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ISOLATION OF U. S. HELD IMPOSSIBLE

Nation as Powerful as America Always Potential Enemy, Messersmith Says

By Staff Correspondent

NEWARK, June 3—The only way to peace is through reestablishment of all nations of private rights and revitalization of international laws and decency, George S. Messersmith, an assistant secretary of state and former minister to Austria, declared tonight at the annual banquet of the Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity in Kent Hall of the Women's College at the University of Delaware.

"No one should delude us into believing that isolation will solve our difficulties," Mr. Messersmith, a former resident of Newark, said. "If we leave other countries out of consideration, they certainly are not going to do the same with us. No country can be as powerful as ours without being regarded as a potential enemy.

During the past five years we have seen a deterioration of public morals in some countries such as has not taken place in the past 200 years."

Disregard of Treaties Problem

Although Mr. Messersmith mentioned no nations by name he said the disregard of private rights in some countries and the disregard of all treaty obligations in other countries form the most serious problem before the State Department at the present time.

Mr. Messersmith said a serious problem now confronting the department is the care of American citizens who have been invalidated into France or who have been captured after having served as volunteers in the armies of loyalist Spain.

These men would ordinarily have lost their citizenship by fighting for a foreign country, but as the law stipulates that a man may enter the employ of another country providing he does not take the oath of allegiance, and as these men have not taken such an oath, they must be cared for as citizens.

He expressed pleasure at returning to Newark where he had cooperated with Dr. W. O. Sypherd of the university in education work be-

fore entering the diplomatic service in 1914.

New Members Get Insignia

Dr. Albert S. Eastman, president of the Phi Kappa Phi, opened the meeting by presenting the insignia of membership and the certificates to the new members. Prof. Martin M. Daugherty, Miss Esther Rayne, and Marvin L. Rambo spoke. Dr. George Harter and Prof. Elisha Conover, charter members of the fraternity, attended.

Dean George E. Dutton, president-elect of the fraternity, who represented Dr. Walter Hulihan, who was unable to attend, lauded the fraternity for the inspiration it gives students to continue their learning in post-graduate work.

Dean Dutton was elected president at the business session in the afternoon. Other new officers are: Vice-president, Miss Amy L. Rextrew; secretary-treasurer, Prof. Ralph W. Jones, and corresponding secretary, Dr. Edward W. Cannon, all members of the faculty.

New Fraternity Members

The new members are: Delaware College, William P. Bant, Daniel Barry, Daniel E. Button, Lewis Z. Carey, George W. Cooke, Robert M. Cooke, Carroll E. Cox, C. David Crocker, James A. Kelley, Joseph J. Lofink, Morris J. McMahon, Harvey C. Moore, Marvin L. Rambo, Julius Reiver, W. Bruce Roberts, Clarence W. Taylor, and Herbert B. Warburton.

Women's College: Jean Barnes, Dorothy Counahan, Anna Goodman, Jessalyn Gordy, Roberta Hake, Annabelle Harrison, Elizabeth MacFarland, Esther Rayne, and Eleanor Samuel.

Tonight's program of the Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity with the Women's College senior dance in Old College were the opening Commencement activities.

The board of trustees of the university will meet tomorrow morning in Old College at 10 a. m. Later there will be alumnae class reunions and luncheons and the class day exercises of the Women's College.

In the afternoon at 4 p. m. there will be a reception for seniors, graduates, faculty, and visitors by President Walter Hulihan at the Knoll. Tomorrow night there will be an alumnae dinner in honor of Dean Winifred G. Robinson of the Women's College.