



# NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

## DAILY BULLETIN No. 2

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### WHAT IS THE DAILY BULLETIN?

This news sheet, the second of three official daily publications of the National Women's Conference, includes announcements and accounts of official conference business. Press deadline is 5 pm daily. Messages may be left at one location only, the Bulletin desk in the Hyatt Regency Press Room, in the basement Market Exhibit Hall. Please share your Bulletin; the time allowed for printing limits the number of copies.

Credit and deep appreciation to the following night owls who volunteered post-midnight hours to assemble and staple Daily Bulletin No. 1: Mary Whitmore, Seattle, Washington; Glenna Thaler, Ithaca, New York; Linda Stout, Alaska; Lewis Turner, Hollister, California; and Katherine Jager, Houston, Texas.

### CREDENTIALS REPORT

As of noon Saturday, 1,981 delegates and alternates had registered for the National Women's Conference. The total includes: 45 Commissioners, 1,344 Delegates, 358 At-Large Delegates, and 184 Alternates. Seating was available for all who wished to observe the voting.

### FIRST LADIES IN ATTENDANCE

The opening session Saturday was honored by the simultaneous appearance of First Lady Rosalynn Carter and former first ladies Betty Ford and Lady Bird Johnson. All three offered greetings and endorsed the goals of the conference.

### QUICK RESOLUTIONS RUN-DOWN

These resolutions were passed unchanged by the first plenary session: Arts and Humanities, Battered Women, Business and Child Care. The Credit Resolution passed unanimously. Delegates approved a substitute resolution on disabled women. As proposed by Eunice Fiorita of New York City, the resolution emphasizes access to education, training and employment for handicapped women; available services and funds to make independent living a reality; the right of disabled women to have and keep their children; health training and research programs; Medicaid and Medicare coverage of supplies needed by disabled women; and the clarification within the National Plan of Action of certain terms to apply to disabled women, most notably defining the term "bilingual" to include sign language and interpreters for the deaf, and the terms "barriers against women" and "access" to include architectural and communication barriers.

### EVENING SESSION

The highlight of the evening session was the strong endorsement of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Three other resolutions were passed. Two were unchanged: Elective and Appointive Office, and Employment.

Two amendments were added to the resolution on Education. One, proposed by Amy Swerdlow, At-Large Delegate from New York, urged the integration of Women's Studies in the curriculum of the state school systems.

The other, proposed by Faith Mayhew of Oregon, urged an end to race stereotyping in state school systems, and called for non-racist counseling at every level of education.

### COLOR CODES FOR MICROPHONES

The card system now in use at microphones in the Coliseum is as follows:

YELLOW - Procedural (points of order, inquiries)	BLUE - Pro speaker
ORANGE - Amendment or Amendment by substitution	GREEN - Con speaker
WHITE - Limit Debate or Previous Question	RED - Summons for security

### CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR CAUCUS SPACE DESK

Assignments for caucus rooms are now being made at the main entrance at East Hall (Albert Thomas Convention Center). First priority for space goes to three groups: state delegations, national women's organizations, and national special interest groups. Caucus space request must be related to the business of the conference. For additional information at late hours call 227-6206.

### CONTINUING TV AND RADIO COVERAGE

Houston's Public Broadcasting affiliate, Channel 8, is providing gavel to gavel coverage of plenary sessions. Sunday radio coverage on KPFT-FM (90.1) begins at noon.

### PROMINENT WOMEN MUSICIANS ADDED TO PANEL

The Women and Music panel from 2:30-4 pm Sunday in Room 106, Albert Thomas, will feature Frances Bible, Metropolitan Opera singer; Antonia Brico, conductor, and Joyce Barthel-son, composer, in addition to panelists previously announced.



#### INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Participants have been announced for a Sunday panel on the changing role of women worldwide, set for 2-4 pm in Room 204, Albert Thomas. Speakers will include Dr. Neera of Desai, India; Ms. Beatriz J. Scoop, Netherlands Antilles; Mrs. Chandhanee Santa Putra, Thailand; Mrs. Seti Oetami Amin, Indonesia; and Ms. Gagoitsiwe Sethokgo Sechele, Botswana.

#### ERROR: "MEET THE PRESS"

The TV Press Conference will air Sunday at 10:30 am, Houston time, on Channel 2.

#### LOST AND FOUND

The security office, located to the left of the main lobby just inside the Coliseum turnstiles, will serve as a lost and found center for the Conference.

#### THE STORY OF TWO GAVELS

The gavel being used to open and close the meeting was one presented to Susan B. Anthony in 1896 by the National American Woman Suffrage Association. It was loaned to the Conference by the Smithsonian Institution, Division of Political History.

The working gavel of the NWC is a reproduction of one given to Susan B. Anthony at the first International Conference of Women in 1888. It is made of sterling, rosewood and an "ecologically" acceptable substitute for ivory. It was a gift of Stieff Company (Silver-smith-Pewterers) of Baltimore.

#### WINNING IWY POSTERS AND T-SHIRTS ON SALE

Conference posters and IWY T-shirts may be purchased at the IWY display table in Seneca Falls South 9am-7pm Saturday and Sunday. The IWY poster competition was won by Dot-tie Irwin, a Houston homemaker.