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- 1. The conference "TOWARD A STRATEGY FOR THE LESBIAN MOVEMENT", sponsored by Wages Due Lesbians, will be held in Toronto at the Don Vale Community Centre at 80 Winchester Street, on July 24 and 25, 1976.
- 2. Please send in your registration form as soon as possible. Conference documents will be mailed out in July to women who pre-register.
- 3. There will also be registration for the conference at Don Vale Centre on Friday, July 23 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. and on Saturday morning from 9:00 to 10:00. There will be a registration fee to cover conference costs. The conference will begin at 10:00 Saturday morning.
- 4. If you arrive on Friday night, come to Don Vale Centre for billeting, to drink coffee and meet other delegates, and to see video tapes and displays of the Wages for Housework Campaign.
- 5. Please bring a sleeping bag. There may be a charge for billeting some women in hostels.
- 6. Saturday night will be party time -- with live music, comedy and a dance.

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## REGISTRATION FORM "TOWARD A STRATEGY FOR THE LESBIAN MOVEMENT"

NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE:
How many women from your group will be coming?
How many will need billeting?
If you're from Toronto, how many women can you billet?
Will you need child-care?

Please pre-register, if possible. There will be a registration fee.

Wages Due Lesbians (Toronto) Invites All Women To A Conference On Lesbians And The Wages For Housework Campaign

# A STRATEGY BIAN MOVEMENT

JULY 23-25

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS: WILMETTE BROWN - FROM SAFIRE: BLACK WOMEN'S GROUP (NEW YORK)
RUTH HALL - FROM WAGES DUE LESBIANS (LONDON, ENGLAND)

IT WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONFRONT THE MOST CRITICAL QUESTIONS NOW FACING US AND OUR MOVEMENT:

#### WHY WE WANT AUTONOMY

An international panel of lesbian women from Canada, England and the United States, on why we need autonomy from men - including gay men, and from straight women, so we don't subordinate our own interests to those who have more power than us. Our own organizations are necessary in order to guarantee that we won't have to hide our lesbianism, and that more and more women will have the power to choose whether to be lesbian or not. Lesbian autonomy is in the interest of everyone fighting for sexual choices and full human liberation.

#### SEXUALITY

Our fight as lesbian women for control over our sexuality, within the context of all

women's fight for sexual choices.

What does it do to our sex lives to always be thinking about having to go to work in the kitchen, the typing pool, or on the assembly line the next morning?

Is it our fault if our sex lives aren't what we think they should be?

How the state organizes our sexuality through abortion laws, population control, and wagelessness, and how our fight against it explodes the separation between "personal" and "political".

#### OUR LIVES AS LESBIANS

Informal rap sessions on areas like:

Closets: Problems of coming out and staying out -- What's at stake?

Lesbians in smaller towns

Younger lesbians, older lesbians

Relationships

Conflict with straight women

### CHILD CUSTODY / THE CUTBACKS

To be "a fit mother" a woman is supposed to sleep with and depend financially on a One of the most important fights we are making is to be able to be lesbian without losing either our children or the possibility of having children.

The government cutbacks, by imposing more poverty on women, threaten to impose the status of unfit mother on any woman who is struggling for her independence, especially lesbian women, prostitutes, women on welfare, native women, and women prisoners. How can we organize against our poverty for the power:

To have and keep the children we might want

To live where and with whom we wish

To no longer have to hide our lesbianism



We urge individuals and groups to write statements for the conference on any or all of the above areas, for the discussion which we hope will be as open and as full as possible. These papers, and any other materials, should be sent to:

> Wages Due Lesbians P.O. Box 38, Station E Toronto, Ontario (416-466-7457 / 465-6822)