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IWY TRIBUNE 1975 — NON-GOVERNMENTAL FORUM  
WORLD CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

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July 25, 1976

International Conference on Social Welfare  
Puerto Rico - July 18-24

As is the case at many conferences, the greatest value of the ICSW lay in the opportunity to meet people from around the world. There were approximately 1050 participants, of whom 500 were from the United States and 500 from other nations, with large contingents from Brazil, Curacao, Hong Kong, France, Taiwan and Canada.

The main purpose for attending the Conference was to talk with people about women in their countries i.e. projects presently operating which raise the standard of living of women, names of women with specific skills and which NGOs are particularly involved in the integration of women in development of their countries. Though we were concentrating specifically on the Caribbean area, it was helpful to talk with representatives from other countries as well.

There was a definite interest in the topic of women's concerns in the different countries. After discussing the subject, a woman from Singapore suggested she would become more involved in women's issues. Though few people were involved in women's projects many were working as social workers on community programs which included women. The Caribbean women were very interested in a program which may involve them and knew of a number of women who were engaged in projects. More specifically, Sybil Francis, Director of the School of Social Work at the University of West Indies in Jamaica responded positively to the possible resource book of the Caribbean area. She suggested that the book project move into the future in terms of specific needs identified during IWY. She is interested in future action in addition to what is presently happening. Need for viewing women within a total family picture is also her concern. She mentioned several key organizations and people such as Peggy Antrobus, Director of the Women's Bureau in Jamaica. In fact, Sybil wishes us to wait until she has discussed the questionnaire and draft resource book with Peggy Antrobus before proceeding. She then will be in touch with us. I felt she was very interested in the proposal and would assist the project.

It now seems that the next key person to contact is Peggy Antrobus who is expected to attend the Hemispheric Conference. Undoubtedly, she will have additional comments and suggestions as to how to proceed after talking with Sybil Francis and viewing the questionnaire and draft resource book.

*Sail Gowanlock*

August 27, 1976

Mr. Lawrence Kegan  
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Dear Larry,

The IWY Tribune would not die. This office has been busy with follow-up ever since last summer. The NGO Committee on the Decade for Woman has recommended that the original Tribune Organizing Committee be revived to act as a consultant group on activities now underway. I enclose a summary of what we have been doing.

Do you wish Page Wilson to continue to represent Population Crisis on this very informal body? I have heard that she will be in New York, which will be more convenient, as far as this effort is concerned. As I do not know how to reach her in New York, perhaps you will forward a copy of this letter to her.

Meanwhile, I will try to find out where she is, in case you wish her to attend a meeting Thursday, ~~September~~ 2, at 2 0'clock. We will meet in Room 815 of this building.

All best wishes on your current programs and pursuits.

Sincerely,