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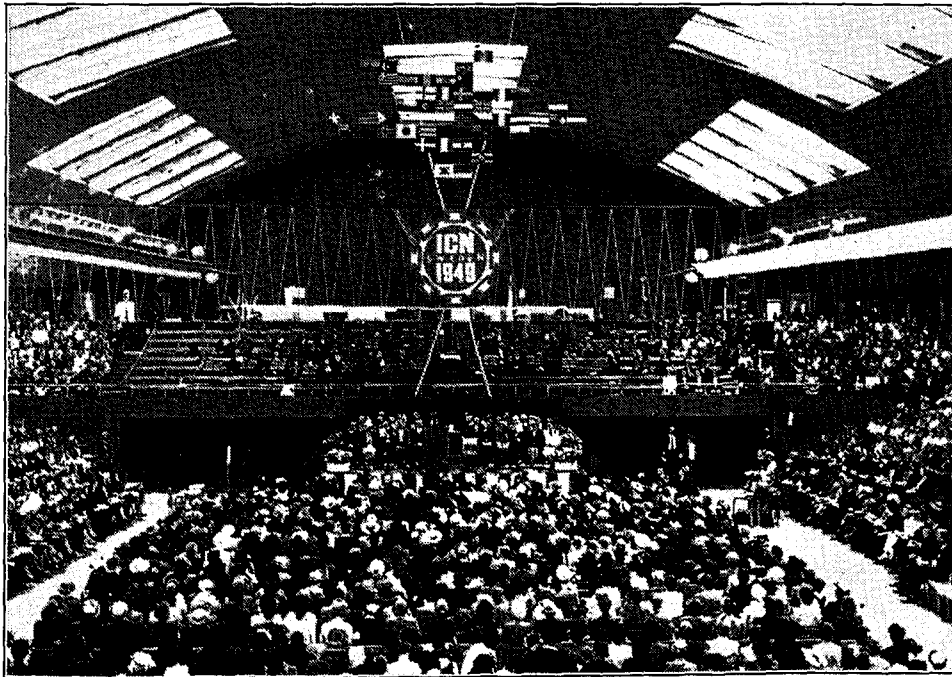
### Fifty Years of International Co-operation: 1899—1949.

IN the midst of a most wonderful welcome given by the Nurses of Sweden to the Nurses of 35 countries, the International Council of Nurses met in Stockholm on June 13th, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its foundation by the late Ethel Gordon Fenwick.

To one whose privilege it was to attend an International

Greetings were read from His Majesty the King of Sweden; Crown Princess Louise, Patroness; Miss Annie Goodrich, First Dean of Yale University School of Nursing; and Miss Lavinia Dock, who for 24 years was Secretary to the International Council of Nurses.

Miss Gerda Höjer, President of the International Council of Nurses, received a presentation of flowers, and a tribute was paid to her for so ably representing the Nurses of the World both as a Nurse and as a Citizen, by Miss Karin Elfverson, Acting President of the Swedish Nurses' Association, who welcomed the guests and delegates.



The Scene in the Royal Tennis Hall, Stockholm, as Miss D. C. Bridges, R.R.C., S.R.N., delivered her Address.

Conference of Nurses for the first time, the appearance of the Royal Tennis Hall on that Monday morning bathed in sunshine and filled with nurses and guests was a most memorable sight.

One felt if only the Founder could have looked in upon the scene and acknowledged the deeply moving spirit (meeting in freedom) that was there among the nearly four thousand nurses gathered from the four corners of the earth, what deep gratification she would have experienced.

In the presence of H.R.H. Princess Sibylla of Sweden, the Conference was opened at 10 a.m.

The Minister for Swedish Home Affairs made the first speech, in which he stressed how indispensable the nurses were, both for the doctor and the patient.

#### Address of the Executive Secretary.

Miss D. C. Bridges, R.R.C., S.R.N., then rose to address the vast assembly.

"Forty-eight years ago some four hundred nurses, from many parts of the world, gathered in Buffalo, U.S.A., for the first Council Meeting and Conference ever held of the International Council of Nurses. To-day, between three and four thousand of us are gathered in this hall, from over

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