

the heather. There were youth groups in working costumes; a village orchestra which had the distinction of being the only one of its kind; flag wavers from north of Hamburg, whose origin dates back to the 16th century time of foot soldiers and whose artistic throwing was perfect; 35 members of Bach Choir from Mansted, home of the helicopter, country of red skirts and hats; folk songs in native Friesian language, sword dancing by the only group in Western Europe reactivated from the 16th century.

This wonderful presentation was aptly summed up by Mrs. Roe as she said "we have felt the heartbeat of Germany and will carry this day forever in our hearts."

NEW FEATURE

For the first time at an ACWW Conference a presentation by five other societies invited by the German Society to demonstrate their folklore. Through song and dance and story telling history of these countries was portrayed. In the U.S.A. presentation, the actual suit of the real Neil Armstrong when he took the first step on the moon in July, 1969, was worn on stage.

NEW PRESIDENT

Mrs. Z. M. Westebring-Muller of the Netherlands was welcomed and as she graciously accepted her new office, she said "women's organizations can play an important role in development aid because they can get the benefits to women at the grass roots level."

The new President has been involved in voluntary work for 25 years. It was with regret that the announcement was received shortly after conference that Mr. Westebring-Muller died. She has a married son and daughter at home.



Mrs. Ziny Westebring-Muller
Netherlands.
ACWW President 1980-1983.

CAKE CUTTING

Six fruit cakes were made from identical recipes by Western Australia Districts, put together and iced by one member, air lifted freight free by the Australian government. Mrs. Roe cut the special cake and all delegates enjoyed a piece.

UNITED NATIONS SESSION

Among the many speakers, Dr. Marin, FAO's chief of Home Economics and Social Services programs praised ACWW for their efforts in health care and training which contributed to rural development goals. She assured her audience that the UN will seek new ways to help implement more effectively a program of action for better conditions for rural women.

To mark the 50th anniversary of ACWW, FAO issued a series medal showing Roman Goddess, symbolically represented by women in 4 different countries and on reverse side 3 women at grist mill. Dame Raigh Roe was presented with the first one and all delegates received an imitation.

Joanne Vickers, UNICEF stressed illiteracy in the world and if a Mother can be educated, the greater the chance for survival of the children with improvement only coming from training. Development needs women, rather than women needing development, because women are refugees the world over. The first step is to give those with leadership abilities an opportunity for training.



Ontario's voting delegates L-r, Mrs. W. G. Miller, Board Director; Mrs. C. Diamond, President FWIO; Mrs. Roy Westlake, Mrs. Olive Nye. Absent when photo taken, Mrs. Connie Sallans.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- ACTIVATING women to promote earliest diagnosis of breast cancer.
- CONTINUE to show concern for health and education by encouraging provision of clean water.
- URGE World Health Organization to provide developing countries with increased resources to fight disease by immunization, more research and local mobile medical teams.
- URGE member organizations to work to secure families from economic disaster when husband or wife killed or hit by illness.
- INSTANT and infant formula producers to declare by word and illustration on their products the content, quality, importance of using 100% hygienic water and risks if too little or too much milk powder or formula is used in mixture.