

**ACCW
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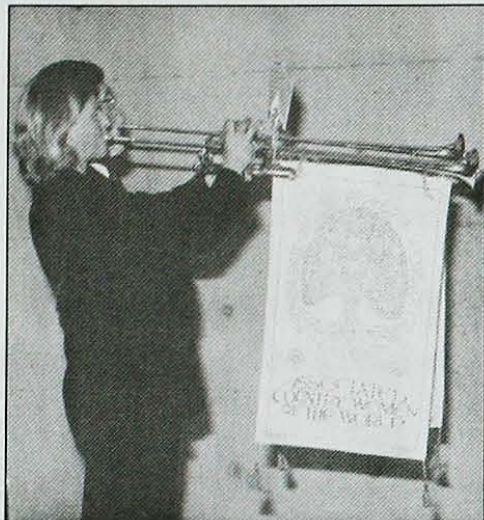
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ACWW - A Burning Light and Symbol of Hope

... Down the years it has been the energy, the enthusiasm and the voluntary commitment of the members of the day, which have brought achievement, recognition and results for ACWW. As an organization ACWW is constantly renewing itself, its vigour and its energy as each new triennium passes and new people become involved and take over from the previous. ... Through our continuing belief in the aims and objectives of ACWW, members continue to enable women and their families to realize their aspirations, their dreams and their visions. It is thanks to the work of ACWW that many women and their families around the world get a chance in life. ... We work effectively with women and their families in their efforts towards peace, progress, international friendship and understanding of one another. ACWW is indeed a burning light and a symbol of hope for many around the world.



Hilda Stewart
World President, ACWW



Above: Trumpet fanfare - Anita McAlister and Darryl Eaton



What a fitting theme has been chosen for this Conference – "Volunteers Make Visions a Reality." I read recently that volunteering starts in our family units and spreads to our extended family. But surely in our case that quickly moves to our organizations at all levels, and from there into our wider communities. We will hear a great deal about volunteering during the next few days. But I will quickly sum up the response most of us give when we are asked to fill a need. ... "Yes, we'll go. Yes, we'll go."

Elizabeth Rushton
ACWW Area President, Canada

Below: Procession of the flags from the 68 member countries.



***Volunteering
enriches our lives.
Without volunteers
the world would,
indeed, be
a poorer place.***