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**american
women
on the
move!**



So far this year more than 100,000 women of all ages, of every background, with a wide range of viewpoints, opinions, and outlooks have met in the 56 States and Territories to talk about one single subject:

**HOW MUCH OF A SHARE
DO WOMEN HAVE IN THE LIFE,
THE LIBERTIES, THE PURSUIT
OF HAPPINESS IN OUR COUNTRY?**

This is not a new question. It was asked at the first national women's meeting in Seneca Falls, New York, 129 years ago.

This year, it's being asked in every one of the 56 States and Territories.

And it is going to be asked at

**THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 18-21, 1977
IN
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

But this time it will be different. This time, this Nation's—the world's—largest conference of women, for women, is sponsored and funded by the Congress of the United States and convened by a National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, appointed by the President.

**WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE THERE,
THIS TIME, IT'S YOUR TURN!**

**THIS TIME THE WHOLE
NATION WILL BE LISTENING!**

THE STATE MEETINGS

Open to the public, the State Meetings have been organized by widely representative Coordinating Committees selected by the National Commission from hundreds of openly solicited nominations.

The State Meetings have been successfully bringing together a cross section of Americans: homemakers, students, nurses, artists, secretaries, rural women, household workers, teachers, civic leaders, union members, businesswomen, and church workers. Scores of thousands of these people have never been to a women's meeting before.

Why have they been coming to the State Meetings?

- To talk about their lives, their liberties, their abilities to pursue happiness on a basis of full equality with American men;
- To recognize the contributions of women to our Nation's development;
- To measure the progress of women;
- To define those barriers and practices which still prevent women's full and equal participation in all aspects of national life;
- To elect official delegates to the National Women's Conference in Houston based on State and Territorial populations.

THE AGENDA

Each State Meeting considers a core agenda of women's issues and related subjects of concern to them. Recommendations voted by State Meetings will shape the agenda of the National Women's Conference.

THE ISSUES

Whatever concerns women is an issue in the State Meetings . . . and at the National Women's Conference: Arts, Child Care, Credit, Education, Employment, Equal Rights Amendment, Female Offenders, Health, Homemakers' Legal Status, International Interdependence, the Image of Women in the Media, Older Women, Rape, Strategies for Change, Teenage Pregnancy, Women in Elective and Appointive Office . . . It's your turn—what concerns you concerns us all.

**THE NATIONAL
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

In November, nearly 2,000 elected delegates from all the States and Territories will meet in Houston to represent you at the National Women's Conference.

Their meetings will reflect the views, ideas, and opinions of the women who elected them.

While only elected delegates may vote, you too can play a part. You can come to Houston to attend workshops, enjoy special events, and lend support to your delegates.

At home, you can be in touch with the Conference through your local newspapers, through radio and television.

You can help your local, State, and National legislators to understand and support the activities and recommendations of the National Conference.

**EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT IN HOUSTON,
THIS IS YOUR TURN. YOUR TIME.**

This historic meeting, working with the ideas and suggestions that grow out of the State Meetings, will make recommendations to the President of the United States and to the Congress for the elimination of barriers that still prevent women's full participation in all areas and aspects of American life.

The National Women's Conference will make concrete proposals and set timetables for action.

By law, this Conference must do more than talk. It *must* make recommendations for action to the Congress and the President.

The National Women's Conference is open to the public as far as space allows. There will be speakouts and workshops. There will be major speeches by nationally prominent leaders. There will be exhibits, films, and displays. There will be cultural events and sports events for visitors, observers, and delegates alike. But perhaps more important than anything else that happens in Houston—

**FOR THE FIRST TIME,
IT'S YOUR FULL TURN!**

**SUPPORT THE WOMEN WHO
WILL BE GOING TO TEXAS!**

**PARTICIPATE BY KEEPING
IN TOUCH WITH THE
NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE!**

HELP MAKE HISTORY!

