

funds. It will enable voluntary and qualified leaders in the field of Home Economics and Rural Community Welfare to study in other countries where societies and members will give them all possible help in getting insight into the work.

Another resolution was: "Considering that the Free-the-World-from-Hunger Campaign will be launched this year by the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization and that it reflects precisely the humanitarian aims of the organizations associated with A.C.W.W., be it requested that all members pledge themselves to study this problem and to co-operate with FAO and to take practical action in their own territories and with their own Governments and to report progress at the next triennial conference."

Pennies for Friendship

The financing of a scholarship and the provision of funds for the business of A.C.W.W. in general, led to a discussion of "Pennies for Friendship." Mrs. Berry had introduced this in her opening address. She said: "The financing of A.C.W.W. is perhaps unique in the world. Membership fees to societies is purposely kept low so that no one will be precluded from membership; the balance of finance necessary to carry on the work of this great international organization comes through the fund known as 'Pennies for Friendship', individual members making their personal contribution of a penny or its equivalent which gives them a feeling of personally belonging.

At the request of the executive, Mrs. W. Meier of Switzerland appealed to the delegates to make their societies aware of the need and the importance of this fund. Some groups preferred to raise their contribution through a sale of work or some other special event; others had collection boxes at regular meetings; a considerable number took a special Pennies for Friendship collection at their international meeting. Mrs. Meier paid a warm tribute to Mrs. Dradge, now a Member of Honour of A.C.W.W., who had first thought of this way of raising funds. Mrs. Dradge was present at the conference and very helpful in the meetings of the finance committee. We have a special message from her in this issue.

Suspension of Nuclear Tests

The conference passed a resolution, proposed by the All Pakistan Women's Association asking for the suspension of all nuclear tests for military purposes. The resolution expressed alarm at the armament race "going on between nations and nations," fear at the "potential dangers of total

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UNICEF GREETING CARDS

UNICEF Christmas Greeting Cards are now on sale to raise money for the United Nations Children's fund.

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annihilation to which the world today stands exposed," and concern about "the incalculable damage that nuclear tests have already done to the peaceful population of the places near which such tests are being carried out." In view of the facts the resolution read "the A.C.W.W. pleads in all humility with the great powers of the world . . . to suspend voluntarily all nuclear tests and in doing so earn the gratitude of an ailing humanity revitalized with hopes of a possible survival."

Most Worthwhile Projects

One of the highlights of the conference was a Symposium in which women from Australia, Ghana, Malaya, the Netherlands, Scotland and the United States each spoke on "the most worthwhile project" of her organization.

Mrs. Norman Kennedy of the Scottish Women's Rural Institutes told what had been done with a travelling van. This was first used in 1939 to go about the country demonstrating the sort of knitting and sewing wanted by the Red Cross. Then the Housewives' Guild used it to spread information on nutrition, a dietitian and a cook travelling with kitchen equipment to explain and demonstrate healthful meals and how to prepare them. When the Department of Agriculture laid on an "Eat More Salads" drive the women with the van demonstrated salad making. At one stage a gardener was added to the staff. After the war the Housewives' Guild equipped the van with demonstration material on house planning and furnishing and this was circulated among the Institutes. Next it was used in the same way by the Handicraft Guild. At all times the van was financed by the Scottish Institutes with some help from the government.

Mrs. Douglas Lee of Malaya reported a nutrition project. In the seven years since Institutes were started in Malaya they have organized 260 branches with 10,000 members. With the help of a grant from the government they have established a headquarters with a hall and dormitories and each month local leaders from the villages are brought in for a four-day course — different leaders for each course so that the greatest possible area may be served. Malaya takes a very impressive way of teaching the importance of good nutrition. Mrs. Lee said "Although Malaya is an agricultural country we have a lot of malnutrition. We take our classes to the orthopedic ward of our hospital to let them see how children are deformed through lack of the right food; and to the blind centre to learn about blindness caused by malnutrition. We try to make the women feel that they are the backbone of the country and that it is up to them to prevent diseases that come from malnutrition."

Mrs. W. D. Walker spoke on Australia's "Branches of the Air." She explained that while Australia is approximately the same size as the United States it has a population of only ten million and three fourths of the people live in towns and cities, so some of the rural women on the large sheep and cattle "stations" or ranches are so isolated that they could not possibly carry on meetings as women do in other countries. For years they had no telephones and no doctor within