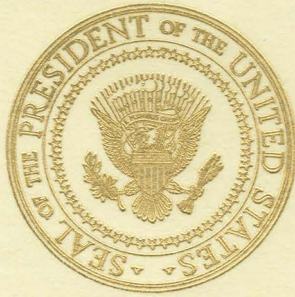


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Citizenship Day and Constitution Week, 1974

PROCLAMATION 4312

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

As we near our Nation's two hundredth anniversary, let all of us, as equal partners in a Nation of justice under law, resolve to work, with all our strength and common sense, to achieve ". . . a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity . . ." Through such a re-dedication to the spirit and principles of the Constitution we can build a better future for every individual American, and a better America for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, in compliance with the joint resolutions of the Congress of the United States, call upon appropriate Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Citizenship Day, September 17, 1974—the 187th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. I urge Federal, State, and local officials, as well as leaders of civic, educational and religious organizations to conduct appropriate ceremonies and programs on that day.

I also designate as Constitution Week the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 1974, and urge all Americans to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities in their schools, churches and in other suitable places in order to foster a better understanding of the Constitution, and of the rights and responsibilities of United States citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-ninth.

Gerald R. Ford



Citizenship Day and Constitution Week, 1975

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Two hundred years ago, the men and women of the American Revolution pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor in the struggle for independence, which ended September 3, 1783, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris. In breaking with the past, they did not neglect to build a better system for their posterity.

Today, we look back 200 years, not merely to take pride in our history; we look back during this Bicentennial to learn some practical lessons for today and tomorrow. As we pay tribute, let us renew together our Founding Fathers' pledge to our country—our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor. Let us always remember that freedom does not come free.

Congress, by a joint resolution of February 29, 1952, designated the 17th day of September of each year as Citizenship Day in commemoration of the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787, and authorized the President to issue annually a proclamation calling upon officials of the Government to display the United States flag on all Government buildings on such day. By a joint resolution of August 2, 1956, Congress authorized the President to designate the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week and to issue a proclamation calling for the observance of such week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, call upon appropriate Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Citizenship Day, September 17, 1975—the 188th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. I urge Federal, State, and local officials, as well as leaders of civic, educational and religious organizations, to conduct appropriate ceremonies and programs on that day.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two-hundredth.

Gerald R. Ford



Citizenship Day and Constitution Week, 1976

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

With the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787, the founding fathers approved for the people of this Nation an effective plan of self-government, which has, with its subsequent amendments—including the Bill of Rights—preserved the principles of the Declaration of Independence. It is the responsibility of the citizens of the United States to uphold, support and defend those ideals.

An understanding and appreciation of the events and hardships which produced that great document is indispensable to a rededication to the preservation of its ideals.

To that end, the Congress, by a joint resolution of February 29, 1952 (36 U.S.C. 153), designated September 17 as Citizenship Day, in commemoration of the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787, and authorized the President to issue annually a proclamation calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag on all Government buildings on that day. By a joint resolution of August 2, 1956 (36 U.S.C. 159), Congress authorized the President to designate the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week and to issue a proclamation calling for the observance of that week.

The commemoration during the year 1976 assumes special significance, because it also marks the Bicentennial anniversary of the founding on July 4, 1776, of our country as an independent Nation. This is a time for reflection upon our history and upon our future, and a time for commitment to the goals that have made America great.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, call upon appropriate Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Citizenship Day, September 17, 1976. I urge Federal, State and local officials, as well as leaders of all religious, civic, educational and other organizations, to conduct meaningful ceremonies and observances on that day to commemorate the formation and signing of the Constitution and to extend recognition to those persons who during the year acquired the status of citizenship, either by coming of age or by naturalization.

I also designate the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 1976, as Constitution Week, and I urge the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities in their schools and churches and in other suitable places, to the end that our citizens may have a better understanding of the Constitution and of the rights and responsibilities of United States citizenship.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

Gerald R. Ford

THE WHITE HOUSE

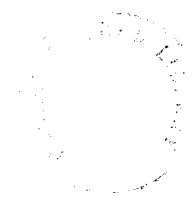
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September 22, 1976

MEMO FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT 
FROM: MARGUERITE MCAULIFFE
SUBJECT: Citizenship Day and Const.
Week Proclamation

Please arrange to have the enclosed letter
robo-typed to the individuals on the
accompanying list for the Citizenship Day
and Constitution Week Proclamation.

Thanks very much.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON


September 20, 1976

Dear

President Ford recently signed a Proclamation designating September 17th as Citizenship Day and the week between September 17th and 23rd as Constitution Week. In his Proclamation the President states, "The commemoration during the year 1976 assumes special significance, because it also marks the Bicentennial anniversary of the founding on July 4, 1776, of our country as an independent Nation. This is a time for reflection upon our history and upon our future, and a time for commitment to the goals that have made America great."

The President has asked that I send you the enclosed duplicate of his Proclamation as a small remembrance of this occasion. It comes to you with his very best wishes.

Sincerely,


William J. Baroody, Jr.
Assistant to the President

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MARGUERITE MCAULIFFE

FROM: PAMELA A. POWELL *DP*

SUBJECT: Recommendations for
"Citizenship Day Proclamation"

Mr. Carol Kimmel
President
National Congress of Parents
and Teachers
700 North Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Mr. Terry Giroux
Director of Student Activities
National Association of Student Councils
1904 Association Drive
Reston, Virginia 22091

Mr. Ronald Barr
President
Student National Education Association
1201 16th Street N.W.
Washington D.C.

Mr. Harvey Price
Acting Chief Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Mr. William R. Bricker
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Boys' Clubs of America
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YMCAs
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Washington D.C. 20036

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Director
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The American Legion
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National Catholic Youth Organization Federation
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Constitutional Rights Foundation
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Los Angeles, California 90048

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Staff Director
Special Committee on Youth Education for Citizenship
American Bar Association
1155 East 60th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637

Mr. Joel F. Henning
Director
Professional Education
American Bar Association
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Chicago, Illinois 60637

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531 North Park Street
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

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State Bar of California
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Santa Monica, California 90401

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Director, Public School Programs
Law-Focused Education, Inc.
2660 Royal Lane
Dallas, Texas 75229

Also please add:

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President
National Council of Juvenile Court Judges
Rhode Island Family Court
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Vice President
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Vice President
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September 20, 1976

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Sincerely,

William J. Baroody, Jr.
Assistant to the President

Enclosure



MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO: _____

Marguerite

YOU WERE CALLED BY— YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Gene Samuelson

OF (Organization) _____

Ryan's Int'l

PLEASE CALL  PHONE NO. CODE/EXT. _____

WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE _____

(312) 986-1700

Re names you requested



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2. Louis Peretti
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Riverton, Wash 98055
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4. Wm C. Chandler
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VFW Chief

4N-324 Ridgewood

Bensenville, Ill

60106

9/19/74

Spoke with Gene Sanneelson, Director of
Public Relations at Swiss International.
He'll call tomorrow with several major
names, then will send the remainder
by mail.

York + Cermak Rds.
Oak Brook, Ill. 60521
312/986-1700



September 16, 1974

Spoke with Mr. Hoffman in Public
Relations office, Rotary International
He will send me a pic.

Tel # 312/328-0100



1 Proclamation sent to Mrs. James M.
Jefferson, Jr., Natl. Arch., Constitution
Natl. Committee of the RPH

133 Mapleflower Rd
Many Spring Farm
Rd #1
Glenmore, Pa 19343



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Marguerite: "

Citizenship Day - September 17, 1974

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ending Sept. 23, 1974.

Katie

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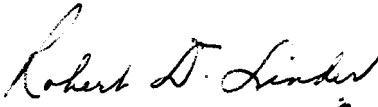
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Marguerite McAuliffe

The President has signed a Proclamation entitled:

"Citizenship Day and Constitution Week, 1974"


Robert D. Linder *i.*

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This Proc. has not been issued as yet.

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FL 33125
August 9, 1974



Assistant to the President,
The White House,
Washington,
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My dear sir:

CS-2A
We have just listened to the ceremony in which Gerald R. Ford became our President.

Mr. Ford is qualified and competent; he is unassuming.

Mr. Ford has the warmest support of every member of our family.

I know that Mr. Ford is swamped already with things to do.

So may I take this point up with you, please.

The President issues a proclamation for the observance of Citizenship Day and Constitution Week September 17-24.

Much of my work, all voluntary, is to take to some of the elementary schools in Dade County, Florida, materials that deal in American history. American citizen-citizenship. We try to make the boys and girls understand that they are citizens at every age.

In our school work the President's proclamations are very important; they are used in the individual rooms and in the library, and it is to much advantage, as you can understand, that they be available for study before the event.

So this appeal to you for the preparation of the 1974 Citizenship Day and Constitution Week Proclamation by President Ford.

Perhaps you will let me know when this proclamation will be ready for distribution; I can get copies from our congressmen. With my thanks and deep appreciation for a reply, and my wishes for some pleasant moments in your busy hours, I am

Very sincerely,

(Miss) Julia St. John

Proc. sent
9/17/74

1469 N W 13 Terrace,
Miami FL 33125



Assistant to The President,
The White House,
Washington

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August 6, 1974

Dear Miss St. John:

Thank you for your August 2 letter about the need for issuing the proclamation of Citizenship Day and Constitution Week well in advance of the event.

I will be pleased to pass along your comments to the appropriate members of the staff and I am certain they will be given full consideration. In checking, I found that the 1973 proclamation was issued on August 23 and hopefully this timetable can be met this year.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom C. Korologos
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Miss Julia St. John
1469 N. W. 13th Terrace
Miami, Florida 33125

~~4cc:~~ w/incoming to David Gergen for appropriate handling.

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1469 N W 13 Terrace,
Miami,
FL. 331255

8-2-1974

Tom G. Korologos,
Deputy Assistant to the President,
Washington,
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My dear Mr. Korologos:

Once more, may I make a plea to you about something that should be taken on SOON, please?

It is the President's proclamation for Citizenship Day and Constitution Week, September 17-24.

For school study this is an important paper and should be in the school library and in the hands of the teachers by the first of September or soon after that date.

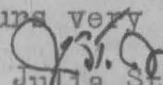
We all know that the weights on our President as of today are beyond words; from our family he has heartfelt sympathy and complete support.

So this appeal to you to arrange for the preparation of this 1974 Citizenship Day and Constitution Week proclamation by the President.

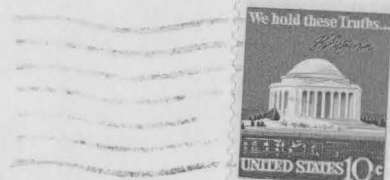
Do, please, write me when this proclamation will be ready for distribution; when it is, I know I can obtain the copies I need from our Florida members of Congress.

With my thanks and deep appreciation for a reply to these words, and my wishes for some pleasant moments in your busy hours, I am,

Yours very sincerely,


(Miss) Julia St. John,
Junior American Citizens Chairman,
John Macdonald Chapter,
Daughters of the American
Revolution.

1469 N W 13 Terrace,
Miami FL 33125



Tom C. Korologos,
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August 30, 1974

Dear President Ford:

The Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago is pleased to welcome you as our President. We are looking forward to your making our Country even greater with the help of all of our citizens.

Our Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago is unique. There is no other like it in the Nation, and we are proud that we have helped thousands of people from around the world become responsible citizens.

Since President Eisenhower issued the first Proclamation, each President has followed with a Proclamation, urging ALL Americans to pay tribute to the new citizens of the past year and to honor our Constitution. We have followed those Proclamations.

We urge you to send us your Proclamation, President Ford. We expected the usual one from President Nixon but, of course, we understand why. We are holding our Citizenship Day and Constitution Week program on September 17, the day set by Congress. We do need the Proclamation. Mr. Thomas Roeser took a copy to Washington to you to urge you to issue this important Proclamation. Mr. Roeser is Public Relations director for your good friend, Robert Stuart, President of Quaker Oats Company. They are our friends, too,

I am enclosing some information for you, Mr, President. We look forward to receiving your Proclamation soon so that we can give our new citizens and friends copies on September 17.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Graham Lynch
(Mrs.) Helen Graham Lynch
President

Honorable Gerald Ford
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The White House
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Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President
The United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

The Constitution of the United States is often viewed as a revered document drawn in a far-off time by a group of exceedingly wise men we call the Founding Fathers. It is much more than that. The Constitution is a living set of principles, created during a hot Philadelphia summer in 1787 by men who were often passionate in their convictions and always jealous of the basic rights which had been secured by the American Revolution. This Constitution is not a museum-piece, but something as strong and as proud and as passionately alive today as were the men who created it almost 200 years ago.

As the foundation of our national life, the Constitution demands more than reverence. It demands the kind of active concern we show to anything we deeply care for. It demands our attention, our understanding of its character and of its fundamental place in our lives. This view of the Constitution will not allow us to pay honor to the idea unless we pay attention to the reality. It calls upon a citizen to not only be able to demand his rights, but also to know what they are.

United States citizenship, then, is also demanding. But the demands are more than matched by the benefits. Each citizen can help himself, his fellow citizens, and his nation if he takes some time out of his life to read and talk and think about the Constitution.

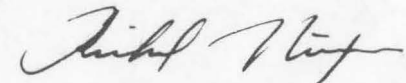
By a joint resolution of February 29, 1952 (66 Stat. 9), the Congress set aside the seventeenth day of September of each year as Citizenship Day, in commemoration of the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787, and in recognition of all who attained

citizenship during the year. And by a joint resolution of August 2, 1956, (70 Stat. 932), the Congress requested the President to designate the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, direct the appropriate Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Citizenship Day, September 17, 1969. I urge Federal, State, and local officials, as well as all religious, civic, educational, and other interested organizations to make arrangements for impressive, meaningful pageants and observations on that day to inspire all our citizens to rededicate themselves to the service of their country and to the support and defense of the Constitution.

I also designate the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 1969, as Constitution Week; and I urge the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities in their schools and churches, and in other suitable places, to the end that our citizens, whether naturalized or natural-born, may have a better understanding of the Constitution and of the rights and responsibilities of United States citizenship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-third.



THE WHITE HOUSE

CITIZENSHIP DAY AND CONSTITUTION WEEK

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

For nearly two centuries, generations of Americans have cherished the blessing of self-government under the Constitution of the United States—that great charter which William Gladstone called “the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man.”

Borrowing what seemed best from other representative democracies and devising other elements out of their own genius, the framers of our Constitution erected the balanced and durable system that has weathered so many national crises so well over the decades since. The wise principles they built on—including a federal union of States, a bill of individual rights, and a division of powers among three co-equal and independent branches of government—remain as vital today as they were in 1787 for the vigorous pursuit of public purpose and the restraint of arbitrary rule.

Experience has also taught us that constitutional government and democratic citizenship must go hand in hand, for only an informed and active citizenry can breathe life into the institutions of government. It is fitting, then, that the Congress by joint resolutions of February 29, 1952, and August 2, 1956, has ordained that we honor the two together each September, by observing the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution as Citizenship Day and the week following that day as Constitution Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, call upon appropriate Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Citizenship Day, September 17, 1973. I urge Federal, State, and local officials, as well as leaders of civic, educational and religious organizations to conduct appropriate ceremonies and programs on that day.

I also designate as Constitution Week the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 1973. I urge all Americans to observe the week with such commemorative and educational activities as may foster a better understanding of, and deeper reverence for, the Constitution of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-third day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.





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To: Friends of the Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago
From: Helen G. Lynch, President
Subject: CITIZENSHIP DAY AND CONSTITUTION WEEK

CITIZENSHIP DAY AND CONSTITUTION WEEK, Tuesday, September 17, is the day for ALL Americans to pay tribute to our Constitution and to the New Citizens of the past year in accordance with the Proclamation of the President of the United States. Congress set the date, Constitution Day, and we are urged to give serious thought to our rights and responsibilities under our Constitution.

The Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago, in cooperation with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice, will sponsor a program on:

Tuesday, September 17, 1974, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Prudential Building, Chicago

You are invited to join in this special Tribute to our Constitution and to our Guests of Honor, representatives of our 10,000 New Citizens of the past year in Metropolitan Chicago.

We are honored that we will have with us on this occasion, Honorable Leonard F. Chapman, Jr., Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. Commissioner Chapman is a retired Commandant of the United States Marine Corps.

The United States District Court will be moved to the Auditorium of the Prudential Building on that evening and the Honorable Hubert L. Will, Judge, United States District Court of Northern Illinois will preside over an inspiring ceremony during which two hundred and fifty applicants will become American Citizens.

Kindly return the enclosed reserved seat card unless you are a volunteer member of the Committee for Citizenship Day and Constitution Week. Call or write our office if you will help before or/and during the program. The names of committee members will be listed on the program.

We hope you will wish to help defray the expenses of the program -- mementos for the New Citizens, invitations, postage, programs and plaques for "Outstanding New Citizens of the Year" awards. The names of the contributors will be listed on the program. Contributions are tax deductible.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

October 26, 1972

Dear Mrs. Lynch,

How much I appreciated the very gracious invitation extended by the Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago to become an Honorary Member. Remembering with affection my meeting with this group in September and reflecting my deep interest in their program, it is a special pleasure to have my name listed in this association.

Our nation has been made great by the hearts and hands of those who have come to America with their diversity of backgrounds and origins. They have nurtured and strengthened our devotion to freedom and kept this land the symbol of hope for all who cherish liberty throughout the world. The warm welcome and the friendship offered by the Council are an invaluable contribution to the lives of our new citizens.

With gratitude for your thoughtfulness and my warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat Nixon".

Mrs. Helen Graham Lynch
President
Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago
7 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603

A black and white photograph of the Washington Monument at night. The monument is brightly lit, creating a sharp vertical beam of light that extends from the top of the frame down to the water. The water in the foreground is dark, but it perfectly reflects the illuminated monument, creating a symmetrical image. The background is dark, with some faint lights visible near the base of the monument.

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CITIZENSHIP COUNCIL OF
METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

TO FRIENDS OF
THE CITIZENSHIP COUNCIL
OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

When President Richard M. Nixon addressed the Class of New Citizens on September 17, 1970, in Chicago, I had the opportunity to meet him. He asked me to report to you his feelings about the work of the Citizenship Council. President Nixon said, "I would like you to give this message to the members of the Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago. 'I believe that it is those who give *volunteer* service who give the *real* service to man. All of you have my gratitude for the warm hand of welcome you extend to our new citizens. Such efforts do much to build a stronger America.' "

I wish to add my sincere thanks to all the individuals, organizations, and corporations who have supported the Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago through the years. It is through your participation that our programs have been so successful, and I can assure you that the thousands of new citizens who have been welcomed are most grateful for your thoughtfulness.

Helen Graham Lynch

CITIZENSHIP COUNCIL
OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

The objectives of the Council are:

To welcome new citizens on the day of their Naturalization to give them a feeling of belonging to their new homeland.

To assist new citizens to become knowledgeable voters by providing Voter Education Workshops.

To observe Citizenship Day and Constitution Week in accordance with the Proclamation of the President of the United States of America.

To hold Citizenship Forums—discussion groups of civic leaders and new Americans on OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.



President Richard M. Nixon address a class of new citizens in Chicago on the day of their naturalization — Citizenship Day, September 17, 1970.

The CITIZENSHIP COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO is a voluntary, non-political, membership organization which maintains an office but no paid staff. All activities are financed through contributions from organizations, business firms, and interested individuals. The Council is incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit organization and contributions and membership dues are tax deductible. It is endorsed by the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, and has the support of the Chicago Community Trust.

HISTORY

The Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago, dedicated to helping new Americans become responsible citizens, was instituted early in 1956 by Helen Graham Lynch, then Director of Americanization and Adult Education for the Chicago Board of Education. Mrs. Lynch enlisted

the cooperation of Burton Duffie, Director of Education Extension, Chicago Board of Education; Robert H. Robinson, then District Director, and William Biggs, then Assistant Director for Citizenship, Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice. With the approval of the Judges of the United States District Court, the Council was founded.

A Need Recognized

The need for a Welcome to American Citizenship was noted over the years by teachers in the Americanization classes. New citizens, returning to class after the Naturalization Ceremony would say, "I thought it would be different." They felt, that on this most important day of their lives in America, they would receive a warm welcome from Americans, but no one, except the presiding



The Chicago Tribune Photo by Jack Mulcahy

"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America . . ."

Judge, welcomed them as "Fellow Americans." They returned to their neighborhoods, mingled with their own nationality groups as before and nothing was different. Many, in spite of their deep desire to take their place in the life of their communities, never really were assimilated into the mainstream of citizen activity.

Cooperation of Civic Leaders

Since all citizens are affected by this omission to help our newcomers become responsible citizens it was decided to invite leading civic, educational, patriotic, business and commercial groups to cooperate with the newly formed Citizenship Council in sponsoring Welcoming Receptions to let our newest Americans know that we welcome them as fellow citizens. The response was most encouraging. Long-time friends of newcomers, the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Illinois, offered to sponsor a Welcoming Reception once a month. The National Society of the Daughters of the American

Revolution followed with a reception, and the weekly Welcoming Receptions following the Naturalization Ceremony were launched. For the past fifteen years, leading firms, organizations, and corporations have acted as hosts every Tuesday morning throughout the year. This is a worthwhile service to our newest Americans, but also a service to our communities and to our Country as well.

Place of Receptions

The Abraham Lincoln Room of the Chicago Federal Savings and Loan Association was made available for weekly Welcoming Receptions, and, soon, many others offered rooms and halls if the host group did not have a suitable one.

Members of the Citizenship Council and volunteers from the Travelers Aid Society escort the weekly classes, averaging one hundred and fifty new citizens, to the place of the Welcoming Reception.



A new citizen expresses the happiness in his heart on this great day in his life.

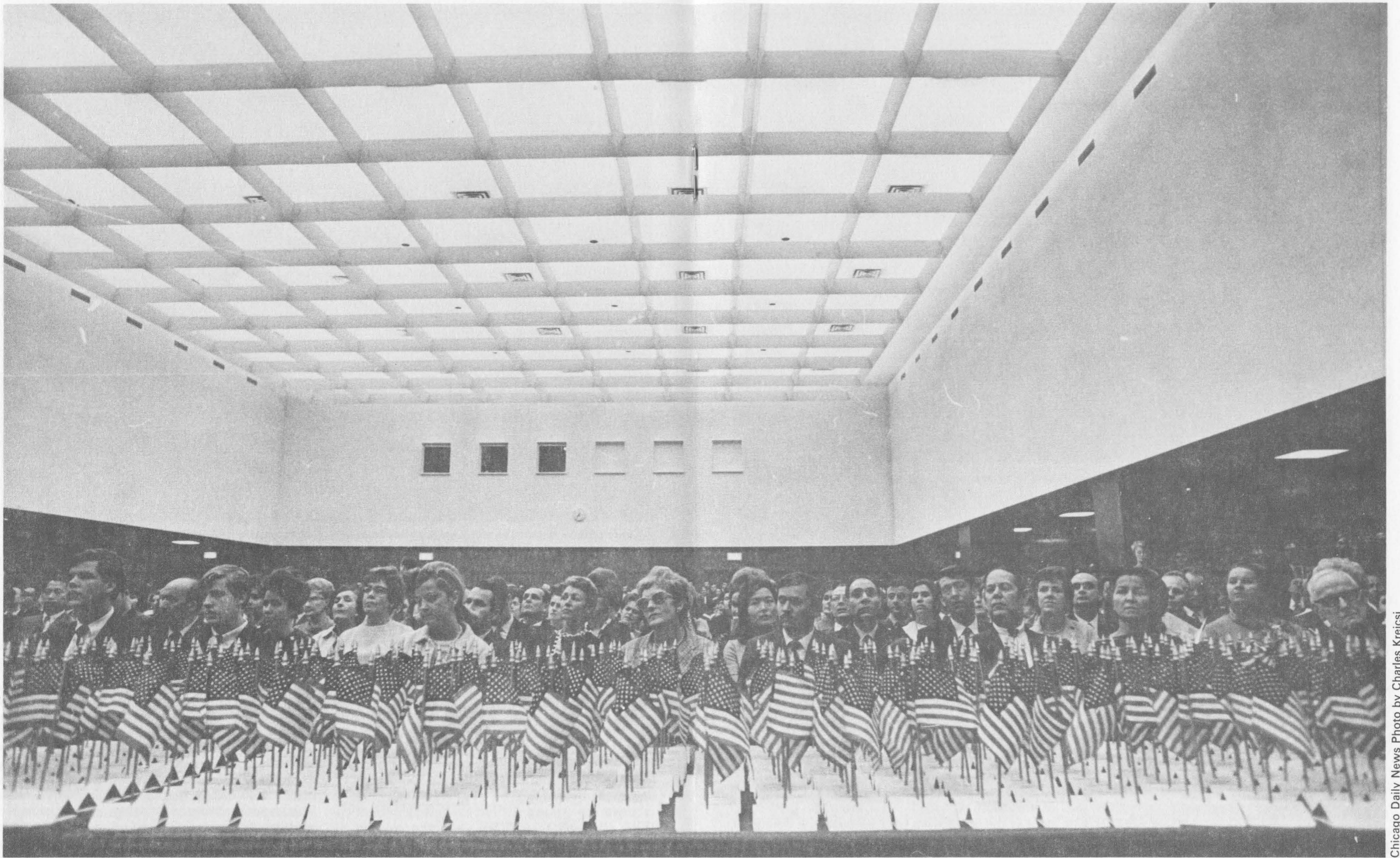
PROGRAM A TRIBUTE TO THE NEW AMERICANS

The Welcoming Reception at 10:15 A.M. is not a party, but a TRIBUTE to our newest Americans. They are the guests of honor. Patriotic music is played as they enter the hall. The program follows a pattern—an Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America; the reading of "AS THE FLAG FLIES," a poem by Robert G. Peck, Jr., and printed by THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, and the singing of THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER. This is the first time the New Citizens pledge allegiance to their new Flag and sing their new national anthem.

A WELCOME by the host, the tribute by a civic leader, invited by the host, which has as its title, "AMERICA NEEDS YOU," and a tribute in song by leading musicians of the Chicago area, make the guests of honor feel that they are now an important part of their new Country. They express

this feeling with emotion as they are asked to tell what is in their hearts on this great day in their lives.

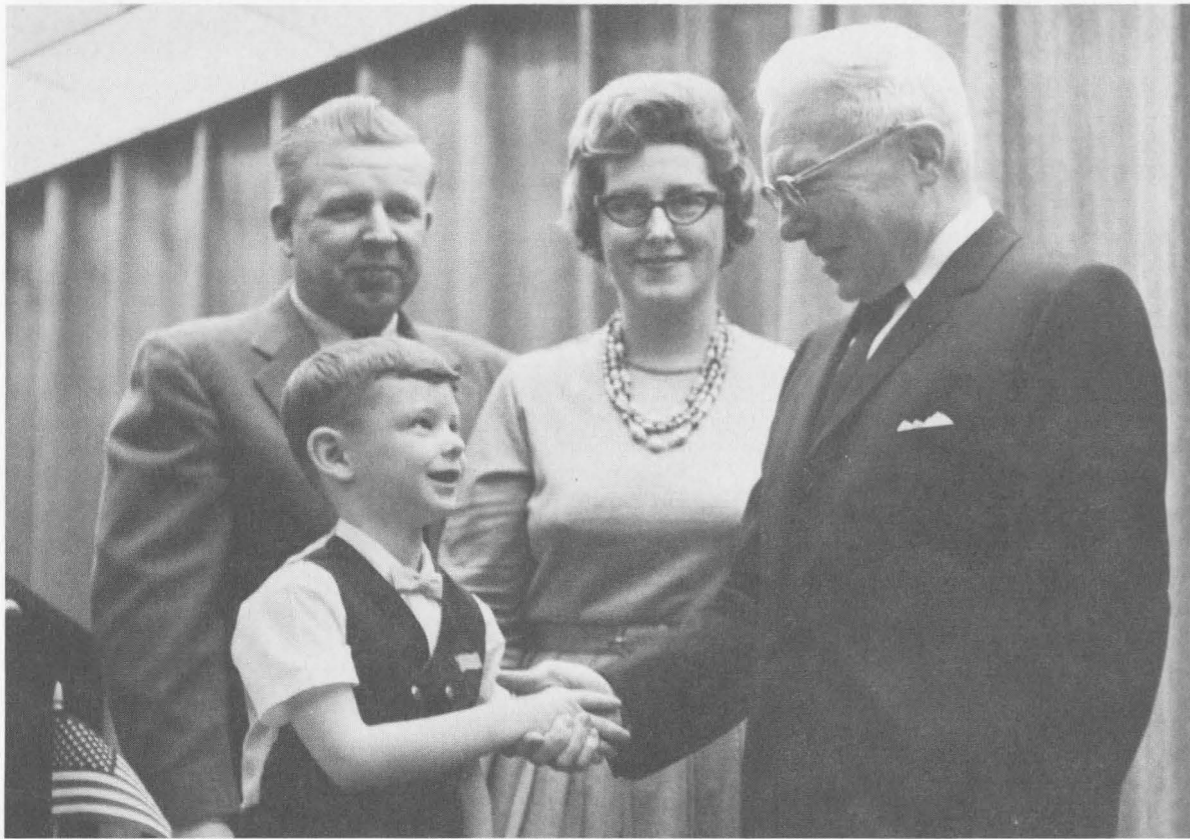
Greetings from the Chicago Board of Education's Education Extension Division include information about opportunities to continue their education in Adult Education classes in the eight counties in which the new citizens live; the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States Department of Justice has a representative at each weekly program to bring greetings, and a representative of the Citizenship Council tells about the Council's objectives to assist them as they go along their way as new Americans, all working together for better communities and a stronger Country. It is often difficult to observe which is the happier at these weekly TRIBUTES, the guests of honor or the host group. The "theme song" at each program is "YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE," and this is the reason for the Welcoming Receptions for our approxi-



Chicago Daily News Photo by Charles Krejcsi

A MOMENT TO REMEMBER!

New citizens solemnly participate in the Naturalization Ceremony, conducted in the Prudential Building Auditorium by a federal judge of the United States District Court on Citizenship Day during Constitution Week.



"Welcome . . ."

mately 8,000 new Americans annually in the Chicago area.

Getting Acquainted

From a refreshment table with a patriotic motif, hostesses serve coffee and rolls, and during this social period of the hour-long welcome all become acquainted. Other long-time Americans attend the programs and participate in this "get-acquainted part."

VOTER EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

An important objective of the Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago is to hold VOTER EDUCATION WORKSHOPS to help our new Americans become knowledgeable voters. Voter workshops are held in the eight counties of Northern Illinois with the Board of Election Commission of Chicago, the League of Women Voters of Illinois, and other friends of the Citizenship Council assisting. The new voters are instructed in the use of the voting machine, the marking of ballots, and receive information about the candidates for office in a non-partisan man-

ner. Voting material, furnished each week by the Board of Election Commissioners, helps new citizens feel more secure as they cast their first vote.

CITIZENSHIP DAY AND CONSTITUTION WEEK

The observance of CITIZENSHIP DAY AND CONSTITUTION WEEK on September 17, each year, in accordance with the Proclamation of the President of the United States of America is another objective of the Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago. This program, presently held in the auditorium of the Prudential Building in Chicago, affords many leading citizens an opportunity to join with the Citizenship Council to follow our President's Proclamation to pay tribute to our New Americans of the past year and to honor the Constitution for a week beginning with September 17.

The program is made inspiring by twelve large Flags of American Liberty; profuse floral decorations by the Chicago Park District; the Great Lakes Band; local musicians, and city, state,



New citizens and their hosts get acquainted at a welcoming reception after naturalization ceremonies.

and national speakers. The "Outstanding New Citizens of the Year" awards are always an important part of the program.

This event, since President Eisenhower first named "Citizenship Day," and the Congress of the United States of America voted the day, "Constitution Day," has been held by the Citizenship Council. It is said to be the only program of its kind in the Nation, and has had coverage by THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, and the NATIONAL OBSERVER, among other national newspapers.

EXHIBITS TO HONOR OUR CONSTITUTION AND NEW CITIZENS

This year, on the Fifteenth Anniversary of the founding of the Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago, a greater effort was made to expand a project started during the first year of the Council's work, to ask firms, stores, and banks in the Loop area to have window displays to honor THE CONSTITUTION during Constitution Week, and to recognize CITIZENSHIP DAY. More than twenty leading banks, firms, and

associations accepted the Council's invitation and decorated windows or had large displays in prominent parts of their buildings. The work which this involved, and the inspiration which these patriotic and colorful exhibits passed along to the citizens who observed them, is an important objective itself for ALL Americans.

CITIZENSHIP FORUMS

Discussion groups, called CITIZENSHIP FORUMS, are now being carried out, and may prove to be a most important part of the Citizenship Council's work. Civic leaders of the communities in which our new citizens live are invited to meet with these newer citizens to discuss: "Our American Heritage and Community Affairs."

This is two-way Americanism where the participants can learn from each other. The new citizens can also learn how they can become active in community affairs. Adult Educators in the communities will be called upon to give information about continuing education. They will also help in selecting the civic leaders for the group.



As a memento of their naturalization, these three new Americans received a commemorative booklet which includes copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

ASSIMILATION PROJECT

Many leading groups in the State of Illinois are being invited to assume leadership in a program aimed at expediting the assimilation of the 8,000 new citizens produced annually in the Chicago District eight county area, with the Citizenship Council as coordinator.

The Citizenship Council is unique. It has twice received the award of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge as an outstanding community organization helping to bring about a better understanding of the American way of life. It has had the commendation of national, state and city officials, civic leaders of the Chicago area and educators throughout the country.

Many of the members of the original planning committee for the Citizenship Council subsequently served as officers and directors and have had an important role in its development. Distinguished civic leaders of the Chicago area serve as members of the Council's Advisory Board.

The Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago has been accepted as a pattern to assist other cities and states with their assimilation of new citizens into active community life.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THE CITIZENSHIP COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO PROGRAM

"I wish to extend my best wishes to all new citizens who will be honored at the inspiring program to be sponsored by the Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago. I would like to commend the Citizenship Council on its splendid achievements."

**General Dwight D. Eisenhower
Former President of
the United States of America. 1959**

"I extend my profound admiration to the members of the Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago for the important contribution you are making toward a better country and all our citizens, not just those who are the direct recipients of the Council's esteem and encouragement."

**John N. Mitchell
Attorney General of
the United States of America**

"It gives me the greatest pleasure to extend to the Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago my warmest good wishes for your future, and my appreciation for your efforts on behalf of Chicago's new citizens over the last fifteen years.

"America is a nation of immigrants and we continue to profit immeasurably by the talents and enthusiasm which our new citizens bring to our midst. The work of the Council in welcoming these new citizens to this country is indeed admirable—and invaluable."

**Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson, III
United States Senator, Illinois**

"Your efforts on behalf of new citizens are truly outstanding. My congratulations and best wishes to you and all who assist you in your important work."

**Honorable Richard B. Ogilvie
Governor, State of Illinois**

"All success to you in the splendid work you are doing to foster the ideals of Americanism and good citizenship among the newcomers to our country."

**Honorable Richard J. Daley
Mayor, City of Chicago**

COMMENTS OF NEW AMERICANS ON THEIR DAY

"My warmest thanks for your noble efforts to keep us all together for the greater America! God bless you!"

A New Citizen from Hungary, An engineer

"On this day I became an American Citizen! The presiding Judge explained our new status in rights, privileges, and obligations and, moments after, we were citizens of the United States of America. Normally, one would have thought that would be that, but then we were transported to a reception given with great thought and perception for the feelings of those of us who had just become American citizens. Prominent Chicago area companies and organizations take turns in presenting these welcoming receptions for each weekly class of new Americans in conjunction with the Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago. The thoughtfulness of these events and their significance can only be measured in the hearts of those they honor, for these receptions mark and dignify events in the lives of these new Americans that are borne forever on the winds of time."

A New Citizen from Ireland, A writer

"What I feel in my heart about my new country is this: May the ideals that its people have hitherto borne, live long. May it preserve freedom of expression. May American man continue to tend to be an open man, and thereby set an example for peaceful solutions of exchange of thought rather than an exchange of force. Thank you, my good friends and fellow Americans, for a welcome we shall not forget because we know you care."

A university professor and a native of Germany

"All of us are gathered here today because we have received what we so ardently hoped to be worthy of, AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. Many of us came from countries behind the 'Iron Curtain' and were stateless for many years. Therefore, we cannot just accept it, taking it for granted as if it were due us. I know that we all wish to express our warmest gratitude for this most precious gift given us today by the Government of the United States, for America represents to us what we so ardently hoped to achieve. I am talking about the feeling of human dignity and self respect, and now, most of all, about the feeling that we now BELONG! You have given us that feeling this morning, our good friends who were so fortunate to have been born in this wonderful country, the 'Land of the Free.' We now have the feeling that we can be AMERICANS together; to work to keep freedom; to keep our country strong. Thank you for this beautiful welcome! We shall NEVER forget!"

A new citizen from Roumania, a housewife

Washington Monument—Washington, D. C. Photographed by Harold M. Lambert

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CITIZENSHIP DAY AND CONSTITUTION WEEK, 1970

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

In commemoration of the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787, and in recognition of all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, had attained citizenship during the year, the Congress by a joint resolution of February 29, 1952 (66 Stat. 9), set aside the seventeenth day of September of each year as Citizenship Day; and by a joint resolution of August 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 932), the Congress requested the President to designate the week beginning September 17 of each year as Constitution Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, direct the appropriate government officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Citizenship Day, September 17, 1970. I urge Federal, State, and local officials, as well as all religious, civic, educational, and other interested organizations to make arrangements for impressive meaningful pageants and observances on that day to inspire all our citizens to rededicate themselves to the service of their country and to the support and defense of the Constitution.

I also designate the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 1970, as Constitution Week; and I urge the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities in their schools and churches, and in other suitable places, to the end that our citizens, whether naturalized or natural-born, may have a better understanding of the Constitution and of the rights and responsibilities of United States citizenship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fourth.



*Sent to our 10,000 new citizens of the past year
in the Chicago area*

You are cordially invited to a program in your honor
to be given by the

CITIZENSHIP COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO
in cooperation with the
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

On Tuesday, September 17, 1974

7:30 p.m.

in the Auditorium of the Prudential Building

Randolph Street, East of Michigan Avenue

Chicago, Illinois

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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“CITIZENSHIP DAY AND CONSTITUTION WEEK”

TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE NEW CITIZENS OF THE
PAST YEAR—1973-1974 AND TO OUR CONSTITUTION

Your family and friends are most welcome to attend

TRIBUTES BY

HONORABLE HUBERT L. WILL, *Judge, United States District Court*
HONORABLE LEONARD F. CHAPMAN, JR., *Commissioner, Immigration and
Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice*

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Sept. 16, 1974

Ms. Margarite McAullsfe
Room 187
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. McAullsfe:

I regret to inform you that we will not be able to supply you with the names of 50 Rotarians to receive the President's Citizenship Day Proclamation.

Following your call this afternoon, I referred your request to our General Secretary, Mr. Harry Stewart, who decided that since most Rotary community service projects are conducted by clubs rather than by individuals and you are in some hurry to obtain these names we had better pass than do injustice to any of our members.

Thank you for thinking of Rotary International. I am sorry that we cannot fill your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John C. Hoffman".

John C. Hoffman
Public Relations Department