

# National Executive Report

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The National Executive of the Australian Crime Prevention Council last formally met on the 18th August, 1977, and when they dealt with such matters as Co-option of Members to the National Executive for 1977-79; Commonwealth and State Government Grants to the Council, Eighth and Ninth Biennial Conference Resolutions; the National Membership Register and the presentation of State and Territory Branch Reports and Co-opted Members Reports to the National Executive.

After presentation and acceptance of the Hon. Treasurer's report the Council's estimates and proposed budget for 1977/78 was also presented, considered and discussed at considerable length and resulting therefrom it was noted that unless we enjoyed a major infusion of funds and financial assistance during the course of the year we may well be confronted with a serious deficit by June, 1978.

The Executive also moved and passed a motion confirming that the Tenth Biennial Conference of the Council would be held Hobart, Tasmania (13-19th August, 1979), with Hon. Secretary John Mackay being nominated as Tenth Biennial Conference Convenor.

Whilst the Executive directed the Secretariat on method and manner in which Ninth Biennial Conference Resolutions were to be finalised, it did give particular emphasis to Resolution No. 1 and further directed that it be given priority.

The Resolution read as follows:

"That a sub-committee be set up by A.C.P.C. to conduct a survey in all States and Territories of Australia to ascertain whether women prisoners have available to them rights, opportunities, facilities and standards of conditions as set down in the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules."

The Executive also directed that after the proposed survey had been completed a paper (covering this subject) could be published and be available (for circularisation) well before the 1980 United Nations Congress in Sydney. They also stressed that this was a project which attention would have to be given to by all State and Territory Branches of the Council.

Discussion on this subject culminated by resolution which moved:

". . . that a sub-committee consisting of State Representatives of the Council be set up preparatory to the survey and that a mutual scheme or programme should be prepared by the Victorian committee to be convened by Dame Phyllis Frost."

The Executive also dealt with the subject of outstanding Annual Reports from some Branches, as well as outstanding copy of Monthly Meeting Minutes from some Branches which were not being forwarded to the Secretariat. The President noted that the Executive (on a previous occasion) had already passed a motion to the effect the Minutes of Branch Meetings were to be forwarded the Secretariat and that in some cases this was still not being done. He also added that as this resolution had been passed members and Branches must abide by that resolution.

## **Management Committee:**

The Management Committee of the National Executive formally met on the 14th January, 1978, and during which, amidst other matters, they dealt with the Council's overall financial state and associated problems now confronting us during the balance of the fiscal year 1977/78 and not the least of which is the problem of not being able to call another formal meeting of the National Executive prior to the 30th June. (They did, however, determine that the next National Executive Meeting would be held in Adelaide, South Australia, August, 1978.)

When considering our financial commitments and associated problems confronting the Council for the balance of 1977/78 the future continuation of the Secretariat, and limited staff employed therein, was also dealt with and determined. Such determination will be located in copy of Minutes of this meeting and which are already in possession of all members of the National Executive. Such members will no doubt have already noted and reported on this and associated matters to their respective Branches.

Management Committee also dealt with Agenda Item submitted from some of the Branches, with particular attention being given to an Agenda Item submitted by the Victorian Branch dealing with co-option to the National Executive. The proposed re-drafting of the National Constitution was also dealt with and which resulted in the President spending an additional four working days in the office of the Secretariat working on this proposal (since circularised to all members of the sub-committee dealing with this item).

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