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July 19, 1977

Honorable Charles H. Percy
United States Senator
4321 Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Percy:

Attached is one of the Letters To The Editor that are appearing in the local news media, objecting to the Illinois International Women's Year Conference (IWY) held at Normal, IL, June 10, 1977, which I understand you attended and addressed the Conference delegates.

If you do not already know, the IWY Conference held at Normal has left a very bad taste in the minds of those attending. It is appalling to learn that the United States Flag was never displayed at the Conference and our National Anthem was omitted as well as the Pledge of Allegiance.

I trust you are giving serious thought as to your participation and endorsement of any further IWY Conference or meetings.

Sincerely,

Eagle Forum Education & Legal Defense Fund Archives

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State Senator

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cc: Senator Adlai Stevenson
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Editor, Beacon-News:

Mrs. Millet's letter to the Editor of June 25 was an accurate account of the Illinois International Women's Year (IWY) Conference held in Normal, Ill. June 10-12. I, too, found the unethical conduct of the conference appalling.

I also found other things quite disturbing. For instance, although this conference was funded by part of the \$5 million given the IWY by the federal government (I believe the amount for the conference was about \$100,000), not once did I see the American flag displayed. Not once was the Star Spangled Banner played. Not once was the Pledge of Allegiance given. BUT ... the clenched fist of power was shot up in the air many times in every session.

It was also quite noticeable that a large number of the Pro-ERA faction were braless young women wearing tight t-shirts, some of which bore obscenities which could not be reprinted in a newspaper. Do these people really feel they are qualified to change the Constitution which our forefathers worked so diligently to prepare for us? Or are they, like so many others, on a highly emotional ERA bandwagon, not knowing, understanding or caring what the ERA really stands for?

Some of the "resolutions" which Representative Giddy Dyer managed to push through in one lump would horrify most good Americans. I think Mrs. Millet has a good suggestion — that concerned citizens write to their legislators, both state and federal, and object to the IWY organization and to the fact tat taxpayers' money is being used to fund such conferences.

Mrs. Verna Nelson
Plano

7/8/77