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Dear NCFR Members,

The big news these days is the tremendous job we got into by accepting the challenge of a joint meeting with the International Union of Family Organizations. Although it is hard work, the challenge has been sufficient to keep us going. Now we are beginning to get our heads above water, and can see ways of making the IUFO-NCFR International Conference a reality. One of the biggest remaining problems is finance, with anticipated budget needs of \$19,000. In order to guarantee a sizeable delegation from Europe, the Conference planning committee agreed to help underwrite a chartered plane. One NCFR member gave \$500 toward this, and we hope this will challenge others to do likewise.

A few state councils are helping out financially. The Tri-State Council under Wally Fulton's chairmanship has accepted responsibility for local reception, tours, and entertainment, and have put up \$500 as a down payment on those expenses. Jane Mayer, Tri-State president, is chair of the committee on translations and interpretations. Mark Flapan and Paul Vahanian are arranging for meeting places, housing, and other conveniences at Teachers College. Evelyn Duvall's committee has sent letters to potential international delegates all over the world. Esther Middlewood is setting up post-conference professional contacts for the foreign delegates. Ruth Jewson is in charge of publicity. Harold Christensen and

NCFR Section chairs have a colossal job with program. Msgr. Irving DeBlanc is organizing other American agencies which are IUFO members in joint sponsorship of the conference. David Mace has worn out one typewriter and two sets of fingernails liaisoning with Paris headquarters of the IUFO. Yours truly is worrying about money.

The planning committee had to assign quotas of delegates from each sponsoring organization, including NCFR, and set a deadline of April 15 for registration. Total attendance expected is 1,200, with 300 spaces reserved for foreign delegates. It is imperative that NCFR delegates register at once if we are to guarantee that you can attend. Do it now, please!

An NCFR Executive Committee meeting will be held in Columbus, April 1 and 2. Send items for the agenda to Ruth Jewson immediately.

Your president has been active as a Technical Consultant to the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth, has prepared one of the major papers, "Marriage Problems and the Termination of Marriage," and will be a resource person for one of the work sections of the conference. Ruth Jewson, Harold Christensen, and Mildred Morgan are also NCFR delegates.

See you in New York August 23-26, for our Annual Meeting and the International Conference.

Sincerely,

Aaron L. Rutledge, President