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A Name Like Dulles Can Help ---Or Hinder

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Eleanor Lansing Dulles looks so much like her late brother, former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, that it's almost uncanny.

There is the same high forehead, the beating eyebrows, the somewhat prominent eyes behind thick glasses, the slash of a mouth that turns down at the corners.

And when she talks about Germany, which has been her special sphere of interest since 1922, Eleanor Dulles demonstrates that same mental capacity that led her grandfather, her uncle and her brother into this country's top State Department jobs.

SHE WAS doing this Monday afternoon before an audience of women at the brand new Skyline Community Church, under the sponsorship of Youth for Understanding, a student foreign exchange program for which Miss Dulles has become a consultant.

Miss Dulles — or Dr. Dulles, as she was introduced (she holds degrees from Bryn Mawr, Radcliffe and the London School of Economics), was serving on the State Department's German desk in 1944, long before her brother became Secretary. So there wasn't any nepotism involved in her career.

Quite the contrary, in fact. "My brothers certainly never helped me a bit," said the forthright woman in a brief chat after her talk, "but in Germany I admit that being a Dulles did give me some advantage."

Occasionally, though, possession of such a well-known name was of help to her. As Miss Dulles told the ladies: "They have a dossier on me

in East Germany. I understand I was directly responsible for the 1953 revolt, and that I also personally built the CIA's tunnel that ran from West Berlin under the Wall to below the East Berlin telephone headquarters."

ON THE OTHER hand, when she visited the church in Wittenberg, where Martin Luther is buried, the East German agents shadowing her evidently reported her concern over its dilapidation. She later learned that, immediately following her visit, the government had come up with much needed funds for repairs.

Though Eleanor Dulles has not been in the limelight to the extent of her brothers Foster and Alan, she has not exactly been blushing unseen all her life, either.

She has authored more than 12 books. Her latest, "1 Germany or 2," was published just six weeks ago. But she really isn't interested in talking about them. "I lose interest as soon as I've read proof," she confessed.

She has taught at her alma maters of Bryn Mawr and Radcliffe, at Duke University, at Stanford at the Center for Strategical International Studies, and at George Washington University in Washington.

And she also taught the group of students who traveled to Europe last summer on the Youth for Understanding program.

"I DON'T like ships unless I can run them," Dr. Dulles announced disarmingly, "but the idea, so I had to content myself with lecturing the stu-

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Eleanor Lansing Dulles bears a famous name—and a remarkably familiar face

dents on foreign policy.

"After all, if we don't reach our young people before they get set into rigid political molds, we don't stand a chance."

Today's German youth, Miss Dulles noted, "takes its lessons from Berkeley," and the age level of political leaders there "has gone down notably."

As for the women, well, "they have not broken loose the way they ought to — but it is coming."

AT THAT, she added after a moment's hesitation in government than American women do.

"Women have not had good chances in any of our departments except Labor and maybe Health and Welfare," she said. "There are very few in the State Department, and I only got a good rank and salary because I maneuvered a little bit, and did things that men would not think worth doing."

Even so, Eleanor Dulles does not really hold with the militant tactics of the women's liberation movement.

"There is a certain basis and provocation for it," she said. "I am afraid I am not willing to go to the barricades for that kind of thing."

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