



Chapter 18



Clandestine Operations:
The Vancouver Women’s Caucus,
The Abortion Caravan and the RCMP
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Questions for Critical Reading

1. The abortion caravan decided to “attack” spaces of Canadian governmental power. What was the symbolism of these places and why were they chosen?
2. Why was the issue of abortion so central to women’s rights organizing at this time?
3. How did the RCMP’s perception of these women shape their collection and distribution of information, and their eventual reaction to the situation?
4. How were the methods used by the abortion caravan women different from the first wave of feminism earlier in the century? How were they similar?

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