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MEMO TO: ALL SUPPORTERS OF THE NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE
FROM: LORNA MARSDEN, PRESIDENT
RE: I.W.Y. + 1: 1976 AND LEGISLATIVE ACTION

ACTION NEEDED:

Despite all the good lobbying which members across the country have done during I.W.Y., and pressure from the Federal Status of Women Council, we end 1975 with many bills still in process in the House of Commons.

This is not good enough!

Please cable or write your M.P., the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice (Hon. R. Basford), and the Minister responsible for the Status of Women (Hon. Marc Lalonde), to express your feelings about this. Remember, your M.P. is home for the holidays and only a phone call away. DO IT NOW.

Among other concerns, please mention:

BILL C20 (Citizenship) - Why not pass it?

BILL 52 (Pensions for Women) - Why not passed?

BILL C71 (Criminal Code Amendments). These amendments still included the phrase "or previously chaste character" in relation to a victim of rape. To define crime on the basis of the moral character of the victim is a travesty of justice, but to define a crime on the opinion of a jury of a women's moral character, is vicious in the extreme.

BILL C72 (Human Rights Legislation). You have our comments on the amendments we would like to see. Where is the Human Rights Commission as recommended by the R.C.S.W. in 1970?

We hope you will send messages to all those people mentioned above, with a copy to us. New Years (before the next session of Parliament opens) is a good time.

I wish you all the best during the Christmas season. International Women's Year ends, but our determination to keep up the pressure for equality in , legislation is greater than ever before.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT ROUND? WE ARE!

LM/pb
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