



Conference participants were repeatedly reminded to unite for the upcoming World March of Women 2000, set to include Canada's participation as a March on Parliament Hill on Oct. 15 and culminating in an international march on the United Nations in New York on Oct. 17. The women's conference was told that some 4,500 women's groups from around the world are organizing to put forward 17 world demands against poverty and against violence against women.

There are many reasons for such a declaration, the conference was told.

Of the millions living in poverty around the world, some 70 per cent are women living in extreme poverty. This means they earn less than \$1 a day.

About half a million women die from complications of pregnancy annually. Ten to 50 per cent of all women have been or will be victims of violence by men they know. Sexual mutilation of women is still practiced in some cultures.

Conference participants were told of research which shows that women are more likely to be jobless for a longer period of time than are men, with no access to the social safety net. Many women are no longer eligible for maternity leave since the most recent changes to our legislation now require a minimum of 700 hours on the job before benefits become available. The wage gap is still growing, with women now earning 63.8 per cent of what their male counterparts earn. All this despite the fact that unemployment stands at six per cent, the lowest in over a decade.

Delegates heard that it appears impossible to win significant struggles at the local level. These struggles are international in scope.

When shops in northern countries close and the work moves south, women there work without labour laws protecting them, are underpaid and harassed. Decent quality jobs for women all over the world are needed. Demands to be voiced in Canada during the upcoming marches will include a call for better federal funding for services for victims of violence and rape, and employment insurance improvements to maternity leave. It is a call to unite in the fight against globalization that starves out women and children.

- Cindy Garofalo

CEP 191 wants you:

to be on the union executive board.

The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for the union executive board for the election to be held this Fall. Up for election are the positions of president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary-treasurer, assistant secretary-treasurer and 14 executive board members.

The 14 members will consist of at least eight members from the Winnipeg Newspaper Council (Winnipeg Free Press and Winnipeg Sun) of which at least two shall be adult newspaper carriers; at least two members from the Commercial Print Council (covering the commercial print shops); at least one member from the Rural Manitoba Newspaper Council (Brandon

Sun); and at least one member from the Northwestern Ontario Council (Thunder Bay Chronicle-Journal).

The only requirement for office is membership in good standing in the union and a willingness to serve. The union is committed to providing opportunities for minority members and members with disabilities.

Those interested in running for office can contact the union office at (204) 949-2770 or a member of the Nominating Committee (Steve Hyworren, Winnipeg Free Press carriers; Kelly Mazur, Free Press classified; Jeff Stark, Transcontinental bindery; and Glen Dawkins, Winnipeg Sun editorial). You can also contact your chapel chairperson.

- Glen Dawkins

A REPORT AND A PROPOSAL:

KELLY MAZUR (Free Press classified advertising)

WRITES:

I would like to thank all those who made it possible for me to attend the women's conference. The conference was a truly wonderful learning experience and a real eye opener regarding the conditions women everywhere still have to live under.

A great deal of resource material was distributed by various unions and resource groups throughout the conference. I picked up some information that I felt might be beneficial to us at some point.

I came away from the conference feeling that the Media Union of Manitoba - CEP Local 191, has no excuse for not having its own women's committee. A great deal of work remains to be done. Since I am new to our union, I do not know if we have ever had our own Local 191 women's committee in the past, but I do hope that the executive of the Local will consider establishing one.

For Kelly's complete article and Workplace Health & Safety workshop report, see www.mts.net/~mum.

WHAT'S HAPPENING LOCALLY?

The World March of Women 2000 will take place in Winnipeg on September 17 with events planned at The Forks. It is being organized locally by a variety of groups and organizations. The event is well into the planning stages, and anyone interested in volunteering may call 233-0538. For more information, telephone 233-7287, fax 233-7844, or write to World March, 601 Aulneau Street, Winnipeg, MB R2H 2V6.

Church groups, anti-poverty activists, labour organizations and many others are taking part in this important world statement.

The Manitoba Federation of Labour's Women's Committee is only one of many participants. **Come join us on September 17.**

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