

TRAINING FOR WIVES

The Association has just received the following important announcement from the Foreign Service Institute:

"The recent legislation enacted by the Congress will permit the Foreign Service Institute to provide training for members of families of the Government personnel assigned abroad on a more extensive basis than in the past when such training had to be limited on a 'space available' basis.

"The Institute is making plans to provide appropriate additional instruction both in the language and substantive fields. These plans will necessarily depend on budgetary ceilings and similar factors (the Departmental Budget for the current fiscal year has not yet been approved by the Congress). The program will be coordinated with the American Foreign Service Women's Association, whose officers and members have taken an active interest in the subject."

Last June the Association addressed to the Deputy Under Secretary of State for Administration, the Honorable Roger W. Jones, a letter transmitting a careful study on the subject of a training program for Foreign Service wives. Copies of this letter were distributed at our last luncheon of the 1960-61 season and are still available at our desk in the State Department Lounge -- Call DU 3-6657 for a copy.

Mr. Jones, in his reply, stated that there was unanimous agreement in the Department that training for wives can contribute materially to the effective operation of our Foreign Service; that in anticipation of broader legislation authority the department was devising a program that will satisfy the needs of the Service and that our study would be very helpful in this regard.

Now the hoped for authority has been received, and our offer of assistance in preparing the program has been accepted. Training for wives will soon be a reality.

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free cultural events in the area? Our beautiful National Gallery of Art will begin gratis Sunday concerts presented by the National Gallery Orchestra on September 24 at 8 p. m., in the East Garden Court. Also on the 24th, at 4 p. m., the Washington Cathedral presents its Men and Boys' Choir in an hour's All Musical Evensong. Concerts of this type continue during the season every Sunday at the National Gallery, the first and third Sundays at the Washington Cathedral, and on Mondays at Philips Gallery.

During the winter season military band concerts are featured in the Labor Department Auditorium.

To visit our new State Department building with guests and relatives, just call the Building's Management Section and ask when the next tour will take place. Tours may be arranged upon request.

Visit the Pan American Union with its

magnificent marble, tropical plants and impressive ballroom. To receive concert and art lecture invitations, write to the Music and Art sections of the Union, and ask to be put on their list.

If it's art you are interested in, the National Gallery features free talks and films at 4 p. m., in the Lecture Hall each Sunday. The September 24 program features "Tiepolo Drawings" by Graham Reynolds of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

In the fields of drama, music, literature and art, you will find Carl Sandburg, Robert Frost, the Ontario Shakesperean group and the Budapest Quartet appearing in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress. Tickets are only 25¢, two per person. Watch the newspapers.

If you still have itchy feet after our usual quota of travelling, take a day's jaunt to the Blue Ridge Mountains, Harper's Ferry in West Va., or Gettysburg. Fall is the perfect time for these short trips!