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BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTS OFFICERS

At its regular spring meeting at Dacor House on May 19 the Board of Governors chose officers for the coming year as follows: Harold H. Tittmann, President; Mrs. Wilbur J. Carr, Vice President; Lewis Clark, Second Vice President; Richard Fyfe Boyce, Secretary; Edmund B. Montgomery, Treasurer; and John Hamlin, Acting Executive Director. This slate was proposed by the Nominating Committee, appointed by Orme Wilson, President, and consisting of Wallace Murray, Chairman, David McK. Key, and James O. Denby.

The Board has twenty-five elected members, namely, Ray Atherton, Mrs. Wilbur J. Carr, William R. Castle, James O. Denby, Stanley K. Hornbeck, Benjamin R. Riggs, Edwin C. Wilson, and Clarence J. Spiker, whose terms expire in 1960; Henry J. Anslinger, Robert L. Buell, H. Merle Cochran, Cabot Coville, William E. Dunn, Loy Henderson, Jefferson Patterson and H. Earle Russell, who serve until 1961; and Robert Woods Bliss, Richard Fyfe Boyce, Joseph C. Grew, David McK. Key, Edmund B. Montgomery, Wallace Murray, John Farr Simmons, Harold H. Tittmann, and Stanley Woodward, elected at the annual meeting of members on April 20, to serve until 1962. In addition, Lewis Clark, Second Vice President, and John Hamlin, Acting Executive Director, are ex officio members of the Board.

BOARD PRAISES ESTEEMED OUTGOING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Governors approved a letter from Orme Wilson, who presided over Dacor the past year, to George Gregg Fuller, extolling his invaluable services to Dacor and expressing the hope that he will continue to contribute to its success.

The text of the letter follows:

May 22, 1959

"Dear George:

You will recall that I learned from you last October that due to the state of your health, your advanced years, the wishes of your family and the heavy work load resulting from the activities of DACOR, you had decided that you could not continue much longer in the discharge of your duties as Executive Director and that in consequence you wished to withdraw from them in the not distant future.

As a result of this decision on your part, which I received with regret, I feel sure you will agree with me that it became necessary for the responsible officials of DACOR to give urgent consideration to a number of important questions affecting the future of our organization.

I therefore appointed a small group called Special Committee on Administration to study the situation with which we were confronted with a view to submitting detailed and specific recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding the administration of DACOR, not only during the transition period prior to your retirement but thereafter. It was hoped that these recommendations would enable DACOR to continue to progress in the future as it has up to the present with your able advice and guidance.

Therefore, following a number of meetings and conferences with you, the Special Committee submitted its recommendations to the Executive Committee. This Committee gave its diligent and painstaking attention to a careful review of the proposals at a series of meetings held on December 22, 1958, as well as on January 2nd and 12th of the current year. Some modifications of the Special Committee's proposals resulted. However, eventually the Executive Committee arrived at, by unanimous decision, the recommendations, with which you are familiar, set forth on pages 3, 4 and 5 of the March Bulletin.

The Board of Governors, acting on behalf of the membership of DACOR, approved these recommendations, by unanimous decision, at its quarterly meeting on February 16, 1959.

In view of the aforementioned action of the Board of Governors, it is a source of especial regret to me and to those who spent so much of their time and effort in setting up the plan for the future guidance of DACOR that you should find yourself unable to carry on the duties and responsibilities of Executive Director under this plan which has been adopted and brought to the attention of DACOR's members.

I feel certain that I speak not only for the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors but for all our members in expressing the hope that although you have decided for reasons which you outline in your memorandum of May 14 you cannot continue as Executive Director, the willingness and good will which you mention in the last paragraph of this memorandum will enable us to count on your warm support and interest in the future.

Finally, I wish to give you on behalf of DACOR's Governors and membership an assurance of our deep appreciation and regard for the spirit in which you have so wholeheartedly given of your time and effort and to which the founding and subsequent growth of DACOR will always be indebted.

Very sincerely yours,

Orme Wilson"

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TAKES UP DUTIES

Under the chairmanship of Harold H. Tittmann, Dacor President, the new Executive Committee, which performs the duties of the Board when the latter is not in session, held its first bi-monthly meeting on June 1. In addition to the

corporation's officers, the Executive Committee consists of four other Governors appointed by the President. They are David McK. Key, Stanley Woodward, James O. Denby, and William E. Dunn.

President Tittmann appointed as chairman of standing committees, the following: Robert L. Buell, Legislative; Mrs. Ruth B. Shipley, Welfare; John Hamlin, Dacor House; and of special committees, Ellis M. Goodwin, Placement; and Edward C. Wilkinson, Lecture Series.

Subject to supervision of the Executive Committee and Board, the management of Dacor and editing of the Bulletin were transferred to John Hamlin, Acting Executive Director, with headquarters at Dacor House. He will be assisted by Mrs. Paul S. Guinn, Executive Secretary, upon her return from Europe. In the meantime, Mrs. Stephen Winship is replacing her.

As a further step toward centralizing activities, the Executive Committee recommended that the Secretary and Treasurer keep their records in the office shared by the Dacor House Committee and Dacor, Inc. at Dacor House.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE URGES SUPPORT OF SPARKMAN BILL

The Legislative Committee held three meetings during the past month. Robert L. Buell was appointed Chairman to succeed George Gregg Fuller who asked to be relieved of his duties. Miss Fay Boyle and Mrs. Carol Foster have been designated Vice Chairmen. Mr. Peyton Ford continues to act as Legal Counsel. At his suggestion, members of the Committee are now calling on members of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate to acquaint them with S-1502, our new pension bill, introduced on March 23, 1959 by Senator Sparkman, and to urge their support. The results are encouraging. A circular letter and memorandum on this bill will shortly be sent to all members of DACOR.

A proposal to ask for an amendment to the bill which would provide for free hospitalization and medical care for retirees was dropped upon the advice of our Legal Counsel who feared it might prejudice the chance of the bill being enacted.

The text of the bill is as follows:

A BILL

To provide for adjustments in the annuities under the Foreign Service retirement and disability system.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 821 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 1020; 22 U.S.C. 1076), as amended, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

"(d) The annuities of all persons who are receiving annuities from the Foreign Service retirement and disability fund shall be increased or recomputed automatically when salaries of Foreign Service officers are increased or recomputed, so that each annuitant shall receive the same annuity as will be received by officers of the same class, grade, and years of service who retire after such

salary increase, but no recomputation or any other action taken pursuant to this Act shall operate to reduce the rate of the annuity received by any such person unless such person voluntarily elects to receive a reduced annuity as provided in section 821(c).

"(e) The annuities paid by the Foreign Service retirement and disability fund shall automatically be increased when salaries are increased, so that each survivor annuitant will receive the same annuity as will be received by survivors of officers and annuitants of the same class, grade, and years of service when said officers retire under the increased scale of salaries."

Sec. 2. The annuities of all persons who are receiving annuities from the Foreign Service retirement and disability fund on the effective date of this Act shall be recomputed and adjusted so that all annuitants shall receive the same annuity as would be received by an officer of corresponding class, grade, and length of service (total years of service and classification during the highest five consecutive years of service) who retires after the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 3. If the annuitant is receiving an annuity as a survivor of a former annuitant or officer, the annuity shall be recomputed and adjusted so the survivor will receive the same annuity as survivors of officers of corresponding class, grade, and years of service would receive if the officer retired after the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 4. Section 5 of Public Law 503 of the Eighty-fourth Congress (70 Stat. 125; 22 U.S.C. 1079d) is amended by adding the word "has" before the word "died"; deleting the phrase "before August 29, 1954"; and inserting the figure "\$2,400" in lieu of the figure "\$1,200" therein.

Sec. 5. No recomputation or any other action taken pursuant to this Act shall operate to reduce the rate of the annuity received by any such person unless such person voluntarily elects to receive a reduced annuity as provided in section 821(c) of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended."

Senator Sparkman will offer an amendment to change the figure "\$1,200" to "\$1,320" in section 4 of the bill to conform with the provisions of the Foreign Services Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 1020; 22 U.S.C. 1076), as amended.

DACOR CANCELS RECEPTION FOR SENATOR GREEN

The President and Board of Governors canceled a reception in honor of Senator Theodore Francis Green arranged for May 25, on account of the official mourning following the death of John Foster Dulles.

Robert L. Buell, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, was in charge of details. Invitations were sent to over 200 people, including members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee, and officers of the Department of State and Foreign Service Association.

Another reception is contemplated at a later date.

BOARD REPLIES TO PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REQUEST

The Board of Governors received a letter dated May 19, 1959, from William E. Dunn, Chairman of the Placement Committee, as follows:

"On February 17, 1959, a resolution was adopted by the DACOR Placement Committee, of which I am Chairman, requesting that the Committee be given formal representation on the Executive Committee. This resolution was adopted during my absence in Arizona, and while I personally had and have no desire to be a member of the Executive Committee, inasmuch as I have a standing invitation to attend its meetings whenever I so desire, since the resolution was legally adopted and addressed to the Board of Governors, I deem it my duty to submit it formally to this Board. Through some misunderstanding, and without my knowledge or authority, the resolution was published in the March issue of the DACOR Bulletin, although when it was originally adopted, I understand that there was no thought of inserting it in the Bulletin before it reached the Board of Governors. The resolution was included in the minutes of the February 17 meeting, and appears in the attached copy, marked with red pencil.

"I beg leave to submit this resolution for the consideration of the Board of Governors, so that I may report your decision back to the members of my Committee."

Harold H. Tittmann, President of Dacor, replied to Mr. Dunn on June 1, as follows:

"Your letter of May 19, 1959, transmitting a resolution adopted by the Placement Committee on February 17, 1959, and requesting that the committee be given formal representation on the Executive Committee was duly presented to the meeting of the Board of Governors held on May 19. As you know, in view of the lateness of the hour, it was suggested that your communication be referred to the Executive Committee for appropriate attention.

"The Executive Committee has carefully considered the resolution, and has come to the conclusion that the action called for in the resolution is impracticable for the following reasons:

1. The Chairman of the Placement Committee has been regularly attending meetings of the Executive Committee and has kept in close touch with the latter. He has consulted with the Executive Committee and has kept it fully informed concerning the activities of his Committee.

2. Article VI, Section 1 of the By-Laws stipulates that the Executive Committee shall consist 'of the officers of the corporation and four other Governors appointed by the President.' The appointment of anyone to the Executive Committee by the Board would, therefore, require an amendment of the By-Laws. Various amendments to our By-Laws were recently adopted by an overwhelming majority, including some changes in Article VI, Section 1, but none of them envisages any restriction on the appointive power of the President with respect to the Executive Committee.

3. If the By-Laws were amended so as to empower the Board to appoint the Chairman of the Placement Committee a member of the Executive Committee it would be only logical also to appoint the Chairman of other Committees of DACOR. Since, however, there are some eight standing committees as well as several special committees, such as the Finance Committee, the Lecture Committee and the Placement Committee itself, it was the unanimous feeling that the appointment of some eleven or more Chairmen as members of the Executive Committee in addition to the nine members prescribed by the By-Laws, would render the latter cumbersome and unwieldy."

AMENDED BY-LAWS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

Dacor by-laws, including amendments adopted at the annual meeting on April 20, are being mimeographed. Copies will be distributed to officers and members of the Board of Governors and upon request to other members.

DACOR HOUSE MAKES PROGRESS

An increase is noticed in the number of members and guests using Dacor House. This is no doubt due to the improved furnishings, additional lockers, excellent meals, accommodating services of our steward, and the homelike atmosphere.

Members staying at Dacor House in recent weeks include William E. DeCourcy, Merwin L. Bohan, Mrs. Gustava Hanna, George F. Kennan, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Mills, Charles F. Knox, Jr., Miss Rebecca Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Shockley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Reed, David M. Maynard, Harold B. Minor, Max W. Bishop, and Mr. and Mrs. William C. Affeld, Jr.

In Memoriam

JOHN FOSTER DULLES, Secretary of State, died in Washington on May 24. President Eisenhower that day announced that "A lifetime of labor for world peace has ended. His countrymen and all who believe in justice and the rule of law grieve at the passing from the earthly scene of one of the truly great men of our time.

"Throughout his life, and particularly during his eventful six years as Secretary of State, his courage, his wisdom, and his friendly understanding were devoted to bettering relations among nations. He was a foe only to tyranny.

"Because he believed in the dignity of men and in their brotherhood under God, he was an ardent supporter of their deepest hopes and aspirations. From his life and work, humanity will, in the years to come, gain renewed inspiration to work ever harder for the attainment of the goal of peace with justice. In the pursuit of that goal, he ignored every personal cost and sacrifice, however great.

"We, who were privileged to work with him, have lost a dear and close friend as all Americans have lost a champion of freedom. United, we extend to Mrs. Dulles, to her children and to all members of the Dulles family our prayers and deepest sympathy, and the assurance that in our memories will live affection, respect and admiration for John Foster Dulles."

On this sad occasion, Harold H. Tittmann, President of Dacor, wrote Mrs. Dulles, as follows:

"Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired, Inc. (DACOR) wishes to extend to you its heartfelt sympathy in the untimely loss of your illustrious husband, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

"The members of our organization were all at one time or another in the Foreign Service and many of us had the privilege of serving directly under Secretary Dulles and of appreciation at first hand his great qualities. His passing, therefore, is particularly mourned at Dacor and we consequently feel especially close to you, Mrs. Dulles, in this sad moment of bereavement for us all."

Mr. Tittmann, in representation of Dacor, attended the services on May 27 at the Washington Cathedral. Dacor also sent a floral wreath.

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ELIOT WADSWORTH, of Washington, formerly of Boston, died May 27. He was 82 years of age. He was graduated from Harvard in 1898 and was a member of the "Family", the original group at 1718 H Street, and was a Life Member of Dacor House.

He was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, 1921-1925. For the following six years he was President of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. He represented the United States Government for settlement of the cost of the American Army of Occupation on the Rhine, from February to June, 1923.

In 1938 he was Chairman of the American Division of the International Chamber of Commerce, and in 1945 was one of the original incorporators of the American Cancer Society in the District of Columbia. He was a trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

EDWARD J. NORION died in Malaga, Spain on April 28. He entered the Service in March 1907 and rose through the ranks to the grade of Consul General. He was appointed Chief of Personnel in 1925 and served as such in the Department of State until he resigned in November 1929. From 1930 until his death he resided in Malaga where he had an important position in the firm of Bevan and Co.