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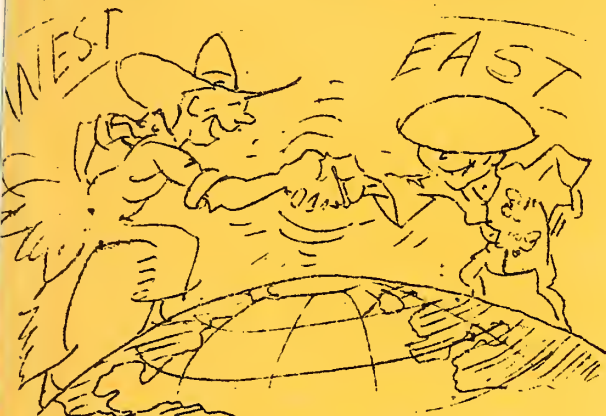
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EAST AND WEST ASSOCIATION

Membership in the 1945-46 program of the East and West Association is now open. It is a non-profit organization devoted to new and better understanding of the peoples of the world. Entertaining and cultural presentation of authentic information about the people of other countries are given.

The Washington Council of the East and West Association invites all government employees to join and share in the program for the coming year. Membership is \$5 for the year.

The program begins in October and extends twelve months. Plans have been made to hold at least four large programs resembling the Peoples' Congress meeting of last spring when Pearl Buck and Magane Magidoff were the Associations' guests. This will

include a Christmas Party -- Christmas Around the World -- an International dinner and an Embassy event.

Membership will include participation in small group activities which will grow up through demand among the members such as conversational language groups, meeting with nationals, informal talks on other countries, book reviews and folk dancing. Members will receive a national monthly bulletin which reports on activities of other East and West Councils and events of particular interest.

The presence of other nationalities in the city makes it possible for the hospitality service to acquaint American members with other people through informal entertainment. There will be one hospitality event scheduled each month.

It is likely that the Modern Chinese Plays of the East and West Theater will be brought here for a special engagement.

If you are interested in joining, please write Mrs. Lucille Butler 3807 - 7th St., N. W., Wash., D. C., giving her your name, home address, telephone number along with your check or money order. You will then be sent a membership card and an invitation to attend their first scheduled activity.

SOCIETY OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

The Society of Personnel Administration is a professional organization which welcomes men and women engaged in any phase of personnel administration into membership.

This Society fosters and encourages the improvement of personnel administration and provides a forum for the interchange of ideas related to personnel administration.

The latest developments in each particular field are presented at the various section meetings of the society. These conferences, in addition to their monthly dinner meetings as well as their official publications, "Personnel Administration", prove an excellent means for widening personnel workers' background.

Employees whose interests and responsibilities are related to some phase of personnel management may secure additional information regarding the activities of the society and membership by calling ext. 3105.

Mr. Frank J. Mouch, a former Agriculture building guard, who supervised many USDA employees with fresh eggs weekly from his small poultry farm, died recently. At the time of his death, many persons were indebted to him for eggs. Miss Gertrude West, OF&C, Room 114-W Admin. Bldg., ext. 6103, has kindly consented to receive and forward to his widow any money which Mr. Mouch's customers owed him when he passed away.

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save our "so hard to get" pennies and go to a State Society Dance or two. Connie had a list of officers of all the State Societies here in Washington and gets notices of their dances they plan. Why don't you give your Contact Officer a buzz about your State Society? Maybe we'll see you at some dances.

R. again

SOMETHING INTERESTING:

For the convenience and enjoyment of government employees, planned week-end tours to such places as Luray, Va. (tour of the Cavern), New York City, etc., are personally conducted by Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, who formally arranged group trips for the Army Air Forces, War Dept. On Oct. 21, a one day trip has been planned to Luray, Va. A special bus leaves 12th and New York Ave. at 7:30 a.m., returning to Washington between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.

The trip includes: 1. Round trip bus ride to Luray, Va., with a glimpse of the mountains and Skyline Drive; 2. Banquet lunch at Skyline Terrace; 3. Tour of the beautiful caverns of Luray.

Another trip is being arranged to New York City by rail (Special Car), including the tour of the city, leaving Friday evening, Nov. 2. For reservations and additional information, call Mrs. Thompson, Co. 4312.

An I tired of staying home every night and twiddling my thumbs? Heben hasn't called me up for three nights yet! Of course, I know that the changeover from the 48 to the 40 hour week has really put a crimp in his spending money (I don't even have any anymore) and probably accounts for the decrease in his "wine, dine, and dance" invitations. (Anyhow, I certainly hope that's it. I don't think any of the "Do you know?", "Can you dance?", or "Your friends won't tell you" ads could possibly apply to me...I hope!) And I suppose he's afraid I'll think he's a bit weird if he suggests any kind of "free" or "inexpensive" entertainment. You know how men like to make an impression.

But you just watch me cook his goose! I'm going to try out every "free" and inexpensive, movie, concert, and art exhibit that "Connie", my Bureau Contact Officer, can tell me about. I might even go so far as to risk one of the Hostelling Trips she told me about. Connie says it doesn't cost much and she also says that quite a few G's and other employees take these trips and she mentioned something about a Harvest Moon too! You know, it might really be worth while to make a slight investment and risk a little fresh air. And you know me, can I ever drop a handkerchief or turn my ankle under the proper circumstances!!!! I'm

going places in spite of Heben and the 40 hour week! In fact, if he won't go with me, I'll find someone else, maybe another girl even.

Of course, you understand girls, if Heben should happen to hear this and just happen to suggest that we both go to see Connie (Bureau Contact Officers can be a tremendous help) to see what we can cook up together in the way of entertainment that doesn't cost too much, I'd certainly give the idea a lot of deep thought. In fact, it really wouldn't take any; I'd go with him before he had time to change his mind. You know how I am about Heben!

With Love,
Rachael

PS. We went to see Connie. She told us about several interesting activities that are scheduled this month. (Connie says that Bureau Contact Officers get this kind of information every month for employees. We could hardly make up our minds what to do first. Heben wants to go to all the art exhibits at Corcoran Art Gallery. There are several different ones scheduled. But I am more interested in the movies. Connie says the Department is going to show some good ones after hours beginning sometime in November. I'll let you know if I hear any more about it.

PS #2. Heben and I are going to

A SKATING WE WILL GO

The Sunset Skating Club has announced its season schedule at Uline Ice Arena beginning Sunday, Nov. 4 and ending Sunday, March 31. Skating hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

The facilities of the Club are delightful skating, music, club rooms for men and women, checking room, refreshment counter, figure skating instructors, help for beginners, large parking lot next door and also street parking.

Membership fee for adults for the season is \$10.20 (juniors \$7.20). Checks or money orders should be mailed to Mr. Joel G. Winkjer, Treasurer, 1921 Lawrence St., N.W., Wash. D. C. as soon as possible. To avoid crowding, membership is restricted.

WALSH CLUB

You haven't forgotten the Walsh Club for War Workers and Veterans, have you? It's located at (rear) 1523 - 22nd Street, N.W. Each month programs are planned for your participation and enjoyment in addition to dancing, cards, table tennis, square dancing and language classes. South American dance classes, a hayride and a Halloween Party are some of the schedule events for October. The Club is open 4 to 11 p.m. Monday thru Friday, 5 to 12 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 11 p.m. Sundays.

This Club is also open on Thursdays for government office parties. For information call Adams 2209 - before 5 and Decature 8398 after 5 p.m.

WANT RIDES

Mrs. Irish, 2900 Lorcom Lane, Arlington, Va., ext. 2229.

Mrs. Dixon, 4101 - W Street, N. W., ext. 3462.

Miss Smith, 821 Silver Spring Ave., Silver Spring, Md., ext. 2245.

Mr. Campbell, 328 - 18th Place, N. E., ext. 6101.

Miss Fowler, 1120 E. Capitol Street, ext. 2757.

Miss Crews, 1314 Randolph St., N. W., ext. 3739.

UNITED NATIONS FORUM

The United Nations Forum is presenting a series of lectures and discussions this winter which will be concerned with problems of "World Peace in the Atomic Age".

Constitution Hall has been engaged for four Monday nights beginning Nov. 19. The price of the season ticket is \$2.40. Subjects of the series are "Challenge of the Bomb", "Responsibility of the Big Powers", "Immediate Problems of Europe", "Immediate Problems of Asia".

Tickets may be purchased from Mrs. Roby Stehr, Information Booth in the Patio of the Admin. Bldg.

STATE SOCIETY DANCES

Wisc. - Oct. 24 - Shoreham Hotel

Mass. - Oct. 27 - Shoreham Hotel

Calif. - Oct. 31 - Mayflower hotel

Georgia - Nov. 3 - Shoreham Hotel

Penna. - Nov. 13 - Shoreham Hotel

Mass. - Nov. 14 - Wardman Park Hotel

N. Car. - Nov. 17 - Shoreham Hotel

West Va. - Nov. 17 - Shoreham Hotel