

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AFRICAN WOMEN.

Minutes of the thirteenth  
Conference held at Mafeking  
from 16th - 19th December,  
1950.

Not the sum of 1.10 in hand

17th December, 1950.

Conference opened at 3.30 p.m. Minutes of the previous day were read and adopted as correct.

Report of sale of M.M.S. Fund copies of the Constitution: Mrs. Maphanzela reported ~~£1. 1. 6~~ but asked to be allowed to give a full report the following day, as she still had a few copies over. Agreed.

Secretary's Report: The report revealed four new branches and the revival of the Korsten P.E. branch. Miss Soga who was delegated by the Council to the Conference of the S.A. N.C.W. at Pietermaritzburg, addressed the two meetings there; one of the N.C.A.W. and one of the Daughters of Africa. She also interviewed the Chief Inspector of Native Education in connection with the (1/-) shilling drive. The secretary also reported that the following branches sent contributions raised in May, for the purpose of organising new branches and reviving old ones that had died. Marabastad, Pretoria £4; Langa Capetown £5; Queenstown 10/-, Mafeking stad 12/6; Mafeking location £1. 5. Hackney 18/6; Beaconsfield £1.

in full Nelson Council of Women

Representatives to Conferences:- Miss Soga was elected to represent N.C.A.W. of the S.A.I.R.R. Conference, Capetown. Mrs Nkomo of Capetown to represent N.C.A.W. at the Child Welfare Conference, Johannesburg but failed to attend. Mrs Mqubuli to be representative of N.C.A.W on the M.M.S. Fund Committee. Report sent by Rev. Mpitso.

was elected in secret

Minutes: Minutes of the 1949 Conference were taken as read and adopted as correct, after the correction of the president's remarks to the African National Congress.

Business: Arising from minutes of the previous Conference:- News letter. After a lengthy discussion Conference agreed that three members of the Mafeking Location Branch be responsible for the editing and publishing of the N.C.A.W. News letter. Miss. Tsengiwe to be convenor. News to be sent to Miss. Tsengiwe twice a year, ~~1~~ In March to be published in April, ~~2~~ In September to be published in October. It was also agreed that the news be printed in English and that the branches be responsible for the translation into languages used in their areas.

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It was also agreed that the very poorest branches should ask for help from headquarters for the purpose of stencilling news into the vernacular. News to be sold at 3d per copy. Nurse Hlahle asked the conference to increase the fee paid to the S.A.I.R.R. to 10 pounds. Conference agreed.

Mrs. Old John's wreath: The Mafeking Stad Branch donated £1 towards the buying of a wreath for Mrs Oldjohn. The total amounted to £2. 11. 8. It was agreed to buy an artificial wreath. Mesdames M. Matthews and V. Moleme were elected to go and purchase the wreath by conference. Conference adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

18th December 1950.

9 a.m. Devotions by Rev. Molohe.

9.30 a.m. Presidential Address: In her address the President said: When thou prayest, enter the chamber; when thou hast entered shut the door. Likewise when we come to Conference we must close the door to various personal interests and concentrate on Conference.

Business. The presidential address is not given to expose brilliancy and thus advertise self. It is given to inspire the delegates to a deeper and more consistent study of the problems confronting us; and as much as possible should reach all classes of people at Conference literate or illiterate. South Africa is a sick country and the temperature has gone high. We have a gigantic task to undertake but we must have certain qualifications namely Reliability, Dependability and Absolute Selflessness. God first, Others next and I last. Let hope be your banner. Do not be ruled or swayed by emotions. Never do things for God. Do thing with him.

Mrs. Mareka proposed a vote of thanks and was seconded by Mrs Mxamane.

11.30 a.m. Address by Rev Nye.

Rev. Nye spoke on Red Cross Work. He explained to the Conference how Red Cross work started. He said that the Red Cross was a body that worked for all irrespective of Race, Creed, or colour. The Red Cross did more work in peace time than in War time. There were first-aid posts, Lone Depots, Blood Transfusion. Junior Red Cross in Schools. He ended by saying that the Red Cross does not ask if we are human beings but the Red Cross is there to help. *Mrs. Msezane a wife of M. Msezane was proposed by Mrs Meezane and seconded by Maphanzela.*  
A letter drafted by Mesdames Mrusi and Mareka to the Siyo Family was read and adopted.

Nurse Hlahle reported that Lady Selbourne had paid in 7/6 towards Miss. Soga's traveling expenses to Pietermaritzburg. She further suggested that branches that had still to pay the 7/6 should do so to Headquarters in order to issue receipts. Agreed.

Mrs. Matthews reported that the wreath cost £2. 8. 6. and that there was a balance of 3 shillings. The Conference agreed that the 3 shillings be put in the Council's Treasury. Dr. Molena<sup>er</sup> Sr. promised to give the Conference fresh flowers to put on Mrs. Oldjohns grave. Telegrams were read from the 1st Vice President Kimberley regretting her inability to attend and from Pretoria. Conference adjourned for lunch.

2.30 p.m. Business.

Minutes of the previous day were read and adopted as correct.

Secretary's Report continued. Kilnerton Pretoria had invited Conference for 1951. It was agreed that the president give the report of the S.A.N.C.W. the following day.

A discussion followed on the number of branches in the Council. The Secretary reported that there were 56 branches and that 6 of these were inactive. It was agreed that branches that have paid their affiliation fee should be sent ~~to~~ the Conference minutes even if they were not represented at Conference.

A discussion followed on the affiliation fees of dead branches. The Secretary said that it was agreed in one of the Conferences that branches should not be kept in arrears when they started again. Conference adjourned at 4.30 p.m. for sight seeing.

9 p.m. Treasurers Report:- The treasurers report revealed a Balance of £16. 5s. 8d. After a lengthy discussion Conference agreed that all the money be sent through the treasurer and that the books be audited. Telegrams were read from Vryburg and small farms. Conference adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

19th December, 1950.

9 a.m. Devotions by Rev. Mocumi.

Business. Minutes of the previous day were read and adopted as correct.

Branch Reports. The secretary read reports from the following branches:-  
Port Alfred, Sharpeville, Vereeniging

10 a.m. Address by Mr. Eaton Native Commissioner for Mafeking:-

Mr. Eaton welcomed the delegates by using the word "Pula". He hoped the delegates would be drenched with water as well as wisdom. He spoke of the spirit of co-operation - mutual feeling one to the other. He said as leaders of the community we should be shining lights. He spoke of 1. Education. He said the mother's duty is to see that her children are educated. Children of today are people of tomorrow.

Everything can be taken away from a person but not education.  
Education dies with a man.

2. Health. He <sup>spoke of</sup> quoted, Small-pox in Mafeking and the N.C.A.W. can help their own people by encouraging vaccination and attending clinics.

3. Co-operation. He said if people worked together they did wonders. He added that one must always try to understand the person's point of view. He said that everywhere there must be superiors in life. Children today were different from the past. He made an appeal to the delegates that as mothers they should teach their children to obey their elders. He quoted the fifth law of the ten commandments. He ended by saying. If one has a problem to solve one should think how to solve the problem in the right way. Short temper never solved a problem.  
Sister Afrika passed a vote of thanks.

11.30 a.m. Address by Miss. Postumus Homecraft Organiser Bech, Protectorate.

Miss. Posthumus spoke of the advantages of homecraft. She dealt with the practical side of the course. She gave an outlay of the work she was doing in the Protectorate and not only in schools but amongst Adults. A full copy of Miss. Posthumus's lecture will be sent to all branches. A vote of thanks passed by Mrs Mareka.

Branch reports continued. The secretary read reports from Tsome and Pietermaritzburg.

Telegrams Vryburg from Mr. Mokogosi D.V.T.  
Report M.M.S. Fund sale of copies of Constitution. The total amounted to £1. 4. This amount was handed to Mrs. B. Mkwanzazi to hand to Rev. Mpitso.

Conference adjourned for lunch.

2.30. pm. The president introduced Dr. Modiri S. Molema. In welcoming the delegates he said welcome and godspeed.  
Dr. Nkome passed a vote of thanks.

Resolutions. Conference agreed that headquarter officials be elected annually and from any area.

Queenstown. <sup>The Conference resolves that in</sup> In view of the fact that African doctors are not allowed to give instruction to European sisters, this conference resolves that there should be hospitals fully staffed by Africans (sisters and nurses) under the supervision of African Doctors, <sup>(S)</sup>

2. <sup>(V)</sup> That this body is greatly perturbed by the decision arrived at by the Education Department to employ less male teachers in the Primary schools.

East London. This branch resolves that Parent Associations should be formed in areas where there are boarding schools or institutions. These parent Associations to help in times of strikes especially, and to keep and interest in the welfare of the students.

Branch Reports. The following branches gave reports:- Kilnerton, Atteridgeville, Lady Selbourne, Bantulie, Potchefstroom, Dundee, Durban Mooiplas, Marabastad, Bloemhof, Klerksdorp, Alice, Queenstown, Taungs Langa Regional and Branch reports; Bloemfontein, Vryburg, Kingwilliamstown, Mafeking Location, and Mafeking Stad and Transvaal Regional. It was agreed that the President should make a tour of all places where there were branches for the purpose of reviving branches and settling disputes amongst Branch members and branches. The President to be given money for this purpose from the Organisation Fund.

Conference also agreed not to pay affiliation fee to N.C.W.

Election of Board of Officers for 1951.

President:- Miss. M.T. Soga.

Vice-Presidents:- Mrs. M. Matthews 977 Makenna Street, No 2 location Kimberley.

Vice-Presidents. Mrs. R.B. Moabi. P.O. Box 90. Klerksdorp, T.V.L.

Treasurer:- Mrs. I. Sililo P.O. Box 154 Durban, Natal.

General Secretary:- Nurse E.P. Hlahle. Women's Hostel, 445 Church Street, Pitermaritzburg. Natal.

S.A.N.C. for Child Welfare Standing Committee.

Representative. Mrs. R.B. Moabi. Klerksdorp.

President's closing remarks: In closing the President thanked, on behalf of Conference the Chief, the catering branch, Delegates and Mr. S. ~~Med~~ Lekhela.

Conference closed with the singing of the National Anthem; Nkosi Sikelel Afrika.

Next Conference will be held in Pretoria.

Note:

→ ~~The next Conference~~

Vote of  
thanks.

Mesdames Nkomo and Mousi passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Bovey.

After the magistrates' address the president asked her executive to meet. Conference adjourned.

18.12.50. The minutes were read and passed as a correct record. Moved by Mrs Moabi, seconded by Mrs Mousi, agreed to by Conference.

Minutes of the 13th Annual General Conference.

16th December, 1950.

Conference business commenced at 4.30 p.m. The President reminded Conference of Mrs Maphanzela's suggestion at the Durban Conference, that the Council should buy Nurse Hlahle a present as a token of appreciation for her meritorious 12 years continuous service to the Council as its secretary. The President reported that Mrs Maphanzela had brought the present amounting to £5. 11. 6. The President therefore suggested that each branch should contribute the sum of 4/- towards the cost. The Conference agreed.

Mrs Ngcobo proposed that the present should be presented formally during the reception by Mrs Maphanzela. Conference agreed. Mrs. Sililo suggested that one of the older members should accompany Mrs. Maphanzela in the presentation. Conference agreed. Miss. Tsengiwe suggested Mrs Gasebui, a member of the Mafeking Branch. Agreed.

The President reported on her visit to Capetown; that the Langa and Nyanga branches offered to pay expenses to Capetown as neither the Council nor the S.A.I.R.R. could afford to finance the trip. Whilst the President, now and again, attended the S.A.I.R.R. sessions, she attended the Cape Peninsula Regional Conference and helped the Individual Branches in various matters. i.e. seeing the Secretary of Native Affairs on Old Age Pension Fund as well as Teacher's Pension Funds, and consolidating the Nyanga branch, and attending to vital issues there.

Mendi Memorial Scholarship Fund: A letter from Rev. Mpitso was read to the Conference reporting on the activities of the M.M.S. Fund and appealing for co-operation from the N.C.A.W. A few copies of the constitution of the Fund, that had been sent with the letter, were sold at 6d a copy, Mrs Maphanzela being in charge.

Resolutions: The President suggested that the resolutions be dealt with earlier than as tabled in the Agenda. Nurse Hlahle proposed that resolutions be dealt with on Monday 18th and not on Tuesday 19th. Conference agreed.

Conference adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Hanni Pollak

to report

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA.  
NASIONALE VROUERAAD VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

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MAIN & MAYNARD ROADS/WEE  
WYNBERG CAPE/KAAP.

Conference Circular No. 12.

1st July, 1960.

To Conference Delegates, Branch  
Presidents and Members of the  
Executive Committee.

THE MINUTES OF THE 26TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

25th to 30th April, 1960

of the

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA.

are enclosed with this Circular. All delegates who attended the Conference  
are asked to notify the Board of Officers

before the 15th August, 1960

of any desired amendments, after which date the Minutes will be assumed to  
be correct.

There is much important information in these proceedings of  
Conference which is additional to the published Reports and should be of  
interest to all Branch members. Also many recommendations were made which  
call for study and for action through the Branches.

*Ida M. Hewton*

NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA.  
NASIONALE VROUERAAD VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

MINUTES  
of the  
TWENTY-SIXTH CONFERENCE  
of the  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA

KNYSNA  
25th. to 29th. April  
1960.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA.

TWENTY-SIXTH CONFERENCE KNYSNA 25th. - 29th. APRIL, 1960.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

1. NATIONAL COUNCILS AND COUNCILS OF WOMEN IN AFRICA.

Council of Women, South West Africa Mrs. H. Westphal

2. NATIONALLY ORGANISED SOCIETIES.

The Women's Association of the Presbyterian Church Mrs. P.M. McIntyre  
Provincial Mother's Union Mrs. J. Hunter  
Miss M. Snell

Southern African Union of Temple Sisterhoods Mrs. W.G. Mitchell  
Mrs. E. Levitas

Union of Jewish Women of Southern Africa Mrs. E. Bernstein

National Council for the Care of Cripples in S.A. Mrs. H.E. Stent

National Council of the South African Red Cross Society Mrs. I. Finkelstein

South African Council for Child and the Family Miss L.M. Mackenzie  
(National)

South African Women's Agricultural Union Mrs. Sam de Kook  
Mrs. I.E. Van Huysteen

South African Nursing Association Mrs. F.A. Goodacre-Perry

The Christmas Stamp Fund Mrs. D. Meyer

The Girl Guides Association Mrs. Burger

The Nursery School Association of South Africa Miss L.M. Mackenzie

The Christian Council Mrs. G. Logie

South African Association of University Women Mrs. W.A.D. Russell

Federation of Women's Institutes of Natal, Zululand, Mrs. W.A.D. Russell  
East Griqualand and the Transkeian Territories (proxy for Mrs. McCallum)

National Council of Catholic Women's League Mrs. A.I. Mackenzie

Congregational Women's Federation Mrs. W.G. Abbott

South African Institute of Race Relations Miss H. Pollak

Christian Education Movement Miss M. Snell

National Veld Trust Mrs. A.M. Searle

The Priory in South Africa of St. John's Ambulance Miss M. Powell  
(proxy for Mrs. M. Walton)

3. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA.

(a) Life Vice-Presidents.

Mrs. N.B. Spilhaus  
Mrs. W.A.D. Russell

(b) Board of Officers.

Mrs. I.M. Newton	National President
Dr. T. Gutsche	Immediate Past President
Advocate H. Steyn	First Vice-President
Mrs. S.R. Sloman	Second Vice-President
Mrs. E.A. White	Honorary Treasurer
Mrs. N. Richardson	Publicity Officer

(c) International Council of Women Office-bearers.

Dr. T. Gutsche Vice-President  
Standing Committees:-  
Miss L.M. Mackenzie Convener - Child and the Family  
Dr. V.C.J. McPherson Vice-Convener - Health  
Mrs. J.K. Robertson Vice-Convener - International Relations  
and Peace

(d) National Standing Committees.

Mrs. E.D.W. Borchers (Proxy for Honorary Editor N.C.W. News)  
Mrs. V.C. Davie (Proxy for Convener of the Parliamentary Committee)

(e) International Standing Committee Members (National Conveners) and Sub-Conveners and National Advisers.

Mrs. A.I. Mackenzie, PROXY for Mrs. M. Rhodes-Harrison, Arts and Letters  
Mrs. H. Wiley Radio and Television  
Mrs. W. Eybers Letters  
Mrs. N. Kewley Press: English  
Mrs. J.K. Robertson International Relations and Peace  
Dr. V.C.J. McPherson Health  
Miss S. Kussel Migration  
Mrs. E.E. Monro, PROXY for Mrs. J. Suttner, Trades and Professions  
Mrs. A.M. Searle Moral Welfare  
Miss E.M. Tilley Education  
Mrs. E.V. Wroughton Cinema  
Mrs. E.A. White Finance  
Mrs. H.R. Keyter Home Economics  
Advocate Hester Steyn Laws and Suffrage  
Mrs. N. Richardson Press and Publicity  
Miss L.M. Mackenzie, PROXY for Mrs. Harold Jones, Housing

(f) National Advisers.

Mrs. M. Overbeek, PROXY for Mrs. W.F. Grant, Coloured Affairs  
Mrs. C. Rubidge Soil Conservation  
Miss H. Pollak African Affairs  
Mrs. E.E. Monro Honorary Archivist  
Miss H. Pollak, PROXY for Dr. Hilda Kuper, Asian Affairs

(g) Branch Councils and Outposts.

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Miss D. Houghton

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Mrs. E. Melck

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Mrs. S.A.I. Kirkpatrick

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Mrs. M. Vos

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No Delegation was received from:

Alice Outpost	Potgietersrus Branch
Boksburg Branch	Queenstown Branch
King William's Town Branch	Stilfontein Branch
Kroonstad Branch	Tweespruit-Westminster Outpost
Pietersburg Branch	Vereeniging Branch
Potchefstroom Branch	

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT.

Monday, April 25th.

10 a.m. CHURCH SERVICE was held in St. George's Church, Knysna. The address was given by The Right Revd. Bishop T.W. Stainton, Rector of Knysna.

Tea was served in the Memorial Hall Grounds by the Methodist Women's Auxiliary.

REGISTRATION Delegates registered at the Memorial Hall.

11.30 a.m. OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE by His Worship the Mayor of Knysna, Councillor E.R. Meyer.

Delegates were welcomed to Conference by Mrs. G. Logie, President Knysna Branch.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS by The National President, Mrs. I.M. Newton.

2 p.m. Delegates other than the National Executive Committee were taken for a drive to Belvedere and Rhenendal.

Tuesday, April 26th.

8.15 p.m. Illustrated Lecture in Wesley Hall by Dr. and Mrs. W. Eybers -  
" AFRICA SAFARI "

Wednesday, 27th. April.

1 p.m. Luncheon in honour of Madame Marie-Helene Lefauchaux by the Mayor for Board Members and Past National Presidents and Life Vice-Presidents.

6 p.m. Mayoral Reception at Golf Club House

Thursday, April 28th.

8 p.m. A Public Meeting was organised by the Knysna Branch in the Dutch Reformed Church Hall. The National President opened the meeting and the speakers were :-

Madame Marie-Helene Lefauchaux, International President  
Advocate Hester Steyn

Mrs. W.A.D. Russell

and a vote of thanks by Dr. T. Gutsche, Immediate Past President.

Friday, April 29th.

4 p.m. Divisional Council Reception at Beacon Island Hotel, Plettenberg Bay.

8.15 p.m. Play Reading in Memorial Hall - " NIGHT WAS OUR FRIEND -

TELEGRAMS AND MESSAGES OF GOOD WISHES were received from :

The National Council of Women of Southern Rhodesia

Mrs. Gertie Mledle - - National Council of African Women  
Mrs. Sesedi - National President - National Council of African Women  
Health Officials Association of Southern Africa  
South African Association of Occupational Therapists  
The Christian Council of South Africa  
South African Union of Temple Sisterhoods  
Union Jewish Women Headquarters  
The United Sisterhood  
Catholic Women's League

Benoni Branch	Bloemfontein Branch
Boksburg Branch	East London Branch
Germiston Branch	Grahamstown Branch
Johannesburg Branch	Kimberley Branch
King William's Town Branch	Kroonstad Branch
Krugersdorp Branch	Oudtshoorn Branch
Pietersburg Branch	Port Elizabeth Branch
Potgietersrus Branch	Queenstown Branch
Rustenburg Branch	Tweespruit-Westminster Outpost
Uitenhage Branch	Welkom Branch

Mrs. Mitchell-Hunter	- Johannesburg Branch
Mrs. B.S.C. Knowles	- Grahamstown Branch
Advocate Y. de Villiers	- Convener of the Parliamentary Committee
Mrs. Harold Jones	- I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Housing
Mrs. J. Suttner	- I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Trades and Professions.

Mrs. A.B. Low	- Life Vice-President
Mrs. Hilda Griffiths	- Durban Branch
Mrs. Leach	- Uitenhage Branch
Mrs. L. Rabinowitz	- Pietersburg Branch
Mrs. M. Parkes	- Graaff-Reinet Branch
Mrs. Inez Barratt	- Grahamstown Branch

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TEAS. These were provided for delegates in the grounds of the Memorial Hall by the following :-

Methodist Women's Auxiliary  
Knysna Ladies Benevolent Society  
Hospital Aid Society  
Play Reading Society  
S.A.N.T.A., B.C.E.S.L.  
Mossel Bay Branch and Knysna Music Society  
Formosa Library, Plettenberg Bay  
Child Welfare and Girl Guides

LUNCHES were served by the Red Cross Society.

INFORMATION BUREAU AND TELEPHONE SERVICE were provided free of charge by The Shell Company.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 25th - 29th APRIL, 1960.

MINUTES

MONDAY, 25th. April.

10 a.m. CHURCH SERVICE was held in St. George's Church, Knysna -  
The Address was given by the Right Revd. Bishop T.W. Stainton,  
Rector of Knysna.

11.30 a.m. OPENING OF CONFERENCE.

The Mayor, Councillor E.A. Meyer with Mrs. Meyer were present.  
The Mayor extended a warm welcome to delegates and visitors to  
Knysna and then delivered a brilliant address on Women's Powers  
to Maintain Morality.

The National President thanked the Mayor for his speech and his  
good wishes and expressed pleasure at being able to hold Conference  
in the beautiful surroundings of Knysna.

Mrs. G. Logie, President of Knysna Branch welcomed the delegates  
and visitors to Knysna.

Presidential Address.

Mrs. I. Newton gave her address as National President - the  
subject being "The Woman and the Family in a Changing World". It  
was stressed that many young married women took paid employment,  
and she urged that this be part time work so that the mothers could  
be at home when children returned from schools. The need for more  
Creches, especially for African children was very important and the  
way this affected the later years of a child's life and subsequent  
juvenile difficulties. The honoured place in the home need not be  
given up by the modern young woman - she was capable and had much  
to offer to the cultural and technical progress of the modern and  
changing world.

Conference then adjourned until Tuesday morning.

2 p.m. Pre-Conference Meeting for members of the National Executive.

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TUESDAY, 26th. April.

9 a.m. WELCOME.

Delegates and Visitors to the Conference were welcomed by  
the First Vice-President, Advocate Hester Steyn, in the absence  
of the National President, Mrs. I.M. Newton, who had gone to George  
to meet the International President, Madame Marie-Helene Lefauchaux.

A special welcome was extended to delegates of the Middelburg  
Branch to their first Conference.



Notice Convening Conference. The Recording Secretary read the Notice Convening Conference as set out in Conference Circular No.1 of 13th. January, 1960.

Platform. The motto and objects of N.C.W.S.A. were read in English by Mrs. A.I. Mackenzie, President of Bloemfontein Branch, and in Afrikaans by Mrs. H.R. Keyter, I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Home Economics.

Obituaries. Mrs. N.B. Spilhaus, Life Vice-President, spoke on the voluntary and devoted service of the late Miss Delbridge, and gave a short account of her work and interests which led up to her long and efficient convenership of the Parliamentary Committee of N.C.W.S.A. Members stood in silent tribute to Miss Delbridge and others who had passed on.

Roll-Call, Apologies, Proxies, Appointment of Scrutineers.

The Recording Secretary called the Roll. Apologies were noted and Proxies accepted. Mrs. A. Vowles, Mrs. M.F. Julyan, Mrs. E. Bent and Miss N. Hogsett were appointed as Scrutineers.

Voting Strength of Council. The Honorary Treasurer announced that a quorum was present and the total voting strength was 727 plus 34 Executive Members = 761. Two-thirds of this i.e. 507 would be required for the adoption of any Resolution.

Minutes of Annual Conference, April 13th to 18th, 1959.

The following corrections were made :-

- Page 5. Under Telegrams and Messages. Add "Miss Vera Brittain"  
Under Programme 8.15 p.m. After the words "a public meeting" add the words "with the President, Cape Town Branch in the Chair"
- Page 6. Under Lunches and Teas. Add "The Girl Guides Association, Cape West"
- Page 7. Under Opening of Conference. Delete the words "National President" and substitute the words "Mrs. Grieve, President, Cape Town Branch" (as Hostess Branch).
- Page 10. (4) in second paragraph. Delete the word "countries" and substitute the word "Councils"
- Page 13. Under Session on Conference "Education To-day - A Challenge for the Future". Delete the word "clerical"  
Paragraph 1. Add the words "Mrs. Blake, President Johannesburg Branch, stated that the work formerly undertaken by the Department had been diverted to other sections of the Municipality".
- Page 15. Line 7. Add "Africa" after "South"
- Page 16. Line 16. Delete words "Botha Commission" and substitute the words "Coloured Education Commission, 1953-1956".
- Page 17. Delete "must" in line 10 of (c)
- Page 18. Paragraph 3. Delete the words "Conference then confirmed the Resolution in the amended form" and substitute the words "It was agreed to defer decision and re-discuss the matter on Thursday."
- Page 20. Under Report of Chairman of News Board. After the word "Council", add the words "and accepted", in the Resolution delete the words "to 1/- and substitute the words "by 1/-."
- Page 21. Alter "storage" to "care" in wording of Resolution under heading Report of Honorary Archivist.
- Page 24. Line 5. Under Resolution 2. Delete "the official" and add "s" to survey; alter "European" to "Non-European".

Page 28. Paragraph 3. Delete the words "Life Vice-President" and substitute the words "National Adviser for Coloured Affairs".

Page 31. Under Friday, April 17th. Insert the words "Advocate H. Steyn, I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Laws and Suffrage, made a statement in response to enquiries from members that although not accepted as a Resolution, the substance of the motion would remain as a directive from the I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Housing to Branches. This interpretation was put to Council by the President and accepted".

On the proposal of Mrs. van der Westhuizen, President Pretoria Branch, seconded by Dr. D.M. Brodie, President Pietermaritzburg Branch, the Minutes were confirmed for signature by the National President.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

1. Publicity Leaflet.

Mrs. van der Westhuizen, President Pretoria Branch, called attention to the last page of the Publicity Leaflet and suggested that item 6 "Enfranchisement of Non-European Women" be altered to read :-

"Enfranchisement of all Women"

She also recommended that the pamphlet should be recalled and reprinted. Mrs. White, Honorary Treasurer, suggested that any unnecessary wording in the pamphlet be blocked out and the alteration be made in a subsequent issue. After discussion, Mrs. van der Westhuizen moved, seconded by Mrs. Lipschitz, President Oudtshoorn Branch, that item 6 on Page 4 of the Publicity Leaflet be altered to read :- "Enfranchisement of all Women" in the printing of all subsequent issues. Mrs. D.H. Peddie, President Germiston Branch spoke in support of this, and it was carried by 532 votes.

At this stage the International President, Madame Marie-Helene Lefauchaux arrived and was warmly welcomed by Conference. She addressed the delegates and visitors and said she was very touched with her reception and looked forward to attending the Sessions.

2. Ratification of the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

The following Resolutions were recommended for acceptance by the Pre-Conference Executive Meeting :-

a. Nationally Organised Bodies.

"THAT THE DIRECTIVE ADOPTED AT THE 1955 INTERIM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING BE AMENDED TO READ :-

"N.C.W.S.A. SHALL NOT TAKE ACTION IN MATTERS DIRECTLY CONCERNING OTHER NATIONALLY ORGANISED BODIES UNLESS ASKED TO DO SO OR UNLESS EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST WHICH, IN THE OPINION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, JUSTIFY SUCH ACTION".

b. Education Resolution as set out in Annual Conference Circular No.11. of 12th. April, 1960.

The National President asked that discussion of this Resolution be left until the afternoon session, and this was agreed to.

c. Miss H. Pollak, National Adviser for African Affairs, moved an Emergency Resolution which was amended and accepted as follows :-

"N.C.W.S.A.

1. URGES THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES ON COMPASSIONATE AND HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS TO ENSURE THAT MAINTENANCE GRANTS BE MADE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR THE DEPENDENTS OF PERSONS DETAINED UNDER THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.

2. THAT DETAINED MOTHERS OF CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE AS WELL AS PERSONS OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE BE RELEASED FROM DETENTION UNDER CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN EACH CASE BY THE AUTHORITIES".

d. Emergency Resolution submitted by the Board of Officers Re: Secretariat.

This was deferred for discussion when the amendments to the Constitution were considered.

e. Printing of Annual Report - Honorary Editor N.C.W. News.

"THAT COUNCIL REVERTS TO THE METHOD OF PUBLISHING THE ANNUAL REPORT AS WAS DONE BEFORE 1959 BEFORE CONFERENCE ON PRINTER'S "PULLS" AND THAT THE CORRECTED REPORT BE PUBLISHED IN THE N.C.W. NEWS AFTER CONFERENCE. THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE NEWS TO UNDERTAKE THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT BEFORE CONFERENCE".

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Natal University Jubilee Conference on Education.

At the National President's invitation, Mrs. W.A.D. Russell, Honorary Life-President, gave information about the Conference to be held by the University of Natal in July 1960.

Report of the National Secretary.

The National President moved the adoption of the Report prepared by the Honorary Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Anne Mackenzie, on page 19 of the N.C.W. News. This was seconded by Mrs. Logie, President Knysna Branch and accepted.

Report of the Honorary Treasurer.

Referring Council to pages 24 and 25 in the Annual Report, the Treasurer, Mrs. E.A. White, called attention to the pleasing fact of the increase of 19 members and 20 affiliated societies during 1959. She welcomed the new branch - Middelburg, Cape - and regretted the closing of the Greytown Outpost.

In presenting the Balance Sheet for signature, Mrs. White asked for special thanks to go to Messrs. McDowell, Caradoc Davies & Company, Chartered Accountants, for auditing our books.

Speaking to the Budget for 1960, the Treasurer explained that the surplus of income over expenditure at the end of 1959 was due to the fact that International Standing Committee Members, by not applying for the grant to which they were entitled, had again made a valuable voluntary contribution to Council's funds; and that although the National President had visited many Branches far afield during the year, her travelling expenses had amounted to only £85.

Mrs. White moved the adoption of her Report, which was seconded by Mrs. N. Charton, President Graaff-Reinet Branch, and accepted. Mrs. Charton also paid tribute to Mrs. White for her most efficient services as Treasurer.

Report of the Convener of the Parliamentary Committee.

An apology for absence was received from Advocate de Villiers, and her proxy, Mrs. V.C. Davie, President Cape Town Branch, presented the Report which dealt with the Sessions of the latter part of 1959 and early part of 1960. 50 Bills were studied and a full list would be issued. The following received attention :-

South African Road Safety Council Bill  
Factories, Machinery Building Work Amendment Bill  
Wool Commission and Wool Amendment Bill  
Level Crossings Bill (Engineers)

Marriage Bill (still discussing)  
Unlawful Organisations Bill

Three Bills were referred to I.S.C. Members :-

The Soil Conservation Amendment Bill to Mrs. Rubidge  
The Immigration Bill to Dr. Kuper  
Publications and Entertainments Bill to Mrs. Eybers

Recommendations were made to the Board of Officers for action to be taken in connection with the following Bills :-

Children's Act Bill  
Senate Bill  
Broadcasting Amendment Bill  
Referendum Bill

On the subject of the Citizenship Amendment Bill, a letter was written to the Minister of the Interior and his reply is awaited.

The National President paid tribute to Advocate de Villiers, and recorded warm appreciation of the work she had done.

Miss H. Pollak, National Adviser for African Affairs, added her tribute to the Convener and members of the Parliamentary Committee, and said that this was one of the Committees which really enhanced the status of N.C.W.S.A.

Mrs. Brown, President Kimberley Branch apologised for the absence of Mrs. Sesedi who had hoped to come to Conference but had been prevented. She then asked if Council could not make information regarding legislation affecting them available to African Women. She also requested that copies of letters to the National Council of African Women be sent to the Kimberley Branch to enable them to keep in closer touch with N.C.A.W.

Mrs. Davie moved the adoption of the Report, which was accepted.

#### N.C.W. NEWS.

##### 1. Report of the Honorary Editor.

This was read by Mrs. E.D.W. Borchers, proxy for Mrs. J.M. Grieve, Honorary Editor, adoption moved by Mrs. Bradnum, seconded by Mrs. H.R. Keyter, I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Home Economics, and accepted.

The National President expressed the appreciation of Council to the Editorial Board for their excellent publications.

Mrs. N. Kewley, Sub-Convener for Press: English, complimented the Editorial Board on the attractive cover of the "News".

##### 2. Report of Honorary Treasurer.

Mrs. N.B. Spilhaus presented the Financial Statement. She said that the audited statement on the N.C.W. "News" accounts for 1959 was a very disappointing document showing a deficit of £180. 14. 8. on the year's working, more than twice the deficit of 1958.

Mrs. Spilhaus then moved, seconded by Mrs. White :-

"THAT THE COST OF THE NEWS BE INCREASED FROM 4/6 TO 5/- PER COPY PER MEMBER PER ANNUM FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR OF THE BRANCHES, NAMELY 1st. OCTOBER, 1960".

Different forms of advertising in the "News" were discussed, and the Resolution was passed unanimously.

Report of the Honorary Archivist.

Mrs. E.E. Monro, Honorary Archivist, in presenting her Report said that this year she had hoped to visit more branches and show them some exhibitions of the Archive Collection. However, circumstances had prevented her from doing this, but she hoped that matters would improve and she would be able to do so at a later date.

Joint Exhibition at Jubilee Conference.

Mrs. Monro stated that at the last Pre-Conference Meeting she gave notice of motion to amend Item 11 paragraph (c) on Page 3 of the Post-Conference Minutes accepted 1958, to read :-

"That although Branch Councils and Outposts could retain their own Archive Material, Council had the right to call upon it should the necessity arise".

and asked that this be placed on the Agenda of the 1961 Pre-Conference Executive Meeting. She moved the adoption of her Report, which was seconded by Dr. T. Gutsche, Immediate Past President, and accepted.

2 - 2.45 p.m. Meetings of the following Sectional Committees were held :-

Arts and Letters	Child Welfare
Home Economics	African Affairs and
International Relations and Peace	

Report of the I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Education.

The I.S.C. Member for Education, Miss E.M. Tilley, opened the Education Session by reading the Findings of the Conference "Education To-day - a Challenge for the Future" convened by N.C.W.S.A. at Pietermaritzburg in 1958. She emphasised the fundamental points brought out i.e. humanism, defined as "the sum of spiritual values, which the community of civilised beings consider as characteristic of man", and specialisation, and explained that the Findings could be either accepted or rejected but not altered. She moved :

That this Conference of N.C.W.S.A. considers that the principles underlying the Findings of the National Conference on "Education To-day - a Challenge for the Future" are in agreement with its stated aims and objects, and records its formal acceptance.

Passed unanimously.

Dr. T. Gutsche gave a Progress Report of the work of the Continuation Committee, and referred to the proposed Union Education Advisory Council Bill. A central Education policy which would interfere with provincial autonomy, was not acceptable. The proposed measure needed very careful consideration. She expressed the view that the attitude of N.C.W.S.A. should be made known to the Government.

The President of Johannesburg Branch, Mrs. E.E. Monro, spoke on the need of putting forward a clear-cut policy as a basis for action, and submitted a detailed statement for discussion.

Mrs. S.R. Sloman, Second Vice-President, pointed out that although the Bill had just been published, its provisions were not available to Conference, and suggested that they should be obtained from the Convener of the Parliamentary Committee by telephone to Cape Town, and further discussion be deferred until Miss Tilley and a small sub-committee had an opportunity of studying the text. This was agreed to.

WEDNESDAY, 27th. April.

9 a.m. CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution was amended and accepted as detailed in accompanying draft.

2 p.m. Meetings of the following Sectional Committees were held :-

Cinema	Health
Laws and Suffrage	Migration
Asian Affairs	

Report of the I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Arts and Letters.

Mrs. A.I. Mackenzie, proxy for the I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Arts and Letters, moved the adoption of the Reports on Arts and Letters and Music as prepared by Mrs. Rhodes Harrison, and published on Pages 34 and 35 of the N.C.W. News. She drew attention to the omission in the Report under the heading "The establishing of new Art Societies" and asked that "and Graaff-Reinet" be inserted after Kroonstad.

The Reports were seconded by Miss Pollak and accepted.

The appointment of Mrs. A. Davidson, 6 Whites Road, Bloemfontein, as Sub-Convener for Music, nominated by Mrs. Rhodes Harrison and Bloemfontein Branch, and circulated to Council, was confirmed.

Report of the Sub-Convener for Letters.

Mrs. W. Eybers, Sub-Convener for Letters, reported that she had discovered last year when requested to give information on South African Women Writers, that there was no accepted bibliography of Authors. The International President had urged us to see that we got our bibliography up to date, and after much correspondence and two annual requests to schools of Librarianship urging them to encourage a student to undertake a bibliography of the work of Women Writers, a student at the University of the Witwatersrand was now busy with this work which would therefore be professionally done, and since this project was inspired by the N.C.W.S.A., we shall be given a copy of the complete bibliography which may subsequently be referred to with pride.

She mentioned the Control of Publications and Cinema Entertainment Bill, The Exhibition of Books by Women Writers - 1910 to 1960 - and The Thesis on Women Writers in South Africa.

Dr. Eder Memorial Prize. Mrs. Eybers stated that Miss Mary Morrison Webster had judged the English books, and the results had been sent to Paris by Airmail.

The Report was seconded by Mrs. E.V. Wroughton, I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Cinema, and accepted.

The National President recorded great gratification by Council of the work Mrs. Eybers had done in staging the Exhibition of Books by Women Writers.

Report of the I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Child Welfare.

Miss L.M. Mackenzie, I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Child Welfare, stated that Mrs. E. Reyneke was prepared to undertake the N.C.W. Convener'ship for Child Welfare if Council accepted her. Miss Mackenzie then reported on the I.C.W. Meeting at Vienna where the name of the Standing Committee had been changed from Child Welfare to The Child and the Family, the theme for study for the current year on which the Committee would report at Istanbul. As the subject was one which touched on Health, Education, Moral Welfare and Cinema, a joint meeting of these different committees was held under the Chairmanship of Lady

Reading.

On the National level Miss Mackenzie said that during the present year nine branches forwarded Reports on Child Welfare activities in their areas - these ranged from such practical matters as provision of meals for Asians and Coloureds, and other school feeding schemes. She stated that the Children's Act Bill second reading 7th. April, and gazetted on the 14th. April, had just come into her hands - she would prepare a summary and this would be circularised to all branches very shortly.

Miss Mackenzie moved the adoption of her Report, which was seconded by Mrs. M. Overbeek, and accepted.

The appointment of Mrs. Reyneke as I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Child Welfare (The Child and the Family), was confirmed, and the National President thanked Miss Mackenzie for helping to fill the vacancy.

Resolution 3.

Mrs. V.C. Davie, President Cape Town Branch, moved Resolution 3.

"THE N.C.W.S.A. CONSIDERS THAT THE CANING OF JUVENILES CONVICTED OF OFFENCES IS NOT A CONSTRUCTIVE FORM OF PUNISHMENT AND DOES NOT HELP TO REHABILITATE DELINQUENTS IT THEREFORE SUGGESTS THAT A COMPREHENSIVE AND SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION BE UNDERTAKEN IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE EFFECT AND VALUE OF THIS FORM OF PUNISHMENT IN RELATION TO ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF PUNISHMENT".

Mrs. Davie said that the circumstances which led to the request for an enquiry into the caning of juveniles, were that there appeared in the local press reports of one or two incidents of very severe caning, in some instances severe enough to cause bleeding.

In seconding the Resolution Advocate Steyn pointed out that caning was very frequently resorted to in the case of boys although it was not allowed in the case of girls, and there was an obvious need for a thorough investigation into the effects of caning as a punishment.

Mrs. W. Wiley, I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Radio and Television, moved an amendment which was lost, and the Resolution 3 as put forward by Mrs. Davie was passed by a majority of 715 votes.

Resolution 2. PLACES OF SAFETY.

"THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATION AND STAFFING IN CERTAIN PLACES OF SAFETY AND DETENTION SUPPORTS THE REQUEST OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CHILD WELFARE THAT PROVISION BE MADE IN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHILDREN'S ACT TO LEGALISE THE APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY BOARDS TO PLACES OF SAFETY AND DETENTION ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE BE ASKED, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE PASSING OF SUCH LEGISLATION, TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SUCH BOARDS; FURTHER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT BE EARNESTLY REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE THE PLANS FOR IMPROVED ACCOMMODATION AND STAFFING IN THE EXISTING PLACES OF SAFETY AND DETENTION WHERE THE NEED FOR THIS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED."

Dr. D.M. Brodie, President Pietermaritzburg Branch, thanked the Board of Officers and Miss Mackenzie for their prompt action in putting forward a summary of the Resolution in their memorandum on the Children's Act when it came before Parliament before Conference met. Pietermaritzburg Branch would also like to thank the twenty other branches who had replied to their circulars, and to explain the reason for their action. In 1958 the Edendale Welfare Society sent them a memo on the state of the Non-European Place of Safety at Bisley, and asked the Pietermaritzburg Branch to help. Members of the Executive then visited Bisley. The children were housed in a disused ammunition dump, the rooms huge, dark, windowless and cold. There was no safe playground for the smaller children, but the

older boys were playing football under the eyes of two Indians armed with sticks. There was one European man in charge of everything - the care of the children and all the administration and clerical work, and the numbers varied from 23 to 70 children of all ages - infants to boys and girls of 15 or 16. There were two African women to supervise the cooking etc., but the older children had charge of the small ones. The branch was shocked to find that such conditions could exist without being known to responsible citizens, and felt that the essential step towards real reform would be the appointment of expert Advisory Committees for all Places of Safety - only by such Boards could public opinion be reliably informed of the needs and conditions of such places.

Mrs. M.B. Lavoipierre, President Durban Branch, supported the demand for Advisory Boards, and pointed out that when these Places of Safety were run by the Child Welfare Society, many of the problems that have arisen in Pietermaritzburg did not exist.

Miss Mackenzie stated that the Minister in the course of a long interview had carefully listened to our plea but stated that he must discuss the matter further with his department, and the outcome so far has been negative.

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THURSDAY, 28th. April.

9 a.m. The National President reported to Conference that news of the death of the Administrator of the Cape, Dr. Otto du Plessis, had been received, and IT WAS AGREED to send a telegram to his widow and family expressing sympathy.

Report of the I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Cinema.

Mrs. E.V. Wroughton, I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Cinema, referred to the memorandum on the importation of Children's films into the Union. A reply from the Secretary to the Minister of Finance had been received stating that a change in the method of taxation of cinematograph films would be made shortly, the tax being based on the number and prices of admission tickets. It was hoped that this change would make it feasible to import Children's films, and the major Importing and Exhibiting Companies had been contacted in this connection.

Mrs. Wroughton moved the adoption of the Report, which was seconded by Mrs. N. Richardson, I.S.C. Member (National Convener) for Press and Publicity, and accepted.

Report of the I.S.C. Member for Finance (National Treasurer).

Mrs. E.A. White, National Treasurer, in presenting her Report on National Finance, asked Conference delegates if they would try to increase their number of subscribers, and to do their best to get advertisements for the Quarterly Review. Advice had been received that the cost of this publication would now be \$1.50 cents - roughly 10/8 and equivalent to 1 Rand 7½ cents, whereas in the past we had paid 7/6 per annum for the bulletin.

Dr. Eder Memorial Fund. Mrs. White pointed out that at the Jubilee Conference it was agreed in principle to support the Dr. Eder Memorial Fund and stated that we did wish to send our contribution in remembrance of the late Past International President of whom many had very pleasant memories, especially those who had met her at International Conferences.

After discussion IT WAS AGREED to donate £20. from general funds to the Dr. Eder Memorial Fund, and a collection from delegates and branches be made and added to this amount to be presented by the President at the International Triennial Conference. The suggestion that a collection be



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