

RIGHTS

FIGHT BACK! JOIN CORP.

If you're a prostitute:

We need you to help us throw out anti-prostitute laws.

We need you to help us make Stiletto, a newsletter for whores.

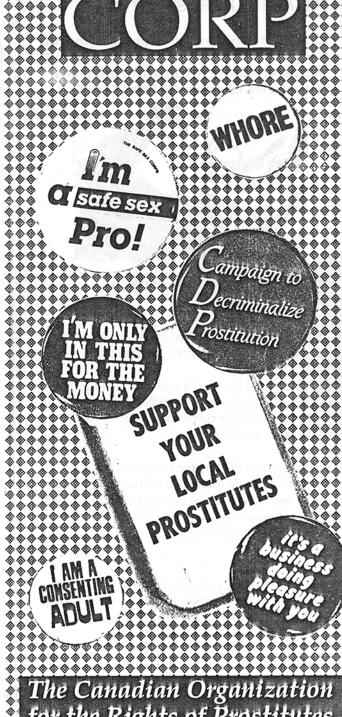
> We need you to help out with the Prostitutes' Safe Sex Project.

We need you to help us set up services for and by prostitutes.

Non-prostitutes can help by joining the Campaign to Decriminalize Prostitution.

Contact any of these groups by calling 964-0150 or 588-9037.

Or write P.O. Box 1143 Station F Toronto ON M4Y 2T8



for the Rights of Prostitutes

WE ARE ALL PROSTITUTES

CORP was started by a street prostitute in 1983. The group includes women and men who work in the sex trade. We're proud to be prostitutes. But we're fed up with being hassled for it.



PRÓSTITUTION IS A JOB, NOT A CRIME

Even though prostitution is legal, it is almost impossible for us to work without being busted.

- 1. It is against the law to make a deal in public to have sex for money. Prostitutes and tricks can both be busted for communicating for the purpose of prostitution.
- 2. It is against the law for anyone to use the same place more than once for the purpose of prostitution. We can be charged with keeping a bawdy house if we work out of our home or office, or if we let someone else work out of our place.
- 3. It is against the law for us to share our tricks. Anyone who sets up a date between a pro and a trick can be charged with procuring.
- 4. It is against the law for other people to live off the money we earn, even if we want to support them. Our lovers, spouses, kids over 12, roommates, and friends can all be busted for living off the avails (pimping).

PROSTITUTION LAWS ARE A CRIME

The reason for these laws, we're told, is that we're too noisy or that we cause trouble. These are just excuses. Those of us who don't make noise, don't litter and don't cause trouble are busted just as often. Those of us who work indoors where no one even sees us are busted too. The latest excuse for busting us is that we're supposed to be spreading AIDS. But at the same time we're accused of leaving condoms all over!

The real reason for prostitution laws is that some people think prostitution is wrong and that we're an embarrassment. We say it is society's treatment of us that is the embarrassment! Instead of letting us do our legal work inside or on busy streets, the cops, the ratepayers groups, and spineless politicians like Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton are now demanding that we be thrown in jail.

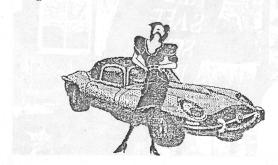
Until 1972 prostitutes were thrown in jail just for being on the street. It didn't stop prostitution then. What will they try this time when jail doesn't work? Hard Labour? The death penalty?!

GET YOUR FUCKING LAWS OFF OUR BODIES

We want the cops off our backs and out of our business. We want decriminalization. This means no anti-prostitute laws.

Decriminalization means we'd be allowed to work inside and to solicit on the street like politicians, encyclopedia salesmen, born again Christians and everybody else. It does not mean we'd be above the law; it means we'd have the same rights other people have.

Unlike the current law, decriminalization would provide us with real protection from people who rob, rape, assault and harass us. We would finally be able to go for help without fear of being busted.



MY ASS IS MINE

We do not want legalization. This makes us the property of the government. Legalization lets the cops control our asses even more than they do now. It forces us to be photographed and fingerprinted by the cops to get a license. If werefuse free sex to cops, brothel owners and other authorities our licenses are taken away. We have to pay "sin" taxes that are higher than what other people pay, and we're forced to have health checks. This means the tricks don't want to use condoms since the government has certified us as disease-free: federally-inspected, grade A meat. Legalization is corrupt because it gives the government the power to control us like they control alcohol, but with no regard for the fact that we are human beings, not bottles of peach schnapps.

Legalization doesn't stop street soliciting either. Prostitutes line the streets in places with legalization because they refuse to be sex slaves for the government. If Canada sets up a system of legalization we, too, will refuse to cooperate. Our bodies are ours, not the government's! Prostitution must be decriminalized.