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Sir Denis Brogan-'The War as a War'-Wed., April 6-G.A.R. Centennial

Sir Denis Brogan, professor of political science at Cambridge university, England, and outstanding British student of America and the Civil War, will speak on "The War as a War" at our meeting Wednesday, April 6. It is the 250th regular meeting since our group was founded on Dec. 3, 1940, inspiring the formation of about 150 similar groups in the United States and abroad.



D.W. Brogan

The meeting falls on the centennial date of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Civil War veterans' organization, on April 6, 1866.

A cocktail hour and dinner preceding the meeting will be held in the Beaubien room, in Stouffer's restaurant in the Prudential Plaza, East Randolph street. Ladies and guests are welcome. Dinner is \$6.50 per person. Reservations are required, with check to accompany reservations.

There will be a short program at the dinner. Past presidents of the Round Table and their ladies will be introduced. Copies of "Part of Me," the song that Win Stracke composed for and sang at the 25th anniversary meeting Dec. 14, 1965, will be distributed. An additional souvenir will be copies of "Lincoln Raises an Army," by Don Russell, published some years ago by the Round Table. Round Table historical material will be on display.

The assembly then will move one block west to Chicago Public Library at Randolph and Michigan avenue for the meeting in the auditorium there and viewing of the exhibits in the G.A.R. Memorial hall. Members of the Sons of Union Veterans and of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, descendant groups of the G.A.R., have been invited to attend. The meeting also is open to the public.

Our president, Brooks Davis, who is also commander of the Illinois department of the Sons of Veterans, will preside. Ralph G. Newman, a member of the library board, will introduce Librarian Gertrude Gscheidle. She will tell of the significance and background of the G.A.R. and its relation to the library. Four of her key staff members will be present.

Of "The War as a War," Professor Brogan says that his subject "will be entirely military, not ideological or political (except as Lincoln and Davis must be dealt with). I'll discuss strategy, tactics and weapons and the role of the war in the history of warfare (with contemporary comparisons)."

In "A Fresh Appraisal of the Civil War," published in Harper's magazine, April 1960, Sir Denis called the war "the most moving, interesting, dignified thing that has ever occurred in America....The inheritance of a past rich in suffering, in vicissitudes, in heroism adds something to the national assets, even though the price is always high and often grossly excessive."

Denis William Brogan was born in Glasgow, Scotland,



250th REGULAR MEETING

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Sir Denis Brogan

on

"The War as a War"

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1966

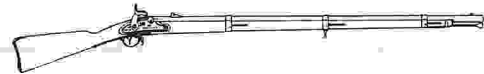
8 p.m., Chicago Public Library auditorium
and Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall
Michigan Avenue at Randolph Street

Preceded by

Cocktails at 5:30 pm. Beaubien room, Stouffer's Restaurant

Dinner at 6:30 Prudential Plaza, East Randolph St.,

(Check for \$6.50 per person to accompany dinner reservations)



in 1900, of Scotch and Irish parentage. He started reading about the American Civil War when he was twelve and has kept it up ever since. He was trained at Glasgow, Oxford, and Harvard and lived in Rome, Paris, Washington, and New York before he spent more than one night in London. He studied American history at Harvard, and taught American history at the University of London before he became professor of political science and a fellow of Peterhouse at Cambridge.

Among his numerous books, signed D. W. Brogan, his works dealing with America include: "Government of the People" (1932), "Abraham Lincoln" (1935), "The American Character" (1944), "American Has Gone Left, But Not Our Type of Left" (1949), "The Era of F.D.R." (1952), "Politics in America" (1955), and "America in the Modern World" (1960).

During World War II Brogan was head of the American section of intelligence of British Broadcasting Corporation. In 1944 he covered the Roosevelt-Dewey campaign for the Manchester Guardian. In 1956 for three months he was Miller visiting professor at the University of Illinois. Presently he is in Chicago for lectures at the University of Chicago. This year he was awarded

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 Lester Joseph, Richard Cohen, Pete Johnson. Tour
 Bulletin: Gilbert Twiss. Book List: E. B. (Pete)
 Long.



FRANK E. VANDIVER received the Harry S. Truman
 Award for Meritorious Service in the Field of Civil War
 History when he spoke to Kansas City CWRT on Febru-
 ary 22. Previous winners of the Kansas City group's
 award have been Bruce Catton, Allan Nevins, Edwin C.
 Bearss, T. Harry Williams, James I. Robertson, Jr.,
 and E. B. (Pete) Long. Vandiver will be our speaker in
 June.

A silver tray inscribed, "Robert M. Reilly, Founder
 and First President, The Civil War Round Table of Baton
 Rouge, 1963-1964," was presented to him at a recent
 meeting. Bob designed much of our newsletter when he
 was a Chicago member.

Della Crowder Miller, who received the Benjamin
 Barondess Award of New York CWRT, for her Lincoln
 trilogy, is a resident of Decatur, Ill.

the Benjamin Franklin medal of the Royal Society of Arts,
 London. It is awarded in alternate years to a Briton and
 an American.

The usual question period will follow Professor Bro-
 gan's talk. Then Harold Teitelbaum, head of the history
 and travel department of the library, curator of the G.A.R.
 hall will conduct a tour of the museum along with another
 staff member. Cookies and coffee will be served. Mal
 Hoffman is chairman of the evening's program.

from the
Editor's pen



Eighty members and guests at the meeting March 10
 gave "Pete" Long the loudest and longest round of ap-
 plause that has been heard at a meeting this year. Harry
 Rice summed it up when he called from the audience,
 "We're very proud of you, Pete."

Pete spoke on "A Reappraisal of the Mississippi
 Valley Campaigns" — a topic he had presented to a num-
 ber of other Round Tables, but for the first time to his
 own.

He called it a "strange Civil War—unlike those in
 Europe, because no one was trying to take over the ex-
 isting government." And Davis and Lincoln kept the war
 away from their own capitals. "There was something
 new—the rivers were a link with the land warfare....
 Andrew Foote and the navy took Fort Henry....The Con-
 federates lost an opportunity to destroy the Union army
 at Shiloh....In John Pope's campaign for Island No. 10
 a canal operation was used and succeeded."

There were river actions that never received the at-
 tention they deserved, Pete said. He cited the gunboat
 battles at Plum Run Bend and Memphis. When Farragut
 went up the Mississippi and past the guns of Vicksburg,
 he joined Capt. Charles Davis who had come down from
 the north. Thus, in 1862, the Union held all of the river
 except about 3 miles in front of Vicksburg. When Farra-
 gut went down river again, the Confederates regained
 500 miles from Helena, Ark., southward. Grant failed to
 use his chances to take Vicksburg in the summer of 1862,
 Pete said.

Pete covered a wide range, including the early opera-
 tions at Paducah and Fort Donelson, Halleck's operations
 above Corinth, Buell's move toward Chattanooga, the
 fights of the Confederate ram Arkansas, and failures be-
 fore the final Vicksburg campaign. Pete concluded by
 saying, "I'd like you to take me apart." A number of
 members tried to and the result was enjoyable discus-
 sion.

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 President Brooks Davis' call for introduction of
 guests disclosed that John W. Barriger, M. A. Thil, and
 M. R. Cring, top officials of the Missouri, Kansas &
 Texas railroad were present. Barriger has been a mem-
 ber of the Round Table since 1942. Morton Feigen had as
 his guest Tomas Forsberg of Karlstad, Sweden, an ex-
 change student and history major at Highland Park High
 school.

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 There were announcements regarding the auction, the
 battlefield tour, and the Grand Army of the Republic cen-
 tennial (see separate items).

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 The meeting was held in the wardrobe of the United
 States Naval Armory on Lake Michigan at the foot of
 Randolph street. Members were pleased with the food,
 drinks, the room and the easy parking situation. Presi-
 dent Davis asked for a show of hands whether to hold
 another meeting there. The show was much in favor.

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 J. Ambler Johnston of Richmond, Va., our February
 speaker sent a note that he was so sorry he couldn't be
 present to hear Pete Long, but that he was speaking the
 same day to the Prison CWRT in Richmond.

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 While Pete was speaking to the men, his wife and re-
 search helpmate, Barbara, was speaking to a dozen ladies
 gathered at the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop on "It Is No
 Dream, You and I in the Civil War." It was an entertain-
 ing and enlightening talk, mainly on how women, North
 and South, lived during the war. A buffet supper was
 served from dishes prepared and brought by the ladies.

The Battlefield Tour

Committee chairmen in Chicago and Washington are busy rounding up final details of our 16th Annual Battlefield Tour, to the national capital area May 26 to 30. The tour leaflet and reservation form will be sent to members about mid-April.

The Chicago White Sox plane has been chartered for the trip to Washington and back. It will leave from Butler Aviation building at O'Hare airport early May 26 and will land at Page Airways dock at National airport in Washington. Baggage will be sent to the Marriott Twin Bridges motel and the tour will begin immediately with lunch at the historic Laurel Brigade Inn in Leesburg, Va. The traditional Command Post will be held each evening. Paul Sedgwick, a grandnephew of Gen. Sedgwick and former president of Washington CWRT, will be the speaker the first night.

The second day will have a V.I.P. tour of the White House, dedication of the John A. Rawlins monument, then touring historical sites of Washington and the Library of Congress. In the afternoon there is a visit to the Naval Display Center, Washington Navy Yard, as guests of Adm. E. M. Eller, director of Naval History and a member of the D.C. Round Table. Then to Fort McNair, scene of the trial and execution of the Lincoln assassination conspirators.

On Saturday, May 28, the tour is to the restored Ford's theater, the Surratt house, and then along the John Wilkes Booth escape route in Maryland. There will be a shore lunch at Pope's creek. Saturday evening will be open, to have dinner and visit where you please.

Sunday's schedule has visits to outlying areas of Washington, including Old Georgetown, National Cathedral, Soldiers' Home and cemetery, and Fort Stevens. Lunch will be at Holiday Inn and dinner at Marriott's with fun night to follow. Monday will start with a buffet brunch, then Memorial day ceremonies at Arlington National cemetery and a visit to the grave of our former member, Gen. Manus McCloskey. Washington CWRT members Gay Seabourne and "Josh" Billings will be guides and lecturers on various tours.

THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING of the Illinois Sesquicentennial commission will be held in the Illini Union building at the University of Illinois, Urbana, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, April 18. The date was chosen because it is the 148th anniversary of the passage by Congress of the bill enabling Illinois to qualify for statehood. For the first time, plans for the 1968 sesquicentennial will be disclosed and various projects outlined. Gov. Otto Kerner will be present along with Commission Chairman Ralph G. Newman. Representatives are invited from the 102 counties of the state, and from patriotic, service, business, and educational organizations. Round Tables wishing to be represented can notify the commission's office at 1936 North Clark street, Chicago, Ill. 60614. Vice Chairmen of the commission are Hudson R. Sours of Peoria and J. W. (Bill) Scott of Bloomington. The commission staff includes Ver Lynn Sprague, director; Paul Angle, director of historical publications; Milburn P. (Pete) Akers, director of special publications, and Larry Wolters, director of public information. Gene H. Graves is secretary of the commission and Mrs. Joyce Warshaw is administrative assistant in charge of the office.

Contract award for a new section of the Natchez trace in Mississippi will carry it across Baker's creek. That's what Gen. Grant called the battle of Champion Hill.

Gov. Otto Kerner will speak at the May 21 meeting of Springfield CWRT.

THE AUCTION!

Co-Chairman Joe Eisendrath told the March 10 meeting of progress in plans for the auction of Civil War books and relics to be held at a dinner meeting (Ladies invited) in the Furniture Club in the Furniture Mart, 666 N. Lake Shore Drive, on Saturday, April 30.

Joe spoke of some of the relics that will be donated to raise money for the Fellowship Award fund. And, of books, he said he had found about a dozen duplicates that he could donate. Pete Long has about 30 odd volumes of the Official Records to give. Clement Silvestro, director of Chicago Historical Society, said that workers there are culling the Civil War collection and will have about 50 books to donate, some unusual. Eisendrath called for a show of hands of other donors, and many responded.

Joe commented, "We don't want all sellers, we want buyers, too." He asked that donors give their material "to us as soon as possible so we can catalog it." Pieces can be deposited at the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, 18 East Chestnut St. Or, arrangements can be made to have material picked up by calling Co-Chairman Marshall Krolick, DE 2-5060 or 463-0189 (home).

A special bulletin will be mailed to members in April regarding the dinner and auction.

RESOLUTION ON THE CAIRO

At the March 10 meeting, members unanimously adopted a resolution regarding restoration of the iron-clad gunboat Cairo. The resolution, addressed to Gov. Paul Johnson of Mississippi and Mr. Gene Trigg, of the Mississippi Agricultural and Industrial Board (the state tourism agency), reads:

"We of the original Civil War Round Table have watched the tremendous, dedicated efforts to locate, raise, and restore the Cairo. We contributed \$500 to this effort during our wonderful visit to your state in 1961 and many of our members have given additional money since that time. We believe in the people who have given so much thought, time, and active effort to the cause of making the Cairo a piece of living history for all Americans.

"We are aware of some of the problems facing the government of Mississippi regarding the past and future of the restoration. You people have the most unusual opportunity to make a solid contribution to the education of youth of your area and of the country at large by insisting that the restoration be proper and authentic and complete. This can be done by doing the work on the entire ship, placing on land, and placing it in Vicksburg, its proper and historic home."

The resolution is in protest against a recent proposal to restore only the superstructure of the Cairo and place it on a barge to be moved about for exhibition. The recovered parts from below the waterline would be discarded or cut up for souvenirs. On a recent visit to the Ingalls Shipyards at Pascagoula, Miss., Edwin Bearss inspected the remnants of the Cairo. He reported:

"Parts of the Cairo....have been laid out and positioned on land. The portion of the hull below the water line, except for the cuts made by cables, looks like the vessel did when she went to the bottom of the Yazoo (Dec. 12, 1862)....Portions of the casement have been positioned, though many sections were lost in salvage and will have to be replaced....The wood that was warped and cracked has been restored to its former state. None of the wood is rotten....Engines and metal works and armor have been sandblasted, cleaned and given a protective coat.... No restoration is being done now, but in our wildest dreams we never thought the Cairo would look so good again."

THE NEW BOOKS



THE CONFEDERATE HORSEMEN, by David Knapp, Jr. (Vantage, 302pp, \$4.50). Sketches of 43 leaders from Jeb Stuart to Wirt Adams.

THE HOUSE DIVIDES, by Paul Wellman (Doubleday, 488pp, \$6.95). From the early 18th century to Lincoln's inauguration.

REBEL LAWYER, Theodorick Wingfield Montfort, letters, 1861-1862, edited by Spencer B. King, Jr. (U. of Georgia, 84pp, paper \$3.)

GUNBOATS DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI, by John D. Milligan (U.S. Naval Institute, Annapolis, 217pp, \$7.50).

NOBODY STOPS CUSHING, by Frank Cetin (New York, 191pp, \$3.50). Account for young people of the youngest commander of the U.S. Navy in the Civil War.

LINCOLN HERITAGE TRAIL, souvenir book and tour guide (Desaulniers & Co., 1701 Third Ave., Moline, Ill., \$1.25).

ROBERT H. FOWLER, editor of Civil War Times Illustrated, has teamed up with associates in a new venture, **AMERICAN HISTORY Illustrated**. It will be published ten times a year. Subscription rate is \$10, but a special offer of \$7.95 is made to CWTI subscribers.

G.A.R. CENTENNIAL

Some members of the Civil War Round Table are joining with the Sons of Union Veterans, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and other patriotic organizations in ceremonies related to the centennial of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Our wreath, with others, will be placed at the Lincoln tomb in Springfield on April 15, the anniversary of the President's death. In the afternoon, wreaths will be laid at the grave of Maj. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson in Petersburg, Ill. He was founder of Post No. 1 of the G.A.R. at Decatur, Ill., on April 6, 1866.

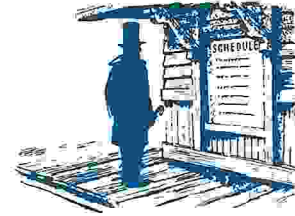
A week of observance in Decatur will begin with a dinner on April 9 at St. Paul's Methodist church, arranged by the Grand Army Family. On April 11 there will be a planting of 30 Mr. Lincoln and Heritage rose bushes at the base of the G.A.R. monument in Central park in downtown Decatur. The site of Post No. 1 was near by. On April 14, Decatur Civil War Round Table will hold a meeting at the Blue Mill restaurant. In the evening of April 15 there will be a concert of Civil War music in Eisenhower High school.

On April 16, the G.A.R. plot in Greenwood cemetery will be the scene of graveside ceremonies. At 1 p.m. wreaths will be laid at the monument in Central park, followed by re-enactment of the ceremony of signing the charter of Post No. 1. Reactivated Civil War units and patriotic organizations will parade in downtown Decatur at 3 p.m. There will be a dinner at the Hotel Orlando and later a Grand Ball in period costume.

From April 13 to 17, Decatur will have displays of original G.A.R. uniforms, equipment, documents, and some of Maj. Stephenson's effects. Stores will have window displays. Gov. Otto Kerner has proclaimed 1966 as G.A.R. year.

Our president, Brooks Davis, is commander of the Illinois Department of Sons of Veterans. Our member Roland Persenico is patriotic instructor and liaison man with Decatur in arranging the observance. Wilson Smith is finance chairman. For details of attendance and costs, get in touch with Roland Persenico, Box 54A, Gen. U.S. Grant Highway, Addison, Ill. 60101.

BULLETIN BOARD



BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Executive Committee) called to meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, at 18 East Chestnut Street.

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NEW MEMBERS: Arthur Bernstein, 860 Lake Shore Dr., Chicago 60611; Rodney Robert Miller, Jr., 1 Monee Court, Park Forest, Ill. 60466; William H. Richardson, 965 Webster Lane, Des Plaines, Ill. 60016.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: George A. Barclay to: 1451 East 55th St., Chicago 60615; F. T. Brandt to: 124 Mayfair Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15228.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Saturday, April 30 - Auction of Civil War relics and books, Dinner, Ladies invited, at Furniture Club, 666 N. Lake Shore Drive.

Friday, May 20 - Robert W. Johannsen, "Stephen A. Douglas and the South."

May 26-30 - CWRT 16th Annual Battlefield Tour, to Washington, D.C., and Booth's escape route in Maryland.

Friday, June 10 - Frank Vandiver.

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 15 - Springfield, Ill., Wreath laying at tomb of Abraham Lincoln, and Petersburg, Ill., at grave of Maj. Benjamin F. Stephenson, founder of the G.A.R.

April 15-16 - Decatur, Ill., Centennial of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic.

May 13-15 - Illinois State Historical Society spring tour at Carmi, Ill.

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AVAILABLE at meetings: Gold filled lapel pin, \$1; Cloth patch of emblem, 50¢; Muster Roll program of 25th Anniversary meeting, \$2 (also by mail).



WALTON ONSLOW says in the Washington CWRT newsletter: "A real highlight of the year will take place at the end of May, when the Chicago Round Table will come to town for a visit of several days. The Chicago RT is one of the leading assemblages of Buffs in the country ... These are the Boys in Blue who, when they take a field trip, usually charter a plane and put on a real whoop-de-do.... Our RT will host the Chicagoans here. President Meredith Daubin, Josh Billings, and Col. J. Gay Seabourne and others are helping them plan activities here. Included is a reception and dinner, to which all DCRT members are invited.... Watch for further announcement, and turn out to greet our Chicago guests."

New York CWRT closed another chapter in its history when it held a meeting for the 75th time at the Lambs club. For March, New York CWRT moved to the Park 100 restaurant, 100 Park Ave.

TOLEDO CWRT's discussion of "worst" generals of the Civil War led to selection of Braxton Bragg as the Confederates' tailender and George Brinton McCellan for the Union nosing out Henry W. Halleck.