

Resolutions Passed at 1978 BCFW Convention

Whereas BCFW has policy covering the various issues raised by Renaissance Canada and the Anita Bryant Crusade, and  
Whereas the Coalition Against Discrimination has released a statement of principle designed for the purpose of bringing a coalition together to fight the Crusade, and  
Whereas this statement of principle lies within the boundaries of BCFW Policy although it is not a comprehensive analysis of our policy, therefore  
BE IT RESOLVED that BCFW endorses the Statement of Principle of the Coalition Against Discrimination, and subsequent actions, should such actions lie within BCFW policy.

Whereas it is exceedingly rare for the Attorney-General of B.C. to use the powers of direct indictment, and  
Whereas it is even more rare to prefer a direct indictment after a preliminary inquiry has exonerated the accused, and  
Whereas this action has been taken against prison activists Betsy Wood and Gay Hoon, and  
Whereas such unusual action constitutes a blatant act of political harassment which has political ramifications for all Canadians working towards social change and is an example of the erosion of civil rights in Canada

BE IT RESOLVED that the BCFW condemns the Attorney-General of B.C. for this act of political harassment.

Whereas the Quebecois share certain characteristics historically, socially, culturally, economically, and politically which constitute them as an oppressed nation within our country and  
Whereas oppressed nations should have the right to self-determination and  
Whereas genuine unity between exploited and oppressed peoples can only develop through mutual respect for the rights of each-- whether this oppression be based on class, sex, language, or national characteristics

BE IT RESOLVED that the BCFW recognizes and affirms the right of Quebec to self-determination.

Whereas there are increasing incidents of repression especially from the State, aimed at the worker's movement and all those working for social change and  
Whereas in Quebec Operation Liberte, a broad and open coalition of citizens and groups has formed to struggle against these attacks and for the defense and extension of fundamental rights and freedoms, and  
Whereas Operation Liberte has called upon groups in English Canada to support the two themes of a mass meeting to be held on November 17th and a demonstration to be held December 17th, namely  
1) Repeal the War Measures Act  
2) Oppose state repression and all attacks on basic human rights and freedoms, and they have called for activities with similar aims in other regions

BE IT RESOLVED that BCFW support Operation Liberte in any principle

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BE IT RESOLVED that BCFW support Operation Liberte in any principle or action that lies within BCFW policy.

Whereas International Women's Day presents an opportunity to demonstrate our solidarity with our sisters in Quebec,

BE IT RESOLVED that the BCFW consider inviting a woman from Quebec to speak as part of the activities around March 8th.

BE IT RESOLVED that the BCFW support the boycott of Chilean and South African products, and oppose bank loans and investments to Chile and South Africa.

BE IT RESOLVED that the BCFW support the struggle of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers against the anti-labour legislation including Bill C-28 and Bill C-8 which attacks the public sector employees' right to strike and to collective bargaining.

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Dear Sisters:

In this mailout you should find:

- 1) letter from Miriam Azrael, Co-ordinator of BCFW Standing Committee
- 2) Reports from Standing Committee members (green paper - includes all reports received prior to mailout - remainder of reports will be added to Convention package)
- 3) Policy proposals and resolutions (yellow paper)
- 4) Agenda for the Convention
- 5) Map of Victoria
- 6) List of workshops
- 7) B.C.F.W. Policy Handbook
- 8) Re-imbusement forms for travel and for day care
- 9) Receipt for registration fees

If you have any questions about the Convention, you may call Angela at 386-4150 or Tish at 386-1683, after 5:00 p.m.

Please proceed to the James Bay Community Center to register, before going to the Hotel. Hotel rooms will be designated at the Registration tables in the Community Center, in order to facilitate those women who wish to room together or in same area.

We are excited about the plans for Convention, and we're looking forward to a high-energy time!

In sisterhood,

Convention Planners