An Appreciation

It is with great sadness that I write a brief obituary of Dr Miguela Solis, Vice-President of the Far East who died in the U.S.A. on 7 January, 1972.

Many of her friends were worried at the news of the serious illness which prevented Dr Solis at the last moment from coming to the Assembly at Bonn, but her death so soon afterwards has saddened us all.

Dr Solis was a vital person, quick in movement and in mind, a very hard worker with exacting standards. She inspired her co-workers and members of her staff and one could sense the very great devotion and regard which they had for her.

Following the retirement of Mrs Denton of Australia, Dr Solis became the second vice-president of the region which comprises all the countries of the Far East and the Pacific. She tackled this enormous task with characteristic vigour, and though forced for reasons of national economy to limit her travels, she kept closely in touch with her 'family of nations' by correspondence and exchange of reports.

Dr Solis was the first director of the

National Co-ordinating Centre for the Study of Filipino Children and Youth, President of the OMEP National Committee of the Philippines, as well as being actively associated with organizations concerning school superintendents, curricular development, teacher training and the Philippine Association of University Women.

Outside the Philippines, Dr Solis had many friends in the U.S.A. who knew her when she did her postgraduate studies at Stanford University, and in Australia where she attended several Australian preschool Association conferences.

The last time Dr Solis was able to attend an OMEP World Council meeting was at the Assembly in Washington in 1968 and many people will remember the charming photograph of her wearing her Filipino national dress which was later published in the *Journal*.

OMEP has lost a very great friend and leading administrator, and our deepest sympathy is extended to her region, her country and to her husband and family.

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