

Q U E S T I O N :

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER
THE MAIN ISSUE
IN YOUR SOCIETY ?

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- HOW TO SOLVE THE ECONOMIC CRISIS
- POVERTY
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ECONOMIC ISSUES

RELEVANT FOR 24 WOMEN
 (11 FROM EUROPE,
 7 FROM CANADA,
 6 FROM JAPAN)

HOW TO SOLVE THE ECONOMIC CRISIS
 108 E

(4 FROM JAPAN,
 3 FROM EUROPE,
 1 FROM CANADA)

- THE ECONOMIC, I SUPPOSE, WILL REACH A DEAD END SOON 30 J
- DESEQUILIBRE ÉCONOMIQUE 53 E
- THE ADDING PRICE OF ALL PRODUCTS 58 E
- LOW GROWTH RATE 16 J
- ECONOMIC STABILITY 7 J
- THE CONTROL OF THE ECONOMY 42 C
- TROUVER UN ÉQUILIBRE ÉCONOMIQUE 81 E
- CHANGE OF INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE 16 J
- TO WORK TOWARDS RE-ESTABLISHING ECONOMIC SELF-RELIANCE 6 J

- POVERTY 46 C
- POVERTY 44 C
- THE HUNGER SITUATION 101 E

UNEMPLOYMENT

(6 FROM EUROPE,
4 FROM CANADA,
1 FROM JAPAN)

• UNEMPLOYMENT	44 C
• THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION	66 C
• LE MANQUE D'EMPLOI	71 C
• INCREASE OF UNEMPLOYMENT	33CC
• UNEMPLOYMENT	5 J
• UNEMPLOYMENT	61 E
• UNEMPLOYMENT	62 E
• UNEMPLOYMENT	102 E
• UNEMPLOYMENT	107 E
• UNEMPLOYMENT	110 E
• UNEMPLOYMENT	111 E

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PEACE

RELEVANT FOR 18 WOMEN
 (9 FROM JAPAN,
 7 FROM CANADA,
 2 FROM EUROPE)

FEAR OF NUCLEAR DISASTER

- THERE IS ALWAYS THE UNDERCURRENT OF ANTI-NUCLEAR TALKS AND FEAR OF NUCLEAR DISASTER 66 C
- THE ARMAMENT RACE IN THE WORLD 111 E
- NUCLEAR ARMAMENT 14 J
- NUCLEAR THREAT 63 E
- THREAT OF NUCLEAR ANNIHILATION 74 C
- THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND THE RULING ELITE PROCEED WITH MILITARY BUILD-UP AND BRING THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE JAPANESE ISLANDS 15 J
- YOUNG PEOPLE ARE RATHER DEPOLITICISED AND THE POPULAR MOVEMENT AGAINST MILITARIZATION AND NUCLEAR ARMS RACE IS STILL WANTING 15 J

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- IT IS HARD FOR MOST PEOPLE TO LOVE THE WHOLE WORLD.

23 J

PEACE - THE MOST IMPORTANT THING 24 J

- PEACE 40 C
- PEACE AND DISARMAMENT 41 C
- WORLD PEACE 48 C
- LA PAIX 17 J
- LA PAIX MONDIALE 19 J
- PEACE 27 J
- PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ASIA WHICH RELATES TO THE PEACE OF THE WORLD 37 J

- LA PAIX, LA CONSIDÉRATION ET LE RESPECT DES AUTRES - QUE CHACUN PUISSE SE DÉVELOPPER LIBREMENT 69 C



SOCIAL ISSUES

RELEVANT FOR 14 WOMEN
 (8 FROM EUROPE,
 3 FROM CANADA,
 3 FROM JAPAN)

LE DÉCALAGE SOCIAL 55 E

- LA STRUCTURE MÊME DE LA SOCIÉTÉ QUI PERMET LA MANUTENTION ET LA RE-PRODUCTION DU DÉCALAGE SOCIAL, EN OUBLIANT CE QUE C'EST LA JUSTICE 55 E
- THE PERPETUATION OF RELATIONS OF DOMINATION/SUBORDINATION WHICH SUSTAIN THE SOCIAL EXISTENCE OF GROUPS AS A RESULT OF SUCH RELATIONS 73 C
- DÉSEQUILIBRE SOCIAL ET ÉCONOMIQUE, L'INEXISTENCE D'ÉGALITÉ D'OPPORTUNITÉS POUR LES CITOYENS 53 E
- INEQUALITY. THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR IS INCREASING AND ISSUES SUCH AS UNEMPLOYMENT AND SHARING OF WEALTH ARE BEING NEGLECTED AND NEED DEALING RIGTH NOW 102 E
- DISCRIMINATION 110 E
- DISCRIMINATION AGAINST GROUPS, RACES AND PERSONS CONSIDERED ABNORMAL 112 E
- TOO GREAT DIFFERENCE IN INCOME 77 E
- CLASS DIVISION IN EDUCATION, WEALTH, PROSPECTS AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE 61 E
- (IN ISRAEL) THE RELATIONS BETWEEN JEWS AND ARABS; RELIGIOUS JEWS AND NON-RELIGIOUS JEWS AND JEWS FROM ARABIC COUNTRIES AND FROM THE WEST 52 E
- PEOPLE ARE TOO SELFISH - AS LONG AS THEY ARE ALLRIGHT THEY ARE NOT BOTHERED 102 E

- TO SUPPLY THE VERY BEST AND FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF EACH INDIVIDUAL 8 J

TO DEMOCRATIZE SOCIETY

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| • QUESTION OF FREEDOM AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS - A BIG QUESTION-MARK IN MY COUNTRY (THE PHILIPPINES) | 2 J |
| • RÉUSSIR À PASSER À TRAVERS TOUS LES OBSTACLES SANS S'ARRÊTER À CEUX DES AUTRES. ENFIN, FAIRE CE QU'ON VEUT SANS EN DEMANDER L'AVIS. CE QUI EST DIFFICILE | 72 C |
| • EQUALITY AMONG ALL, I FEEL, IS THE MAIN CONCERN | 48 C |
| • TO DEMOCRATIZE THE SOCIETY WHICH WILL EMBODY A KIND OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EQUALITY | 12 J |
| • SOCIETY SHOULD BE MORE CARING AND LESS MATERIALISTIC | 102 E |

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EDUCATION AND CULTURE

RELEVANT FOR 12 WOMEN
(6 FROM JAPAN,
5 FROM EUROPE,
1 FROM CANADA)

- THE EDUCATION AND STUDIES 105 E
- A FURTHER EDUCATION OF PEOPLE AND ESPECIALLY OF WOMEN 106 E
- EDUCATION, EDUCATING PEOPLE TO BE INDEPENDENT 68 C
- EDUCATION 27 J

• EDUCATION LOST THE FUNDAMENTAL MEANING AND BECAME THE TOOL OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF PEOPLE. EDUCATION IS ONLY THE CAUSE OF SEVERE COMPETITION AMONG STUDENTS AND DOESN'T WORK TO GROW A PERSON'S INNER POSSIBILITY AND CHARACTER 36 J

- FREEDOM FOR ALL PEOPLE TO ORGANIZE THEIR OWN LIVES ON THEIR OWN WAY 75 E
- COMME L'INDUSTRIE ET LA TECHNOLOGIE ONT ÉTÉ DÉVELOPPÉES, JE PENSE QUE LES JAPONAIS VONT AVOIR PLUS DE LOISIRS 22 J

• OUR SOCIETY IS A HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED AND TECHNOLOGICALLY DEVELOPPED SOCIETY. BUT CULTURALLY SOPHISTICATED? "NO." OUR SOCIETY IS MENTALLY CLOSED AND THIS IS A SHAMEFUL BARRIER TO THE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING. 35 J

• PEOPLE WORK TOO HARD TO WELL OFF, NOT MENTALLY BUT PHYSICALLY, AND THEY PAY LITTLE ATTENTION TO OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS AS A MEMBER OF SOCIETY OR FAMILY OR HUMAN BEING. I THINK THIS TENDENCY MUST BE ONE OF THE CAUSES OF THE CURRENT PROBLEMS. 10 J



• INFLUENCE OF RELIGION ON SOCIETY (THE PHILIPPINES)	2 J
• THE LOSS OF RELIGION	56 E
• FINDING A RELEVANT SPIRITUAL TRADITION TO REPLACE A CHRISTIANITY WHICH HAS BECOME MEANINGLESS TO MOST WESTERN PEOPLE	103 E

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WOMEN'S SITUATION

RELEVANT FOR 12 WOMEN
(5 FROM JAPAN,
5 FROM CANADA,
2 FROM EUROPE)

DISCRIMINATION OF WOMEN

- THE DICOTOMY BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE 43 C
- MEN CAN EASILY TAKE MORE ADVANTAGES THAN WOMEN IN OUR SOCIETY STILL NOW 30 C
- THE MAIN ISSUE IN BRITISH SOCIETY IS RACISM AND SEXISM 3 J
- INFLUENCE OF RELIGION ON SOCIETY ON THE WHOLE - PARTICULARLY THE EXPECTATIONS, LIMITATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION OF WOMEN IN THE EYES OF FUNDAMENTALIST 2 J
- THE JAPANESE SEEM TO STICK TO MARRIAGE AFTER THEIR GRADUATION FROM COLLEGE; ARE ALSO QUITE ANXIOUS ABOUT THE SUITABLE AGE FOR GETTING MARRIED 34 J

- TO CHANGE ATTITUDES OF WOMEN AND MEN CONCERNING THE PERCEPTION THAT WOMEN ARE SEX OBJECTS; TO PUT LESS VALUE ON A WOMAN'S LOOKS AND MORE ON HER INTELLIGENCE 49 C

- WOMEN SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE CHANCE TO GET THEIR JOBS. THE OLDER WE GET THE LESS CHANCE WE CAN GET. AND IF YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN, THE CHANCE GETS MUCH LESS. 29 J

- TOO MANY THINGS ARE HAPPENING THAT ARE SOMEHOW OUT OF CONTROL AND IT'S GENERALLY MEN WHO ARE MAKING THE PROBLEMS.

50 C

• DICOTOMY BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE AND, GIVEN THE FACT THAT OUR SOCIETY IS BAD ON THE IDEOLOGY OF EQUALITY, MEN AND WOMEN ARE NOT EQUAL.

43 C

TO START FEELING AND BEING EQUAL

- THE EFFORTS THE WOMAN IS DOING TO PROMOTE HERSELF 57 E
- WOMEN'S EMANCIPATION 77 E
- WOMEN'S RIGHTS 50 C/45 C
- THE EQUALITY OF PEOPLE TO SOME EXTENT MUST COME ABOUT IN THE NEAR FUTURE 3 J
- WE HAVE TO HAVE A PROFESSIONAL MIND IN ORDER TO OPEN THEIR MINDS AS WELL 29 J
- THE EQUAL AND FAIR TREATMENT OF THE VULNERABLE GROUPS IN SOCIETY, WHICH INCLUDE WOMEN 32 J
- PEOPLE HAVE TO START WORKING TOGETHER: WE NEED TO START FEELING AND BEING EQUAL IN SOCIETY 50 C

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POLITICAL ISSUES

RELEVANT FOR 10 WOMEN
(4 FROM JAPAN,
4 FROM EUROPE,
2 FROM CANADA)

- POLITICAL INSTABILITY 7J
- INCAPACITY TO FUNCTION WELL
AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS WHICH
HAVE THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF
ARMAMENTS 102 E
- INVOLVEMENT IN CONFLICTS OUT-
SIDE OF US BORDERS 74 C
- EAST-WEST RELATIONS 63 E
- CONTROL OF POLITICS BY THOSE
WHO ARE INDIFFERENT TO THE
NEEDS OF THE POOR, NATIVES,
BLACKS, WOMEN, GAYS AND LES-
BIANS - OF THOSE WHO DON'T
FIT THE NORM 41 C

• PERHAPS THE FACT THAT SOCIETY IS ORGANIZED IN SUCH A WAY
THAT WOMEN AND MEN THAT BELONG TO IT ARE JUST CONSIDERED
ANONIMOUS PIECES AND NOT HUMAN BEINGS WHO CAN HAVE AN OPI-
NION IN THE DECISIONS THAT ARE RELATED TO THEIR LIVES.

THIS LEADS US TO A SOCIETY WHERE PRODUCTION IS THE IMPOR-
TANT AIM; IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW OR WHAT FOR.

THEFORE NATURE IS DESTROYED LITTLE BY LITTLE IN AN
IRREVERSIBLE WAY. THE CULTURAL TRACES OF SPECIFIC REGIONS
DISAPPEAR AND WE FEEL THAT WE ARE NOT MORE THAN PUPPETS IN
THE HANDS OF THE BIG POWERS. 21 E

• POLITICAL STABILITY	6 J
• A SOCIETY SHOULD CHOSE PEACEFUL OPTIONS FOR POLITICAL CONFLICTS RESOLUTIONS IN A REASONABLE WAY. THIS IS THE MAIN ISSUE AND NEEDS A DRASTIC SOCIAL CHANGE.	12 J
• LE JAPON A BESOIN D'ÊTRE INTER- NATIONALISÉ, C.A.D, IL NOUS FAUT PENSER DES CHOSES SUR UNE ÉCHELLE DU GLOBE.	21 J
• POLITIQUE D'OUVERTURE AU PLAN MONDIAL - ENTRAIDE-COOPÉRATION	81 E

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ENVIRONMENT

RELEVANT FOR 7 WOMEN
(5 FROM EUROPE,
1 FROM JAPAN,
1 FROM CANADA)

- LA PROTECTION DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT 70 C
- ENVIRONMENT ISSUE 14 J
- NATURE IS DESTROYED LITTLE BY LITTLE
IN AN IRREVERSIBLE WAY 51 E
- A STOP TO THE TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS
WHICH WILL DESTROY HUMANITY 106 E
- POLLUTION, SHORTAGE OF RESOURCES 77 E
- ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION 100E
- ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION 101E

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COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ...

- THE ANSWERS GIVE AN INDICATION ABOUT THE PERCEPTION OF SOCIETY IN WHICH EACH PERSON LIVES. THUS, THEY CAN BE SEEN AS A SIGN OF ROOTEDNESS IN REALITY. THE DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE OF DIFFERENT SOCIETAL ISSUES REVEALS ITSELF AS FOLLOWS:
 - ECONOMIC ISSUES (24)
 - PEACE (18)
 - SOCIAL ISSUES (14)
 - EDUCATION AND CULTURE (12)
 - WOMEN'S SITUATION (12)
 - POLITICAL ISSUES (10)
 - ENVIRONMENT (7)

- THE ECONOMIC ISSUES AND THE MISMANAGEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM ARE DENOUNCED AS KEY-PROBLEMS, STRETCHING FROM THE DAILY EXPERIENCE ABOUT RISING OF PRICES TO THE AWARENESS THAT THERE MUST BE CONTROL OF THE ECONOMY AT THE WORLD LEVEL.

- TO BE NOTED WITH CONCERN IS THE FACT THAT THE INDICATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AS AN ECONOMIC ISSUE REFLECTS A DEEP PERSONAL ANXIETY, MAINLY IF WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT THIS GROUP OF YOUNG WOMEN IS HIGHLY MOTIVATED BY A PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY. THE UNEMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG WOMEN AS A DOMINANT FACTOR OF THE CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE IS PROBABLY NOT ALLIEN TO SUCH A CONCERN.

- PEACE IS SEEN BOTH IN ITS MASSIVE THREATS AND IN ITS RELATION TO INDIVIDUAL ATTITUDES AND CONDITIONS. IN A FEW ANSWERS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT EMERGES CLEARLY. OTHERS SEE THE IMPORTANCE AND THE NEED OF ANTI-NUCLEAR AND PEACE MOVEMENTS AS FUNDAMENTAL INSTRUMENTS AGAINST THE ARM'S RACE. (IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO ANALYSE IN THIS PERSPECTIVE THE CHANGES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN THE WORLD IN THE LAST MONTHS. WHAT WOULD BE TODAY THE MOST BASIC THRUST FOR THE PEACE MOVEMENT?)

- SOCIAL ISSUES ARE MAINLY CONSIDERED FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF DISCRIMINATIONS FELT IN SOCIETY, NAMELY, IN-BALANCE IN WEALTH, MARGINALIZATION OF THOSE CONSIDERED ABNORMAL, OPPOSITION TO SPECIFIC GROUPS. FACING SUCH A SITUATION THE YOUNG WOMEN WHO RESPONDED STRESSED THE VALUE OF EQUALITY AS THE EXPRESSION OF THE CAPACITY TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

- THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, THOUGH ALREADY PRESENT IN THE PREMISES OF THE OTHER ANSWERS, IS DENOUNCED HERE IN AN OUTSPOKEN WAY.

ACCORDING TO WHAT IS SAID IN THE ANSWERS, THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN RUNS THROUGH DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SOCIETY:

- IT IS FIRST OF ALL A QUESTION OF PERCEPTION - THE DICOTOMY BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE;
- IT IS THE FACT THAT MORE ADVANTAGES ARE GIVEN TO MEN, IN SPITE OF THE WAY IN WHICH ALL HAVE TO SUFFER FROM THE DECISIONS MEN TAKE;
- IT IS SHOWN IN THE UNJUSTICE DONE TO WOMEN BY VALUING ONLY WHAT IS OUTWARD APPEARANCE, AN UNJUSTICE LEADING IN THE END TO THE ATTITUDE OF SEXISM;
- IT IS MADE MANIFEST IN THE HANDICAPS WOMEN HAVE IN THE WORLD OF WORK (ACCESS AND PROMOTION, LIMITATIONS DUE TO AGE AND TO NUMBER OF CHILDREN);
- REPRESSION AGAINST WOMEN COMING FROM THE FUNDAMENTALIST TRENDS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE YOUNG WOMEN WHO RESPONDED SEEM TO HAVE ALREADY AN UNSPOKEN STRATEGY TO FACE SUCH A DISCRIMINATION. THE WAY IN WHICH THE ISSUE IS FORMULATED INDICATES A FEW LINES OF ACTION:

- WOMEN HAVE TO PROMOTE THEMSELVES, TO WORK FOR THEIR OWN RIGHTS AND EMANCIPATION;
- THE STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY IN WHICH WOMEN ARE INVOLVED HAS TO GO HAND IN HAND WITH THE STRUGGLE OF OTHER VULNERABLE GROUPS IN SOCIETY;
- THE ROAD TO BE FOLLOWED IS BOTH INSIDE EACH WOMAN AND AMONG ALL WOMEN: "FEELING EQUAL" AND "WORKING TOGETHER".

SET OF QUESTIONS III :

- IF THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IS ONE OF DISCRIMINATION IN ALMOST ALL FIELDS OF SOCIETY, DON'T YOU THINK THAT WOMEN OUGHT TO BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS?
- YOUR AWARENESS THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT (PARTICULARLY OF WOMEN) IS A THREAT TO THE INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND TO SOCIAL PEACE CAN BE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE AWAKENING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIAL, ECONOMICA AND CULTURAL AS MUCH AS CIVIC AND POLITICAL. DID YOU EVER LOOK AT YOUR TASK IN SOCIETY IN THIS WAY?
- THE ISSUE OF PEACE IS TODAY THE ISSUE OF SURVIVAL OF MANKIND. IN ALL CIVILIZATIONS AND AT ALL AGES WOMEN HAVE BEEN LINKED WITH THE VALUES OF GIVING AND NURTURING LIFE. DO YOU SEE IN THE COMBINATION OF THESE FACTS A TIMELY RÔLE FOR WOMEN, RATHER AN URGENT APPEAL TO ALL OUR POTENTIALITIES?