

Norway Day

The afternoon session of the opening day was designated Norway Day. Delegates had been urged to wear national costumes and this provided a colourful crowd. The handsome significant costumes worn by the Norwegian women predominated. The platform decorated with firs created the illusion for the audience that they were seeing the spectacular Norwegian tree clad mountains. A showing of slides of Norwegian scenes, readings, traditional dances and music by Norwegian composers were part of the entertainment. A musician playing the long wooden flute demonstrated how this sweet music could echo and re-echo across the fjords among the mountains.

The finale was the singing by all of the assembly of the United Nations Hymn.

The United Nations Hymn

(Music from Beethoven's 9th Symphony.)

We can make united nations,
for the choice is mine and yours.
We can save the mighty nations,
from the endless chain of wars.
We the people of the nations,
with united hearts agree,
we will make UNITED NATIONS,
and the world in peace shall be.

Build the road of peace before us,
build it wide and deep and long,
speed the slow and check the eager,
help the weak, and curb the strong.
None shall push aside another,
none shall let another fall,
march beside me, oh, my brother,
all for one and one for all.
We the people of the nations,
with united hearts agree,
we will make UNITED NATIONS,
and the world in peace shall be.

Words of verse 1 by Tichfield Sabine.

*Words of verse 2 from "League of Nations
Song" 1935 by Josefine D. Bacon.*

The New President

Mrs. Farquharson, O.B.E., Chairman of the General Purposes Committee for the A.C.W.W. Conference was elected to serve as World President for the coming Triennium.

Mrs. Farquharson has been a member of the National Federation of Women's Institutes of England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man since 1938; and has been a contributing member of A.C.W.W. since 1940. She attended the Edinburgh Conference in 1959, the Melbourne Conference in 1962 and the Dublin Conference in 1965 where she was elected Area Vice-President for Southern and Western Europe for the ensuing triennium.

Among other activities Mrs. Farquharson was appointed after the Melbourne Conference by the Australian Trade Department to make a six week tour of the food and wine industries in the separate states and to undertake a lecture tour for them in the following two years. She was personally invited by the Director General of F.A.O. to attend the Second World Food Congress in the Hague in June 1970.

Mrs. Farquharson, a widow with no children lives in a small country village in Essex. She comes from a family background of farming in Cornwall. She is a School Manager and Hon. Treasurer of a local Educational Foundation and has been a partner in a book publishing house.

In 1969 Mrs. Farquharson in the Queen's Honours list was awarded the O.B.E. (Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) for her work, both regionally and nationally in this special field of service to the community.

She was made a Freeman of the City of London in 1963.

Plenary Sessions

Plenary sessions provided the delegates with opportunities to hear reports of the A.C.W.W. Executive Officers and various committees.

In her report of the Council Meetings Mrs. Dutt told of the Council being asked for a ruling on the date of the founding of A.C.W.W. The date was fixed as 1930, which was the year of the inaugural meeting although its constitution was not drawn up and its name adopted until 1933. The Golden Jubilee of A.C.W.W. will be celebrated at the 1980 Triennial Conference.