

Asian delegates meet members of the Scottish pipers' band at the garden party given by the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the city of Edinburgh.



trolled without the co-operation of neighbouring countries.) "New varieties of rice have doubled the yield of a crop on which more than half of the world's peoples depend . . .

"Abundance can be created if man only wants it. The key person in this struggle for more food is the peasant farmer and the fact is that peasant farmers are being led and persuaded to try new ways."

In a group discussion Mr. Anderson told of some specific projects that are increasing the world's food supply. In Canada, through radiation, wheat is being grown one hundred miles further north than was thought possible a few years ago. The quickest way to produce protein is to raise pigs but some people's religion does not permit the use of pork. Another quickly produced protein comes from fish, so farmers in some hungry countries are led to produce fish. An enterprise in China is to grow fish along with the rice in the water flooded paddy fields. The fish don't harm the rice and they eat the larvae of the malaria mosquito.

Dr. W. R. Aykroyd, Director, Nutrition Division, FAO, told the conference that FAO has sent 1,770 experts into the field to help the people of the hungry countries increase food production and improve nutrition; and has provided fellowships for the training of native leaders who return to their countries to teach their own people. The success of the work depends largely on the personality and the technical knowledge of the workers. They must be practical minded men and women with tenacity and a capacity for getting along with people. And Dr. Aykroyd suggested that members of A.C.W.W. might be able to interest promising candidates for scholarships. He also recommended that A.C.W.W. groups read the booklets "Millions Still Go Hungry," and "FAO in the Field," available from FAO headquarters in Rome.

#### WHO, UNICEF and UNESCO

Passing to the plight of the less fortunate peoples of the world apart from their hunger, Mr. Anderson told us that hundreds of millions of people are suffering from the mass and pesti-

lential diseases — malaria, tuberculosis, yaws, trachoma, cholera, bubonic plague, typhus and so on. For some of these help is coming through the World Health Organization. This year thirty million through the use of DDT will be protected from malaria. Fifty-nine million children will be tested and vaccinated against tuberculosis; several millions will be immunized against whooping cough and diphtheria; twenty-three million will be treated for yaws.

"We may surely call down the blessing of heaven," said Mr. Anderson, "upon those of whatever nation — missionaries, government officials, educators and the UN who are striving to heal the present day sore of illiteracy, ignorance and fear. Members of A.C.W.W. individually or through their groups have an opportunity to help by supporting UNESCO."

Sir Herbert Broadley, speaking in one of the discussion groups reported that UNICEF works for children by helping WHO in the training of midwives and providing them with kits, and in protecting children and mothers from disease and providing necessary drugs. UNICEF helps to provide protein in the form of dry skim milk for children in school and at clinics. It helps, socially, children who are denied family life and are in danger of becoming delinquents. And it assists UNESCO with the education of children. Sir Herbert suggested that country women might act as educational and pressure groups to get governments and voluntary organizations to support UNICEF; and he recommended for use at meetings the fifteen-minute film, "Overture", available from United Nations. He thanked the women, especially the women of Sweden, for their support through the sale of UNICEF greeting cards.

#### A.C.W.W. Promises FAO Scholarship

One of the most important steps taken at the conference was the passing of a resolution that, as a memorial to Lady Aberdeen, one of the founders of A.C.W.W., a permanent international scholarship be established by A.C.W.W., this scholarship fund to be financed partly by voluntary contributions from constituent societies and individuals and when feasible from A.C.W.W.