

## LAW

### In Defence of the Rights of All

(Excerpted from an editorial in the *Ottawa Citizen*, October 5, 1985)

Military spouses are only asking for a minimal concession to the rights that all other Canadians take for granted — rights of free speech, association and non-discrimination.

They want permission to set up an organization to promote the welfare of military wives and families.

They want:

- to improve traffic safety on bases
- to help families ease the turmoil of moving
- to press the government for dental insurance, and
- to set up programs to deal with wife-battering.

Instead of encouraging these efforts, base commanders and even the Defence Minister have blocked them at every turn....

The Canadian Forces have shown themselves utterly out of touch with this fact:

— Women are now the legal equals of men, individuals in their own right, even if they wear uniforms or marry people who do.

The day has long passed when wives were part of the army's baggage train, a necessary problem of logistics. If Defence is too timid to admit that, it would do well to observe External Affairs, which has acknowledged the contributions of foreign service spouses and encourages their organization. The Defence Department's sexism is offensive, pointless and futile. To confuse spouses' self-help organizations with impermissible political action is just plain stupid.

## CANADA

### Staying in touch with Canada

You seldomly find Canadian books abroad and it is even more difficult to have access to Canadian newspapers and journals. Foreign news agencies and media don't report Canadian news and events as often as we would wish them to. Canadian films and television programs are not often shown abroad. Other than CBC International, there is not one single daily source of information to relay Canadian political views and developments.

CBC International was created by Council decree in September 1942, and construction was started in the following year on two 50 kilowatt transmitters in Sackville, New Brunswick, on Canada's East Coast.

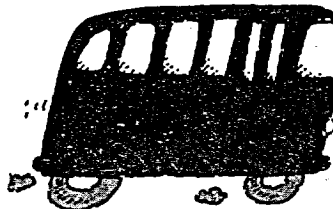
On December 16, 1944, a first successful broadcast was transmitted. Just over a week later, on Christmas Day, the first news broadcast from Canada was aired on short wave to Canadian troops stationed in Europe.



**CBC International.** Today, through its short wave programs in 11 languages, CBC International reaches millions of listeners in Eastern and Western Europe, the United States, Latin America, the West Indies, Africa, and the Middle-East. For some time now it has been broadcasting in a twelfth language, Japanese, for a weekly series relayed by satellite from Vancouver to Tokyo.

CBC International broadcasts to its Canadian listeners abroad some of its best radio programs from the national programs of the CBC such as *As it Happens*, *the National News*, *Canada on Ice*, etc.

## EDUCATION



**O.B.E.'s reorganization finally concluded!** After 18 months of protracted review and debate the Ottawa Board of Education has finally ratified, on August 29, 1985, the following decisions regarding English language secondary schools.

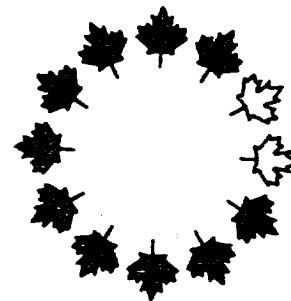
As of September 1986, the schools will be grouped in three regions: South: Brookfield, Ridgmont, Hillcrest and Canterbury — West: Woodroffe, Laurentian, Nepean and Fisher Park — North-East: Ottawa Tech, Lisgar, Glebe and Rideau.

Normally, students are to attend the school closest to their residence within the region but could possibly change school within the same region. Only exceptionally are they allowed to move to another region.

As of June 30, 1986, Fisher Park, Sir John A. MacDonald, and the School of Commerce will be closed.

For further details please contact the O.B.E. at 563-2313 or write to the O.B.E., Attention: Public Relations section, 330 Gilmour Street, Ottawa, K2P 0P9.

## "THE NCC HAS A VISION"



So read the headline in the *Ottawa Citizen*. It wants to be given greater autonomy from government and more direct power over the life of the National Capital Region. In particular it wants control over federal buildings and other works in the region and sees the openings in 1988 of the new National Gallery and Museum of Man as the first major thrusts in this strategy. The concern expressed by local politicians is that by expanding the mandate the commission could end up making decisions affecting life in the capital without any accountability to the residents.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**The average Canadian** going to the United States for more than a night spends \$260.50 while the average American only spends \$194.44 when in Canada (i.e. US \$145.83)

**It has taken 42 years** to negotiate the Skagit River Treaty but only 15 years for the Pacific Salmon Treaty which was ratified during the Quebec Summit. Things are definitely improving.

**80% of foreign investment** in Canada comes from the United States.

**The official name** of the American space shuttle's 'Candarm' is the "Space Shuttle's Telem Manipulation System".

**The "Moosehead" beer** from New Brunswick is sold in 50 American States but only in three Canadian provinces.