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Anti-Abortionists picketing
Brigham's Hotel

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Anti-abortionists picket conference at hotel

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A U.S.-based abortion association should get out of Vancouver, local anti-abortionists say.

"People who are responsible for millions of deaths of little people are not welcome in our city," Betty Green of the Vancouver Right to Life Society said yesterday.

Green and about 25 anti-abortionists are staging a protest outside the Hotel Meridien on Burrard Street, where about 150 National

Abortion Federation members are meeting until Tuesday.

Dr. Steve Brigham, attending the conference from the Pennsylvania Women's Centre, said doctors, nurses, counsellors and administrators from across North America meet annually to discuss abortion-related medical care.

Brigham said there are usually protesters at the conferences, but added that there were more this year than expected.

"We believe women deserve the best medical care," he said. "We

want to provide the best quality of care in a non-judgmental atmosphere."

Said Green: "If there was any real concern for women they wouldn't be doing abortions on them."

Bill Yeomans, a 25-year-old truck driver, said he will picket the hotel for all three days because inside "the best kind of murder and ways to get away with it" are being discussed.

Green said she feared the pro-choice movement was campaigning

to establish a chain of abortion clinics in Canada. She noted that the federal minister responsible for the status of women, Mary Collins, spoke out recently in favor of free-standing abortion clinics.

Green also says the B.C. Coalition of Abortion Clinics will announce on Saturday plans to open a clinic in Nanaimo.

Hotel Meridien acting manager Bernard Faircrest said the hotel had no plans to ask the protesters to leave.



DR. STEVE BRIGHAM
'women deserve best care'