



G. Mennen Williams
addressing D.C. Chapter

The Chapters Celebrate the College Birthday

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On February 6, a beautiful, warm, sunny day in the middle of winter, the D.C. Chapter celebrated the Ninety-Fifth Birthday of Hunter at Billy Martin's Carriage House with a luncheon held also for the benefit of the Centennial Fund.

High points of the luncheon included the reading of Birthday Greetings from President Meng, Anna Trinsey, Bess Myerson Grant and Catherine O'Hara; good food; a beautiful birthday cake decorated with the Hunter Seal and colors; the singing of *Fame*; and the presence of the following: Robert Harris '59, a brave man; Rebecca Smith '11, the Chapter's oldest member; the Honorable G. Mennen Williams and Mrs. Williams; Miss Beano Hunter, niece of the Williams' and a student at Goucher College; several of Mr. Williams' staff from the Department of State; Edward Hubbard, who took pictures; and a Voice of America representative, who taped the luncheon speech.

The D.C. Chapter was greatly honored to have Mr. Williams, who is Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, as its guest. As Governor of Michigan for six consecutive terms he had provided leadership in fields of civil rights, education, mental health and conservation. In 1960 Mr. Williams became the late President Kennedy's first major political appointee. He has traveled more than 300,000 miles on official trips to Africa, visiting virtually every area on that continent and obtaining first hand knowledge of African conditions.

Mr. Williams described Africa as the second largest land mass in the world, with only 265 million people but with 1000 languages and dialects; with a culture ranging from primitive to modern; and with an economy based on agriculture and mining. Mr. Williams said that Africans desire freedom and independence; personal and national dignity; improved standards of living; and improved educational opportunities and facilities.

American policy, said Mr. Williams, is to help develop

a peaceful and stable Africa; to maintain and expand cultural ties between Africa, the United States and Europe; and to help Africans attain their aspirations. Much credit for Africa's progress and development was given by Mr. Williams to the OAU, ECA, the Africa Development Bank, AID, the Peace Corps, USIA, and to such private groups as missionaries, labor organizations, farm groups, and foundations.

Africa is an exciting and challenging continent with many opportunities, Mr. Williams said. He concluded with the sincere hope that strong and active interest in Africa and its people would be maintained in a continuing effort to develop new ties between Africa and America.

A standing ovation and much applause surrounded Secretary and Mrs. Williams as they departed.

Dorothy Johnson Hubbard

BALTIMORE

Conversation added seasoning to the Chinese food as about fifty Hunter "Orioles" gathered at the Pagoda Inn to celebrate the birthday of our Alma Mater on Saturday afternoon, February 13. Seated amongst the predominantly feminine group was one brave alumnus, Charles Cherubin '50.

We were happy, too, to have with us a member of the D.C. Chapter, Norma Exler Ozur '52.

Not present, but mentioned with pride was Florence Rosenfeld Howe '50, English professor at Goucher College and first president of the Baltimore Chapter. Florence's name appears very prominently on the front cover of the January 11, 1965 issue of *The Nation*, which features her article on "Doris Lessing's Free Women."

Doris Schreiber Nitzberg

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Southern California Chapter held its annual Birthday Luncheon on February 13, at the Beverly Hills Hotel. Eighty-two members and guests were present. We were fortunate indeed to have as our guests the Honorable James Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mr. Roosevelt told us how he remembered living in

the house we now call Roosevelt House. We all felt a nostalgia speaking to a member of a family that has long been a friend of Hunter.

As Representative Roosevelt is a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, we asked him to speak to us on the topic of Federal Aid to Education. In his talk he made the point that federal aid does not mean federal domination, but does mean the raising of educational standards in poorer states.

We celebrated the Birthday with the traditional cake. The candles were lit by the most recent graduate, Ruth Silverstein '63. (Ruth went back to school after the birth of her three children.) They were then blown out by Anna *Weiner* Hochfelder, Lena Garfinkel and Rose *Friedman* Levy, all of the Class of 1903.

The very rewarding afternoon ended with the singing of *Fame*.

Joan *Silverman* Kheel

ROCHESTER

Rochester Chapter was honored this year at our Hunter Birthday Luncheon, held on February 13, to have in our midst an outstanding Rochesterian and a Golden Jubilarian, Johanna R. Miceli of the Class of 1915.

Johanna came to Rochester soon after graduation to spend forty years as a teacher of English in the Rochester High School system. In addition to her teaching career, Johanna followed, and still is following, a life of service to this community as a charter member and officer of a long list of charitable, civic, and cultural organizations.

As one of the organizers of the Italian Civic League and the Italian Women's Club, she worked to help thousands of Italian immigrants to feel at home here in America and she is still working with these two groups in their cultural, educational, and charitable programs.

The Cosmopolitan Club, which she helped form early in the 1940's to help refugees from war-torn lands, still counts her as an active member in its foreign exchange program for high schools and colleges.

Johanna entertained us at the luncheon, reminiscing about her college days when there were *no men* at Hunter except President Davis and some members of the faculty, when there was no Uptown Campus, and when the graduating class numbered about 110!

Johanna is a charter member of our chapter and has acted as our treasurer since our beginning.

Present to honor Johanna were Paulette *Bolton* Aroesty '59, Helen *Strunsky* Austin '46, Ruth Geller '36, Marge *Termeer* Hebert '54, May *Kramer* Phelosof '43, Celia *Kaplan* Schwartz '35, Bea *Setzen* Shepard '38, Rhoda *Koenigsberg* Taylor '50, Mary *McGarvey* Woods '40 and Marion *Ralpsky* Zachmann '51.

Mary *McGarvey* Woods