



With the flags of countries represented in the Associated Country Women of the World, and the crest of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada in the background, Mrs. van Beekhoff speaks to an audience of 4,000 in the O.A.C. Physical Education Building.

On the stage, left to right, are Miss Pearl Isaacksz,

an F.W.I.O. scholarship student at Macdonald Institute, Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, President Federated Colleges, Mrs. Trivers, Pres. F.W.I.O. (hidden behind the speaker) the Hon. W. A. Stewart, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Mrs. Jas. Haggerty, Pres. F.W.I.C., Miss Helen Mc Kercher, Director Home Economics Service, Ontario Department of Agriculture.

World President Visits Ontario

NATURAL, charming, efficient and dedicated to her responsibilities as President of the Associated Country Women of the World, Mrs. Geerda van Beekhoff of the Netherlands made friends of Institute women wherever she went on her visit to Ontario this summer.

Coming to Canada direct from the World Food Congress at Washington, Mrs. van Beekhoff spoke briefly at the Women's Institute Officers' Conference at Guelph, addressed a Brant county Institute Luncheon at Paris, had a brief stop at the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead and went on to speak at a dinner of the Waterloo Institutes at Galt the same evening. Both Paris and Galt events marked their Districts' sixtieth anniversary. The next afternoon, in the Physical Education Building at the Federated Colleges, Guelph, nearly 4000 women from all over the province made the largest audience of her tour. The following day Mrs. van Beekhoff spoke at a luncheon in Peterborough and from there drove to Ottawa where she was the guest of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada. Here she was received by Her Excellency, Mme. Vanier at Rideau Hall, and met Prime Minister Lester Pearson and Mayor Charlotte Whitton. Social events included a tea given

by Mme. Lovnik, wife of the Ambassador for the Netherlands, and a garden party at the Experimental Farm attended by Institute members from the Eastern Area of the province. Two imaginative features planned by the national committee were tea at the farm home of an Institute member and a visit at a regular monthly meeting of a Women's Institute (Antrim).

The provincial meeting at Guelph opened with a procession of 4-H Homemaking Club girls of Wellington county placing on the stage the flags of the countries where there are constituent societies of the Associated Country Women of the World; and after an invocation by Padre Young the assembly sang the Hymn of All Nations. Miss Anna McDonald, providing special music for the occasion included in her program folk songs of many countries and in special honour of Mrs. van Beekhoff the Dutch National Anthem.

The Hon. Wm. A. Stewart, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, brought greetings from the province and a special greeting to Mrs. van Beekhoff from Premier Robarts. Mr. Stewart congratulated the Women's Institutes on the work they are doing to raise the standard of living not only at home but, as this meeting indicated, all over the world. "We were in-