

Day protests government inaction

for Women, was the first speaker. She had attended the United Nation's sponsored conference on International Women's Year. She claimed the conference in no way addressed itself to the needs of women. Citing an example she said the world sexism was declared to be an invalid term by the conference. Saying that the conference as typified by the election of a man as its president, Lambert also told participants the lack of funds made available by the Canadian government had made it very difficult for non-government women to attend the conference.

Gail Aller speaking for the Canadian Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws, concentrated on the unfair nature of present laws. In particular she stressed that abortions are becoming more difficult to obtain, saying the situation is partially the result of the fact that fewer hospitals have abortion committees now than did so a year ago. Aller also described the persecution of Dr. Henry Morgentaler by the Canadian and Quebec governments. She called for repeal of the abortion law and freedom for Dr. Morgentaler.

Dorothy Keith from the Day Care Council condemned Ottawa for its lack of concern for children. She said that there are 1,500,000 children under 14 in Canada whose mother is in the work force. here is room for nearly 2 out of every 100 of these children in existing day care centers. She told of the hardship that this situation creates for both women and children. Keith received a round of applause when she told the audience that the federal

government's priorities are reflected by ex-Justice Minister Otto Lang for whom "Life begins at conception and ends at birth."

Barb Smith from Edmonton Woman's Place ended the rally. Her speech effectively summed up the anger of the women present. Smith denounced International Women's Year as a sham.

"When is the government going to repeal the abortion laws and free Dr. Morgentaler?" she asked. She demanded to know "When is it going to provide adequate quality day care. When will it insure that women receive equal pay for work of equal value. The government has done nothing in 1975," she concluded, "to bring women any closer to equality."

The seriousness and determination of the women present was shown by the fact that the nine workshops were well-attended. Representatives from each of the workshops reported back to the final plenary session with reports their decisions for future activities. A number of the workshops compiled demands to be sent to the Canadian and Alberta governments.

The concluding rally voted to send telegrams containing women's demands to members of Parliament and members of the Alberta Legislature Assembly.

The demands to the federal government included:

1. The immediate repeal of the abortion law and freedom for Dr. Morgentaler.

2. That proposed Human Rights Legislation be amended to remove all sections which

prevent the Human Rights Legislation from superceding other legislation.

3. That the Human Rights Act be amended to include discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation.

4. That the recommendation of the Status of Women Report asking that child care responsibility be shared by society as a whole be immediately implemented, through legislation which provides universal quality supplementary child care.

5. That the federal govern-

ment implement and enforce the right of equal pay for work of equal value for all working women.

Among the demands directed at the Alberta government were:

1. That the Alberta Government immediately introduce Labor Legislation that would guarantee women the right to Maternity Leave without loss of employment, with guarantee of return to employment with full benefits and seniority, and with pay during leave.

2. That the Alberta Govern-

ment immediately introduce legislation providing for an effective affirmative action program for employment of women and natives in Alberta.

The Native Women's workshop sent a special letter to Syncrude Canada which called for the company to grant women and natives special, preferential treatment in job training, employment, wages, and other involvements of the company. This workshop also called on Canada Manpower to train women for jobs opening up in Alberta that have traditionally been held by males.



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NOVEMBER 7 - 13, 1975

Friday, Nov. 7 8:00 PM

THE LITTLE THEATRE OF JEAN RENOIR

Directed and Written by Jean Renoir
FRANCE

Family

Saturday, Nov. 8 2:00 PM - Matinee

LA GRANDE BOUFFE

Director: Marco Ferreri; Cast: Marcello Mastroianni, Michel Piccoli, Ugo Tognazzi. Winner International Critics Prize - Cannes Film Festival
FRANCE

Restricted Adult

Saturday, Nov. 8 8:00 PM

LE SEX SHOP

Director: Claude Berri - FRANCE

Restricted Adult

Sunday, Nov. 9 2:00 PM - Matinee

SECOND GUN

American Documentary on the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy. Produced and Directed by Gerald Alcan in co-operation with investigative reporter Ted Charach.

Family

Sunday, Nov. 9 8:00 PM

LOVE AND ANARCHY

Director: Lina Wertmuller; Best Actor: Cannes Film Festival 1974 - ITALY

Restricted Adult

Monday, Nov. 10 8:00 PM

HEARTS AND MINDS

Director: Peter Davis; Academy Award Winner - U.S.A.

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Tuesday, Nov. 11 2:00 PM - Matinee

LES VIOLONS DU BAL

Written and Directed by Michel Drach;

Best Actress: Cannes Film Festival 1974 - FRANCE

Adult

Tuesday, Nov. 11 8:00 PM

ARTHUR RUBINSTEIN - LOVE OF LIFE

Director: Francois Reichenbach; Academy Award Winner - FRANCE

Family

Wednesday, Nov. 12 8:00 PM

LES ORDRES

Director: Michel Brault; Best Director: Cannes Film Festival 1975 and Canadian Film Awards; Best Picture of 1975: Canadian Film Awards; Best Original Screenplay: Canadian Film Awards - CANADA

Adult

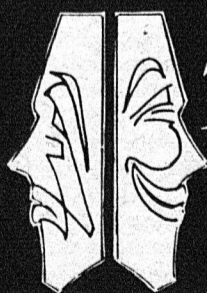
Thursday, Nov. 13 8:00 PM

AND NOW MY LOVE

Director: Claude Lelouche - FRANCE

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