

# PNP Women's Movement for peaceful elections

The Women's Movement of the People's National Party has said it endorses "fully" the call for peaceful elections by the PNP President, Mr. Michael Manely, and the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Edward Seaga.

The President of the Women's Movement, Miss Portia Simpson, said in a release that the Movement was calling on all Jamaicans to ensure that the elections were without violence.

Miss Simpson said that the Movement was particularly concerned about political violence as it was usually the women who had to bear the brunt of its consequences and piece together the fragments of

life which it left behind.

She said that the theme for the thirteenth Annual Conference of the Women's Movement, to be held July 12 and 13, would be "Women in Defense of Peace and A Better Quality of Life". The theme had been chosen as without peace the possibility of building a stable and vibrant family and community life was in jeopardy. This possibility, she said, was totally undermined by political violence.

The President of the Women's movement said that perpetrators of political violence were cowards who were afraid to allow their political beliefs to be tested on merit alone.