

The Archbishop was thanked for the Service of Dedication and for his inspiring address; also for the use of the Donovan Hall.

Representatives of many organisations affiliated to the Bloemfontein Branch Council as well as those from the national organisations with which the National Council of Women was associated, were also welcomed.

OPENING OF  
CONFERENCE;

Professor J.R.Wahl, Head of the Department of English, University of the Orange Free State, officially opened the thirty-third conference.\*\*

The President thanked Professor Wahl for his stimulating and thought-provoking address. She said that the National Council of Women could well accept the challenge he had offered and make 1982 the target year for the eradication, as far as possible, of adult illiteracy and preventable disease throughout Southern Africa.

ROLL CALL:

After the Honorary Treasurer, Mrs P.Walker, had taken the roll-call, apologies for absence were announced and noted. (see page 5)

WELCOME BY  
MAYOR:

His Worship the Mayor, Cr P.W. du Plooy, on behalf of the City Council extended a welcome to all the delegates present. He said the theme "The Challenge of the Future" was in perfect unison with the objects of the National Council of Women, to enhance family life and to work towards equality of opportunity for all members of the community.

MRS J.W.  
DU PLESSIS:

Mrs du Plessis welcomed Mrs Joyce Waring and all the delegates from other provinces on behalf of the Administrator and herself. She congratulated Mrs Mackenzie on the capable and sincere way in which she had executed her duties during the past three years and Mrs Cochrane, on being elected President for the next three year period. \*\*

WELCOME BY  
PRESIDENT  
OF HOSTESS  
BRANCH  
COUNCIL:

A gracious welcome was extended to all delegates by Mrs E.S. Mabile, President of the Bloemfontein Branch Council, who expressed the hope that the time spent in Bloemfontein would prove valuable to all.

GREETINGS:

Special messages of goodwill and encouragement were read by the First Vice-President, Mrs Wiley (see page 6)

It was agreed that flowers accompany messages of greeting to Mrs Mary Asher and Mrs J.K.Robertson, both of whom were indisposed.

OBITUARY:

The Assembly stood in tribute to:

Dr H.F. Verwoerd, Prime Minister

Mrs Toni Saphra, Founder of the Union of Jewish Women of  
Southern Africa

Mrs Dorothy Borchers, former International Standing Committee  
Member/National Adviser: Letters

Mrs W. Rhodes Harrison, International Standing Committee Member/  
National Adviser: Arts

All other members who had died and in sympathy with those members who had suffered bereavement during the year.

ADDRESS BY  
GUEST  
SPEAKER:

Mrs Joyce Waring, using the theme of the conference, "The Challenge of the Future", expressed her views on the part women could play in the life of the community. \*\*

Mrs Wiley, on behalf of the delegates, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Waring for her entertaining, stimulating and forthright address. She said that if her challenge were taken up, women would be better able to contribute greater service to the common good.

ADDRESS  
BY THE  
PRESIDENT:

In presenting her address, Mrs Mackenzie said that she was conscious of the activities during the three years of stewardship of the present Board of Officers. In particular she paid tribute to the work of Branch Councils. She stressed that vision and courage would be necessary in the ever increasing role women would be called upon to play in the community. \*\*

MEETINGS OF SECTIONAL COMMITTEES: Delegates were reminded of the meetings of Sectional Committees to be held the following day. The venue of each meeting was indicated.

This brought the opening session in plenary assembly to a close.

12.35 p.m. The meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, April 19th at 9 a.m.

1 p.m. A buffet luncheon was served by the members of the Tweespruit/Westminster Outpost.

\*\* Copies of these addresses have been distributed to all delegates.

2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Meeting of the National Executive Committee was held in the Festival Hall, Maitland Hotel.

Delegates other than members of National Executive Committee, through the courtesy and co-operation of the Public Relations Officer of the Bloemfontein City Council, visited the Pelonomi Non-European Hospital; certain housing schemes and the University of the Orange Free State (Faculties of Agriculture and Music). At the University, delegates were entertained to tea and then attended a short recital of music.

8 p.m. - 10 p.m. A meeting of the Board of Officers with the International Standing Committee Members/National Advisers and National Advisers was held in the Festival Hall, Maitland Hotel.

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#### TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH.

8.30a.m. to 6 p.m. MEETINGS OF SECTIONAL COMMITTEES.

Records of these meetings will be found on pages 39 - 67.

7 p.m. Delegates attended an Informal Supper Party in the St John Presbyterian Church House as the guests of the Bloemfontein Branch Council.

8 p.m. Public Meeting, St John Presbyterian Church Hall. The films "Green Gold" and "Food for Thought" were shown by courtesy of the Mealie Industry Control Board. These were followed by a Lecture/Demonstration by Mrs H. Potgieter, the Home Economist.

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#### SECOND SESSION: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH.

9 a.m. The President, Mrs Mackenzie, opened the session with prayer.

PREAMBLE AND PLATFORM: The Preamble and Platform were read in English by Mrs T. McCallum the President, Pietermaritzburg Branch Council.

WELCOME: In welcoming those present, Mrs Mackenzie referred to the hard work that lay before them; she appealed for the co-operation of the delegates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1. Life Vice President, National Council of Women of South Africa.

The President announced, with pleasure, the election of Mrs D.G. v.d. Westhuizen, President of the Pretoria Branch Council. Mrs v.d. Westhuizen had played an important role in the affairs of the Council, both at local and national level. During her term of office as the International Standing Committee Member/National Adviser for Home Economics she had played a prominent

ANNOUNCEMENTS: part in bringing into being branches of the Consumer Association.  
(Contd.)

In expressing her thanks, Mrs v.d. Westhuizen said this was one of the nicest things that had ever happened to her. She felt she owed a debt of gratitude to the National Council of Women for taking her out of the groove in which she was living 30 years ago and in the years that remained to her she would continue to do all she could for the Council.

ii. Election of International Standing Committee Members/National Advisers:

The First Vice-President, Mrs Wiley, announced the result of the ballot as follows:-

Trades and Professions - Mrs Yvonne Searle (Mossel Bay)  
International Relations and Peace - Mrs A.I. Mackenzie (Bloemfontein)

ROLL CALL: Alterations and additions to the attendance register were noted.

VOTING STRENGTH OF CONFERENCE: The Honorary Treasurer, Mrs Walker, announced the total voting strength as 728. 486 votes would therefore be required for a motion to be carried (with 14 Branch Councils voting in favour).

Voting strength on domestic matters was 693 with a required two-thirds being 462 votes.

SCRUTINEERS: Mrs M. Barlow and Mrs G. Nel were accepted.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE: The recommendation from the Executive Committee was unanimously accepted; therefore, only the resolutions and recommendations of the previous day would be submitted for ratification each morning.

The minutes of the conference to be sent to all delegates as soon after its conclusion as possible.

RATIFICATION OF MINUTES OF THIRTY-SECOND CONFERENCE: On the proposal of Miss S. Kussel (Migration), seconded by Dr D.M. Brodie (Social Welfare), the minutes of the thirty-second conference held in Kroonstad from 14th to 18th March 1966 were duly ratified.

RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Informal Meeting, Wednesday, April 19th.

The President said that during the past year consideration had been given to (a) recruitment of members and (b) re-organisation of work and administration.

In discussion at the pre-conference meeting of the Executive Committee, it had been decided to hold an informal meeting at 8 o'clock that evening when these matters could be fully discussed. It was hoped that all Branch Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers would attend.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF OFFICERS: In the absence of an Honorary Organising Secretary, Mrs Wiley, First Vice-President, presented a report on the activities of the National Council of Women of South Africa for the period 1st February 1966 to 31st March 1967.

In proposing the adoption of this report Mrs E.V. Wroughton (President, Cape Town Branch Council) thanked the Board of Officers for their untiring and devoted work in the interest of Council. Mrs E. Cochrane (Trades and Professions) seconded this proposal and the report was formally accepted.

The following corrections were noted:

- i. The name of Dr A.V. Carter to be deleted from list of obituaries (page 7, line 29)
- ii. "Thirty-third" conference" should read "thirty-second" conference (page 8, line 10)
- iii. S.A. National Council for Child Welfare to be included under Representation, National Organisations (page 10, after line 24)

DISCUSSION  
ARISING  
FROM REPORT  
OF BOARD  
OF OFFICERS:

Branch Councils in Recess.

Miss S. Kussel (Migration) expressed concern at the number of Branch Councils now in recess, she referred with particular regret to the formal closing of the Oudtshoorn Branch Council. The position about this matter was clarified by the President.

Bills Before Parliament.

Miss Kussel then referred to the matter of bills before Parliament. she suggested that the public be informed, through the press, of the views of the National Council of Women.

Mrs Mackenzie replied that in spite of several statements in this connection, the press had not always used the information supplied. There were times when it was not judicious to disclose the nature of representations to government departments in public statements.

International Council of Women.

Miss Kussel said that more publicity should be given to the work of the International Council of Women and that there should be many more subscribers to the Newsletter. She was apprised of activity in this field.

Tribute to Second Vice-President.

Miss L.M.Mackenzie (Child and Family) referred to the fact that the Board of Officers had been kind enough to mention her name in connection with the help she had given when the President and other members of the Board of Officers were attending the triennial meeting of the International Council of Women in Tehran. She paid tribute to Mrs Deane, the Second Vice-President, who had so ably assisted her during this period.

The President thanked Miss Mackenzie for her tribute to Mrs Deane, which was noted with gratitude.

TYPING  
ERRORS IN  
REPORTS:

It was requested that corrections of typing errors in all reports presented at conference be submitted, in writing, to Mrs J.M.Grieve who would be responsible for the compilation of the Conference Number of the N.C.W. News in the absence, on leave, of Mrs M.L.Lindsay.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/  
NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
HEALTH.

Dr V.C.J.McPherson moved the adoption of her annual report as printed and gave supplementary information. On the proposal of Mrs E.V. Wroughton (Films), seconded by Mrs H.R. Keyter (Home Economics) the report was accepted with appreciation.

Mrs Mackenzie made special mention of the indebtedness of the Board of Officers to Dr McPherson. Throughout their term of office there had been innumerable enquiries with regard to matters concerning Health. These had always received her immediate attention. Dr McPherson had probably been the most hard-worked of the International Standing Committee members.

RECOMMENDATIONS  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
HEALTH.

i. International Projects:

(a) Handicapped child:

It had been decided at the Sectional Committee Meeting to ask Mrs M.L.Hofmeyr to prepare a summary of the Conference on the Handicapped Child for publication in the N.C.W. News.

(b) Increasing use of Drugs:

It was pointed out by Dr McPherson that no drugs were "mild" if taken regularly or in excess. Severe cases of kidney complaints had been traced to the mis-use of drugs. It was noted that smoking was also a drug addiction.

ii. Care of Mentally Ill:

Dr McPherson thanked Mrs E.M.Synge of the Kroonstad Branch Council for all she had done in this connection. She said that no action could be taken until the findings of the Commission of Enquiry were available.

Improved Ambulance Services:

RESOLUTIONS  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
HEALTH.

After consideration at the Sectional Committee Meeting the following motion, submitted by the East London Branch Council, was proposed by Dr McPherson:

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA,  
IN PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS  
THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF HEALTH TO REVIEW THE  
ORGANISATION OF AMBULANCE SERVICES IN SOUTH AFRICA  
WITH A VIEW TO THEIR CO-ORDINATION AND TO ENSURE  
ADEQUATE FINANCIAL PROVISION THEREFOR.

Miss L.M.Mackenzie (Child and Family) seconded the motion. When put to the vote (having been previously submitted to all Branch Councils) it was carried unanimously.

Occupational Diseases and Industrial Hazards:

Dr McPherson said the matter had been discussed at a recent meeting of the Institute of Public Health in George where a resolution, similar to that submitted by the Durbanville Branch Council and referred for consideration by Branch Councils, had been adopted.

Mrs J. Webber (National Council for the Care of Cripples) suggested that as a matter of courtesy this resolution should be brought to the notice of the National Council for Industrial Safety.

The following motion was formally proposed by Dr McPherson, seconded by Mrs H.C.Plumbly (President, Durbanville Branch Council) and carried unanimously:

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA,  
IN PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, IN CONSULTATION  
WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL  
SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE HONOURABLE THE  
MINISTERS OF HEALTH AND OF LABOUR TO TAKE URGENT  
AND POSITIVE STEPS:

1. TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR, AND ENFORCE COURSES OF INSTRUCTION ON OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES AND HAZARDS, TO MEDICAL AND NON-MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND WORKERS IN THE INDUSTRIES CONCERNED.
2. TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE COMPULSORY PERIODIC MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF ALL INDUSTRIAL WORKERS EXPOSED TO OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES.

Institute of Advanced Driving:

Dr McPherson made reference to the Institute of Advanced Driving which is affiliated to the National Road Safety Council. It was considered that this Institute was worthy of support and in accordance with the request from the Pietermaritzburg Branch Council, the National Council of Women of South Africa undertook to work in co-operation with the Institute of Advanced Driving.

Drug Addicts and Compulsive Drinkers:

Dr McPherson informed the delegates that this matter had been discussed at her Sectional Committee Meeting and the general opinion was that these people were provided for. In the Cape there were work colonies under the direction of the Department of Social Welfare.

Mrs Mackenzie mentioned the fact that Dr Brodie had been ill for several months, but that during that time she had continued with her work. For this she expressed appreciation. Dr Brodie thanked all who had co-operated with her, particularly the Board of Officers and the International Standing Committee members.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/  
NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
SOCIAL WELFARE.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/  
NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
SOCIAL WELFARE.  
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In presenting her report Dr D.M. Brodie said the appreciation of Council had been conveyed to the Minister of Social Welfare for ensuring the registration of all homes for the aged. This was in accordance with a resolution adopted in 1962.

She said how encouraging it was to find so much pioneering work being done, particularly in regard to the care of the aged. She hoped all the delegates would go home "looking for trouble" and would consider especially the handicaps of old age - arthritis, deafness, blindness. These were not all covered by Government schemes, there was still much to be done by voluntary service.

Dr Brodie moved the adoption of her annual report as printed. This was seconded by Mrs L. Lupton-Smith (Music) and formally accepted.

Mrs Mackenzie then read a letter just received from the Honourable the Minister of Finance acknowledging the telegram of appreciation of the National Council of Women of South Africa for the relaxation of the Means Test in his Budget. He said that he was "happy to have been able to do something for our old age pensioners in this manner".

On the suggestion of Mrs A.M. Searle (Mossel Bay Branch Council) it was agreed that appreciation be conveyed to the National Council for the Welfare of the Aged for their efforts in connection with the well-being of the aged and with whom the victory was shared.

RECOMMENDATIONS  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
SOCIAL WELFARE:

Memoranda to accompany Motions for Resolution:

Dr Brodie said that a number of Branch Councils, under a wrong impression, were given a mandate to vote against the motion for resolution submitted with regard to the abolition of capital punishment. It was therefore recommended and, after discussion, agreed that the previous decision be rescinded and that, in future, brief memoranda accompany the motions for resolution submitted for consideration by Branch Councils so as to explain the motivation for the resolution.

The responsibility of Branch Councils with regard to the collation of relevant information was stressed.

Difficulties of Dependants of Prisoners:

The following recommendation was also accepted after due consideration:

That information be offered to the Social Services Association, the South African National Council for Child Welfare and other relevant organisations, in a survey of the difficulties of dependants of short-term prisoners, detained persons or those awaiting trial.

MOTION FOR  
RESOLUTION:

Abolition of Capital Punishment:

In proposing this motion on behalf of the Cape Town Branch Council, Mrs E. Hudson submitted it in the following form:

The National Council of Women of South Africa, in plenary council assembled, favouring the abolition of capital punishment, resolves to work towards the abolition thereof by arousing public opinion.

She emphasised that the intention at this stage was to sensitise the conscience of the people of South Africa and to work towards an education of public opinion. She said that investigation had shown that capital punishment was not a deterrent to crime; it sometimes happened that innocent men were convicted; it was in conflict with certain religious principles. Countries which had abolished the death penalty had reported no increase in the number of crimes committed. She said that social conditions should be improved in order to reduce the crime rate.

MOTION FOR  
RESOLUTION:  
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Mrs J.M.Grieve (Life Vice-President), in seconding the motion, made two points. Firstly, that the policy of "an eye for an eye" was out of date and secondly that no offender is likely to be wholly bad. She did not think fear of capital punishment acted as a deterrent as the first thing a criminal usually said was "Shall I be hanged" ? or "I did it and am ready to swing for it". She said the National Council of Women in accepting this resolution would be playing its part as a reforming movement.

Mrs J. Venables (Johannesburg Branch Council) quoted from well-known people of the past who had said that nothing was accomplished by putting a criminal to death and concluded by reminding the conference that our Lord's last act of forgiveness on the Cross was to a murderer.

Mrs Y.Searle (Mossel Bay Branch Council), also supported the motion as did Mrs I.Jones (Johannesburg Branch Council).

Mrs I. Holloway (Port Alfred Branch Council), said that while she admired the high ideals that prompted this motion, her Branch Council was unanimous in opposing it. Although it had been pointed out that the abolition of capital punishment in certain other countries had had no ill effects, this country could not be compared with more advanced countries. She said that South Africa was not yet ready for the abolition of capital punishment.

Dr McPherson opposed the motion. She believed not in revenge but to some extent in the idea of "an eye for an eye".

After several other speakers had spoken either in favour or against the proposal it was put to the vote.

Only seven Branch Councils voted in favour of the motion and it was therefore defeated.

12.45 p.m.

CONFERENCE ADJOURNED FOR LUNCHEON

Members of the National Executive Committee and the Executive Committee, Bloemfontein Branch Council, were the guests of the Board of Officers.

2 p.m.

CONFERENCE REASSEMBLED IN PLENARY ASSEMBLY

SCRUTINEERS:  
REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
CHILD AND FAMILY.

Mrs J. Lovius and Miss D.G. Hopewell were accepted.

In moving the adoption of her annual report as printed, Miss L.M.Mackenzie gave information which she had received after her report had been written in connection with maintenance allowances and a proposed adjustment in pensions payable to coloureds and Asians. In this matter it appeared as if the Bantu had been omitted and the Board of Officers was asked to enquire into this.

Mrs Mackenzie appealed to Branch Councils to endeavour to make a member feel that to be a corresponding member was a privilege and not just another onerous job thrust upon her. Corresponding Members must familiarise themselves with local conditions and when circulars are received, these should not only be read but acted upon - other members being called upon to assist.

Mrs R.R.Marshall (President, Kimberley Branch Council), seconded the adoption of this report which was then formally accepted.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
HOME ECONOMICS.

Mrs H.R.Keyter moved the adoption of her annual report as printed. This was seconded by Mrs P.Murray (Laws and Suffrage) and formally accepted.

Mrs Keyter referred to the good reports which she had received from her Corresponding Members.

She said that price structure, marketing of produce, especially with regard to grading and packing, had been discussed at the meeting of her Sectional Committee.

REPORT OF  
THE HONORARY  
TREASURER AND  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
FINANCE.

Mrs P. Walker moved the adoption of her annual reports and financial statements as printed.

She reported that the Jubilee Fund had been closed at the figure shown on the Balance Sheet and any amounts subsequently received had been credited to the Endowment Fund.

These were seconded by Miss S. Kussel (Migration) and formally accepted subject to the following alteration to the following amounts under Jubilee Fund:

R13071.40 to read R10371.40 and R10350.00 to R13050.00

Mrs M. Gibb (Honorary Treasurer, Johannesburg Branch Council) asked for information about the Annie v.d. Horst and Travelling Funds.

It was explained that the Annie v.d. Horst Fund consisted originally of a bequest of R400.00 to the National Council of Women of South Africa to be utilised by it for the publication and distribution of their publications. All members now contributed 15 cents per annum to the Travelling Fund (an increase of 5 cents per member per annum).

In concluding the discussion on this report, Mrs Mackenzie said it should be noted with appreciation that the fact that Council was solvent at this stage, was mainly due to the generosity of Mrs E.B. Potts who had so generously provided office accommodation for the three years that headquarters were situate in Bloemfontein.

PRESENTATION  
OF  
BUDGET:

In presenting the Budget, Mrs Walker said it had been carefully considered at the meeting of the Executive Committee and again discussed at the meeting of her Sectional Committee. Under "Grants to I.S.C. Members" in the column "Jhburg" the amount R184.00 should have been R176.00. This would reduce the total to R2230.00.

In reply to an enquiry from Mrs E.E. Monro (Honorary Archivist), Mrs Walker itemised the amount of R177.58 under "General Office Expenditure". Mrs Monro thanked her and said she did not imply any criticism in asking for this information. Mrs Mackenzie recommended that these details be given in future, Mrs E. Cochrane (President Elect) concurred.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
MIGRATION.

Miss S. Kussel moved the adoption of her annual report as printed. This was seconded by Mrs S. Kroon (Graaff Reinet Branch Council) and formally accepted.

In presenting a supplementary report, Miss Kussel referred to the Reciprocity of the Maintenance Act. She said that although South Africa had reciprocal arrangements with 31 countries, four countries, Portugal, Italy, West Germany and Holland from which many immigrants come, were not included. She recommended that the National Council of Women of South Africa ask for their inclusion.

The President ruled that this matter did not require a resolution for the implementation of the action envisaged. After consideration and discussion, Miss Kussel undertook to confer with Mrs P. Murray (Laws and Suffrage), Miss L.M. Mackenzie (Child and Family) and Mrs V.C. Davie (Convener, Parliamentary Committee) and report back to conference.

It was subsequently approved that Miss Kussel request the Department of Migration to indicate to the Secretary of Justice that as a large number of immigrants were coming to South Africa from Portugal, Italy, West Germany and Holland, reciprocal arrangements should be made with regard to the payment of maintenance for wives and children.



REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
EDUCATION.

Mrs E. Hudson moved the adoption of her annual report as printed.

In speaking to her supplementary report, she enlarged upon the recent National Education Policy Act. The control of European Education would now be in the hands of the Central Government under the Minister of Education, Arts and Science and no longer under the four Provincial Councils.

As there would be mother-tongue instruction, parallel medium and dual medium schools would presumably disappear.

One good aspect was the fact that conditions of service for teachers would be uniform in all provinces; schooling and books would be free.

Two other Acts concerned with Education were:

- i. The Advanced Technical Education Act which provided for four large technical colleges to become technological colleges.
- ii. Education Services Act for the education of children who deviated from the normal. These would be under the care of the Provincial Councils.

There was a big increase in the number of African children attending school, but the Government contributed only R13,000,000 which was roughly one-tenth of the per capita amount of that spent on white children. There were similar increases in the numbers of coloured and Indian children attending school.

The report was seconded by Mrs E. Cochrane (Trades and Professions) and formally accepted.

In discussing this report Mrs W.A.D. Russell (Life Vice-President) pointed out:

- i. That of the 19 members of the National Advisory Education Council only two were women - yet there are as many girls as boys.
- ii. Under the provisions of the new Act, private schools would have to accept total supervision and direction of curriculum by the Director of Education or forgo any financial assistance. This would mean the closing of some schools.
- iii. It was most important in the education of the young people of this country, that women should have an equal voice with men.
- iv. With regard to the statement that books would be free, Mrs Russell wondered what type of book would be issued.

Mrs C. Rubidge (Soil Conservation and the Preservation of Natural Resources), stressed the role of the parent. She said that the future held wonderful possibilities which would be developed only through the contact of parents with their children.

The President informed conference that representations had been made to the Minister of Education, Arts and Science in connection with the National Education Policy Bill. A copy of this letter had since been sent to members of the National Executive Committee.

ADDRESS BY  
MR VIVIAN  
HICKS:

The Promotion of Literacy Amongst the Adult Bantu Speaking Peoples of the Republic: \_\_\_\_\_

An informative address was given by Mr Vivian R. Hicks, Executive Director of the Bureau of Literacy and Literature.  
(For address see pages 70 - 74)

In the ensuing discussion, Mrs V.C. Davie said that as the National Council of Women would ratify the resolution from the International Council of Women calling for co-operation with Government Departments

ADDRESS BY  
MR VIVIAN  
HICKS:  
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and other organisations attempting to eliminate illiteracy, there was a challenge which could not be ignored. Through contact with other organisations, and particularly the National Council of African Women, it should be possible for the National Council of Women to implement the resolution in a particular way.

Mr Hicks gave comprehensive replies to the various questions put to him.

Mrs Cochrane (Trades and Professions) asked if it would be possible to have a representative of the Council on the Bureau. Mr Hicks said he was not in a position to reply to her but would refer the matter to the Executive Committee.

Delegates were given the address of the Bureau:

302, Durwell,  
35 Jorissen Street,  
Braamfontein,  
Johannesburg. Telephone 724-5151

The representative of the South African Library Association, Mr C.J. Fourie, referred to the National Library Week to be held from 4th to 9th March 1968. He appealed for the co-operation and support of the National Council of Women.

Mrs Hudson undertook to consider means of assistance (Full details were given in a leaflet distributed to all delegates.

In proposing the vote of thanks to Mr Hicks, Mrs Hudson said how grateful the delegates were for the information he had given them. Many did not know of the existence of the Bureau of Literacy and Literature. It was gratifying to note that it had been started by a woman. Mrs Hudson assured Mr Hicks that Branch Councils would be initiating schemes and would work in collaboration with the Bureau under her direction.

Mr Hicks again expressed his thanks for the warm reception he had received and for the promises of help and co-operation from the National Council of Women.

RESOLUTIONS  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
EDUCATION.

i. Study of Mathematics in Secondary Schools:

Mrs Hudson proposed the adoption of the following motion which was seconded by Miss E. Simms (East London Branch Council):

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA,  
IN PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, REALISING THE  
NECESSITY OF A KNOWLEDGE OF MATHEMATICS FOR A  
VARIETY OF CAREERS, REQUESTS THE NATIONAL ADVISORY  
EDUCATION COUNCIL TO PROMOTE THE STUDY OF THIS  
SUBJECT IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

This had been submitted by the East London Branch Council and referred to all Branch Councils.

On being put to the vote it was carried unanimously.

It was noted that in the accompanying memorandum mention would be made of the need for guidance at school in the choice of subjects for future careers.

ii. On the recommendation of the Sectional Committee, the following resolutions were re-affirmed:

RESOLUTIONS  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
EDUCATION.  
(Contd.)

(a) Employment of Married Women Teachers - 1946:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE EARNESTLY REQUESTS THE EDUCATION AUTHORITIES, BOTH GOVERNMENT \* AND PROVINCIAL, TO ALTER THEIR REGULATIONS SO THAT HENCEFORTH NO FEMALE TEACHER MAY BE REQUIRED TO RESIGN ON MARRIAGE, AND THAT PENDING SUCH ALTERATION BY THE EDUCATION AUTHORITIES, THOSE FEMALE TEACHERS WHO BY REASON OF MARRIAGE ARE OCCUPYING TEMPORARY POSTS WITH LOWER SALARIES SHALL BE PAID ON A SCALE APPLICABLE TO THE PERMANENT POST. (\*Original resolution reads UNION.)

(b) Study of a Bantu Language - 1962:

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA URGES UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SCIENCE AND PROVINCIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS THE DESIRABILITY THAT MORE PUPILS SHOULD STUDY A BANTU LANGUAGE, AND WITH A VIEW TO MAKING THIS FEASIBLE, FACILITIES SHOULD BE OFFERED AT TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF STUDENT TEACHERS IN THE METHOD OF TEACHING AT LEAST ONE BANTU LANGUAGE.

(c) Allocation from General Revenue to Bantu Education - 1961:  
(For submission to Department of Bantu Education with figures revised.)

BECAUSE OF THE GROWTH OF THE AFRICAN POPULATION AND IN PARTICULAR OF THE NUMBERS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOLS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA URGES THE GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF £6½ MILLION (R13 MILLION) ALLOCATED FROM GENERAL REVENUE TO BANTU EDUCATION.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
TRADES AND  
PROFESSIONS.

Mrs E. Cochrane moved the adoption of her annual report as printed. This was seconded by Mrs P. Murray (Laws and Suffrage) and formally accepted.

Mrs Cochrane explained why the paragraph deleted by the Board of Officers should be included. It referred to a questionnaire from her International Convener for which information was required by 1st March; she had neither considered it possible nor necessary to obtain this information since it was available from the International Labour Organisation.

Mrs Cochrane then presented a supplementary report.

RECOMMENDATION  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
TRADES AND  
PROFESSIONS.

Mrs Cochrane said she did not think women were accepting the challenge of equipping themselves for work but that they had little incentive to provide the brain power in commerce and industry on account of taxation.

The following recommendation had been made at the meeting of her Sectional Committee:

THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF FINANCE BE REQUESTED TO EXTEND THE CONCESSION GRANTED BY THE INCOME TAX AMENDMENT ACT OF 1965 BY INCREASING THE CEILING OF R8,000 TOTAL JOINT INCOME TO R12,000.

This was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
LAWS AND  
SUFFRAGE.

Mrs P. Murray proposed the adoption of her annual report as printed.

This was seconded by Mrs A. Saidman (Germiston Branch Council) and formally accepted.

MATTERS ARISING  
FROM MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
LAWS AND  
SUFFRAGE.

Liaison with Provincial Legislation Committees:

Mrs Murray said the impression was formed that closer liaison between the four committees was most necessary. She said that it should be the duty of the International Standing Committee Member for Laws and Suffrage to correlate the work of the four legislation committees and put forward the points on which all four provinces are in agreement.

A change of venue for meetings of the Cape Provincial Legislation Committee had been suggested and further consideration would be given to the matter by the members concerned.

Domicile in Matrimonial Cases:

This had been considered in view of the fact that deserted wives could only get redress in the country where the husband is domiciled. She said this was a complicated and technical matter about which she would seek other legal opinion before recommending action by Council.

Family Provision Bill:

This Bill, introduced by the Minister of Justice (Government Gazette, 8th September 1965) was extremely important. No comments had been made by the National Council of Women. The bill had not yet gone before Parliament and even at this late stage consideration would be given to suggestions. Mrs Murray undertook to study this bill with a view to representations being submitted on behalf of Council.

6.10 p.m.

SESSION CLOSED.

8 p.m.

An informal meeting was held to discuss the re-organisation of Council. (Record of this meeting will be found on pages 68-69).

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THIRD SESSION: THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH, 1967.

9 a.m.

The President opened the session with prayer.

PREAMBLE  
AND  
PLATFORM:

The Preamble and Platform were read in Afrikaans by Mrs Yvonne Searle, Proxy President, Mossel Bay Branch Council.

SCRUTINEERS

Mrs W. Smith and Mrs G. Nel were accepted.

ROLL CALL:

Alterations and additions to the attendance register were noted.

VOTING STRENGTH  
OF CONFERENCE:

The Honorary Treasurer, Mrs Walker, announced the total voting strength as 728 (unaltered from previous day).

Voting strength on domestic matters was 694 with a required two-thirds being 463 votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

After the Branch President, Mrs E.S. Mabile, had made certain announcements, the President called upon the First Vice-President, Mrs Wiley, to take the chair while she dealt with matters pertaining to International Relations and Peace.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS AND  
PEACE:

In presenting the annual report of Mrs J.K. Robertson, Mrs A.I. Mackenzie paid tribute to the work done by Mrs Robertson throughout her many years of dedicated service. Flowers and good wishes had been sent to Mrs Robertson as requested at the opening session of conference. She moved its adoption which was seconded by Mrs E. Cochrane (Trades and Professions) and formally accepted.

In seconding the report Mrs Cochrane also paid tribute to Mrs Robertson.

RECOMMENDATIONS  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS AND  
PEACE.

Mrs Mackenzie said that the meeting of this Sectional Committee had been a sad one with all feeling the great loss suffered by the enforced resignation of Mrs Robertson. She felt inadequate to take over her work but as such good foundations had been laid, she hoped she would be able to continue the work to the satisfaction of Council. A determined effort would be made to show appreciation of what had been done by Mrs Robertson.

Hospitality Committee:

It had been suggested at the thirty-second conference that the formation of a Hospitality Committee be considered. Mrs Robertson had given the matter serious consideration and had not thought it necessary that such a committee be formed. The members of the Sectional Committee had concurred and it was therefore recommended to the incoming Board of Officers that they continue as in the past, i.e. arrangements for visiting members of other Councils to be made by the Board of Officers in conjunction with the Branch Councils concerned.

This recommendation was accepted by Conference.

UNICEF Cards:

It was recommended that all Branch Councils consider active participation in a sales promotion campaign. It was suggested that an early start be made as the cards could be used for various purposes.

Mrs Mackenzie was empowered to communicate with Mrs S.Simon (the person responsible for the distribution of Unicef Cards) in connection with suggested publicity and execution of orders.

Mrs Mackenzie said that orders should be placed with:

Mrs S.Simon, 18 Greenways, Greenside, Johannesburg.

Goodwill Day, 18th May:

Mrs Mackenzie said there had been an interesting discussion about possible ways of observing Goodwill Day. One suggestion was that American Field Scholarship students be invited to talk about their experiences in America. These young people had much interesting information to impart. In this way international understanding would be promoted. It was noted that the Goodwill Message was of particular interest. Copies were distributed to delegates. Branch Councils were asked to ensure good press publicity and wide dissemination of the message.

The recommendation that Branch Councils consider suitable functions was accepted.

Patterns for Peacemaking:

With regard to the resolution put forward by the National Council of Women of the United States of America to the International Council of Women, it was recommended that as South Africa had neither the manpower nor the diplomatic position, the National Council of Women of South Africa refrain from comment.

International Tourist Year:

Mrs Mackenzie said 1967 had been designated "International Tourist Year". The Sectional Committee Meeting had considered this a useful opportunity to establish good relations between countries and therefore recommended that Branch Councils arrange addresses as a contribution to international understanding.

Mrs M. Preller said that before presenting her report she would like to make a much-needed apology for certain short-comings. She had not sent circulars as she had been able to cover her work without doing so; her other apologies had been made in a full discussion with the President.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
HOUSING.  
(Contd.)

She moved the adoption of her annual report as printed. This was seconded by Mrs T. McCallum (Pietermaritzburg Branch Council) and formally accepted.

In presenting a supplementary report, Mrs Preller referred to a new Bill concerned with Removal of Restrictions; this would ease the housing shortage by giving powers to administrators of the various provinces to over-ride town planning commissions in certain cases. She said she would summarise the final Act.

She asked Branch Councils to keep a close watch on local authorities to see that they held, and invested in, land for the future housing needs of each section of the community.

Several questions were asked to which Mrs Preller either replied or undertook to obtain the required information.

Mrs J. Webber (The National Council for the Care of Cripples in South Africa) drew attention to an excellent film on architectural hazards with reference to the handicapped and aged which could be loaned from the local committees.

Mrs Webber then asked whether representatives of national organisations could attend the meetings of Sectional Committees.

She said that if these representatives could vote at these meetings they must receive all the memoranda of the National Council of Women; they must know before hand what is to be discussed so that they can prepare information.

The President replied that the agenda, with motions for resolution, were sent to all national organisations. Representatives were welcome to attend the Sectional Committee Meetings.

RECOMMENDATIONS  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
HOUSING.

The following recommendations were accepted by conference:

(a) Caravan Parks:

That the International Standing Committee Member/National Adviser: Housing conduct a survey, with the assistance of Branch Councils, into the incidence of permanent residence in such parks. That an approach be made to the United Municipal Executive Committee for as much information as possible in this regard.

(b) Urban Renewal:

If the National Council of Women of South Africa is allowed to submit a memorandum to the Department of Housing and Community Development (as is the case with the Associated Chambers of Commerce) that this be prepared by the Board of Officers in consultation with the I.S.C. Member/National Adviser for Housing.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
MUSIC.

Mrs L. Lupton-Smith moved the adoption of her annual report as printed. This was seconded by Mrs E.V. Wroughton (Films) and formally accepted.

RECOMMENDATION  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
MUSIC.

Abatement of Noise:

The recommendation submitted by Mrs Lupton-Smith was considered and discussed. It was then accepted in the following form:

In view of the fact that excessive noise has been proved to have a detrimental effect on audio-sensitivity, physical and mental health, the National Council of Women of South Africa, in consultation and collaboration with the South African National Council for the Deaf, undertakes to initiate, as a major project, an Anti-Noise Campaign.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
ARTS.

Mrs G. Rice moved the adoption of the annual report, as printed, of the late Mrs W. Rhode's Harrison. This was seconded by Mrs L. Lupton-Smith (Music) and formally accepted.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
LETTERS.

Mrs Rice then moved the adoption of the annual report, as printed, of Mrs M. Dix who was unable to be present. This was seconded by Mrs M. Bakker (Radio and Television) and formally accepted.

RECOMMENDATION  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
LETTERS.

Mrs Rice said it had been decided at the triennial meeting of the International Council of Women in Tehran that books for children should be written and translated into different languages. It was felt that if stories for children could be written in South Africa, it would be good propaganda for the country. This suggestion would be referred to Mrs Dix.

Mrs Lupton-Smith said that many books for children were written by members of the Durban Writers' Club. She undertook to inform Mrs Dix.

The following recommendation was then approved:

That in view of the recommendation from the Convener of the Standing Committee, the National Council of Women of South Africa undertakes to participate in the exchange between countries, particularly the emerging countries of books for children.

Women writers to be approached with a view to the recording of folklore and writing of suitable stories for children.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
FILMS.

Mrs E.V. Wroughton presented her annual report as printed. This was seconded by Miss M. Simms (East London Branch Council) and formally accepted.

In the ensuing discussion Mrs S. Kroon (Graaff Reinet Branch Council) remarked on the high rate of taxation on films; also the profits taken by the distributors, particularly on films such as "The Sound of Music" when it amounted to as much as 60 to 75 per cent.

MOTION FOR  
RESOLUTION:

International Film Festival:

Mrs Wroughton proposed the adoption of the following motion:

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA, IN PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTERS OF THE INTERIOR, OF INFORMATION AND OF TOURISM TO SPONSOR AN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL.

This was seconded by Miss S. Kussel (Migration) and carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
FILMS.

Film About the Women of the Republic:

It was approved that Mrs Wroughton should continue with her plans to arouse interest in the making of a film about the women of the Republic.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
RADIO AND  
TELEVISION.

Mrs M. Bakker moved the adoption of her annual report as printed. This was seconded by Mrs E.V. Wroughton (Films) and formally adopted.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
RADIO AND  
TELEVISION.  
(Contd.)

In speaking to her report, Mrs Bakker referred to the phenomenal increase in quality and quantity of Radio Bantu. Radio RSA was also beginning to make an impact; it offered a twenty-four hour service of programmes covering the whole world.

MOTION FOR  
RESOLUTION:

Introduction of Television:

Mrs Bakker, on behalf of the Cape Town Branch Council, moved the adoption of the following motion:

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA, IN PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS TO EXTEND THE SERVICE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION BY THE INTRODUCTION OF TELEVISION.

Mrs E. Hudson (Education) in seconding the proposal concurred with Mrs Bakker's contention that television had great value as far as education was concerned. She said that provided it was controlled, television could only be for the good of all sections of the community.

Several speakers enlarged upon the advantages enumerated by Mrs Bakker.

Mrs M.E.Synge (representative Provincial Mothers' Union) said that as the majority of the population of this country were living below the bread line she felt the money could be better spent on education. She doubted the benefit of television to these people.

In concluding the discussion, Mrs Bakker said the Council was not asking for the impossible; all facilities were available and agreements had been signed some four to five years previously. She stressed the need to benefit from what had already been done so as to be in line with the rest of the world.

On being put to the vote, there was one vote recorded against the acceptance of the motion; twenty-two abstentions were recorded.

The motion was therefore carried.

RECOMMENDATION  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE;  
RADIO AND  
TELEVISION.

Radio Programmes:

Mrs Bakker submitted the following recommendation:

The Board of Officers, in consultation with the I.S.C. Member/National Adviser for Radio and Television, to refer the following suggestion to the Board of Governors, South African Broadcasting Corporation :-

The National Council of Women of South Africa, while appreciating the progressive advance in broadcasting in South Africa considers that there is room for a wider range of subjects and discussion and requests the South African Broadcasting Corporation:-

To set aside regular good-listening times, fortnightly or monthly, for panel discussion on civic and general policy matters, to be open to questions from the public and to be debated by members of all political parties.

To ensure free presentation of views of all political parties previous to important Parliamentary elections (for a period up to, but not including, a specific period before election.)



RECOMMENDATION  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
RADIO AND  
TELEVISION.  
(Contd.)

Mrs Cochrane (President Elect) expressed concern that recommendations were formulated at meetings of Sectional Committees instead of being circulated in advance.

It was pointed out that this recommendation arose out of discussions at the Sectional Committee Meeting and the constitution provided for the Board of Officers to deal with any matters within the framework of the policy of the Council.

After discussion it was agreed that the Board of Officers, in consultation with Mrs Bakker, refer the matter to the South African Broadcasting Corporation.

REPORT OF  
THE NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
SOIL CONSERVATION  
AND PRESERVATION  
OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES.

Mrs C. Rubidge moved the adoption of her annual report as printed. This was seconded by Mrs P. Murray (Laws and Suffrage) and formally accepted.

Mrs Murray said she considered the subject of soil conservation to be the most important of the conference. With the continuing growth of population, unless the soil was looked after, there would be more people than could be fed.

Dr V.C.J. McPherson (Health) said she had presented the views of the National Council of Women at a recent meeting of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

Mrs H.R. Keyter (Home Economics) paid tribute to the work done by Mrs Rubidge. She suggested that in order to conform with the terminology of the International Council of Women, this Sectional Committee should possibly be called the "Use and Mis-Use of Natural Resources". This being the name of the relevant sub-committee of the Standing Committee, Home Economics.

The President asked that a consideration of this suggestion be deferred until such time as a separate section was set up at international level.

Miss M. Howie (Cape Town Branch Council) said that in the Western Cape much valuable soil was lost through fires. Members were asked to consider means of prevention.

Mrs M.L. Lindsay (N.C.W. News) said that a suggestion had been made that posters be erected along highways and in Nature Resorts in an anti-litter campaign. She considered this a dreadful idea.

The President referred to correspondence with the various oil companies at the suggestion of the Port Alfred Branch Council and appealed to Branch Councils to do everything possible to make members litter conscious.

RECOMMENDATIONS  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
SOIL CONSERVATION  
AND PRESERVATION  
OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES.

Selective Grazing:

Mrs Rubidge said that as selective grazing was largely responsible for soil erosion, farmers were anxious to try new methods. The following recommendation had therefore been considered and was submitted for acceptance in plenary assembly:

That the Board of Officers make representations to the Honourable the Minister of Agricultural and Technical Services and of Water Affairs, in view of the growing interest in the non-selective grazing system of a maximum grazing period of two weeks, followed by a minimum rest of six weeks, to initiate experiments in this system in all colleges of agriculture in order to give direction in the suitable stocking rate during the two week grazing period, under varying conditions.

Appointment Special Consultant for the Use and Mis-Use of Natural Resources: -----

In spite of the fact that Mrs G. Klinck had been appointed, in Tehran, as the special consultant for the Use and Mis-

RECOMMENDATIONS  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
SOIL CONSERVATION  
AND PRESERVATION  
OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES.

Use of Natural Resources (under the Standing Committee, Home Economics) it was recommended, and agreed, that the National Council of Women of South Africa continue to ask for the creation of a separate Standing Committee. This matter to be again referred to the International Council of Women. The necessary resolution to be submitted for the meeting of the Executive Committee in London in September to ensure, if accepted, inclusion on the agenda for the next triennial meeting.

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Soil Conservation Week, April 1968:

The co-operation of Branch Council was requested.

12.45 p.m.

CONFERENCE ADJOURNED FOR LUNCHEON

2 p.m.

CONFERENCE REASSEMBLED IN PLENARY ASSEMBLY

SCRUTINEERS:

Mrs M. Barlow and Mrs J. Lovius were accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Greetings, Mrs N.B. Spilhaus, Life Vice-President, N.C.W.S.A:

A telegram was read from Mrs Spilhaus in which she acknowledged the telegram of greeting sent to her from the opening session and offering her good wishes for the success of the conference.

Illness, Representative South African Bureau of Standards:

Telegrams had been received from Mrs I. Rathbone and from the Director of the Bureau expressing regret that through the indisposition of Mrs Rathbone she was unable to be present at conference.

Mrs D.G. v.d. Westhuizen (Pretoria Branch Council) had been asked to give information about the S.A.B.S. Bulletin, the annual subscription for which was only 30 cents per annum and which, in future, would contain a special section of interest to the consumer. It was recommended that Branch Councils subscribe to this Bulletin.

ACCEPTANCE OF  
RESOLUTIONS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
OF APRIL 19TH:

The record of Resolutions and Recommendations accepted in plenary assembly on Wednesday, April 19th which had been distributed to the delegates during the course of the morning was then considered. After minor alterations in wording had been noted, the record was formally adopted.

REPORT OF  
THE NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

Mrs M. Kingwill moved the adoption of her annual report as printed. This was seconded by Mrs A. Saidman (Germiston Branch Council) and formally adopted.

Mrs Kingwill then referred to matters of importance contained in her supplementary report.

Arising from the discussion which followed, Mrs Kingwill said that a careful watch should be kept on the flats being built for Africans in Johannesburg. She stressed the need for attention to the signing of the pass books of domestic servants.

MOTION FOR  
RESOLUTION:

Separate Accommodation Bantu Juvenile Offenders:

Mrs I. Holloway (Port Alfred Branch Council) moved the adoption of the following motion:

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA, IN PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, APPRECIATING THE FACT THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT TO KEEP ALL ALLEGED JUVENILE OFFENDERS SEPARATED FROM ADULT OFFENDERS, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT TO EXPEDITE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY.

This was seconded by Mrs A. Saidman (Germiston Branch Council) and on being put to the vote was carried unanimously.

MOTION FOR  
RESOLUTION:

Free School Books for Children of Bantu Women in Receipt of  
Maintenance Grants: -----

Mrs E. McLintock (Port Elizabeth Branch Council) proposed the adoption of the following motion:

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA, IN  
PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE  
HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE FREE SCHOOL BOOKS FOR THE  
CHILDREN OF BANTU WOMEN IN RECEIPT OF MAINTENANCE  
GRANTS, AS IS THE CASE WITH CHILDREN OF OTHER RACES.

This was seconded by Mrs E. Hudson (Education).

Several speakers showed the need for the provision of school books for these children. Mrs A. de Villiers (S.A. National Council for Child Welfare) said the solution would be an increase in the grant of R13 million allocated from General Revenue to Bantu Education.

On being put to the vote the resolution was carried unanimously.

MATTER ARISING  
FROM MEETING  
OF SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

Profits from sale of Liquor and Beer:

Mrs Kingwill reported on the discussion which had taken place at the meeting of her Sectional Committee in connection with the allocation of profits from the sale of liquor and beer in the African Townships.

Mrs Cochrane (Trades and Professions) said that there was much information available from the S.A. Institute of Race Relations.

It was agreed, after due consideration, that Mrs Kingwill give further attention to the matter before suggesting action to the Board of Officers.

REPORT OF  
THE NATIONAL  
ADVISED:  
COLOURED AFFAIRS:

Mrs J.M. Grieve (Proxy, National Adviser, Coloured Affairs) proposed the adoption of Mrs W.F. Grant's annual report as printed. This was seconded by Mrs E. Hudson (Education) and formally accepted.

Mrs Grieve referred to the acute shortage of housing; reports had been received of good housing schemes, but these were far from places of work. She said that due to legislation a number of coloured people had left the country, particularly teachers, doctors and nurses and this was regretted.

Mrs Hudson said that there had been an encouraging increase in the number of schools being built, but with the increase in population there were still difficulties and there was no compulsory education. Teacher's salaries, she said, were much lower than those of Europeans.

MOTION FOR  
RESOLUTION:

Increase in Grant-in-Aid. Nursery Schools for Coloured Children:

Miss E. Simms (East London Branch Council) moved the adoption of the following motion:

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA, IN  
PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE  
HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF COLOURED AFFAIRS, IN VIEW  
OF THE RISE IN THE COST OF LIVING, TO INCREASE THE  
GRANT-IN-AID PAYABLE TO SUBSIDISED NURSERY SCHOOLS FOR  
COLOURED CHILDREN.

This was seconded by Miss L.M. Mackenzie (Child and Family) and on being put to the vote was carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the National Council of Women of South Africa would seek the support of the Nursery School Association of South Africa in the implementation of this resolution.

RECOMMENDATIONS  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
COLOURED  
AFFAIRS.

Appreciation of Service of Mrs W.F. Grant:

The following tribute to Mrs Grant was submitted from the Sectional Committee Meeting and accepted by conference:

The National Council of Women of South Africa, in plenary council assembled, expresses regret that the National Adviser for Coloured Affairs, Mrs W.F. Grant, has found it necessary to resign from office.

Council, of which she is a Life Vice-President, records its deep appreciation of her devoted, unstinted and unbroken service to it for over forty years. Apart from her fine record of service in her own Branch in Cape Town, Mrs Grant has acted as President of the National Council of Women of South Africa, she was a foundation member and is still a member of the Editorial Board of N.C.W. News; she was the International Standing Committee Member for what was formerly termed Suffrage and Equal Citizenship and latterly the National Adviser for Coloured Affairs. In the International Council of Women, Mrs Grant's ability was recognised by her election for five successive triennial periods as Vice Convener of its Education Standing Committee.

Council looks forward to Mrs Grant's continued advice and assistance.

The following recommendations were then submitted and it was agreed that they be discussed at the post-Conference meeting of the Executive Committee:

- i. That recommendations accepted by conference be listed as are the resolutions of conference.
- ii. That the post-Conference meeting of the Executive Committee draws some distinction between resolutions and recommendations and guidance be given as to what action may or may not be taken arising from the latter.

REPORT OF  
THE I.S.C.  
MEMBER/NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
PRESS AND  
PUBLIC RELATIONS.

Mrs G. Rice moved the adoption of her annual reports (as printed) as Publicity Officer and as the International Standing Committee Member/National Adviser for Press and Public Relations. These were seconded by Dr D.M. Brodie (Social Welfare) and formally accepted.

In speaking to her supplementary report, Mrs Rice concluded with a plea that no publicity should be sought for the Council without careful consideration.

Tribute was paid to Mrs Rice for the work she had done during the past eighteen months.

4 p.m.

CONFERENCE ADJOURNED to enable delegates to attend the Tea Party given by His Worship the Mayor and the City Council of Bloemfontein in the City Hall.

8 p.m.

CONFERENCE REASSEMBLED IN PLENARY ASSEMBLY.

RECORD OF  
MEETINGS OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEES:

The President appealed to all International Standing Committee Members and National Advisers to ensure that the Minutes of their Sectional Committee meetings were submitted to her before their departure from Bloemfontein. These would then be included with the Minutes of Conference and sent to all delegates.

SCRUTINEERS:

Miss D.G. Hopewell and Mrs G. Harwood were accepted.

REPORT OF  
THE NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
ASIAN AFFAIRS.

Mrs L. Lupton-Smith, acting as proxy for Dr K.N. Ginwala, presented her annual report as printed. This was seconded by Dr D.M. Brodie (Social Welfare) and formally accepted.

REPORT OF  
THE NATIONAL  
ADVISER:  
ASIAN AFFAIRS.  
(Contd.)

In seconding the report, Dr Brodie paid a tribute to Dr Ginwala's work for the Indian community.

In answer to a question by Mrs E. Bolton (Johannesburg Branch Council) with regard to the matter of exploitation by the authorities in the expropriation of property for purposes of development, the President said the matter could not be dealt with then and that the omission from the minutes of the thirty-second conference should have been mentioned earlier. On the suggestion of Mrs Cochrane (President Elect) it was approved that this matter be referred to the Board of Officers.

RECOMMENDATION  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
ASIAN AFFAIRS.

School Feeding Scheme:

A telegram had been received from Dr Ginwala asking for the acceptance of a resolution requesting the Director of Indian Education to re-instate the school feeding scheme in Natal until such time as an effective scheme is substituted. This matter had been considered at the meeting of the Sectional Committee.

Miss L.M. Mackenzie (Child and Family) said she thought that certain responsibilities of this nature, which had previously come under the provinces, were now dealt with nationally - in this case by the Department of Indian Affairs.

It was approved that the Board of Officers make the necessary representations.

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The President, in a concise report of the meeting, gave the following information:

Theme: Ancient Values in Modern Setting:

The purpose of the meeting was to review the work of the past three years and to adopt a programme for the forthcoming period.

Venue:

The meetings were held in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The hostess council was the High Council of Women's Associations of Iran under the presidency of H.I.H. Princess Ashraf Pahlavi.

Delegation from National Council of Women of South Africa:

Mesdames A.I. Mackenzie, Hugh Wiley and G. Rice	(Board of Officers)
Mesdames E.V. Wroughton, M. Bakker, V.C. Davie, M. Stoy and Miss M. Dick	(Cape Town)
Mrs H. Ruggier	(Durban)
Dr N. Russell and Miss I. Dick	(East London)
Mrs P. McIntyre	(George)
Miss S. Kussel	(Johannesburg)
Mrs A. du Toit Naude and Mrs B. Simon	(Kroonstad)
Miss M. Fitchen and Mrs D. Mackenzie	(Krugersdorp)

The President extended the gratitude of Council to the delegates who had given of their time and had attended the conference at their own expense.

Meetings:

There had been meetings of the Board of Officers of the International Council of Women, of the Executive Committee, of the Standing Committees (where resolutions were discussed and programmes of work prepared for the coming period) and of the Plenary Assembly.

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### Reports:

The reports of the Conveners of Standing Committees, of Councils affiliated to the International Council of Women, of I.C.W. representations, International Co-operation Year and the Council Twinning Programme provided a wealth of material and reflected active participation in the Decade of Development.

It was gratifying to record the appreciation with which the International President, Mrs Mary Craig Schuller-McGeachy, received the report of the National Council of Women of South Africa (These reports will all be included in the Triennial Report).

### Elections:

Mrs Schuller was unanimously re-elected President.

The following members of the National Council of Women of South Africa were elected as Vice-Conveners of Standing Committees:

Mrs M. Poole (Johannesburg):	Finance (re-elected)
Mrs E.V. Wroughton (Cape Town):	Films
Mrs M. Preller (Johannesburg):	Housing
Miss S. Kussel (Johannesburg):	Migration.

### International Exhibition of Handicrafts:

A request had been made to Council countries for handicrafts. The generous response from members of the National Council of Women of South Africa had ensured a worthwhile South African contribution. The proceeds from the sale of these articles had resulted in a satisfactory donation to I.C.W. funds.

### Seminars:

These had been arranged to show some of the essential elements of social growth and were an important part of the conference;

- i. Literacy - A Social Experience (with practical demonstrations in Literacy Centres in Iran).
- ii. Women in Modern Life and Thought
- iii. Handicrafts - A factor in Community Development (Copies of the addresses delivered at these seminars are available)

### New Affiliations:

The Affiliation of the following Councils was accepted:

Bahamas, Barbados, Guatemala, Malta,  
 Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

### Resolutions:

The thought influencing all resolutions was to ensure the effective participation of women in public life; overcoming their reluctance and other social factors that keep them away; to ensure also the promotion of women to senior posts in civil services, encouraging their interest for higher and wider responsibilities. (These had already been sent to all members of the Executive Committee and to Branch Councils for consideration and implementation).

### Finance:

It was noted that the subscription to the International Council of Women had been raised from 250 to 500 Swiss francs and that the National Council of Women of South Africa had pledged 7% of its income as a voluntary contribution.

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Practical financial support would be given by enthusiastic promotion of:

- i. Sale of "Women in a Changing World" (the history of the International Council of Women since its inception in 1888).
- ii. Individual Membership: Life Member, Patrons and International Contributor. (Information about the three categories of membership had already been sent to all Branch Councils).
- iii. Newsletter: The need for more subscribers was stressed.
- iv. Marie Helene Lefauchaux Memorial Fund.
- v. International Day, 31st March: It was approved that all Branch Councils would observe this each year on a convenient date as near to March 31st. (The International Council of Women was established on March 31st 1888).  
The proceeds of fund-raising on these occasions to go to the International Council of Women.

Mrs Mackenzie expressed on her own behalf, and that of Mrs Wiley and Mrs Rice, sincere thanks to Miss L.M. Mackenzie who had taken charge of the office during their absence and to Mrs Deane, the second Vice-President, who had so ably assisted her.

The President's report concluded with her thanks to Council for the opportunity afforded her of attending this interesting, informative and well-arranged meeting. She said how deeply conscious she was of her privilege in leading the delegation from South Africa.

Mrs Cochrane (President Elect) in thanking Mrs Mackenzie for her report, expressed appreciation of the manner in which she had led the delegation.

Several questions were asked and in the ensuing discussion the following points were stressed in connection with attendance at meetings:

- i. The desirability of the attendance of the Vice-Conveners and the International Standing Committee Members.
- ii. In the event of non-attendance it was of the utmost importance that their representatives be thoroughly briefed.
- iii. International Standing Committee Members were not entitled to appoint proxies. Delegates merely acted as their representatives.

RATIFICATION  
OF  
RESOLUTIONS:

The resolutions adopted in plenary assembly in Tehran were then presented for formal ratification, having been previously referred to Branch Councils in the President's Circular: No 4/1966, 17th October, 1966.

Each resolution was carefully considered and referred to the relevant International Standing Committee Member for implementation.

The resolutions were then duly accepted.

MEETING  
OF EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee would be held in London from September 4th to 9th. It was noted that the President was a member of the Executive Committee. Any Individual Contributor could attend as an observer.

Mrs Mackenzie enlarged upon the benefit to Council of the President's attendance at this meeting.

GIFT TO  
INTERNATIONAL  
COUNCIL OF  
WOMEN:

Mrs E. Myer, President of the Boksburg Branch Council, then presented a cheque for R28.00 for the International Council of Women. This amount had been raised at their first Founder's Day function. This was accepted with applause.

10.30 p.m.

SESSION CLOSED

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FOURTH SESSION: FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST.

9 a.m.

The President, Mrs Mackenzie, opened the session with prayer.

PREAMBLE  
AND  
PLATFORM:

The Preamble and Platform were read in English by Mrs E.S.Mabille, President of the Bloemfontein Branch Council.

ROLL CALL:

Alterations and additions to the attendance register were noted.

VOTING  
STRENGTH OF  
CONFERENCE:

The Honorary Treasurer, Mrs Walker, announced the total voting strength as 702. 468 votes would therefore be required for a motion to be carried (with 13 Branch Councils voting in favour).

Voting strength on domestic matters was 676 with a required two-thirds being 451 votes.

SCRUTINEERS:

Mrs W. Smith and Mrs L. Smetham were accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

After the Branch President, Mrs E.S. Mabille, had made her announcements, the President referred to the death of Mr J.F. Huber, husband of the representative of the South African Legion, Women's Auxiliary. Condolences would be conveyed to Mrs Huber.

She then read the letter just received from the South African Airways in acknowledgment of the message of sympathy from Council on the occasion of the tragic loss of Viscount ZS-CVA "Rietbok" near East London on Monday, March 13th 1967.

ACCEPTANCE OF  
RESOLUTIONS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
OF APRIL 20TH:

The record of Resolutions and Recommendations accepted in plenary assembly on Thursday, April 20th which had been distributed to the delegates was then considered. After minor alterations had been noted, the record was formally adopted.

REPORT OF  
THE HONORARY  
ARCHIVIST:

Mrs E.E. Monro moved the adoption of her annual report as printed. This was seconded by Mrs E. Hudson (Education) and formally accepted.

Mrs Cochran (President Elect) suggested that the name should be changed from Honorary Archivist to National Archivist as all office bearers served in an honorary capacity.

Mrs Mackenzie said it was designated "Honorary Archivist" in the Constitution. It was agreed that this suggestion receive further consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS  
ARISING FROM  
MEETING OF  
SECTIONAL  
COMMITTEE:  
ARCHIVES.

Mrs Monro said much interest had been shown in the proposed broadsheet entitled "The Branch Archivist, What She is and What She Does".

She stressed the importance of the safe custody of records and said she would be pleased to take over any files which seemed, to Branch Councils or Corresponding Members, to be redundant.

Mrs Monro said she hoped to work out a system of Branch filing in co-operation with one of the Reef Branch Councils so that the practical problems of Branch filing could be met "in situ" for the benefit of all Branch Councils. She received several offers of assistance.



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