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'I'M A WOMAN, AND NOTHING FEMININE IS ALIEN TO ME'



Valentina Tereshkova answers questions from journalists in the Hall of Columns.

"DID 48 orbits around the Earth in 'Vostok-6'. Each orbit lasted about 88 minutes, so you can see the Earth isn't so very big after all. And when I admired it from outer space I kept thinking one thing—that our beautiful blue planet mustn't be disfigured by atomic explosions and that there mustn't be a thermonuclear war... All controversial issues between states must be solved not by force of arms but through mutual understanding." This was what Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman astronaut, said when asked what she had been thinking about as she looked at the Earth from outer space.

This was one of the 300 questions she was asked on July 1 at the press conference arranged by the press centre of the Women's World Congress. She met

the women journalists who had been covering the Congress.

Tereshkova grouped all the questions into separate piles—autobiography, flight preparations, the actual flight, future ambitions, the Women's Congress, and so on. She gave detailed and interesting answers to each group of questions.

"Were you afraid?" she was asked. "No, I wasn't afraid. I was excited, but I'm a human being and that's only natural."

On the question about her ambitions for the future, Valentina said: "I want to devote my whole life to the peaceful exploration of space for the good of mankind."

Of course there were some jokes. "Have you always had a figure like that, or is it only since your return from space?" she was asked. "I've always

had it," answered Valentina. "But regular sports activities are a very great help both in keeping one's figure and in space exploration."

"Did you enjoy putting on a pretty dress when you came back to the Earth?" "I'm a woman, and nothing feminine is alien to me," replied Tereshkova.

Tereshkova declared that she was happy to have taken part in the work of the Women's World Congress. "The most valuable thing that we women will take away with us from the Congress," she said, "is the feeling of friendship, unity, and belief in the justness of our common cause, the struggle for peace."

The press conference was also attended by astronaut Valery Bykovsky.

Туда возможности передать горячий привет, самые наилучшие пожелания всем читательницам "Московскому Вестнику".
Делая всем женщинам во всех уголках земли счастья, мира и процветания.

Valentina
В. Терешкова.

I am glad of the opportunity to convey warm greetings and the very best wishes to all women readers of "Moscow News".

I wish all women, in all parts of the world, happiness, peace and prosperity.

V. TERESHKOVA



The last moments of the World Women's Congress, a congress of Peace, Hope, Friendship and Unity. Representatives of the greater half of mankind, women from all continents, had tears in their eyes as they applauded two of their sisters—Valentina Tereshkova, a Russian, and Elza Hangungu, an Angolan girl.