

International Nursing News.

WE HAVE TO THANK OUR OWN National Council of Nurses for supplying us with the following most interesting news items concerning member associations of the International Council of Nurses.

I.C.N. Tenth Quadrennial Congress, Brazil, 1953

It can now be said that the date of the opening of the I.C.N. Congress will be July 13th, 1953 and that the Congress will probably last for approximately five days. Meetings will be held during the previous week of the I.C.N. Board of Directors and Grand Council, the Board meetings opening on Monday, July 6th. All meetings, as well as the Congress, will be held in Rio de Janeiro, and the actual location and other details will be announced later.

Prize Awarded to Miss Gerda Höjer.

We are glad and proud to record that the "Swedish Women's Journal" has awarded a prize of 1500 kroners to Miss Gerda Höjer, President of the International Council of Nurses, for her "outstanding work" in helping to raise the standard of training and social status of nurses in Sweden. We understand that every year, the "Swedish Women's Journal" awards a monetary prize in recognition of women's cultural achievements. That the 1951 prize has been awarded to Miss Höjer, will be a matter of the greatest satisfaction to all our members, who appreciate her outstanding work not only for Swedish nurses, but for nurses internationally.

International Conferences.

Two important conferences on work related to nursing have been notified, and should be of interest to Member Associations:—

1. The First International Congress of Dietetics, to be held in Amsterdam from July 7th to 11th, 1952.

Full particulars can be obtained from the Congress Office at the following address:—

Educational Bureau of the Nutrition Council, 42, Koninginnegracht, The Hague, Netherlands.

2. Sixth International Conference of Social Work, to be held in Madras, India, from December 14th to 19th, 1952.

Full particulars can be obtained from:—

The International Conference of Social Work, 22, W. Gay Street, Columbus 15, Ohio, U.S.A.

Details of the Social Work Conference have already been sent from I.C.N. Headquarters to Miss Adranvala, President of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, who hopes that some nurses may be able to attend.

Korea.

We have had recent news from the newly-elected President of the Korean Nurses' Association, Mrs. On Soon Kim, and because her letter will be of wide interest and appeal to our Member Associations, we quote the following extract:—

"As new president of the Korean Nurses' Association, I realise it a great honour to have this opportunity to write you something about our association. I was recently appointed president by the General Convention of the Korean Nurses' Association, and upon this occasion, I decided to do my best in fulfilling my great responsibilities for the development of nursing activities of our association.

"Many of our people and many young men from our allied nations of the world have suffered a great loss of life and property in the war still raging in Korea, and we are fully determined to win the final victory for peace and happiness of the world.

"From the past experience of the war, we have learned the fact that the activities of preventing diseases and of medical

and nursing services are vitally important during the time of war, and we are very grateful for the relief activities of countries through their hospital ships. In this particular line of services, however, we are now facing great handicap and difficulties with the lack of many essential supplies that our doctors and nurses need. Particularly, the shortage of well-trained nurses gives us greater handicaps and difficulties in carrying on one of our most important war-time duties.

"Before the war, we had about 1,600 graduated or well-qualified nurses. Many are missing as a result of war, and now we actually have about 1,000 nurses who have been working hard day and night. Because of the shortage of nurses for the important war-time duties, we now plan to train and educate the girls in such a way, that they may become well-qualified nurses in a short period of time. With the complete destruction of all the necessary facilities and supplies for training nurses that the war has caused, and with the poor living conditions of most girls, I am greatly worried over the prospects of our plan to produce as many well-trained nurses as possible. Truthfully speaking, we cannot accomplish our purpose of this kind without your spiritual and material support of any kind. And we will be ready for any questions that you may wish to ask us in connection with our future programme of training nurses.

"We are hoping that hereafter we may be able to have closer contacts with you, and please, write to me by the address written outside of the envelope. And will you kindly show me the way in which I may make contacts with the International Nurses' Association? I sincerely hope that great success and prosperity may follow your association and that we may be able to have your advice and assistance through your frequent correspondence."

Belgium.

We have been asked to give publicity to the following announcement:—

Le Club des Infermières (The Nurses' Club) will be happy to welcome all Nurses during their holidays in Brussels.

Single bedroom (hot and cold water)	45 frs.	+ 10 per cent.
Double "	80 frs.	+ 10 per cent.
Meals: Breakfast with Rolls and butter only	..	8 frs.
Breakfast with egg and bacon	..	18 frs.
Lunch	..	30 frs.
Supper	..	25 frs.

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National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Course Arranged for Secretaries of Affiliated Associations.
PROGRAMME.

Tuesday, June 3rd:

11.00 a.m. At the London Hospital, Whitechapel Road, E.1, "The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" by Lady Mann, O.B.E., Vice-President of the National Council of Nurses and President of the London Hospital Nurses' League.

12.30 p.m. Lunch at the Hospital as guests of the Matron, Miss Ceris Jones, the Nursing Staff and the Board of Governors.

1.45 p.m. Leave the London Hospital by coach for a visit to Blenheim Palace, Woodstock. Her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough, J.P., will receive the party and has invited them to see the Palace and Gardens.

Wednesday, June 4th:

10.00 a.m. At Riddell House, St. Thomas's Hospital, S.E.1, a talk on the Florence Nightingale International Foundation by the Director, Miss Ellen Broe.

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