

Resolutions

Mrs. L. G. Lymburner of Port Colborne, past president of F.W.I.O was convener of the Resolutions Committee for the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada. The following are some of the resolutions presented to the National Convention by Mrs. Lymburner and accepted by the delegates.

I That legislation in all provinces to make pre-marital health certificates compulsory. That the Criminal Code be amended to make advertisement, sale and use of contraceptives legal and for the setting up of family planning centres across Canada.

That the Criminal Code be amended to legalize abortion on the grounds that would include criminal assaults and health, both physical and mental of the mother, when carried out by a recognized medical practitioner under the authority of a medical committee duly constituted and when carried out in a duly accredited place.

II That the Federal Government be requested for an exemption of \$2,000 for all taxpayers.

III That a co-ordinating office be established to work with the provincial departments of education to establish better communication and understanding between those who develop the curriculum for each province.

IV That the Federal Government compensate victims of criminal violence and/or their dependents from a fund set up under the Criminal Code and that judges be empowered to make payments.

V That the Government of Canada make educational television programs, as announced by State Secretary Judy La Marsh, available to all communities.

VI That the Federal Government be requested to examine the plight of the deserted wife and family and their relations with the family courts; to institute effective measures to enforce maintenance by husbands; to establish co-operation with the provincial governments to provide quick and effective—

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Symposium—This Hour has Six Years and Opportunity and Responsibility Unlimited.

With Mrs. Joseph Bielish, of Warspite, Alberta as moderator, the conveners of standing committees presented resumes of the work of their committees in the form of a symposium.

Mrs. Welles Coates—Quebec Agriculture and Canadian Industries

Mrs. Coates said, "A duty of the Women's Institutes is to inform society of the role that agriculture has to play, not only in Canada but in the world. We must be prepared to help these countries striving toward an efficient

agriculture. Not only do they need food; they need to be taught the methods of producing food effectively. There is only a certain amount of land for food production; when it is used up, it is irreplaceable.

Mrs. George Black, Manitoba—Citizenship and Education

Mrs. Black stressed the importance of home training in strengthening the family, the nation and the world.

Mrs. R. J. Moss, Manitoba—Cultural Activities

Women's Institutes should be doing things such as encouraging the Government to upgrade the education of people in depressed areas and securing employment for retired but still active citizens.

Mrs. Arthur Mackenzie, Saskatchewan, Home Economics and Health

"We are not fully aware that there are many poor people in Canada living in conditions detrimental to their health and to the general health picture in Canada," said Mrs. Mackenzie. "Women's Institutes should be concerned if any such conditions exist in their own communities. Canadians are not as physically fit as they could be. Women should watch the health of their husbands and children so that serious problems can be diagnosed and treated before it is too late."

Mrs. J. O. Decker, British Columbia, United Nations and International Exchange

Mrs. Decker reported that the Associated Country Women of the World now holds consultative status with U.N.E.S.C.O., U.N.I.C.E.F. and F.A.O. A.C.W.W. is the only women's organization represented on the Freedom From Hunger campaign. There is now accelerated interest in U.N.E.S.C.O projects to support the needs of humanity.

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Cultural Project — A Centennial Poem
First Prize — Tweedsmuir Competitions
1964-1967
Federated Women's Institutes of Canada

EACH HIS OWN

by

May Elizabeth Hayward

The long night is past; the dream is over,
And hopes of union are forever gone.
Our ways are sacred, to each other foreign.
These hundred years have passed, and still we see
each as his own.

Tomorrow we can dream again,
A different dream, yet better for all that.
A common page where each may put a color all
his own
And send into the whole a multi-colored pattern
More splendid far than the browns and greys of
colors blended into one.

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