

Fighting Finn is no women's libber!

By a Staff Reporter

FIGHTER for equal rights but no women's libber, a former Member of Parliament for 18 years in Finland and at present a city councillor of Helsinki, the capital—that is Mrs Margit Borg-Sundman now visiting South Africa and more especially, Pretoria, for the International Moral Rearmament Assembly.

And as if that is not enough for one person, she has a master's degree in sociology—the sociology book she has written is a text book in Finnish universities.

On Friday she was guest of honour at a Pretoria meeting of the National Council of Women of South Africa. She is the national president of the NCW in Finland and has also served on the International Council of Women.

"Are there many women journalists here?" she very quickly wanted to know. "Are they paid the same as men? We have achieved this at home though putting it into practice is another

matter." This was one of her chief campaigns while an MP, which she was until three years ago.

"But I do not believe in women's lib. It has gone to unhealthy extremes.

"In Finland 48 percent of our women work outside the home, but because young children should have their mothers with them an allowance is paid. As the children get older, the mothers are encouraged to go out and do part time work.

On South Africa she said, "The people are very friendly. I am impressed by the soundness of family life here. I have not come to criticise. There are things that have surprised me but I feel there is great hope for South Africa especially through Moral Re-armament.

"The continent of Africa reminds me of a question mark right now. Perhaps it will become an exclamation mark with an answer not only for Black and White but for the whole world."

And on the newly



Mrs Margit borg-Sundman.

launched sport known as streaking?

"It is just stupid. I do not condemn it but it indicates that people do not seem to have an aim in life.

"Actually we do not seem to have an aim in in Finland yet." Perhaps it is a wee bit cold?