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INFORMATION FOR THE PRESS

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FREEDOMS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 1954 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Top Awards Presented at Valley Forge Ceremonies

Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1955---Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge announced today the names of American citizens, organizations and schools honored in the Foundation's annual national and school awards program for their contributions to a better understanding of the American Way of Life during 1954.

These awardees in the Foundation's sixth annual awards program were announced at special George Washington's Birthday ceremonies at Valley Forge by DR. KENNETH D. WELLS, President.

MR. CLIFFORD F. HOOD, President, United States Steel Corporation, is the sixth distinguished annual awards presenter and keynote speaker. All other awards will be presented at regional ceremonies following February 22nd.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

Please watch wire services for on-the-spot accounts of the awards ceremonies at Valley Forge. The program will be carried by NBC Radio 3:00 - 3:30 P.M. (E.S.T.) February 22nd.

Included among the top recipients present were REVEREND BILL GRAHAM for his evangelistic crusades, The Faculty of ST. JOHNS UNIVERSITY, Brooklyn, for the book "Concept of Freedom", Kiwanis International for its Minutemen for Americanism Program and the Hawaii Residents' Association for its anti-communist educational program.

In addition to nationally known recipients, the larger part of the 1954 awards go to lesser-known Americans in all walks of life --- ministers, housewives, newspaper editors, high school and college students, community organizations and individuals representing almost every segment of the American Way of Life.

Selected by Distinguished Awards Jury

The 1954 award recipients were chosen by a distinguished Awards Jury (list included in awards report) composed of thirty state supreme court jurists and executive officers of national patriotic, veterans and service club organizations. The jury spent two weeks at the Foundation's Headquarters during December selecting awardees under the non-voting chairmanship of Dr. George D. Humphrey, President, University of Wyoming.

The basis of all awards is the Credo of the American Way of Life, which defines our free system as being based on a fundamental belief in God, Constitutional Government designed to serve and not to rule the American people, and an indivisible bundle of political and economic rights.

There are two divisions of award---School and National. The School division provides awards for programs by public, private, and parochial schools, together with categories for high school newspaper editorials and college campus programs.

National awards are made in 15 categories; Advertising Campaigns, cartoons,

community programs, company employee publications, editorials, essays, general, letters from armed forces personnel, magazine articles, motion pictures, photographs with captions, public addresses, radio programs, sermons, and television programs. Awards in the National division consist of cash grants, George Washington Honor Medals, and Honor Certificates. (A complete break-down of categories and awards is shown on page #3 of the attached awards report.)

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian awards organization chartered in 1949 for the specific purpose of annually making awards of cash and honor medals to individuals, organizations and schools for their outstanding contributions to a better understanding of the American Way of Life through the things which they write, do, or say. The Foundation's funds come from widest national sources---individuals, corporate and foundation. The Board of Directors of the Foundation is composed of outstanding men and women from business, education, the judiciary, the professions, and the clergy.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower is Honorary Chairman and Hon. Herbert Hoover is Honorary President. - Don Belding is Chairman of Directors and Trustee. Other trustees are: Fred Maytag, II, William C. McCord, Dr. Kenneth D. Wells and Charles M. White.

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INFORMATION FOR THE PRESS

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FREEDOMS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 1962 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Top Awards Presented at Valley Forge Ceremonies

Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1963.....Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge announced today the names of over 900 American citizens, organizations and schools throughout the United States to be honored in the Foundation's annual National and School Awards Program for their contributions in helping to bring about a greater appreciation and understanding of the American Way of Life during 1962.

The awardees in the Foundation's fourteenth annual awards program were announced by Freedoms Foundation President, Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, at special Valley Forge ceremonies commemorating the 231st birthday of George Washington. Awards announcement ceremonies were held at the Valley Forge Military Academy.

The Foundation's highest award, The George Washington Award, for the most important patriotic contribution during the year by an American toward the understanding and propagation of the American Credo went to Walt Disney.

Five Special Freedom Leadership Plaques were presented to:

Arch N. Booth, Executive Director, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Perry E. Gresham, President, Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia.

Dr. Walter Kerr, Director, Youth Crusade For God and Freedom, Tyler, Texas.

Christian Sanderson, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

Mr. George Tedt, Los Angeles Examiner, Los Angeles, California.

Other Principal Award recipients are:

General Douglas MacArthur, New York, New York - \$500 and Encased George Washington Honor Medal for his public address, "Duty, Honor, and Country."

Eugene Craig, Canal Winchester, Ohio - \$500 and Encased George Washington Honor Medal for his cartoon, "Every Day."

W. M. Kiplinger, Washington, D. C. - \$500 and Encased George Washington Honor Medal for his editorial "What's Right With America."

Patricia Anderson, Southfield, Michigan - \$500 and Encased George Washington Honor Medal for her essay "How Long Does It Take To Become An American?"

William A. Wynne, Cleveland, Ohio - \$500 and Encased George Washington Honor Medal for his photograph with caption, "Three Touches of Freedom."

Rev. Wilburn Matthews, Greenwood, Mississippi - \$500 and Encased George Washington Honor Medal for his sermon, "America At the Crossroad."

Pleasant Grove Jr. High Christian Endeavor, Dallas, Texas - \$500 and Encased George Washington Honor Medal for its Spiritual Value Program.

Oklahoma Christian College, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - \$500 and Encased George Washington Honor Medal for its College Campus Program.

Bakersfield Principals Association, Bakersfield, California - \$500 and Encased George Washington Honor Medal for its Community Program.

The American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana - Encased George Washington Honor Medal for their Americanism Program.

Kiwanis International, Chicago, Illinois - Encased George Washington Honor Medal for their Citizenship Responsibility Program.

National 4-H Club Foundation, Washington, D. C. - Encased George Washington Honor Medal for their Citizenship Program.

Sheldon-Claire Co., Chicago, Illinois - Encased George Washington Honor Medal for their "Voice of Freedom" Posters.

America Fore Loyalty Group, New York, New York, - Encased George Washington Honor Medal for their National Advertising Program.

Florida Power and Light Company, Miami, Florida - Encased George Washington Honor Medal for their Local Advertising Program.

Koppers Company, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - Encased George Washington Honor Medal for their Non-Profit Publication "Koppers News."

Leroy W. Spruill, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - Encased George Washington Honor Medal for editing the Non-Profit Publication "Koppers News."

New York University, and the National Broadcasting Company, New York, New York - Encased George Washington Honor Medal for their "Democracy In America" Radio Program.

The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, St. Louis, Missouri - Encased George Washington Honor Medal for their television program, "Destination Unknown."

Weirton Steel Company, Weirton, West Virginia and Dept. of West Virginia American Legion, Welch, West Virginia - Encased George Washington Honor Medal for their Motion Picture "Men of Tomorrow."

The Foundation for Economic Education, Inc., Irvington-On-Hudson, New York, - \$500 and Encased George Washington Honor Medal for their Economic Education Program.

Columbia Broadcasting System, New York, New York, - Encased George Washington Honor Medal for their "Money Talks" program in Economic Education Category.

Massachusetts Department of Education, Division of Civic Education, Boston, Massachusetts - Encased George Washington Honor Medal for their program in Government Education Category.

Pfc. Gerald I. Silverman, U. S. Army, Passaic, New Jersey, - Encased George Washington Honor Medal and \$1000 - Principal Valley Forge Patriots Award.

The School Systems receiving Principal Awards are:

Columbus, Ohio

McAlester, Oklahoma

San Diego, California

A FULL LISTING OF ALL 1962 AWARD RECIPIENTS IS
CONTAINED IN THE ATTACHED AWARDS REPORT

Other recipients of the Foundation's highest recognition, The George Washington Award, were: Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover, 1956; Former President Herbert Hoover, 1957; Former Chief Scout Executive, Arthur A. Schuck, 1958; Arkansas Senator, John L. McClellan, 1959; J. Edgar Hoover, for the second time, 1961. No George Washington Award was granted by the Awards Jury in 1960.

The object of the Foundation's annual awards program is to honor citizens, regardless of race, creed, or economic status, for outstanding efforts to improve public understanding and appreciation of the basic constitutional rights and freedoms inherent in the American Way of Life, through the things they write, do or say.

There are two divisions of award - National and School. National awards are made in the following categories: Advertising, Cartoons, College Campus Programs, Community Programs, Economic Education, Editorials,

Essays, General, Letters from Armed Forces Personnel, Non-Profit Publications, 16 mm Motion Pictures, Photographs with Captions, Public Addresses, Radio Programs, Sermons, Television Programs and Miscellaneous Spiritual Values. Awards in the National Division consist of cash awards and George Washington Honor Medal Awards.

School awards and High School Editorial awards are made to public, private and parochial elementary schools, high schools and school systems for exceptional programs on teaching the fundamentals of the American system. Awards to schools include: Principal School Awards and George Washington Honor Medals.

The Credo of the American Way of Life (shown on back cover of Awards Report) is the basis for selection of all awards. A distinguished Jury composed of State Supreme Court Jurists and heads of national patriotic, veteran, and service club organizations, selected the award recipients. Dr. W. R. White, Chancellor of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, served as Chairman of the 1962 National and School Awards Jury.

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge was founded in March 1949. It is a non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian organization created to bring about a better understanding of the basic principles underlying the Republic. Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower is Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Honorable James A. Farley and Admiral Felix B. Stump, USN (Ret.) are Vice Chairmen. Former President Herbert Hoover is Honorary President. Members of the Executive Committee are: Don Belding, Los Angeles, Chairman; General Eisenhower; Roger S. Firestone, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania; Charles H. Kellstadt, Chicago, Illinois; Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, President of Freedoms Foundation; Charles M. White, Cleveland, Ohio.

All Americans are eligible for membership in the Foundation.

NOTE TO WASHINGTON EDITORS:

The following individuals, organizations and school of your state are recipients of the 1962 Freedom Awards of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Seattle: The Crown Stations, 320 Aurora Avenue. George Washington Honor Medal Award for Television Program, "Killer In Court."

Garfield High School, 23rd and East Jefferson. George Washington Honor Medal Award for High School Editorial, "Our American Flag Should Be Respected," in THE GARFIELD MESSENGER."

Joseph W. Marshall, 7023 40th Avenue, N.E. Honor Certificate Award for Photograph, "Right to Service of Government as a Protector."

Roderic Marble Olzendam, 14001 Third Avenue, N.W. Honor Certificate Award for Essay, "Declaration of a Free Man."

The Soroptimist Foundation, 5048 Sand Point Place, N.E. George Washington Honor Medal Award in the General Category.

Spokane: David L. Kirk, West 704 Knox Avenue. Honor Certificate Award for Editorial, "Navigator Doesn't Fix His Course by Trying to Move the North Star."

1962 AWARDS JUROR RESIDING IN WASHINGTON:

Hon. Robert C. Finley
Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Washington
Olympia

NOTE TO WASHINGTON EDITORS:

The following individuals and organizations of your State are named as honored recipients of the 1954 Freedom Awards of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

(Cash and Honor Medal awardees are listed in the attached Awards Report.)

Port Angeles: Community of Port Angeles, Wash., 535 E. 4th Street, Second Place Award for Community Programs. \$50 and George Washington Honor Medal.

Seattle: Radio Station KING, 320 Aurora Avenue, George Washington Honor Medal Award for Television Program, "Community Workshop - For The Rights and Duties of the Jury System".

Joe Miller, 5051 Prince Street, Second Place Award for Magazine Article, "Censorship - Evil or Safeguard?" in "The Kiwanis Magazine". \$50 and George Washington Honor Medal.

University of Washington, George Washington Honor Medal Award for College Campus Program.

Spokane: Rev. Francis E. Corkery, President, Gonzaga University, George Washington Honor Medal Award for Sermon, "The Soul of America". B

David L. Kirk, Spokane Daily Chronicle, Second Place Award for Editorial, "Russ Baby Leaves U.S. to Live In Realm of Fear". \$50 and George Washington Honor Medal.

Tacoma: Roderic Olzendam, 711 Puget Sound Bank Bldg., George Washington Honor Medal Award for Sermon, "The Convictions of an Episcopal Layman". L

MEMBERS OF THE 1954 AWARDS JURY RESIDING IN WASHINGTON

Hon. Frederick G. Hamley
Chief Justice Elect
Supreme Court of Washington
Olympia