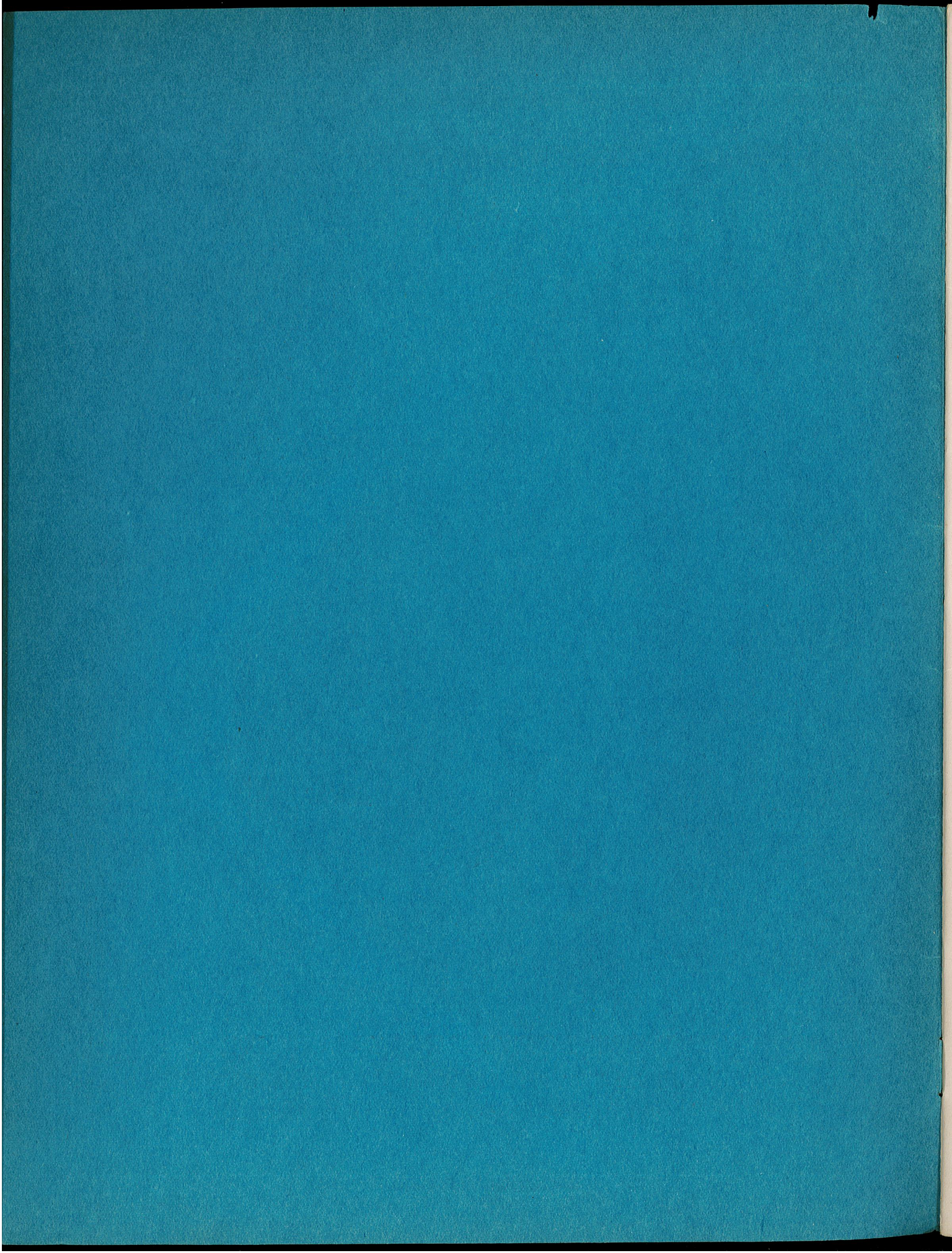


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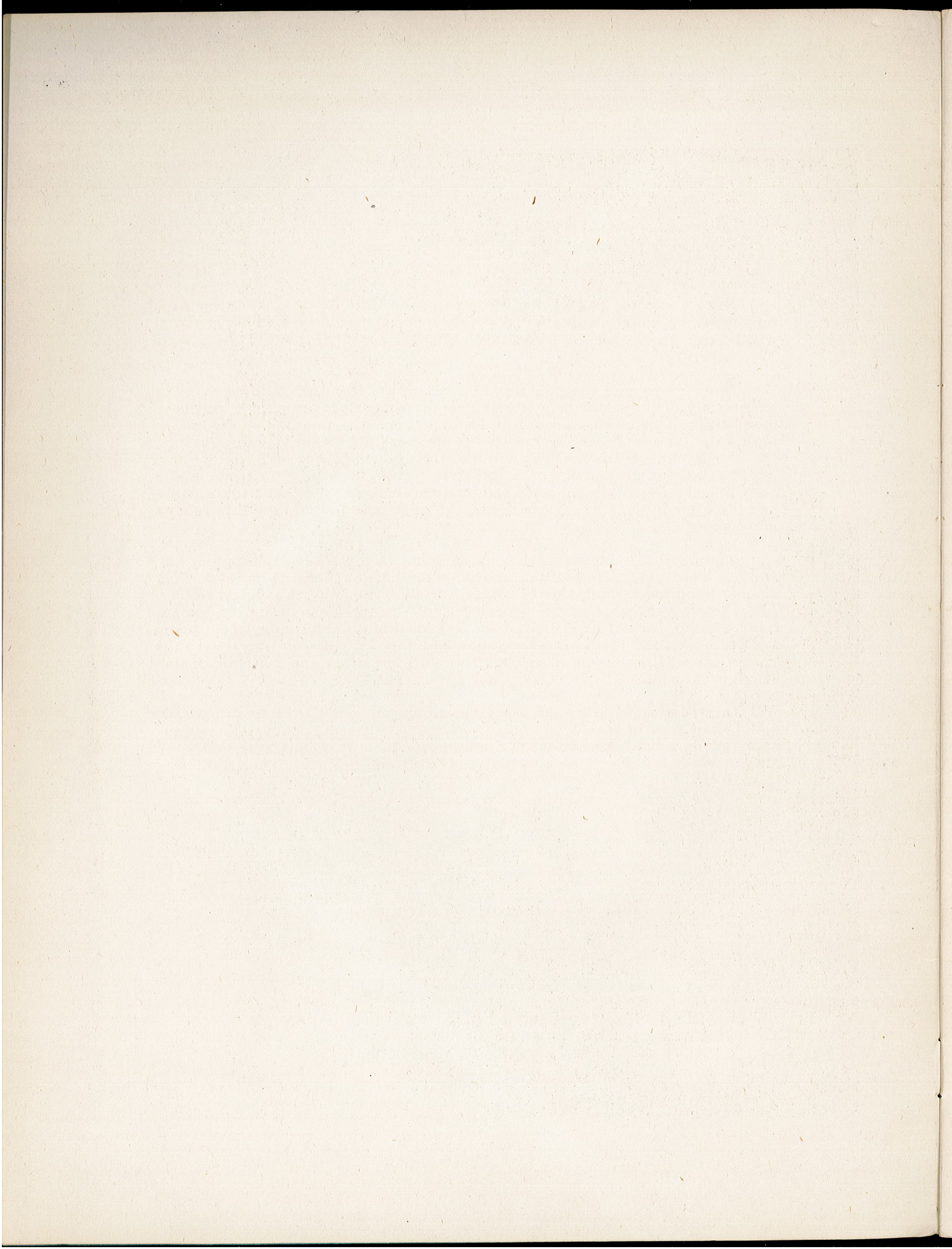
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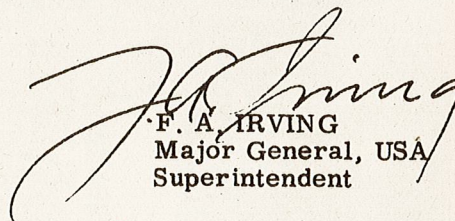
## FOREWORD

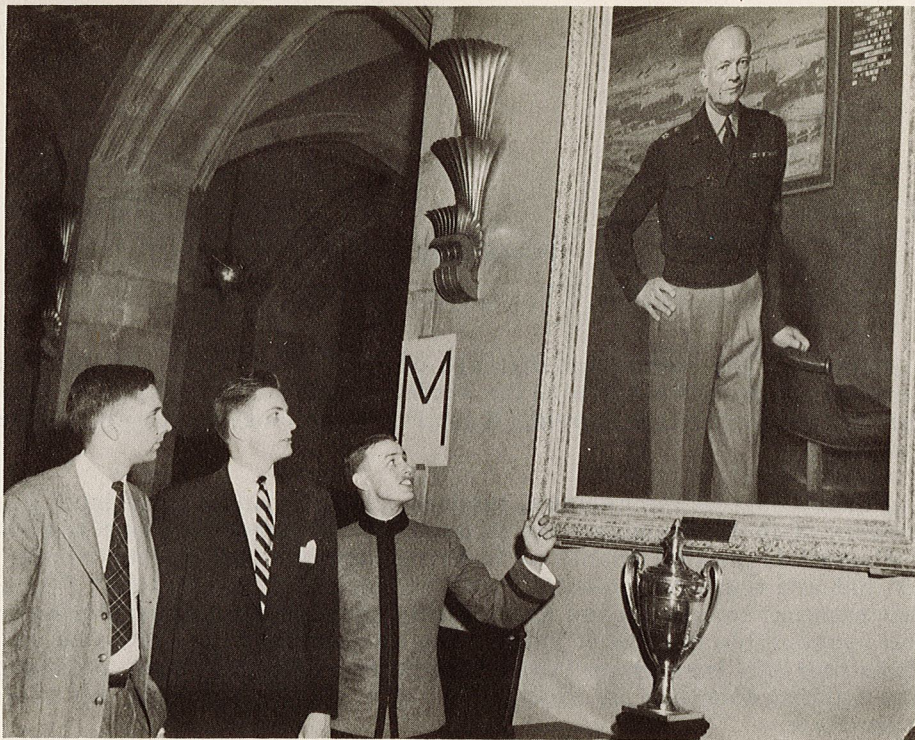
Once ~~again~~ <sup>are especially</sup> the cadets and officers of the United States Military Academy extend a hearty welcome to the students and faculty members who will be our guests for the Seventh West Point National Invitational Debate Tournament. <sup>happy to</sup>

In every part <sup>throughout</sup> of the country, leaders in the forensic field have given generously of their valuable time to perform the necessary pre-tournament district tasks that enable us to bring together outstanding debate teams that are truly representative of the nation's finest talent. During the tournament, team coaches and visiting speech professors will be carrying the responsible burden of judging the one hundred and fifty-one encounters that will take place in the next three days. To these individuals and the student debaters we express our gratitude for making this tournament possible.

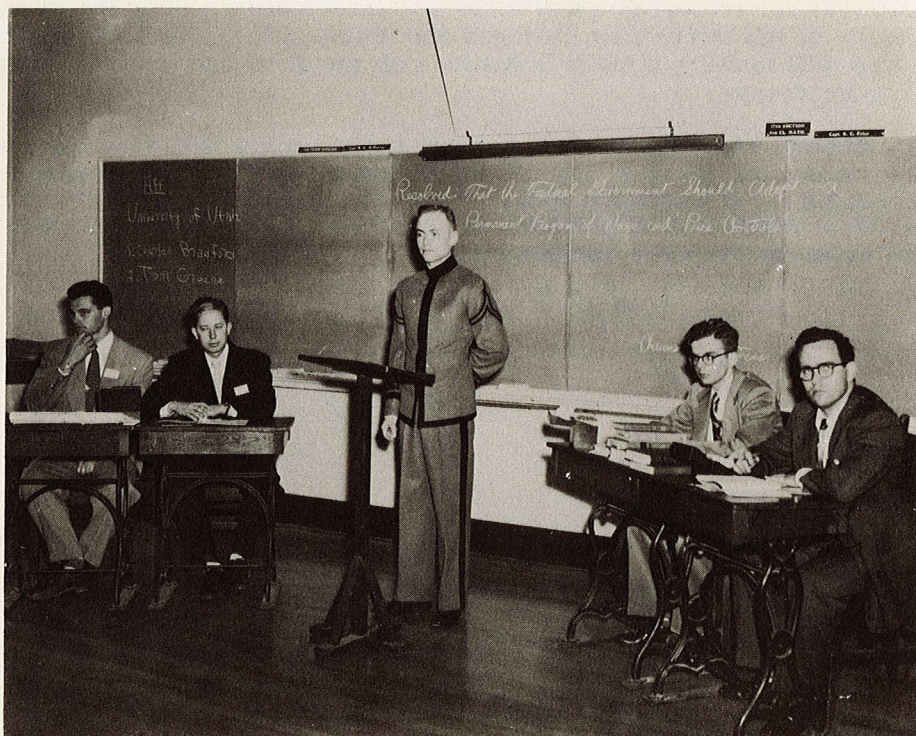
The obvious purpose of this tournament is to select a champion; but another very real, and perhaps more important, purpose of the event has always been the stimulation of interest in debating and its related fields. Also, just as valuable as the debating itself, is the opportunity the tournament affords for the exchange of ideas and information among the students and faculty of the thirty-four colleges and universities. We hope also that your visit will make you more familiar with the aims and methods of the Military Academy.

Immediate hosts for the tournament are the more than five hundred cadet members of the West Point Debate Council and Forum, an activity sponsored by the Department of Social Sciences. It is our hope that your stay at West Point will be pleasant and profitable. Please return often to visit us at the Military Academy.

  
F. A. IRVING  
Major General, USA  
Superintendent



The Larmon Trophy and a portrait of General Eisenhower are inspected in Grant Hall



The cadet chairman introduces the participants of a debate in the 1952 National Tournament

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE# - 1953

Wednesday, 22 April

PM 1:00 - 6:00 Registration, housing and sightseeing  
 6:15 Supper\*  
 8:00 Movie\*\*

Thursday, 23 April

AM 7:00 Breakfast  
 8:00 - 9:00 Welcome by Superintendent  
 Orientation by Cadet Chairman (Electricity  
 Lecture Room - East Academic Building)  
 10:00 Seeding Round One (Report to Grant Hall for  
 pairings)  
 12:00 Dinner  
 PM 12:50 Seeding Round Two-A - Optional tour of the  
 post for those in Round Two-B (Report to  
 Grant Hall for pairings)  
 2:05 Seeding Round Two-B - Optional tour of the  
 post for those in Round Two-A (Report to  
 Grant Hall for pairings)  
 4:15 Seeding Round Three (Report to Grant Hall  
 for pairings)  
 6:15 Supper  
 7:30 Seeding Round Four (Report to Grant Hall  
 for pairings)  
 9:00 Student, Coach and Judge Reception - Weapons  
 Room

Friday, 24 April

AM 7:00 Breakfast  
 7:45 Seeding Round Five (Report to Grant Hall for  
 pairings)  
 9:00 Coffee - Grant Hall. Tournament Pictures.  
 10:20 Seeding Round Six (Report to Grant Hall for  
 pairings)  
 12:00 Dinner

PM	12:50	Seeding Round Seven-A - Optional Museum Tour for Round Seven-B (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)
	2:05	Seeding Round Seven-B - Optional Museum Tour for Round Seven-A (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)
	4:15	Seeding Round Eight (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)
	6:30	Banquet, Cullum Hall. Oratorical Contest. Announcement of finalists and individual speakers awards.
	8:30	Coaches and Judges Soiree

Saturday, 25 April  
AM

7:30	Breakfast
8:30	<u>Qualifying Round</u> (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)
10:15	<u>Quarter Finals</u> (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)
12:00	Dinner

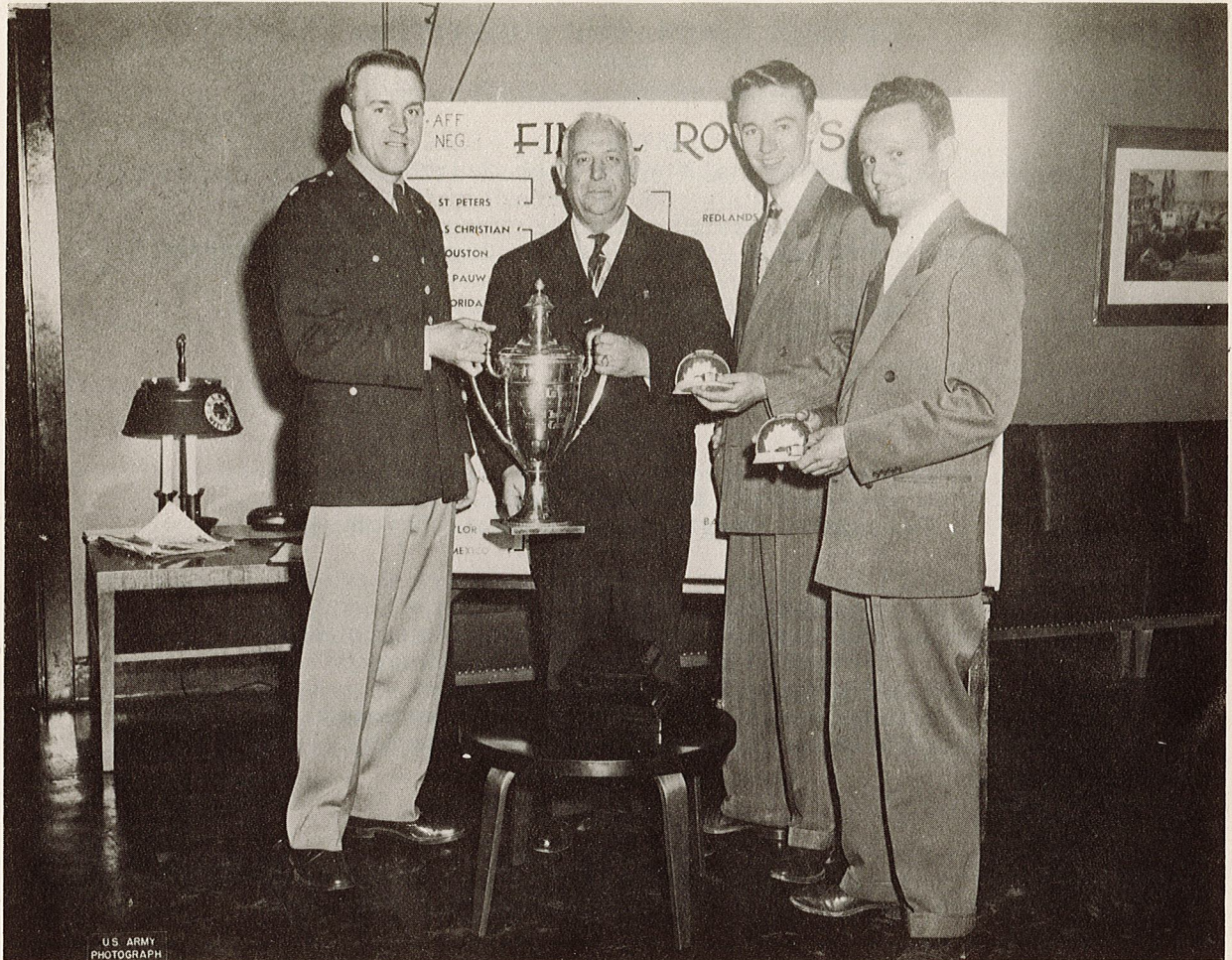
PM	1:00	Review of the Corps of Cadets. Assemble in Grant Hall.
	2:00	<u>Semi-Finals</u> (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)
	6:15	Supper
	7:15	<u>Finals - Presentation of Trophy and Awards</u> by Commandant of Cadets - Cullum Hall
	9:00	Formal Cadet Dance - Cullum Hall

# Debate teams, coaches and judges should arrive at Grant Hall for each round no later than the times indicated.

\* Please see page 12 for details concerning all meals.

\*\* Cadets will escort those desiring to attend. Please assemble at Grant Hall not later than 7:45 p.m.





The Larmon Trophy is presented to the University of Redlands team, winners of the 1951 and 1952 National Tournaments. Individual winners will receive watches with the compliments of the Elgin National Watch Company.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

- 1947 Southeastern State College
- 1948 North Texas State Teachers College
- 1949 The University of Alabama
- 1950 The University of Vermont
- 1951 The University of Redlands
- 1952 The University of Redlands
- 1953 *the University of Miami*

DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEES  
1953

DISTRICT I  
California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona

Chairman - Professor Upton S. Palmer, University of California

(Names of Committee members not available at  
time of printing.)

DISTRICT II  
Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming

Chairman - Professor Whitehead, University of Idaho  
Professor Veatch, Washington State College  
Professor Runkel, Willamette University  
Professor Karl, Pacific Lutheran  
Professor Battin, College of Puget Sound  
Professor Hingston, Pacific University

DISTRICT III  
New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana

Chairman - Professor Otis M. Walter, University of Houston  
Professor Cullen B. Owens, University of New Mexico  
Professor Glenn Capp, Baylor University  
Professor Waldo Braden, Louisiana State University  
Professor D. J. Nabors, East Central State College

DISTRICT IV  
Colorado, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas  
Missouri, Wisconsin, South Dakota

Chairman - Professor Charles Masten, Kansas State Teachers  
College, Emporia  
Professor Sherod Collins, Northeast Missouri State  
Teachers College  
Professor Alphas Christensen, South Dakota State  
College  
Professor Roy Nelson, Colorado State College  
Professor Ted Nelson, St. Olaf College  
Professor Malcolm Sillars, Iowa State College  
Professor Grace Walsh, Wisconsin State College

DISTRICT V  
Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana

Chairman - Professor Frederick G. Alexander, Michigan State College  
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Professor Martin Holcomb, Augustana College  
Professor N. B. Beck, Purdue University

DISTRICT VI  
Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina,  
North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky

Chairman - Professor Franklin R. Shirley, Wake Forest College  
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Professor Frank Davis, Alabama Polytechnic Institute  
Mrs. Dorothy Melzer, Georgetown College  
Professor Douglas Ehninger, University of Florida  
Professor Herman Pinkerton, Alabama Polytechnic Institute  
Professor M.G. Christopherson, University of South Carolina

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Delaware, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania

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Professor Osborn T. Smallwood, Howard University  
Father Eugene Gallagher, Georgetown University  
Father Gerard J. Murphy, St. Peter's College

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New York, Connecticut, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts,  
Rhode Island, New Hampshire

Chairman - Professor Jerome Kovalcik, Champlain College  
Professor Robert Huber, University of Vermont  
Professor Brooks Quimby, Bates College  
Professor John Neale, Dartmouth College  
Professor Stanley Kinney, Colgate University  
Professor Fred Bowman, Middlebury College

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation has been arranged for you during your stay at West Point. Going to your host's--cars will be available at Tournament Headquarters, Grant Hall. If you desire transportation from your quarters to meals or to a debate activity, call 5225 or 21105. Please call these numbers at least ten minutes before you desire the car to arrive at your quarters. You can help us considerably by being ready at the appointed time.

Transportation will be sent to pick up participants staying at the hotel to go to breakfast at 6:45 in the morning. Transportation for faculty members staying on the Post will be provided so as to arrive at the Officers' Mess by 7:00 A.M.

## PARKING

If you brought your own car, we suggest that you leave it in the vicinity of your host's quarters as much as possible. If you are staying in Building 777 or Washington Hall, leave your car on Clinton Field (your cadet escort will direct you). This is deemed advisable because the shortage of parking places in the central part of the Post makes it necessary for the Provost Marshal to require rigid compliance with parking restrictions (both as to location and time limits).

## MEALS

### MEN STUDENTS:

Meals will be served in the Cadet Dining Hall at the following times; please enter through the main Dining Hall Door:

BREAKFAST..... 7:00 A.M.  
DINNER.....12:00 P.M.  
SUPPER..... 6:15 P.M.

### WOMEN STUDENTS AND ALL OFFICIALS:

Meals will be served at the West Point Army Mess (Officers' Mess) as follows:

BREAKFAST..... 7:00 A.M.  
DINNER (male coaches dine  
with their team in cadet  
Dining Hall.....12:00 P.M.  
SUPPER..... 6:15 P.M.

Any individual invited to dine at one of the homes on the Post need not notify Conference Headquarters that he will be absent for that meal. If male faculty members care to have breakfast with their team members in the Cadet Dining Hall, they are requested to notify Tournament Headquarters the night before.

## TEAM MATCHING AND JUDGE SELECTION

Because of the close time schedule required to complete all debates, it is requested that all participants, judges, and faculty members refrain from visiting the statistics and matching room. ~~The method used for matching teams and scheduling judges includes mathematics and the use of many tables and charts. This does not lend itself to easy understanding without much explanation.~~ In the interest of expediency, the statisticians will not be allowed to give information to anyone.

In general, these rules will govern team matchings in the eight seeding rounds:

1. No team debates the same team twice.
2. No team debates a team from its own district.
3. Teams debate opposite sides of question an equal number of times.
4. Teams alternate sides from round to round.
5. Teams are matched according to win-loss record.

Criteria for assigning judges are as follows:

1. No judge judges a team from his own district. (No officers judge West Point Team.)
2. No judge judges the same team twice.
3. When it is necessary to assign one judge instead of three:
  - a. Teams with the best records are given three (3) judges.
  - b. A team may be required to have a single judge only twice.

## ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 22 April

P.M. 3:15 Tennis - Colgate University

8:00 Movie - Army Theater

Thursday, 23 April

P.M. 12:50 Tour of Post, Group B - Assemble Grant Hall

2:10 Tour of Post, Group A - Assemble Grant Hall

9:00 Student, Coach, and Judges Reception - Weapons Room

Friday, 24 April

A.M. 9:00 Coffee, Publicity Photographs - Grant Hall

P.M. 12:50 Tour of Museum, Group B - Assemble Grant Hall

2:10 Tour of Museum, Group A - Assemble Grant Hall

6:30 Banquet - Cullum Hall

8:30 Coaches and Judges Soiree

Saturday, 25 April

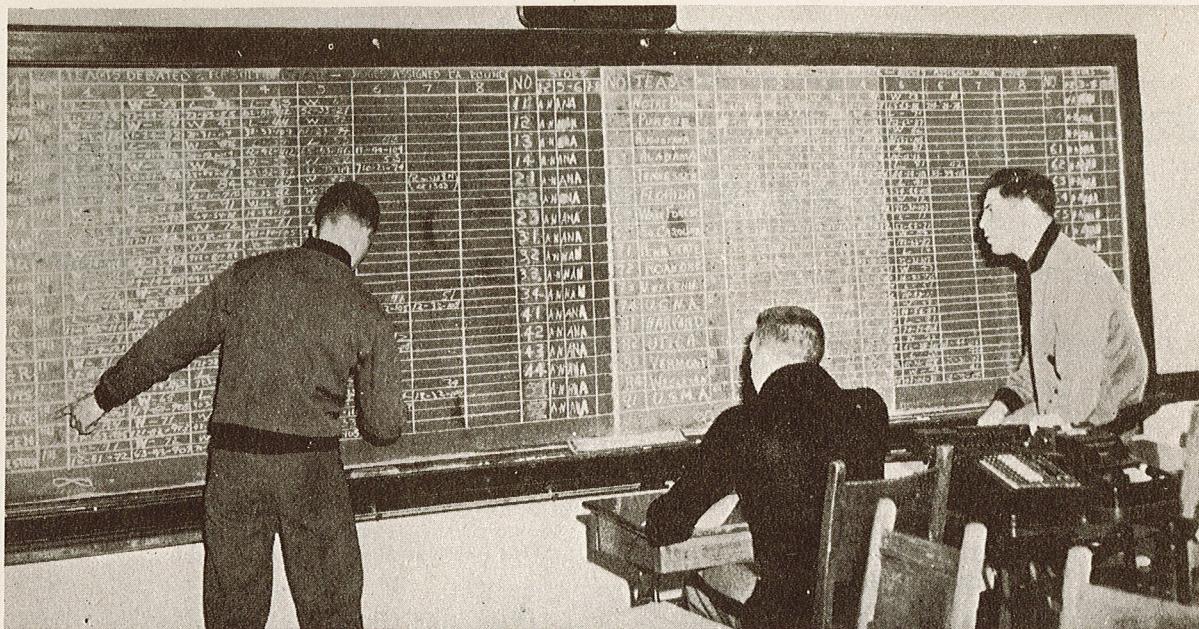
P.M. 1:00 Review of the Corps of Cadets - Assemble Grant Hall

2:15 Lacrosse - Yale University

2:30 Baseball - Columbia University Freshmen

4:00 Lacrosse (J V) - Yale University

9:00 Formal Cadet Dance - Cullum Hall



The Statistics Room



Meals in the Cadet Mess provided a welcome respite from the demands of the platform.

WEST POINT NATIONAL INVITATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT 1953

	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
3	GEORGE PEPPERDINE COLLEGE		
	OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE		
	SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE		
2	IDAHO STATE COLLEGE		
	ST. MARTIN'S COLLEGE		
	BAYLOR UNIVERSITY		
	CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE, OKLAHOMA		
4	LOUISIANA COLLEGE		
	UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON		
	KANSAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE, EMPORIA		
	KANSAS UNIVERSITY		
5	MIDLAND COLLEGE		
	ST. OLAF'S COLLEGE		
	WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE		
	AUGUSTANA COLLEGE		
	CASE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY		
5	MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE		
	UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME		
	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHICAGO		
	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA		
	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA		
4	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI		
	WAKE FOREST COLLEGE		
	MT. MERCY COLLEGE		
(5) 4	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY		
	ST. PETER'S COLLEGE		
	UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH		
	WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY		
	GENESEO STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE		
	HOLY CROSS		
5	KING'S POINT MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY		
	ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, BROOKLYN		
	VERMONT		
	ARMY		

WEST POINT NATIONAL INVITATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT 1952  
(SEEDING ROUNDS)

<u>Participants</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
UTAH	8	0
NEW MEXICO	7	1
ST. OLAF	7	1
*#REDLANDS	6	2
SAN DIEGO STATE	6	2
NEBRASKA WESLEYAN	6	2
ARMY	6	2
IDAHO	5	3
CENTRAL STATE	5	3
SOUTHERN METHODIST	5	3
SOUTHWEST MISSOURI	5	3
OHIO STATE	5	3
GEORGETOWN	5	3
#BAYLOR	4	4
PEPPERDINE	4	4
AUGUSTANA	4	4
FLORIDA	4	4
PENN STATE	4	4
HOLY CROSS	4	4
PACIFIC LUTHERAN	3	5
IOWA STATE	3	5
ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL	3	5
HIRAM	3	5
MIAMI	3	5
MISSISSIPPI	3	5
GEORGE WASHINGTON	3	5
SMITH	3	5
U of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	2	6
WILLAMETTE	2	6
WAKE FOREST	2	6
HOWARD	2	6
KINGS POINT	2	6
ILLINOIS U	1	7
WESLEYAN	1	7

# Finalists

\* Tournament Winner



WEST POINT NATIONAL INVITATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT 1951

<u>Participants</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
*#REDLANDS	7	1
BAYLOR	7	1
BOWLING GREEN	7	1
PENNSYLVANIA	6	2
TEXAS CHRISTIAN	5	3
HOUSTON	5	3
KANSAS UNIV.	5	3
KANSAS STATE TEACHERS	5	3
# DE PAUW	5	3
FLORIDA UNIV.	5	3
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIV.	5	3
PRINCETON	5	3
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	4	4
PEPPERDINE	4	4
MONTANA STATE UNIV.	4	4
NEW MEXICO	4	4
ST. OLAF	4	4
NEBRASKA WESLEYAN	4	4
AUGUSTANA	4	4
ST. PETERS	4	4
COLGATE	4	4
U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY	4	4
ST. MARTINS	3	5
KENT STATE	3	5
SOUTH CAROLINA	3	5
VERMONT	3	5
HOLY CROSS	3	5
DARTMOUTH	3	5
UTICA	3	5
UTAH	2	6
WILLAMETTE	2	6
MISSISSIPPI	2	6
BRADLEY	1	7
TENNESSEE	1	7

# Finalists

\* Tournament Winner

**GYMNASIUM**  
*Army Theater*  
*Weapons Room*

**OLD NORTH BARRACKS**  
*Church Hall 1st Class Club*  
*(28th Div.)*  
*Mahan Hall 2nd Class Club*  
*(23rd Div.)*

**CENTRAL BARRACKS**  
*Thayer Hall*  
*4th Class Club*

**CADET HEADQUARTERS**  
*Brigade Conference Room*  
*(2nd Floor)*

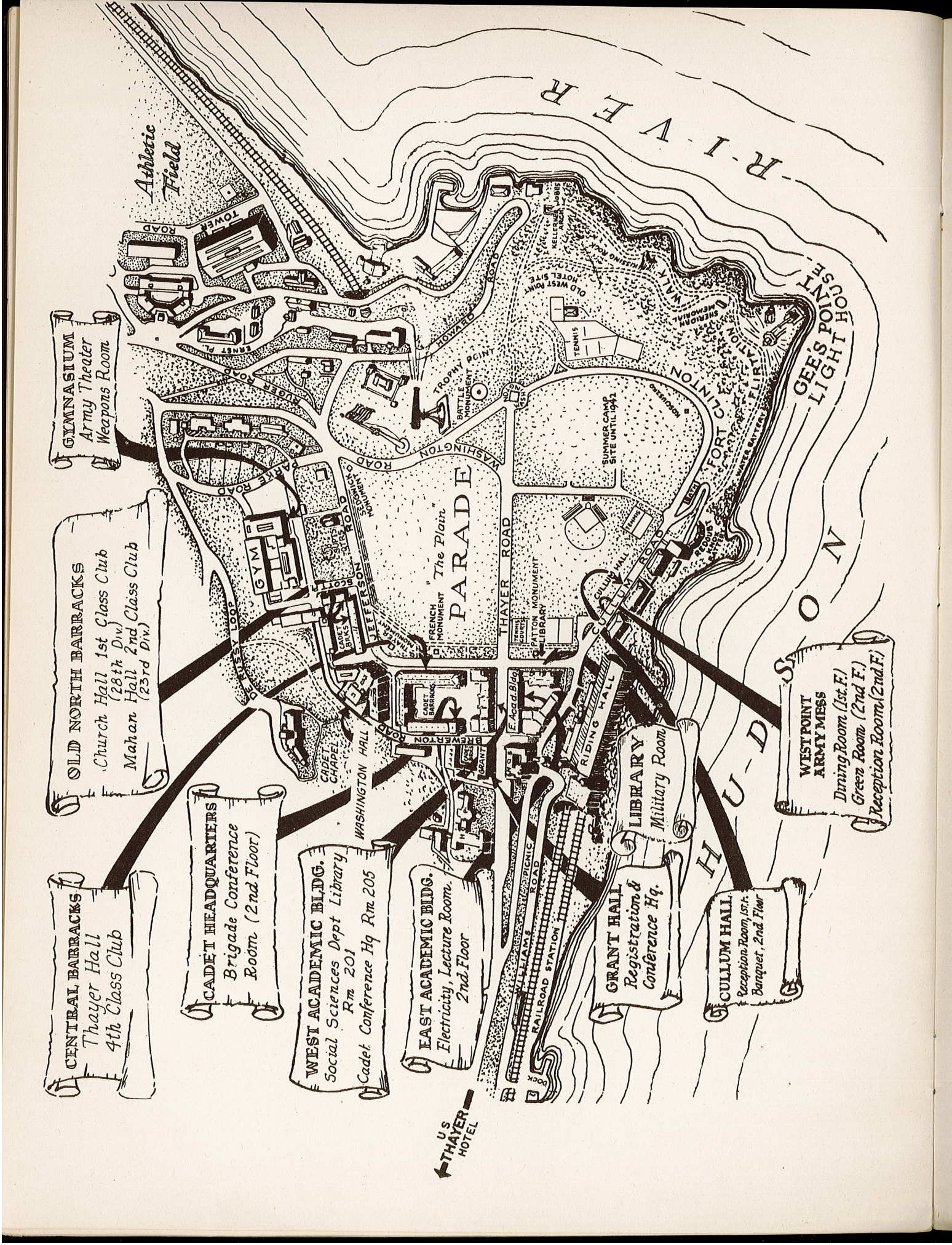
**WEST ACADEMIC BLDG.**  
*Social Sciences Dept Library*  
*Rm 201*  
*Cadet Conference Hq Rm 205*

**EAST ACADEMIC BLDG.**  
*Electricity, Lecture Room*  
*2nd Floor*

**GRANT HALL**  
*Registration & Conference Hq.*

**CULLUM HALL**  
*Reception Room, 1st F.*  
*Barquet, 2nd Floor*

**WEST POINT ARMY MESS**  
*Dining Room (1st F.)*  
*Greer Room (2nd F.)*  
*Reception Room (2nd F.)*



**U.S. THAYER HOTEL**

R-I-V-E-R

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GEE'S LIGHT HOUSE

PARADE

FORT CLINTON

Athletic Field

TOWER ROAD

ERNEST PARKING

WASHINGTON ROAD

THAYER ROAD

GRANT ROAD

JEFFERSON ROAD

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