

Members of the Ontario Women's Institutes at the Oslo Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World. This picture was taken in front of Blindern University where the Conference was held.

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The Thirteenth Triennial Conference — Oslo, Norway

Theme - Pathways To Progress.

To the blaring of trumpets King Olav V of Norway entered Sjolyst Hall at the Congress Centre, Blindern, Norway. The twelve hundred people assembled there stood to honour him and to show appreciation that a busy king accompanied by his prime minister would be present at the opening ceremonies of this important international conference.

As Mrs. John Cornell, Honorary Secretary of A.C.W.W. called the roll, Norwegian 4H members, each carrying the flag of a country represented at the Conference, and one carrying the flag of the United Nations, crossed the platform, tipping the flag to acknowledge the presence of the king.

When the flags were in place, A.C.W.W. President, Mrs. Aroti Dutt, called for a moment of silence in which the delegates might meditate on the underlying aim of the Conference, the hope for understanding and peace in the world.

Greetings and a welcome to Norway, Oslo and the Conference were presented by the Presidents of the two hostess societies, Mrs. Inga Krogh Hansen of the Norwegian Country Women's Association and Mrs. Elin Wedege of the Norwegian Housewives Organization, Prime Minister Trygve Bratteli and the Mayor of Oslo.

In her opening address Mrs. Dutt described the group as an assembly of many nations and countries from all of the continents who came together to discuss problems, successes and failures.

When representatives of all the countries present brought greetings on behalf of their organizations, Mrs. E. V. Fulton, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, spoke on behalf of the Canadian societies.