

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

Meeting of the Council

Summary Report

Tokyo - December 4, 1958

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Tokio*

Persons Attending:

*15 persons*

Mlle. M. L. Ginet, France (President)  
Mr. Donald V. Wilson, U. S. A., (Secretary)  
Miss Helen Clark, Australia  
Mrs. C. Thompson, Australia  
Miss Nora Lea, Canada  
Mlle. Elisabeth Jacob, France  
Mrs. Arginy Goutos, Greece  
Mrs. Zena Harman, Israel  
Dr. Bianca Zucchi, Italy  
Dr. H. M. L. H. Sark, Netherlands  
Dr. S. A. Hussain, Pakistan  
Begum K. S. Wajidlehman, Pakistan  
Miss Margaret E. Adams, U. S. A.  
Miss Jane M. Hoey, U. S. A.  
Miss Elizabeth P. Rice, U. S. A.

The meeting was called to order by Mlle. Ginet, President of the IFSW, who welcomed those present. She called attention to the fact that this was the first meeting of the Council that had been held since the organizational meeting in Munich in 1956. During the past two years the work of the Federation was advanced a great deal with the assistance of a large number of persons, many of whom would have liked to attend the meeting in Tokyo but were not able to be present. Mlle. Ginet brought greetings from Miss Lohm, Vice President, Miss Fredenhagen, Treasurer, and Mr. Raphael, the editor of THE SOCIAL WORKER, and others she met during her recent visits to several European and Asian countries.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The following agenda, which was proposed by the Executive Committee in its meeting in June 1958, was approved by the Council:

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Activity since Council meeting in 1956
3. Membership report
4. Treasurer's report
5. Constitution of the International Federation of Social Workers
6. Report of activities
7. Election of officers

## 2. Activity Since 1956 Meeting of Council

The action taken in 1956 (at Munich, Germany, at the last International Conference of Social Work) to re-establish the IFSW and subsequent meetings of the Executive Committee were discussed. Reports of the meetings of the Executive Committee of the IFSW held in Switzerland in August 1957 and in Paris in June 1958 were presented to the Council (these reports were previously submitted to the member organizations). After discussion the Council approved the reports as submitted and the action taken by the Executive Committee since the last meeting of the Council.

## 3. Membership

Mlle. Ginet reported that applications from the National Association of Social Workers in Israel and the National Association of Nurses and Social Workers in Luxembourg had been approved by the Executive Committee. The membership of the IFSW now includes sixteen countries. Mlle Ginet reported on her recent visit to Israel. The National Association there has a membership of approximately 1,000 and holds annual conferences. The Association is affiliated with the Israeli Federation of Labour and takes action to improve standards of practice, including salaries.

Mlle. Ginet also reported on her recent visit to Pakistan. The Executive Committee had provisionally approved the membership of Pakistan in the Federation as soon as it was determined that all three associations in the country were participating in the national coordinating committee. Mlle. Ginet said she was satisfied that this was now the case, and therefore Pakistan would from now on be regarded as a member.

Miss Saturnino, President of the Philippine Association of Social Workers, indicated that this group would subsequently make a formal application for membership in the IFSW. The Association was organized in 1948 and the charter members all have professional training. There are now three classes of membership: Regular (trained), associate (four-year college course in social work plus current full-time employment as a social worker); junior (students in graduate course). The primary purpose of this association is to promote standards, interpret social welfare problems, and hold national conferences.

Miss Jaffe of Venezuela made a brief statement concerning the association in that country and indicated that their group would want to affiliate with the IFSW. There was a meeting held at the Pan American Conference of Social Work in 1957 which encouraged action in this field in Latin America.

Mr. Donald Wilson reported on his recent visit to Hong Kong, where he spoke at a meeting of the Association of Social Workers. He recommended that this Association be invited to affiliate with the IFSW. In New Zealand there is one school of social work but no professional organization. While in Australia recently Mr. Wilson spoke at a meeting of the Australian Association of Social Workers. He also discussed the work of the IFSW with various social workers in Japan, and it is possible an association will be formed to affiliate with the IFSW.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Wilson for Miss Fredenhagen. As Treasurer, Miss Fredenhagen has done an excellent job in getting the financial records in very good order and giving accurate and prompt reports. The balance of funds available at the end of 1958 was 2,000 Swiss francs. The estimated expenditures for the current year are 2,500 Swiss francs and the estimated income is the same amount.

Membership fees have come in quite well. It was agreed that dues become payable on January 1 of each year and each member organization is expected to pay dues during the first six months of the year. This means that an association will be classified as delinquent if its dues are not paid prior to July 1.

Miss Fredenhagen reported that two qualified and independent persons have audited the accounts she maintains.

The budget for 1959 proposed by the Executive Committee at the meeting of 1958 was approved by the Council.

The Treasurer's report was approved with a vote of appreciation to Miss Fredenhagen for the excellent work she has done.

#### 5. Constitution of IFSW

On motion of Miss Adams of the U. S. A. and seconded by Miss Lea of Canada, the Council approved the Constitution as proposed by the Executive Committee. It was subsequently agreed that the Executive Committee should review the constitutional provisions for the nomination and election of officers and members of the Executive Committee to clarify and propose changes.

#### 6. Report of Activities

The proposal that the IFSW become one of the sponsors of INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK, the journal now being published by the International Conference of Social Work and the International Association of Schools of Social Work was considered and, after discussion, approved. The responsibilities of the IFSW in this connection are: (1) an annual financial contribution of 400 Swiss francs for 1959; (2) aid in increasing the number of paid subscriptions so that this journal would eventually pay for itself; (3) member organizations to submit material for publication.

After discussion it was agreed that the present bulletin THE SOCIAL WORKER was serving an excellent purpose and should be continued. A primary aim of this bulletin is to increase the exchange of information concerning the activities of the member organizations of the IFSW.

#### 7. Nominations and Elections

The report of the Nominations Committee chaired by Miss Rice-Jones was presented in her absence by Miss Adams. The President had appointed, in accordance with the Constitution, the following persons to serve as members of the Nominations Committee for the elections: Miss N. Rice-Jones, Chairman; Miss Fredenhagen; Mr. E. Anderson; Mlle. de Laage; Miss Morris. This Committee held one meeting in Paris in June 1958 and the Chairman has subsequently corresponded with all the member organizations.

A letter from the President of the National Association of Social Workers, U. S. A., was presented in which it was suggested that the Constitution be amended and clarified so that fixed terms of offices are set forth and rotation of officers provided for.

On a motion of Miss Adams of the U. S. A. and seconded by Mrs. Harman of Israel, it was agreed that two vacancies on the Executive Committee would subsequently be filled by the Executive Committee. It was suggested that they should be persons from Asian countries or from countries newly affiliated with the IFSW.

It was agreed, after discussion, that all elections in the future would be held at regular Council meetings. Also, it was agreed that the Executive Committee should propose amendments to the Constitution and clarify procedures in election of officers, including rotation of officers and clarification of the relationship of the Executive Committee to the Council.

On motion of Miss Lea of Canada and seconded by Miss Thompson of Australia, the following officers and members of the Executive Committee were elected:

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Vice-President:	Miss J. J. A. Ichimis, Netherlands
Treasurer:	Miss H. Frodenhagen, Switzerland
Secretary:	Mr. Donald V. Wilson, U. S. A.
Members:	Mr. Erik Andersen, Denmark
	M. Jean Nihen, Belgium
	Mlle. Agnes de Laage, France
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#### 8. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Committee would be held in Strasbourg, France, in July 1959, the exact dates to be selected by Mlle. Ginet, the President, after discussion with other members of the Executive Committee. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would be in Rome, Italy, in January 1961 at the time of the next meeting of the International Conference of Social Work.

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