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The primary objects of the WILPF remain : total and universal disarmament, the abolition of violent means of coercion for the settlement of conflicts, the substitution in every case of some form of peaceful settlement, and the development of a world organisation for the political, social and economic co-operation of peoples.

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FOREWORD

The history of mankind records many tyrannies, but perhaps none more dominating than the nuclear weapon threat.

This new method of warfare, which is the inexorably logical consequence of reliance upon the method of war, has become a tyranny which overshadows the nations, and therefore the words "peace and freedom" take on a deeper significance even than in the First World War, when the WILPF came into existence.

In this country there is still freedom to condemn, criticise and advise governments. This is the work that the WILPF has always undertaken and, through its various committees the British Section acts as a sentinel upon whose wakefulness and vigilance life itself may depend.

That there is no major war actually taking place does not mean that there is peace in the world. Peace means much more than the absence of war; it means the presence of over-riding goodwill in all negotiations, and in all aspects of international affairs.

The year's work detailed in this report may seem of small importance if set against the immensity of the problems in the world today; but it cannot be known where the seed that is sown may flower, and unless it is sown there can be no flowering. Sowing the seed is the work to which we have set our hands, and it must go on.

SYBIL MORRISON.

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE.—Six meetings have been held during the year. A two-day extended Executive at the end of September was attended by about fifty members from Headquarters and Branches. Discussions took place on Unilateral Disarmament and a United Nations Police Force. Reports of the International Executive meeting at Geneva in September were given by the two British consultative members, Mrs. Nuttall and Mrs. Tiller.

At the February meeting Mrs. Doris Gundry was appointed to represent the WILPF on a delegation of British peace organisations which is to visit Moscow in May, 1958, at the invitation of the Soviet Peace Committee.

PARLIAMENTARY.—Mrs. Mary Nuttall served as Chairman until March, when she left for a visit to the United States. The Chairmanship has since been divided between the two Vice-Chairmen, Mrs. Peat and Mrs. Weiss. The Committee has continued to meet weekly, with only short breaks during Parliamentary recesses, and once a month at the House of Commons by invitation of Mrs. Joyce Butler, M.P.

In September Miss Greet Sluiter, a Dutch social worker, spoke to the Committee on rehabilitation work amongst the Kikuyu in Kenya; in October Mr. Eric Tucker, Secretary of the Friends Peace Committee, gave a talk on the situation in the Middle East; and in March, 1958, Lady Street described conditions amongst Australian Aborigines.

PUBLICITY.—Chairman: Mrs. Florence Pettit. The Committee has met twice during the year. An advertisement was inserted in the *British Weekly* in June, with little response. Drafts have been prepared, and photographs selected, for a pictorial give-away leaflet which is now in the press.

RACE RELATIONS.—Chairman: Miss M. Dickinson. The Committee met in conjunction with the extended Executive Committee in September. London members arranged an International Party at the Alliance Hall in October, which was an outstanding success. Over ninety guests attended, representing eighteen nationalities, and were entertained with songs and dances by Victoria Kingsley and Lilian Harmel, one of our members. Several new members were gained.

EDUCATION.—Chairman: Miss H. Walmesley. Although no complete survey has been made during the year on the basis of a questionnaire, interesting and significant material has been contributed by Branches and individual members on the following main questions:—

1. The inclusion of subjects dealing with International Affairs in the programmes of local education authorities for further education; it was noted that an otherwise comprehensive list of subjects could omit these altogether, while WEA lists showed the inclusion of international subjects both ancient and modern.

2. Educational progress overseas and in UK Dependencies. The appallingly low percentage of women students was noted; also the need for wider opportunities of professional work, especially in Science and Technology, and for adequate preparation of girls in these fields.

3. Opportunities for professional international service generally, including that in the United Nations, and the extension of educational facilities in preparation for such service at home and abroad.

A UNESCO Conference in India on "The New Literacy" aroused great interest, and a letter was sent to the Director-General regretting the exclusion of China proper from the conference.

Members have been concerned with the question of the access of women to fundamental and higher education, as a basic need in securing equal opportunities in all fields; and with adjustments in industry consequent upon automation and rapidly advancing technology generally.

During 1957 interest has been revived in County Colleges and this development is now advocated by the largest teachers' organisation.

The exchange of pictures under the "Art for World Friendship" scheme has continued to grow. Many "picture" friends now write to each other, and a pleasing development has been the gifts of seed packets from Mrs. Muller. The flowers from these, it is hoped, will provide more drawings for exchange and make an even wider circle of friends.

THE YEAR'S WORK

The year has shown steady progress over a wide range of activities rather than concentration on any specific issue. The problem of Disarmament in all its aspects, from cessation of nuclear tests to the ultimate aim of abolition of all weapons, was prominent in our discussions and action.

Headquarter membership increased slightly, with 332 paid-up members recorded at the end of 1957. Branch membership remained level at around 850.

Regional conferences have come to be an important feature in the work of the Branches. Two successful conferences were organised in the autumn: in Liverpool, where the guest speaker was Mr. C. W. W. Greenidge, Director of the Anti-Slavery Society; and at Croydon, where Dr. Rita Hinden spoke on Asian problems. It is regretted that, owing to illness and removals, Coventry Branch has had to discontinue activities. The formation of a new Merseyside Branch at Birkenhead continues the trend of decentralisation from the city of Liverpool, where a central committee will maintain co-ordination in the area. Cheadle Hulme has now linked up with Manchester.

Circular letters to National Sections from the International Chairman have again provided valuable guidance on international affairs; additional copies are now made available to individual subscribers. Direct reports on the United Nations have been received from Miss Gertrude Baer in Geneva and Mrs. Adelaide Baker in New York.

It is regretted that pressure of space makes it impossible to give a detailed account of the many interesting and important activities undertaken at local level by the Branches, but a brief mention may be made of some of these. Fund-raising activities have included jumble sales, films, travel talks and a concert. Valuable work is done in contacts with overseas students, particularly in Glasgow, North Wales and Oxford, where the Branch arranged a meeting for two of the first six Russian students to come and study there; about 100 people attended, with the Principal of Ruskin College in the Chair. The Childwall Study Group has continued organised by the Council of Christians and Jews.

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to meet at two to three week intervals. Several Branches have supplied speakers to other organisations; Bradford has been specially active in this respect. A Manchester member addressed a conference of secondary school boys and girls at the University,

A report of action taken by the Section on major issues, both nationally and in the Branches, is given below.

DISARMAMENT

In July a memorandum drawn up by the Parliamentary Committee was sent to the leader of the Opposition, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, with a request for a deputation; this was not granted. The statement urged consideration of the following points:—

- (1) Unconditional abandonment of all weapons of mass destruction.
- (2) Plans for re-deployment of resources.
- (3) Plans for bringing democratic self-government and economic aid to Colonial areas.
- (4) Education of public opinion towards acceptance of total disarmament and examination of non-violent resistance as an alternative defence policy.

A copy of the memorandum was later sent to the Labour Peace Fellowship.

Correspondence was addressed to the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary concerning the Government's attitude to the H-bomb and nuclear tests. The League was represented on the National Council for Abolition of Nuclear Weapon Tests, and members took part in the women's "Black Sash" march through London in May. Branches were particularly active on this issue, in co-operation with local committees.

The Section is supporting the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, at the same time expressing our view that this is only a step towards the goal of total disarmament. North Wales Branch is making a special study of Disarmament this year.

Protests were sent to the Prime Minister in February from HQ and several Branches against the proposed establishment of missile bases in Britain.

UNITED NATIONS

During the summer recess the Parliamentary Committee prepared a policy statement on matters within the scope of the United Nations, which was circulated to the UK delegates at the opening of the 12th General Assembly in September. The issues dealt with were: Disarmament, UN Police Force, China, Middle East, South Africa, Refugees, Status of Women, Technical Assistance, International Law and Slavery.

As an affiliated organisation of the Standing Conference on Economic and Social Work of the United Nations (Sceswun), the League has co-operated in resolutions to the Government on Human Rights, Slavery, Status of Women, Refugees in Europe and Hong Kong, Right of Asylum and Technical Assistance. London members have attended Working Groups on Human Rights, Refugees, Status of Women and Technical Assistance.

The action of HM Government in withdrawing from the "optional clause" of the Statute of the International Court of Justice was strongly criticised. A member was able to raise the matter in the UNA Women's Advisory Council, from which it was referred to the UNA Executive Committee.

The conference on Law of the Sea which opened in Geneva in February aroused great interest, and letters were addressed to the Foreign Secretary from July, 1957, urging the UK to support this conference; this assurance was given. Both the British Section and the WILPF International then pressed for the strengthening of Articles 27 and 48, concerning respectively freedom of the high seas and pollution of the high seas. It was hoped thereby to make illegal the holding of nuclear tests at sea. At the time of writing the conference is still proceeding.

Birmingham Branch held a series of lectures on the organisation and functions of the United Nations and its agencies. Orpington pressed, through its M.P., for an increase in the British contribution to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.

REFUGEES

In letters to the Government, written on our own initiative or by Sceswun with our support, we have pressed for:—

(1) The victims of Nazi concentration camps: that when compensation is given there shall be no racial discrimination. On this question an appeal was also made to the German Government.

(2) The right of asylum: asking for a positive reply to the French declaration at the Human Rights Commission.

(3) An extension of the mandate of the High Commissioner for Refugees for ten years. A letter on this question was printed in the *Daily Telegraph* and *The Economist*. At the General Assembly extension was granted for five years from January, 1959.

(4) The intensification of efforts to find permanent solutions for refugees. A resolution to this effect was passed at the General Assembly, setting out increased activities for the future.

A letter to the Foreign Secretary in December drew attention to two urgent problems; the closing of the camps in Europe and the transportation of European refugees from China; a special gift was asked for in both cases. In reply it was stated that HM Government would make a special contribution of £100,000, payable in 1959, for intensification of the High Commissioner's programme. As regards assistance to refugees from China, although the UK is not a member of the Inter-Governmental Committee of European Migration, it was stated in February that £25,000 would be contributed subject to Parliamentary approval.

A scheme to commemorate the centenary in 1960 of Jane Addams' birth, by WILPF sponsorship of a small housing project for refugees in camp in Austria, was suggested by Mrs. Adelaide Baker, our UN Consultant in New York. The British Section is considering how it might share in the project, prior to the meeting of the International Executive in August, 1958, when a final decision on the scheme will be made.

Branches have been active locally in collecting money and clothing for refugees. Members in Edinburgh and Glasgow are assisting in the current Scottish campaign, and Childwall is contributing towards the upkeep of a refugee. Worthing helped to organise a holiday for twelve refugees from Brunswick.

AFRICAN AFFAIRS

The situation in the **Central African Federation** has been continually under review. A letter was sent to the Colonial Secretary in April, 1957, urging that the policy of "racial partnership" should be upheld by HM Government. Appreciation of the visit of the Queen Mother to the Federation to open the multi-racial university at Salisbury in July was expressed in letters to Her Majesty both before and after her journey. Several Branches are subscribing to journals for the library of this university. Manchester, Merseyside, North Wales and Orpington have contributed towards the cost of education for African students at Mrs. Coleman's evening school in Bulawayo.

When the Constitution Amendment Bill came before Parliament in November, the League joined in the widespread protests against the British Government's action in setting aside the views of the African Affairs Board that the Bill was a "differentiating measure" against Africans. A letter was sent to the Colonial Secretary and the Commonwealth Relations Office urging HM Government to defer any constitutional amendment until the review of the Federal Constitution in 1960.

The question of granting sites to South Africa for the establishment of radar stations in the **High Commission Territories** without the consent of the inhabitants was raised with the Government in September. In reply, it was stated that there was no alteration in the agreement previously made with South Africa for such facilities.

ANTARCTICA

The internationalisation of the uninhabited Polar Regions has been advocated by the WILPF for many years and is a particular concern of our International President, Emily Greene Balch. The advent of the International Geophysical Year in 1958 and the Commonwealth expeditions to the Antarctic have brought the subject to the forefront of public interest.

A letter was sent to the Prime Minister on his return from his Commonwealth tour in February, suggesting that the United Kingdom should bring the matter before the United Nations in order to safeguard the Antarctic region from potential conflict and ensure that its vast resources should be developed for the benefit of all nations.

A reply was received welcoming the support of the WILPF towards this end, but putting the view that any discussions would have to be held in the first place between the countries principally concerned in Antarctica, many of which "feel very strongly about their sovereignty over what they regard as their Antarctic possessions".

A letter was also sent to our New Zealand Section in March, supporting the proposals made by Mr. Nash that the question should be put on the UN agenda, and to the International Chairman urging that other Sections should be asked to make similar representations.

CIVIL DEFENCE

The WVS campaign to get "One-in-Five" women into Civil Defence, which was brought to the notice of the Parliamentary Committee by Croydon Branch, was strongly criticised in a letter sent by our Chairman to Lady Reading in October. Following her reply, which did not seem to meet the points raised, a second letter was sent in December. This was circulated to Branches for action, resulting in letters in the press and debates with the local WVS and other women's organisations.

SLAVERY

Thanks to the initiative of Mrs. Mary Nuttall, the attention of the Section was drawn to the increase of slavery in the world since the Second World War and the need for action to eradicate this evil. Mr. Greenidge, Director of the Anti-Slavery Society, addressed meetings in London and Liverpool, following which letters were sent to the Foreign Secretary urging that Britain should initiate steps at the United Nations to set up supervisory machinery in order to implement the Anti-Slavery Conventions.

Whilst adhering to its view that such action was not at present necessary, the Government did state in February its intention to send to the Secretary-General "copies of such laws, regulations and administrative measures as may be brought into force to carry out the provisions of the Supplementary Convention in the territories for which we are responsible".

Childwall Branch discussed the question in its Study Group and Worthing has joined the Anti-Slavery Society as a Branch. Croydon and Hampstead sent resolutions to the Foreign Office.

STATUS OF WOMEN

The appointment in November of Miss Ruth Tomlinson, M.B.E., as United Kingdom delegate to the United Nations Status of Women Commission was warmly welcomed. Miss Tomlinson was one of the nominees for this post submitted to the Foreign Office by Sceswun. Thanks are due to Mrs. Joyce Butler, M.P., for her co-operation in pressing the Government to consider the views of women's organisations when making the appointment.

Following publication of the Wolfenden Report on Homosexual Offences and Prostitution, the League joined with other women's organisations in protesting to the Home Secretary about the legal discriminations against women in the report's recommendations concerning prostitution. Members of the Parliamentary Committee participated in a deputation to Mr. R. A. Butler in January, organised by the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene.

Several Branches have also studied this question, and Professor Lyon Blease of Liverpool University spoke to Childwall members on some of the legal aspects.

LONDON MEETINGS

The monthly lunch-meetings at the Friends International Centre have continued to be well-supported through the year. Special thanks are due to Miss Gill and other members of the Social Committee for the excellent catering arrangements.

Subjects and speakers were as follows:—

- Mrs. Mary Fernau—A Personal Impression of the United States.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Tapper—Work at WILPF International Headquarters in Geneva.
- Dr. Rita Hinden—Reflections on an Asian Journey.
- Miss Vera Brittain—America Since McCarthy.
- Mrs. Joyce Butler, M.P.—The H-Bomb and Peace.
- Mrs. Jessie Power—The Black Sash Movement.
- Mr. C. W. W. Greenidge—Slavery in the World Today.
- Miss Janet Lacey—The World Refugee Problem.
- Miss M. Chave Collisson—The Law and certain Sexual Offences.
- Mr. Fred Moorhouse—International Implications of Polar Exploration.
- Lady Mayer—Ceylon and the Afro-Asian Women's Conference.
- Mr. Henry Osborne, M.P.—The Anatomy of Peace.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

Miss Margaret Tims, after giving four years of excellent service to the League as General Secretary, resigned her post in February, 1958. Her work and personality have made an indelible impression throughout the Section and she leaves with the good wishes of all for her new spheres of activity. In addition to the regular work Miss Tims has edited the news sheet *Peace and Freedom*. This has again been sent to all members free of charge and has proved to be excellent propaganda for attracting outsiders and keeping the membership in touch with the work of the League.

Mrs. Jean Anderson, her successor, has worked for twelve years with the National Adult School Union and is already known to some members. She received a warm welcome at the April Executive.

Mrs. Rimmer continues to take charge of the accounts, which under her skilful management have ceased to present insoluble problems.

Miss Gill gives regular voluntary help throughout the year and has become indispensable to the smooth working of the office routine.

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AFFILIATIONS

The following organisations are affiliated to Headquarters:—

- London Congregational Union Women's League.
- Peckham Women's Co-operative Guild.
- Winchmore Hill Women's Adult School.

The League is affiliated nationally to:—

- British Commonwealth League; Crusade for World Government; National Peace Council; No Conscription Council; SCESWUN; Status of Women Committee; UNA Women's Advisory Council; Women's Council for India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

ANNUAL COUNCIL, 1958

The Annual Council took place at Elfinward, Haywards Heath, on 9th—12th May.

The following resolutions were passed:—

DISARMAMENT.

This Annual Council of the WILPF urges HM Government to take the initiative immediately in calling the Great Powers to a series of Summit Meetings at regular intervals (say once every six months) in order to discuss outstanding problems of disarmament in terms of action, national and international.

In the interim it urges HM Government to—

- (i) order the cessation of all tests of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.
- (ii) stop the establishment of nuclear missile bases in this country and ban the flying over UK of planes carrying nuclear bombs, assembled or otherwise.
- (iii) stop the making and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and means of delivery of such weapons; and offer, unilaterally, to permit international inspection as evidence of good faith in this matter, all present stockpiles to be dismantled and the fissionable material in them to be used for peaceful purposes only.
- (iv) make utmost peaceful efforts to discourage the acquisition of nuclear weapons and of means of delivery thereof by other States.
- (v) establish a Ministry of Peace whose function would be to seek co-operation among nations by social, cultural and economic means; steadily to reduce all forms of military stores and organisation in this country and to budget instead for public works and measures of social welfare at home and abroad; and publish plans for re-deployment, bearing in mind the large number of persons now employed in arms production.

NUCLEAR POWER FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

This Annual Council of the WILPF urges HM Government to use the unrivalled opportunity to be created by recent developments in science and technology to advance, in the way best suited to their particular geographical and economic circumstances, the living standards in technically under-developed area of the world. This would replace world-wide fear and cynicism by hope and belief in the inherent dignity and worth of man.

RADIO-ACTIVE POLLUTION.

This Annual Council urges HM Government that the results of surveys on a comprehensive scale for the detection of air, water and soil pollution from radio-active fall-out from any source, including radio-active waste material, shall be published as public information.

A NEUTRAL ZONE IN EUROPE.

Considering that the peoples of Europe should have a say in their own future, the WILPF urges the United Nations through our accredited representatives to take the initiative (i) in approaching the Governments of all European countries with the object of obtaining their wishes and opinions on a neutral and demilitarised zone in Central Europe; and (ii) to arrange, if possible through the good offices of the UN and under its supervision, plebiscites in the countries to come within this zone.

TECHNICAL AID.

Believing that full co-operation with OEEC in the Technical Aid Programme of the UN offers the most ameliorative step towards settlement of the Middle East problem, this Annual Council of the WILPF urges HM Government to support in ECOSOC and in the Council of Europe the provision and maintenance of clear water supplies for the countries of the Eastern Mediterranean, by giving adequate economic and technical aid to projects designed towards this end.

APARTHEID.

This Annual Council deplores the fact that the UK continues to support South Africa when the question of Apartheid is discussed in the United Nations Assembly. It urges HM Government to be consistent in its opposition to racial discrimination anywhere by making it clear that Britain does not approve of the policy of apartheid.

UN CHARTER.

This Annual Council believes that the time for a review of the UN Charter in the light of the newest scientific discoveries for good and evil has become appropriate. We would especially urge that—

- (i) Membership of the United Nations should be made universal.
- (ii) A permanent UN Peace Force be set up, recruited from countries other than permanent members of the Security Council, owing allegiance to and being paid by the UN.
- (iii) The United Nations should take over control of Antarctica, and consider how best the Open Sea and the Earth's Atmosphere can be utilised for the benefit of all, and how to avoid mis-use of these and of Outer Space.

FILMS.

This Annual Council deplores the constant showing of films of war and violence on TV, both BBC and Independent, especially during Children's Hour, and in the general cinema. We would urge the Government to take some steps to control the showing of such films because of their harmful effects on young people.

DISCRIMINATION.

This Annual Council urges that—

- (i) in developing educational courses, including science and technology, all courses should be available to both girls and boys.
- (ii) in the drawing up of Constitutions for self-government of peoples emerging from colonial or dependent status, limitations of wealth and education should not be made reasons for denial of the franchise, since these two factors discriminate against native ability, especially the ability of women.

STUDY FOR BRANCHES.

In view of the dangerous and potentially catastrophic nature of modern armaments, this Council urges Branches to study (i) what must be the essential features of the International Code of Law which must replace the resort to force when matters are in dispute between nations and which is necessary as a foundation for the freedom of individuals and nations, large and small, in the modern world, and (ii) what

associated organs, legislative, executive, judicial and police will be necessary for it to function effectively and successfully, and (iii) what will be the most effective means of getting the need for these changes recognised and the changes themselves brought about. This Council also urges all responsible citizens, including especially MPs, to engage in similar study.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

In view of the large number of incidents of Racial Discrimination that have occurred in Great Britain in the last few years, this Annual Council urges Branches and Members to initiate and/or support all efforts to eliminate this evil.

CENTENARY OF JANE ADDAMS' BIRTH—1960.

This Annual Council pledges full support to the scheme put forward by Adelaide Baker, UN Consultant in New York, for commemorating in 1960 the centenary of Jane Addams' birth, on the following grounds:—

(i) The scheme is one which links Peace with Bread. No special organ of the UN has worked harder for world peace than the High Commissioner for Refugees and his "office" in recognition of which in 1956 they were given the Nobel Peace Prize. Their aim is to supply the basic necessities of life, symbolised by bread, to the refugees who are in urgent need.

(ii) Members of the WILPF who recognise their debt to the founder of the League will see this project as one which can be lifted right out of the regular day to day work of the League and supported over and above contributions to the regular income.

(iii) The broad human appeal of the scheme is such as will reach outsiders.

(iv) It is worthy of Jane Addams herself whose work embraced the whole field of human relations.

ADDITION TO RULE V (d) 4.

Resolutions involving expenditure shall require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

REFUGEE YEAR.

This Annual Council expresses its warm approval of the suggestion made by Mr. Christopher Chataway in a recent edition of "Crossbow" that HM Government initiate a Refugee Year on the lines of the Geo-Physical Year in order that the refugee problem may be finally solved by united and international effort.

CONGRESS REPORTS.

This Annual Council is strongly of the opinion that reports of future Congresses should be kept to a size and type corresponding strictly to funds available.

BECHUANALAND.

This Annual Council welcomes the unanimous demand put forward in the Joint Advisory Council of Bechuanaland by the leaders both of the white settlers and of the Africans for the introduction of a Legislative Council for the territory. It urges HM Government to take advantage of this great opportunity to promote an example of good race relations, believing it would be a constructive measure for the much-needed progress and development of the Protectorate as a distinctive political entity.

PAX ET LIBERTAS.

This Annual Council puts forward the following resolution for the consideration of the International Executive:—

"That this International Executive of the WILPF considers that the regular and punctual issue of *Pax et Libertas* is an essential feature of the work of the International.

"It therefore resolves that, in order to facilitate the editorial work and to ensure regular and prompt publication, the amount which is budgeted to meet the cost of printing and distribution should be sent; and

"that the matter be reviewed at the next Congress."

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