

mittee through the effort of one friendly Senator. It could have as easily happened the other way.

I just hope and believe that you ladies who have an emotional and economic stake in this problem will make yourselves so well known and understood that like my old Senator, your representative in the halls of Congress and your State legislature would see to it that a bill you disliked was killed in order to get you off his back.

THE DISTAFF VIEW

By Betty B. Hammer

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:



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In the spring issue of the 1962 Bulletin there appeared a half serious, half comic "Distaff-View" of the Hartford meeting of the AS-AC. The idea was to compliment the Hartford Womens Committee, and in paying them this well deserved tribute encourage more of you ladies to join your hubbies at future meetings. Since that fall 1960 meeting in Hartford more and more of you have been coming; and, more important, many wives have been taking an active part in planning interesting activities for the women.

All of which brings us to the most recent meeting at Cincinnati. Ruth Rubendunst headed up a committee of Ohio ladies who, combined with the gentlemen gave us one of the most delightful meetings it has been my pleasure to attend. There were sights to be seen, and things to be done, and believe me we "seen 'em and we done 'em." And contrary to some preconceived notion I had, southern Ohio (and Cincinnati) is quite beautiful. Especially for an Illinois and Florida "flat-lander" like myself.

It all began with a super cocktail-buffet type of get-together on opening night. This gave us all a chance to make new friends, or renew old friendships in the most convivial of circumstances. The next two days were fully planned to keep the ladies happily occupied whilst their husbands were absorbed in "doing their thing" as the expression goes. To be perfectly honest, I could become lyrical about any one of or all of the events planned for us; but, particularly outstanding in my memory is the "Banquet." You all know how banquets can be — well, this one wasn't. Some I have missed may have been equally well planned and enjoyable; but I sincerely doubt that there has ever been a banquet to equal that which was our pleasure to

attend in Cincinnati. The banquet address given by "Red" Jackson was interesting, well presented, (meaning, among other things not too long) and thought provoking. The food was superb — a real gourmets delight compared to many banquets, and the table decorations almost defy description. The latter was conceived, designed and executed by "Jones the Florist" of Cincinnati; or, to be more specific, AS-AC member Charles B. Jones (better known as CB). Other than the orchid corsages given to each lady by the Ohio committee, the outstanding centerpieces, podium decor etc., were a contribution from C.B., his son-in-law Joe Poetker and their staff. There were tall candlelabra with creamy white tapers all entwined with fresh green foliage. Then, at the base were huge lucious bunches of fresh grapes with the cymbidium orchid corsages artfully placed among the greenery and grapes to create an effect which was breathtaking. Of course, "Jones the Florist" (4 or 5 generations of them) are know the world over for their unique and beautiful creations. And, the use of the expression "world over" is not an overstatement.

Would that we who are planning for your pleasure at the forthcoming meeting in New Orleans (April 1, 2, 3, 1970) had fairy god-parents like the Jones family. However, we do have a committee and some tantalizing (some of them super-epicurean) ideas already in the working stage. In any case, New Orleans is a fascinating city. Something for everyone you might say, ranging from museums and the like to the old French Quarter and Bourbon Street at night. Bourbon Street at night is something which has to be seen to be believed. Why, you can buy one of the most delicious hot dogs in the world from a street vendor and watch a "bellydancer" through a door opened enticingly by a "shill" all at one and the same time! During the day on Royal Street there are Antique shops and Galleries to satisfy the most demanding collector plus Side-walk Cafes, Underground Shops, — well, you name it and you will find it. Really and truly, this is the perfect meeting place for all of you to plan on attending. So Ladies, get after your hubbies now and make your plans for the first of April. You will be glad you did!

See you all at the Jung, hear?

Sincerely yours

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