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RUSSIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH TO BE THEME OF KATHLEEN HARRIMAN,
DAUGHTER OF COMMERCE SECRETARY, AT BENNINGTON ANNIVERSARY DINNER

College President and Editor of Harper's To Discuss
Challenges in Postwar Education

Firsthand observations of Russian education and youth gained in a two-year stay in Moscow when her father was United States Ambassador to Soviet Russia, will be reported by Kathleen L. Harriman at a "coming-of-age" dinner to be given by the trustees of Bennington College, Vermont, on Monday evening, October 21, at the Cosmopolitan Club in New York, it was announced yesterday (Tuesday) by Mrs. George S. Franklin, of New York, chairman of the board of trustees. A 1940 graduate of Bennington, Miss Harriman is the daughter of W. Averell Harriman, newly-appointed Secretary of Commerce and former United States Ambassador to Russia and to Great Britain.

Highlighting the 21st anniversary of the pioneer "Bennington Idea" for individualized college education, the dinner will have as presiding chairman Arthur W. Page, vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and former chairman of the Bennington board of trustees.

The 250 trustees, sponsors, alumnae and friends attending the dinner will also hear Frederick Lewis Allen, editor of Harper's Magazine and a former trustee of the college, discuss why "Education Is A Complicated Thing." Lewis Webster Jones, president of the

college, will outline "The Bennington Idea In Action," and John S. Sinclair, a trustee of the college and vice president of the New York Life Insurance Company, will speak on "Bennington's Opportunity --Our Responsibility."

The New York Women's Committee for the dinner is headed by Mrs. Franklin and includes: Mrs. Arthur J. Cohen; Mrs. John Foster Dulles; Mrs. Gordon Glass; Mrs. Henry Goddard Leach; Mrs. Samuel A. Lewisohn; Mrs. Wilton Lloyd-Smith; Mrs. Ewen MacVeagh; Mrs. Matthew Meyer; Mrs. Charles Reitell; Mrs. Edgar Rossin; Mrs. Fordyce St. John; Mrs. Vanderbilt Webb; Mrs. Amy Wertheimer; and Mrs. Keyes Winter.

Lindsay Bradford is chairman of the New York Men's Committee for the dinner which includes: S. Sloan Colt; James S. Dennis; Charles Dollard; William Franke; William Fraser; I. S. Greenfeld; Wallace K. Harrison; Nicholas Kelley; Langdon P. Marvin; George W. Perkins; Victor Schoepperle; John S. Sinclair; Levi P. Smith; John P. Stevens; David Tishman; and Carl E. Troy.

Sponsors for the dinner are: Miss Katherine Cornell; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Altschul; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Ballantine; Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Childs; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Damrosch; Mr. and Mrs. Howland S. Davis; Mrs. Mary Childs Draper; Mr. and Mrs. Allen W. Dulles; Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Eberstadt; Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis; Mrs. Shirley C. Fisk; Mr. Abraham Flexner; Miss Martha Graham; Judge and Mrs. Augustus N. Hand; Mrs. Raymond Ingersoll; Mrs. Henry Ittelson; Miss Marion Jewell.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Devereux Josephs; Miss Charlotte Keefe; Dr. William H. Kilpatrick; Mr. and Mrs. Russell C. Leffingwell; Mr. and Mrs. Hall Park McCullough; Mrs. Millicent C. McIntosh;

Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Mayer; Mr. Gordon R. Merrick; Dr. and Mrs. Walter W. Palmer; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Poole; Mr. Henry Varnum Poor; Mr. Benjamin Steigman; Mr. Walter W. Stewart; Miss Ethel Stringfellow; Mrs. Diego Suarez; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Swan.

New York trustees of the college are: Mrs. Franklin; Charles Dollard; Wallace K. Harrison; Nicholas Kelley; Mrs. Henry Goddard Leach; Mrs. Ewen MacVeagh; Mrs. Matthew Meyer; and John S. Sinclair. Other trustees are: James S. Dennis and Mrs. William H. Wills of Old Bennington, Vermont; Francis H. Eldridge of Albany; Philip Price of Philadelphia; Mrs. Henry Saltonstall of Merion, Pennsylvania; Charles E. Spencer, Jr. of Boston; and Levi P. Smith of Burlington.

The Bennington idea for a college with an individualized, integrated curriculum for each student was launched in 1925 and translated into action when the Bennington College for women opened its doors in 1932, Mrs. Franklin pointed out. Seeking to educate students as individuals and as citizens, Bennington pioneered in 1942 in broad basic study courses, well in advance of the current trend in this field among leading American universities, she said. All Bennington students are now required to include in their study programs at least one course in each of the fields of scientific method, political economy, the arts, literature and the humanities.

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