

BEATRICE BISHOP BERLE

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Washington Years	1938-1944
Adolf Augustus Berle Jr. is member of FDR's Brain Trust (1932)	
Becomes Assistant Secretary of State	
Family moved to Washington, into Woodley, Henry Stimson's home	
Cordell Hull entertained the "fancy people", Berles the "others"	
Hull, croquet enthusiast, played daily at the Berles', children required to be quiet	
Daughter Beatrice is stung by yellow jackets during a game	
Hull's croquet skills, other players – Stanley Hornbeck, Jimmy Dunn	
Balances children, household, entertaining, and medical research internship	
While at Public Health Service, establishes a health service for USG employees	
Is commissioned a Major in the Coast Guard during World War II	
Entitled to "C" gas ration card: chauffeurs three children to Potomac School and AABerle to State, before reaching her office	
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	1945
AAB disillusioned with government service, hesitant to become Ambassador to Brazil	
Family urges, convinces him to accept	
BBB bought hotel silver service, linens for family and numerous domestics, extra daily china; was not reimbursed	
Dining room could seat sixty	
Volunteer work at Santa Casa, Rio city hospital	
Administered first penicillin in Brazil	
Portuguese lessons for family were at Berle expense	
Opinion of "Regular vs. Non-career attitude toward host country	
AEP Jefferson Caffery, an able diplomat but "not of the people"	
Founds Volunarias, volunteers who met weekly at Embassy Residence to sew for favela Children	
Society women flocked to assist; Voluntaries became "a social thing"	
Sewing machines, donated by Singer, were set up in Embassy ball room	
Celebration for General Mark Clark and the Brazilian Expeditionary Forces	
"Book of Preventative Medicine" which had Brazilian publisher; how to build privies, discussion of tropical diseases	
Washington, DC	
Disapproval of Mrs. Hull's gossiping about Sumner Welles scandal during BBB's annual protocol call	
Beatrice, age 12, arranges seating for representative dinners by calling Chief of Protocol	
Intimate family dinners with Henry Wallace and Harlan Stone	
Attributes her ability to balance medical career and State entertaining to availability of good help	

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

1945-1946

Sets up Saturday clinic in Residence pantry for families of Embassy staff

Washington, DC

Saga of Alice finding Laddie, a stray

Beatrice, at 11, wears the Hope diamond

Mrs. Delano Robbins and her purple hair

Marie Beale, Evalyn Walsh McLean, Virginia Bacon as noted Washington hostesses

Mrs. Beale and Mrs. Shipley (Passport Office)

Lack of funds for spouse training

Eleanor Roosevelt's lack of formal education