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PRESS STATEMENT

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Women of all races came together to a well-attended meeting at the Trades Hall, Johannesburg, on Sunday 20th March, 1955, to celebrate International Women's Day, and also to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Olive Schreiner.

The meeting was under the chairmanship of Mrs. Josie Palmer, chairman of the Transvaal Region of the Federation of South African Women, who organised the meeting.

Mrs. Violet Weinberg outlined the life of Olive Schreiner, and her magnificent contribution to the literature and thought of South Africa. She emphasised Olive Schreiner's role as a champion of peace, of women's rights, and of justice for all races in South Africa.

The problems, difficulties and hardships of women of all races in South Africa were ~~expressed~~ expressed by the speakers; Mrs. Josie Palmer spoke of the problems confronting African women; Mrs. E. Dison spoke on Coloured Women; and Mrs. R. Moosa spoke on Indian women.

Passages from the works of Olive Schreiner were read by Miss Joan Anderson.

In conclusion, Mrs. Helen Joseph spoke on the celebrations on International Women's Day taking place in other parts of the world, and told the meeting of the World Congress of Mothers which will be held in Europe in July.

The meeting resolved to support the World Congress of Mothers, and adopted unanimously an appeal to women of South Africa, calling on them to oppose war, and resolving to hold a Congress of Mothers in the Transvaal in support of the World Congress of Mothers.

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