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A resolution has been passed by the New York Womans Division, of the National Home for Jewish Children, accepting, with much favor, the Roerich Peace Pact.

"Be it resolved, by the New York Womans Division of the National Home for Jewish Children, that the Roerich Peace Pact for the protection of Artistic and Scientific Institutions, be approved and recognized.

Mollie A. Wolfer, Rec. Sec'y.

NEW YORK STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Mrs. William D. Sporborg, *President*

Mrs. Harry Lilly
Chairman of Committee on Resolutions

Dear Madam President:

Please present these resolutions to your club that its delegates may seek information at the Convention on debatable questions that may arise during your club's consideration of them.

Resolutions will be submitted to the Convention for discussion, ONLY. At the close of the Convention, copies of resolutions in their original form or as amended will be sent to each club for action on their adoption, such action to be reported to the Resolutions Committee which will release the result to the clubs through the District Directors and County Chairmen.

Yours most sincerely,

LILLIAN A. LILLY Chairman of Committee on Resolutions

Resolution No. I.

Presented by Miss Julia K. Jaffray, Chairman, Division of Crime Prevention and Correction.

Endorsed by Miss Harriet W. Mayer, Chairman, Department of Public Welfare.

WHEREAS, the treatment while in custody and the consideration for parole should be based upon careful study into the life history of each prisoner; and

WHEREAS, the release of prisoners without a period of supervision and aid is a serious error and it is desirable that all prisoners should at some time come under the jurisdiction of the Division of Parole; and

WHEREAS, this can only be accomplished when discretion can be used as to the period of time a prisoner shall serve,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs endorse the general principle that all sentences of prisoners shall be indeterminate in their nature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a step towards this end the Federation endorse the proposal of the New York State Commission to Investigate Prison Administration and Construction that there be a uniform minimum sentence for first offenders; that the second offender be eligible for parole consideration at the expiration of fifty percent of his sentence; that the third offender be eligible for parole at the expiration of seventy-five percent of his sentence; and that the fourth offender serve as a minimum sentence the maximum possibility for the crime for which he is convicted with a maximum of sentence for life.

Resolution No. II.

Presented by Miss Julia K. Jaffray, Chairman, Division of Crime Prevention and Correction.

Endorsed by Miss Harriet W. Mayer, Chairman, Department of Public Welfare.

WHEREAS, the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs for the past ten years, has consistently urged that the methods of dealing with prisoners serving their sentences in the county jails in New York State be reorganized in order that adequate treatment and training may be given such prisoners,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs petition the Governor and Legislature of the State of New York to establish a Commission to develop a plan for the custody and training of prisoners now serving their sentences in the county jails in New York State; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the President Pro Tem, the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the Assembly.

Resolution No. III.

Presented by Mrs. Gridley Adams, President, Westchester County Federation of Women's Clubs.

Endorsed by Miss Harriet W. Mayer, Chairman, Department of Public Welfare.

WHEREAS, we believe that the ease with which firearms may be purchased and obtained is a large con-

tributory cause of the many murders, holdups and "gangster" crimes, which latterly have shocked society by their frequency and atrocity and which threaten the future safety and peace of the people, and

WHEREAS, we believe that our legislators are responsible to their constituents for such protection of life and property of said constituents as the enforcement of existing laws and the enactment of necessary new ones will assure, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the clubs of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs as organizations and their members as individuals inform their respective senators and representatives in Washington and their senators and members of Assembly in Albany that the majority of their constituents are overwhelmingly in favor of curbing crime through laws that will not only restrict the sale of firearms but exact extreme penalties from those using them for violation of laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the proper committee of the New York State Legislature, as well as to the Associated Press and the United Press that the newspapers all over the United States may publish and comment upon this action as being a matter which is of greatest concern to women of America for their own, their children's, and their communities' protection.

Resolution No. IV.

Presented by Mrs. R. I. Deniston, Chairman, Department of Arts.

WHEREAS all works of Art, of Science, of Culture, constitute the greatest treasures of the human race, and are the common heritage of all humanity,

WHEREAS injury to these treasures, whether in War or in Peace is a violence against the common benefits of mankind and of the future,

WHEREAS the Roerich Peace Pact and the Roerich Banner of Peace have been created by Nicholas Roerich, internationally renowned artist and leader of world culture, for the protection of the Treasures of Culture and their Designation as Inviolable and Neutral in Times of Peace and War,

WHEREAS this Pact has been Unanimously Endorsed by the International Museums' Committee of the League of Nations, by the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Convention in Phoenix, in 1931, by His Holiness Pope Pius XI, His Majesty King Albert of Belgium, by the French Academy, and numerous other leaders of culture and learned bodies,

BE IT RESOLVED that the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs unanimously endorse the Roerich Peace Pact and Banner of Peace, and elect to assist in spreading the Roerich Banner of Peace post-cards for the purpose of furthering the world-wide adoption of Nicholas Roerich's plan of Peace through Culture.