



THE O.S.S. SOCIETY

Winter 2002-2003



Richard Helms Dies; Former CIA Director; OSS OPS Officer WWII

Richard McGarrah Helms, 89, died October 22, 2002 at his home in Washington, D.C. Born in St. David's, Pennsylvania, Helms attended schools in the U.S., Germany, and Switzerland, where he became fluent in German and French. He graduated from Williams College in 1935 and began a career in journalism. As a correspondent for the United Press, he covered the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin and had an exclusive interview with Adolf Hitler.

In 1942, Helms joined the U.S. Navy and was commissioned as a lieutenant. After serving in antisubmarine operations, he joined the Office of Strategic Services. While with OSS, he served in Washington, London, Paris, and Luxembourg, running operations against the Nazis.

On June 30, 1966, he was sworn in as Director of Central Intelligence, a position in which he served until February 2, 1973. He served as Ambassador to Iran from March 1973 through January 1977.

Helms was recently awarded the OSS Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his work with OSS during WWII. CIA Director George Tenet praised the career of the former director, saying, "The consummate operations officer and first careerist to head the Agency, Ambassador Helms' service epitomized the integrity, courage, and quiet competence that mark the intelligence professional and made him a uniquely eloquent advocate of CIA and its proper role in the national security system.

"In the ranks of the Office of Strategic Services, a dazzling collection of talents thrown together for the country's urgent defense, Richard Helms found the calling of his lifetime. In the Secret Intelligence Branch, he mastered the delicate, demanding craft of agent operations. He excelled at both the meticulous planning and the bold vision and action that were then – and remain



today – the heart of our work to obtain information critical to the security of the United States – information that can be gained only through stealth and courage. He came to know, as few others ever would, the value of a stolen secret, and the advantage that comes to our democracy from the fullest possible knowledge of those abroad determined to destroy it. In 1945, in the ruins of a fallen Berlin, amid the rubble of one conflict just over, Richard Helms saw the stirrings of another just beginning: a Cold War, destined to be fought against a very different enemy in a very different way."

Washington's old guard made a rare appearance at Arlington National Cemetery to honor Richard Helms. Officials from the top levels of every White House since Nixon attended the service, including Henry Kissinger, James Schlesinger, Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, and Alan Greenspan.



The special honor guard was composed of OSS colleagues and lineals: Major General John K. Singlaub, Mark F. Pretzat, Charles Pinck, William Pietsch, Ace Ellis, Willis Georgia III, Jeffrey Georgia, and John Waller.

Comments by OSS Society President



Charles Pinck Presented at the Slovak Reception

I am honored to have been invited here this evening and asked to comment on the relationship of the Office of Strategic Services to Slovakia in World War II.

In 1944, General William Donovan, the OSS commander, directed his staff in Italy to organize missions into central Europe. The Dawes mission – as it was code-named – was subsequently sent into Slovakia. Twenty-one men were flown into Banska Bystrica. They came in on stripped-down B-17 bombers and landed only a few miles behind the German lines at Tri Duby airstrip. At that time, the Slovak national uprising was raging and Americans arrived with arms and supplies to help fend off five German SS divisions. Sadly, the Germans prevailed and the uprising was crushed, forcing the OSS personnel

to flee into the Lower Tatra Mountains with thousands of Slovaks. They suffered through the worst winter in half a century. Ultimately, most of the OSS men were captured and sent to Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria where they were interrogated and executed under brutal circumstances.

Among the victims were Jerry Mican and Charles Heller, Czech-Americans from Chicago; Edward Baranski, a Slovak-American from Chicago, and Joe Horvath, a Slovak-American from Cleveland. Horvath had been born in the village of Polomka and came to America as a small boy with his family. He and the others were captured near that same village. The prisoners were typical OSS volunteers – all products of an immigrant European culture, bi- or trilingual, and each a brave individual.

They and the others of the DAWES mission gave their lives not only for America but also for Slovakia. I am honored to be here tonight to remind us of the close relationship of the OSS to the Slovak people in our mutual struggle against the tyranny of fascism.

Charles T. Pinck, President

New Members Join OSS Society

We welcome the following OSS vets and lineals who have joined the Society.

Margo Cutler, Santa Fe, NM, wife of **Richard Cutler** (X-2).

Pat Dailey, Bend, OR, served in CBI and China from '42-'45.

John Dally, Pine Bluff, NC, SI in Italy, France, Germany.

Dr. David Duncan, Lexington, KY, grandson of **Frank A. Brown**.

Dr. Jennifer Georgia, Silver Spring, MD, daughter of **W. Scudder Georgia, Jr.**

Jodi Gumas, New York, NY, daughter of **Edward Passarella**.

James W. Hudson, Spotsylvania, VA, served in Europe, Italy and the Middle East.

Steven A. Huston, Severna Park, MD, son of **Frank Huston** who served in North Africa and the Middle East.

Richard Kranstover, Milwaukee, WI, served in X-2 in CBI.

Major Paul La Vista, St. Louis, MO, son of **Vincent La Vista** who served in Italy & Europe.

Bradley Newsham, Oakland, CA, son of **Richard Newsham** who served in CBI.

Kiersten Rippeteau, San Francisco, CA, daughter of **Malcolm Rippeteau**.

Virginia Rippeteau, San Francisco, CA, wife of **Malcolm Rippeteau**.

Ann Healy Robey, Kensington, MD, served in Italy and the U.K.

James Gregory Savoldi, San Francisco, CA, son of an OSS veteran.

James F. Snyder, Macon, GA, son of **Jaques Snyder** who served in Europe, Italy & North Africa (OG/SO/SI/X-2).

OSS CBI History Relived in China

A documentary by a Chinese film crew on the OSS in CBI will help a Chinese audience remember World War II and learn of the aid given their country by their U.S. ally.

The crew, with YNTV, is making the documentary in Yunnan province. Rongren Shen, a member of the crew, said that they hoped the documentary would show how Americans and Chinese worked together to fight the Japanese. It is based on reminiscences of veterans, OSS as well as Air Corps, and others who served in the CBI theater. Four Chinese television journalists traveled across the U.S. recording these stories.

The O.S.S. Society Newsletter is published quarterly by:

The O.S.S. Society, Inc.
6723 Whittier Avenue, Suite 303A
McLean, Virginia 22101-4533
Telephone: 703-356-6667
Fax: 703-790-0264
E-mail: oss@ossociety.org
Web: www.ossociety.org

Send news items, obit notices, and wartime memories to the editor, **Elizabeth McIntosh**, 42485 Cochran Mill Rd., Leesburg, VA 20175.

Next Newsletter Deadline: March 1, 2003

Slovak Embassy Reception Evokes OSS Wartime Memories

by Barbara Podoski

It was an elegant reception at the new Slovak embassy in Washington, D.C. on October 17, 2002, when the OSS Society and the 101 Association met with Ambassador Martin Butura and his staff to relive shared memories of WWII in Czechoslovakia.



OSS Society President Charles Pinck presents the OSS Distinguished Service Award to Ambassador Niemczyk.

In welcoming OSS members and families, Ambassador Butura recalled the American support by the OSS Dawes team for the Slovak uprising against the Nazis in 1944. Tragically, most of the Dawes team was captured, tortured, and killed by the Nazis. Three managed to escape with the help of a young Slovak heroine, Maria Gulavich, who led them over the winter mountains to safety.

Fifty years later, in 1994, the Honorable Julian Niemczyk headed a U.S. delegation to Banska Bystrica where the uprising originated. (I was fortunate to have been with that group.) In a moving speech he recalled this mis-

sion which ended in the dedication of an OSS plaque and a visit to the mountain camp where the OSS team had been captured. Maria Gulavich was with us that day to tell us how she saved the three OSS men.

At the end of the program, Ambassador Niemczyk was presented with the OSS Society Distinguished Service Award by President Charles Pinck. The award was a fitting tribute to a man who has dedicated much of his life to the service of his country; first in the Burma jungles with Detachment 101 and behind the lines in China in WWII, and later as Ambassador to Czechoslovakia.

One of the highlights of the evening was a visit to the Slovak Republic, when guests were treated to scenes of castles, mountains, churches, and even the glassware that makes the country famous. The show was presented on huge screens visible from every table.

Approximately sixty OSS Society and 101 members attended the reception where they were greeted by the Ambassador and his charming wife, Zora. After a get-together for the cocktail hour, a typical Slovak dinner was served at beautifully decorated tables.

It was indeed a first-rate party. Hats off to the organizers, who included OSSer Aloysia Hamalainen and Jan Orlovsky, embassy councillor for political affairs.



Two OSS teammates meet at the Slovak reception after 58 years: Boris Spiroff, left, and Otto N. Feher, OGs with OSS 2671 Special Recon Battalion, Yugoslavia 1944.

OSSer Beurt SerVaas Ends Council Career

The Indianapolis City Council said goodbye to a long-time leader, Beurt SerVaas, at a farewell banquet in October. SerVaas was president of the council for 27 years, capping a public service career that spanned more than four decades. He was a key player in shaping the political and business landscape of Indianapolis.

During WWII, SerVaas served in the OSS in the CBI theater as a naval officer assigned to both SO and SI. In China he was assigned the task of monitoring the loyalty

of Chinese troops working with OSS officers. He organized provincial troops and attacked convoys and river traffic in Japanese-held areas of China. Later in 1949, he accompanied General Marshall on his trip to Nanking to attempt to bring the Chinese Nationalists and Communists together to plan a peaceful settlement for their ongoing war.

After the war, SerVaas began a business pattern that continued for half a century. He bought businesses that were failing, such as the Saturday Evening Post, and rebuilt them into successes. He lives in Indianapolis and says he is not retiring. He also continues playing tennis and weight lifting.

Book Notes

Cloak and Dollar by Rhodri Jeffreys-Jones. Many of us OSSers who believe in the work we did during WWII will find Jeffreys-Jones' book on the history of American espionage disconcerting, especially his analysis of General William Donovan. He claims that American intelligence agencies have suffered from a distortion of mission, have misdirected resources and undermined their own objectivity. The author is professor of American history at the University of Edinburgh. (Yale University Press)



Dare to Repair: A Do-It-Herself Guide to Fixing (Almost) Anything in the Home. On the lighter side, two CIA wives have written a do-it-yourself guide that clearly instructs female novices on plumbing, electricity, appliances, and home safety. The authors: Julie Sussman and Stephanie Glakas-Tenet, wife of CIA director George Tenet. The book is an affordable paperback with Rosy the Riveter on the cover. It persuades women that hammers, screwdrivers, even pizza cutters are weapons of empowerment. If *Dare to Repair* is missing anything, it's how to slip a listening device into a wall. (Harper Resource)



Night Soldiers by Alan Furst. Furst's book came out in 1988 and involves the intelligence wars between OSS and the NKVD in 1944. David Phillips, former CIA officer, says it is a compelling history of a saga of undercover conflict when Joseph Stalin was the cosmic case officer. However, on page 272 OSSers may question the author's accuracy:

"and there was Virginia Hall, about to be parachuted into occupied France with her artificial leg held under one arm lest it break when she landed in France." The records prove that Hall was put ashore on the Cotentin Peninsula by dingy after having been transported to the Brittany coast by a British torpedo boat. She could not parachute because of her wooden leg. Otherwise, the book is a fairly accurate account of hitherto unknown OSS operations. (Mifflin)



Memoirs by David Rockefeller. *Memoirs* is an account of the long and often exciting life of a "poor little rich boy," from his take-over of the Chase banking empire to his global appointments with such characters as Pinochet, Saddam Hussein, and the Shah of Iran. However, OSSers will be most interested in the account of his wartime service with OSS as an intelligence officer in Algiers and later France. (Random House)



World War II: OSS Tragedy in Slovakia by Jim Downs is now available by e-mailing downsjd@cox.net. This is an excellent account of the ill-fated Dawes mission and the Slovak national uprising in the Tatra Mountains. The OSS was caught behind enemy lines when German SS troops overran the camp. Much of the action in the book was relived at the Slovak OSS reception this past month in Washington, D.C. (see story page 3). The book has many fine illustrations and is a stirring account of how a Slovak heroine, Maria Gulovich, led a fragmented OSS team to safety over the wintry mountains.

OSS Lineal Requests Info on His Uncle

An OSS Society lineal descendant, Howard D. Greyber, writes for information about his uncle, **Dr. Arthur David Howard**, who served as head of the OSS Research Intelligence branch in Kunming and Peking from 1944-48. He later became geology professor at Stanford University.

Greyber writes, "I understand that my uncle was flown to Peking in order to persuade the Japanese army there to surrender. He was able to find an American general to take the surrender. I was a young ensign radar officer in Tsintao when I heard my uncle was in Peking, but could not leave to visit him. I would like to know more of my uncle's time with OSS."

Address: 10123 Falls Rd., Potomac, MD 20854.

SFC Membership

OSS Society veterans are eligible to join the Special Forces Club in London, according to Charles Pinck, OSS president. Other Society members who are not OSS veterans, but who qualify through operational service with U.S. Special Forces or similar organizations, may also join. Contact Pinck at OSS Society, 6723 Whittier Ave., 303-A, McLean, VA 22101 for application forms.

Dong Kingman Show

At the invitation of the Chinese Ministry of Culture, an exhibit titled *Dong Kingman, Watercolor Master* is being shown at the Beijing National Museum as well as museums in Hong Kong and Shanghai, from November to mid-March. The late Dong Kingman served in OSS during the war in the graphics division.

Remembering 109

Recollections of OSSers



A few issues back of the Newsletter, there appeared a delightful piece about General Donovan, contributed by Barbara “Zuzka” Podoski. The story was a shooting marksman’s dream and performed with a sang-froid we can all envy. She outshot 109.

My own little tale is nowhere as dramatic as Zuzka’s, but I did have the enormous pleasure and honor of driving General Donovan when I was stationed in the OSS motor pool, Audley Mews, London, 1944. While waiting for orders one day, I was called by the motor pool officer, Captain Fine, who handed me a trip ticket that said General Donovan needed a driver. I didn’t quite believe what I read, until on leaving the motor pool office I saw this enormous black shiny Buick in one of the parking slots.

Comparing the number on the bumper with that on the trip ticket, I realized that this was the vehicle in which I would drive the General. Driving to the pickup point, he was ready and waiting. He greeted me with a “Good morning, how are you today?” and a wonderful smile as he returned my salute. Those piercing blue eyes were something to see.

After uncovering his stars on the front of the vehicle, we set off. Quite a short trip, but my whole time with the General showed his immense charm and beautiful manners to a very low banana on the bunch. The letter he wrote to all of us who had served with the OSS when, alas, we were abolished as an organization, revealed once more that he forgot no one. Clerks, typists, drivers, cooks, etc. were all included in his thanks, along with those to the guys and gals who had contributed so greatly and amid such danger to the winning of WWII. I shall never forget you, Wild Bill!

Anne Marie Cairns Ingraham
OSS Transport Driver
Alexandria, Virginia

Photo: Ingraham, London, 1944

Documentary, TV Producers Looking for OSS Input

Requests for historic input into documentaries, TV series, and books continue to swamp the OSS Society headquarters. Here are a few queries:

Eliza Lau-Johnston: Wall to Wall Television, a London-based production company, is making a documentary series about the world of espionage, which naturally includes stories by courageous men and women of OSS. I am hoping to chat with OSS veterans about their experiences for a filmed interview. Write Eliza Lau-Johnston, Wall-to-Wall Television, 8-9 Spring Place, London NWS 3ER, U.K.

Bruce Palling: I am researching a book on an SOE operation in Kunming, China at the end of the war called Operation Remorse, a black market program by the U.K. Did any OSS members serve in Kunming from 1944 to 1945? I’d like their impressions of the city, old photos, etc. Email: bruce@palling.com.

Matthew Aid: I am writing an article about OSS operations in Finland and Sweden during WWII, focusing on the OSS role in Operation Stella Polaris. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who worked with **Wilko Tikander**, former OSS/COS in Stockholm. Does anyone know where he is? Email: mmaid@starpower.net.

Patrick O’Donnell: He is seeking OSSers for interviews for an oral narrative history of OSS operations, commissioned by Simon and Schuster. He is especially interested in SI and MO accounts, plus the Cover & Documentation branch in London. Check in with Richard Cutler at rwc@quarles.com or call 414-277-5811.

Wojtek Brzezinski: I am a research worker for Polish TV station TVN. I am doing a documentary series about escapees from Communist Poland. In particular I am working on a Polish physicist, **Dr. Jan Stanislaw Wojski** and his family. Wojski and eventually his family were evacuated to the U.S., possibly by OSS operatives. Email: wojtibw.brezinski@tvn.pl

Alan Silberberg: I am writing a book about my great uncles who served in OSS. **Joseph S. Gould** was in the ETO and CBI theaters. His brother, **Michael Gould**, was in the Navy attached to OSS. Can you direct me to someone who might know of these two men, or have sources I could tap? You can reach me at 207-825-4796 or Email: wave@colenergy.com.

Dwain Christian: I am doing research on the German aviation industry during WWII. I would like to know if any OSSer has related info/documents. Info can be about known, suspected, new reports, underground facilities, etc. Address: 5755 Bridle Path Ct., Montgomery, AL 36116

In Memoriam

A. William Asmuth, Jr. died on November 6, 2002 in Milwaukee. A graduate of Harvard Law School, he served as legal counsel with the OSS in Washington, D.C. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Polly.

Marion Phillips Bartlett, 87, of Mount Bethel, N.J., died Oct. 27 in St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill, N.J. She was the wife of Stephen Storrs Bartlett, who died in 1995. She received a bachelor's degree in English and history in 1937, and an honorary doctorate in humane letters in 1992, from Alfred (N.Y.) University. During World War II, she served with the Office of Strategic Services in Berlin, London and Paris.

Frank K. Binder, 79, of Rutland, Vt., died October 14. Born in Czechoslovakia, he was attending the Sorbonne in Paris at the outbreak of WWII. He joined the Czech underground and worked for the OSS as a spy for the allies. Fluent in seven languages, he later worked for the U.N. He settled in Vermont as head of New England Data Processing. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Joyce.

Norman O. Brown, an erudite and spectacularly playful philosopher whose attempt to psychoanalyze nothing less than history itself entranced intellectuals, beguiled New Age seekers, and sold many books, died in Santa Cruz, Cal. He was 89. Oliver Brown was born in El Oro, Mexico. His father was an English mining engineer, and he was educated in England at Oxford University. He earned his Doctorate at the University of Wisconsin. He served in the OSS from 1945 to 1946.

John L. Calvocoressi died October 14 in Middle Haddam, Ct. After graduating Magna Cum Laude from Harvard, he served with the OSS in Greece, where he was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during his underground activities. After the war he became a practicing attorney in Connecticut.

Hilda Coleman: Memorial services were held for Hilda Coleman, Sister of **Carl Eifler**, wartime head of Detachment 101, at the Community Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Cal., December 6, 2002. Mrs. Coleman, Eifler's "baby sister," took care of him during his long-time illness. She also accompanied him to many of the OSS gatherings which she claimed were the highlights of her life.

Harold N. Graves Jr., a senior officer with the World Bank who retired in 1975, died of heart failure, Nov. 13. After graduating from Princeton and serving with the Foreign Broadcast Monitoring Service, he

joined OSS in 1943 where he was posted to Ceylon, India, and Thailand to conduct covert operations against the Japanese occupation forces. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Judy.

Frederick J. Griffith, 89, former curator of Gunston Hall Museum in Fairfax County, Va., died of a heart ailment November 4 in Washington, D.C. A native of Detroit, he graduated from Princeton and served with OSS in WWII. He participated in D-day landings in Normandy and worked with the French underground forces. Later he served in the CIA.

Flemming Juncker, remembered by his country as a Great Dane, died in Denmark at age 97. Junker organized the first resistance groups in Jutland in 1943. Later he was forced to flee to England where he worked with OSS and the Carpetbaggers supporting the Danish resistance.

Nathan Juran, art director who won the 1941 Academy Award for "How Green Was My Valley," and went on to direct movies and TV series, died Oct. 23 of natural causes at his home in Palos Verdes Estates, Cal. He was 95. The Austrian-born son of a shoemaker grew up in Minneapolis, earning an architecture degree from the Univ. of Minnesota. He received his master's degree at MIT and was a professional architect in depression-era New York before entering the film business in 1937 with RKO.

Juran's career was interrupted by WWII, during which he was assigned to the field photographic unit with the OSS. He returned to Hollywood as an art director on such movies as "Harvey," starring James Stewart, and turned to directing films such as "Hellcats of the Navy," starring Ronald Reagan. He is survived by his wife Catherine and one son.

George M. Lear, who pioneered the development of international systems for IBM, died of cardiac arrest September 17. During WWII he served with OSS in London and later in Germany, managing information processing projects. After the war he joined IBM as manager of research projects. He is survived by five children.

Achille Maccarone, 82, died Nov. 8 in Temple Hills, Md. Born in Italy, he worked in Pennsylvania steel mills until WWII, when he joined the army and was assigned to OSS. He conducted missions in enemy territory in France and Italy as a courier. He returned to



In Memoriam

Washington where he owned and operated restaurants, including the Sunnybrook Tavern at Oxon Hill, Md.

The Rev. Ronald I. Metz, 81, former OSS/CIA officer and oil executive, who switched careers in 1969 when he became an Episcopal priest, died August 25 in Washington, D.C. Fluent in Chinese, Metz served in OSS in the Far East during WWII, and his decorations included the Bronze Star. He is survived by his wife, Helen Chapin Metz.

Dr. James Grier Miller, a visionary educator and scientist, died in November at his home in LaJolla, Cal. During WWII, as a captain in the U.S. Medical Corps, he conducted psychological evaluations of field agents with the OSS. His research led to the well-known book, *Assessment of Men*, which examined the combination of courage and humor that characterized OSS operatives. His survivors include two sons.

James Leo Monahan, 77, an appeals officer with the Internal Revenue Service until his retirement, died September 17 in Silver Spring, Md. During WWII he served in Europe with the OSS. His honors included a Purple Heart and an Air Medal. Survivors are his wife of 52 years, and three sons.

Ethel Louise McVey Nelson, former West Virginia state senator, died in San Francisco on October 14 at age 83. During WWII she spent several years with the Corps of Engineers building the Alcan Highway in Alaska. She transferred to OSS where she served in India. After the war she was active in West Virginia politics and was elected to the state senate. She will be interred at Arlington Cemetery.

Eloise Randolph Page died October 16 in Washington, D.C. at age 82. Starting as secretary to General William Donovan in Washington, D.C., she was promoted to overseas assignments for OSS in London, Brussels, and Paris until the end of WWII. After the war she joined CIA and became the first woman chief of station, the first female supergrade, and the first woman to head a major intelligence community committee. She was recognized for her operational skills and ability to get results in overseas and headquarters assignments and as a champion for technology to solve operational problems. Her Agency career extended from 1947-1987. In recent years she taught at the Joint Military Intelligence Training Center at Bolling Air Force Base.

Harry Rositzke, 91, a farmer, author, teacher, scholar and spy, who for 25 years ran CIA covert operations against the Soviet Union from Munich, New Delhi, New York and Washington, died of pneumonia Nov. 4 at Fauquier Hospital in Warrenton, Va. Mr. Rositzke was

a veteran of World War II duty with the OSS. He volunteered in 1946 to monitor the intelligence operations of the Soviet Union, a major wartime ally against Nazi Germany. In the OSS, he had been chief of military intelligence in London and Paris, and later chief of the steering division in Germany, where he operated out of a former sparkling-wine factory near Wiesbaden. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Bourgeoise Rositzke and two children.

Robert Sieben, a native San Diegan and longtime educator, died at Scripps Memorial, La Jolla, Cal. He was 76. The cause of death was complications from a stroke. Mr. Sieben, a noted long-distance runner, began his college track career at San Diego Junior College. After serving two years in the Army during WWII, he finished active duty with the OSS.

John Weitz, the urbane designer of casual fashions who put his name on socks, neckties, and the backs of city buses, died Oct. 3rd at his home in Bridgehampton, N.Y. He was 79. European by birth, an O.S.S. officer in World War II, and a novelist and historian who wrote about Hitler's cronies and the world of Seventh Avenue, Mr. Weitz became a fixture in the social life of his adopted New York.

Robert Winthrop White, 81, sculptor, died in Saint James, N.Y., on September 21. White was born in New York City and was the grandson of architect Stanford White. His death occurred after a long illness. In World War II, he served in the Corsair Fleet of anti-submarine sailing vessels, U.S. Coast Guard, and the OSS. He is survived by his wife, Claire Nicolas White, three children, and seven grandchildren.

Louis A. Wiesner, 86, a retired American diplomat who played a prominent role in the International Rescue Committee, one of the largest nonreligious groups that helps refugees around the world, died on Sept. 20 in Meredith, N.H. Wiesner was born in Port Huron, Mich., and was educated at the University of Michigan and Harvard. He worked at the Council on Foreign Relations before transferring to the Office of Strategic Services from 1943 to 1944. He then joined the Foreign Service. He is survived by his wife and four children.



Errata: In the Fall issue of the newsletter, **Jaqueline Borre Murphy**, who died May 21, 2002, was listed as having been born in Houston, Tex. She was born in Newton, Mass., and during her service with OSS, where she worked on the counter-espionage desk in North Africa, she was known as **Jacqueline B. Hare**.

The OSS Society, Inc.
6723 Whittier Ave., Suite 303-A
McLean, VA 22101-4533

PRSR.T. STD.
U S POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 10
Dulles, VA

OSS Vet Honored

OSS veteran **Col. Aaron Bank** was honored at the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C. Bank became leader of the Special Forces in 1952, and has been recommended for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In WWII, he served behind enemy lines in France with OSS. In November, Bank celebrated his 100th birthday. He now lives in Mission Viejo, Cal. with his wife of 54 years, Catherine.



Pilgrim Society Appointments

The Pilgrim Society of Great Britain announced in its last newsletter that Edward F. Cox and James D. Zirin were elected to the executive committee in Britain. The Pilgrims Foundation, incorporating the William Donovan Foundation, will sponsor a Donovan-named lecture annually.

OSS Society Officers

John H. Waller: Chairman
Charles T. Pinck: President
Willis S. Georgia III: Treasurer
Aloysia P. Hamalainen: Secretary
Geoffrey M.T. Jones: President Emeritus



Fun for the Kids at Learning Tree Farms

Linda McCarthy, former CIA museum head, is now working as a field guide at Learning Tree Farms, Delaplane, Va. She suggests that OSS families, specifically children and grandchildren, might be interested in attending a day-long “adventure in learning” which includes indoor classroom and outdoor field activities. Currently the Civil War is being featured, especially the influence of John Mosby, the Grey Ghost. The school offers free specially-designed trips for area children. For information call 540-364-0484 or e-mail adventures@learningtree.com.