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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to appoint thirty three persons as members of the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, 1975. The President is also designating Jill Ruckelshaus to chair the Commission. The members are:

Jill Ruckelshaus, of Rockville, Maryland, Director, Organizational Relations, National Center for Voluntary Action, Washington, D. C.

Ethel Allen, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Physician, Surgeon and Philadelphia City Councilwoman.

Anne L. Armstrong, of Armstrong, Texas, former Counsellor to the President.

Margaret Long Arnold, of Saugerties on Hudson, New York, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director, National Retired Teachers Association, Washington, D. C.

Elizabeth Athanasakos, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Attorney.

Barbara R. Bergmann, of Bethesda, Maryland, Professor of Economics, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

Patricia T. Carbine, of New York City, New York, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief, Ms. Magazine.

Weston Christopherson, of Lake Forest, Illinois, President, Jewel Companies, Chicago, Illinois.

Mary Stallings Coleman of Battle Creek, Michigan, Justice, Michigan Supreme Court, Lansing, Michigan.

Helen K. Copley, of La Jolla, California, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Copley Newspapers.

Audrey Rowe Colom, of Washington, D. C., Coordinator of the D. C. Child Advocacy Office, Children's Defense Fund.

Richard Cernuelle, of New York City, New York, Author.

Winfield Dunn, of Nashville, Tennessee, Consultant, Business and Government, former Governor of Tennessee.

Catherine Claire Eike, of Lawrence, Kansas, Assistant to the Dean of Women, the University of Kansas.

Paula Gibson, of Four Lakes, Washington, Student, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington.

Gilda Bojorquez Gjurich, of Montebello, California, President and Senior Partner, Los Amigos Construction Company, Santa Fe Springs, California.

Ella T. Grasso, of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, Governor of Connecticut, Hartford, Connecticut.

Hanna Holborn Gray, of New Haven, Connecticut, Provost, Yale University.

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Martha Griffiths, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, Attorney, former Congresswoman.

Lenore Hershey, of New York City, New York, Editor-in-Chief of the Ladies Home Journal.

Velma Murphy Hill, of New York City, New York, Assistant to the President, United Federation of Teachers.

Patricia Hutar, of Glenview, Illinois, U. S. Representative to the U. N. Commission on the Status of Women.

Rita Z. Johnston, of Bethesda, Maryland, U. S. Delegate and Vice Chairman of the Inter-American Commission of Women, Organization of American States.

Ellen L. Kirby, of Petersburg, West Virginia, Public Health Nurse for Grant County, West Virginia.

Dorothy Vale Kissinger, of Mesa, Arizona, Co-owner and Manager, Sahuaro Lake Guest Ranch.

Clare Boothe Luce, of Honolulu, Hawaii.

William Crawford Mercer of Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, President, New England Telephone and Telegraph, Boston, Massachusetts.

Ersa H. Poston, of Loudonville, New York, President, New York State Civil Service Commission, Albany, New York.

Joel Read, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, President, Alverne College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Betty Smith, of Eugene, Oregon, Member, National Board of Directors, YMCA.

Barbara Walters, of New York City, New York, Co-host of the Today Show.

Annie Dodge Wauneka, of Ganado, Arizona, Member of the Navajo Tribal Council, Window Rock, Arizona.

Gerridee Wheeler, of Bismarck, North Dakota, President, National Association of Mental Health.

The Commission shall consist of not more than 35 members to be appointed by the President from among citizens in private life. The President shall designate the presiding officer, who may designate from among the members of the Commission as many vice presiding officers as necessary.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may designate two Members of each House to serve on the Commission.

The Commission shall promote the national observance in the United States of International Women's Year. To this end, it will focus attention on the need to encourage appropriate and relevant cooperative activity in the field of women's rights and responsibilities.

The Commission shall conclude its work by the end of the year 1975 and make a report to the President within thirty days thereafter. The Commission shall then be terminated.

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