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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S LETTER

"Dear Mr. Bishop:

"I feel that my dear mother would be very happy in the realization of plans whereby the old home in East Sixty-fifth Street, with all of its memories of joy and sorrow, is now to become Interfaith House, dedicated to mutual understanding and good will among students matriculating in Hunter College.

"It is to me of happy significance that this place of sacred memories is to become the first college center established for the high purpose of mutual understanding among Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic students. I hope this movement for toleration will grow and prosper until there is a similar establishment in every institution of higher learning in the land, the spirit of which shall be unity in essentials, liberty in non-essentials, and in all things charity.

"In that spirit we should all treasure in our hearts and souls the admonition of the grand Old Testament prophet, 'What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.'

"Very sincerely yours,

"FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

SARA DELANO ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL HOUSE

The Dedication Exercises in the College Assembly Hall on Monday, November 22nd, marked the culmination of an enterprise which had for months enlisted the ardent endeavors of a devoted band—the acquisition and furnishing of the two Roosevelt Houses, the President's and his mother's, at 47 and 49 East 65th Street, henceforth to be known jointly as Sara Delano Roosevelt Memorial House.

The note of inter-faith for which the House is to stand was carried out in the choice of the divines of different creeds who participated in the ceremonies. The Rt. Rev. William A. Scully pronounced the Invocation, Dr. Herman M. Rosenthal read from the Scriptures, and Dr. Samuel G. Trexler delivered the Benediction.

Since the House is to be used for the noble purpose of fostering inter-race as well as inter-faith understanding, it was fitting that one of the high lights of the program was the superb singing of spirituals by a Negro, Mr. Aubrey Pankey, fittingly introduced by President Shuster as a brilliant young artist. The effortless ease with which even Mr. Pankey's softest notes filled the huge Assembly Hall with a volume of combined strength and sweetness, and at the same time the attitude of modesty, of dignity, of dedication that characterized his renderings, furnished an unforgettable experience, and evoked an outburst of applause after a moment of rapt silence that was perhaps an even deeper tribute.

On the lighter side there was a hint of inter-politics too, provided by President Shuster's jesting remark in presenting the first speaker of the afternoon that it was proper that first place in the dedication of Roosevelt House went to an eminent Republican. This was Mr. Charles H. Tuttle, member of the

Board of Higher Education, and president of the association that had made Roosevelt House possible.

Mr. Tuttle in his talk recalled as a notable event the incorporation on March 20th of a group of lay persons—Catholics, Jews, and Protestants—to serve the educational, spiritual, and social needs of the students and to foster religious ideals. He declared that "the heart of culture is the culture of the heart", and that the test of men is whether they make for unity or for disunity. He also recalled the recent World's Fair as the first time in human history that Catholics, Jews, and Protestants united in erecting a temple to the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and expressed the view that brotherhood cannot be achieved without religion.

President Shuster then gave further details as to the inclusive scope of those managing the affairs of the House: the three religious groups through their respective councils, and also representatives of several different bodies—faculty, students, Board of Higher Education, and alumnae. After this he proceeded to the actual Dedication, asking by whom this could more fittingly be done than by her whose home the House had been—the First Lady of the Land.

Mrs. Roosevelt brought a message from the President, a letter written from the White House on November 4th to Richard E. Bishop, Vice-President of the A. C. Horn Company, Long Island City, Queens, in which he expressed his own joy and the happiness that his mother would have felt that "this place of sacred memories" is to become Interfaith House for the students of Hunter College, "the first college center established for the high purpose of mutual understanding among Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic students". The First Lady then in her own person re-

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With the radio bringing information and the airplane reducing distance so that all parts of the globe may be reached within sixty hours, it is incredible that the isolationist still preaches his unintelligible while unconscious selfishness. If this global war, thrust upon us, has not shown him it is impossible for man to live alone, then our hopes for a lasting peace are built upon sand. Let us pray that the isolationist will learn that nationalism should give way to internationalism. The passage of the Connally Bill, growing out of the Moscow Pact, heartens a sick world. May the United Nations, in a not too far off future, bring health founded on a just peace to this war-weary world!

To help reach our goal of a million it is suggested that members who usually make their War Bond purchases through their banks place them instead with our Mrs. Bitterman, who has given so much of herself to the great cause; or else request their banks to send receipts for such purchases to her so they may be added to the grand total.

APPEAL FOR ALUMNAE APPLICANTS FOR THE NAVY

For the past year a faculty committee at Hunter, appointed by President Shuster at the request of the Navy, have encouraged and facilitated enlistments of college seniors as officer candidates in the WAVES. Seniors who wish to serve their country in the Navy and who meet the naval requirements for officer candidacy are enlisted at any time during the senior year and called to service upon graduation. The Committee and the College are proud of the number and the records of Hunter graduates, several of whom are already serving the Navy as ensigns.

The Navy needs and wants, in addition to these young graduates, officer candidates who have both college degrees and business or professional experience. Specifically, if an alumna has had business experience in banking, retailing, or manufacturing, such experience will be valuable to an officer in the WAVES. Executives, accountants, statisticians, buyers, personnel officers—all these can serve capably as officers. Particularly needed are women who have had technical

training and practical experience in engineering, communications, electronics, physics, and radio. If an alumna is experienced in any of these fields, she can perform no greater service than to put that experience to work for her country. A limited number of such women will be commissioned as Lieutenants (Junior Grade) and Lieutenants (Senior Grade). Because officers hold particularly responsible positions, standards of character and conduct for candidates are necessarily high.

Physical Requirements

Each candidate must meet the following requirements:

1. General physical examination for health and fitness.
2. *Height*: at least five feet.
3. *Weight*: at least 95 pounds and in proportion to body build.
4. *Hearing*: ability to distinguish whispered words at fifteen feet.
5. *Teeth*: minimum of 18 sound teeth with at least two molars opposing on each side and four opposing front teeth.
6. *Eyes*: minimum vision in each eye 12/20, correctable to 20/20. (It is sometimes possible to secure a waiver for eyes that do not meet the above standards if the applicant is highly qualified in other respects, or if her experience is directly applicable to the needs of the Navy.)
7. *Age*: 20 to 49 years. (The WAVES specially need officers between the ages of 25 and 33.)

Pay Scale for Officers

Women officers rate the same privileges and draw the same pay and allowances as men officers.

Ensign: \$150.00 base pay plus allowances, amounting in all to about \$216.00 a month.

Lieutenant (Junior Grade): \$166.67 base pay and allowances, amounting in all to about \$247.00 per month.

Lieutenant (Senior Grade): \$200.00 base pay and allowances, amounting in all to about \$296.00 per month.

Uniforms: Officers are allowed \$250.00 for original uniforms.

Applications

Applications may be made direct to the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, 33 Pine Street, New York 5. The undersigned committee members are, also, ready and eager to help any alumna who wishes to enter the WAVES as an officer candidate, and are prepared to give advice and assistance in the preparation of records and recommendations. Further information may be obtained from the chairman of the committee, Professor Philip R. V. Curoe, at the College. Alumnae have an opportunity to extend their experience and to do a vital service for their country by entering the WAVES.

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