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THE President of the International Federation of Social Workers, Miss Teresta Silva (centre), seen addressing a Press conference in Nairobi, yesterday. With her (left), is the vice-president of the federation, Africa Region, Mrs. Matha Menya, who is also Kenya's Principal Social Welfare Officer, and Mrs. Catherine Chuend, General Secretary of the federation.

## SYMPOSIUM TO EXAMINE THE 'REAL PROBLEMS' FACING SOCIAL WORKERS

BETWEEN 700 and 1,000 delegates from all over the world are expected in Nairobi to attend the third symposium of the International Federation of Social Workers, beginning on Monday.

Addressing a Press conference yesterday at the Kenyatta Conference Centre, president of the Federation Miss Teresta L. Silva, said the theme of the conference would be "The Changing Role of Social Workers in a Changing Society."

The symposium would "expose" social workers from developed and developing countries to real issues affecting social workers.

Regional meetings will be held where the delegates will discuss common problems and try to find solutions to them mutually.

"We are going to have inner and outer circles during the symposium. Delegates from developing countries will discuss and examine problems in the 'inner circle' and delegates from the 'outer circle', will just sit and listen and may contribute suggestions and solutions to problems facing the developing countries," Miss Silva observed.

Flanked by the vice-president of the federation for Africa, Mrs. Matha Menya, who is also Kenya's principal social welfare officer, Miss Silva said

her federation was in the process of planning regional projects to help social workers develop both in terms of knowledge and capability.

She hoped the symposium would be able to discuss the significant role of social workers, and interpret the philosophy of social work in terms of human welfare.

Alongside the symposium, will be a seminar to be run specifically for Kenya social workers, where they will discuss social welfare development with particular reference to Kenya. Experts on social work will give lectures at the seminar.

This is the first time a symposium of this kind has been held in Africa.

• The Seventeenth International Congress of Schools of Social Work opens on Saturday at the Kenyatta Conference Centre, and the delegates will be greeted by Kenya's Minister for Co-operative, and Social Services Mr. Masinde Muliro, on the same day.

Meanwhile delegates who arrived in Nairobi early this week have been meeting in different committee groups.