

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Monday, Aug. 26, 1985

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. This is the end of the Decade for Women. You may have been reading about the World Conference of the Decade for Women, which was conducted recently in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa. Newspapers gave the conference substantial coverage. So did radio and television. The conference <sup>really</sup> provided the opportunity for those involved in the woman's movement, and all others who are interested, to measure the progress made towards equality over the past decade, and to take a look at what remains.

One of the ~~delegates~~ <sup>PARTICIPANTS</sup> from the United States was Dr. Ruth Brandwein. She is dean of the School of Social Welfare at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Dr. Brandwein, if you had to write the headline summarizing the Decade for Women, what would the headline say?

INTERVIEW DR. BRANDWEIN:

- Review the conference details: who, what, etc.
- Dominant participants: U.S., other nations
- Political activity (USSR, Vietnam, Afghanistan)
- Gains: literacy - life expectancy - income - discrimination
- Problems remaining: health, education, economy
- Social-cultural restraints
- Moral-religious restraints
- Strategy for next 15 years - to year 2000

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We'll take a break now, then return with Dr. Ruth Brandwein to talk some more about the Decade for Women, and the roles of women in general throughout the world today. Please stay tuned.

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Hi. I'm Al Oickle, and I'm at the State University of New York at Stony Brook with Dr. Ruth Brandwein, dean of the School of Social Welfare at Stony Brook. Dr. Brandwein was a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations' World Conference of the Decade for Women this summer in Kenya, Africa. It seemed to be generally recognized, Dr. Brandwein, that having the conference in Africa was especially significant as a way of recognizing the importance of blacks on the world scene.

INTERVIEW DR. BRANDWEIN:

- "Free-wheeling" - none of diplomatic protocols: good? bad?
- Assess roles of such groups as National Organization for Women; AAUW; Dakota Women of All Nations
- Black Women for Wages for Housework
- International Prostitutes Collective
- New recognition of women of the world (books World Feminization of Poverty and Women...A World Survey).
- Poverty: half the population, 1% of property, 10% income
- Contrast Kenyatta hall with Mathare Valley shanties
- What about female chauvinism (see Colman McCarthy)
- What lies ahead?

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