



All ready to parade the flags.

### KENYATTA DAY

Kenyatta Day, October 20th, was an occasion of pomp and splendour celebrated by hundreds of thousands of wanachi (citizens). The conference delegates were issued invitations by the Government of Kenya to attend the Parade at Uhuru Park in Nairobi. Leading the parade was a march-past by detachments of the Kenya armed Forces. Kenya Police Force, Administration Police, the Kenya Prisons Service, the National Youth Service, Nairobi city council and many civilian organizations. Then followed a drive-past of mechanized units from the armed services, National Youth Service, Nairobi city council, Fire Brigade and ambulances. There was also a fly past in formation by planes of the Kenya air Force. Then in colourful costumes came the dancers from the various tribes and ethnic groups of Kenya. They competed with one another for the honour of being chosen to dance at the Garden Party at State House in Nairobi later in the afternoon. President Kenyatta's speech was the highlight of the Day. He reminded the citizens, "What we should recall today is not the detail of the struggle for Uhuru (freedom), but the importance of its objectives and the sources of our strength." I felt very honoured indeed to be present both at the Parade and the Garden Party.

The last social function I attended was the East African Travel Consultants Dinner held in the New Stanley Hotel for the Canadian delegation at which time we met the Canadian High Commissioner to Kenya.



Delegates gather from around the world to discuss common concerns. Mrs. Patricia Young, Alberta—back—Mrs. Bella Ross, Fort McPherson, N.W.T. and Mary Kendi, Aklavik—centre—some of the Kenya dancers and—right—Mrs. Krishna Agarwal, India.

### INTER FAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

Delegates gathered, at the Kenyatta Conference Centre for this most impressive session. Choirs from St. Stephens Church, Our Lady of Visitation and St. Andrew's church in Nairobi sang several selections. Mrs. Farquharson and Mrs. Kiano joined by ministers and members of the Presbyterian, Anglican, Catholic, Muslim and Hindu faiths read lessons from the Bible, the Muslim and Hindu Scriptures. All the passages emphasized peace, and loving concern for our fellow human beings. Rev. Canon Leonard Mbugua in his message stressed the role that women can play in the solution of the world's problems. He said that each one of us should do her part wherever she may be and in whatever way she can to relieve the ills of the world, pointing out that women have the ability to work together for unity and for producing the harmony so much needed.

A poem by Rev. John G. Gatu (Presbyterian) reminded each one of us that—"My life is a 'hand-writing' that others read daily and I am 'the pen' that writes it every minute."



Ontario WI members centre back Mrs. M. M. Sallans and front centre Mrs. Delbert Carman attend reception given by the Mayor. His wife, the tall gracious Afrikan, Mrs. Jane Kiano and other guests stop to chat.

### SAVE THE LAND HARAMBEE

The National Council of Women of Kenya is a non-governmental organization with thirty affiliated Women's Organizations including MYW and E.A.W.L. the two hostess societies. It is working closely with the Kenya Government to combat desertification. The women have undertaken a national tree planting programme. Government ministries, school children and many other interested people are becoming involved because all have recognized that Kenya is being threatened by desert-like conditions. These conditions are a result of the misuse of the land by clearing and cutting trees indiscriminately. The end result is erosion of the soil by the wind followed by drought, famine and malnutrition. The N.C.W.K. has resolved to avert desertification by planting trees and building windbreaks in the hopes of ensuring a worthwhile heritage for future generations. Individuals are encouraged to plant a tree in memory of a loved one, or to honour someone, or to mark a special occasion. The site will be known as the Mobil Satellite Green Belt. Mrs. Olive Farquharson participated in the ceremony by planting a tree.