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WOMEN IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

Women continue to make definite progress in the United States Foreign Service at home and abroad.

In addition to six women who have served their country as Chiefs of Mission (Ambassadors or Ministers), 298 women are classified by the State Department as Foreign Service Officers.

These are the top-ranking women of the Foreign Service. From this list are drawn the consuls, vice consuls and holders of high posts in the U.S. embassies and legations abroad. They are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

As holders of diplomatic and consular ratings, these women are assigned to positions concerned with the conduct, observation or analysis of foreign affairs, the furtherance of the interests and welfare of United States citizens abroad; or the executive management of overseas operations of the Departmental and Foreign Service.

Another 2,144 women serve as "foreign service staff" employees here and abroad. They are appointed by the Secretary of State and assigned to positions involving technical, administrative or clerical duties.

This comes to a total of 2,442 women in the Foreign Service of the Department of State, or more than one-fourth of all U.S. Foreign Service personnel. In addition, the Department has a reserve list of qualified women, now numbering 44, available for specialized and short-term assignments.

Women Serve Abroad for Other Government Agencies

Two other federal agencies with far-flung international installations are assigning women to a variety of responsible posts. Many of these women hold a rank equivalent with that of State Department Foreign Service Officers.

The International Cooperation Administration, which administers technical and economic assistance abroad, lists eleven such women in key posts throughout the world (see page 3). Likewise, the United States Information Agency, which tells the American story to the nations of the world through press, radio, television, libraries and other mass communications media, lists some twenty women at the executive level (see page 4).
Women Ambassadors

Miss Frances Willis, the first State Department career woman to be elevated to the rank of Ambassador, has twice been appointed U.S. Ambassador. In April, 1957, she was appointed Ambassador to Norway, where she is now serving. In July, 1953, Miss Willis was named Ambassador to Switzerland. She also was the first U.S. Ambassador to that country as this country's Legation there was raised to an Embassy in 1953.

Miss Willis began her Foreign Service as a Vice Consul in Chile in 1927, has served in many strategic posts and at the time of her first Ambassadorial appointment, she was the first woman to hold the rank of Foreign Service Officer, Class I.

Previous Ambassadors

Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, appointed U.S. Ambassador to Italy on February 16, 1953, by President Eisenhower, has the distinction of being the first American woman Ambassador to a major European country. She is a former member of Congress, having served two terms as the Representative from Connecticut's 4th Congressional District. She resigned from her Ambassadorial post, January 4, 1957. In the spring of 1959, Mrs. Luce's nomination as Ambassador to Brazil was confirmed by the Senate, but she resigned before taking up her duties. The only other woman Ambassador, Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, was Ambassador to Denmark, Oct. '49 - May, 1953.

Previous Ministers

Women Ministers in the United States Foreign Service have numbered only three. The first, Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owens, was Minister to Denmark from April, 1933 to August 30, 1936. The second, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman was Minister to Norway from May 4, 1937 to February 4, 1941. The third, Mrs. Perle Mesta, was Minister to Luxembourg from August, 1949 to May, 1953.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Following is a list of women Foreign Service Officers (Class 3 and above) representing the United States in the capitals of the world:

Ruth Bacon
International Relations Officer, Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs

H. Alberta Colclaser
Civil Air Officer, Paris

Katherine Bracken
Foreign Service Institute

Alice T. Curran
Special Assistant, Bureau of Public Affairs

Mary M. Carmichael
Economic Officer, Brussels, Belgium

Ethel B. Dietrich
Economic Officer, U.S. Regional Organization, Paris
Foreign Service

Eileen R. Donovan
Intelligence Research Specialist,
Bureau of Intelligence Research

Margaret H. Potter
Economic Officer, Geneva,
Switzerland

Florence H. Finne
Training Officer, Foreign Service
Institute

Constance Roach
Political Officer, U.S. Regional
Organization, Paris

Selma G. Freedman
Transportation and Communications
Officer, Ottawa

Geraldine Stibbe
Commercial Officer, Rotterdam,
The Netherlands

Constance Harvey
Principal Officer, Strasbourg, France

Margaret Tibbetts
International Relations Officer,
Bureau of European Affairs

Dorothy C. Hazard
Information Specialist, U.S.
Mission to the United Nations

Rebecca Wellington
Political Officer, Bonn, Germany

Ruth Mason Hughes
Career Development Officer,
Office of Personnel

Frances Willis
American Ambassador, Oslo,
Norway

Dorothy M. Jester
International Economist, Bureau of
Economic Affairs

Marion W. Worthing
Economic Officer, Paris

Carol C. Laise,
Political Officer, New Delhi

International Cooperation Administration

Barbara A. Hewell,
Public Health Physician (Maternal
Child), Asuncion, Paraguay

Marie Lehner
Physician (Maternal Child)
Bagdad, Iraq

Anna M. Matter
Nurse Advisor, La Regional (Peru)

Golda Stander
Asst. Program Officer
(Operations) Tokyo, Japan

Juliette M. Julian
Public Health Nurse
New Delhi, India

Mary L. Mills
Public Health Nurse, Phnom Penh
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Luanna J. Bowles
Education Advisor (Literature)
Tehran, Iran

Lucy W. Adams,
Community Development Advisor
Seoul, Korea

Margaret E. Knight
Labor Education Advisor, U.S.
Regional Office, Paris, France

Helen S. Pryor, Personnel
Officer, Seoul, Korea

Bertha F. Strange, Home Econom-
imist Advisor, Seoul, Korea
Eleanor W. Allen
Cultural Affairs Officer, London

Mildred Allport
Cultural Affairs Officer, Reyjkavik

Margot Cutter
Research Officer, Paris

Marjorie E. Ferguson
Branch Public Affairs Officer, Isle de France

Virginia L. Geiger
Information Specialist, Agency, (Washington)

Jessie Paxton Haddow
Information Specialist, Agency, (Washington)

Florence W. Konold
Asst. to Public Affairs Officer, New Delhi

Emily Krueger
Research Officer, Bangkok

Ruth Lewis
Information Specialist, Agency, (Washington)

Virginia McGonigal
Personnel Officer, Agency, (Washington)

Mauda Sandvig
Information Center Director, Mexico

Helen Semmerling
Foreign Affairs Officer, Agency, (Washington)

Ellen Taylor
Cultural Affairs Officer, Tel Aviv

Ruth R. Tryon
Publications Writer, Agency, (Washington)

Patricia Van Delden
Cultural Affairs Officer, Copenhagen

Juana A. Vogt
Foreign Service Staff Officer, Agency, (Washington)

Dorothy E. Weihrauch
Budget Officer, Agency, (Washington)

Dorothy A. Whipple
Cultural Affairs Officer, Saigon

Barbara White
Foreign Affairs Officer, Agency, (Washington)

Margaret H. Williams
Information Specialist, Agency, (Washington)