

Awards Luncheon

AFSA's Eighth Annual Awards Luncheon on December 12 in the Benjamin Franklin Room drew 150 members and guests to honor the recipients of the Herter, Rivkin and Harriman awards.

AFSA President John D. Hemenway opened the presentation ceremonies welcoming the contributors of the awards, members, guests and recipients and introducing those at the head table. He read a statement from Governor Harriman whose recent illness prevented him from being the speaker. Governor Harriman wrote, in part, "I am grateful to the Foreign Service Association for its efficient and careful handling of this award over the years. I established it hoping that it would not only stimulate courageous, unorthodox thinking among our Junior Foreign Service officers but also jar the Department into the recognition of originality as a virtue rather than something to be feared." Mr. Hemenway also announced that AFSA's scholarship fund had been enriched by over a thousand dollars in royalties from sales of William B. Macomber's book, "The Angel's Game," published last summer.

The president then introduced Under Secretary Joseph J. Sisco who was Governor Harriman's choice to replace him as the speaker. Mr. Sisco remarked on his pleasure as a "deputy archangel" and on the distinguished list of speakers who had preceded him "at this annual rite where the Association reaffirms its admiration for the dedication and courage" of the award recipients. He expressed his deep regard for Governor Harriman, "dedicated to the public service in every sense of the word . . . he brought out the best in all of us, an independent soul, an independent spirit, a man who was always willing to express himself courageously." Mr. Sisco went on to say that the awards were especially timely at this moment when we face a crisis in government with "efforts being made which could destroy the intelligence services of this country. Anyone dedicated to the public service must ask himself what he can contribute." He called attention to the changing standards and ground rules and said "we are in great danger . . . of reflecting an uncertain image in the world. This

country has to pull itself together with more effective cooperation between the Executive and Congress . . . be no longer a house divided." Asking what this means for the Foreign Service, what kind of people should we be looking for, he said "people who can develop into political executives in the broadest sense . . . young men and young women thinking about broader concepts."

Christian A. Herter, Jr., presented the award which he and his mother established in honor of the late Secretary of State to Francis J. McNeil. Mr. McNeil received the award for a major contribution to a policy change on the issue of Cuban sanctions. He spoke briefly in response to the award calling attention to the change in climate since the days of the China hands and remarking that this spoke well of the Service's tolerance of dissent.

Mrs. John S. Long, widow of

Donald Rivkin, Joseph J. Sisco and Mrs. John S. Long before the Awards luncheon.



The 1975 Awards winners, from l. to r., Gilbert D. Kulick (Harriman), Lionel Rosenblatt (Rivkin), Francis J. McNeil (Herter), and L. Craig Johnstone (co-winner, Rivkin).



Ambassador Rivkin, presented the Rivkin Award which is funded by members of the late ambassador's family, to L. Craig Johnstone and Lionel Rosenblatt, who risked both their personal safety and their careers to help the evacuation of some 200 non-VIP Vietnamese. Messrs. Johnstone and Rosenblatt stated that they accepted the award as a symbolic action which also honored others who had been similarly involved.

The Harriman Award was presented by Ambassador Franklin Williams to Gilbert D. Kulick who was cited for drafting a position paper and for operating through the dissent channel with the result that many of his points were adopted in a final modified set of instructions, classified by his Staff Director as "dissent at its best."

Nominations for the 1976 awards are now open and the specifications for these nominations will appear in the February issue.