

plained and dismissed the common reasons given by institutions for their discrimination against women.

"For years there has been a shortage of college teachers, yet there has been little serious effort to recruit women for college faculties. The excuse often given that there is a shortage of qualified women is ridiculous. For example, at Columbia University women receive about 25 percent of its doctoral degrees, but comprise only 2 percent of the tenured faculty in its graduate schools. Furthermore, contrary to academic mythology, a higher percentage of women with doctorates go into college teaching than do men with doctorates. The argument that women are lost to the academic world when they marry is also a myth, since over 90 percent of the women with doctorates are in the labor force. Women comprise 40 percent of the faculties in teachers' colleges, and about the same in junior colleges. But in the prestigious private and state universities the percentage of women is much less."

Outlook Unclear

Despite the pressure from WEAL, NOW, and Congress, and the encouraging letter from Finch, it is unclear exactly how much support this Administration will give to the cause of women's equality.

On 1 October 1969, the President established a task force on women's rights and responsibilities. The task force, chaired by Miss Virginia R. Allan, executive vice president of Cahalan Drug Stores, Inc., finished its report and submitted it to the White House last December. It calls for a number of changes in laws and enforcement procedures—including passage of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, which would give women full legal equality—and it asks the President to send a women's rights message to Congress. The report still has not been released, although portions of it appeared in the *Detroit Free Press*, the *Miami Herald*, and the *Washington Post*; it is apparently considered so "strong" the White House is reluctant to release it.

The report equates the struggle for equality for women with the battle by blacks for social justice. If this view spreads as quickly as the women's groups hope it will, the universities and colleges may soon have reason to recall Shakespeare's "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned."

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APPOINTMENTS



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Jenijoy LaBelle, assistant professor of English literature, is the first woman professor on the California Institute of Technology faculty. . . . **Bruce S. Old**, senior vice president, Arthur D. Little, Inc., to first foreign secretary, National Academy of Engineering, and deputy foreign secretary for engineering affairs, National Academy of Sciences. . . . **Harold M. Fullmer**, chief, experimental pathology branch and histochemistry section, National Institute of Dental Research, to director, Institute of Dental Research, University of Alabama. . . . **Roy Curtiss, III**, biology division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, to associate director, University of Tennessee—Oak Ridge Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Oak Ridge. . . . **Martin Meyerson**, president, State University of New York, Buffalo, to president, University of Pennsylvania. . . . **Lauren A. Woods**, head, pharmacology department, University of Iowa, to vice president for health sciences, Virginia Commonwealth University. . . . **Seymour S. West**, acting chairman, engineering department, University of Alabama, Birmingham, appointed chairman of the department. . . . **Baruj Benacerraf**, chief, laboratory of immunology, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH, to head, pathology department, Harvard Medical School. . . . **James R. Balsley**, professor of geology, Wesleyan University, to assistant director for research, U.S. Geological Survey. . . . **Donald P. Hearth**, director of planetary programs, Office of Science and Applications, NASA headquarters, to deputy director, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md. . . . **Edward C. Andrews**, dean of health sciences and medicine, University of Vermont, to president of the university. . . . **Clifford Geertz**, professor of social anthropology, University of Chicago, to professor in the new school of social sciences, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J.

RECENT DEATHS

George A. Anderson, 84; former director, Chas. Pfizer & Company, Inc.; 7 March.

Richard Ashman, 79; professor emeritus of physiology, Louisiana State University Medical Center; 28 February.

Louis Berger, 76; former clinical professor of surgery, New York University Downstate Medical Center; 27 March.

Armour J. Blackburn, 66; retired dean of students, Howard University; 28 March.

Karl A. Bosworth, 61; director, Institute for Urban Research, University of Connecticut, and professor of political science; 16 March.

James G. Clapp, 60; professor of philosophy, Hunter College; 27 March.

Chris T. Elvey, 70; director emeritus of the Alaskan Geophysical Institute; 25 March.

Arthur T. Erwin, 96; Iowa State University emeritus professor of horticulture; 2 March.

Bernard J. Katchman, 52; professor of chemistry, University of Dayton; 14 March.

Bernard T. Kelly, 57; associate professor of physics, Manhattan College; 28 March.

Julius A. Krug, 62; former Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior; 26 March.

Charles D. Moodie, 54; head, agronomy department, Washington State University; 12 March.

Harry E. Moran, Jr., 56; chemist, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C.; 26 February.

William E. Moran, Jr., 54; president, Population Reference Bureau, Inc.; 8 March.

Charles Packard, 85; former director, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass.; 8 March.

Edward J. Pulaski, 59; former director of basic research, Walter Reed Institute of Research, Washington, D.C.; 4 March.

Nicholas S. Timasheff, 83; sociologist and former Fordham University professor; 9 March.

Eugene F. Van Epps, 58; president, American Board of Radiology and professor of radiology, University of New Mexico School of Medicine; 11 March.

Wilson D. Wallis, 84; professor emeritus of anthropology, University of Minnesota; 15 March.

Wilmot H. Webb, 38; aeronautical engineer, Thompson Ramo Wooldridge Inc., Los Angeles; 15 March.