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CHILEAN WOMEN IN HARD TIMES

Since the coup which overthrew the elected government of Salvador Allende in 1973 and installed a dictatorship under Pinochet, Chilean women have lost the following rights: the right to nurseries and creches; the maternity charter and all guarantees to pregnant women; the right to choose the number of children and information and free methods of birth control; the right to health care, to work, to education; the right to retire at 55 (now it is 60); "the right to an opinion".

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WAGES FOR HOUSEWORK WINS CAMPAIGN AGAINST DOCTOR

An American Doctor, charged with assault by seven women patients through the "Revoke License to Rape" (RCR) Campaign co-ordinated by Wages For Housework (USA) has been found guilty on six counts and had his license suspended for five years by the Pennsylvania State Medical Board.

The Doctor in question was ordered under the care of a psychiatrist and must prove fit before he will be allowed to practise medicine again. He was charged in 1985 with sexually assaulting a seventeen(17) year old woman while she was recovering from brain surgery at which point six other women came forward with accusations of assault against him.

Accusations of "mental disturbance" being directed by the defense at the seven women were not successful, as the judge accepted the the women's testimonies. Attacks of lesbianism directed against the RLR Campaign in an attempt to discredit it also failed.

The RLR will now press for compensation for the victims and their families and for permanent revoking of the Doctor's licence.

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TAMILS KICKED OUT OF NORWAY

The Norwegian government is deporting 200 Tamil refugees seeking political asylum in Norway. All attempts so far to persuade the government to grant asylum to them have not succeeded, and there are no legal procedures for appealing against this decision.

According to the Anti-Racist Centre in Oslo, although some Tamils have managed to find sanctuary, individuals are being deported daily to India, the country of transit, where they are in turn being imprisoned because they disagree with the Indian Government's policy on the situation in Sri Lanka.

This Norwegian source also noted that the Norwegian Press have boycotted the demonstration that has taken place in Oslo and are not interested in publicising any of the 'protest' letters or articles that have been sent in to them.

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UNDP SETS UP EQUAL BENEFITS PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN

A new Division for Women's Programmes has been established within the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), to ensure that women and men derive equal benefits from UNDP-supported programmes of technical co-operation, and to ensure a large role for women in UNDP's administration.

Ingrid Eide, a national of Norway, will head the new Division. From 1968 until now Ms Eide has been an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Oslo. She was also a Board Member of INSTRAW.

Among the aims of the new division are:

Cooperation with operational units of UNDP to identify women's roles in the economic and social development of recipient countries, and ensure these roles are reflected in programming;

Liason with focal points for the promotion of women as project participants and beneficiaries to be established in UNDP country offices and headquarters units;

To work closely with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) to ensure the harmonization of approaches;

To develop guidelines and training programmes on women and development for UNDP staff and interested Governments; and

To develop and monitor the implementation of guidelines for the recruitment and advancement of women in UNDP's administration.

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CASA DE LAS AMERICAS, 1988

Organizers of the award for Latin American and Caribbean literary work, Casa de las Americas is circulating its rules for 1988.

In 1988 the prize will be awarded in the following categories ...

"Story books, books of poetry, essay books on sociohistorical subjects about Latin-American and Caribbean topic(s), books for children and young people and pieces of Caribbean literature in English or Creole."

Participants may be a) Latinamerica and Caribbean authors, natives or naturalized, including Brazilians, in the essay form; and b) essayists from any other country, with pieces on Latinamerican or Caribbean topic(s) if they send their works in Spanish.

In the categories of Caribbean literature in English or Creole, authors can submit the following forms: poetry, novel, story, dramatic art, essay, testimony and in the category of literature for children and young people.

No author should send more than one book per literary form, nor can he/she participate with a work, although unedited, that has obtained any national or international prize. Neither can an author participate in a form or category in which in the last four years had already obtained the Casa de las Americas.

Send entries to: Casa de las Americas, 3ra. y G, El Vedado, La Habana 4, Cuba; Case Postal 2, 3000, Berna 16, Switzerland or any Cuban Embassy.
