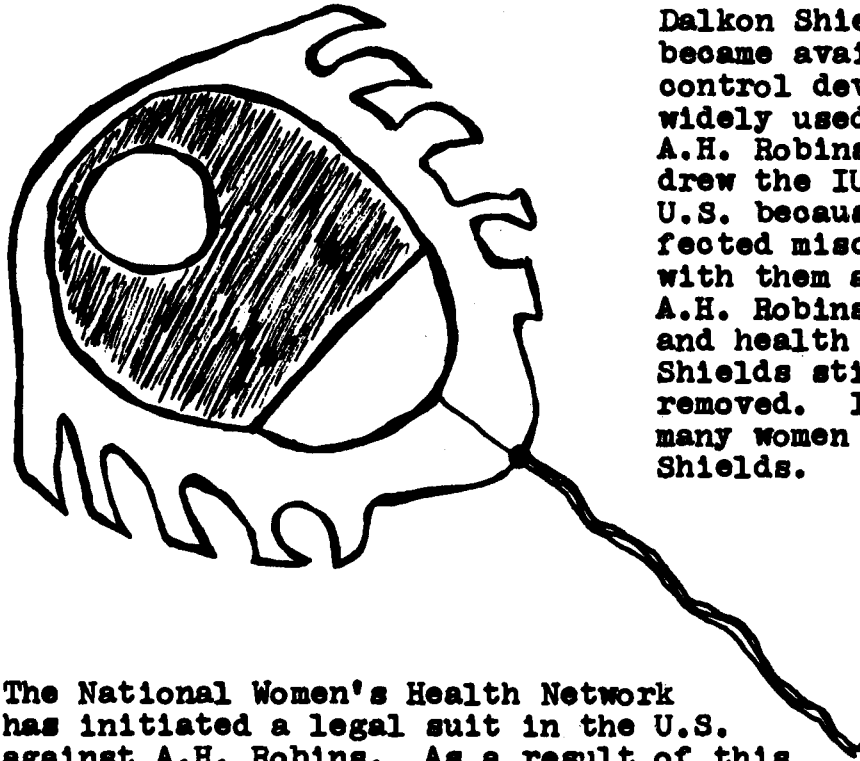


# The Fight Against Dalkon Shield IUD's



Dalkon Shield intra-uterine devices became available to women as birth control devices in 1969. They became widely used in a short time. By 1974, A.H. Robins, the manufacturer, withdrew the IUD from further sale in the U.S. because of the high rate of infected miscarriage and death associated with them already. Finally, in 1980 A.H. Robins issued a letter to doctors and health centres stating that all Shields still worn by women should be removed. In 1981, it is suspected that many women are still wearing Dalkon Shields.

The National Women's Health Network has initiated a legal suit in the U.S. against A.H. Robins. As a result of this action, the NWHN hopes that:

- Robins will be forced to admit to having information about dangerous design flaws of the Dalkon Shield before it was marketed
- the company will have to take financial responsibility for a world wide recall of the Shield
- individual women will be inspired to sue Robins for personal damages

## JOIN US!

The Shield (as well as other IUD's) caused infections and uterine perforations leading to pain, hysterectomy and infertility. We want to force drug companies to take responsibility for their faulty and dangerous products!

The Women's Health Collective is joining the NWHN's suit in the U.S. on behalf of Canadian women who suffered from the effects of the Dalkon Shield. In Western Canada, women can get involved in action against A.H. Robins (and possibly other IUD manufacturers) by joining with us in the U.S. suit and/or by sending us their old Dalkon Shield IUD to be used as evidence in the hearing. You need not have worn an IUD to get involved!

If you would like to join us or get more information, phone or write the Vancouver Women's Health Collective 736-6696 or drop in at 1501 West Broadway, Vancouver.