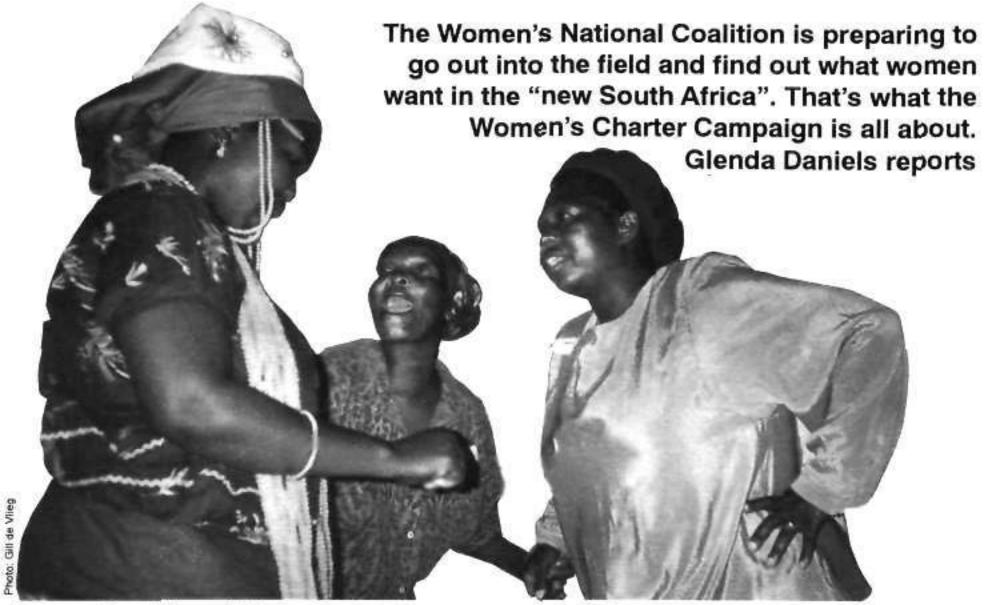
What do women want?



Transvaal Rural Women's Movement members act out their demands in a play

Transvaal Rural
Women's Movement
explains why the Women's
Charter Campaign is important:
"Rural women want to be
represented in parliament. We
want to be equal to men. We
want the power and the right to
own our houses. We want the
government to legalise our
marriages."

Matlhare points out that husbands of rural women often get married in the cities. If the husband dies, the rural marriage is usually not recognised.

Cosatu Gender Co-ordinator, **Dorothy Mokgalo**, says the burning issues for women include parental rights, the demand for child care facilities, an end to sexual harassment at work and the right to belong to trade unions.

Faith Gasa of the IFP
Women's Brigade says IFP
women are keen to address
domestic and political violence,
children's rights, polygamy (a
man married to more than one
wife), divorce laws and the lack
of legal abortions.

The Women's National Coalition (WNC) launched the Charter Campaign on March 8, International Women's Day.

Fieldworkers will be trained and sent to find out about the conditions of women and their demands. Towards the end of the year, booklets and tapes will be made to report back the findings of the research in all languages.

Then regional meetings and a national conference will be held to adopt the Charter. The Charter and the recommendations of the conference will be given to the body elected to draw up a new constitution for South Africa.

Women's voices must be heard in the building of a new constitution.

If you want to take part in the Women's Charter Campaign, contact the Women's National Coalition at: PO Box 62319, Marshalltown 2107 Telephone: (011) 331 5958