

## 12. Thora Daugaard

1874 – 1951

A trained translator and editor, Thora Daugaard, was an active suffragist in Danish Woman Suffrage Societies Federation (DKV). After attending the International Women's Congress at The Hague in 1915, she worked to establish a Danish section of WILPF (KILFF) and, in 1916, the Danish Women's Peace Chain, which successfully recruited women of the working class. In 1919 she became the editor of a new women's magazine, where WILPF had a message page for members. In 1924 the League's own magazine Peace and Freedom was on the street, to date the oldest peace magazine in Denmark.

In 1918 Thora Daugaard started the construction of a house for single, self-employed women in Denmark. The Clara Raphael House with almost 150 apartments, restaurant and laundry was completed in 1920.

A talented lecturer, she was invited by Jane Addams to do a peace tour in the US 1927-29. In 1934 she participated in the League of Nations Assembly as a representative of WILPF. She was elected the League's International Treasurer 1938-46.

One of her most important achievements was her help to young Jews during WW2. The Danish section obtained permission to house 350 young German Jews in private Danish homes in 1939. When Denmark was occupied, the Jewish children were allowed to stay and the League helped the families keep a low profile. In 1943, the children, and Thora Daugaard, had to flee to Sweden.