Local areas should be free to decide how many activities, of what type and on what scale would be right for their particular situation. (Few areas will be able to undertake all of the suggested activities.) Local coalitions should decide whether planned activities will be city-wide, state-wide or regional. State-wide or regional planning meetings could be held soon after the national conference to decide some of these questions and discuss ideas for programs and activities which can then be shared with other coalitions through the Newsletter.

Congresswoman Abzug's federal abortion law repeal bill gives women the opportunity to fight for specific legislation which could eradicate restrictive abortion laws in this country. Some of the ways this bill can be supported are by seeking publicity in the media, circulating petitions, encouraging endorsers to speak out publicly for this repeal legislation, and generally making its existence known through all our public activity. With the 1972 elections approaching there will be a great deal of interest in political issues, and we must make sure that a woman's right to abortion remains a focus of attention. WONAAC representatives can confront candidates for public office, especially presidential aspirants, demanding that they support the Abzug bill and come out clearly for a woman's right to abortion.

The informational programs and general educational activity which WONAAC has carried out since its founding will assume special prominence during Abortion Week. "Women and Our Bodies' presentations, films, displays, debates and mass leaflettings should be combined with a concerted effort to obtain the kind of media coverage which can inform masses of women about the existence and goals of the abortion law repeal struggle. As part of our educational campaign, we must continue to publicize and build support for Shirley Wheeler, the first woman in the U.S. to be convicted of manslaughter for having an abortion, and for any other woman singled out and persecuted for attempting to control her reproductive life.

We think that this proposal allows for maximum flexibility, creativity and initiative at the local level while retaining the national focus which is so important if we are all to win the right to abortion. Aslong as any restrictive abortion laws remain on the books, we know that partial victories in isolated states will be vulnerable to attack and that at least some of our sistets will continue to be subjected to dangerous, humiliating and illegal abortions. We want to build so powerful and compelling a campaign that women in every community and state will have the option of safe, legal abortion, will have access to reliable contraceptives, and will never need fear forced sterilization.