

URGENCY RESOLUTION FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The National Council of Women in Annual Conference assembled, states its belief that the sale from automatic machines in public places of contraceptive packets is a direct incentive to general sexual promiscuity with all its attendant evils; and an influence tending to educate the community, and in particular susceptible adolescents, towards disregard of the claims of moral restraint in matters of sex relationships.

The Council therefore urges the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Scotland immediately to introduce measures whereby it shall not be lawful to sell or offer for sale, by means of an automatic machine so placed that it can be used by persons in any street or public place, any contraceptive.

Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.**RESOLUTION 6. ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AS A CRIME.**

That the National Council of Women urges that attempted suicide should cease to be considered a crime but may be regarded as an indication of a condition needing special treatment and that the law be amended accordingly.

58 For
90 Against.

RESOLUTION "C" FROM EXECUTIVE. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

The National Council of Women in Conference assembled, believing that "Religious Freedom is the guardian of all true Freedom" deplors the persecution of leaders of the Christian Church and other religious bodies, and the denial of rights of assembly, property and education to their followers.

It calls upon His Majesty's Government to request the United Nations to urge upon every nation which has accepted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the implementation of the Declaration in the policy of their respective States.

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 7. UTILISING PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR SUNDAY LEISURE.

That the appropriate authority be asked to recommend all Local Authorities and other bodies to open their Public Reading Rooms and Reference Libraries on Sunday afternoons and evenings. They might be shut, if necessary, on some other day.

Carried.

Civic Reception to Delegates by the Worshipful Mayor and Mayoress. D.W.

Purchases from workshops for the blind and other organisations employing severely disabled persons.

The provision of regular employment for severely disabled persons is an essential feature of Government policy and it is the practice of Government Departments to afford assistance by placing contracts or orders at current prices with organisations providing sheltered employment for such persons in special factories or workshops.

The Minister of Health has urged local authorities to follow, so far as practicable, the policy of the Government in this respect and Boards of Governors and Hospital Management Committees are also asked to give favourable consideration to any approach for contracts or orders which may be made by such organisations, provided that goods of the quality and type required are offered at prices comparable with those offered by other suppliers on a reasonably competitive basis.

In particular, in view of the direction given by the Minister to county and county borough councils under Section 29

of the National Assistance Act, 1948, a special public responsibility exists in regard to the welfare of the blind. The Minister understands that difficulty is being experienced by a number of workshops for the blind in securing sufficient orders to keep the blind workers fully occupied and he hopes that Boards of Governors and Hospital Management Committees will be able to help.

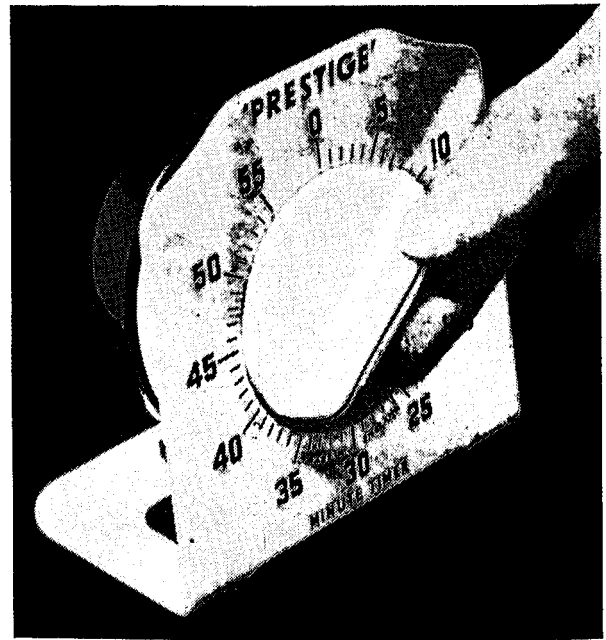
Similarly, a special responsibility exists in respect of the Corporation set up under the title "Remploy Ltd." by the Minister of Labour under Section 15 of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act, 1944, which has already established 75 factories for the employment of the severely disabled. These factories are engaged on production of furniture, leatherwork, orthopaedic appliances, boxmaking, etc., and can also undertake repair work.

There are also a number of voluntary undertakings providing employment for the disabled which should be assisted as far as practicable in the same way.

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Studying Child Health Services.

A study of the health services for children in Britain, will be made by Dr. Francisco Manchaca, Director of the Children's Hospital, Santa Fe, Argentina, during a six weeks' visit arranged by the British Council.

Dr. Manchaca practised as a doctor in Santa Fe before becoming Director of the social service school of the Ministry of Public Health and Labour in Santa Fe Province.

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