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TRIBUTE TO
MARIE-LOUISE GINET

When Marie-Louise Ginet became President of the International Federation of Social Workers in 1956 it was small and geographically limited. The member associations numbered a few more than a dozen and were confined largely to Europe and North America. The new president had the vision to see its potential growth and the perseverance and energy to make it truly international. Today the member associations are double the number and are to be found in all regions of the world. Her understanding guidance helped many of them to come into being and to prosper.

"Ginette" gave leadership within the Federation to help social workers become aware of their responsibilities and opportunities in a changing world. Outside the professional circle, she won recognition and appreciation of the part social workers could take in making that world a better one for men, women and children everywhere. Her high personal standards and her deeds, as well as her graceful words, have inspired us all to look wider and deeper -- to give more.

Marie-Louise Ginet had a special grace for living. She loved life and people and she gave herself to both with unstinting generosity. That is why all of us feel robbed by her tragic death. And yet, we know it is not the length of a life, but its quality that matters most. The light and warmth, the wisdom, the gaiety and joy she gave us are ours still. We shall treasure them.

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