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A special issue published by the "International Feminists of Japan" (IFJ), for the purpose of acquainting other feminist groups and publications with their activities, and working towards the filling of the information void that so often prevents women from communicating with one another.

The "International Feminists of Japan" was founded in 1979, to act as a support network for the international feminist community and to serve as a bridge between it and the Japanese feminist groups.

The IFJ includes about 300 women of 20 different nationalities: Far-Eastern, American, European and Australian. The members represent a wide variety of professions and ideologies. They hold monthly meetings to discuss feminist problems, to plan their activities which include publication of the "Feminist Forum", developing the IFJ library, and cooperating with the Japanese feminist movement.

Other activities recently started are:

- 1 — Establishing in 1981 of Action Coalition whose function is to deal with specific issues by means of letter-writing, attending demonstrations, protesting against objectionable TV programs, fighting pornography, etc.
- 2 — Creating a branch of the International Feminist Network in 1980
- 3 — Conducting health-related and social activities.
- 4 — Organizing women's trips to Japan where they can enjoy the finest facility for women at the National Women's Education Center in Saitama Prefecture.

The Address for both the "Feminist Forum" and the "International Feminists of Japan" is:

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Tokyo 100, Japan.

### "The Disabled Child": A new approach to prevention and rehabilitation<sup>(1)</sup>

This book compiles articles dealing with innovative approaches in the prevention and rehabilitation of the most common disabilities affecting children. Recent policies and new trends are discussed by directors of

(1) Published by UNICEF in "Assignment Children", a journal concerned with children, women and youth in development.

institutes for the handicapped, professors of public health and consultants to social welfare projects, representing national and international institutions in the Western and Eastern worlds. Case studies are presented by experts and professors from Third World countries: Jamaica, Botswana, Algeria, Philippines, Zaire and Bangladesh.

According to statistics made in 1975, and quoted in Mr. P.E. Mandl's editorial, three-fourths of the disabled live in Third World countries. "In the year 2000, the gap will increase even further if the present trends continue, i.e. if traditional theories of economic development continue to dominate, with their irreversible inequality in the distribution of income."

The innovative approaches presented in the book highlight the social inequity in the prevalence of disability. The vast majority of impairments are preventable. They are not due to faults but to conditions of existence that can — and should — be modified, such as malnutrition, unhealthy environment and war.

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### Mashru'ul-Markaz-el-Arabi Lil-Fununil-l'amiyya (Arab Communication Arts Center) 1981

IWSAW has recently received a stencilled brochure announcing the foundation of the Arab Communication Arts Center, stating its objectives, program of activities, strategy of action and application, considerations peculiar to national and local services, list of participants, location and funding of the Center.

It has been suggested that the Center be located in Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, if the Jordanian Government declares its agreement. Otherwise, another Arab country will have to be approached.

Dr. Abdul-Jabbar Wali is currently the director of the Center. His address is: Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, P.O. Box 20449.

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### Pithy Sayings

Justice to-day is an alibi for assassins who want to kill without accepting to be killed.

Albert Camus

Science without conscience is ruinous to mankind.

Adolphe Balit

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