



THEY WERE ALL THERE

Mrs. Beth McKenty of the national office of the Baha'i Faith in the United States, visits with guests during a U.N. International Desert Party. A combined effort of many groups in the North Shore area, the affair attracted guests

from a number of foreign countries as well as from this area. Nine different deserts were served from tables decorated with U.N. Flags and candles.

Baha'is Celebrate U.N. Day With Dessert Party

Films showing the plight of two-thirds of the world's population who never have enough to eat and suffer from a variety of illnesses were shown at a United Nations meeting held recently in the Baha'i House of Worship, Wilmette.

Many North Shore organizations participated in the meeting. Members of the Baha'i Faith which stresses the concept of the oneness of mankind, served international deserts from long tables centered with U.N. flags and candles, following the conclusion of the program.

Dr. David Ruhe, chairman of the meeting and national secretary of the Baha'is of the United States, reviewed the accomplishments of the United Nations during its 19 years. Citing the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations as a vital area of U.N. functioning, Dr. Ruhe declared that under its auspices a campaign against the greatest killer of all time, malaria, has been so successful that it is expected to be almost eradicated in the next decade.

"There is, unfortunately, a widening gap between the two-thirds of the world's people who suffer from malnutrition, and the one-third who are comparatively well-fed. Depressed people, for the first time in history, are really

aware of their privation compared with their more fortunate neighbors," commented Dr. Ruhe.

"One out of every three people has an adequate supply of clean water," he added, "while the other two suffer thirst and illness from inadequate and contaminated water supplies."

Dr. Ruhe recalled Ghandi's statement that two-thirds of the world's people are on an "eternal, compulsory fast." He urged that those attending the meeting take a greater interest in the work of the United Nations and support its humanitarian programs.