Personnel Notes

Dr. Shuster Has German Background

Dr. George N. Shuster, who comes to Germany from his post as president of Hunter College, New York City, to take up his new duties as state commissioner for Bavaria, June 1, has a broad background of German social history.

Born in Wisconsin in 1894, Dr. Shuster is descended from a family which came to the United States from Germany in 1848. He speaks fluent German.

Dr. Shuster received the B.A. and M.A. degrees from Notre Dame University and the Ph.D. from Columbia University. He also attended the University of Poitiers, and the University of Berlin and the Hochschule fuer Politik, Berlin.

In the first World War, Dr. Shuster served with Intelligence Section, GHQ, at the front and later with the Army of Occupation.

He was chairman of the English Department at Notre Dame University for three years and later was instructor of English at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute; and professor of English at St. Joseph's College for Women.

From 1925 to 1937, Dr. Shuster served as managing editor of the Commonweal, liberal Roman Catholic magazine, and while holding that position became deeply interested in the problems of modern Germany, receiving grants in aid for study from the Vereinigung Carl Schurz and the Oberlaender Trust.

In 1937, Dr. Shuster resigned as managing editor of the Commonweal to become a Fellow of the Social Science Research Council, with a grant for two years' study of the Weimar Republic.

In 1938 he also conducted an investigation of the refugee problem in Europe for the Catholic bishops and shared in the preliminary work of the Evian Conference.

He was appointed Academic Dean and acting President of Hunter College in 1938 and was inaugurated President of Hunter in October 1940.

Among other works, Dr. Shuster is the author of "Catholic Spirit in Modern English Literature;" "Newman—Prose and Poetry;" "The Catholic Spirit in America;" "The Germans;" "Strong Man Rules;" "Like a Mighty Army;" "A Short History of Germany" (with A. Bergstraesser — 1945).

His translations include: "Jesse and Maria" by Handel-Mazzetti; "Job the Man Speaks with God" by Lippert; and "The Vatican as a World Power" by Bernhart. In addition, Dr. Shuster has written regularly for the New York Times Book Review, the New York Herald-Tribune Books, and the Saturday Review.

He has served as a member of the General Advisory Committee, Division of Cultural Relations, Department of State; Enemy Alien Board No. 2, New York; Governor Dewey's Committee against Discrimination; Board of Directors, Foreign Policy Association, and Christian Refugee Committee; and Board of Trustees, National Council of Christians and Jews.

During the summer of 1945, he served as chairman of the Historical Commission and was sent abroad by the War Department. He also served recently as adviser to the American delegation to the London Conference establishing the United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations.

He was appointed by President Truman as a member of the American delegation to the UNESCO Conference in Paris (Nov. 1946) and has served as a member of the National Commission for UNESCO.

Conrad Takes Up New ECA Post

Henry C. Conrad, chief of the Trade and Payments Division, Office of Economic Affairs, HICOG, left Germany in May after five years to take up the post of chief of ECA's European Trade Policy Branch in Washington.

Mr. Conrad was a member of the original OEEC Working Party which drew up the Intra-European Payments Scheme, established by participating Marshall Plan countries to promote intra-European trade.

Experts from OEEC and ECA have been working on a revision of the Intra-European Payments Plan on the basis of a clearing house for European currencies. The new arrangement, labeled the European Payments Union, has been under study for six months. Mr. Conrad will be closely associated with this work in Washington.

Having joined Military Government in 1945, Mr. Conrad has held positions with Finance Division of OMGUS, Allied Bank Commission and Office of Economic Affairs.

Resident Officers Reassigned

Several US Resident Officers in Wuertemberg-Baden have been reassigned as a result of resignations and for purposes of promotion. New assignments are:

Charles H. Wright, of Waiblingen, who resigned recently to return to his home in the United States, has been replaced by Milton Rosner, former RO at Heidenheim;

Mr. Rosner's position at Heidenheim has been taken over by Alexander B. Trowbridge, a newcomer to Resident Officers' circles;

Nicholas Semaschko, for several years RO at Esslingen, has replaced James W. Butler at Heilbronn. Mr. Butler recently resigned to take a position in HICOG Headquarters at Frankfurt;

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Earl T. Squires, who formerly served as RO at Aalen, has been assigned to duty at Esslingen.

Donald H. Feick, formerly RO at Bruchsal, has taken over Mr. Squires’ former duties at Aalen.

For the present the work at Bruchsal will be carried on by Pierre C. Nelson along with his regular RO duties at Sinsheim.

All the above Resident Officers, except Mr. Trowbridge, are veterans in their fields, several of them having begun service as Military Government Officers more than four years ago.

HICOG Official Attends Health Congress


Chiefs of the US and German Public Health Services in Hesse, Bavaria and Bremen also received invitations to the British Health Congress.

Prison Expert Consults with Germans

Dr. James B. Spadley, eminent criminal psychiatrist, recently arrived in Germany to consult with German prison authorities. During his three months’ stay, Dr. Spadley is meeting with institutional heads and resident physicians to evaluate the German program for the care of the criminal insane and consult on prison problems related to mental hygiene and the incidence of mental illness.

Dr. Spadley is a psychiatrist with 30 years’ experience as staff physician and later superintendent of the New Jersey State Hospital at Trenton, N.J., which houses all the criminal insane of the state.

New Appointments in OLC

Several new appointments and changes in the staff of OLC Hesse have been announced recently.

Charles R. Dilley, formerly with the HICOG Decertification Branch, has been appointed chief of the Exchanges Branch, OLC Hesse, to replace Joseph A. Horne, who is returning to Washington, D.C.

Melvin G. Aasen has been named chief of Administration and Personnel, OLC Hesse, and will be responsible for personnel, operating facilities, communications and security for the State Commissioner’s headquarters.

Werner G. Dietrich, former deputy chief of the Intelligence Division, OLC Hesse, has been promoted chief of the division. Mr. Dietrich replaces Robert Cunningham, who has been transferred to the Intelligence Division, HICOG.

Donald S. Spigler, finance adviser to Dr. James R. Newman, State Commissioner of Hesse, since 1946, and chief of the Finance Branch, OLC Hesse, has returned to the United States to accept an important post with the State Department in Washington.

RO Observes French Zone

Charles E. Lloyd, senior district resident officer at Marburg, is the first American field officer selected to study the reorientation activities of the other Occupation Powers in Germany.

Lloyd recently visited Mainz, French Zone, for one week’s observation of the methods used by the French authorities in their occupation zone. A French reorientation expert later will be invited to study the American system in Hesse. An exchange of resident officers also has been agreed upon between the British Zone and Hesse.

Educator to Consult on Women’s Affairs

Elizabeth L. Fackt, assistant director of the Social Sciences Foundation and professor of International Relations at the University of Denver, has arrived in Germany to advise and consult with German groups in universities and in the field of women’s affairs.

During her five-month stay, the educator will consult with leaders of women’s organizations on the responsibility of university women and women students in civic life. She also will cooperate with German women in reactivating the Organization of University Women and plans to confer with British and French Women’s Affairs staffs.

As a representative of the panel of higher education of the Association of American Colleges and the American Council on Education, Professor Fackt will investigate means through which the panel can aid German universities with exchanges of books and materials.

Education Experts in Germany

Four American consultants in the education field have arrived in Frankfurt to work with German groups and schools in promoting democratic procedures and institutions under the Exchanges program.

Members of the group are: A. F. Armas, commissioner for Higher Education in North Dakota and executive officer of the State Board of Vocational Education, who will be concerned with general administration and citizenship training primarily in vocational schools.

Fritz Redl, former Viennese professor who emigrated to the United States in 1936, and is currently professor of Social Work, Wayne University, Detroit, who will work with education service centers, particularly in the fields of child guidance, mental hygiene and group leadership.

Paul A. Dalager, executive secretary of the North Dakota Education Association, who will work with German educators in promoting teacher organizations.

Fritz T. Epstein, curator of the Hoover Library, Stanford University, California, who will lecture on History of Eastern Europe at the Free University of Berlin.

The four educators will work in Germany for two to four months, in activities arranged and sponsored by the Education and Cultural Relations Division in conjunction with German educational institutions.