

# FORWARD TOGETHER

*ACWW 16th triennial Conference, Hamburg Germany*

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*Mrs. C. Diamond, FWIO president,*

## WELCOME

Mrs. A. Lindemann-Meyer, President of the Deutscher Landfrauenverband, welcomed all to Hamburg, emphasizing "We as women, are the centre of gravity and are here to make our contribution to tackle the problems of the future."

The PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, offered congratulations on the importance of rural women and their achievements combating hunger, keeping the family more closely linked, the neighborhood spirit, the feeling for justice, their willingness to meet obligations and their unselfish work for humanity. "What you do to-day for your children, you do for fellow citizens of the future", he concluded as the Conference was officially opened. The LORD MAYOR OF HAMBURG, HANS-ULRICH KLOSE challenged the delegates not to look backwards, but to continue efforts to bring about solutions because peace is so necessary. "Look into the heart of Hamburg and you will not forget."

Many of the Greetings from member societies' repeated the desire for love and peace to achieve equality and a prayer that good-will continue to radiate around the world. Thanks to ACWW for teaching the art of living together. Mrs. Darlene Henderson, Manitoba Women's President of the National Farmers' Union extended Canada's greetings on behalf of all societies.

## PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

Dame Raigh Roe, in her presidential remarks reminded all it was 50 years ago almost to the day when ACWW was born. In a pageant type presentation, Mrs. Roe introduced representatives of personalities whose important roles in the organization live on. First on stage was Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, portrayed by Mrs. Adele Westlake an Ontario delegate; followed by members for Mrs. Watt, native of Ontario and first ACWW President; Lady Aberdeen, Elsie Zimmern and Mrs. Drage, whose dream began Pennies For Friendship among the 7000 women belonging to ACWW in 1936. Then followed stand-ins for Past Presidents, Mrs. Sayre and Mrs. Berry. Next was a thrilling moment when Mrs. Van Beekoff, Mrs. Dutt and Mrs. Farquharson appeared on stage relating highlights of their experiences, as each to-morrow began its to-day.

Mrs. Roe concluded "the present is a bridge link and we must make sure it is strong enough to bear the load we may be called on to carry."

## ACWW FLAGS

The flags that had travelled to remote corners of each Society during the triennium were returned to the stage by all Area Vice Presidents. Donations for Pennies For Friendship totalling 35,000 pounds were presented. This donation will go into the capital fund for administration of ACWW, the fund will close at the end of ACWW's golden jubilee year.



*Some of the Ontario delegates and husbands seen assembled in front of the Congress Centre.*