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in Central American issues, but also others concerned with many matters.

People decided to become active in the protest out of a sense of justice. They felt an obligation to speak out for a just cause, showing public support for the principle that Canadian government policy should be independent of the United States.

Miguel Figueroa, a member of the Halifax Summit Response Committee, says he would like Canada to differ sharply from U.S. foreign policy, which he finds militaristic. The United States, he says, is immorally and illegally involved in Central America.

Sue Earle, who would like to see military aid to El Salvador stopped, agrees. Earle, a committee member, says: "The Reagan administration policies toward Nicaragua are myopic and dangerous." Committee member Peggy Matthews concurs.

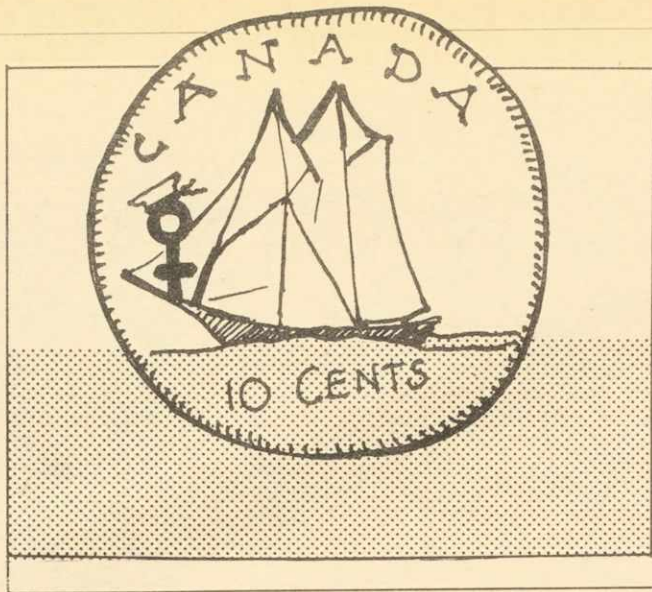
Matthews, who is active in Tools for Peace, which supplies equipment to Nicaragua, says that thousands of innocent people are being killed by the contras, who, she points out, don't have the support of the Nicaraguan people.

Muriel Duckworth, who is active in Voice of Women, a peace group, says, "If we don't take a stand on the world order and stop

nuclear war, we're in grave danger."

She says that if people aren't used to being involved in public protests, then they should start.

Duckworth says events like the upcoming demonstration give people, "courage and hope for the future." She urges people to let our government know we want it to be truly independent of the U.S.



# The Bluenose hires women crew members

By HEATHER HUESTON

Since 1971, the schooner, Bluenose II has been sailing around the world representing Nova Scotians — some Nova Scotians, that is. Not until this year have female crew members counted among the goodwill ambassadors aboard the province-owned vessel.

Although crew positions have always been open to both sexes, this summer Dal Student Tonie Arnold and King's student Charlotte Peters will among the first to benefit from the controversy in recent years over the delay in hiring. Minister of Tourism Jack MacIssac stated last year that women would probably be hired for 1987. The Bluenose was renovated in 1980/81 to allow for mixed crews.

After that publicity, applications from women jumped from "about 3 or 4" in 1986 to about 20 out of a total of 70-90, according to Peter Brown, operations manager for the Department of Tourism. He's seen a "growing interest" by women over the past four years, which he attributes to more women choosing sea-going careers. The two other women hired are a Coast Guard Officer and an officer cadet in the Merchant Marine.

Charlotte Peters, 3rd year political science student, says she applied after she heard the rumours about women being hired this summer. She was aware that women had been applying for a while. "I worked in the Legislature a couple of years ago and there was a big kaffuffle over it, the Opposition was yelling discrimination."

Peters expects a mixed crew will "take some getting used to. The Captain and the officers will be wondering how to treat us, and the women will be wondering how to act." But she expects any problems will be resolved and says she's looking forward to a great summer.

Tonie Arnold, 2nd year BCom, is interested partly for career plans — she hopes to operate her own marine-related business — and partly from what she learned last summer while talking to the Bluenose crew when they were docked beside the tourist boat she worked for. Arnold agrees there will be "a big adjustment period", and although "now is a good time" for hiring women crew Arnold doesn't feel it's overdue. "It's been history and tradition that women weren't accepted on vessels like the Bluenose, and I don't look down on history and tradition," says Arnold.

Crew members who need only be at least 18, healthy, and permanently reside in the province, were hired for their good attitude, outgoing-ness, and their interest in tourism and the Bluenose says Peter Brown. Sailing experience is not a requirement.

Brown says he doesn't foresee problems with a mixed crew. The public is aware it can work after seeing the male/female crews on the Tall Ships and as far as he's concerned, "we have hired 12 people, all about the same age, so they'll be compatible."

"We feel a mixed crew is a definite asset. From this point on it's a 'crew', not males or females."

# Students want prof back

HALFAX (CUP) — Students at Mount Saint Vincent University are circulating a petition in support of an assistant business professor who resigned early this month after pleading guilty to sending obscene books and magazines to a Sydney woman between July 1985 and his arrest April 1986.

Professor Lowell Geddes was "very popular" and a very good professor, says business student Alex Dow, who signed a petition questioning Geddes' resignation.

Although he said Geddes was relieved to resign, Professor Don Shiner wonders whether a resignation would have occurred if Geddes had been working at an institution other than a university.

Administration president

Naomi Hersom said Geddes was not forced to resign. "I think it's fair to say there was no pressure for him to resign, but resignation was certainly discussed."

Geddes, who will be sentenced March 31, was scheduled to be sentenced earlier but Supreme court Justice William Grant ordered a delay to allow a check into Geddes' behaviour at the Mount. The university is satisfied that Geddes never bothered students.

According to the Cape Breton Post, upon his arrest Geddes admitted to sending the Sydney woman, whom he met at the bank where she worked, a magazine called Urban Cowboys. Geddes had pasted obscene notes inside suggesting the woman might enjoy sexual relations with the men in the photos.

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