

Emergency resolution tackles long distance calls

There is an awareness among Canadians that the peace process involves not only government, but citizens as well. It is through their efforts that the political will necessary for further advancement is generated. My government recognizes the positive contributions that can be made by Canadians and encourages them to be active participants in the quest for world peace. In the weeks ahead, we will be looking to Canadians for their views on how our country can best serve the cause of peace, and I can assure you your comments will be part of our assessment."

Janet D. Hiepleh
FWIO Resolutions Convener



WHEREAS the proposed deregulation of the long distance monopoly of Bell Canada by CNCP Telecommunications will force Bell Canada to make up lost revenue by implementing local measured service; and WHEREAS local measured service will raise basic telephone costs which will affect all of us, especially lower income families, senior citizens, shut-ins and small businesses;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request that the Canadian Radio-Television and Communications Commission reject the application of CNCP Telecommunications to deregulate the long distance monopoly of Bell Canada in Ontario.

A reply has been received from Andrew S. Durocher, Director, Applications Telecommunications, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission in Ottawa, EIGHT DAYS after the Resolution and letter sent on behalf

of FWIO, was directed to the CRTC Commission, in regard to the application of CNCP Telecommunications to deregulate the long distance monopoly of Bell Canada in Ontario. To date, this has been the quickest response I have received to any resolution sustained by Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Mr. Durocher thanked me for the letter and Resolution. Enclosed was a copy of a press release issued last November 16, 1984, which pertains to this important and complex proceedings. When the commission releases its decision, the media will be invited to a briefing session where CRTC staff will be available to answer questions. A decision is expected by mid 1985.

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Committee on Women's Institutes of the Future

The Committee on Women's Institutes of the Future (CWIF) was busy with meetings during the winter and spring months. Members would like to thank all those who took the time and effort to make submissions to the committee.

Here is a synopsis of the results of the questionnaire sent to every WI branch.

- branch members are generally not interested in what happens beyond their own individual branches
- they are satisfied with things the way they are
- don't want to see area conventions changed
- want to use a provincial theme for programming
- are in favor of a president-elect

position at the provincial level

- are not in favor of severing relationships with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- are not in favor of having a provincial office strictly on our own

Two recommendations presented by CWIF were approved at the April semi-annual meeting of the FWIO board. One is that workshops on a specific topic be held at provincial level for area and district level representatives who then return home to conduct local workshops and report the results. This is not in lieu of Officers' Conference. The rationale for this recommendation includes the involvement of more women in leadership training, less time and travel would be involved, conveners would

not just be report writers, members would be more capable and therefore would seek leadership roles and one day workshops would more readily accommodate working members.

The second recommendation is that a provincial convention be held in 1987 in conjunction with the 90th anniversary of the founding of Women's Institutes.

Two other recommendations dealing with the establishment of a president-elect position at the provincial level and the hiring of an executive director by FWIO have been referred to the constitution committee. More news on these two recommendations will be available after the November annual meeting of FWIO.