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30th July, 1948.

The General Secretary,
Newspaper Press Union of S.A.,
8th Floor,
Mutual Buildings,
Harrison Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

DUMPING OF U.S.A. MAGAZINES.

Further to my letter of 21st June, my Executive Committee discussed your letter of 17th June at its last meeting. Two members of our Executive Committee who are the President of the National Council of Women and the Organiser of the Penal Reform League respectively felt that as this matter had already been taken up by their organisations, your Union should follow up the matter with these organisations with a view to making joint representations.

I suggest, therefore, that you communicate with:

- (1) Mrs. E.E.M. Russell,
President, National Council of Women,
Box 321, Pietermaritzburg.
- (2) The Rev. H.P. Junod,
Organiser, Penal Reform League of S.A.,
25 Victoria Road,
Waterkloof, Pretoria.

Yours truly,

Quintin Whyte
DIRECTOR

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17th June, 1948.

The Chairman,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
Central Block,
Witwatersrand University,
MILNER PARK. JHB.

Dear Sir,

re: DUMPING OF U.S.A. MAGAZINES
IN S.A.

For many years now South Africa has been the dumping ground for American "remainders". That is to say, current copies of their magazines which are unsold in America are collected and sent to South Africa where they are sold at a price cheaper than the normal retail price.

Apart from the economic aspect, in that this type of dumping creates unfair competition for S.A. publishers, these "remainders" are in the majority of cases, what can crudely be given no other name than "trash magazines".

The N.P.U. has been concerned about this unsatisfactory state of affairs for some time and feels that the time has come to approach the Government on the subject. The literature reaches the hands of Non-European adults, adolescents and children and there has been a fair amount of press criticism in recent months about the ill-effects which it has.

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17th April, 1950.

Mrs. E. E. Russell,
79, Leinster Road,
PIETERMARITZBURG.

Dear Mrs. Russell,

I have just received a letter from Professor Hansi Pollak that she won't be able to attend the N.C.W. Conference as Institute representative. I am sorry about this and it will be difficult to find a substitute. I shall try however and let you know. Mrs. Krige, our other suggested representative, has not yet replied.

With all good wishes for a successful
conference,

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte.
DIRECTOR.

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185, Trematon Drive,
Durban.

The Director,
Rac. Relations Institute,
Johannesburg.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

To my horror I
discovered tonight that I have not
replied to your letter asking me to
attend the N.C.W. conference in
Pretoria as one of your representatives.
Unfortunately the date of the conference
falls during our University vacation
& I had already made other
arrangements for that week when
your letter came. I do hope
my delay in replying has not
put you out in any way.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Eileen Kruje.

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25th February, 53.

The President,
National Council of Women of S.A.,
603, Stuttafords Chambers,
Rissik Street,
Johannesburg.

Dear Madam,

The South African Institute of Race Relations has learned with great interest of the intention of your Council to undertake an investigation of the "Native problem" in all its aspects, and look forward eagerly to the results of this study.

As you will know, this Institute has devoted the past twenty-three years to scientific investigation of race relations in multi-racial South Africa. In the course of these investigations the Institute has built up a most valuable library containing a great deal of material on all aspects of this problem. In particular the Institute has concentrated upon the problems of the African people and apart from the material available on loan from our library - without charge - the Institute has published a number of pamphlets and memoranda most of which should be extremely valuable to your body in its present task.

With the exception of the Handbook on Race Relations in South Africa, which is an encyclopaedia in itself and which gives the following chapters on African affairs: Population, Government and Administration, Law and its Administration, Labour, Trade Unions, Land and Agriculture in the Native Reserves, Land and Agriculture outside the Reserves, Urban Areas, THE PASS LAWS, Taxation, The National Income and the Non-European, Health Services, Social Welfare Non-European Co-operative Societies, Politics - African political representation, - African political organisations, - Non-European policies of European political parties, African Religion, African Literature, African Music, S A Bantu Arts and Crafts, Inter-racial Co-operation, Race Attitudes, etc. etc. each chapter written by an expert,

and published on behalf of the Institute by the Oxford University Press (Price 42/- Postage 1/4d), the other booklets have been published at extremely moderate prices.

I enclose some copies of the most recent publications list which will give you a good idea of the type of assistance which we are able to offer.

In addition to the booklets listed, two further booklets are at present with the printer and should be available from early March. Behind the Racial Tensions in South Africa, by Mr. Quintin Whyte, the Director of this Institute, and "At The Crossroads" the 1953 Presidential address of the Institute's late president, Mr. J. D. Rheinallt Jones, a recognised authority on the question of race relations in this country.

We would be very glad to assist your organisation where ever possible and look forward to hearing from you in this connection.

Yours faithfully,

W. Hecht,
PUBLICATIONS OFFICER

the wife

National Council of Women of South Africa. Nasionale Vroueraad van Suid-Afrika.

HEADQUARTERS—HOOFKANTOOR

AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN — 1911 — GEAFFILIEER MET DIE INTERNASIONALE VROUERAAD

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10th August, 1955.

The Secretary,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

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Dear Sir,

As you will perhaps have noticed in the Daily Press, my Council has felt itself obliged in the interests of the welfare of the community to which it is pledged, to organise a national Conference at Bloemfontein from the 3rd to 6th October on the subject "Mental Illness - Its Menace to the Nation".

I attach hereto a copy of our President's letter to our Branch Councils which will give you some idea of the background of the project with which you are no doubt already familiar. I also attach, for your further information, a copy of the draft agenda.

As we are most anxious that the discussion from which important conclusions will be drawn, should be as fully informed as possible, and that the full weight of our colleague organisations should be brought to bear on any representations or action that may result, we extend a most sincere invitation to your organisation to send representatives whose names and addresses we should be glad to receive as soon as possible.

May I remind you that the National Council of Women is a body which consists not only of thousands of individual members, but of hundreds of Affiliated Societies throughout the Union. It will, therefore, be appreciated that any action taken by our Council is assured of wide publicity.

We are confident that you will wish to join us in an effort designed to ameliorate the present distressing circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy M. Wright

for: Honorary Organising Secretary.

National Council of Women of South Africa.
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To All Members of the
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(copies to Branch Secretaries)

25th July 1955

My dear Friend, MENTAL ILLNESS and ITS MENACE TO THE NATION

If it is as senior office-bearer or National Convenor or National Adviser or Branch President that you read this letter, grant me the favour that you read it primarily as a woman. It is in that capacity, with its qualities of compassion and concern, that I address you.

During the whole course of its existence, our Council has interested itself in the subject of mental health and has viewed with increasing disquiet both the terrible development of disturbing features in our community life and the growing inadequacy of our treatment and curative services.

We are confronted today with a shocking rise in the divorce rate, with a sharp increase in the number of alcoholics of both sexes, with almost daily reports of cruelty to children, with accounts of crime perpetrated by manifestly disturbed personalities, with knowledge of increasing numbers of cases of mental break-down, with our own intimate and often tragic experiences.

We know that the problem of promoting mental health is thorough-going, that it concerns our National Convenors for Child Welfare, for Education, for Social and Moral Welfare as much as our National Convenor for Public Health.

We know that many of our colleague organisations - the National Council for Marriage Guidance and Family Welfare, Social Services of South Africa, the National Council for Child Welfare, Adult Education Councils, and many others including the National Council of Mental Health itself - are deeply concerned not only with the rising number of disturbed personalities but with the lack of facilities for preventing individual break-downs.

We know too that the Minister for Health, the Honourable Mr J.F. Naude, is aware of this acid element now corroding the life of our community and, as Dr McPherson stated in her last circular, that he is attempting to devise means to combat it.

For many years, our Council has done what it could. It has passed resolutions and made representations; but the situation has progressively deteriorated until now, the worsening mental health of the nation has become a matter of immediate and urgent concern.

Your Board of Officers, entrusted with the implementation of our Council's policy, has sat baffled before the problem of giving effect to the many resolutions which it is its duty to express - resolutions on penal reform, on juvenile delinquency, on alcoholism, on many kindred subjects, and on mental health itself. In conclave with the National Convenors for Social and Moral Welfare, Public Health, Child Welfare, and Education, it has evolved a plan for which I now seek all the assistance and cooperation which it is possible for you to give.

It is proposed that we, as your servants, organise a National Conference on behalf of the National Council of Women to discuss those aspects of the matter in which immediate and practical action may be taken. Indeed the Bloemfontein Branch Council has already kindly agreed to undertake the arrangements at the New Red Cross Hall in Bloemfontein from the 3rd to the 6th October.

The delegates would consist of as many representatives as each Branch Council could afford to send (and if a Council could not afford to send even one, Headquarters would find the money to pay the fare), representatives of nationally-organised societies, of our sister Councils in Africa, and of Government and Provincial authorities.

For such a conference to prove effective (circumstances impel its being held at this early date), it is essential that the delegates be well prepared.

I ask you now to devote your best attention and efforts, and that of your committees and your Council to the consideration of the following :

We know that the sense of social disgrace which we have allowed to develop in relation to mental illness has serious effects; for instance, people in urgent need of treatment are not given it until their condition has become acute; and secondly, lack of mental balance causes much friction and unhappiness in homes, sometimes with drastic effects.

Mental ill-health can manifest itself in many forms - in mental retardation, behaviour problems in children, alcoholism, epilepsy, lack of independence, family breakdown and the grosser forms requiring certification and admission to mental hospitals or institutions for the mentally-defective - and to deal with these conditions, we must first eliminate wrong ideas about mental illness.

To begin this task, we need factual information and particularly on the following points :

- a) is there a mental hospital in your area ? if so, what are its problems ? is there over-crowding ? if so, to what extent ? are patients accommodated in gaols because of lack of accommodation in hospitals ? are any of the local girls employed as nurses ? if so, what are their problems ? what is the extent of the shortage of nurses ?
- b) is there a Mental Health Society in your area ? if so, what are the special problems in your area to which it is giving attention ? is there close coöperation between you and the Society ?
- c) how many people in your area are known to be affected by the ever-growing problem of alcoholism ? if there a clinic or anyone from whom help and advice can be had ?
- d) what is being done for the mentally defective children of all races ? is there any form of advice, teaching or training available in your area ? are there any epileptic children ? if so, do you know that there is only one school in the whole of South Africa where such children, if educable, can be trained to accept their disability and to become active, useful members of the community ?

These are only a few of the lines of enquiry designed to plan a programme 1) to break down prejudice; 2) to provide more adequate accommodation and facilities for those in need of help; and 3) to give us a sense of individual and communal responsibility toward the increasing numbers in our community less fortunate than ourselves.

This should be one of the great causes of the National Council of Women, fully consonant with its aims and purposes and with the nature of its members. Details of the conference will soon be sent by circular; but I ask you now to marshal all your resources in its cause and name.

With my confident good wishes

Yours sincerely

Thelma Gutsche
THELMA GUTSCHE
National President

National Council of Women of South Africa.
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28th July 1955

CONFERENCE ON "MENTAL ILLNESS AND ITS MENACE
TO THE NATION"

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, 4th October 1955 - THE CHILD

- 8.30 a.m. Registration.
Prayer.
- 9 - 9.45 a.m. Either short opening ceremony by Mrs Jansen and Chairman's introductory remarks, or "The Problem Parent", by a Psychologist.
- 9.45 - 10.30 a.m. Discussion.
- 10.30 - 11 a.m. Tea.
- 11 - 11.45 a.m. "The Rejected Child" by a Psychologist.
- 11.45 - 12.30 p.m. Discussion.
- 12.30 - 2 p.m. Lunch (First Sitting of Findings Committee.)
- 2 - 2.30 p.m. "The Handicapped Child" by a Psychiatrist.
- 2.30 - 3 p.m. "Forms of Therapy and the Need for Further Development" by a Psychiatrist.
- 3 - 3.45 p.m. Discussion.
- 3.45 p.m. Tea
(Second Sitting of Findings Committee)
- 8 p.m. 16mm Film Exhibition.

Wednesday, 5th October - THE ADULT

- 9 - 9.45 a.m. "Signs of Mental Illness" by a Psychiatrist.
- 9.45 - 10.30 a.m. Discussion.
- 10.30 - 11 a.m. Tea.
- 11 - 11.45 a.m. "Forms of Mental Illness" by an authority on Social Welfare.
- 11.45 - 12.30 p.m. Discussion.
- 12.30 - 2 p.m. Lunch (Third Sitting of Findings Committee)
- 2 - 2.30 p.m. "Mental Health Services and Institutions" by a Psychiatrist.
- 2.30 - 3 p.m. "The Integration of Mental into Public Health Services" by a specialist in Nursing Services.
- 3 - 3.45 p.m. Discussion.
- 3.45 p.m. Tea
(Fourth Sitting of Findings Committee)
- 8 p.m. 16mm Film Exhibition.

Thursday, 6th October - FINDINGS

- 9 - 10.30 a.m. Presentation and Discussion of Findings.
- 10.30 - 11 a.m. Tea
- 11 - 12.30 p.m. Presentation and Discussion of Findings.
- 12.30 - 2 p.m. Lunch (Final Meeting of Findings Committee)
- 2 - 2.30 p.m. Symposium on "The Attitude of Women and the Manner of their Assistance" by three members of the National Council of Women.
- 2.30 - 3.30 p.m. Discussion of Methods to Implement Findings.
- 3.30 - 3.45 p.m. Acknowledgments.

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Mrs. W. W. Wylk

Conference 3-6th

3rd - Tour of Hospitals; Reception

4-6th - Conference.

Mrs. C. R. Jones

Leaves Job. 7.45 Thursday, 29th September

Arrives Don. 9.25

Leaves " 1.45

Arrives Pub. 4.15

Attends Council Meeting of
S. A. Mental Health.

Leaves Don. 10 a.m. Monday, 3rd October

Arrives PE 1 p.m.

Leaves P.E. 2.30

Arrives Bfx. 4.15.

To be Booked at Hotel Cecil, Bloemfontein,
3-8th October

Leaves Bfx. by air for Johannesburg

Saturday 8th October

(No plane on Friday)

Cheaper to have round tour air

ticket, than rail + air. Mrs. C. R. J.

agrees to this itinerary. K.L.

Now cancelled
Mrs R. J. had
wrong dates K.L.

4/8/57

30th September, 1955.

Dr. T. Gutsche,
113, Gleneagles,
Killarney,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Thelma,

The National Council of Women of Southern Rhodesia were members of the Institute in 1951 and 1952, but in response to our appeals that they rejoin, the present Honorary Secretary has been unable to trace this earlier contact.

I wonder if you would help us to rekindle their interest in the Institute. We have written to the Hon. Secretary giving details of their earlier association.

I should be very grateful,

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte.

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W. Whyte

SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS. W.O. 219

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16th November, 1955.

The Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

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Dear Mr. Whyte,

Further to my letter of yesterday's date with regard to the National Council of Women's leaflet, "Permits for African Women", there is one other point which I had intended to mention.

I felt that the first sentence could have been expanded so that it was quite clear to the African women that the 'certificate', if issued, would permit them to remain in the proclaimed area.

Yours sincerely,

M.P. Dux
REGIONAL SECRETARY.

PERMITS FOR AFRICAN WOMEN

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for see C.T. Reg. office*

An African woman is entitled to an exemption certificate :

- (1) If she has worked continuously for one employer for **ten years** or more, and she has not during that time been convicted of any crime for which she has received a sentence of more than seven days' imprisonment without the option of a fine, or more than a month's imprisonment with the option of a fine.
- (2) If she has lawfully lived continuously in the area for at least **fifteen years** and has not been convicted of a crime and sentenced in the same way as (1) above.
- (3) If she was born here, and permanently lives here.
- (4) If she is the **wife**, or the **unmarried daughter**, of a man who falls into categories (1), (2) or (3) above, and ordinarily lives with that man.

If an African woman comes under one of these headings, she should go to the Municipal Registration Office at 27 Rutger Street, off Sir Lowry Road, **taking with her proper proof of her qualifications** to receive an exemption certificate.

Such proof can consist of documents such as birth certificates, in the case of those born here, or whose husbands are born here; marriage certificates, husband's pass receipts or voter's card; doctor's certificates, or proof of attendance at clinics; references or testimonials from employers; and sworn affidavits from reputable persons such as ministers of religion, etc.

The onus or duty to prove that a woman falls under one of the headings above rests upon the woman herself. If she applies for an exemption certificate, she must show proof that she is entitled to it. But even if she is entitled to an exemption certificate, she will not be given one unless she asks for it; in other words, unless an African woman applies for an exemption certificate, the Municipal authorities are not obliged to give it to her.

So if an African woman thinks she is entitled to an exemption certificate, **she herself must apply for it**, and it will only be given her **if she can prove** that she falls into one of the categories above.

Issued by the National Council of Women of South Africa (Cape Town Branch)

509, FLETCHER'S CHAMBERS, 15, ADDERLEY STREET, CAPE TOWN

Mrs. v. Wyff

National Council of Women of South Africa. Nasionale Vroueraad van Suid-Afrika.

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"WOMEN" JOHANNESBURG

FEB 9 1956
1st February 1956

Quintin Wyte Esq.,
Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE - 9th to 13th APRIL 1956
Y.M.C.A., JOHANNESBURG

It is with pleasure that we extend to your organisation an invitation to attend our Conference to be held at the Y.M.C.A. Hall in Johannesburg from the 9th to the 13th April 1956, inclusive.

We shall as soon as possible send to you a copy of the detailed agenda but have pleasure in informing you now that many matters of mutual interest figure upon it and that we should therefore be particularly pleased to welcome you.

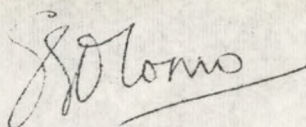
In addition to questions of general public welfare, we shall be discussing in extenso and resolving on courses of action in respect of Mental Illness, the problem of Film Censorship, the principles of Marriage Guidance and Family Welfare, Care of the Aged and many other subjects of common interest.

We are glad to offer representation to two delegates of your organisation, with one vote between them on non-constitutional matters.

As the arrangements for the Conference are very extensive and involved, we should much appreciate your kind co-operation in advising us of the names and addresses of your delegates as soon as possible so that, should they require hospitality, they may be entrusted to the care of our Johannesburg Branch Council which is organising the Conference.

If you wish, facilities can be placed at your disposal for the display of material demonstrating the activities of your organisation.

Yours sincerely,



E.E. MONRO

Honorary Organising Secretary

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National Council of Women of South Africa
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Biennial Conference 1956 - Circular No.7

15th February 1956

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 1956
Y.M.C.A., Johannesburg, 9th - 13th April

AGENDA

- Monday, 9th April
- 9.15 - 10. a.m. Service in the Johannesburg Cathedral
(Address by the Bishop of Johannesburg,
The Right Rev. Ambrose Reeves)
- 10.15 - 10.45 Registration and tea at the Y.M.C.A. for
members of the National Executive Committee
(Free period for delegates who are not
members of the National Executive Committee
until the Tours at 2 p.m.)
11. - 12.30 MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- 12.30 - 2.30 LUNCH
- 2.30 onwards MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(2 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Tours to institutions and places of
interest arranged by Johannesburg Branch for delegates who
are not members of the National Executive Committee)
- 6.30 for 7. MAYORAL BUFFET SUPPER AND CIVIC RECEPTION
- 8.15. OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE (Public
Meeting)

Tuesday, 10th April 9.a.m.

- Registration at the Y.M.C.A.
- Presidential Address of Welcome to Delegates
- Silent prayer.
- Reading of the Notice convening Conference.
- Reading of the Platform of N.C.W.S.A.
(English - National First Vice-President
Afrikaans - Member of the Parliamentary
Committee of the Board of Officers)
- Roll-Call, apologies, proxies, the
appointment of scrutineers
- TEA INTERVAL
10.30 - 11 Voting strength of Council

Tuesday, 10th April
(continued)

Corrections to Minutes of 1954 Biennial
Conference (minutes circulated May 1954)
Confirmation of Minutes

Matters arising from Minutes:-

- i) confirmation of resolutions passed by the Interim Meeting of the National Executive Committee, Grahamstown, 1953. (circulated Biennial Conference 1956 Circular No.2, dated 7th January 1956, Page 4.)

Confirmation of Minutes of Special Meeting of Council held on 20th April 1955 (circulated May 1955)

Confirmation of resolutions passed at the Interim Meeting of the National Executive Committee, East London, 1955 (circulated Biennial Conference 1956 Circular No.2, dated 7th January, Pages 1, 2 and 3.)

Consideration of resolutions passed at the Triennial Meeting of the International Council of Women, Helsinki, 1954.

Matters arising from the Pre-Conference Meeting of the National Executive Committee held on Monday, 9th April 1956.

12.45 - 2.

LUNCH

2.

VOTING - ELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (NATIONAL CONVENERS), NATIONAL VICE-CONVENERS, NATIONAL ADVISERS, MEMBER FOR PRESS: AFRIKAANS AND HONORARY EDITOR "N.C.W. NEWS".

2.15.

Honorary Organising Secretary's Report

Discussion

Adoption - moved by Mrs I. Barratt,
Grahamstown Branch
- seconded by President,
Pietermaritzburg Branch

RESOLUTION 1

"THAT THE N.C.W.S.A. PREPARES TO PLAN FOR THE SUITABLE CELEBRATION OF THE JUBILEE OF THE FOUNDATION IN 1959 OF THE N.C.W. IN S.A." Cape Town Branch

Honorary Treasurer's Report

Discussion

Adoption - moved by I.S.C. Member for Finance
- seconded by President, Boksburg Branch

RESOLUTION 2

"THAT, TO PUT THE FINANCES OF THE N.C.W.S.A. ON A SOUND BASIS, THE CAPITATION FEE BE RAISED TO 4/6d AND THE TRIENNIAL DELEGATES FUND LEVY TO 6d PER MEMBER OR AFFILIATED SOCIETY."

Honorary Treasurer

TEA INTERVAL
3.15 - 3.45

Tuesday, 10th April
(continued)

Report of the Parliamentary Committee
Discussion
Adoption - moved by President, Kimberley
Branch
- seconded by President, Riversdale
Branch

Report of the "N.C.W. News" Board and the
Report of the Treasurer, "N.C.W. News"
Discussion
Adoption - moved by I.S.C. Member (National
Convener) for Arts &
Letters
- seconded by President, Benoni
Branch

TABLING of Reports of Provincial Legislative
Committees - Pretoria, Cape Town, Pieter-
maritzburg and Bloemfontein

RESOLUTION 3

"THE TRANSVAAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE PROPOSES
THAT EACH PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
SHALL PRESENT A REPORT OF NOT MORE THAN A
THOUSAND WORDS AT THE BIENNIAL CONFERENCES
OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH
AFRICA; THESE REPORTS TO BE DEALT WITH IN
THE SAME WAY AS OTHER REPORTS PRESENTED FOR
CONFERENCE."

Pretoria Branch

Free evening.

Wednesday,
11th April

9 a.m.

RESULT OF ELECTIONS - INTERNATIONAL STANDING
COMMITTEE MEMBERS (NATIONAL CONVENERS),
NATIONAL VICE-CONVENERS, NATIONAL ADVISERS,
MEMBER FOR PRESS: AFRIKAANS AND HONORARY
EDITOR "N.C.W. NEWS"

Amendment of the Constitution and Standing
Orders

Report by the Chairman of the Revision
Committee, Advocate Hester Steyn (National
Convener for Laws)

Discussion

Adoption - moved by the Immediate Past
National President

- seconded by President,
Johannesburg Branch

TEA INTERVAL
10.30 - 11.

RESOLUTION 4

"THAT THE DRAFT OF THE REVISED CONSTITUTION
BE PROVISIONALLY ACCEPTED TOGETHER WITH THE
DRAFT STANDING ORDERS DEPENDENT THEREON, AND
THAT THE BOARD OF OFFICERS BE AUTHORISED TO
FUNCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PROVISIONAL
ARRANGEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS WHEN
CONFERENCE SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT
THE ACCEPTANCE, SUBJECT TO SUCH AMENDMENTS
AS MAY BE DEEMED DESIRABLE, SHALL BE MADE
FINAL."

Advocate Hester Steyn
(National Convener for
Laws), Chairman of the
Revision Committee

Wednesday,
11th April
(continued)

Amendment of the Platform, N.C.W.S.A.
Report by the Chairman of the Revision
Committee, Advocate Hester Steyn (National
Convener for Laws).
Discussion.

12.45 - 2

LUNCH - GOODWILL CLUB,
JOHANNESBURG BRANCH

2.15.

(Continuation of discussion on amendment of
Constitution, Standing Orders and Platform
of N.C.W.S.A., if extra time is required.)

TEA INTERVAL
3.15 - 3.45

Meetings of Sectional Committees (e.g. Peace
& International Relations, Health etc.)
under the chairmanship and at the desire of
the appropriate National Conveners and
National Advisers, for group discussion.
Meeting of Branch Honorary Secretaries with
the Honorary Organising Secretary, and of the
Branch Honorary Treasurers with the National
Treasurer, for general discussion.

8 p.m.

SYMPOSIUM OF SPEAKERS AND (POSSIBLE) FILM
SHOW

Thursday,
12th April

9 a.m.

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

Report of the National Vice-Convener for
Letters

Report of the National Vice-Convener for
Music

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

RESOLUTION 5

"THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE INTER-
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN THAT THE TERMS OF
REFERENCE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STANDING
COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR BROADCASTING INCLUDE:
'TO PROMOTE A HIGH STANDARD OF LANGUAGE
AND CORRECT PRONUNCIATION AMONG SPEAKERS
AND ANNOUNCERS'"

Mrs Russell Perkins
National Convener for
Broadcasting

TEA INTERVAL
10.30 - 11.

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

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

RESOLUTION 6

"THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE CENSOR-
SHIP OF FILMS IS BECOMING LESS REALISTIC AND
STRICTER N.C.W.S.A. SHALL STATE ITS POLICY
IN REGARD TO THE CENSORSHIP OF FILMS."

Mrs W. Eybers
National Convener for
Cinema

Thursday,
12th April
(continued)

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

RESOLUTION 7

"THAT COUNCIL, IN RE-AFFIRMING ITS PREVIOUS ATTITUDE OF DISAPPROVAL OF RESTRICTIONS OF COLOUR, RACE OR CREED ON ENTRANCE TO UNIVERSITIES, RECORDS ITS FURTHER DISAPPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S IGNORING THE TERMS OF THE HOLLOWAY COMMISSION REPORT IN SETTING UP AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE TO DEVISE MEANS OF ESTABLISHING UNIVERSITY COLLEGES FOR RACIAL GROUPS - A STEP WHICH, IN THE OPINION OF THE COMMISSION, WOULD BE 'A NATIONAL RETROGRESSION IN REGARD TO THE UNIVERSITY TRAINING OF NON-EUROPEANS'."

Miss M. McLarty
National Convener for
Education

Report of the I.S.C. Member for Finance

12.45

LUNCH

2.15

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

RESOLUTION 8

"THIS CONFERENCE REQUESTS THE UNION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SEEK THE CO-OPERATION OF ALL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS IN RECOMMENDING ANTE-NATAL TESTS FOR BLOOD-GROUPING IN THE SAME MANNER AS SMALLPOX AND DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION IS RECOMMENDED."

East London Branch

RESOLUTION 9

"RESOLVED: THAT THE N.C.W.S.A. PLEDGES ITSELF TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AND TO COMBAT THE RISING TIDE OF MENTAL ILLNESS BY

- a) DOING EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO ENLIGHTEN PUBLIC OPINION ON GENERAL ASPECTS BY
 - i) ORGANISING DISCUSSIONS, FILM EXHIBITIONS, LECTURES, LOCAL CONFERENCES AND ALL OTHER MEANS;
 - ii) SECURING THE CO-OPERATION OF THE PRESS IN PUBLISHING AUTHORITATIVE MATERIAL;
 - iii) SECURING THE CO-OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RADIO IN PUBLISHING AUTHORITATIVE MATERIAL;
 - iv) ENCOURAGING THE READING OF APPROPRIATE LITERATURE;
 - v) ORGANISING TOURS OF APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS;
- b) ELIMINATING, THROUGH FRANK AND INFORMED DISCUSSION AND BY OTHER MEANS, THE STIGMA WHICH ATTACHES TO MENTAL ILLNESS;
- c) BY CO-OPERATING CLOSELY WITH ORGANISATIONS ACTIVE IN THE FIELD AND ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO USE THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED;
- d) BY STIMULATING THE FOUNDATION OF BRANCHES OF THESE ORGANISATIONS (PARTICULARLY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL HEALTH) IN THEIR AREAS;

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- e) BY CONSTANTLY BEARING IN MIND THE AIMS. EXPRESSED IN THE FINDINGS OF THE MENTAL ILLNESS CONFERENCE HELD IN BLOEMFONTEIN IN OCTOBER 1955 AND ASSISTING TO FULFIL THEM;
- f) BY USING EVERY POSSIBLE MEANS TO STIMULATE AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE MATTER WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO EFFECTIVE INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS MAYORS, DOCTORS, MINISTERS OF RELIGION, LAWYERS, M.O.H.s, MEMBERS OF PROVINCIAL COUNCILS, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT etc.

TEA INTERVAL
3.15 - 3.45

Dr V.C.J. McPherson
National Convener for
Health - Convener of
the Mental Illness
Conference.

RESOLUTION 10

"THE N.C.W.S.A. REQUESTS THAT NON-EUROPEAN MALE AND FEMALE STUDENT NURSES BE RECRUITED FORTHWITH FOR TRAINING AS NURSES IN MENTAL HOSPITALS."

Mrs I. Barratt
National Adviser for
Coloured Affairs

Report by the National President on the formation of the National Standing Committee for Consumers' Associations.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 11

"THE N.C.W.S.A. URGES THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION WHEREBY IN CRIMINAL CASES WHERE THE COURT INCLUDES ASSESSORS AND THE ACCUSED IS A FEMALE OR IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS, ONE OF THE ASSESSORS SHALL BE A WOMAN UNLESS IN THE OPINION OF THE JUDICIAL OFFICER THIS IS NOT REASONABLY PRACTICABLE."

Advocate Hester Steyn
National Convener for
Laws

RESOLUTION 12

"THE N.C.W.S.A. URGES THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO AMEND THOSE PROVISIONS OF THE CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT ACT WHICH RENDER IT OBLIGATORY FOR A SENTENCE OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED IN CERTAIN CASES, SO AS TO RESTORE THE DISCRETION WHICH THE COURTS PREVIOUSLY HAD."

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