

# WOMAN

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### U.N. WOMEN STAFFERS SEEK BETTER DEAL

The United Nations Staff Union has called on the U.N. Secretary-General to adopt a comprehensive plan of action to correct existing imbalances in the status of women in all categories of staff in the U.N. Secretariat.

A special meeting of the Staff Union adopted a resolution expressing concern that, over the past 39 years, the U.N. administration had done little towards achieving equality of the sexes in the U.N.

The union deplored senior management inactivity in recruitment, career development, and promotion of women. It also noted the "consistent failure" of the Secretary-General, Javier Perez de Cuellar, and his predecessor, Kurt Waldheim, to visibly improve women's status.

The union also recalled Waldheim's pledge in 1980 to appoint 20 women to posts at the under secretary-general level, and de Cuellar's promises in 1983 and 1984 to appoint a high-level co-ordinator on women's issues.

U.N. Report, Vol. 1 No. 1, Dec. 1984

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### THIRD WORLD WOMEN CAPTURE LOGO AWARD

Two Third World women have won the first and second prizes, respectively, in the logo competition organized by the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW).

Kathleen Rigby of Kenya won the first prize of US\$2,000 for her design which INSTRAW intends to use as its official emblem. Second prize of US\$1,000 went to Marie Hanna Brunings of Suriname.

From the 910 entries submitted by designers and artists from more than 50 countries, 97 had been chosen by a pre-selection committee as those best representing INSTRAW's work.

INSTRAW News, Vol. 1 No. 3 Dec. 1984

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### PAKISTANI WOMEN ENTER NEW FIELD

For the first time in Pakistan women are being trained alongside men as sanitation promoters. This is part of a national effort to increase adequate water supplies and sanitation facilities for the rural population.

The first month of the training covered the need to strengthen water and sanitation programmes, emphasizing low-cost technology. Next, there was a month of practical work in construction of latrines, water cisterns, sanitation wells and biogas plants, as well as community motivation, project planning, and administration.

Each trainee was given a fund for loans and grants to be distributed during their work in five selected villages. Their goal was to help build 70 latrines, two sanitary wells, and one cistern in each village. Each household willing to build a latrine received a low-interest loan to purchase materials.

The programme was supported by the Pakistan Government and UNICEF. If you are interested in adapting it to your water and sanitation needs, please contact: Mrs. Yansheng Ma, Rm. A-4586, UNICEF, New York, NY 10017, USA.

The Tribune, No. 28, 3rd quarter 1984

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### KEEPING AN EYE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

"Y's Eyes" is the name of a new energy and environment network of YWCA members worldwide.

According to World YWCA staff member, Ruth Lechte, the network members will keep an eye out for polluters and energy wasters, promote renewable and non-polluting energy forms, undertake actions in defence of the environment, mobilize for World Environment Day and other special events, and encourage women's entry into scientific and technical careers.

For more information contact the World YWCA, 37 Quai Wilson, CH-1201 Geneva, Switzerland.

Common Concern, No. 44 Dec. 1984

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# NEW HEAD FOR ALACEM

The new Secretary-General of the Latin American and Caribbean Women's Studies Association (ALACEM) is Costa Rican painter, Carmen Naranjo.

Ms. Naranjo was recently appointed Director of the Central American Universities Editorial, organ of the Federation of Central American Universities. Her work as Secretary-General of ALACEM will have the support of two Costa Rican universities; the National University and the University of Costa Rica.

She will also be supported by a number of women's organizations which have offered personnel to form an active working group to further ALACEM's objectives and activities. The organizations are: Costa Rican Association of Women's Studies; Alliance of Costa Rican Women; Latin American Association of Women in Action; Group "Ventana"; Action-Now Foundation; and International League of Women for Peace and Liberty.

ALACEM was formally inaugurated in October 1983, in Mexico City, with six elected directors. They are: Guadalupe Rivera Marin, Mexico; Magaly Pineda, Dominican Republic; Fanny Tabak, Brazil; Gina Vargas, Costa Rica; Carmen Naranjo, Costa Rica; and Kathleen Drayton, Barbados.

The organization's major objective is to try to bridge the gulf between women of the English-speaking Caribbean and their Latin American counterparts engaged in women's studies.

Press Release, January 15, 1985

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