entertainment 9pm Dance (\$2 donation asked)

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I WANT TO JOIN MAINE NOW

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

(Checks payable to "MAINE NOW"
 & send to MARILYN KIRBY
 address at top of page)

ENCLOSED IS THE FULL REGULAR DUES OF \$30 ☐

ENCLOSED ARE THE DUES I CAN AFFORD (MINIMUM \$11)\$ ☐

PLEASE MAKE ME A MEMBER OF (GIVE CHAPTER #, SEE TOP OF PAGE, AND/or Name of CHAPTER) _____

CRAFTY WOMEN TAKE NOTE !! ANNOUNCING!

There will be a Women's Art/Craft show and sale at the Maine NOW Conference, May 16, 1981. This year's conference will be held at Cole's Tower, Bowdoin College, in Brunswick (see front page story). The Art/Craft Show will be just one of the many exciting events planned for this all day affair.

There will be a fee of \$3 for women wishing to display art/craft items, or a fee of \$5 for women selling their work. Those interested in participating should contact Deb Stahler (884-4142) Box 891, Farmington 04938, for more info & to pre-register. There are many fine craftswomen in Maine. We hope to hear from you!

MAINE NOW PAC (MNP)

MNP IS THE POLITICAL ACTION ARM OF MAINE NOW, CREATED TO RAISE AND DISTRIBUTE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING CANDIDATES AND PROMOTING ISSUES SUPPORTED BY MEMBERS OF MAINE NOW.

Current Officers:

President- Melody Chadbourne

Scribe- Joan Tronto

Treasurer- JoAnne Dauphinee

Contributions should be sent to

MAINE NOW PAC

23 MARCH STREET

BANGOR ME 04401

Checks to "MAINE NOW-PAC"

MNP distributed over \$400 in the 1980 elections, and we hope to raise considerably more than that for 1982. In our last report, we noted the treasury stood at \$109. Since then we have received two contributions totalling \$25.00. We authorized expenditures of \$80. \$35 (of the \$80) has been spent to prepare raffle tickets to be sold to raise money for MNP. The drawing will be August 22, the Saturday before Women's Rights Day. \$45 dollars was authorized to promote L.D. 261, the lesbian and gay rights bill.

At the March State Board meeting Maine NOW voted that in the future all administrative costs of MNP would be paid by Maine NOW, so that the original administrative costs of each future project would be returned to Maine NOW but all profits from future projects would go to MNP. It was felt that should a particular fundraiser fail, the costs could better be absorbed by Maine NOW.

Our treasury for MNP stands at \$54.68. Won't you become a supporter of MNP?

STOP HLA

Maine NOW raised well over the \$1800 required to place the STOP HLA ad in the February 15th (Susan Anthony's birthday) edition of the Maine Sunday Telegram. The full-page ad contained over 400 names from all parts of Maine. Our deep thanks to all who contributed time, money, and names to this important effort. Representatives of Maine NOW visited the offices of our federal delegation to discuss HLA with them or their staff. What follows are excerpts from written responses to our efforts.

Olympia Snowe - "I have always felt that the choice of whether or not to have an abortion is a personal, moral, and religious one which should be left to each individual woman. While I plan to pay close attention to any developments in this area, I do not intend to support a human life amendment."

David Emery - "I have always been and continue to be opposed to abortion as a means of birth control except when the pregnancy endangers the mother's life, and support Rep. Oberstar's Human Life Amendment, H.J.Res. 125 which includes that exception. I feel that the so-called 'Paramount Human Life Amendment', introduced by Senator Helms and Rep. Dornan, goes too far in its attempt to define life, and eliminates choice in contraceptive methods. I cannot possibly support that language for those reasons. I continue to support Family Planning programs and the availability of sex education classes for teenagers as responsible alternatives to abortion..."

George Mitchell - "I have not co-sponsored or endorsed any constitutional approach to the abortion issue because I believe that amendments to the Constitution should not be lightly undertaken, and because on this issue, I believe a far more thorough review of the entire question and its implications for Constitutional law is necessary...I will [keep] in mind both the position you espouse and the concerns of those who believe the issue does merit Constitutional action..."

William Cohen - "Earlier this year, Senator Helms introduced legislation in the Senate which would amend the Constitution to prohibit
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abortions under any circumstances. I cannot support the Helms approach. In my view, a constitutional ban on abortions may create more problems than it would resolve, particularly in the area of federal-state relations. Moreover, it would detract from a very serious problem, which is the prevention of unwanted pregnancies in a responsible manner."

Comment by JoAnne Dauphinee

Political doublespeak and partial responses are an art no politician can survive without. Snowe's letter is the clearest and most responsive to the issue, with Emery's a close second though regrettably with a negative message. Even though Cohen runs on to a third page in his letter, on HLA he is more alarming in what he fails to say than comforting in what he does say. Cohen refers to the most outrageous HLA of them all (there are many versions) and assures us he cannot support "the Helms approach". One might imply that he could support a different approach; or, should we take comfort in that his two stated concerns are "federal-state relations" and "prevention of unwanted pregnancies"? Cohen's voting record on abortion issues is mixed. While we commend his unfailing support for funding, I for one am not content to trust he will do the right thing on all pro-choice issues.

Mitchell, who is basically anti-choice gets the award for double-speak on this issue (and a few other issues as well). "more thorough review...necessary", "I will examine the...record" keeping in mind both positions - He has not told us anything, except that if we want a response we must write again.

HLB, not to be confused with HLA is now an even more immediate concern. Two identical bills have been introduced in the Senate (S.158) and House (H.R.900) which would allow the States to outlaw all abortions - without exceptions and without regard for the life of the mother. 41 SENATORS FAVOR THIS BILL AND THE HOUSE IS BARELY SHORT OF THE SIMPLE MAJORITY NEEDED FOR PASSAGE. If abortion is still legal in this state by the time you read this, I urge you to get off your ass and do something to help preserve that right.

Short range: Telegrams, calls, and letters to the federal delegation. Circulation of petitions, letters to editors, demonstrations.

Long range: If your state representative is not pro-choice vote her or him out of office. Contribute time and/or money to Maine NOW-PAC and/or

Pro-choice groups of your choice. Find out who in or near your community performs abortions and find out who, if any will continue to offer abortions when and if the law changes. Become visible in your community for choice so women needing abortions will know who to turn to.

In April Congress takes a break. While our federal reps are home arrange to visit them to talk about abortion. If they will not give you an appointment (or even if they will) find out whether they plan to speak in or near your town while they are home. Track them down, a demonstration is best, but any indication that you are pro-choice would be helpful.

Senators recess- April 13-20
House recess - April 16-26

THERE'S NO MOVEMENT IF EACH ONE OF US DOESN'T MOVE. PERSONALLY, I'LL SUPPORT ANYTHING THAT'S OFF ITS ASS.

Flo Kennedy

My friends, for many in Congress the issue is not whether to support choice or not, the issue is which HLA and/or HLB is the best way to oppose choice. Being calm and logical and "reasonable" is not working. They have got to understand that our right to control our bodies is not a tradable issue.

I quote from Mitchell's letter: "I hope that the question does not divide people who share similar goals in all other areas."

Friends, our backs are against the wall. The situation is not of our making. No one said life is fair if you're a politician. I for one will not waste my time energy or vote on anyone who is not pro-choice. One good thing; there will be so few candidates that qualify for my help, it will be the easiest political season of my career.

MAINE - Senator David Huber who sponsored the abortion-funding bill this session (as in previous sessions), has so far held the bill in legislative drafting. Since he insisted on being the sole sponsor, only he can release it. He fears if he does, restrictive legislation will also be released and, given the current mood, passed. I disagree with his tactic, but I agree with his conclusion. For Choice, J.D.

IT IS BETTER TO VOTE FOR WHAT YOU WANT AND NOT GET IT THAN TO VOTE FOR WHAT YOU DON'T WANT AND GET IT. - Old Feminist Proverb

FEMINIST CALENDAR ITEMS

- APRIL 9 Judiciary Hearing on L.D.961, Lesbian & Gay Rights - KEEP THOSE CARDS & LETTERS POURING IN TO YOUR LEGISLATORS THROUGH APRIL!! THANKS !!!
- 13 - Betty Williams, Irish Peace activist, Hauck, UMO 8pm
- 14 - Student Act. Cntr., UMA, Potluck, film, discussion
- 20 - Justice For All film, "Welfare" 7:30pm, All Souls Church, 11 King St, Augusta (hereafter just "All Souls") 622-3232
- 26 - Poet-Activist Kala Ladenheim reading, 3pm, New Leaf Books, 23 Main, Rockport
- 27 - Justice For All film "With Intent to Harm" 7:30 All Souls
- Secretary Week begins (patriarchal creation)
- oops, All Souls will also show "Holy Outlaw" and the role of Civil Disobedience will be discussed
- "GERTRUDE STEIN GERTRUDE STEIN" Westbrook College, performance by Pat Carrol \$12
- 29 - Grtr. Bangor NOW POTLUCK at Cyn's house, 387 College Ave. Orono, everyone welcome!

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- 2 & 3 - Holly Near - Boston
- 3 Pentagon March (contact: MADN, Box 331, Westbrook)
- 4 - film "3,000 Years & Life" at All Souls, Augusta
- 5 - Everywoman's Center, Waterville film, Potluck, discussion
- 8, 9, 10 - Lesbian & Gay Symp. Ptld.
- 9 - 2nd Annual New Hampshire WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL (contact: YWCA Everywomen's Center, 72 Concord St., Manchester, NH 603-625-5785)
- 10 - MOTHER'S DAY MARCH & CELEBRATION for PEACE, Woolwich to Bath (see story on earlier page of this issue of MWT)
- 11 - film "Politics of Torture" All Souls Augusta
- 16 - NINTH ANNUAL MAINE NOW STATE CONFERENCE "THE FEMINIST ETHICAL MAJORITY" see p.1
- 18 - film "Rape Culture" All Souls
- 23 - Grtr. Bangor NOW CARWASH, Union St., Bangor
- 27 - Greater Bangor NOW meeting

JUNE

- ? - Hot Rumor: Margie Adam in concert, Portland (contact Maine Women's Lobby, Box 15, Hallowell)
- 5-7 Women's Weekend, contact YWCA NH (see address for 5/9/81)
- 11-14 - East Coast Women's Music Festival write: 246 Mass Ave, Cambridge 02140

WORKING WOMEN'S RIGHTS PROJECT

Since the summer of 1980 the WWRP has been holding a series of one and two hour workshops for women clerical workers. Designed to increase the awareness among women office workers of their rights as women and as employees, the workshop topics include affirmative action, pregnancy, sexual harassment, and job safety.

These and other legal issues are presented in an informational/discussion format and provide a forum for women to share their common concerns and experiences as well as develop positive ways to combat sex discrimination in their work places.

As a legal education project of the Maine Civil Liberties Union the WWRP offers these workshops on job rights free of charge. Interested groups (formal, ad hoc etc) should call WWRP Director Cynthia Strout at the MCLU office 774-5444.

BOYCOTT NESTLE

Infants in non-famine areas of developing countries are needlessly dying from severe malnutrition and dehydration due to improper preparation of infant formula. Frequently, pure drinking water and refrigeration are absent; instructions are inadequate and misunderstood. Nestle is the largest infant formula distributor in the third world. In spite of appeals by boycott organizers they continue to promote their product against people, for the almighty profit.

Nestle names to BOYCOTT (partial list): Taster's Choise, Nescafe, Nestle's Crunch, Libby-MacNeil, Libby, Souptime, Nestea, Quik, Decaf, Stouffers, Chocolate Chips...

For more info: National INFAC 1701 University Ave, SE Minneapolis MN 55414 (612) 331-2333.

GROWING OLD...GRACEFULLY???

About 1/4 of the 5 million older women who live alone have yearly incomes of \$3,000 or less. For Black women its \$2,000. 1/3 of all widows live below the poverty line. Only 2% of widows get their husbands' pension benefits. 25% of all working (outside the home) women can expect to be poor in old age. Maybe NOW is the time to support the GRAY PANTHERS!!

MAINE NOW LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The following quote is from a speech by Laura X, who recently led a successful campaign in California to make marital rape a crime. Marital rape is now illegal in less than a dozen states. Maine is not one of them.

IN THE END IT BECAME CLEAR THAT NONE OF THE ARGUMENTS FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR WIVES WITH OTHER RAPE VICTIMS, OR EVEN THE ARGUMENTS TO STOP ALLOWING THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE TO BE A HAVEN FOR VIOLENCE, SWAYED THE LEGISLATORS, BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT OPEN TO RATIONAL ARGUMENTS...WHAT FINALLY AFFECTED THE LEGISLATORS, I'M TOLD, WAS THE FLOOD OF CALLS AND LETTERS IN FAVOR OF OUR CAMPAIGN. THIS IS WHAT COUNTED FOR THEIR RE-ELECTIONS, AND THIS IS WHAT THEY LISTENED TO. THE LESSON HERE APPEARS TO BE THAT OUR ROLE IS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC...SO THEY...WILL PUT POLITICAL PRESSURE ON THE LEGISLATURE.

L.D. 961 -Lesbian and gay rights bill- This bill was drafted and introduced at Maine NOW's request. Sponsors are Senator Conley Rep. Connolly, Rep. Baker, and Rep. Benoit. Maine NOW is circulating petitions, coordinating testimony, encouraging letters and postcards, and offering to coordinate rides to the hearing. If the hearing date is known by the time this is published, the date and time are on page 1. We request your help and support throughout April, and those able to attend the hearing are requested to do so. Letters are crucial! Letters to editors are very effective too. Support L.D. 961. Equality is useless if there is no justice.

LESBIANISM IS TOO NEAR THE BONE FOR MANY WOMEN, AND TOO DISORIENTATING TO THE ARROGANCE OF MOST MEN. Dr. Charlotte Wolff

- L.D. unknown - Pine Tree "Jobs" bill - The last time I checked this bill did not have an L.D. number yet. Sponsored by Senator Najarian and Rep. Beaulieu, and promoted by Pine Tree Legal, this bill changes the method of calculating AFDC grants to provide better incentive to seek work. Currently, the method has disincentives that actually penalize recipients if they work. For Maine NOW, Dauphinee will offer written or oral testimony supporting the bill.
- We will also offer our support for the governor's call for a 7% increase in AFDC benefits.
- L.D. 966 - Maine Family Protection Act- Opposed by Maine NOW. The hearing on this restrictive legislation was 3/18 before the Education Committee. For Maine NOW, Stahler will write a letter of opposition to members of the committee, with a copy to Maine Family Planning (also opposed to L.D. 966).
- L.D. 644 - Establishing the Women's Training and Employment Program - Supported by Maine NOW, Chadbourne will offer written or oral testimony to the Appropriations Committee. Hearing 3/30
- L.D. 617 - D.C. Representation, Ratification of Amendment to the U.S. Constitution - Supported by Maine NOW, Tronto will write or encourage chapter member to write to members of the State Government Committee. Hearing was 3/25.
- L.D. 658 - Alternative Working Hours in State Government - Supported by Maine NOW, Tronto will encourage a chapter member to write on our behalf to members of the State Government Committee.
- L.D. unknown - Funding for Domestic Violence Shelters - This bill will provide a cost-of-living increase for Piscataquis and Washington counties, and carries a full price tag of \$84,000. Stahler will write Maine NOW's support to members of the Appropriations Committee. The funding level of \$84,000, recommended by Human Services Commissioner Petit, was deleted by the governor in his final budget request. Letters of support for funding of Domestic Violence Shelters should be sent to the Appropriations Committee throughout April. (This is the case for all funding bills, including the 7% increase for AFDC recipients.)

MAINE NOW LEGISLATIVE UPDATE cont.

- L.D. 974 - Rights of Privacy for Recipients of Assistance - Hearing was 3/18. Maine NOW supports.
- L.D. 1042 - To Make "Threat of Force" sufficient to convict of Rape - Hearing 3/26. Maine NOW had not reviewed this bill prior to State Board meeting on 3/21, and a copy was not available at that meeting.
- L.D. unknown - Making Customers of Prostitutes Who are Minors Liable to a Fine - Supported by Maine NOW.
- L.D. unknown - To Ban Rental Discrimination Against Families With Children - This bill had no L.D. number yet last time I checked. This is one of Governor Brennan's bills.
- L.D. 769 - Unemployment Benefit improvement - Supported by Maine NOW. Persons likely to be helped by this bill are women with children. It alters the requirement that an unemployed person must be available 24 hours a day for work, so that certain reasonable exceptions might be made. For example, if a woman had to turn down a night-shift job because of inability to arrange child care, she might remain eligible for unemployment benefits, so long as reasonable prospects for employment remain. Sponsor: Rep Beaulieu.
- L.D. 739 - Food Stamp Benefits in cases of Immediate Economic Loss - This bill would assure that families eligible for food stamps would receive them in the month that they become eligible, based on their actual economic circumstances. Supported by Maine NOW. Likely to pass. Sponsor: Sen Conley.
- L.D. 698 - To Prohibit Dissemination of Obscene Material - Opposed by Maine NOW. This bill contains restrictive definitions of obscenity and requires a jury trial. (Also, there have been past attempts to declare material on abortion obscene, as well as material on homosexuality.)
- L.D. 699 - Providing a Period of Silence in Public Schools - Opposed by Maine NOW. In second reading and likely to pass.
- L.D. 608 - To allow Reasonable Attorney's Fees as a Remedy in Actions Under the Maine Human Rights Act - Supported by Maine NOW. Still in the Judiciary Committee at the end of March.
- L.D. 814 - To Increase the Maximum Civil Penalties under the Maine Human Rights Act - Supported by Maine NOW. Hearing was 3/11. Bill was still in the Judiciary Committee as of late March.
- L.D. 335 - To Change the Name of the Department of Manpower Affairs to the Dept. of Labor and Industry - "in deference to affirmative action and equal opportunity laws and policies." Supported by Maine NOW. Engrossed in the House, but indefinitely postponed in the Senate.

DEAF CAN CALL LEGISLATORS

A Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) has been loaned to the Maine legislature and is available between 8am and 5pm. The TDD phone number is 289-2511.

BEING A MOTHER IS A NOBLE STATUS, RIGHT? RIGHT. SO WHY DOES IT CHANGE WHEN YOU PUT "UNWED" OR "WELFARE" IN FRONT OF IT? Flo Kennedy

MOTHER'S DAY MARCH FOR PEACE

On May 10th, Mainers will gather on the north side of the bridge in Woolwich on Rt1 for a parade and celebration for Peace. The celebration will include a slide show, information tables, workshops in the library, and, possibly, a film on El Salvador. The site of this action was chosen because of its proximity to Bath Iron Works, a company that enjoys \$8 billion in Navy Contracts. The organizers hope that this action will provide the information and enthusiasm for people to organize in their respective communities a basis for a peacetime mentality to counter the Reagan wartime mentality.

For more information on the Mother's Day Peace Celebration you can contact:

Sparky or Sue 772-6953
or Sandra Piechocki
338-1441

WOMEN, THOUGH HATING WAR, QUITE AS FREQUENTLY AS MEN ARE DELUDED BY THE PLEA THAT PEACE CAN BE ENSURED ONLY BY HIGH ARMAMENTS...THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT MORE RELIANCE ON REASON AND LESS ON FORCE WOULD EXALT RESPECT...

Jessie Ames Mead 1900

REPORTS FROM THE FRONT LINES

GREATER BANGOR NOW - GBNOW has been very active over the last few months. In January, we reaffirmed the following folks to a second term: Melody Chadbourne, President and JoAnne Dauphinee, Scribe. We welcome to their first term: Mike Carter, V.P. Cyndie Smith, Treasurer and Kit Smith, Outreach and Welcomer. On Feb. 8, we assisted at the NOW table during the Holly Near concert, and there we began collection of signatures on NOW's Lesbian and Gay Rights Petition. On Feb. 15th, we held the Susan B. Anthony Coffeehouse at the Brewer Savings Bank. Over 40 people attended and a good time was had by all. JoAnne and Cyndie entertained with music. On Feb. 17th, we held our CR (Consciousness Raising) Demo with 18 women attending. The CR group started with 16, and has settled at 15 women. We're in our final weeks with this group, and consider it our chapter's most satisfying activity. In March, we gave some modest assistance to the Women's Symposium at U.M.O., and circulated petitions at the Meg Christian Concert. JoAnne facilitated a workshop on ERA. We sponsored a table for Women's Issues Day at the Airport Mall in Bangor. On the 21st of March we hosted the Maine NOW State Board meeting. Plans for April include a carwash, and on April 29th we are having a Potluck at Cyndie's, 387 College Ave, Orono. In May we are looking into the possibility of state Senator, Mary Najarian coming to speak. Special thanks to Jan Stratton for assisting with a bunch of shitwork for GBNOW recently. Thanks to Kit too, and to all who make our chapter one to be proud of!

MOUNT DESERT ISLAND NOW - Volunteers to fill the following positions stepped forward in Jan. and Feb: Coordinator, Chris Rusnov - Asst Coordinator, Mohya Hutt-Smith - Scribe, Ive Miro - Treasurer, Marty Williams - Munchies Coor., Helen Douglas - Greeter, Julia Smith - Newsletter, Rose Frick. MDI NOW's Founder, Joanne DeLuca, is moving out of state. She deserves much thanks and credit for nurturing MDI NOW from the summer of '79 until her moving on. Best wishes Joanne! The January meeting was a discussion meeting on HLA and on Domestic Violence. A Domestic Violence Task Force was formed and Mary Follett (288-4509) will serve as the contact person. In Feb, we had an Indoor Garage and Bake sale to fatten the treasury. In March, Deb Stahler of Greater Farmington NOW offered a Carpentry Workshop; we had a chapter Pot Luck; and on the 21st, MDI NOW and the League of Women Voters sponsored a "MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS" session at the YWCA. Roland Salisbury and Meredith Bordeaux were there for the legislature. A poll of the audience on abortion-funding resulted in 36 out of 40 in favor. Though most of the audience were women, only 8 were NOW members. The poll results were a poignant surprise to our legislators. In other action, the task force met with community leaders; also, chapter members sent postcards to legislators supporting the lesbian and gay rights bill.

LOSERISM IS WHEN OPPRESSED PEOPLE SIT AROUND AND THINK UP REASONS WHY THEY CAN'T DO SOMETHING. WELL, JUST DO IT. THINKING UP REASONS WHY YOU CAN'T IS THE ESTABLISHMENT'S JOB.

Florynce R. Kennedy, Esq.

FRONT LINES, cont.

WASHINGTON COUNTY NOW - Membership: Most of our winter meetings have had a small turnout of 5 or 6 people. When we have had guest speakers we've had up to 16 people present. Some people who have been active in Washington County have never been to a meeting; They write or call me and ask what letters we want written, what petitions or information we want circulated. These "stay at home" activists are great when it comes to getting things stirred up out there in the swamps and bushes. Newsletter: Hoping to have our first attempt out soon. We are having some trouble getting access to a copier. Stop HLA: We have put a lot of effort into circulating Women USA's anti-HLA petitions. It is planned that some of our members will spend a day in Calais distributing information on the Stop HLA campaign. Guest Speakers: We had a speaker and film from the Wash. Cnty Domestic Violence Project with 14 attending. It was necessary to cancel a March meeting when we had hoped to have Barbara Patterson speak on the Women's Training and Employment Program. Feminist Literature: There is little or nothing available in our area on Feminism, Women's Studies, etc. Until we get the people who order the books for our libraries to wake up, we will be donating such books ourselves (and loudly bragging about it to the local press!) Any suggestions on book lists from other NOW members welcome. Films: Suggestions on films also welcome. Dow Study: To make a research study valid, it has to be distributed around the country all at the same time. The Dow Study (abortion) Questionnaire is now being printed. Lesbian and Gay Rights: Chapter people are writing letters of support for L.D. 961 to Senator Larry Brown.

GREATER FARMINGTON NOW - Our chapter is really beginning to click again. We had a Potluck dinner and meeting on Feb. 25th. We showed the filmstrip, "Women NOW" and we had plenty to talk about. We set up another Potluck for March 25th and the main topic will be CR. Several women said they will find a meeting place, set the time, and publicize a Demonstration CR. They are very enthusiastic about getting Consciousness Raising going! GFNOW contributed to Maine NOW's Stop HLA ad campaign, both with money and by collecting signatures. We are also circulating ERA petitions and Lesbian and Gay Rights petitions. For the Maine NOW Conference, May 16th, Deb Stahler is coordinating a Women's Arts and Crafts exhibit (see separate article). Deb offers a Women's Carpentry Workshop as well, and recently did one for the MDI NOW Chapter.

BRUNSWICK AREA NOW - BRUNSWICK AREA NOW organized the ERA Service at the Unitarian Church in Brunswick on 22 March, the ninth anniversary of the passage of ERA. At our March meeting we discussed ERA fundraising for the summer, HLA, and the Lesbian and Gay Rights bill (L.D. 961). We wrote letters to Congress and to some state legislators on those issues. In April, Maddy Spadula will speak at our meeting, 2 April, in the Women's Center at 24 College Street, on Women and Alcoholism. In our continuing efforts on HLA, we are organizing coffees to discuss reproductive rights. If interested in sponsoring a coffee, call Joan (725-7621). Our May meeting will be our annual meeting, with election of officers. We're all eager to see you at the NOW STATE CONFERENCE!!!

GREATER PORTLAND NOW - The leadership search is still on for a chapter President! Interested?!? We'd like to thank Anne Melanson - the out-going treasurer - for all her hard work and energy, and welcome Jennifer West - our new treasurer. Our CR session is going strong. The group could go on forever - sharing ourselves and learning from one another. Our meetings are the 4th Tuesday of every month (chapter meetings), 7:30pm. See ya!

CHECK THIS OUT

A Tokyo, Japan court has ruled that requiring women to retire at age 50, while letting men stay on the job until age 55, is not sex discrimination because, according to the court, women are physically inferior. - AMAZON

An American Library Association spokesperson reports that since the election of Ronald Reagan complaints about the contents of books in public libraries have increased fivefold. Callers, many of whom identify themselves as members of the Moral Majority(sic), protest such books as Good-bye Columbus and Our Bodies/Our Selves.

J.P.Stevens Boycott Ends

Crystal Lee Sutton, portrayed by Sally Field in "Norma Rae", was fired by Stevens in 1973 for insubordination (union organizing). She was reinstated in 1978, 2 years into the Boycott. On October 19, 1980, 3,500 Stevens workers - mostly women, many minorities, all poor - came under union protection. Stevens, cited for 111 labor law violations in the past two decades finally buckled to the pressure of a four-year world-wide Boycott.

Maine NOW was represented on the New England Boycott Committee through the Penobscot County Boycott Committee. Maine was one of three states whose government refused to buy from J.P.Stevens.

NOW BOYCOTT THOSE UNRATIFIED STATES AND PASS THE ERA!!!

THE UNRATIFIED: Alabama, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, Virginia, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.

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