



Mary Louise Weiss pins on name tag at March Luncheon while Lana Leake helps Mrs. H.E. Schwartz.

## "MAY YOU LIVE IN INTERESTING TIMES"

Liz Carpenter quoted this old Chinese proverb in her dynamic talk to over 300 AAFSW wives at the March luncheon at Fort McNair. There is no doubt but that Liz lives in interesting times. Although she calls herself the "resident square" of the Women's Lib movement, she is right in there pitching for women to take their rightful place. Thirty years ago, Mrs. Carpenter, as a career woman, was one of 25% of the work force, today she is one of 40%, but both 30 years ago and today women earning over \$15,000 represent only 1% of the total work force. With 53% of the population women, Mrs. Carpenter calls for equal rights.

Women weren't even mentioned in the Constitution even though a few of our founding fathers were known to lend them an eager eye. But change is in the air, not only from Women's Libbers, but also from fathers of college age daughters who look at their education bills and are 100% behind opportunity for women.

Mrs. Carpenter allowed as though women have been wept upon, stepped upon and slept upon by men, but still somehow manage to love them. Today, however, instead of just licking the stamps, making the coffee and keeping the files — women are running for office. They want to be a part of their destiny. Women want to be a real force. When there is private luxury in the home and public squalor in the street — the natives get restless and Mrs. Carpenter says the influx of women, youth and blacks into positions of responsibility is a good and healthy sign.

She reminded her wide awake audience that Washington is not the country, nor is the government answering all the problems. The time is ripe for women — designers are styling clothes for the active woman, corporations are searching for talented women — the opportunities are there. Mrs. Carpenter urged women who want to meet the challenge and direct their own lives to step out in confidence. She feels that marriages improve when a woman is something more than just an appendage. This is no time to sleepwalk through history — it's a demanding time, a time for women to get out and rap with each other and the country.

After such a dynamic talk and delicious lunch, there was little time for questions although one member did remind Mrs. Carpenter that in New England women never have thought themselves inferior — in fact, they were taught that they were the better half. Another wife suggested that mothers of small children remember this changing world and raise their girls and boys to be aware of their full potential.

**DIAL 338-4045**

**For Education Help**



April 1973 marks the opening of the Foreign Service Educational Center designed to establish an educational family service-base for consultation and planning with children and parents. The Center provides the means for assessing a child's lapsed progress or special needs; it offers remedial facilities and innovative ways to counter foreign service conditions that may be adverse to a child's progress.

Sponsored jointly by the American Foreign Service Association and AAFSW, the use of the Center is open to anyone within the foreign affairs community and does not require membership in either organization.

Education services have been offered to the FS child since 1950, but a recent grant from AFSA and AAFSW makes possible a vastly expanded program now. Families in Washington on home leave, consultation or assignment can call Mr. Slade at 338-4045 for an appointment. Questions from the field may be addressed to Mr. Clark Slade, Foreign Service Educational Center, 2101 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037 or c/o Dept. of State, Washington D.C. 20520.

The hub of FSEC services and program is the counseling process itself — the spokes may be individual conferences, tutoring parent/child group communication projects, educational evaluation of specific learning disabilities or whatever appears to client and counselor to be needed to carry out the objectives. Outside consultants are called upon when needed.

Another aspect of the new FSEC will be achievement testing if unavailable at post or locally; pre-departure orientation for overseas posts and assistance in assembling school records; orientation to US school & colleges upon assignment to the States and assistance in transferring records, coordination with US schools and colleges, and with the State Dept. Office of Overseas Schools; Medical Unit & other services, temporary tutoring, individual intelligence testing, projective psychological testing, personal counseling, referral for psychiatric evaluation.

A Committee on Policy Direction will be composed of representatives from each of the sponsoring organizations. The two AAFSW members are Priscilla Streater and Mary Louise Weiss.

Your questions and comments on this special Center will be most welcome. Write to Mary Louise Weiss or to Mr. Slade, c/o the Foreign Service Educational Center. It is the aim of FSEC to supply the continuity in education and the supportive assistance that both parents and children frequently miss while moving from post to post.



AAFSW President, Mrs. William Leonhard, with March Speaker, Liz Carpenter; Mrs. James Keough, wife of USIA Director, and Mrs. Richard Finn, Program Chairman.