

# Eisenhowers Entertain To Launch GI-Pal Week

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WASHINGTON.—President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower set an early example for the observance of USO-Pal Week in Washington, Nov. 12-13, by entertaining a dozen servicemen and servicewomen at a luncheon in the White House on Nov. 10.

Present were representatives from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force.

Presidential guests from the Army were: M/Sgt. J. T. Gurganus, Third Infantry Regiment, Ft. Myer; 1st Sgt. Edna M. Steinbach, Post Operation Sergeant, Ft. Myer; PFC Richard C. Myer, and Pvt. Earl L. Sasser, both from the Leaders' Course at Ft. Belvoir.

Naval lunchers at the White House were Chief Petty Officer James C. Turner, Yeoman 1/C Joan Gloria Hackie, and Yeoman 3/C George L. Bulson, all from the Bureau of Naval Personnel, here.

Chosen to represent the Marine Corps at the luncheon were Corp. Richard P. Doyle, of the Marine Barracks in Washington, and Corp. Lillian L. Peneku, of Henderson Hall, D. C.

M/Sgt. Jay K. Rightnour, S/Sgt. Sarah C. White, and A/2C Jack S. Wilson, all from Headquarters Command USAF, Bolling AFB, represented the Air Force.

Other guests present for the luncheon were Harvey Firestone, Jr., Chairman of the Board of USO, Emil Schram, President of

USO, and screen stars Walter Pidgeon, George Murphy and Keenan Wynn.

The menu consisted of roast beef, potatoes au gratin, broccoli, pickled watermelon rind, one of Mrs. Eisenhower's favorite salads with roquefort cheese, snow pudding with custard sauce, and petit-fours.

The President's guests reported that he was warmly affable and that Mrs. Eisenhower displayed her famous charm as a hostess.

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WHILE USO-PAL DAY was observed on a national scale only on Nov. 12, the observance was marked from Nov. 12 through Nov. 13 in Washington.

In the Nation's capital, many social affairs for service people were arranged by high governmental, military and diplomatic figures as well as by the foreign embassies and church, social and civic groups. An early host was Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, who entertained a large group of enlisted military personnel, including numerous wounded Korean veterans, at a buffet in his office in the Pentagon.

USO officials in Washington said the purpose of the USO-Pal Week was to strengthen the bonds of friendship and common purpose existing between the American people and their Armed Forces.

The theme of this year's second annual observance of the USO-Pal Day was "The Breaking of Bread".