

measurements...Hon. Andre Ouellet answered that "the majority of consumer products are maintaining the same weight or volume declaration that they did in the imperial system. It is difficult however, to establish standard measures for substances such as laundry detergents since there are large variations in product densities." The detergent manufacturers decided to declare both the weight and volume, according to Consumers' Association of Canada.

Simcoe Area Emergency Resolution

RE: OHIP coverage for all essential assistive devices for the disabled of Ontario...Hon. Larry Grossman, Minister of Health, replied, "The Women's Institute concern is one that I share. The Assistive Device Program of July 11, 1982 contributes approximately 75 percent towards the cost of certain

medically necessary equipment and supplies for Ontario residents who have not yet reached their 19th birthday." He expressed appreciation for the resolution reflecting that the assistance not be limited to a particular age group. He said, "the program is currently undergoing extensive review and input to this evaluation process by the W.I. and other organizations is critical to effecting appropriate future changes in the program."

RE: Emergency Resolution recognizing the costs of planting programs for fruit growers and no tax deduction...Hon. Mark Lalonde replied, "Officials of my department have held meetings with representatives of the Canadian Horticultural Council as with officials of Revenue Canada to discuss this matter. Please be assured that your association's views will be taken into consideration in our review of this matter."

Emergency resolution...RE: An opportunity to study the text regarding the decisions by the Crown Postal Corporation making it illegal to communicate any way except by mail...Hon. Andre Ouellet answered that a release had been given out at this time. Early in January a Canadian Press newspaper reported "Canada Post has reached tentative agreement with 16 business associations in a new attempt to define the nature of a letter." These details were to be made public but Mrs. Diamond had received nothing further.

Emergency resolution was sent by telegram on Jan. 24, 1983 to Hon. Francis Fox voicing "disapproval of the Pay TV First Choice playboy programming." Mr. Fox replied copies had been sent to CRTC, and since then a follow-up letter explained action has been taken with a view to developing industry standards.

Emergency resolution, dealing with pornography, sustained by FWIO board

The following emergency resolution was presented and sustained at the FWIO semi-annual board meeting.

RE: Pornography and violence on television and video cassettes

WHEREAS incidences of violence and obscenity on television, particularly Pay TV, and the availability of pornographic video cassettes are increasing at an alarming rate depicting brutality, vile language, crime, murder, homosexuality, etc., which violences are not covered under the law governing sex-related acts;

WHEREAS women and children are being grossly exploited, and young people more and more exposed to such programs:

WHEREAS producers and distributors of such materials are reaping huge profits, and seemingly giving no

concern to the results of such production and distribution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario strongly urge the Minister of Communications (Canada), the Attorney General of Ontario, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission, the Ontario Board of Censorship, and Federal MPs to give immediate and serious consideration to this increase in violence, pornography and exploitation in the media, with a view to working together to enact legislation to prohibit the dissemination of such materials which degrade women and children, corrupt young viewers, and are contrary to moral principles and ideals to which Women's Institutes give allegiance.

A Time To Risk

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.

To reach out for another is to risk involvement.

To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self.

To place your ideas, your dreams before the crowd is to risk loss.

To love is to risk not being loved in return.

To live is to risk dying.

To hope is to risk despair.

To try at all is to risk failure.

But risk we must.

Because the greatest hazard to life is to risk nothing.

The woman who risks nothing does nothing has nothing is nothing.

She may avoid suffering... but She simply cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love, live.

Chained by her certitudes, she is a slave; she has forfeited freedom. Only the person who risks can be called a free person.