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IN MEMORIAM AND TRIBUTE TO

Ambassador Cleo A. Noel, Jr.
Deputy Chief of Mission, George C. Moore

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

You wouldn't believe it, but Lynn Johnson, new Co-Chairman of the 1973 Book Fair reports that already 396 boxes of books have been sorted, priced and packed for next October. That's evidence of how much has already been done, and is impressive.

But

MORE BOOKS ARE NEEDED

Plans for an ever-better, ever-expanded and ever-more exciting Book Fair for 1973 are underway. Proceeds will benefit the Scholarship/Education Fund of AAFSW, and more books are needed. Put your books in the Bins provided at State or if you have a large collection, call Mrs. Ardis Pitman at 942-2960 for pick-up.

Naturally as the books pile up, people are needed. Many women have said that they've made their best friends working on the Book Fair. Call Julie Bond at 296-2839 and volunteer your time to help collect books as well as price and sort.

PLEASE HELP

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AAFSW BOARD VOTES TO SUPPORT FOREIGN SERVICE EDUCATIONAL CENTER

At the February Executive Meeting the Board of AAFSW voted to contribute both moral and financial support to the proposed FS Educational Center as an investment in the Service as a whole on a long-range and wider coverage than anything we do at present. Since most FS children are not financially deprived it is felt that there is an educational need beyond the scholarships which reach comparatively few children. A large percentage of Fund Raising money will continue to be donated to scholarship needs, but, if the AFSA Board also approves a one year trial for this Educational Center, the AAFSW Board has agreed to contribute one half of the estimated first year's budget.

The Foreign Service Educational Center will be an all-inclusive service center for educational evaluation, testing, paramedical treatment, psychiatric social needs etc. where foreign service families at all ages can get help with critical problems unique to the foreign service both while in Washington and on a referral basis overseas.

At present, with limited consultation services, the Kingsbury Center is used on a referral basis but has no services for parents whose children require a variety of special needs. The FS Educational Center will also be a resource for the Office of Medical Services and Overseas Schools in the State Dept. and schools abroad.

The Center will be available for every family in the Foreign Service for special tutoring, testing, psychiatric counselling and educational advice. It will encourage a preventive mental health attitude, saving the Dept. of State and families thousands of dollars in transfers, hospitalization, embarrassment and agony. Drugs and alcoholism problems may be cared for beyond the medical aspects as the Center develops.

Although no one can answer at this time the question of exactly how many families will use the Center, what their needs will be, — and when the Center will be self-supporting — we feel it is well worth trying in terms of solving special educational problems.

With Clark Slade's 15 years of experience as Educational Consultant, and the support of AFSA (if their Board approves the proposal) we feel that the time is NOW to try to meet the growing needs of our own young people to adjust to changing mores and life styles, the threat of drugs, divergent schools and cultures and help them benefit from the experience of being Foreign Service children.

Volunteer help will be needed and those interested and trained in testing, tutoring, group sessions, etc. will find the Foreign Service Educational Center a place where their talents will be wisely used.

- Mary Louise Weiss

1973 NOMINATING COMMITTEE AT WORK

Mrs. George Kenny heads the group of seven women currently scouring AAFSW rolls for talented women willing to devote a year toward helping mold and direct the activities of AAFSW. Serving with her on the Committee are: Mrs. Morris Haselton, Mrs. Niles Bond, Mrs. David Newsom, Mrs. Joseph W. Neubert, Mrs. Michael Hoyt and Mrs. Lee Metcalf.

Call your suggestions to any of the above or write Mrs. Kenney 4620 36th St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016 Tel. 362-0187.