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Spouse in the FS

1972 Directive

Organized Wives' Advisory Council in Kabul

Spouses elected from each section at Embassy

Embassy spouses had more outlets in Rabat

Cautioned not to organize them as she had spouses in Kabul

Found spouse of AEP to be good communications point at Embassy

Embassy spouses wanted "something to do"

Began "Know Your Embassy" based on League of Women Voters "Know Your City"

Explored possibilities of setting up international League program

Embassy wives felt they could not pay \$36.00 fee required to join

Dropped Wives' Advisory Council in Kabul when it became a "prestige matter"

Many volunteer activities available to Embassy women in Kabul

Extra marital activities prevalent

Because of servant network, nothing was secret

Host country nationals re U.S. wives' participation in charity affairs

Continued volunteer activities as always after 1972 directive; asked wives to cooperate

Ambassador Neumann had Country Team for Wives

Wife sits by cabinet minister at dinner and should know about U.S. relations with host country

Spouse of AEP should be paid as reporter to gather information at receptions, etc.

Afghan women

Afghan game with beheaded calf

Change in Afghan women's dress throughout the years

American spouse organized dormitories for Afghan women students at U of Kabul

First demonstration of Afghan women

MN's hairdresser

Statistics

Dorothy Stansbury

Working wives in Rabat

Embassy women in Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia

1981

Request for Robert Neumann's removal as AEP

Organize without offending Saudi culture

Attempt to refurbish visa waiting area

Contacts among Saudi women

Women forbidden to drive

"Mrs. Neumann"

Arrived at post not wearing hat and gloves
Meeting other wives

1972 Directive

Events leading to
“Non-person”
No one could predict reaction
Women did not realize immediately the impact

Parties and Culture

Moroccan women at parties
Saudi women at parties
“The fun of being in another culture is making it work for you”
Serving American vs. serving local foods at parties