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FOREWORD

The 20th Anniversary Year of the Washington Ethical Society was signalled by the publication of the story of its beginnings and development -- a record first made available to members and friends at the 20th anniversary celebration at the Textile Museum to honor the Founders (see page 44 of *The Washington Ethical Society: 1943-1944 -- 1963-1964*, which will hereafter be referred to as "Record".)

That record ended with March 1964. It seemed fitting that the story of hopes and accomplishments be brought up to date to include the 25th anniversary year 1968-1969. That is the purpose of this five year supplement. We hope that it will serve as a permanent reference for those concerned with the growing influence of the Washington Ethical Society in the religious and social concerns of the broader community that it serves.

With the completion of this supplement I conclude my tenure as historian of the Washington Ethical Society with the hope that the next historian will find as much interest and pleasure in the office as I have.

July 12, 1969

L. D. MacIntyre

1. The Washington Ethical Society in The National Capital Area Scene: 1964-1969.

The Larger Community

During this five year period several developments were initiated or existing trends enhanced.

Government is the preponderant industry of the Washington metropolitan area which is sensitive to changes in administrations. The change from the Kennedy to the Johnson years was reflected in a polarization on the issues of the Vietnam War and civil rights of minority groups. The change to the Nixon administration accelerated the conservative trend and demands for "law and order".

Population shifts were reflected in a white urban flight to the suburbs and transfers to other parts of this country or overseas. The shifting population base for financial support was increasingly apparent.

Court decisions made the stand of the agnostic or atheist more respectable. The ecumenical movement in the Catholic Church started by John XXIII was a reflection of the liberal position taken by other church groups in the areas of civil rights and peace but was not paralleled by enlightened positions as to contraception or abortion as a means of birth control.

The conservative elements in the community and the churches, alarmed by city riots and the "pampering" of minority groups, opted for "law and order", withheld financial support, or withdrew to "sit it out". The reports of almost all religious bodies are one of increased participation in social action and increased deficits.

The Washington Ethical Society

The new quarters of the Society on upper Sixteenth Street, Northwest, were not the result of a building campaign supported by an increased membership. Rather, present members are the beneficiaries of the efforts of those who purchased the property at 1822 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. and the legacy left by Dr. Nancy Jenison. As Mr. Ericson once put it, our present Meeting House and Administrative Building come one third from the favorable sale of the earlier building, one third from the Jenison legacy, and one third from a mortgage! But maintaining this "gift" in good order for those who follow is the responsibility of present members. Our debt to the past must be repaid to the future.

As the membership and financial charts verify, plans were undertaken for program expansion underwritten by the remainder of the Jenison legacy for a three year period but with the change in location there was a period of adjustment among members and non-members which stretched this out to five years. That resource is now depleted.

Stands taken on the Vietnam War, Civil Rights and the Poor People's Campaign have resulted in the resignation of a few members and the withholding of appropriate support by some members. Yet in recognition of the Leader's right to the freedom of the platform, the great majority of members and friends have maintained or increased their financial support. Perhaps this ambivalence was to be expected among government employees who make up the bulk of our membership. A greater factor in the erratic picture of membership growth has been the loss of volunteer leadership potential through transfers of members elsewhere.

Those new members drawn to us because of the positions taken by the Society have been largely activists, and young people come to our meetings and social affairs in increasing numbers. This concern with the ethical implications of public issues is in our tradition and Justice Holmes' dictum still holds true: "...it is required of a man that he should share the action and passion of his time, at peril of being judged not to have lived". Public affairs or social action, whichever term you prefer, continues as the central concern of the majority of our members. While the official positions taken by the Society may seem radical to some, there is no doubt that other religious groups now share our point of view -- in fact we may find some, if we look to the left, who are more active in their indignation at social injustice and in steps to correct it.

The lesson to be drawn from these five tumultuous years of new responsibilities and social action is that the Society's appropriate role is to maintain the balance of our triple commitment to religious, education and community functions.

2. Meeting Places and Related Activities ("Record" p. 64) *

From January 6, 1963 until March 20, 1966 the Society continued to meet on Sunday mornings at the Dupont Theater at 1332 Connecticut Ave. N.W. The Children's Sunday School occupied the 1822 Massachusetts Avenue quarters until October 1964, when the old building had to be relinquished to the purchasers; then it moved to the Emerson Institute at 1324 18th Street, N.W. until March 20, 1966. The office was housed in the Dupont Building from October 1964 to February 28, 1966. In the meantime negotiations continued for the new quarters and on Sunday, March 3, 1964 the long-awaited Ground Breaking Ceremony was held. The actual signing of the contract for the building took place on December 9, 1964.

After herculean efforts on the part of our architects, Cooper and Auerbach; the contractor, Arthur Newburg, Trend Construction Co.; the Board of Trustees, especially Jack Tourin who oversaw the whole building task, the Society Leader, Mr. Ericson, and other members of the Society, the day for "moving in" finally arrived.

* reference to related section in previous "Record"

The office was moved into the Administration Building on February 28, 1966; the first informal social gathering and discussion was held in the library on March 6, and the first Sunday meeting was held in the Assembly Hall on March 20, with Mr. Ericson speaking on "Happiness is a Second Look".

An attractive leaflet was issued for the dedication of the Meeting House covering the following schedule of events:

Sunday, March 27, 1966

Assembly Hall--11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Dedication (Sunday meeting)

Speaker: Jerome Nathanson, Chairman, Fraternity of Leaders,
American Ethical Union

Topic: "The Quest for Meaning"

Following the Sunday meeting there will be a sandwich and coffee reception to honor our visiting speaker and special guests.

Friday, April 1, 1966

Assembly Hall--8:15 p.m.

First Nancy Jenison Memorial Lecture

Speaker: Algernon D. Black, Senior Leader of the New York Society
for Ethical Culture; Chairman of the Board, National
Committee Against Discrimination in Housing; Vice
President, National Association for the Advancement of
Colored People

Topic: "Ghettos in the Promised Land"

Greetings from community organizations.

The lecture will be followed by an informal coffee reception in honor of the speaker and our visitors.

Sunday, April 3, 1966

Assembly Hall--11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Dedication (Sunday meeting)

Speakers: Edward L. Ericson, Leader of the Washington Ethical Society;
Howard Radest, Executive Director of the American Ethical
Union

Topic: "Frontiers of Ethical Humanism"

The Baltimore Ethical Society will join us for this service and will bring greetings. Coffee reception will follow.

Dedication observance and Spring Festival for the children of the Sunday School and their Baltimore visitors. (Downstairs Children's Assembly room.)

Sunday, April 3, 1966

Society Meeting House

and Grounds--3:00 p.m.

Open House for the Larger Community

Refreshments will be served from 3:00 to 4:30, and following the program.

Sunday, April 3, 1966 (continued)
4:30 p.m.

Program of Greetings and Music
Remarks by the Leader and other Society representatives.
Greetings from civic and religious friends.
Music: Gail McDonald and Jeanne Tourin, duo-pianists

Sunday, April 10, 1966
Assembly Hall --11:00 a.m.
(Easter Sunday)

Final Sunday of Dedication (Sunday meeting)
Annual Spring Festival of Poetry and Special Music
Edward L. Ericson will read from the poetry of Carl Sandburg and
speak briefly on the theme: "Freedom's Calm, Clear Voice."
Recorded music, selected and prepared by Donald Mintz; piano
selections by Jeanne Tourin.

Friday, April 15, 1966
Assembly Hall--6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Dinner and Planning Session
Members and participating non-member friends of the Society will
meet for dinner, followed by briefings on finance and program
and group discussions on plans for the coming year. Sunday
School, Public Affairs, Adult Education, and other groups will
formulate suggestions for the guidance of the Board and Spring
Membership meeting.

Friday, April 22, 1966
6:30 p.m. (Restaurant and Meeting House)

An Evening in Honor of Dr. George E. Beauchamp, first Leader of the
Washington Ethical Society, and Mrs. Catherine Beauchamp. Dinner
at a nearby restaurant will be followed by an informal program,
"Reminiscing by George and Catherine Beauchamp."
(Reservations may be made through the office or with Mr. L. D.
MacIntyre at Sunday meetings.)

Friday, April 22, 1966
Assembly Hall--8:45 p.m.

Wolfsohn Memorial Concert Series
Featuring a program of chamber music and solos performed by
Walter Leonard, violin; Paul DeBourg, cello; Harry Hirsch,
piano. The public is invited.

Sunday, May 15, 1966
Assembly Hall and Sunday School--11:00 a.m.

Sunday meeting--Founders' Day
Observance--The Nineteenth Anniversary of the founding of the
Ethical Culture Movement, May 15, 1876. Dr. Matthew Ies Spetter,
Leader of the Riverdale-Yonkers Ethical Society will be exchanging
with Mr. Ericson and will be our speaker for the occasion.

Friday, May 20, 1966

Reception Hall and Assembly Hall--7:30 p.m.

Spring Membership Meeting

Dessert and coffee social at 7:30 will be followed by business meeting at 8:15.

Edward L. Ericson--Leader

Donald Mintz--President

Mrs. Maxine Pineau--Administrative Secretary

Mrs. Sue Stephens--Sunday School Director

Phone 882-6650

The Washington Ethical Society, a liberal religious and educational fellowship organized in 1943 as a member organization of the American Ethical Union (Ethical Culture) invites its friends and other interested persons and groups to share in the dedication of its new Meeting House at 7750 Sixteenth Street, N.W.

The beautiful contemporary structure, designed by Cooper and Auerbach, A.I.A., will house an Assembly Hall, Sunday School classrooms, library and administrative offices.

Ethical Societies are dedicated to the teaching and practice of respect for human dignity, and the fellowship and brotherhood of all people without regard to race, economic condition, or nationality. Ethical Culture professes no theological creed or doctrine, but seeks to unite men and women on the basis of a shared quest in achieving the highest values in human relations--in personal, community, national, and international life.

Washington Ethical Society

Dedication 1966

To show appreciation to Mr. Tourin for his long and devoted efforts to bring the buildings into being, a scroll was presented to him after the Sunday morning meeting on April 3, 1966, and now it hangs in the Library of the Administration Building. The words:

"The Washington Ethical Society presents this citation to Jack Tourin in appreciation for your devoted and unstinting service as chairman of the Building Committee during the planning and construction of the Meeting House at 7750 Sixteenth Street, N.W. and in recognition of your diligent leadership and labor which made this achievement possible, a grateful membership recognizes your exceptional contribution by awarding to you this citation for meritorious service.

Presented at Washington, D. C.
this 3rd day of April 1966"

Edward L. Ericson, Leader

Donald Mintz, President

Charles E. Dean, Secretary

Mr. Tourin in turn presented the following scroll to all those who assisted him:

A SPECIAL SCROLL
FOR ALL OF THE LONG-SUFFERING
W.E.S. BUILDING DEVELOPERS

Roy Torcaso	Land Seeker
Phil Sayre	Fund Finder
Glen McKinnon	Negotiator, Non-Discrimination
Mike Pertschuk	Legal Eagle
Stu Addison	Treasury Keeper
L. D. MacIntyre	Penny Pincher
Carol Purcell	Interior Decorator
Elaine Buller	Interior Decorator
Sue Stevens	The Children's Set
Carleen Pertschuk	The Children's Set
Erwin Christiansen	Art Connoisseur
Ira Goldreyer	Utility Man & Lifesaver
Leon Kahn	Jack-of-all-Trades
Charlie Dean	Main Shamus
Don Mintz	Sound Expert
Ed Ericson	Chief Cook & Bottle Washer

Jack Tourin, Chairman
The "One-Man" Building Committee
15 April 1966

A number of gifts have been presented or loaned to the Society for the Meeting House:

Four hundred books for the Library: donor Donald Mintz.

Name plates to identify functional use of the rooms in the Meeting House: donor Jack Forst of New York City, cousin of Robert Heppe.

The bronze plates identifying the pictures of Felix Adler and John Lovejoy Elliott which hang in the Library: donor Jack Forst.

The Phoenix, a marble bas-relief carving by Marian Lukens (deceased 1961), a sculptor, painter and instructor in the School of the Art Institute of Chicago: donor, her sister, Petronel Lukens. The Phoenix hangs on the wall at the entrance to the Assembly Hall as a symbolic reference to the rebirth of the present Washington Ethical Society from the ashes of the one founded in May 1918.

Drinking fountain in the lower level of the main building: donors Ira and Ann Goldreyer, former members.

A collage which hangs in the entrance area of the Administration Building, created by Deborah Bulkley in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, was purchased by members of the Society as a gift to Mr. Ericson.

Twenty-four piece set of china for use on special occasions:
donor Marilyn Hanford.

A desk size adding machine for the office: donor Fred Jackson

The library in the Administration Building was made functional and usable in 1967 and 1968 by the combined efforts of Janet Brooks, Brenna Hirsch, and the Washington Ethical Youth Organization (WEYO)

A Building Council, which requires arduous and unending work, is appointed yearly (see Appendix IV for list of Chairmen). The following is a report for the Building Council for the period 1964-69 prepared by Mr. Charles E. Dean.

GENERAL. The work of the Building Council has consisted of the numerous responsibilities connected with the buildings and grounds at 7750 Sixteenth St. N.W.

During the first part of this period, various unfinished construction items required attention, but were handled by the Building Development Committee under Jack Tourin as the final part of their large undertaking. The Building Council, in distinction, has been concerned with maintenance and minor improvements.

PERSONNEL. There have been four chairmen of the Building Council during this period. In chronological order these have been Charles Dean, Paul Goland, Frank Beck, and Fred Presley (for the term beginning July 1969). Some assisting members have been Herbert Katz, William Lurie, Ellen Milligan, Donald Mintz, Carol Purcell and Douglas Schocke.

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES. During the 5 year period, five areas of responsibility have become clearly defined:

(1) Utilization. Recommend fee schedules for use of premises by others, supervise calendar of events to prevent conflicts, serve with President and Leader in decision on use of space in doubtful cases.

(2) Operation. Supervise help engaged for cleaning and arrangement of rooms for all events; supervise opening and closing of buildings for all events; maintain liaison with tenant, the Eberhard School.

(3) Maintenance. Make or supervise repairs to electrical equipment, heating and cooling equipment, plumbing, fire alarms, doors, door locks, and glass windows. Notable here was a \$1600 saving through repair of an air-conditioning compressor by Fred Presley.

(4) Grounds. Grass cutting and watering, care of shrubs and of pin oak and holly trees, and leaf raking in the fall.

(5) Improvements. These have included a sign giving the 7750 number on Sixteenth St., timer for the light illuminating the name of

the Society on the front of the meeting house, light and timer illuminating the path to the parking lot, mounting of signs on or above the inside doors in both buildings, arranging installation of pay station telephone, and provision of better racks for coats and hats in the reception hall.

Three times during this period persons have walked through plate glass windows which extend down to floor level, each time fortunately without serious injury. To prevent such accidents in the future, the ordinary plate glass at the four danger spots has been replaced with stronger tempered glass. Smoking stands and paper signs on the glass indicate that no passage way exists at these places.

The "Barn Raisings" held March 8 and June 21, 1969 at the suggestion of Eleanor Heppe were devoted to improvements by all interested members of the Society. The success of these was due largely to the leadership of Paul Goland and Douglas Schocke. The accomplishments included cabinets for our tape player and amplifier equipment, painting one Sunday School room, much improved shelves and general arrangement of the workroom in the Administration Building, and needed shelving in one of the closets at the back of the auditorium.

3. Professional Leadership ("Record" p. 28)

As stated in the previous historical record, Edward L. Ericson became the Society's first full time salaried Leader on August 1, 1959. His ten years of service as Leader of the Washington Ethical Society have been years of growth locally and nationally. While continuing his active work in the community, he has become increasingly involved in the American Ethical Union (AEU).

In 1963 Mr. Ericson was named to the Executive Committee of the AEU; served on the Leaders' Commission on Public Affairs since 1968; was Chairman of the Council for Humanist and Ethical Concerns (CHEC), which was organized early in 1968 by the American Ethical Union and American Humanist Association; is a member of the North American Commission of the International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU) which is planning for the Fifth Congress to be held in Boston, Mass., August 4-8, 1970; is Associate Editor of "Religious Humanism", a quarterly journal published by The Fellowship of Religious Humanists (affiliated with the AEU); and finally at the 1969 Spring Assembly of the AEU in White Plains, N.Y., Mr. Ericson was elected President. Because of his greatly increased responsibilities on behalf of the AEU, and with the agreement of the WES Board of Trustees, the AEU placed Mr. David Evans in Washington, D. C. as Assistant Leader of the Washington Ethical Society for the season beginning September 1969.

Mr. Ericson is called upon many times in Washington to participate in meetings, discussions, etc. (see "Public Affairs" for details).

Related to the community was his Commencement address at Montgomery Junior College on June 14, 1964 on "The Impertinence of Freedom".

Another responsibility of the Leader is to officiate at weddings, burials or memorial services and in naming ceremonies. During the period 1964 until the present the following babies were named in the Meeting House: Elisabeth Carol Sayre, daughter of E. Phillip and Mary-Ellen Sayre and Yvonneke Magteld Prescott, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James W. Prescott.

When Mr. Ericson is not available for advice and assistance on funeral and memorial services, a number of Society members may be consulted as follows: Stuart Addison, Kermit Culver, L. D. MacIntyre and Jack Tourin.

In a lighter mood, Society members surprised Mr. Ericson on the occasion of his fortieth birthday and tenth year of Leadership in the Society with a birthday cake, poetic reading and singing of Happy Birthday after the Sunday morning meeting on February 2, 1969, the nearest Sunday to his birthday.

4. Sunday Morning Platform and Related Activities ("Record" p. 23)

Mr. Ericson has continued his plan to speak to the Society on the first Sunday of each month during the season which usually begins the middle of September and continues through May. Starting with the fall of 1968 he has appeared on the platform two times each month. The second program is generally informally structured. This has led to greater variety in the format than in past years. Sometimes a meeting-in-the-round has proven interesting; at times a panel has covered a subject such as the April 27, 1969 meeting on World Population Crisis chaired by Dr. Robert Stiehler in behalf of the Committee on Science and Human Affairs of the Society. Several times Mr. Ericson has engaged in a discussion with a member or friend on a subject in which the guest had particular competence, as with the January 12, 1969 program "Dialogue with Frank Smith on Tom Paine: The Usable Past for Present Struggles". On May 12, 1968 the Public Affairs Committee constructed the program on the theme "They'll Tell It Like It Is" with representatives of the Poor Peoples Campaign and Freedom Singers. On November 10, 1968 Tolbert H. McCarroll, Executive Director of the American Humanist Association and Mr. Ericson presented a dialogue entitled "O Joy! Joy! Joy!" which demonstrated sensitivity experience involving the Sunday meeting hall audience.

The 25th anniversary of the first public meeting of the Washington Ethical Society held on January 7, 1944 (with Algernon D. Black as speaker) was celebrated after the morning address on January 5, 1969. Dr. George E. Beauchamp, L. D. MacIntyre and Gustav Auzenne, Jr., Incorporators of WES on August 29, 1949 attended and spoke briefly. A photograph taken at this time is in the Society Archives. Charles H. Weston, the sole surviving incorporator from May 7, 1918 ("Record"

p.33) was an honored guest. President Simon Rothberg introduced six former Presidents of WES: Dr. Beauchamp, 1946-47; L. D. MacIntyre, 1947-51 and 1966-67; Milton Chase, 1951-56; Jack Tourin, 1956-58; Raymond Nathan, 1959-62; and Donald Mintz 1964-66.

Another platform innovation introduced by Mr. Ericson in May 1966 was a "Questions and Comments" period following the regular program. These are held in the Meeting Hall after the coffee period, a regular feature following the Sunday morning meeting, and have been well attended. On Oct. 2, 1966 the "Talk-Back Luncheon" was begun, with a question and comments period from 12:30 to 1 p.m. followed by a luncheon arranged by members of the Society under the leadership of Charlotte Chase, and with the help of Mrs. Debbie Lyle and a friend, who are paid a fee for these services. The "Talk-Back Luncheons" cater to 75 to 100 people and have been held fairly regularly after the first lecture of each month when Mr. Ericson is on the platform.

Visiting Leaders. The following leaders have appeared on our platform in the past five years and generally Mr. Ericson has exchanged platforms with them on the Sunday they appear in Washington:

Khoren Arisian, Jr.	Walter Lawton
Algernon D. Black	Leonard Mandelbaum
Howard Box	John Moore
Arthur Dobrin	Jerome Nathanson
Dale Drews	David Norton
David Evans (leader in training)	Howard Radest
Douglas Frazier	Barbara Raines
Richard Gambino	Kenneth J. Smith
M. Michael Grupp	William Rogers
Henry Herman	Matthew I. Spetter
James F. Hornback	Paul Weston
Robert Kopka	Ross Weston

The contents of a typical Sunday morning program are given in Ap. VII.

A number of speakers from the Washington, D. C. area have appeared on the Sunday morning platform presenting a wide variety of subjects. Following is a representative sampling of programs illustrative of the range of speakers and subjects:

Reverend Gino Baroni	Poverty, Race and Affluence
David Carliner	Loaves of Bread and Home Rule
Milton Chase	How Many Revolutions Can We Stand?
Wilbur J. Cohen	Individual Initiative, Creativity and the Great Society
John Colao	Medicare and What It Means To You
Wallace Culver	Campus Ferment: Politics and Education
Edd Doerr	The Crisis in Religious Liberty and Public Education

Monroe H. Freedman
Mary Gardner Jones

Erwin Knoll
Corliss Lamont
L. D. MacIntyre

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Melville

Horace S. Merrill
Donald Mintz
Morton Mintz
Ralph Nader
Michael Pertschuk
Harland Randolph
Arthur I. Waskow

The Morality of Civil Disobedience
The Ghetto's Challenge to
American Society
Chicago: Four Days in August
Humanism, Determinism and Free Choice
Our Man in Washington: A Look at
the Conference Circuit
The Ethics of the Guatemalan
Revolution
Man's Capacity for Reform
Ethics of the Press
The Goose and the Common
Unsafe at Any Speed
Ethics in the Marketplace?
Communication and the Liberal
The Impending Crisis in America

5. The Sunday School: 1964-66 ("Record" p. 15)
(This section contributed by Carleen Pertschuk.)

During these years the Sunday School registration totalled 70-80 children each year. The 1964-65 Sunday School operation was complicated by the sale of the Society's Massachusetts Avenue building before the new building was ready. While the adults met in the Dupont Theater, the Sunday School met in rented rooms at the Emerson Institute.

Member Frances Bjorlykke served as Director that year. Among the memorable events was the visit in April of our teenagers to New York to attend the New York Ethical Sunday School and stay with families of the New York Society. The following fall the Sunday School hosted a return visit of teens from the New York Society.

From 1965 to 1967 Sue (Mrs. Stephen) Stephens was employed as part-time paid Director. She was invited to join the group of local Unitarian Directors who met regularly to discuss liberal religious education and to effect teacher training. This association has proved valuable, supplementing the occasions when those working on children's education within the Ethical Movement get together at Hudson Guild Farm.

In 1966 an attractive Sunday School brochure in rainbow pastel colors was published. The Sunday School also mimeographed a small collection of lyrics called "W.E.S. Songs". See Archives.

March 20, 1966 is memorable at the first Sunday in the new building. On April 3 an assembly and refreshments marked the Dedication of the building for the children.

Curriculum Development. Although the basic curriculum used during these years was the revised 1962-63 curriculum, it was thought necessary to supply our volunteer teachers, and especially the new ones, with more detailed information on classroom application than was then available. The Sunday School Council therefore collected information from recent teachers and teachers' reports and put it into usable form, edited by Rhea Kahn. William Lurie and Elaine Buller were especially helpful in this effort.

Extracurricular Activities. Our 1964 Winter Festival was held at All Souls' Church. In 1965 the Lynbrook Recreation Center was used for a memorable Winter Festival including songs, stories, and Indian dances by Marilyn Hubert before a cozy fire. A ham and turkey buffet dinner followed.

Our most spectacular Winter Festival took place in 1966 when an estimated 250 members and friends came to see the African Cultural Dancers perform at the new building. The Holly Day House Singers (children from the inner city) sang spirituals, and our teens sang folk songs. Again a ham and turkey dinner followed, masterfully managed by Marilyn Hanford, Parents' Committee Chairman, Charlotte Chase, and Eleanor Heppe.

At the 1967 Winter Festival we had our first mitten tree, and the mittens and scarves decorating it warmed the children in the Head Start program in Montgomery County.

Spring Festivals comparable to the Winter Festivals were discontinued. Other activities of these years included trips to the Mosque, a visit to a nearby synagogue to join in the celebration of their children's Seder, the Halloween UNICEF collection, UNICEF assemblies, a visit from a Buddhist monk, an assembly by Virginia Beauchamp about her family's life in Africa, and outings on the grounds of Marjorie Webster College--our backyard neighbor. In November 1966 fourteen teens enjoyed a weekend trip by train to Harpers Ferry with Fred and June Schonbach. Bubbles Blinder initiated project HELP to provide children at Harrison School with usable clothing and school supplies.

Youth Activities. In November 1965 at the suggestion of Amy Buller a youth group for high school and college aged people was organized with first Elma Denham and later Lucille Costa as sponsor. Called WEYO (the Washington chapter of the National Ethical Youth Organization), the group was represented at the national meeting. Eventually the number of recorded members declined and the organization ceased to exist.

Parent-Teacher Group. The evening meetings of parents and teachers held during these years for purposes of parent education, Sunday School planning, and fellowship were generally poorly attended. In 1965 an attempt was made to improve communication between parents and teachers by having each teacher invite the parents of the children in her class to

have coffee and discussion in the classroom once a year. The "Parents Committee" helped with field trips, clean-up of the Sunday School, served juice and cookies, and food for Festivals and other special occasions.

The Sunday School: December 1967 to June 1969.
(This section contributed by Joell Silverman.)

Joell Silverman became Director of the Sunday School on Winter Festival Day in December 1967, inheriting a working organization and a staff of teachers.

Curriculum. A Curriculum Committee formed in 1968 with Carleen Pertschuk, Chairman, William Lurie and Joell Silverman set about the task of examining the existing courses. The brochures now used were the result of these meetings.

In the winter of 1969 two new courses, (Ethical) "Decision-Making" and "Freedom and Responsibility" were tested, to be used the following year if successful, which was the case. These are part of a series published by Beacon Press, Boston, and developed by the Unitarians, on whose Curriculum Committee sat the A.E.U. Religious Education Director, Robert Kopka, who helped write the courses.

In most of the classes there were alternate teachers who either taught in terms of curriculum units or blocks of time, so that they would be free to attend the adult lectures at least half of the year. This enhanced the desirability of the teaching jobs and made recruiting much easier, so that Society members were willing to accept this volunteer job. The pre-school play group was run by various teenagers.

Extra-Curricular Activities. Many trips to churches, temples, the Mosque, and a Hindu ceremony were arranged for classes studying other religions.

There were visiting speakers from UNICEF, The Poor People's Campaign, and the Grape Strike. Collections of food or money were made for some of these causes. Mittens, hats and gloves were hung on the Winter Festival Mitten Tree for the poor children in the Head Start program.

The combined seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth grades had a series of speakers from within the Society. They discussed ethics in their professions, such as medicine, law, science and journalism.

A weekend trip to Harper's Ferry Hostel was the highlight for the ninth and tenth graders in the spring of 1969.

The custom of having the children sit with the adults for the first 15 minutes of the regular meeting to hear a short talk by Mr. Ericson and the musical interlude on the first Sunday of each month was begun in the fall of 1968.

Special Events. A complete Passover Seder with appropriate food was performed by the seventh and eighth graders for the 1968 Spring Festival at the regular adult meeting, and matzos and wine were served to everyone during the "Coffee Hour".

For Founders' Day in May the Sunday School children donated money to purchase a tree which was planted on the Society grounds at a special ceremony and each child put a shovelful of earth on the newly planted tree.

Folk dances with music and dances from countries around the world were held at a nearby recreation center for United Nations Day celebrations and the Spring Festival.

Teacher Training. The W.E.S. Sunday School Directors have been invited to be members of the Greater Washington Area Unitarian-Universalist Religious Education Directors Council which meets once a month. They exchange ideas and plan several large teacher-training sessions a year, with professional speakers and excellent workshops on media, dramatics, liberal religious school methods, and curricula. The W.E.S. teachers have enjoyed and greatly benefitted from these large training sessions.

The Sunday School has also had frequent all-day Saturday sessions for the teachers with demonstrations, presentations by Mr. Ericson and informal discussions of problems, discipline, methods and philosophies of education. The Sunday School Council has honored the teachers each year with a dinner in the spring to which they are invited to bring husbands and wives for a social evening.

Each year a group of our teachers and the Director attend the A.E.U. national teacher training session which they agreed was worthwhile. In 1968 the session was held at Hudson Guild Farm, and in 1969 at the new A.E.U. Conference Center.

See Ap. I for list of Graduates, Directors, Teachers, and Enrollment, as far as the records were available.

6. Adult Education ("Record" p. 38)

Continuing the Society's interest in adult education, on Aug. 30, 1964 the Board of Trustees approved the formation of the Institute for Humanistic Studies. The structure of the Institute followed the suggested outlines of Mr. Ericson who was also appointed its Director. Mr. Ericson at that time stated the purpose and general organization of the Institute: "The Institute...shall be a program of non-political, non-sectarian adult education sponsored by the Washington Ethical Society to promote personal responsibility in democratic society through a more adequate and integrated understanding of the nature of man in relation to his cultural, historical, philosophical, scientific, and ethico-religious environment. This aim shall be pursued through courses of study, lectures, seminars, radio presentations, and such other means as may be feasible and appropriate".

In the fall of 1964 Dr. Curtis Tuthill presented the first Institute lecture series on the subject "Self-realization and the healthy personality". In June 1965 the Institute continued with three discussion groups on the Summerhill program and in the fall with a "Forces of Change" series using material from the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions. By late spring of 1966, after the Society moved into its new quarters, three separate series were started. The Institute has continued ever since with at least two series a year on subjects ranging from "Problems of Ethical Humanist Philosophy" to "Power, Politics and People in American Life". Most recently the Institute has sponsored an Encounter Group (Sensitivity Training) with the use of Encountertapes. The first groups met in May of 1969 with Mr. Frank Beck as the Society coordinator for this series.

A nominal fee is required for all of the courses which are self-sustaining financially. A list of course titles is given in Ap. V.

7. Public Affairs ("Record" p. 46)

The major concerns of the Public Affairs Committee have been with the United States involvement in the Viet Nam war and the plight of the underprivileged in our nation. Subsequent membership meetings have validated this emphasis.

In the spring of 1964 the U.S. Court of Appeals in New York sustained Donald A. Seeger, an agnostic conscientious objector and cited an opinion from the U.S. Supreme Court in the Torcaso Case which referred to Ethical Culture as an established non-theistic religion. This historical decision became a landmark.

Mr. Ericson represented the W.E.S. Board in April 1965 in testimony against the Dirksen proposed Constitutional Amendment to nullify the one-man one-vote decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. He also testified against Federal aid to schools operated by religious organizations which was provided for in the bill under consideration in Congress and cloaked under the euphemism "non-profit". In August the Board authorized President Mintz to write John Doar of the Department of Justice on its behalf concerning events and conditions in Fayette County, Arkansas. This elicited a routine reply.

Mr. Ericson, supported by Board action at a special meeting on March 23, 1965, participated in the now historic March from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. Carl Purcell and Betty Mintz, members of the Society, also joined the March.

In March 1966 the Board requested Messrs. Ericson and Pertschuk to prepare and submit to the Chicago Assembly of the AEU a resolution favoring repeal of laws against miscegenation in all states where such laws exist. Also submitted to the Assembly was a resolution opposing

the Communist disclaimer then required of Medicare recipients. This supported action initiated by Mrs. Alice K. Pollitzer, the nonagenarian founder of the Encampment for Citizenship.

In line with local and national policy, L. D. MacIntyre, as President of W.E.S., wrote to Senator Joseph S. Clark urging the prompt passage of S 2993 introduced by Senator Joseph D. Tydings, Maryland, "to provide Federal financial assistance...to carry on comprehensive family planning programs", and stated in closing "if our grandchildren's grandchildren are not to face the prospect of a population with many deranged people fed on plankton, then corrective steps must be taken now in the interest of the quality of human life".

On the Sunday morning program of November 7, 1966 Mr. Ericson discussed "The Viet Nam Peace Demonstrations" which were very much in the minds of all members. He said in part: "Where honest and clear-headed citizens are in deep disagreement, it would be contrary to our tradition of personal freedom to presume to take a stand in the name of the Ethical Culture Movement...Some of us will take part as individuals in the coming March; others will be just as firmly of the contrary view. Our task is to encourage people to consider the issues, without attempting to speak for individuals who have a right and duty to speak for themselves".

This Committee has arranged for group participation in the Viet Nam Peace March, the Poor Peoples Campaign (known in connection with Resurrection City) and other activities of this nature. The Society has joined with the National Capital Humanist Assn. in discussion of public affairs; assisted with the national meeting here of "Clergy and Laymen Concerned with Viet Nam"; Mr. Ericson on several occasions has spoken by radio on the draft and draft demonstrations and related matters. He has testified before the Armed Services Committee of both the House and the Senate on the extension of the Selective Service Act. As a result of these actions a forum has been provided for discussion, and avenues for action on ethical concerns have been opened. For example, W.E.S. co-sponsored a public dialogue on Human Rights Day held at Catholic University on "The Moralities of the Vietnamese War".

On February 10, 1967 a Rice and Tea Supper of Compassion was held to remind people of the minimal diets of people in Viet Nam; an open meeting was held by the Public Affairs Committee on "Psychological Habituation to War: Socio-Psychological Case Study". Representing another point of view George Beauchamp, Jr. on September 29, 1967 spoke on "The Quiet War: Viet Nam", using many slides showing what the U.S. Refugee Program was accomplishing.

A corollary to these activities was adopting as a project the Committee of Responsibility's effort to bring Vietnamese children, injured by the War, to the United States for medical treatment, while attempting to resolve political and legal obstacles which stood in the way.

In other areas members of W.E.S. participated in high school student seminars on religion in the spring of 1967. In tune with the general ecumenical spirit of the times, seven members of W.E.S. and six Paulist seminarians engaged in a dialogue, alternating a humanist or a Catholic book as the basis of discussion.

Members responded generously to the campaign for books and clothing for the Child Development Group of Mississippi and these items were transported to the needy by the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. The Garfinkel family worked diligently on this project.

Late in October of 1967 the Society members helped provide housing for people attending the "Mobilization to End the War in Viet Nam". Several "Happenings of Conscience" were held -- one on New Year Day of 1968 -- "Happening for Peace", which the W.E.S. Board considered one of its most important actions and one on March 15, 1968 to discuss the need for escalating our efforts for peace.

During the summer of 1967 the Young Adults Group sponsored a public lecture and discussion series. Some of the topics were: White Suburbs and Negro Cities: Political Implications; and two separate evening discussions on Viet Nam.

On March 20, 1968 "Crisis in Cities and Larger Issues of Racial Equality/Black Power" was the subject of a panel discussion for members and friends to clarify our position on the crisis in race relations facing us in greater Washington.

The W.E.S. Board authorized Paul Weston, Acting Leader, Baltimore Ethical Society, to serve as the Society's liaison representative to the Poor People's Campaign and March in June 1968 in which Society members participated. Also the Society for the AEU served as a base of operation for out-of-town members who were given hospitality at the Meeting House on arrival in the city.

At the fall membership meeting on November 15, 1968 members passed a resolution in support of the California grape boycott to organize farm workers.

On March 5, 1969 the W.E.S. Board voted to submit to the AEU at White Plains, New York a resolution favoring self-government for the District of Columbia. (This resolution was passed unanimously at the Assembly.) At the same meeting the Board voted to maintain liaison with POMCO -- Peoples' Organization of Montgomery County, Maryland, and appointed Simon Rothberg to represent the W.E.S.

The Society Meeting House served as a collection center for gifts of food and clothing for the sufferers in the riot-torn city of Washington, D. C. following the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King on April 6, 1969.

On the night of the 1969 inauguration for President Nixon, a

"Happening of Conscience" was held to point up the problems in Washington facing the new administration; in April at an open forum discussing "Antiballistic Missile System Question" there was good representation of both sides of this complex problem.

A joint session with the National Capital Humanist Association was held on June 8, 1969 in which the ethical-humanist position on abortion was formulated and presented to provide clarification of this issue.

Science and Human Affairs. At a W.E.S. Board meeting in 1968 the President suggested and the Board approved the formation of a Science and Human Affairs Committee. This Committee was charged to increase emphasis on the means by which science and technology can achieve a balance with human affairs: environment, pollution, population, etc. in our nation. The first meeting was held April 12, 1968.

As a result of the work of this Committee, the following resolutions were proposed and passed by the members at the fall meeting on November 15, 1968:

(1) That W.E.S. support proposed legislation for establishing a Potomac National River which would provide a recreational area about 1,400 feet in width on both sides of the river from the District of Columbia to Cumberland, Maryland, and

(2) That W.E.S. urge the Department of the Interior and the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin to reduce pollution in the river and its tributaries as rapidly as possible.

8. Musical Activities ("Record" p. 35)

After the Society moved into its new quarters in the spring of 1966, live music on Sunday mornings was again possible. Under the direction of Jeanne Tourin, who played on a majority of the Sundays, there were also other performers who played during the "Musical Interlude". Gertrude Lurie performed on a number of occasions. Donald Mintz provided the taped-music portion of the program that preceded the opening words and followed the closing words. Beginning December 4, 1966, under the program heading "Before the Meeting Concert" the Recorded Music Committee began to explore a world of fine music; classical modern and experimental, without being expected to limit choices to meditation music as in the past.

Most of the musicians gave their services without charge but it has become more difficult to secure musicians on this basis in recent years. However, the Board of Trustees has not provided budgeted funds to meet this new need.

The Leo Wolfsohn Memorial Concerts have been continued with about 3 or 4 performances in former years but with less frequency in the past

year. A gala performance was the concert given in connection with the dedication of the new building in April of 1966 when long time friends of the Society gathered for the musical evening.

Mr. Wolfsohn's widow, Grace, and his children, Grace Leonard and Venlo Wolfsohn donated a piano to the Society in his memory. This is used to great effect in the Sunday School quarters.

The following have performed on instruments or in song either during the Sunday morning service or at the Leo Wolfsohn Memorial Concerts, which were arranged by Jack and Jeanne Tourin. E. Phillip Sayre served as Commentator for many of the Wolfsohn Memorial concerts.

Karen Adrian	Donna Lerew
Maxine Anderson	Shirley Levine
Jerri Barr	Gertrude Lurie
John Benaglia	John Marlow
Ruth Bostic	Gail McDonald
Dolores Brown	Sara Milford
Thea Cooper	David Miller
Marian Corwin	Lawrence Mirel
Paul de Bourg	Maria Norwood
Barbara Dirks	John Overbeck
Margaret Duesenberry	William Petterson
Ann Elmquist	Phoebe Pfaehler
Ron Freeman	Mary Price
Martha Frolich	Esther Rappaport
Evelyn Garvey	Paul Ruskin
Melissa Graybeal	Mary-ellen Sayre
Barre Griffith	Judith Shapiro
Brigitta Gruenther	William Skidmore
Jean Harlan	Joan Singer Spicknall
Edward Harris	John Spicknall
Donna Holub	Frank Sokolove
Harold Hirsch	Ned Spinkel
Claudia Hook	Carol Tarr
Ann Joseph	Jeanne Tourin
George Kafig	Dana Wood
Doris Knoll	Russell Woollen
Walter Leonard	Robert Zener

9. Social Activities ("Record" p. 40)

In comparing the earlier social activities of the Society with the period 1964-69 several major changes are apparent: (1) benefit performances are no longer held since the Board of Trustees officially voted to depend on income from pledge contributions from members and friends rather than from fund-raising activities; (2) the Odd-Friday Coffee House,

under Paul and Nancy Goland, regularly offers an opportunity for members and friends to get together for a social evening at the Society Meeting House; (3) women members of the Society no longer meet for coffees at each other's homes; (4) the Friday Club no longer meets. New groups have been formed in response to interests of the members, as has always been the case.

Fairly active Social Committees have offered a wide range of events during the last five years. Typical examples are picnics in the parks of the city; open houses at the Society; the Wallace Culver Poetry Reading Evenings during the Christmas holiday season; talks on art, music; slide shows by members of travel in various parts of the world; dramatic and poetry readings by the Montgomery Junior College Players; theater nights at Washington theaters; an evening of reminiscences -- "WES Side Story" -- by William Lurie, etc., and small parties at members' homes arranged according to the section in which members live. Picnics at the end of several seasons were held at the cottage of Ruth Perry in Highland Beach, Chesapeake Bay, Maryland.

United Nations dinners have continued to be an annual feature (the 1968 party was the 18th annual UN dinner) of the Society and included the usual collection in support of the AEU National Women's Conference in the work of their UN observer.

For the last three seasons the Social Committee has sponsored with some success a family weekend at the Rapidan Coop Camp in the Shenandoah Mountains near Criglersville, Va.

The first New Year's Eve party in the new building was held December 30, 1968 and it is hoped to continue these. A Folk Dancing Group also got underway early in 1969 and continued until the end of the season as did a Poetry Reading Group, which met at homes of those interested.

The members of the Montgomery Junior College Poetry Reading Ensemble, who entertained the Society on many occasions deserve special mention. Along with our Society member, Dr. Wallace Culver, they were: Gerry Benjamin, Phil Benjamin, Marina Berns, Bart Brown, Deborah Bulkley, Donald Daumit, Eileen Grigg, Everett Jacoby (deceased 1968), LaVerne Miller, Mary Moser, Stephen Niven, Bill Roberts, Jack Rupertus, Rick Sparks, Corinne Vincelette and Alan Weinberg.

Other groups have organized as follows:

Senior Group. In the November 1965 News Letter the following appeared: "WES has become a charter member of the National Council of Senior Citizens with Mrs. Johanna Graf as representative". With the help of Ben and Olya Margolin, a Senior Group was informally organized in the spring of 1966. The members of the group meet once each month

following the Sunday morning meeting. They start with a "nose bag" lunch and coffee and have either an informal discussion on a selected topic such as "Ethics for the Later Years" or listen to an invited speaker, e.g., Milton Chase on "What is Youth Trying to Say". When fair weather permits, the group transfers its activities outdoors to enjoy a picnic. The group hopes to keep in touch with other senior members who become ill or have other difficulties.

During 1966 Mrs. Johanna Graf headed the group and since early in 1968 when she left to reside in Florida, Charles Dean has taken over as chairman.

Helene Wallach, member of this group and a long time and devoted member of the Society, moved to be near her children to a senior citizens apartment house in Hempstead, Long Island, New York. She was the unnamed member whose generous loan made possible in part the purchase of the first Meeting House near Dupont Circle ("Record" p. 66).

Young Adult Group. ("Record" p. 40) An organizational meeting was held Dec. 18, 1966 and beginning with a square dance on March 12, 1967 the group has with accelerated regularity carried on imaginative and varied activities. YAG has been very active in the Public Affairs Committee but in its own name last year collected books and magazines for a reform school library, took underprivileged children on swimming parties, sold UNICEF cards for the benefit of the UN organization, etc. Also they made several collections of food for the Columbia Heights Community Assn. (CHCA).

In the summer of 1967 YAG organized picnic meetings for the whole Society, combining fun and informally planned programs with discussion.

They also spearheaded a program which began in 1968 and is still continuing to give tutoring services once a week to inner-city children who need this help. The tutoring center is at the Gethsemane Baptist Church at 5th and Hamilton in northwest Washington. Hank Gassner and Betty-Chia Karro have furnished the leadership in these projects.

Youth Activities. Over the years sporadic efforts have been made to organize teenage or college age groups in the Society with varying success.

During 1965-67 the WEYO met more often than in other years and even sponsored a Concert Dance in Bowie, Maryland. Because of the geographical distribution of our membership in the Greater Washington area, transportation becomes a major obstacle to the continuous activities of a youth group. However, special efforts are made on Sunday morning and at other Society functions to make the young people welcome.

10. Membership ("Record" p. 40-45)

Much effort has been given to enlarging and expanding the activities of the Membership Committee. Fellowship dinners, catered and pot luck, receptions to meet candidates for the Board of Trustees or new members, with "Pavlova" or "Wine and Cheese" featured, and other events have brought members and prospective members together.

In May of 1969 the Membership Committee issued a W.E.S. Activity Guide (Ap. II) listing all of the activities and volunteer work undertaken by the Society, as well as some suggested future activities.

On February 25, 1968 the Membership Committee and the Senior Citizens group held a reception for two of our older members: Sidonie Lieban* who was celebrating her 85th birthday and Lillian Dinowitzer**, her 80th birthday.

Orientation evenings or series by Mr. Ericson have been held to acquaint new members and friends with the Ethical Movement and the role of the Washington Ethical Society in Washington, D. C.

At the January 8, 1969 Board meeting Mr. Ericson presented the following statistics on persons closely connected with W.E.S.:

Members:	190 in 134 family units
Non-member Sunday School parents	24 in 13 family units
Contributing non-members	162 in 114 family units
Number of children in Sunday School	70
Totals:	376 persons in 261 family units

In addition there are some teenage Sunday School graduates.

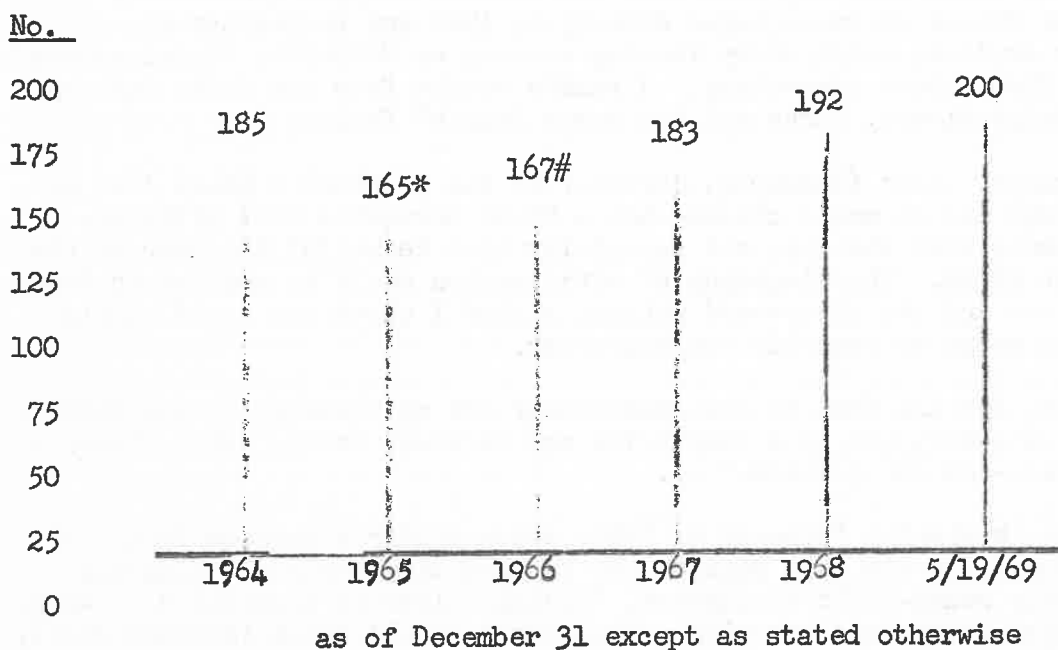
On May 19, 1969 in a letter to Society members Mr. Ericson said: "We did it!...we admitted the 200th member of the Society....a fitting record to top our twenty-fifth year".

The Membership Committee has made a concerted effort to welcome people each Sunday morning, to introduce newcomers to others in the Society, to give out name tags, and to furnish rides for members who do not have other means of getting to the Society.

The following chart gives the Society membership for the years 1964-69.

* deceased March 1, 1970; **deceased August 7, 1969

Membership 1964-1969



* move from 1822 Massachusetts Ave. N. W. on 10/16/64

move into new Meeting House, 7750 Sixteenth St. N.W. on 3/20/66

11. Public Relations ("Record" p. 61)

The Public Relations Committee has a difficult duty to perform since its funds are limited and media costs are high. However, even with these limitations the Society has been before the public.

Newspaper. Miss Petronel Lukens has for several years had the responsibility for getting paid advertisements into the papers, and also has been active in the group which furnishes copy to the papers in the hope that some of it will be published. Some examples:

On March 13, 1965 the Evening Star published a drawing of the new buildings and on April 2, 1966 The Washington Post carried a large picture of the Meeting House and an article on the Dedication. In the Post and the Star of May 3, 1969 an article and picture appeared telling of Mr. Ericson's election at 40 years of age as the youngest President of the American Ethical Union. This was later followed by a profile article in the Post giving more of Mr. Ericson's background and philosophy.

Radio. Radio programs on which our Leader or members of the Society have appeared are an effective way to inform the public of the existence of the Society and of its point of view. The 10-minute WOL AM-FM radio

talks by Mr. Ericson on Sunday mornings which began in October 1961 continued until June 20, 1965 when the station changed management. The next series on radio began January 1, 1969 and thereafter Mr. Ericson could be heard every Tuesday evening on WAMU-FM's "Kaleidescope" with a five-minute commentary. A random sample from his radio talk on "Conserving Rivers, Ducks and the Human Spirit" follows:

"Tonight Susan (Stamberg, director of the program) I would like to talk about one of man's oldest--and I think incurable love affairs-- his romance with the sea, and especially that beautiful daughter of the sea, the river. The biography of civilization could be written in terms of the sea and the river--and without either I think man could hardly tell his story or read his own character.

"Yet, for all that he owes materially and spiritually to the Earth's bodies of water, man is a compulsive and careless lover. That presents our topic--and our problem." ...

Then, beginning February 9, 1969, every Sunday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. on the same station Mr. Ericson has been moderating his own weekly round-table discussion, "Social Values in Transition". Among these discussions was one with newspapermen Donald Mintz (Evening Star), former President and present Board member of the Society, and Paul Valentine (Washington Post), a new member of the Society, on "The Social Responsibility of the Press". In another series on WAMU-FM in January of 1968 Mr. Ericson appeared with Will Inman, poet, in an interview on "Our Sick Society".

Newsletter. Distribution of the Newsletter for Society members and friends (a mailing list of between 500 and 700 names) has continued without interruption during the period 1964-69 except for a few summer months. The only important change in the Newsletter activity -- except for the volunteer staff -- has been that beginning with the November 1965 issue Mr. Ericson's contribution has been under the heading "The Leading Edge: the Leader's page of comment & opinion" in which he covers a wide range of personal and ethical interests.

Efforts have been made to carry several biographies of members in each issue and also a "Letters to the Editors" column but it has been difficult to keep up continuity in these columns.

Appendix III lists editors and helpers for the Newsletter as far as it is possible to identify them.

Mailing Lists. The Society continues to send the Newsletter and many other notices of meetings to a large mailing list of members and interested friends. Names are added each Sunday and are culled once a year. Many of the people on the mailing list, although not members and rarely seen at the Meeting House, do contribute generously to the Society and are interested in keeping in touch with its work.

The Literature Table. This activity continues very much as in the past. Copies of The Humanist and the first history of the Society as well as this supplement should be available at this table in the entrance hall of the Meeting House. In addition a photograph story of activities of the Society can be found on this table and is usually the center of attention each Sunday morning. Appendix IV includes names of members who have manned the Literature Table during this period.

Publicity. In addition to the above, the Society is still listed in the yellow pages of the telephone directory under "Churches in Washington, D. C. -- Non-Denominational" and Mr. Ericson is listed, for convenience sake, under Clergymen! Sometimes Society events are listed in the newspapers under "Events of the Day".

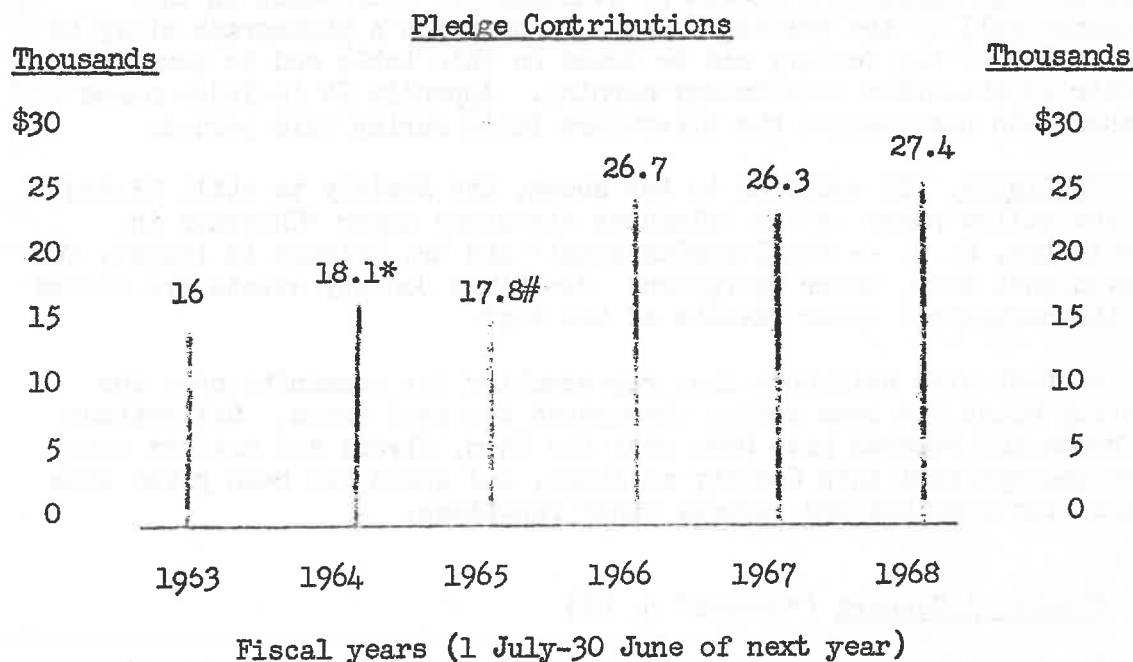
Contact with Neighbors Inc. representing the community near the Meeting House has been active throughout the past years. Collections of books and records have been made for them, flyers and notices have been incorporated into Society mailings, and space has been given them gratis for meetings and several other functions.

12. Financial Support ("Record" p. 69)

The move from rented quarters in the Dupont Building to the Meeting House on upper Sixteenth Street brought new administrative and financial responsibilities. There were buildings and grounds to be cared for, mortgage payments to be made, etc. Rental income ended when the building at 1822 Massachusetts Avenue was vacated on October 15, 1964 so the Dr. Jenison bequest was to be drawn upon as a Development Fund over a three year period to meet planned deficits totalling \$18,000 for the fiscal years 1964-65 through 1966-67. It was anticipated that the change in location from the Massachusetts Avenue address to rented quarters might result in a decrease in membership, which is borne out by the chart on page 23. This situation continued at the new Meeting House until it was established as the center of Society activities. The effect on membership is reflected in the pledge contributions for these years. (See chart on page 26).

Building development costs estimated on December 31, 1964 at \$181,694 rose to \$202,000 by March 1, 1967 due to the inclusion of air conditioning voted by the members, and other items considered essential. The problem of rising building operating and maintenance costs and rapidly depleted reserves (the deficits for the years 1964-65 through 1967-68 totalled \$17,000) were partially met by greatly increased member pledges, i.e., approximately \$9,000 more in the fiscal year 1966-67 and more extensive rentals of the Meeting House beginning June 15, 1968. However, the increase of \$6,000 in rentals was offset by an increase of \$3,000 in building operations so a deficit of \$2,000 was still anticipated in the revised 1968-69 budget presented at the May 23, 1969 Membership

Meeting (Ap. VI) -- a situation which would worsen unless member pledges were increased by \$4,000 for 1969-70.



* move from 1822 Massachusetts Ave. N. W. on 10/16/64

move into new Meeting House, 7750 Sixteenth St. N.W. on 3/20/66

On October 22, 1968 a "pie-chart" illustration was furnished members. (See page 27) A report at the fall membership meeting held November 15, 1968 indicated that if costs of operating the buildings were spread evenly over 125 pledge units, \$241 would be required of each unit. Pledges then made by 114 units totalled \$26,000 compared with \$30,300 necessary. Analysis showed that 66 of these were in amounts less than \$250 pledged with 48 within a range from \$250 to \$540!

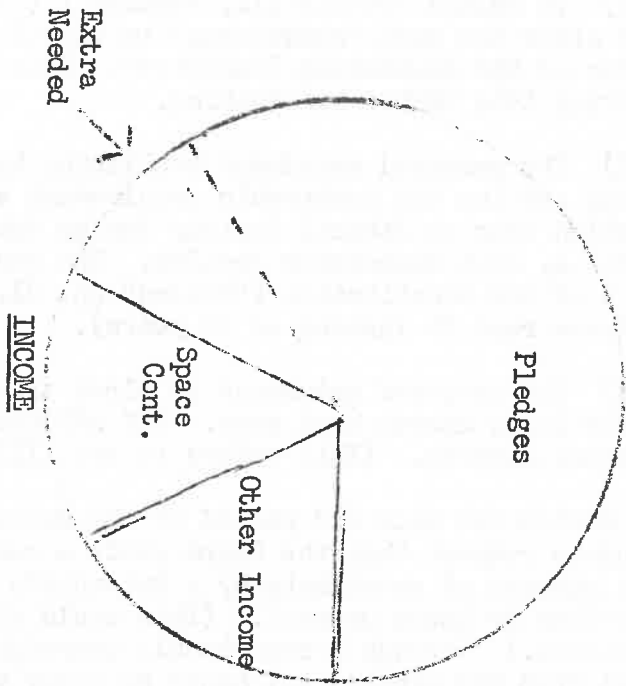
It is hoped that since the budget then under consideration was passed, all will remember the ethical dictum of Felix Adler that those who will the ends must will the means.

The Society is deeply indebted to member Kermit Culver for audits of financial records during the fiscal years 1964-68.

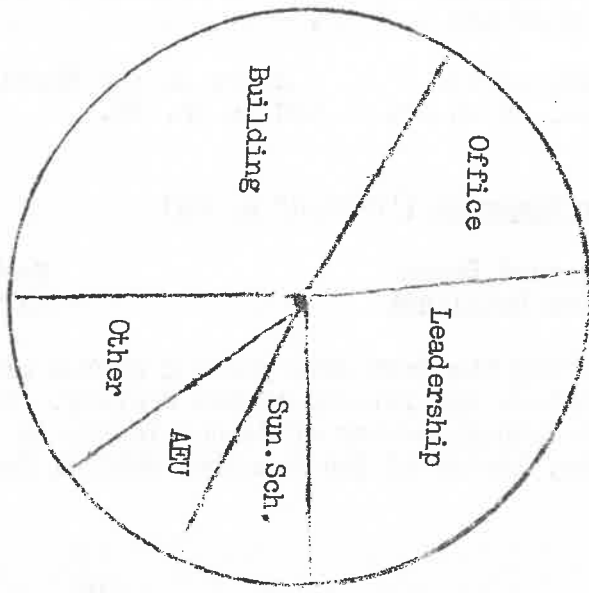
13. Constitution Revision.

Studies have been made throughout the years 1964-69 of the need for Constitutional changes. The following recommendations were acted upon:

Distributed October 22, 1968 for fiscal year 1968-69



Pledges, regular: \$ 26,000
 Pledges needed: 4,000
 Space contributions: 6,500
 Other income: 8,500
 Total Income: \$ 45,000



Leadership: \$ 13,200
 Office & related expenses: 6,800
 Building - mortgage, operations & improvements: 13,500
 AEU allocation: 3,600
 Sunday School operations: 3,500
 Other expenses: * 4,400
 Total Expenses: \$ 45,000

* Includes \$1,000 for uncollectible pledges; \$800 for Institute; \$625 for Sunday program

(1) To change Article III, Section 1 ("Record" Ap. VI, page 2) to add after the word "candidates" in line 3 "no one of whom shall be a member of the Nominating Committee". This motion was defeated at the spring 1964 Membership Meeting.

(2) The proposed amendment abolishing the grade of Junior Membership and setting the membership requirement as 16 years of age or graduation from an Ethical Society Sunday School. APPROVED at the November 4, 1966 Membership Meeting. The change affects Art. II, Sect. 3 of the Constitution ("Record" Ap. VI, page 1. Art. II, Sect. 1 should now read 16 instead of 18 years).

(3) The proposed amendment to elect trustees for two years, with half the Board chosen each year. NOT APPROVED at the November 4, 1966 Membership Meeting. (This refers to Art. III ("Record" Ap. VI, page 4)).

A motion was made and passed at the November 4, 1966 Membership Meeting to request that the Board study a constitutional amendment to permit passage of amendments by a two-thirds vote of those voting rather than by those present. (This would eliminate the factor of abstentions.) Through a regrettable oversight this motion was omitted from the minutes and hence no study was undertaken. The minutes were corrected at the spring meeting on June 9, 1967, but a motion that the Board go into immediate session to initiate this change and recommend action by the members failed on a motion to table. (This referred to Art. VIII ("Record" Ap. VI, page 4)).

14. Administration ("Record" p. 31)

Mrs. Maxine Pineau continues effectively to serve the Society as Administrative Secretary and because of her long tenure is able to carry out many duties that others performed before she came to the Society. In addition to her duties as Administrative Secretary during 1968-69 she has been assisting the Treasurer in maintaining the financial records of the Society.

Many of the Members serve on the Board and on the various Committees, which are listed in Ap. IV.

15. In Memoriam ("Record" p. 88)

Leonard Baron
Anna Brilliant

Herbert F. Seversmith
Alfred W. Stahl, Jr.

During the past five years a number of memorial services were held for members and friends of the Society. A service was held for Bertha Tanney, mother of Jeanne Tourin on October 2, 1966. Dr. Henry Neumann, leader of the Brooklyn Ethical Society was remembered in a

memorial service following the Sunday meeting on November 6, 1966. Individual memorial services were also held for John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and Robert F. Kennedy. On the evening of January 15, 1969 a large gathering of friends of Norman Thomas met in a memorial service in his honor.

In memory we recall former active members of the Society: Mrs. Claudia Machol of New York, a founder of the Washington Ethical Society in 1944 (died 1968) and her husband, Morris, who was a long time member (died 1967); and Judge Clarence V. Opper (died 1964).

Of record are the deaths of Mr. Ericson's father, Olof Fredrick Ericson (died July 6, 1966) and his mother, Ada Ericson (died May 4, 1969 in Dunedin, Florida).

Tribute Fund and Record. Contributions continue to be made to this fund in memory of loved ones and special occasions. Among purchases made from this fund have been the picture molding in the entrance room of the Meeting House, literature rack, board for member name tags, etc. The Tribute Fund is held for the purchase of "items or services of permanent value" not provided for in the current budget.

The Society maintains a bound book containing lists of donors to this fund. Printed acknowledgements are immediately sent to both donor and someone designated to be informed of the contribution. These cards read: "I wish to inform you that a gift has been gratefully received by The Tribute Fund of the Washington Ethical Society" with an insert stating the purpose of the gift; and "The Tribute Fund of the Washington Ethical Society has received with appreciation your gift" and a statement of the purpose of the gift.

A suggested statement to be used in making bequests to the Society is: "I give, devise and bequeath to the Washington Ethical Society, a corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia... (enter statement of gift)." It is most important to state very specifically what is being given.

16. American Ethical Union ("Record" p. 73)

The Washington Ethical Society has continued its close ties with the American Ethical Union (AEU). Mr. Ericson was honored by election as President of the AEU at its Assembly in White Plains, N. Y. on May 3, 1969. In addition to his continuing responsibility as the AEU Representative to the National Civil Liberties Clearing House, and Chairman of the Council for Humanist and Ethical Concerns (CHEC), representing the AEU and the American Humanist Assn., Mr. Ericson has served as AEU representative on the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and has testified at Congressional Committee hearings for the AEU.

Mr. Jack Tourin was appointed by the W.E.S. Board as AEU Representative beginning October 5, 1966, prior to which L. D. MacIntyre served in this position from 1962 until Mr. Tourin's appointment. He was appointed as a member of the AEU Executive Committee following the May 1969 meeting and is also serving the AEU as a member of the AEU Advisory Panel for Administrative Appraisal.

Mr. L. D. MacIntyre continues as a Life Member of the AEU Board of Directors, member of the AEU Public Affairs Committee, Special Representative of the National Women's Conference and as a Member of the Administrative Committee of CHEC.

The AEU National Assembly was held in Washington, D. C. April 29-May 2, 1964, with the W.E.S. acting as hosts ("Record" p. 44). All of these events added to the understanding of the AEU and its relation to the local Society.

Publications of the AEU have at times been sent to Society members without charge. Beginning with the March-April 1969 issue THE HUMANIST was sent to all recorded member families concurrent with the increase of membership dues from the Society to the AEU of \$25 a person.

Each year the AEU has family camping and get-togethers to which all Society members are invited as follows: Annual AEU Family Weekend in the Poconos (the 16th one was held in 1969); AEU Family Camp, now held at the AEU Conference Center at Northern, N.J.

The Encampment for Citizenship, sponsored by the AEU ("Record" p. 74-75) has expanded to a number of different sections of our country, including one Encampment in Puerto Rico, and covers a wide range of age groups. Since the last listing, the following young people from our Society have attended an Encampment: Donald and Fred Rothberg, Paula Costa, Carol Shannon, and Saul Chase.

The AEU Commission on Race and Equality began to work in April 1965 in the south and in Chicago in the field of integrated education. On April 16, 1966 the Sunday meeting collection of the Society was donated to this Commission, and this practice has continued each year.

With other religious organizations the AEU sponsored a three-day National Inter-Religious Conference on Peace, in Washington on March 15-17, 1966. This group was concerned with the moral implications of military actions.

In the October 21, 1967 Viet Nam March, the AEU Peace Commission was authorized to participate and many W.E.S. members participated with the New York group, as they have in other AEU undertakings.

The National Women's Conference (NWC) of the AEU continued its emphasis upon activities in the international field including population

control as a major concern and the elimination of abortion laws in the states. L. D. MacIntyre served as its representative at 16 Washington-based national conferences during the period 1964-69 in the areas of foreign policy and family planning. It is in the world-wide race between food and people that the most favorable development has occurred.

During this period there has been a "green revolution", i.e., the development of better yielding strains of rice and wheat, and fishmeal, which has postponed temporarily the threat of widespread famine in some countries of South America and Asia. The breakthrough on the subject of birth control was initiated when a committee of the National Academy of Sciences stated "other than the search for lasting peace, no problem is more urgent". Two ex-Presidents changed their minds and endorsed the expenditure of public funds for family planning; President Johnson approved greater activity through AID; the Department of Health, Education and Welfare created the post of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Population; and a Gallup poll showed the great majority of our people favor increased government aid in family planning both here and overseas. President Nixon has called for increased activity in support of these programs.

The period of "hush hush" has ended and education in family planning is now accepted public policy both nationally and abroad...and the NWC was in the forefront of the struggle.

Council for Humanist and Ethical Concerns (CHEC). At a special Society Board meeting on March 23, 1965 the Board stated: "To obtain desirable legislation, it is necessary to have a national office, inform legislators in advance, etc. Also to avoid income tax difficulties, a legally separate organization is needed".

In the meantime Mr. Ericson was being asked more and more to represent the AEU before Congressional Committees. He felt that others besides himself should be involved and that a joint approach might be worked out with the American Humanist Association (AHA).

Here may be the genesis of CHEC, for these ideas were presented to the AEU both at its Assembly in 1965 and in other sessions. Ideas take form slowly, especially if funds are needed. However, by February 1968 space was acquired for CHEC at 312 Pennsylvania Ave. S.E., in Washington, D. C. Edward L. Ericson was named Chairman, and Raoul Kulberg was appointed Director.

This program is jointly supported by the AHA and the AEU, with the assistance of the National Women's Conference and will serve as a lobby for the point of view of these groups. They plan to keep their constituents informed of activities on Capitol Hill that are of special interest to them and to ask for action on these items as needed.

On July 1, 1968 when Mr. Kulberg decided to return to former commitments, Mrs. Charlotte Chase was named Administrative Secretary to carry on the work of the office and Mr. Ericson continued as Chairman.

An outstanding achievement during the first year of CHEC is one that concerns non-theistic citizens. As a result of its leadership General Hershey revealed in a speech on September 6, 1968 that Selective Service form 150 for conscientious objectors is now being withdrawn to be replaced by a new version which will eliminate reference to belief in a Supreme Being. This, he said, is in keeping with action taken by Congress (1967) in response to a Supreme Court decision (Seeger).

CHEC organized the Action Conference on National Priorities which held a two day meeting in Washington early in February 1969 to include briefing sessions on issues and local action. Out of this came the formation of the Coalition on National Priorities and Military Policy (CNPMP), the purpose of which is "to coordinate activities designed to change the direction of U.S. policy from its emphasis on military to that of human needs" (WES Newsletter May 1969). Twenty-two national peace, civic, and religious organizations already have affiliated with CNPMP.

17. International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU) ("Record" p. 80)

The Fourth Congress of the IHEU was held as planned in Puteaux, a suburb of Paris, France, where splendid facilities were provided by the leaders of this community. The proceedings of this Congress, held July 25-30, 1966, are available. Mr. Ericson had an active part in the Congress. Also attending from the Washington Society were Charles Dean, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. MacIntyre, Leopoldina Nowak and Dr. and Mrs. George Beauchamp (members of the Society although they live in Kissimmee, Florida).

The North American Commission of the IHEU, of which Mr. Ericson is a member, met in Washington on November 9, 1968 and were given a reception, to which members of the Society were invited. The Commission is now planning for the Fifth World Congress which will be held in the United States for the first time. The Boston Ethical Society will be involved in the meetings planned for August 4-8, 1970 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. and the annual meetings of the AEU and the AHA will be held in conjunction with this international meeting.

18. The Next Quarter Century.

As the Washington Ethical Society celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding, the American nation enters into a period

such as the Ethical Movement was made to match. It is a time when all traditions are questioned, all moral values doubted, and all institutions assailed. A people's trust has been abused, youth misused, and the historic American trust in their democratic purpose humiliated and discounted before the world. The national mood, particularly among youth and social idealists, will not be readily quieted-- nor should it be.

During such a period of social storm, it is instructive to look back to the era when Ethical Culture was created. In 1876 much the same sense of national disillusionment and anger prevailed. The times were corrupt, and many began to see violence and revolution as necessary solutions.

It was in such a setting that Felix Adler and his co-workers raised the standard of a faith and philosophy which sought, not by terror but by ethical faith and action, to reconstruct the human basis for a truer democratic nation. Their impact, always the initiative of a few, was substantial. They and others succeeded in effecting the restoration of a people's faith in democratic practice.

It would be wrong to say that our present crisis proves the failure of their effort and method. No victories are permanent, no renewals perpetual. It is a cliché that freedom must be vindicated with each generation--or to speak symbolically in the old idiom of religion, a man or society must "save its soul" anew with each sunrise. Both the potentialities and failures of human history ever recur.

In its brief quarter-century of existence, this small fellowship of concerned Ethical Humanists has made a worthy record--and a perceptible impact upon the Washington community and the Ethical Humanist movement in North America. As a result of our initiative, the Council for Humanist and Ethical Concerns came into being to represent in this nation's capital the social conscience of Humanists and Ethical Culturists throughout the country.

Therefore, as we look ahead, the agony and doubt of a nation should hold no terror. Like every other institution, our viability and worth as a fellowship must be demonstrated for the skeptical. But we announce the future cheerfully, knowing that it was for such times as these that our ethical religion was fashioned. It is adequate, if we be loyal to our humanist and democratic faith.

Edward L. Ericson

Sunday School Graduates

Appendix I
("Record" Ap. II, p. 1)

- 1964 Amy Buller
Paula Costa
Linda Eileen Gallun
Eric Robert Nadel (in absentia)
Steven K. Oberman
Lissa Jean Robins
- 1965 no graduates (confirmed by Mr. Ericson)
- 1966 James Oliver Nadel (in absentia)
- 1967 Michael Sherman Kelenson
Peter Steven Malakoff
Donald Jay Rothberg
Heidi Schwartz
- 1968 Lynn Rachel Addison
Jane Ann Austin
Saul Elliott Chase
Brian MacIntyre Chrisney
Maira Kahn (in absentia)
Frederick Isidore Rothberg
Terri Paula Schwartz
- 1969 Bruce Hanford
Stanley Rappaport

Directors of Sunday School and term of office ("Record" Ap. II, p. 7)

- 1964-65 Frances Bjorlykke
1965-66 Susan Stephens
1966-67 Susan Stephens (term ending December 1967)
1967- Joell Silverman (term beginning December 1967)

Sunday School Teachers *

("Record", Ap. II, p. 5)

*(Names submitted by Mrs. Joel Silverman)

Stuart Addison	Barry Hyman	Elizabeth Rappaport
Lanng Beran	Joyce Hyman	John Rende
Beulah Blinder	Betty-Chia Karro	Ruth Rochlin
Milton Chase	Evelyn Katz	Simon Rothberg
Howard Hendler	Herb Katz	Ephraim Salins
Mimi Henry	Althea Kessler	June Schonbach
Eleanor Heppe	Betty Mintz	Daniel Skoler
Harriet Hirsch	Louis Munan	Janet Verner
Marilyn Hubert	Lola Oberman	Manuel Zenick

Sunday School Enrollment *

Daniel Addison	Bertha Hill	Denis Rende
Lynn Addison	Celia Hyman	Jennifer Rende
Douglas Amrine	Duane Jones	Jennifer Rochlin
Eric Amrine	Clifford Kahn	Kevin Rochlin
Neil Amrine	Marc Kahn	Elizabeth Rothberg
Jane Austin	Moira Kahn	Frederick Rothberg
Edith Beauchamp	Velma Kahn	Erica Salem
George Beauchamp	Anamaria Kothe	Peter Salem
John Beauchamp	Joel Katz	Susanne Salem
Kathy Beck	Susan Katz	Heidi Salins
Laurie Bender	David Kaufman	Janet Salins
Judy Blinder	Sarah Kaufman	Kenneth Salins
Joshua Blinder	Armand Lenchek	Mani Sayeedi
Celia Bremier	RoseAnne Lenchek	Naeem Sayeedi
Carol Buck	John Limpert	Lisa Sayre
Laura Buck	Steven Malakoff	Michael Sayre
Nathan Buck	Jean-Pierre Manley	Gabriela Schonbach
Laurie Buller	Alan Marcuse	Michael Schonbach
Philip Buller	Linda Marcuse	Timothy Schonbach
Saul Chase	James Matory	Gary Schwartz
Ann Chrisney	Yvedt Matory	Heidi Schwartz
Brian Chrisney	Eric Meier	Randy Schwartz
Martin Chrisney	Margaret Meier	Ricky Schwartz
Peter Cole	Nicholas Meier	Terri Schwartz
Dana Davies	David Mintz	Andrew Seaton
Daniel Davies	Elizabeth Mintz	Robyn Seaton
Lisa Denham	Lincoln Mudd	Carol Shannon
Stacey Denham	Susan Mudd	Jeffrey Shannon
David Dixon	Josh Munan	Alix Silverman
Ralph Dixon, Jr.	Stephanie Munan	Joshua Silverman
Clifton Farbstein	Amy Nadel	Debra Stein
Leda Farbstein	Jim Nadel	Joe Steinberg
Marcus Farbstein	Timothy O'Connor	Debbie Stern
Jennie Fitz Patrick	Tracy O'Connor	Brad Stephens
Henry Garfield	Ann Pasmanick	Julie Stephens
Daniel Garfinkel	Phillip Pasmanick	Richard Tannen
David Garfinkel	Sterling Perry	Julia Tsuneishi
Griffith Gilbert	Amy Pertschuk	Julie Unger
Carol Goldreyer	Mark Pertschuk	Marguerite Ware
Lisa Goldreyer	Andrea Presley	Gregory Wellish
Michaela Gorr	Michele Presley	Pamela Wellish
Karen Green	Esther Rappaport	Robert Yergar
Kathy Green	Stanley Rappaport	Tammy Yergar
Paul Green	Marshall Reese	Andrew Zenick
Bruce Hanford	George Reiff	Jeffrey Zenick
Lawrence Henry	Jay Remenick	Melanie Zenick
Howard Heppe		Pamela Zenick
Richard Heppe		
Stephen Heppe		

Please read these descriptions of WES activities as an aid to you in marking your "WES Skills and Interests Quiz" form. Capitalized words may be used in referring to the different types of activities engaged in by some of the groups, and may be entered in the "Aspect" column of the accompanying "Quiz". The "Guide" is intended as only that -- it does not imply that these functions are fixed for all time! Functions may be shifted, or dropped altogether, or new ones added, in response to both the institutional needs of the WES and the personal needs of its members. But we hope you'll find one or more items now included that interest you!

SOCIETY OPERATION ACTIVITIES

BUILDING COUNCIL: Responsible for the USE, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, and IMPROVEMENT of the WES Buildings and for the maintenance and improvement of the GROUNDS. Involves everything from opening, setting up, and closing the building for events to arranging for major improvements.

FINANCE: This committee is responsible for the Society's financial PLANNING. In cooperation with the Treasurer, it develops detailed annual budgets. It recommends policy regarding FUND-RAISING, and is responsible for the annual Every-Member Canvass (which see). It also REPORTS to the membership on these matters.

EVERY-MEMBER CANVASS: Under the general direction of the Finance Committee, canvassers visit members yearly to discuss budget and pledges for the support of the Society, taking this opportunity also to elicit evaluation of and suggestions for WES activities. Canvassers then communicate these ideas to the appropriate committee or other unit of the Society.

LAW: The Law Committee handles for the WES relationships and problems involving local, state, or national law.

ART: This Committee selects paintings for exhibit in the WES reception area, and occasionally handles other artistic matters for the Society.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER: Helps in WES Administration Office with TYPING, STENOGRAPHY, COLLATING, FOLDING AND STUFFING, FILING, OPERATING OFFICE MACHINES, ETC. (If you operate office machines, please indicate which.) Various committees also need such help from time to time.

MUSIC: Plans both LIVE and RECORDED MUSIC for Sunday meetings and plans WOLFSOHN MEMORIAL CONCERTS; cooperates in planning music for other SPECIAL EVENTS. Its members may PERFORM, or INVOLVE OTHERS IN PERFORMING, for these occasions. (If you PLAY an instrument, please indicate which; also, whether you do SOLO WORK or play in an ENSEMBLE; if you SING, please state vocal range and whether SOLOIST or interested in SMALL-ENSEMBLE or CHORAL SINGING.) ALL performers, please indicate specialties in classical, popular, folk music, etc.

USHERS: Members of this subcommittee of the Hospitality Committee greet persons on Sunday mornings at the entrance to the meeting room, show them to their seats, and take the collection during the service. Subcommittee members may serve as circulating greeters during the coffee period following the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION: When called upon by members unable to arrange their own transportation, the person in charge attempts to arrange conveyance to Sunday morning meetings and other public W.E.S. functions. Appropriate bus information is provided. In some cases, it may be necessary to attempt to arrange automobile service either from a bus terminal or occasionally from a member's home.

TRIBUTE FUND: The person in charge receives on behalf of the Society funds given by members or friends of W.E.S. in honor or memory of persons, in celebration of happy events, etc. The funds are later allocated by the Board of Trustees to purchase goods or services having lasting value to the Society.

PROGRAM AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

PROGRAM: This committee obtains speakers for Sunday morning meetings, and plans the order of service. The committee works closely with the Society's Leader, who often handles arrangements with visiting Leaders.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Deals with public issues on local, state, national, and international levels. Takes stands on such issues, expressing its views through resolutions, letters to Congress, letters to newspapers, and similar activities. REPORTS on issues to W.E.S. membership, arranges SPECIAL MEETINGS to inform W.E.S. members and the public at large, and may hold PANEL DISCUSSIONS at membership meetings. Public Affairs Committee members may represent W.E.S. in meetings with other organizations having goals with which W.E.S. members are sympathetic, and participate with them in activities of mutual interest. (See also Community Service, Science and Human Affairs, and Council for Humanist and Ethical Concerns.)

COUNCIL FOR HUMANIST AND ETHICAL CONCERNS (CHEC): This "social concerns commission" was established jointly by the American Ethical Union and the American Humanist Association to give them a more effective voice to influence governmental policy in matters of public concern. Spokesmen represent AEU and AHA on national public issues at meetings, by oral or written statements to governmental bodies, and through liaison functions to government agencies. CHEC cooperates with other national civic and religious groups. It sends information on legislative and social action to public affairs chairmen of local Ethical Societies and Humanist groups. W.E.S. cooperates as a local member organization of the American Ethical Union. Volunteers are essential to CHEC's operation, to help with RUNNING THE OFFICE at 312 Pennsylvania Ave. S.E. (phone: 543-3930), NEWSLETTER, TELEPHONING, ATTENDING AND REPORTING ON MEETINGS, and related activities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: This subcommittee of the Public Affairs Committee handles volunteer work. A current project is TUTORING culturally

deprived junior high school students. Other possibilities are hospital volunteer work; work with Neighbors, Inc. or Junior Village; or any of a large variety of specific SHORT-TERM PROJECTS, including CLERICAL AND MAILING TASKS FOR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS having goals with which W.E.S. members are sympathetic.

SCIENCE AND HUMAN AFFAIRS: This group examines the role of SCIENCE IN HUMAN LIFE, addressing itself to the ethical and moral issues arising from the applications of science and technology.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

INSTITUTE FOR HUMANISTIC STUDIES: While not essentially a function of the lay membership, this W.E.S. adult-education program needs volunteer help with such matters as room set-up, coffee service, etc., from among the persons registering for a particular course.

SENSITIVITY TRAINING: This new group explores the concept and role of group dynamics in human relationships.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL: The Council establishes policies for the Sunday School, especially with respect to administration, curriculum, and program. It selects a Director for the Sunday School, its choice being subject to ratification by the Board of Trustees.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday School, which is headed by a paid director, needs TEACHERS, and SUBSTITUTE OR ROTATING TEACHERS for children and youth of various age levels. RESOURCE PERSONS are also needed for regular or occasional work in such areas as ARTS AND CRAFTS, MUSIC, DRAMATICS, and NATURAL SCIENCES.

PARENTS: This committee arranges PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS at which matters relating to the Sunday School are discussed, to provide better understanding of the program. It also assists the staff by providing ROOM-MOTHER FUNCTIONS for the Sunday School, such as serving juice and cookies, straightening classrooms and supplies, providing TRANSPORTATION FOR FIELD TRIPS, etc. The committee cooperates in the PLANNING and CONDUCT of SOCIAL FUNCTIONS INVOLVING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, such as the Winter and Spring Festivals.

LIBRARY: The Library Committee SUPERVISES the W.E.S. library, accessions books, and provides check-out services to members and friends.

MEMBER RELATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP: The Membership Committee is concerned with attracting members into the W.E.S. and with involving both new and established members in the Society's program in ways that are personally fulfilling to them. To that end, it maintains a "Skills and Interests" file about W.E.S. members. It cooperates with the Hospitality Committee on Sunday mornings by providing HOSTS to welcome persons entering the building, to introduce visitors to members, and to be available for providing information about the Society. The Membership Committee supplies INFORMATION SHEETS for recording inquiries about the Society, passing filled-out forms on to the appropriate persons. It PLANS and CONDUCTS SOCIALS OR MEETINGS FOR PROSPECTIVE OR NEW MEMBERS, and

arranges for PARTIES IN MEMBERS' HOMES. This committee also maintains a MEMBERSHIP-NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (see Telephone Chain) for use in emergencies. It is a function of this committee to maintain contact with ill or incapacitated members. The committee cooperates with the Board of Trustees in PLANNING and CONDUCTING all GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Brings the activities and accomplishments of W.E.S. to the attention of the community as a whole, through a variety of media. Specific activities include: PLANNING, PREPARING, and ARRANGING for all W.E.S. NEWS RELEASES, ADVERTISING, RADIO and TELEVISION PROGRAMS and SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS, and preparing special publications such as brochures, POSTERS, etc. May also form a speakers bureau.

NEWSLETTER: The W.E.S. Newsletter is issued monthly from September through June, and usually once during the summer. The work carried out by volunteers includes: NEWSGATHERING, WRITING, EDITING, MIMEOGRAPHING, COLLATING, and MAILING.

LITERATURE TABLE: The person in charge arranges the free literature rack and paid literature display tables, orders publications for sale, supplies general information about the publications available, and is responsible for collecting payments for the paid literature. This volunteer may also fold Sunday Programs (with inserts as necessary), maintain a Society photo album, and maintain a display of bulletins of other Ethical Societies.

BULLETIN BOARD: The person in charge posts and removes notices in accordance with established policies, and sees to it that the bulletin board is neat, attractive, up to date, and appropriately used at all times.

GUEST BOOK AND INFORMATION TABLES: Lending a human touch to the book in which visitors to W.E.S. sign, and handling other sign-up and information functions. Requires a friendly smile and a little knowledge of W.E.S.

TELEPHONE CHAIN: This function of the Membership Committee requires one or two individuals to initiate telephone calls when special situations or emergencies arise (e.g., cancellation of a Sunday morning meeting or postponement of a special event because of weather conditions.)

HISTORIAN: Keeps the historical records of the Society up to date and from time to time may prepare an article, booklet, etc. about the history of the Society.

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL: As a whole or through subcommittees, handles GENERAL PLANNING for W.E.S. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS and PLANS AND CARRIES OUT SPECIAL EVENTS such as the monthly W.E.S. COFFEE HOUSE (which see), monthly LUNCHEONS (which see), UNITED NATIONS DINNER, some aspects of the Winter and Spring Festivals, holiday and special-occasion PARTIES and RECEPTIONS, Society picnics, and in general is responsible for all official Society social functions except those sponsored by the Membership Committee or the Sunday School.

HOSPITALITY: This committee's function is to create a friendly atmosphere for Sunday morning meetings. It handles the COFFEE and TEA SERVICE (including PREPARATION and CLEANUP); arranges for GREETERS, USHERS, and OTHER HOSTS; and provides NAME TAGS. In addition, it arranges HOME HOSPITALITY and SOCIAL GATHERINGS for visiting Leaders and other official and quasi-official visitors from out of town who are here on Ethical or Humanist business.

LUNCHEONS: Under the sponsorship of the Social Committee or one of its subcommittees, these luncheons are usually held on the First Sunday of each month, following the "talk-back" session held in connection with Mr. Ericson's address of the day. Requires one or two people to COORDINATE, with helpers to PURCHASE FOOD, SELL TICKETS, SET TABLES, and CLEAN UP afterward. Two paid workers carry the brunt of the load, but volunteers to help are essential.

COFFEE HOUSE: Under the general direction of the Social Committee, the Odd Friday Coffee House is a once-a-month social evening, held on the first Friday of each month. Volunteers SET UP FURNITURE, COLLECT DONATIONS at the door, keep the REFRESHMENT TABLE supplied, COORDINATE any planned ENTERTAINMENT, and CLEAN UP afterward.

SENIOR MEMBERS: This group plans and conducts social and educational functions for the older segment of W.E.S. members and friends.

SINGLETONS CLUB: A suggested social group for single persons} similar to the existing groups for Young Adults and Senior Members.

YOUNG ADULTS: This is a social group of W.E.S. members and friends in the age group 20 through 39.

YOUTH: For teens in junior and senior high school. An adult advisor is needed to help organize and to assist in planning the social and educational functions of the unit. This group may also participate in programs organized by the National Ethical Youth Organization (NEYO).

MUSIC: For information on concerts sponsored by the W.E.S., please refer to page 36.

POETRY READING: This newly formed group gathers to read poetry aloud, and invites your participation.

SPECIAL GROUPS: Discussion groups on current problems, philosophy, etc., book clubs, nature walks...dramatics, art history or art appreciation...play-reading...choral work...women's groups...daytime activities...you name it. If you are interested in "doing your thing" under W.E.S. sponsorship and would like to form or join such a group, please indicate your special hobby on the "Quiz" form.

Newsletter Editors
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Assistants in Production

Appendix III

* Roslyn Addison (January 3, 1968-)

Lanng Beran

Lucille Costa

Lillian Dinowitz

Daniel Garfinkel

David Garfinkel

Marcia Garfinkel

Milton Garfinkel

Marilyn Hanford

Rebe Hantman

Fred Jackson

* Rhea Kahn (1965-October 1966)

Evelyn Katz

Jim Kaur (friend of Society)

Irene Lazarus

Petronel Lukens

* Alice MacIntyre (1962-1965)

* Louis Munan (September 1967-January 3, 1968)

* Frances Richardson (November 1966-May 1967)

Eve Ross

Bill Welhaf (friend of Society)

* Young Adults Group (summer of 1967)

* Editors

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Finance	E. Phillip Sayre
Every Family Canvas	Elliot & Ruth Gruenberg
Public Affairs	Michael Pertschuk
Platform Program	Herbert Blinder
Public Relations	Petronel Lukens
Literature Table	Howard Rohr
Membership	Milton Chase
AEU Representative	L. D. MacIntyre
Law	Michael Pertschuk
Historian	L. D. MacIntyre
Tribute Fund	Alice MacIntyre
Music	Jeanne Tourin
Recorded Music	Donald Mintz

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Roslyn Addison, Financial Secretary

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Building Council	Charles Dean
Building Equipment	Carol Purcell
Finance	L. D. MacIntyre
Every Family Canvas	William Lurie
Public Affairs	Michael Pertschuk
Platform Program	Herbert Blinder
Public Relations	Petronel Lukens
Literature Table	Fred Jackson
Membership	Norman Shelton (1/66-5/66)
	Charlotte Chase (5/66-)
AEU Representative	L. D. MacIntyre
Dedication Coordinator	Olya Margolin
Hospitality	Charlotte Chase
Law	Ruth Weyand Perry
Historian	L. D. MacIntyre
Tribute Fund	Alice MacIntyre
Parents'	Terry O'Connor
Senior Citizens	Benjamin Margolin
WEYO	Elma Denham
By-Law Revision	Walter Morse
Music	Jeanne Tourin
Recorded Music	Donald Mintz

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	Jack Tourin (* without vote)

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Building Development	Jack Tourin
Building Council	Charles Dean
Finance	L. D. MacIntyre
Every Family Canvas	Simon Rothberg
Public Affairs	Michael Pertschuk (to 4/1/67)
	Ephraim Salins (from 4/1/67)
Platform Program	Herbert Blinder
Public Relations	John Waring; Petronel Lukens
Literature Table	Fred Jackson
Membership & Hospitality	Charlotte Chase
AEU Representative	L. D. MacIntyre (to 10/5/66)
	Jack Tourin (from 10/5/66 --)
Law	Ruth Weyand Perry
Historian	L. D. MacIntyre
Tribute Fund	Alice MacIntyre
Parents	Marilyn Hanford
Senior Citizens	Johanna Graf
Social Program	Carol Purcell
Library	Janet Brooks
Ushers	William Woodson
Music	Jeanne Tourin
Recorded Music	Donald Mintz

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President:	Simon Rothberg *
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Recording Secretary	William Woodson *

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Charlotte Chase	Donald Mintz *
Charles Dean	Louis Munan
Eileen Ochis Franch	Michael Pertschuk
Paul Goland	Carol Purcell
	Ephraim Salins

Edward L. Ericson, Leader, ex officio *
Roslyn Addison, Financial Secretary

Council and Committee Chairmen

Children's Sunday Assembly Council	Marilyn Hanford
Building Development	Jack Tourin (* without vote)
Building Council	Charles Dean (to 12/31/67)
	Paul Goland (acting from 12/31/67)
Finance	L. D. MacIntyre
Every Family Canvas	Milton Chase
Public Affairs	Ephraim Salins (4/1/67-6/1/68)
	Henry Gassner (6/1/68--)
Platform Program	Herbert Blinder
Public Relations	Lanng Beran, Petronel Lukens, Frances Pasmanick, John Waring
Literature Table	Sam Meltzer
Membership & Hospitality	Charlotte Chase
AEU Representative	Jack Tourin
Law	Michael Pertschuk
Historian	L. D. MacIntyre
Tribute Fund	Alice MacIntyre
Parents	Eleanor Hepe
Senior Citizens	Johanna Graf
Social Program	Carol Purcell
Library	Janet Brooks
Bulletin Board	Mary-Ellen Sayre
Music	Jeanne Tourin
Art and Recorded Music	Donald Mintz
Science and Human Affairs	Robert Stiehler
Ushers	William Woodson
WEYO	Lucile Costa; William Shannon
Young Adults	Eileen Franch

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Charlotte Chase	Donald Mintz
Eileen O. Franch	Ruth Weyand Perry
Henry Gassner	Michael Pertschuk
Paul Goland	Carol Purcell

Edward L. Ericson, Leader, ex officio *

Council and Committee Chairmen

Children's Sunday Assembly Council	Marilyn Hanford
Building Council	Francis Beck (8/1/68--)
Finance	Milton Chase
Every Family Canvas	Eleanor Heppe
Public Affairs	Henry Gassner
Platform Program	Herbert Blinder
Public Relations	L. D. MacIntyre (7/1-12/31/68)
	Robert Seaton (1/1/69--)
Literature Table	Sam Meltzer
Membership	Charlotte Chase
Hospitality	James Mrazek
AEU Representative	Jack Tourin
Law	Lewis Bernstein
Historian	L. D. MacIntyre
Tribute Fund	Alice MacIntyre
Parents	Joyce Hyman
Senior Citizens	Charles Dean
Social Program	Harriet Hirsch (9/1/68-3/5/69)
	Franklin Ramirez (3/5/69--)
Library	Janet Brooks
Bulletin Board	Mary-Ellen Sayre
Music	Jeanne Tourin
Art and Recorded Music	Donald Mintz
Community Service	Isaac Hantman
Science and Human Affairs	Robert Stiehler
Ushers	Barry Hyman
Young Adults	Eileen Franch

Institute for Humanistic Studies

Appendix V

- Fall 1964 Curtis E. Tuthill:
Self-Realization and the Healthy Personality
- June 1965 E. L. Ericson: Summerhill Program
- Fall-Winter
1965-1966 L. D. MacIntyre, coordinator
Forces of Change based on materials from the Center for
the Study of Democratic Institutions
- May-June
1966 E. L. Ericson:
Persuasion and Healing: A Study in Psycho-Therapy
and Religious Suggestion
- Summer 1966 Mrs. Savitri Ahuja: Introductory Course in Indian Dance
- Summer 1966 Donald Mintz:
Reconstruction in Human Values: Some Recent Efforts in
Ethical Thinking
- Fall 1966 Francis Beck, coordinator: Forces of Change
- Fall 1966 E. L. Ericson:
Insight and Responsibility: The Ethical Implications of
Psychoanalytic Insight for Personal and Social Living
- Winter 1967 Francis Beck, coordinator: Forces of Change
- January 1967 Wallace Culver:
Social Philosophy of Modern Man: A Liberal Humanist
Assessment
- Spring 1967 E. L. Ericson: Problems of Ethical Humanist Philosophy
- Spring 1967 E. L. Ericson: Comparative Religion: Six Faiths of
India and the Far East
- February 1967 Wallace Culver:
Society in Man: What it means to be Human
- Fall 1967 Curtis E. Tuthill:
From Confucius to Mao: Social Psychology and Ethics
in Chinese Culture
- January 1968 E. L. Ericson: A Philosophical Survey of Ethical Culture
- Spring 1968 Will Inman:
Creating the Self and Designing One's Life

- Spring 1968 E. L. Ericson:
Alternatives to Violence: The Theory and Practice of
Nonviolence in Resolving Domestic and International
Conflict
- Fall 1968 E. L. Ericson:
Power, Politics and People in American Life:
Toward a Social Ethics of Citizenship Responsibility
- January-
February
1969 E. L. Ericson:
Conserving our Human Future: Steps Toward Humanizing
Technology
- May 1969 Francis Beck, coordinator
Encounter Group (Sensitivity Training)

Income and Expenditure for
1968-1969 and 1969-1970

Appendix VI

<u>Income</u>	Approved <u>11/15/68</u>	Revised for '68-69	Tentative for '69-70
1. Amounts pledged	\$30,300	\$26,750	\$30,900
2. Sunday meeting contributions	2,600	2,200	2,500
3. Non-member contributions	3,000	3,000	3,000
4. Interest income	150	150	100
5. Inst. for Humanistic Studies (inc.)	1,300	1,300	1,300
6. Space contributions	6,500	6,500	6,500
7. Literature sales	300	250	250
8. Sunday School income	300	200	200
9. Miscellaneous income	700	1,500	1,150
Total Income	<u>\$45,150</u>	<u>\$41,850</u>	<u>\$46,050</u>
 <u>Expenses</u>			
10. Leadership	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,200
11. Mortgage amort. and interest	5,715	5,715	5,265
12. Building operations	7,400	6,700	6,600
13. Building improvements	700	350	700
14. AEU Allocation	3,640	3,640	4,490
15. Sunday School operations	3,420	3,050	3,550
16. Administrative services	4,540	4,540	4,540
17. Public Relations	900	900	1,400
18. Office expense	1,200	1,300	1,400
19. Telephone	675	825	740
20. Sunday program operations	550	450	450
21. Administrative travel	400	500	400
22. Inst. for Humanistic Studies (exp.)	700	700	700
23. Public Affairs	150	75	100
24. Library and literature	200	100	100
25. Hospitality	250	200	200
26. Social activities	100	100	100
27. Membership	75	75	75
28. AEU Assembly	100	100	100
29. Insurance	60	150	615
30. Sunday School Parents	50	50	50
31. Miscellaneous	100	100	100
32. Allowance for uncoll. pledges	1,000	1,000	1,000
33. Young Adult Group	25	25	25
Total Expense	<u>\$45,150</u>	<u>\$43,845</u>	<u>\$46,050</u>
Expense over Income (deficit)		\$ 1,995	

Presented at Membership Meeting, 23 May 1969
by Albert Hirsch, Treasurer, W.E.S.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1968

Appendix VII

"At times to be uncertain in one's judgment is anything but a fault. Only he who at times feels uncertain in his judgment desires counsel, desires to go on learning..."

- Hans Margolius

Before-the-Meeting Concert

Symphony No. 83 in G minorHaydn
New York Philharmonic, Leonard Bernstein, conductor

ORDER OF SERVICE

Ephraim Salins, presiding

PRELUDE: Dances from Terpsichore.....Michael Praetorius
New York Pro Musica, Noah Greenberg, conductor

OPENING WORDS: 11:00 a.m.

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MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Intermezzo, Op. 16, No. 6.....Brahms
Jeanne Tourin, piano

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POSTLUDE: Dances from Terpsichore.....Praetorius
New York Pro Musica, Noah Greenberg, conductor

*Latecomers are seated at times starred. As this is a religious service, no applause please.

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Appendix VII

We ask your cooperation in maintaining quiet in the Meeting Hall during the music before the service.

FORTHCOMING ADDRESSES:

10/27 Arthur Dobrin, "Youth's New Morality."
11/3 Edward L. Ericson, "Goodbye, Necrophilia! Welcome,
Biophile, Baby!"

Our speaker this morning, Dr. Culver, is Professor of Sociology at Montgomery Junior College. Mr. Ericson is attending meetings of the American Humanist Association in San Francisco. Copies of Mr. Ericson's address, "Nonbelievers Have Consciences Too--The Story of a Humanist-Ethical Concern," are available at 15¢ each at the literature table.

The hosts for this morning are Mr. & Mrs. Ephraim Salins, assisted by others wearing lapel flowers. These persons especially will be glad to answer any questions about the Society. Visitors are invited to return to the Assembly Hall during the coffee hour where there will be members to greet them and discuss Society activities.

U.N. DINNER -- Friday evening, October 25, 7:30 p.m. Call Helen Meier, 292-1219, or Harriet Hirsch, 365-2510, to make your reservation and to register your contribution. (Main dish casserole or dessert to feed 12 adults for every 2 people coming. Main dishes are needed!)

Visitors are invited to sign the Guest Book and to fill in an Information Sheet for more information about the Society. We shall be pleased to add your name to our Newsletter mailing list which will tell you of Sunday speakers and other activities of the Society.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

page 32, paragraph 3, line 1: after "CHEC" insert:

with the representatives of SANE, United World Federalists, Council for a Livable World, Federation of American Scientists, Friends Committee on National Legislation and others

page 34 under Sunday School Teachers * correct Joel to Joell

NOTE: Mr. Edward L. Ericson completed 12 years with the Washington Ethical Society upon accepting an invitation to become a member of the Board of Leaders of the New York Society for Ethical Culture (2 West 64th Street, New York City, N. Y. 10023) beginning August 1, 1971.



