Prison alternatives studied Elizabeth Fry Society told By Lindy Oughtred The consideration alternatives to imprisonment is becoming an internationally-acknowledged concern, according to Gillian Sandeman, executive director of the Toronto branch of the Elizabeth Fry Society. Sandeman, speaking at the eighth annual meetorganization's Peel-Halton branch, told of her part in last October's United Nations (U.N.

delegation government and untary agency representatives, presented two resolutions to the congress. One was in favor of

other supported alternatives to imprisonment.

"The idea of alterfrom the Howard League

resolution-that imprisonment be used rarely, and They felt that the notion of mandatory sentences for minimum offences tion of Crime and Treatshould be reconsidered. ment of Offenders, held Although the resolution did not pass as originallly 44-member written, it was the first

> alternatives to imprisonment were discussed. "Eventually, people will find out that if you imprison less people the

been six to date) where

crime rates won't go up," Sandeman said.

When discussing the matter with a judge from had evolved. In that country, a five year sentence is considered unus-

ually harsh. The judge replied that the first step was in convincing the judiciary that imprisonment isn't ways the answer, as they pass the sentences.

"He himself was upset when he found he had to that, at an international give a two year sentence, the same way as a Canadian judge would be upset about passing a 25 year sentence," Sande-

man commented. The two week con-

gress, attended by justice allowing prisoners to and corrections officials from all over the world, is designed to provide standard rules on the treatment of offenders at

tries into meeting certain regulations. "Canada doesn't always meet these rules in its prisons," Sandeman out. theless, a definite level of

to such UN activities as

capacity as an Elizabeth attending the congress. As such, she found the most lively debates were governmental sector.

phone home to Ottawa to check what to say," she speak from the heart.

The second resolution backed by the Canadian delegation concerned exchange agreements between member nations As the fae corners of the earth become more and more accessible to the modern traveller, the

possibility of ending up in foreign prison in-The resolution countries

return to their home base "It's better to serve

because into society," Sandeman The Canadian delega-

tion also proposed giving the prisoner the right to decide whether he wished to return to his native country or remain in a foreign prison. However members were unable to persuade other countries, particularly those with a common market, that the prisoner's consent was important.

which depend on migrant support these people in consent of the prisoner or in his interest.

Many of the same people who were arguing in Venezuela for the offender's rights on an international level will not do so in Canada, she

"Within our federal system, you can ship someone anywhere in the quiet," she noted. "Of the operant principle is the reintegration of people into society, how can we have principles on an international scale, but not at home?"

Since the Elizabeth Fry Society is concerned with the female offender, Sandeman was also interested in presenting a resolution about the

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Sandeman's interest in corrections began in 1972 when she served as a with Probation Service, later becoming a probation and parole officer for the Ministry of Correctional

From 1975 to 1977, she "Some of the countries acted as a member of the

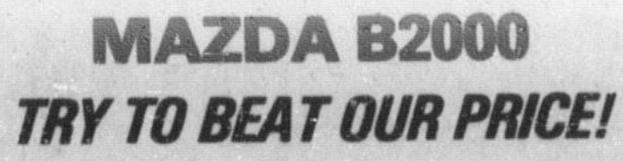
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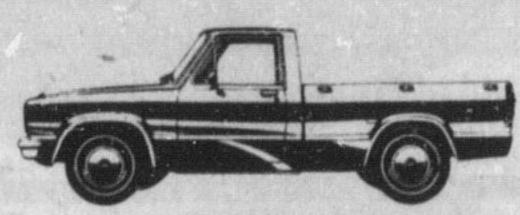
women aged 16 and over who have come in conflict with the law. It also co-ordinates the Community Service Order program (for both males and females) and runs the Elizabeth Fry residence in Brampton

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