

GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY WORLD COUNCIL
JAPAN
28 April to 5 May 1965

Account of the 6th meeting of the World Council of the Girls' Friendly Society held at the Mt Hili Hotel, Kyoto, Japan from 28 April to 5 May 1965

THEME: Our Family in Christ.

PRESENT:

Chaplain: The Revd J Yamada

Chairman: Mrs Iwao E Tsuji

Delegates:

Australia:	Mrs N Richardson, Miss E I D Wilson
British Guiana	Miss E E Edwards
Canada	Miss K Keturakis, Miss J French
England and Wales	Mrs I N Lamplugh, Miss D E Bayliss
Ireland	Miss V Cole, Miss E Irwin
Japan	Mrs U Iwai, Miss M Hayaski
Kenya	Miss Penina Mnjama
Korea	Miss M Pak, Miss C Oh
Okinawa	Miss K Tsuguchi, Miss M Higa
Philippines	Miss I Chua, Miss R Lim Ri Le
Scotland	Miss A Walker
South Africa	Mrs I N Lamplugh
USA	Mrs W A Atkins, Miss Tsukamoto

Council Secretary

Miss Y Uoshida

Asst Secretaries

Mrs S Mizutani, Mrs M Yanagida, Miss P A Fisher,
Miss D Stout

Hon Chaplain

The Rt Revd M H Yashiro, Bishop of Nippon Sei Ko Kei

Music and Recreation

Miss S Mita, Miss S Hayakawa

Observers

Australia	Miss M V Crosby, Miss M J Dusing, Miss B Gerdes, Miss J I Smithers
England and Wales	Dr I M Cullum
Japan	All the delegates to the 1965 Japan GFS meeting
USA	Miss P L Ellis, Miss J Kind, Mrs F S Volkenburg, Miss E Bohl, Miss E M Fox, Miss E L Sippel Mrs D V Handorf

May 2 1965 The Chaplain opened the Business Meeting with prayer.

Greetings The Primate of Ireland, the Presiding Bishop of USA, the Archbishop of the West Indies.

Report and Greetings of the World Chairman.

Admission of Philippines, Korea and Okinawa to this Council

The Chairman requested that members from the Philippines and Korea be accepted as voting delegates. It was agreed.

Mrs Atkins moved and Miss Tsukamoto seconded

"That Okinawa be given voting rights for this Council" CARRIED.

Applications for Membership

The Chairman announced that there had been no applications for membership from new countries.

Minutes of the last World Council.

Mrs Atkins moved and Miss Bayliss seconded the motion

"That minutes of the last World Council held in Ireland, already circulated, should be signed as correct" CARRIED.

Hostess Country to Next World Council.

The Chairman reported that she had not received an invitation from any country for the next World Council.

Mrs Lamplugh suggested that as GFS in England will be celebrating their hundredth anniversary in 1975 at which time they would like to be hostesses to the World Council, the next World Council dates be set with this in mind.

Mrs Atkins moved and Beth Irwin seconded

"That the invitation from England be accepted with pleasure" CARRIED.

Miss B Irwin moved and Miss E Edwards seconded

"That the World Council meetings be held every five years instead of three"

Miss Tsukamoto voiced agreement. Miss Bayliss said she felt that such a long period between meetings breaks the continuity and makes it difficult for the girls to think that far ahead. Mrs Atkins voiced understanding of Miss Irwin's motion but suggested that as four years from now would coincide with the National Assembly in the US, perhaps the next World Council could be held in 1969 and the next 1972. Mrs Richards felt three years was ideal as a link but that expense makes it difficult, so she was in favour of the four year suggestion. Mrs Lamplugh agreed but felt that one should not be guided only by finance but by fellowship. Miss M Jama voiced agreement. Mrs Iwai felt that five years would be too long for a chairman and that membership would change within five years. She felt that four years would perhaps be best. Miss Chua felt that from the financial viewpoint she agreed with Ireland but taking all aspects into account she agreed with USA. Mrs Walker's feelings were the same as Miss Chua's. The GA delegates from Canada were granted the courtesy of voicing their opinion and Miss French said they agreed with the US. Miss Beth Irwin and Miss Eunice Edwards withdrew their motion.

Mrs Atkins moved and Mrs Richards seconded

"That the next World Council be held in the USA in 1969" CARRIED.

Next World Chairman

There was discussion about the fact that up to now the World Chairman has been President of the Hostess country but that the term of office of Mrs Atkins ends in 1966. Mrs Lamplugh and Miss Kind suggested leaving this decision to the Host country.

Mrs Lamplugh moved and Miss Irwin seconded

"That the GFS, USA elect a World Chairman and then notify member countries". CARRIED

The following wishes were expressed – that this Council hopes in accordance with wishes expressed by Australia that Mrs Atkins will be the new World Chairman.

Greetings were read or expressed by

Mrs Lamplugh, on behalf of England and Wales;; Miss Nobbs, Tanzania; Mrs Challoner, Barbados; Mrs Kalpage, Ceylon; Margaret Amott and lone members in Zululand; Miss Matalalinte, New Hebrides; Miss Carling, GFS Guides; The Bishop of Karachi; The Metropolitan of India; The Bishop of Hong Kong; Miss Wilson, St John's Transkei.

Mrs Richards on behalf of The primate of Australia, Hobart, Tasmania, Newcastle dioceses, New SouthWales Provincial Councils, Mrs Simmons of the Cooe paper.

Mis Edwards on behalf of President and Organising Secretary of British Guiana; 2 sisters of Convent of the Good Shepherd, British Guiana; Mrs Van Cooten of British Guiana.

Report on World Council Funds

A report of the World Council funds sent to Japan was read by Miss Yoshida. A financial statement and a report were read by Miss E Edwards. She stressed her thanks to Mrs Tsuji for paying half of the fare from British Guiana and asked the Council to help send a leader trainer from the US or England, if possible. Miss Kind.

Mrs Edwards stressed that British Guiana would like a reply from the Council concerning this request.

There was discussion re how the World Project money should be paid and re the GFS financial year end.

Next World Project Money

England had moved that the next World Project should be concerned with work among girls in Asia and that, should Colombo be in need, that be the first choice. However, Mrs Lamplugh, on her way to Japan, visited Colombo and learned at first hand that the strong hurricane which recently hit Ceylon, did not damage the GFS hostel there. Therefore she announced the withdrawal of the above motion.

The US moved that the Philippines be the next World Project country.

Mrs Iwai moved

"That Korea be the next World Project. She mentioned that there is as yet no GFS in Korea but they need both the spiritual and financial help of the Council"

Mrs Richards seconded this motion.

Miss Oh of Korea gave an excellent report of conditions in Korea and their genuine desire to start a GFS. She said they would like to receive slides and pamphlets from other countries and to have the help of trained leaders.

Miss Kind spoke to the US proposal of the Philippines and said that perhaps the need was not so urgent as Korea. Miss Chua said that in the Philippines the GFS groups are only in schools and that she felt the need was greater in Korea. Dr Callum said that having heard the needs she was in favour of Korea. Miss Edwards said that as we need new groups she agreed with Dr Cullum. Mrs Lamplugh voiced the feeling of the group by thanking the Philippines delegate for her kind words re Korea.

The US and English motions were withdrawn and the Japanese motion CARRIED.

There was further discussion re the World Project year and it was moved by Miss Bayliss and seconded by Miss Tsukamoto

"That we start thinking and praying and giving to Korea from September 29, 1965" CARRIED.

Future World Council meetings

It was suggested by Miss Kind that the World Council between 1969 and 1975 be held regionally. This would enable more people to meet at less expense.

Miss Gedes disagreed as the World Council is primarily for fellowship not business. She felt regional meetings could be held as well.

Mrs Tsukamoto spoke in favour of the suggestion.

Miss Bayliss said she felt it would not destroy Council friendship if the meetings were regional and agreed with Miss Kind's suggestion for this time on the understanding this would not necessarily be setting a precedent.

Miss Kind spoke to her suggestion again.

Miss Edwards endorsed all Miss Kind said and said she felt regional meetings would be good and reports could be sent for the 1985 meetings.

The Chairman announced that this could really be discussed at the net World Council.

Further Greetings and Gifts

Gifts were given to all delegates from England, UA and Japan. A gift album was given to Mrs Tsuji by British Guiana and a hand-made cross from the US and a scroll from Scotland. A fine linen cloth on which GFS letters were embroidered was given from Ireland, a doll from Korea, hand-made napkins from Philippines, beautiful books and pictures from Australia and a wonderful guest book from England and Wales. A gift of maple leaf brooches were given to each country from Canada. Greetings were read or expressed by Mrs Tsuji on behalf of The Bishop of the Philippines, the Bishop of Colorado, Honolulu, Mexico, the Archbishop of Dublin, Canada, Mrs Simms, Vice-President of World Council; Mrs Bright-Parker, Mrs Woodward, the preceding World Chairman; Mrs Nichols (former US GFS President; Dioceses of Alaska, Western Massachusetts and New York; Western Australia; Newfoundland GFS; Mrs I A Norris, St Vincent; Miss Barnaby, Liberia; Mrs H C Arnold in New Zealand; Mrs O J Nurse, California.

The Chairman announced the glad news of the newly started GFS in Sierra Leone in Africa.

There being no other business, the business meeting of the 6th World Council closed.