

Conference closed at 4pm with ^{the} singing of
the National Anthems: Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika
Morena boloka sechaba sa
heso

DATE

PRESIDENT

Secretary- Treasurer's Annual Report, 1955.

- MEMBERSHIP:** During the year under review, the following new N.C.A.W. branches were started: Dube Village, Vlaktfontein, Zwelitsha, Graaff-Reinet, Inyanyadu and Winburg. The Alexandra Township branch was resuscitated. It is not possible to give ~~an~~ exact number of the branches of the N.C.A.W. as replies were not received from all branches to which Circulars were sent. Branch reports which will be given during Conference ~~will~~ reveal the true state of affairs.
- ACTIVITIES:** (i) N.C.A.W. branches engaged in fund raising efforts during the year for creches, nursery schools and aid for needy causes such as old age homes.
(ii) 2 numbers of the N.C.A.W. Newsletter were released during the year and a 3rd number will be ready before Conference rises.
- REGIONAL CONFERENCES:** The Transvaal, Orange Free State and Natal held successful Regional Conferences during the year and succeeded in stimulating interest in the aims and objects of the National Council of African Women.
- CORRESPONDENCE:** (i) Circulars were sent to all N.C.A.W. branches to acquaint them ^{with} of the resolutions and directives of the Fort Hare Conference and to encourage them in the implementation thereof.
(ii) A letter was received from the National Council of Negro Women and an invitation to their 20th Annual Convention in Washington, U.S.A. during November was extended to the N.C.A.W. A reply thanking the N.C.N.W. and sending their Convention the best wishes of the N.C.A.W.
- VISIT BY MEMBERS OF POLICE:** 2 detectives from the Political staff of the C.I.D. visited the Secretary during January this year. In all 3 visits were paid at one of which the National President was present. All information sought was given together with the Constitution of the N.C.A.W.
- OBITUARIES:** The following members of the N.C.A.W. died during the year:- Mrs Sono of Eersterus, Miss B. Tau of Kilmerton and Miss Radasi of Fort Beaufort. These and other obituaries were reported in our Newsletter and appropriate messages of condolence were sent to the bereaved. "They rest from their labours and their works do follow them."

<u>FINANCE:</u>	<u>I N C O M E.</u>	£ : s ; d	<u>E X P E N D I T U R E.</u>	£ : s : d
Affiliation Fees:	31 : 10 : 0		Rep. to S.A.I.R.R. Conference:	14 : 2 : 5
Registration:	3 : 12 : 6		Aff. S.A.N.C.C.W.	2 : 2 : 0
Capitation	2 : 6 : 6		Sec. Allowance:	3 : 3 : 0
Organisation Fund:	L : 0 : 0		Pres. Allowance:	1 : 1 : 0
Shilling Drive:	1 : 14 : 0		Transport & Railage of	
From Ex-Treasurer, 1954.	19 : 7 : 0		Stationery form Mafeking	
From Miss Mledle for			to Pretoria. (President)	1 : 0 : 7
Ex-Treasurer 1954:	12 : 0 : 0		Secretary's Overdraft:	3 : 13 : 5
Amount in Bank:	30 : 0 : 0		Telegrams:	13 : 3
			Credit Balance:	* 56 : 7 : 4
Total.	82 : 3 : 0			82 : 3 : 0
*Cash in hand: £26: 7 : 4 + Amount in Bank £30. = £56: 7 : 4				

RECOMMENDATIONS.

- a. That the Conference resolves that Branches shall contribute a fixed sum of money to help in the production and postage to branches of the Newsletter.
- b. That each Branch makes it a duty to send branch news to the Secretary for inclusion in the Newsletter
- c. That the N.C.A.W. purchases a typewriter for the Secretary's office and that each branch contributes an agreed sum towards this purchase.
- d. That branch reports be given at Regional Conferences and that each region sends a report of its conference to the General Secretary to enable her to compile the correct N.C.A.W. membership for Conference,

SOGA GIFT FUND: £17:15:6 Amount spent on illuminated address: £6:6s. Balance: £11:9:6

- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** I wish to record my thanks to the following:- Dr W.F. Nkomo for regular contributions of articles to the N.C.A.W. NEWSLETTER, The T.A.T.A. Secretarial office for the use of their Gestetner machine for roneoing work, Mrs Mapanzela and Messrs. Lekala, Mphahlele and Msezane for contributions of stationery, and Mrs Binyon for 5 free copies of N.C.W. News. We owe a debt of gratitude to these friends for their support both morally and materially.

I have pleasure in presenting this report.

Secretary-Treasurer: N.C.A.W.

President.

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Annexure "B"

CONFERENCE OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AFRICAN WOMEN.
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(PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS)

GREETINGS,

This Council has had so many addresses and discussions on Juvenile Delinquency and many other setbacks in our organisations that I thought it would be better if we changed the topic and took something simpler -

"THE WOMAN" - be she a mother or not.

One man once said, "A WOMAN IS A NECESSARY NUISANCE." I am of opinion that quite a number of Adams think so of their Eves.

This being a Women's Organisation we shall therefore dwell on the sociability of a woman. I have chosen five points to explain - 'WHAT A WOMAN SHOULD BE.'

FIRSTLY, she should be AMIALE. This, the woman starts to see to as soon as she comes of age. Her appearance and figure she attends to. Cosmetics are well favoured and a lot of money spent on these whether the purse commensurate or not.

SECONDLY, she should be BENEVOLENT, and to attain this she should kill SELF, that great demon that destroys HAPPINESS and disfigures those who own it. BENEVOLENCE, as the word is interpreted, will leave no room for discrimination or classification.

THIRDLY, she should be CHARITABLE. This like the one preceding, knows no bounds. Charity has no time limit and so never faileth, vaunteth not itself, seeketh not its own and so on and so on. Read 1 Cor. 13. Ver 4 - 8

FOURTHLY she should be DOMESTIC. Many homes have been disrupted just because this good woman kept her home neat and tidy but lacked one thing - TO BE DOMESTIC. She is a sort of a visitor or a stranger in her own house. When she is within the walls of her house there is no home for a tigress there. She has no inviting countenance. She has people and NO people to speak to. She is a terror to her relatives and especially to the poor husband who should be met with Love and Endearment after a hard day's toil. He, poor man, must therefore resort to a mouse-hole to get a smile and off and off he goes, till he is out of sight, to get a laugh - some never to return just because the dear one failed to be DOMESTIC - she became a two-legged tigress.

Allow me for a while to switch off from this quality for a while.

Last but not least the woman should be ECONOMICAL. When we come to economy we always misinterpret this. It is economy if I have to give but not economy when I am to be given. We want to receive gifts and not give out. This has nothing to do with economy. ECONOMY SPELLS THRIFT. Waste not, want not.

Economy is not buying unnecessary articles because they are in fashion or because you must not appear in the same attire twice over or to make yourself a mannequin or fashion model. Extravagance has broken homes.

I have tried briefly to explain what a woman should be, and these points we cannot attain unless we kill SELF. As soon as we look only to SELF then our motto 'DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD THEY SHOULD DO UNTO YOU,' is meaningless. We will please nobody but SELF. This reminds me of a song we used to sing when we were young. It went thus:-

As I walked by myself, I said to myself
And myself said again to me
Look, look to thyself, take care of thyself
For nobody cares for thee.

Cross that idea altogether. We all care for thee, you for me and God for us all. Then having killed SELF and qualified on the five points above, we shall make invaluable women and an asset to the African race.

To sum up the requisite qualities of a woman I should add that in themselves they would be meaningless unless their application became an effectual measure on the lives of those who look up to you.

Let us for example dwell for a while on the implications of the word "DOMESTIC". When our children are at school, their scholastic career or their success at school, to be more accurate, is a combination of industry and intelligence. The industry part is more than 50% one could say with safety 75% and the rest is intelligence or aptitude. This shows very clearly that the mother can exert pressure on the success of the child. How many mothers concern themselves with the progress of their children at

school, besides recounting their ~~own~~ attainment in their good old days?

ECONOMICAL is the other requisite - in fact the most important. The way we lead our children is to make spendthrifts of them. We grouse about the ever-rising school-fees at institutions. Yes, very true, these are not commensurate with our purses. But can complaints nourish one? Our children must be taught to learn to earn money for their needs. The word 'Holiday' in the Dictionary of our children should mean the change of occupation and not a lazy time of leisure. From observations in life, the most successful personalities are those whose life was a struggle from the beginning. Shakespeare must have envisaged this situation with appreciation when he ~~wrote~~ wrote "Sweet are the uses of adversity," and so on.

To all womanhood irrespective of race or colour, I make this clarion call of the Prophet Isaiah "COME LET US REASON TOGETHER," and see what contribution we can make towards the achievement of these ideals.

MAY GOD HELP YOU.

school, but in our country their own
instinct in the other way - in fact the most
to learn our children to make good use of their
we should be sure to make good use of their
own money for their needs. The word 'money'
in the Dictionary of our children's words means
'money' and 'change' a 'change' in life, a 'change'
in our lives, a 'change' in our lives.
Personalities that have these qualities must
have the ability to adapt to any situation with
"sweetness and the grace of adversity," and so on.
To all of us, I would like to say a few words
in the Prophet Isaiah "COME LET US REASON TOGETHER," and what
contribution we can make towards the achievement of those ideals.

JAY GOD BLESS YOU.

Sumner C.R.C.

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or
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REGISTRATION OF WELFARE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE WELFARE ACT.
(No. 40 of 1947 as amended).

The objects of the Welfare Organizations Act are three fold:-

1. To protect the public against collections from people who state they are collecting for charitable bodies but in fact use the money for their own benefit;
2. To protect true and genuine welfare bodies who, when they are registered are entitled to use a Welfare Organisation's number as proof of registration;
3. ~~To benefit by the efforts of the National Welfare Organisations Board.~~

To promote voluntary co-ordination of registered organisations. *To benefit by the efforts of the National Welfare Organisations Board.*

IT IS ILLEGAL for any organisation not registered under the Act to collect funds from the public by way of contributions, collection-lists, bazaars or other functions for any welfare purpose unless or until:-

- (a) they are registered under the Welfare Organisations Act
or
- (b) they have been exempted from registration by the Welfare Organisations Board.

EXEMPTIONS are granted to a crèche or institution already in operation provided it is registered under the Children's Act,
but

a committee which wishes to collect funds to start a crèche or institution, must apply for registration to enable them to collect funds until the crèche or institution is in operation and registered under the Children's Act by the Union Department of Social Welfare.

Organisations such as the National Council of African Women which are not themselves, registered under the Act, wishing to start a welfare activity, must:-

1. Draw up a Constitution - a sample of a simple constitution will be provided to your national executive and can be obtained through them. -
2. Have a basis of membership, e.g. each person contributing xd. per month, may be a member
or
a person accepted in writing by the committee for membership may be a member.

NOTE:

1. If money is used for any purpose other than that laid down in the Constitution
or
if administration expenses, if any, are too high, the Registrar of Welfare Organisations may call for an explanation and serious penalties may follow.
2. Monies may only be collected by persons using the proper forms:-.

W.6 For organising a function.

W.7 For collecting.

Any other way of collecting is illegal and the Committee must see that these forms are returned to them and attached to the accounts for audit.

3. Appoint a committee consisting of at least a Chairman, (Vice-Chairman), Hon-Secretary, Hon-Treasurer and three or four other members according to whether a Vice-Chairman is appointed, i.e. a committee of at least seven members including the officers, and say how vacancies may be filled, e.g. the committee shall have power to co-opt persons to fill any vacancy occurring during the year.
4. Apply to the Registrar of Welfare Organisations, Private Bag 203, Pretoria, for registration, giving
 - (a) Name of Organisation;
 - (b) Area of operation;
 - (c) Objects;
 - (d) Names of Committee members and how appointed; and
 - (e) Powers of Committee of management including
 - (i) the opening of a savings bank or bank account;
 - (ii) all monies collected must be paid into bank account;
 - (iii) who may sign for withdrawals (at least two members of committee);
 - (iv) date of financial year e.g. 1st April to 31st March in each year.
 - (f) A copy of the Constitution providing for points under (e) above and stating what is to become of the funds if the Committee ceases to operate - (see clause in sample Constitution).
 - (g) Giving name of auditor and if a qualified auditor registered in terms of Act 51 of 1951, cannot be found, explaining
 - (i) why (e.g. no one can be found, or the fund is too small), and
 - (ii) giving the qualifications of the person appointed, e.g. Native Commissioner or Manager of local Bank.
5. Keep proper accounts. Your National Council will give you a sample.
6. Draw up an Annual Report and audited Balance Sheet showing the amounts collected and spent or passed on to a registered organisation, or institution, for each financial year not later than 6 months after the end of the financial year. If this cannot be done, the written permission of the Registrar of Welfare Organisations must be asked before the end of the 6 months.

L.M. MACKENZIE

Member of National Welfare Organisations Board
Organizing Secretary, S.A. National Council for Child Welfare
and
International Standing Committee Member for Child Welfare,
National Council of Women of South Africa.

P.O. Box 8539,
JOHANNESBURG.

16th December, 1955.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AFRICAN WOMEN.

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE HELD AT THE
VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, ORLANDO, JOHANNESBURG,
FROM 17th TO 20th DECEMBER, 1955

SATURDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1955.

Devotions were led by Rev. J. Mdelwa Hlongwane.

1. OFFICIAL OPENING.

The Conference was officially opened by Her Worship, the Mayoress of Johannesburg, Mrs. L.V. Hurd, who said she was glad to see the amount of work done by members of the N.C.A.W. She said she appreciated their efforts in trying to build creches to keep their young children safely whilst the parents were out working because of economic difficulties. She said the N.C.A.W. should strive to combat illegitimacy, which seemed to be accepted in African circles. She suggested public opinion should be aroused and measures sought to combat this social evil and the following points should be considered:-

- a) preservation of good customs, such as lobola;
- b) guarding against abrupt changes from tribal to urban life;
- c) importance of religious principles in homes;
- d) the necessity for responsibility to be taken by every intelligent man and woman in regard to social problems.

With these remarks she declared the Conference open.

Miss Soga in associating herself with the Mayoress' address said one of the principal causes of illegitimacy was child delinquency. This in turn was aggravated by (a) Bad lighting in the locations - darkness encouraged crime.

(b) Overcrowding, which encouraged immorality.

(c) Lack of parental control due to the breaking down of tribal customs.

Mrs. Sedikelo of Bloemfontein passed a vote of thanks.

2. REGISTRATION OF WELFARE ORGANISATIONS.

Miss McKenzie, from the South African National Council for Child Welfare, addressed the Conference on how welfare bodies had to be registered with the Social Welfare Department under Welfare Act No. 40 of 1947, as amended - see copy attached.

Mrs. Gule of Pimville passed a vote of thanks.

3. THEME OF CONFERENCE - "WHAT AN AFRICAN WOMAN CAN DO".

a) Miss M. T. Soga gave Part I of this address. She said the woman was the foundation of a happy family life. To illustrate her point she referred to women's success in commercial occupations in the community. She stressed the need for kindness, honesty and diligence in all commercial transactions. She encouraged women to keep family budgets, to keep correct records of business

transactions /.....

transactions, and said women should get worth for their money.

Mrs. Kunene of Pietermaritzburg passed a vote of thanks.

b) Mrs. M. Hall-Xuma gave the second part of this address. She expressed her keen interest in the life and development of the African people. She said the great reward that age brings is an increased capacity for patience. She addressed conference on the various professions that women could enter with an opportunity to distinguish themselves, as they were not inferior to men. In fact they were superior, as they were the mothers of the race. She compared the women of Africa with women of other lands. On request, she explained how the Zenzele Y.W.C.A. clubs were started in this country. Miss Soga appealed for co-ordination of efforts between the two organisations.

Mrs. C.M. Khoza of Orlando passed a vote of thanks.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE.

The Secretary proposed that the minutes of the last Conference, having been circularised, be taken as read. The delegates agreed unanimously and the minutes were confirmed and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

- a) Auditor. Mrs. Msabi raised the question of an auditor. She was referred to Page 5 of the minutes of the last Conference, where it had been confirmed that the books should be audited before the commencement of Conference.
- b) Constitution. It was agreed that the motion raised by Bloemfontein at the last Conference be referred to the Constitution Committee.
- c) Bantu Education Committee. This committee, consisting of Misses Soga and Mdledle and Mrs. Bam reported that Mrs. Bam had failed to send the report of their findings to the General Secretary. The Committee was asked to continue its work.

The President reported that she had written to the Secretary for Native Affairs, pointing out the difficulties caused by the double school session. A reply had been received that the points raised in her letter would receive attention.

6. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- a) Expulsion of Students at Fort Hare. The committee reported that this matter had now been settled by the appointment of a Commission of Enquiry.
- b) Lady Selborne Loan. Difficulties in connection with the transfer of the banking account from Durban to Pretoria were noted and it was decided that when these were ironed out, the money should be withdrawn and together with the proceeds from the Sale of Shilling Drive Stamps should be paid to Lady Selborne.
- c) Branch Reports. It was agreed that in future these would be read at Regional Conferences, and Regions should then give a brief report to the Annual General Conference.
- d) Election of Sub-Committees. (i) Resolutions Committee: Miss Ndhrazi, Mesdames Mogosi and January.
(ii) Committee to amend Constitution: Miss Soga and Mesdames Ramushu and Mapanzela.

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- e) Lone Members. (i.e. members who found themselves in places where no N.C.A.W. branch existed). It was agreed these should communicate with the Provincial President who would do all in her power to start a branch.
- f) Inactive Branches. It was agreed branches, which had not subscribed for two consecutive years, would be regarded as inactive.
- g) Branch Accounts. It was agreed that Provincial Presidents should audit the books of the branches from time to time. They should know the assets of the branches and report annually to the General Secretary.
- h) Board of Officers. It was agreed the Past President should be made a member of the Board of Officers.
- i) Sale of Newsletter. It was agreed this should be sold at 6d per copy to all interested.
- j) Typewriter. It was agreed that the General Secretary should be provided with a typewriter, as the work of the Association had increased. It was agreed that letters asking for donations towards the purchase of a machine should be written during the year and if possible the Secretary should purchase one.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 1955.

7. MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A service in memory of all N.C.A.W. members who had passed on was conducted by Mrs. M.P. Ramushu at 7 p.m. She read from Rev. Chap. 7, verse 16 "They shall hunger no more, neither shall the sun shine on them".

The service closed at 8.15 p.m.

Conference continued at 8.30 p.m.

8. THE SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT.

(See report attached) This report was presented.

Matters arising from Report.

- a) Newsletter. Miss Soga congratulated the Secretary on her efforts in compiling this Newsletter. She promised her support whenever she could.
- b) There was discussion on the amount of £1.0.7. used by the General President to transport N.C.A.W. papers from Mafeking to Pretoria. It was decided that in future the Secretary should carry all the papers of the Association to Conference to avoid unnecessary expense in the event of her not being returned to Office.

The National President asked that the Conference's appreciation of the efforts made by the Secretary in producing the Newsletter and her untiring efforts during the year be placed on record.

The meeting adjourned at 9.50 p.m.

MONDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 1956.

Devotions were led by Rev. K.M. Nkabinde.

9. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

The President addressed Conference on "The Woman - be she a mother or not." She said a woman should be amiable, benevolent, charitable, domestic and economical (A. B. C. D. E.)

She appealed to the women to kill SELF and qualify on the five points above, they would then become invaluable women and an asset to the African Race. Ending her address she quoted from Isaiah "Come let us reason together". (See attached copy of address).

10. N. C. W.

Dr. Thelma Gutsche, National President of the N.C.W. brought greetings from the N.C.W. She said it was a pleasure to see the work of the African woman. Many women, who understood the aims of N.C.A.W., would always interest themselves in the organisation, as in the N.C.W. for instance they had Mrs. Spilhaus of Cape Town, who at 78 years old was still an active member of N.C.W. She wished the Conference success in all its undertakings.

11. ADDRESS BY DR. W.W.M. EISELEN, SECRETARY OF NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Dr. Eiselen congratulated the Conference on its Conference Theme and made the following suggestions as to what an African Woman could do:-

- a) Set high standards morally; reject anything that was morally low.
- b) Improve and develop homes to attract children and keep them within the family circle.
- c) Care for Children - benevolent people built creches for African children. This should be the effort of the African women and would be a living memory to the coming generations.
- d) Schools. Women should know the type of education received by their children. They should interest themselves in School Committees, Advisory Boards and all Organisations interested in the development of African youth.
- e) Hobbies. Women should fight to get their husbands and children to do something in their spare time. Hobbies kept one away from temptations - hobbies could also help reduce family expenses.
- f) Women should try and recapture the old traditions of the African. Some of these were very good and if possible they should be retained and practised.

12. ADDRESS BY MR. SMUTS, CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER, JOHANNESBURG.

Mr. Smuts spoke on Juvenile Delinquency. He appealed to the mothers to play an important part in the upliftment of the African youth. He said the fight should begin in the cradle. Children guided and controlled from infancy made better citizens. The police could not succeed by themselves - parents, too, should play their part. Parents' influence should work like leaven in the lives of their children. Work camps were being started by the Government in the hope of rehabilitating delinquent African youth.

Mrs. Sesedi of Kimberley passed a vote of thanks.

13. TELEGRAMS.

Telegrams of goodwishes were read from Rev. A.S. Ngubeni, Secretary T.I.A.M.A., Mr. H.H. Dlamlenze, Gen. Secy. T.A.T.A., Messrs. M.L. Msezane, H.H. Mdledle, Rev. Jolobe, Mrs. Nomvete, Miss Nongauza, Moira Kingwell and from the following branches:-

Eersterus, /.....

Eerstems, Healdtown, Lovedale, Nyanga, Bloemhof, Kroonstad, and Pietermaritzburg. Some telegrams were not received owing to faulty delivery of the post.

14. PRESENTATION OF ILLUMINATED ADDRESS TO MISS M.T. SOGA.

The presentation was made by Dr. J.M. Nhlapo, who gave a short history of the Soga family. He said African history would not be complete if the Sogas did not feature anywhere. The first African minister who was ordained in Glasgow, was the late Rev. Theo Soga. Miss Minah Soga was a teacher of great renown. She was a born leader, a good mixer (which goes for success everywhere) a good home-builder, a good idea sower. She was wise in the understanding of her people. He also asked that special thanks be conveyed to Mr. Thos Masekela who had written the lovely address. With these words he presented the address to Miss M.T. Soga.

Miss Soga replying, said she was overcome with joy at the sight of this lovely address and above all to see that the N.C.A.W. held her in high esteem. She outlined the reasons that led to the birth of the N.C.A.W. viz. The Hertzog Bills of 1936. She said the first Annual Conference had been held in Bloemfontein in 1938 and since then the Organisation had never looked back.

In addition a sum of £15. 11. 6. was presented to Miss M.T. Soga.

Mrs. M. Ngakane from the Orlando Mothers' Welfare associated herself with Dr. Nhlapo in paying tribute to Miss Soga, whose work among her people stood out as a BEACON. She also brought greetings and messages of goodwill from her organisation.

Mrs. Soga thanked Mrs. Ngakane for her spirit of goodwill.

15. REPORT ON SHILLING DRIVE.

Mrs. W. Kumalo said sale of Shilling Drive stamps had brought in a sum of £37. 17. 9., after 10/- had been refunded to her for her correspondence. The President thanked Mrs. Kumalo for this effort.

Mrs. Sedikelo of Bloemfontein proposed that the Provincial Presidents take Shilling Drive Booklets and make efforts in their branches for their sale. The Conference unanimously agreed.

16. MORAL RE-ARMAMENT GROUP.

This group visited Conference and showed a film, "African Tale". Mrs. Archibald from M.R.A. gave a short talk on the four MORAL STANDARDS of M.R.A. viz. Absolute Love, Honesty, Truthfulness, Purity. The President thanked the M.R.A. Group for coming to show Conference the film and also Mrs. Archibald for her short talk.

17. REGIONAL REPORTS.

- a) Cape Western. No Regional Conference had been held but old branches had been visited and revived.
- b) Cape Eastern. No Regional Conference had been held. The President explained that the Provincial President had been unable to do any N.C.A.W. work owing to her husband's ill health.
- c) Natal. A successful Regional Conference had been held at Waschbank, the first in that Province. New branches had been established at Inyanyada, Waschbank and Glencoe. Mrs. E.A. Tshabalala of Dundee was elected Provincial President in succession to Miss E.P. Hlahle who had transferred from Natal.

- d) Orangia. The first Regional Conference had been held at Kroonstad. This had been a great success and new branches had been started at Winburg, Parys, Kroonstad.
- e) Transvaal. A Regional Conference had been held. Transvaal had 27 branches of which 8 were inactive.

The President congratulated the two Provinces, viz. Natal and Orangia, for their efforts in bringing many places within the network of the N.C.A.W.

Conference adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 1955.

Devotions were led by Rev. Ntuane.

18. ADDRESS BY MRS. M. RUSSEL OF PIETERMARITZBURG N.C.W. ON "WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS."

Mrs. Russel said she was glad to accept the invitation to address this N.C.A.W. Conference. In her address she explained how some women's organisations were born:

- a) Women started uniting themselves into religious organisations.
- b) Frances Willer started the Women's Christian Temperance Union to fight alcoholism.
- c) Organisations with recreational aims were formed.
- d) Different organisations combined to form an Inter-National Organisation.

African Organisations connected with Churches were Manyano (Methodist Church) Mother's Union (Anglican Church). These two were the strongest - religious in outlook, strove to set high moral standards among their people, and had a charitable end in view. Daughters of Africa was once very strong in Natal. They were interested in the poor and the old.

Zenzele Clubs were there to improve the home.

N.C.A.W. should seek the co-operation of other organisations and form a strong National Body.

The needs of Organisations were (a) Trustworthy, responsible, conscientious membership.

- b) Foresight in planning work of organisation in order to be a guiding star in the community.
- c) Work for Community and not self aggrandisement.
- d) Assistance to men, where necessary to improve men's salaries and living conditions.
- e) The formation of marriage guidance bureaux to fight against the scourge of divorce.

Mrs. C.M. Mamabolo of Orlando passed a vote of thanks.

19. ADDRESS BY MR. CARR MANAGER OF NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT JOHANNESBURG.

Mr. Carr /.....

Mr. Carr wished Conference a happy stay at the Vocational Training Centre. He said he appreciated the role played by the African woman in trying to uplift the African. He encouraged women to get into the Advisory Boards so as to represent the needs of their folk.

He told Conference what the Johannesburg N.E.A.D. was doing for women. In the last year six bursaries had been awarded to women students doing Junior Certificate and six bursaries to women undergoing University training; male and female social workers were paid on the same scale.

Mrs. M. Matthews of Kimberley passed a vote of thanks.

20. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON STANDING COMMITTEES.

- a) South African Institute of Race Relations. No report was given as representatives had inadvertently left their report book at home.
- b) South African National Council of Child Welfare. No report was given.
- c) Mendi Memorial Scholarship Fund. Fund had shown increase over the last ten years. Many deserving students had been helped and the N.C.A.W. had made an appeal to help M.M.S.F.
- d) South African Assn. of Youth Clubs. No Conference had been called so representative had no report.

21. MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. P. Masekela moved that sex education be taught to our children. This would in a measure relieve the rise in illegitimacy. She stressed the fact that the African mother was afraid of telling her daughter the truth about herself. She said girls should be prepared for puberty and childbirth, and this was the duty of the mother.

The President thanked Mrs. Masekela and promised to explore avenues for approaching this subject.

22. CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

- a) That all branches send subscriptions to the General Secretary before 31st October each year - failing which a fine would be imposed.
- b) That the Government be asked to open more Vocational Training Centres for Africans.
- c) That Bioscope films be censored.
- d) That the Civic guards be re-instated in locations to help combat crime.
- e) That a past President be a member of the Board of Office during the term of office of the new National President.

23. MOTIONS.

As the Bloemfontein motions affected the Constitution it was agreed to refer them to the Committee elected to amend the Constitution.

24. ELECTIONS.

General President :	Miss G.J. Mdledle.
General Secretary/Treasurer:	Mrs. E.N. Msezane.
Auditor:	Mrs. M. Sesedi.

Vice Presidents /.....

Vice Presidents:

Natal	Mrs. E.A. Tshabalala
Cape Western	Mrs. M. Matthews.
Cape Eastern	Mrs. E.N. Mzamane
Orangia	Mrs. M.P. Ramushu
Transvaal	Mrs. A.M. Mapanzela.

The President thanked Conference for the confidence shown in electing her to a second term of office.

<u>Representatives.</u> S.A.I.R.R.	Mrs. I. Sililo
S.A.N.C.C.W.	Mrs. E. Nyembezi
M.M.S.F.	Mrs. A. Mapanzela
S.A.A. Youth Clubs.	Mrs. C.M. Khoza.

25. VENUE OF NEXT CONFERENCE: Natal. Pietermaritzburg.

26. CYCLE OF CONFERENCE.

Orangia, Cape Eastern, Cape Western, Transvaal, Natal.

Conference closed at 4 p.m. with the singing of the National Anthems:

Nkosi sikelela iAfrika and
Morena boloka sechaba sa heso.

P R E S I D E N T .

DATE: _____

REGISTRATION OF WELFARE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE WELFARE ACT.
(No. 40 of 1947 as amended).

The objects of the Welfare Organizations Act are three fold:-

1. To protect the public against collections from people who state they are collecting for charitable bodies but in fact use the money for their own benefit;
2. To protect true and genuine welfare bodies who, when they are registered are entitled to use a Welfare Organisation's number as proof of registration;
3. To promote voluntary co-ordination of registered organisations. To benefit by the efforts of the National Welfare Organisations Board.

IT IS ILLEGAL for any organisation not registered under the Act to collect funds from the public by way of contributions, collection-lists, bazaars or other functions for any welfare purpose unless or until:-

- (a) they are registered under the Welfare Organisations Act
- or
- (b) they have been exempted from registration by the Welfare Organisations Board.

EXEMPTIONS are granted to a crèche or institution already in operation provided it is registered under the Children's Act,

but

a committee which wishes to collect funds to start a crèche or institution, must apply for registration to enable them to collect funds until the crèche or institution is in operation and registered under the Children's Act by the Union Department of Social Welfare.

Organisations such as the National Council of African Women which are not themselves, registered under the Act, wishing to start a welfare activity, must:-

1. Draw up a Constitution - a sample of a simple constitution will be provided to your national executive and can be obtained through them. -
2. Have a basis of membership, e.g. each person contributing xd. per month, may be a member

or

a person accepted in writing by the committee for membership may be a member.

NOTE:

1. If money is used for any purpose other than that laid down in the Constitution

or

if administration expenses, if any, are too high, the Registrar of Welfare Organisations may call for an explanation and serious penalties may follow.

2. Monies may only be collected by persons using the proper forms:-

W.6 For organising a function.

W.7 For collecting.

Any other way of collecting is illegal and the Committee must see that these forms are returned to them and attached to the accounts for audit.

3. Appoint a committee consisting of at least a Chairman, (Vice-Chairman), Hon-Secretary, Hon-Treasurer and three or four other members according to whether a Vice-Chairman is appointed, i.e. a committee of at least seven members including the officers, and say how vacancies may be filled, e.g. the committee shall have power to co-opt persons to fill any vacancy occurring during the year.
4. Apply to the Registrar of Welfare Organisations, Private Bag 203, Pretoria, for registration, giving
- (a) Name of Organisation;
 - (b) Area of operation;
 - (c) Objects;
 - (d) Names of Committee members and how appointed; and
 - (e) Powers of Committee of management including
 - (i) the opening of a savings bank or bank account;
 - (ii) all monies collected must be paid into bank account;
 - (iii) who may sign for withdrawals (at least two members of committee);
 - (iv) date of financial year e.g. 1st April to 31st March in each year.
 - (f) A copy of the Constitution providing for points under (e) above and stating what is to become of the funds if the Committee ceases to operate - (see clause in sample Constitution).
 - (g) Giving name of auditor and if a qualified auditor registered in terms of Act 51 of 1951, cannot be found, explaining
 - (i) why (e.g. no one can be found, or the fund is too small), and
 - (ii) giving the qualifications of the person appointed, e.g. Native Commissioner or Manager of local Bank.
5. Keep proper accounts. Your National Council will give you a sample.
6. Draw up an Annual Report and audited Balance Sheet showing the amounts collected and spent or passed on to a registered organisation, or institution, for each financial year not later than 6 months after the end of the financial year. If this cannot be done, the written permission of the Registrar of Welfare Organisations must be asked before the end of the 6 months.

L.M. MACKENZIE

Member of National Welfare Organisations Board
Organizing Secretary, S.A. National Council for Child Welfare
and
International Standing Committee Member for Child Welfare,
National Council of Women of South Africa.

P.O. Box 8539,
JOHANNESBURG.

16th December, 1955.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AFRICAN WOMEN

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1955.

1. MEMBERSHIP: During the year under review, the following new N.C.A.W. branches were started: Dube Village, Vlakfontein, Zwelitsha, Graaff-Reinet, Inyanyadu and Winburg. The Alexandra Township branch was resuscitated. It is not possible to give the exact number of branches of the N.C.A.W. as replies were not received from all branches to which circulars were sent. Branch reports which will be given during Conference will reveal the true state of affairs.
2. ACTIVITIES: (i) N.C.A.W. branches engaged in fund raising efforts during the year for crèches, nursery schools and in aid of other needy causes, such as old age homes.
(ii) Two issues of the N.C.A.W. Newsletter were released during the year and a third number will be ready before Conference rises.
3. REGIONAL CONFERENCES: The Transvaal, Orange Free State and Natal held successful Regional Conferences during the year and succeeded in stimulating interest in the aims and objects of the National Council of African Women.
4. CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Circulars were sent to all N.C.A.W. branches to acquaint them with the resolutions and directives of the Fort Hare Conference and to encourage them in the implementation thereof.
(ii) A letter was received from the National Council of Negro Women and an invitation to their 20th Annual Convention in Washington, U.S.A. during November was extended to the N.C.A.W. A reply was sent thanking the N.C.N.W. and sending their Convention the best wishes of the N.C.A.W.
5. VISIT BY MEMBERS OF POLICE: Two detectives from the Political staff of the C.I.D. visited the Secretary during January this year. In all three visits were paid at one of which the National President was present. All information sought was given together with the Constitution of the N.C.A.W.
6. OBITUARIES: The following members of the N.C.A.W. died during the year:- Mrs. Sono of Eersterus, Miss B. Tau of Kilnerton and Miss Radasi of Fort Beaufort. Obituaries were published in our Newsletter and appropriate messages of condolence were sent to the bereaved. "They rest from their labours and their works do follow them".

7. FINANCE:

<u>INCOME</u>				<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Affiliation Fees:	31	10	0	Rep. to S.A.I.R.R. Conf.	14	2	5
Registration:	3	12	6	Aff. S.A.N.C.C.W.:	2	2	0
Capitation:	2	6	6	Sec. Allowance:	3	3	0
Organisation Fund:	1	0	0	Pres. Allowance:	1	1	0
Shilling Drive:	1	14	0	Transport and Railage of			
From Ex-Treasurer,				Stationery from Mafeking			
1954:	19	7	0	to Pretoria (President):	1	0	7
From Miss Mdledle				Secretary's Overdraft:	3	13	5
for Ex-Treasurer				Telegrams:		13	3
1954:	12	0	0	Credit Balance:	+ 56	7	4
Amount in Bank:	30	0	0				
Total	£82	3	0		£82	3	0

+ Cash in hand: £26.7.4 plus Amount in Bank £30.0.0. = £56.7.4.

SOGA GIFT FUND: £17.15.6. Amount spent on illuminated address: £6.6.0. Balance: £11.9.6.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

- (a) That the Conference resolves that Branches shall contribute a fixed sum of money to help in the production and postage to branches of the Newsletter.
- (b) That each Branch makes it a duty to send branch news to the Secretary for inclusion in the Newsletter.
- (c) That the N.C.A.W. purchases a typewriter for the Secretary's office and that each branch contributes an agreed sum towards this purchase.
- (d) That branch reports be given at Regional Conferences and that each region send a report of its conference to the General Secretary to enable her to compile the correct N.C.A.W. membership for Conference.

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: I wish to record my thanks to the following:-
 Dr. W.F. Nkomo for regular contribution of articles to the N.C.A.W. Newsletter, the T.A.T.A. Secretarial Office for the use of their Gestetner machine for roneoing work, Mrs. Mapanzela and Messrs. Lekala, Mphahlele and Msezane for contributions of stationery, and Mrs. Binyon for five copies of N.C.W. News. We owe a debt of gratitude to these friends for their support both morally and materially.

I have pleasure in presenting this report.

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 Secretary-Treasurer: N.C.A.W.

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 President

CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF AFRICAN WOMEN, JOHANNESBURG, 1955.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

GREETINGS,

This Council has had so many addresses and discussions on Juvenile Delinquency and many other setbacks in our organisation that I thought it would be better if we changed the topic and took something simpler -

"THE WOMAN" - be she a mother or not.

One man once said: "A woman is a necessary nuisance". I am of the opinion that quite a number of Adams think so of their Eves.

This being a Women's Organisation we shall therefore dwell on the sociability of a woman. I have chosen five points to explain - "WHAT A WOMAN SHOULD BE".

FIRSTLY, she should be AMIABLE. This, the woman starts to see to as soon as she comes of age. Her appearance and figure she attends to. Cosmetics are well favoured and a lot of money spent on these whether the purse is commensurate or not.

SECONDLY, she should be BENEVOLENT and to attain this she should kill SELF, that great demon that destroys HAPPINESS and disfigures those who own it. BENEVOLENCE, as the word is interpreted, will leave no room for discrimination or classification.

THIRDLY, she should be CHARITABLE. This virtue like the preceding one, knows no bounds. Charity has no time limit and so never faileth, vaunteth not itself, seeketh not its own and so on and so on. Read 1 Cor. 13. Verse 4 - 8.

FOURTHLY, she should be DOMESTIC. Many homes have been disrupted just because this good woman kept her home neat and tidy but lacked one thing - she was not domestic. She was a sort of a visitor or a stranger in her own house. When she was within the walls of her house there was no home, for a tigress was there. She had no inviting countenance. She had people but no people to speak to. She was a terror to her relatives and especially to the poor husband who should have been met with Love and Endearment after a hard day's toil. He, poor man, had therefore to resort to a mouse-

hole to get a smile and off and off he went, till he was out of sight, to get a laugh - never to return just because the dear one failed to be DOMESTIC - she became a two-legged tigress.

Allow me for a while to switch from this quality for a while.

Last but not least the woman should be ECONOMICAL. When we come to economy we always misinterpret this. It is economy if I have to give but not economy when I have to be given. We want to receive gifts and not give out. This has nothing to do with economy. Economy spells thrift. Waste not, want not.

Economy is not buying unnecessary articles because they are in fashion or because you must not appear in the same attire twice over or have to make yourself a mannequin or fashion model. Extravagance has broken homes.

I have tried briefly to explain what a woman should be, and these points we cannot attain unless we kill SELF. As soon as we look only to SELF then our motto "DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD THEY SHOULD DO UNTO YOU", is meaningless. We will please nobody but SELF. This reminds me of a song we used to sing when we were young. It went thus:-

As I walked by myself, I said to myself
And myself said again to me
Look, look to thyself, take care of thyself
For nobody cares for thee.

Cross out that idea altogether. We all care for thee, you for me and God for us all. Then having killed SELF and qualified on the five points above, we shall make invaluable women and be an asset to the African race.

To sum up the requisite qualities of a woman I should add that in themselves they would be meaningless unless their application became an effectual measure in the lives of those who looked up to her.

Let us for example dwell for a while on the implications of the word "DOMESTIC". When our children are at school, their scholastic career or their success at school, to be more accurate, is a combination of industry and intelligence. The industry part is more than 50% one could say with safety 75% and the rest is intelligence or aptitude. This shows very clearly that the mother can exert pressure on the success of the child. How many mothers concern themselves with the progress of their children at school, besides recounting their own attainment in their good old days?

ECONOMY is the other requisite - in fact the most important. The way we lead our children is to make spendthrifts of them. We grieve about the ever-rising school-fees at institutions. Yes, very true, these are not commensurate with our purses. But can complaints nourish one? Our children must be taught to learn to earn money for their needs. The word 'holiday' in the dictionary of our children should mean a change of occupation and not a lazy time of leisure. From observations in life, the most successful personalities are those whose life was a struggle from the beginning. Shakespeare must have envisaged this situation with appreciation when he wrote "Sweet are the uses of adversity", and so on.

To all womanhood irrespective of race or colour, I make this clarion call of the Prophet Isaiah "COME LET US REASON TOGETHER", and see what contribution we can make towards the achievement of these ideals.

MAY GOD HELP YOU.

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8th Oct 1956.

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OCT 12 1956

Dear Miss Glynn,
I am in receipt of your letter in which you have explained about the preparation of the letterheads. I am afraid to ask for 500 as we are going to our General Conference at the end of the year and the office-bearers might be changed in which case then, the letterheads would be out of date. Please just let me struggle with the bit I have until then, but then, please make me a hundred copies of this original constitution. I'll be very happy if you can do this for me. My big handicap just now is the lack of a typewriter otherwise I'd do this myself. To save paper, you can use both sides.

Yours sincerely,
E. N. Msezane

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Dear Miss Glynn,

OCT 25 1956

Thank you very much for the Copies of the
Constitution. I am indeed indebted to you for making
my work easier.

With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely
E. N. Msezane

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