

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

Katherine Bracken  
Foreign Service Institute

Mary M. Carmichael  
Economic Officer, Brussels, Belgium

H. Alberta Colclaser  
Civil Air Officer, Paris

Alice T. Curran  
Special Assistant, Bureau of  
Public Affairs

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

## Foreign Service

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

Florence H. Finne  
Training Officer, Foreign Service  
Institute

Selma G. Freedman  
Transportation and Communications  
Officer, Ottawa

Constance Harvey  
Principal Officer, Strasbourg, France

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

Ruth Mason Hughes  
Career Development Officer,  
Office of Personnel

Dorothy M. Jester  
International Economist, Bureau of  
Economic Affairs

Carol C. Laise,  
Political Officer, New Delhi

Margaret H. Potter  
Economic Officer, Geneva,  
Switzerland

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

Geraldine Stibbe  
Commercial Officer, Rotterdam,  
The Netherlands

Margaret Tibbetts  
International Relations Officer,  
Bureau of European Affairs

Rebecca Wellington  
Political Officer, Bonn, Germany

Frances Willis  
American Ambassador, Oslo,  
Norway

Marion W. Worthing  
Economic Officer, Paris

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Public Health Physician (Maternal  
Child), Asuncion, Paraguay

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

Juliette M. Julian  
Public Health Nurse  
New Delhi, India

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

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

Marie Lehner  
Physician (Maternal Child)  
Bagdad, Iraq

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

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

Lucy W. Adams,  
Community Development Advisor  
Seoul, Korea

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Officer, Seoul, Korea

Bertha F. Strange, Home Econ-  
omist Advisor, Seoul, Korea



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