

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY

Telegrams and letters have poured into the New York Secretariat from all parts of the world. President Eugen Pusic and others close to the work of the International Council on Social Welfare have also received many messages of sympathy. Miss Williams' colleagues and friends in the United States have expressed their sympathy in countless messages and calls. We reproduce here only those telegrams and letters that have come from Ruth Williams' colleagues in the international field.

MY wife and I have been saddened beyond words by the news received this morning of Ruth Williams' passing. I have rarely known or worked with anyone in whom the qualities of good humoured energy, tolerance, integrity and dedicated loyalty shone forth with such a consistent glow to brighten and inspire those around her. There was an innate goodness in Ruth that communicated itself to all who came to know and work with her. She gave to all her friends and colleagues a deep conviction that this was indeed a better world because of her and capable of becoming an even better one if each of us would only strive ahead as she was striving. She carried her burdens always uncomplainingly. She served with pride and great effectiveness in all she did for the cause of international social welfare. Those of us who came to love her deeply through working closely with her will honour her memory in ever lasting gratitude.

George F. Davidson
Honorary President, ICSW

I try to find a word for Ruth Williams that will describe her in her outward as well as inward aspect, but find that there is no such word. There are words which, when used together, begin to convey the thought but only when memory and imagination are called on to provide the dimension and color which made Ruth a special person apart. Her gallant spirit and her bravery were enriched by her consideration for others; her sweetness had nothing cloying about it, but was livened by her sense of humour. To me it is not significant now that Ruth had a remarkable intelligence and a tremendous administrative ability. These were gifts that I respected and valued in her, but this is not how I remember her. I weep for the friend we have lost — the friend who was staunchly loyal, who was considerate and helpful, who made the world her home and therefore the home for those about her.

Lester Granger
Honorary President, ICSW

We had just heard from friends in New York, before receiving your letter of March 15th, of the sad news of Ruth Williams' death on 10th March.

As you know, the International Union has worked closely over many years with your organization, and particularly closely with Miss Williams, who contributed so much to the success of the International Conference and to the international contacts which have grown unceasingly under the promotion of your Council.

Although we knew that Ruth had been very ill last year, we had hoped that her recovery would have been more than a temporary one, and that she would have been enabled to carry on her work as Secretary General of the newly named Council on Social Welfare.

On behalf of the I.U.C.W. and its members, I would like to convey to you and to your colleagues our deepest sympathy in this great loss.

Miss A. E. Moser, Deputy Secretary General
International Union for Child Welfare

Your permanent delegate in Geneva, Mrs. Katzki, has told Miss Esnard that our friend Ruth Williams passed away last week and I would like to express to you at once the deep sympathy which all of us at the League of Red Cross Societies feel.

Dr. Hantchef is away on mission, but I know that he will share my feelings that the death of Ruth Williams is a loss not only for us personally, but in the field of international social work as well. We all know what an outstanding figure she was in this field and I know through Miss Esnard how pleased everyone was to see her last summer in Washington in spite of her illness.

We at the League realize what a contribution Ruth Williams made in the field of social work and are pleased to feel that her great interest will be carried on by the International Council on Social Welfare.

Henrik Beer, Secretary General
League of Red Cross Societies.

I want to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved sister and my good friend, Miss Ruth Williams. She has contributed so much to the welfare of mankind. She will be remembered by thousands of people all over the world for her dedicated service to the International Conference of Social Work.

Frances H. Howard, Program Liaison Officer
Voluntary Foreign Aid Service.

All members of International Social Service are deeply saddened by the death of Ruth Williams. Ruth was greatly respected and warmly loved by people all over the world in whose memories she will live on. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy.

Edna Weber, Executive Secretary
International Social Service

It was with deep sorrow that we learned from Headquarters of the sudden death in New York of Miss Ruth Williams, Secretary General of the International Council on Social Welfare.

Mr. M. W. Kwan, our Chairman, the Committee members, Miss Nye and staff of ISS-Hong Kong all share with you a sense of deep grief in the great loss of Miss Williams whom we have all greatly respected and held in the highest esteem.

(Mrs.) Trudie Doe
Acting for the Director
International Social Service
Hong Kong

The officers of the International Conference of Jewish Communal Service join you in mourning the passing of our good friend Ruth Williams whose guidance was often sought and graciously given. Deepest sympathy to her family and associates.

Miriam R. Ephraim, Secretary General
International Conference
Jewish Communal Service.

We, the members of the Japanese National Committee of the International Council on Social Welfare, were deeply sorry to learn of Miss Ruth Williams' death. At our latest general meeting, it was resolved that the committee officially express our deepest grief for our loss. Needless to say the excellent work she carried out for years as Executive Officer had been highly appreciated and admired by all of our committee members and indeed we were looking forward to her able leadership as Secretary General of our organization. Especially with the approach-

ing regional seminar, we had hoped to receive many more valuable assistances from her.

Though it was with the profound shock and great disappointment that we should lose her at this time, we assure you that we shall do our best to continue our work for the success of the ICSW.

Hirokichi Nadao, President,
Japanese National Committee

Deeply grieved to learn of death of Ruth Williams. Kindly convey our sincere condolences to her family.

Singapore National Committee

Deep sorrow loss Ruth sincere regrets.

Dr. M. F. Lopes Meirelles, President
Brazilian Committee, ICSW.

We were very sorry to learn of the passing away of Miss Ruth Williams, the Secretary-General of your Council, and my Executive has asked me to convey to you on their behalf, and through you, to members of the Council and staff, their sincere condolences.

A number of our members knew Miss Williams personally and spoke very highly of her devoted and efficient work, and we are sure her passing away was very sad for you all. Hers was a life devoted to social service and great is the sorrow that she was called away at the prime of her life.

S. Hareven, Secretary
Israel National Committee for Social Service
Tel Aviv, Israel

Ruth Williams was a distinguished representative of the United States Committee in our work with the former International Conference of Social work. For many years, she served in the dual capacity as Secretary of the U. S. Committee and the ICSW, yet at all times her concern was focused on communication with all social workers throughout the world. Her personal commitment to a world wide association of social workers was an inspiration to us all. She, more than any of us, although proud of her United States heritage, was a citizen of the world.

Kenneth W. Kindelsperger
Chairman, United States Committee
International Council on Social Welfare

With great grief I received the news of our dear Ruth Williams' death. This is a great loss for all of us who have had the privilege to have known Ruth personally and who feel close to the ICSW and

know what her death means. For all of you who work in the Secretariat in New York, this loss must be specially painful and I am sending to you my deepest felt condolence. Would you please be kind enough to convey this to Miss Williams' relatives.

Mrs. Ilse Goldschmidt (Venezuela)
Assistant Treasurer for Latin America, ICSW.

Am deeply grieved at loss of Ruth Williams. Her wise counsel and contribution to International Welfare will be sorely missed. The feeling of personal loss is great. Please convey my sincerest condolences to members of her family. Ruth's spirit will always be a source of inspiration to those who knew her.

Florence Hutner (Canada)
Executive Committee, ICSW.

My deepest sympathy on the death of Miss Williams.

Jose Pernau-Limos (France)
Executive Committee, ICSW.

Deeply grieved at Ruth's death. Please convey sympathies to her family.

Mrs. Mary Clubwala Jadhav
Executive Committee, ICSW, (India)

Your letter of March 15, 1967, arrived at a time when our Ambassador is away from the United States, but I am sure I interpret his feelings when extending to you our deepest sympathy on the death of Miss Ruth M. Williams, who was Secretary General of the International Conference of Social Work.

Alfredo J. Platas, Charge d'Affaires a. i.
Embassy of Uruguay, Washington D. C.

It is with deep sadness that we were informed about Miss Ruth M. Williams' death, an outstanding personality in the field of international social welfare.

In the name of the whole Argentina delegation and myself, I send you our sympathy on this occasion.

(Miss) Alicia Arango
Argentina Delegation.

I am very sorry to hear about the sad news of Miss Williams' death, and the loss of an able Secretary-General to I.C.S.W. I am sure we shall all miss her very much in our social service work.

However, I am glad I.C.S.W. work continues as usual through your wise arrangement. I can assure you of our close cooperation and full support as

before. Please communicate my sad regret to Miss Williams' sister, Mrs. Betsy McGuire.

S. S. Liu, Director, Dept. of Social Affairs,
Ministry of Interior,
The Republic of China, Taiwan.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family of Ruth Williams. We share with the International Council on Social Welfare and the National Conference on Social Welfare the great loss of a dedicated worker for the welfare of people around the world.

Wilbur J. Cohen, Acting Secretary
Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare
U.S.A.

I join Ruth Williams' many friends and colleagues throughout the world in lamenting her death. Her years of dedicated and devoted service to the program and ideals of ICSW will be her constant memorial.

My sincerest sympathies to you, the Board and staff members of ICSW.

Mary Catherine Jennings,
Social Welfare Attache, American Embassy,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Deeply saddened by loss of Ruth Williams — our good friend and colleague. Please convey sympathy of International Office, Welfare Administration to her family and staff of ICSW and NCSW. She was an inspiration always in our common efforts for international social welfare.

Susan T. Pettiss, Acting Chief,
International Office Welfare
Administration, Department of
Health, Education and Welfare,
U.S.A.

C'est avec une bien grande émotion que le comité Français de Service Social et d'Action Sociale a appris la grande perte que vient de faire le Conseil International de l'Action Sociale en la personne de sa Secrétaire Générale, Miss Ruth Williams.

Je n'ai pas eu l'avantage de connaître celle qui a été pendant tant d'années l'âme de votre Comité, mais j'ai su, par Madame d'Authéville et par tous les participants

francias aux manifestations internationales du grand Organisme que vous présidez, les inappréciables qualités de coeur, d'esprit et de bienveillance que possédait Mademoiselle Williams et la faisait aimer de tous ceux qui l'ont approchée.

Je compatis profondément à la peine que doivent ressentir les membres de votre Bureau et au délicat problème que vous pose une telle succession.

Veillez bien, mon cher Président, agréer l'assurance de tous mes sentiments de sincère condoléance.

Dr. X. LeClainche
de l'Academia de Medicine
Comite Francais de Service Social
Et D'Action Sociale
Paris, France.

Have just learned the sad news about Ruth Williams. Canada has lost a dear friend and highly respected colleague. Please express our sympathy to the Williams' family and to the International Conference of Social Work.

Anne Dumaulin, President
Canadian Association of Social Workers.

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