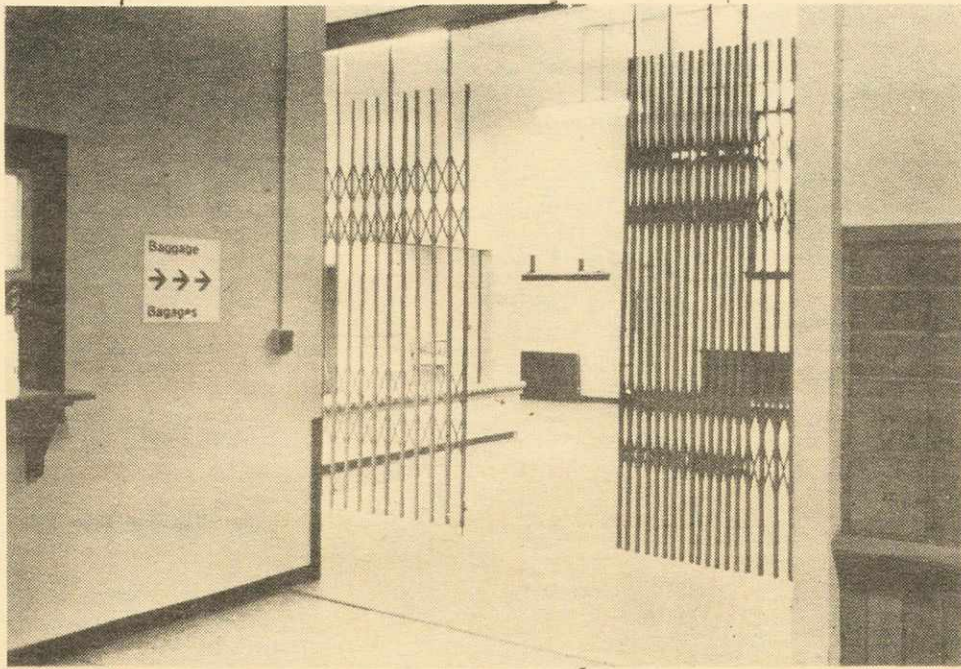


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Mountaintop Experience

by Margarita

An April day
came by mistake in January
On a Sun-day
(of course).
And the city ice melted
like the winter sadness
in our hearts.

I climbed the hill
of the Citadel
Along with lovers, joggers,
tourists, kids-
Then sang as I sat
on the cold wet ground
with the sun on my cheeks.

I remembered Moses
who climbed the mountain
to talk face to face
with God,
And went back down
so radiant of face
that he glowed.

I looked to the city
sprawled out below
And wondered if I could return,
Like Moses, I did,
to share in the world
the glory that shone
on the hill.

Feds make a farce of women's yr.

HALIFAX (CUP) - The federal government's participation in International Women's Year is a \$5 million public relations farce, according to a spokeswoman from the Halifax Women's Centre.

Marilyn Smith said that International Women's Year has become a public relations venture largely for the benefit of the government.

"It's a big farce geared towards taking attention off the fact that very few of the Status of Women's recommendations have been implemented," she said.

According to official figures released in Ottawa, the \$5 million budget is to be equally administered by the Privy Council and the Secretary of State. Of the money \$280,000 will go to the Atlantic Provinces.

Of this \$200,000 will go

into an Atlantic regional conference, one of the four being sponsored by the International Women's Year Secretariat, a special committee of the Privy Council.

An additional \$80,000 will be available as local initiative grants to be administered through the Women's Programme of the Secretary of State.

The money slated for the regional conference is a sore point for the Women's Centre who says it is a prime example of the kind of top level planning that has gone in with little concern for local input.

The Ontario Status of Women's Council has also strongly condemned the money to be spent on the regional conferences as extravagant and say it could be put to better use.

They have also strongly

disagreed with the government's policy to spend \$500,000 on advertising for International Women's Year.

"A lot of people feel that a women's conference is not a top priority if you have \$200,000 to spend," said a centre spokeswoman.

"There have already been enough general conferences for us to have a pretty good idea of the kind of programs we need---now the money should be going towards getting those programs started.

The \$80,000 in grant money to be shared among the four Atlantic provinces has produced an even larger storm of protest. By comparison Quebec has been allocated \$150,000, Ontario \$200,000 and \$160,000 each for the prairie and Pacific region.

The grant money was

originally allocated on the basis of the number of grant requests received by the Department of Secretary of State in the past. And since the women's movement has been a very recent development in the Maritime provinces there weren't as many grants.

However many Maritime

Free loan

QUEBEC (CUP) - Interest free loans have been authorized by the Quebec government for Quebec students who have applied for provincial bursaries or scholarships but who haven't heard whether their application has been accepted.

The decision affects about 800 of the 1,600 Quebec students enrolled at the

women have pointed out that the relative isolation of the area and the higher proportion of rural women have limited the demand for special programs which shows a need for special assistance rather than a measure of assistance geared to the past.

University of Ottawa. Many have been borrowing money from the bank at high interest rates since September to finance their studies.

The delay in the loans has caused walkouts at universities and colleges across Quebec and the University of Ottawa.