

wealth Foundations, as well as by the European Centre of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the League of Red Cross Societies. The Foundations provided the greater part of the funds, which were supplemented by contributions from the Czechoslovak and Japanese Red Cross Societies, the German, Polish and Spanish Committees and the American National Conference of Social Work. The League of Red Cross Societies agreed to provide secretariat facilities. An International Organization Committee was set up under the chairmanship of Dr. Alice Masaryková, and national committees were formed.

The First International Conference of Social Work was held in Paris from July 8th to 13th, 1928, in conjunction with the International Child Welfare Congress, the International Congress on Statutory and Voluntary Assistance and the International Housing and Town-Planning Congress. This *Social Welfare Fortnight*, held under the high patronage of the President of the French Republic and under the chairmanship of Senator Paul Strauss, brought together some five thousand delegates. 2,481 of these, representing 42 countries, attended the Social Work Conference, which was presided over by Dr. Masarykova. The reports and debates were published *in extenso* in French and English<sup>1</sup>, and summarized in German<sup>2</sup>.

The Conference decided to transform the Organization Committee into a Permanent Committee of the International Conferences of Social Work, and urged the national committees to establish themselves on a lasting basis.

The Committee and its Bureau resolved to convene the Second Conference at Frankfort-on-Main in 1932, and entrusted Prof. W. Polligkeit of Frankfort and Dr. René Sand of Paris with the organization thereof. Urgent representations were made to the national committees, numbering about 40. The League of Red Cross Societies continued its collaboration. The American Foundations renewed their generous support, and subscriptions were received from 13 national committees.

An *International Bulletin of Social Work* was published in French, English and German, and went to seven issues.

Despite the crisis, the Second Conference (held from July 11th to 14th, 1932) was attended by 1,200 delegates from 34 countries.

After a reception by the Burgomaster at the Frankfort Town Hall, where the delegates were addressed by the Minister of Labour, the Rector of the Goethe University, Dr. Alice Masaryková (Chairman of the Permanent Committee of the Conferences) and Colonel Draudt (Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies), the Conference opened with the election of its chairman: Miss Mary Van Kleeck, of the Russell Sage Foundation, New York.

<sup>1</sup> May be obtained from the League of Red Cross Societies, 2 Avenue Velasquez, Paris, 8e. 3 volumes, 2,466 pages. Price 50 French francs.

<sup>2</sup> For German version, apply to Prof. Polligkeit, 30 Stiftstraße, Frankfort-on-Main.