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DAY OF OUTRAGE

Please post enclosed flyer and if you are not going but wish to help with expenses, send contributions to Day of Outrage, Cathy Flynn, P.O. Box 102, Buckfield, ME 04220.

AROOSTOOK WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

There will be a Women's Conference at UMPI on May 9 and 10 at Kelly Commons sponsored in part by Presque Isle N.O.W. Program includes a film festival May 9 at 7:30pm. Conference begins at 9am May 10. Workshop topics include sex role stereotyping, child care, family planning, women and credit, job discrimination and career counselling. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Emily Taylor, Director of the Office of Higher Education in Washington, D.C. For more information, contact Roni LaVine, P.O. Box 332, Presque Isle, ME 04769.

NOW MAINE BUTTONS AVAILABLE

We now have buttons available as a fundraiser for NOW Maine - \$1 each. Write Harriet Tilley, Treasurer, 85 Nason Ave., Bangor, ME 04401. Send \$1.10 or \$1 and 10¢ stamp.

FBI

As you may be aware the FBI has been engaging in harassment of feminist activists in general and lesbian activists in particular. If you are approached, be aware that: 1) You don't have to give your social security number to anyone for identification; 2) You have a legal right not to talk to investigators. Don't lie or say you don't know anything. Just refuse to answer; 3) Don't let agents into your house without a warrant; and 4) Get legal advice. If you know any lawyers willing to help feminists in Maine who might be harassed, contact: Lois Reckitt, 38 Myrtle Ave., South Portland, Maine 04106.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

As you know the National NOW Conference is scheduled for Philadelphia in October. Because there have been reports of consideration of moving the Convention site (to Seattle), the Eastern Regional State Coordinators and others meeting in Boston in April passed the following resolution: "Regardless of whether or not the National Board or Executive Committee attempts to move the National Conference, we will not recognize such a blatant political act and will attend the Conference in Philadelphia. We insist that the organization honor its moral commitment to the membership and its financial commitment to the Philadelphia Convention."

NATIONAL BY-LAWS VOTE

The normal procedure for by-laws revisions is for all proposals submitted by members, chapters, or states to be considered by the National By-Laws Committee and then recommended to the National Board for approval. If approved, they would then go to the membership via a mail ballot. (By-laws may also be revised at the National Conference). This was the procedure used for proposals 1 and 2 which were printed in the March, April Do It NOW. They were proposed (as uncontroversial) by the By-Laws Committee who asked that the National Board (by a Board mail ballot) vote to include them in Do It NOW.

However, included with them were two proposals on a delegate system for the National Conference and a quorum for that Conference which were sent to the Chairone of the Board by Tulsa Oklahoma NOW. These proposals were included without the By-Laws Committee's knowledge and in precedence over many other proposals sent in previously for consideration by chapters and others. In addition, a lawsuit is being brought to enjoin their second printing in Do It NOW on the grounds that the results of the Board balloting have not been validated. (Cont.)

If they are sent out in the May/June Do It NOW you should be aware in voting that the delegate system proposed would disenfranchise over half our members in Maine who are at-large and decrease the representation of two of our larger chapters, Presque Isle and Lewiston-Auburn, whose charters have been held up for reasons which are not clear. Further, as delineated in Do It NOW the quorum proposal calls for an exceedingly large number of credentialled participants in relation to our past practice.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN - MAINE
1975 ANNUAL CONFERENCE MAY 17&18

SITE: Eastport Hall, Bangor Community College (near Airport)

PROGRAM: SATURDAY May 17

10am Registration

10:30am Business Meeting -Nominations for State Office Rm 135

12 noon Lunch

1 pm Business Meeting - Discussion of National NOW Controversy Rm 135

3pm Workshops

Rm 136 - Abortion Politics

Cathy Flynn Maine Right to Choose

Rm 137 - Compliance

JoAnne Fritsche EEO-UMO

Rm 138 - Consciousness Raising

Audrey Isakson - Kennebunk NOW

Roni LaVine - Presque Isle NOW

5pm Balloting begins for State Officers

6pm Dinner - Speaker - Eastern Regional Co-Director Rosemary Belmont
Party to follow.

SUNDAY May 18

10am Workshops repeated

12 noon Lunch - Conference Wrap-up

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Chateau, Odlin Rd., Bangor, ME 04401. Rooms have two double beds and are \$12/room. Make your own reservations and let them know you are with NOW Conference. Because of the delay in our receiving membership records from National, please bring proof of 1975 membership, if possible.

RETURN BY MAY 12 to Harriet Tilley, 85 Nason Ave., Bangor, ME 04401

Name _____

Address _____

Chapter Affiliation, if any _____

I will be attending the 1975 State Conference. Registration \$ 5 _____
(Please let us know if you need fee waived.)

I will be participating in the following meals: Sat. Lunch \$2.10 _____

Dinner \$3.50 _____

Sunday Lunch \$2.10 _____

Make checks payable to Maine N.O.W.

I will need child care for _____ child (ren). Age (s) _____.

DAY OF OUTRAGE

MOTHERS' DAY

MAY 11, 1975

**WHY:**

On January 22, 1973 the Supreme Court of the United States upheld the right of women to safe, legal, abortion. The hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church would deprive us of this right by using their immense resources of money, church staff, religious orders, power, and political influence to lobby for a Compulsory Pregnancy Amendment to the Constitution. We plan to expose and challenge this threat to the principle of separation of church and state.

WHERE:

Apostolic Delegation (Vatican Embassy)
Corner Massachusetts Ave. and 34th St. N.W. (Across from the Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.)

WHEN:

Mother's Day, May 11, 1975 • Orientation: 11:00 a.m. • March: 12 Noon to 3 p.m.

ORGANIZED BY: Pennsylvania NOW Abortion Politics Worksession

SPONSORED BY: Eastern Region of National Organization for Women

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS: (partial list)

Abortion Rights of Washington
Catholics for a Free Choice
D. C. NOW

New American Movement
Northern Virginia NOW
NOW Minority Women's Task Force

DETAILS:

Legal demonstration. Police cooperation. Children welcome (Bring own lunch and beverages)

ASSEMBLY POINT in Washington, D.C.

Triangular Parks — corner of Massachusetts and Fulton Streets, N.W.

BUS PARKING ONLY: Eastside of Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
from Davis to Garfield Streets (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

CLOTHING: All marchers bring own red band, wear black (for mourning) or dark clothing if possible. (Avoid purple, which signifies penitence in the Roman Catholic Church).

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT LOCAL NOW CHAPTER

OR JEANNE K. C. CLARK, Coordinator . . . (412) 279-3700 (day time)
262-4326 (evenings and week-ends)

P.S. - P.D. You have fun? Jennifer
Tomorrow? wife wov,

SEE WHAT I DID FOR

~~GET THE MOTORS IN~~
OK? I got 'em in.

AP -

