

## by Julie Wheelright for Canadian University Press

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eld, a lay health worker a clinic agrees. "This rous effects on us (the y as well as taking away reproduction," she says, are personal opinions. "We're feeling the crunch ion is made illegal, that's ncome that will dry up," dia currently offers the rtions in Seattle: \$110. e doubts whether the ally pass, though the ing forces will "steam- ough" exists.

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did pass, Banfield says work of doctors going provide women with m by the state. Abortion Seattle long enough for how to perform safe is may counter-act fears back alley butchers, she

Seattle is extremely so many, there are so d, "I have a hard time nen will accept that."

ithin the anti-choice are many splits and some ink outlawing the IUD after pills is going too

Sherman-Peterson, 35 control pills would fall ition of abortifacients, thods which work to tion rather than ovula-

esults of the statute will rality rates, more child umbers of women dying ppling infections from abortions and 300,000 nancies a year, she adds. the fact that doctors will owing whether a woman

has had a spontaneous or induced abortion. Before abortion was legalized in Washington State, says Sherman-Peterson, women who went to hospitals with miscarriages were often harassed by doctors.

She tells of one woman who was five months pregnant when she miscarried. "The doctors didn't believe it wasn't an abortion. They surrounded her and kept saying, 'who did it.'"

"How far are they going to go to investigate a miscarriage which is a euphemism for a spontaneous abortion?"

According to Ken Vanderhoff, a Washington lawyer and president of Human Life, Seattle, the leading anti-choice group, doctors can always tell whether a woman had had an abortion. "There's all kinds of positive tests to tell whether a woman has had a spontaneous or induced abortion," says Vanderhoff.

But Meg Kickling, education director of Vancouver's planned parenthood says Vanderhoff's statements are "very hard to believe."

And Laura Lynn Brown, a counsellor at Vancouver General Hospital's surgical

tions, would be forced to carry their pregnancies to term. The majority of those women in Seattle are either teenagers or women on low incomes, according to Marilyn Knight

Last year more than 8,000 teenagers had babies in Washington state and only 3,000 gave their children up for adoption, says Knight. The consequence of the statute would be to force even more single mothers onto the welfare rolls, she says.

"The social costs would be enormous. Nobody likes abortion. No one does it happily. But there's always such things as contraceptive failure and ignorance."

She adds that most of the women who come to planned parenthood for abortion counselling are poor. Eliminating abortions "would be a very difficult thing to have to do."

But Vanderhoff says that he is not concerned about the added social costs. Nor is he concerned about the added number of unwanted children born to the 30,000 women who had abortions in Washington last year.

"Abortions is very dangerous to women. That doesn't mean that I have to

**It is a weapon currently being employed to take away a woman's right to safe, legal abortion, even in cases of pregnancy by rape, or incest. Even if the woman is a girl of thirteen, even if the baby will be born with severe deformities, it must be carried to term.**

daycare unit says "for the most part that kind of evidence isn't apparent." She adds that only in cases where the uterus has been punctured can doctors clearly distinguish between a miscarriage and crude abortion attempt.

The statute will force many women back to the days of unsafe, often lethal abortions. "I'm extremely concerned about that, Vanderhoff claims, "I'm going to try and make sure there aren't back street abortionists. They do two things: they destroy the baby and the mothers."

He adds, ironically: "We'll always have those who will do wrong."

Since no birth control method is 100 per cent effective, many American women, who otherwise could have chosen abor-

say the baby has to die so the mother will feel good. I want to eliminate the holocaust for mother and baby."

He adds society must realize that even though it is much cheaper to have an abortion than raise a child, that sacrifice must be made.

"We have to address the fact that it is more expensive to raise a child. Economically it is cheaper to kill people. I can arrange an abortion for \$125."

The readily available abortions in Seattle, he says, "encourage that." But now that congress has suspended medical aid funds for women wanting abortions, even in cases of rape or incest, that \$125 is going to be an ever greater sacrifice for these women.

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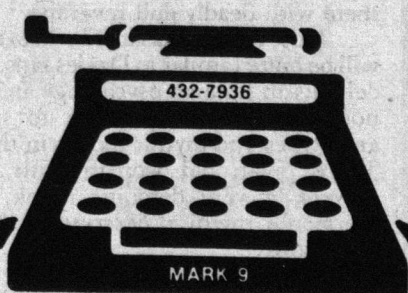
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