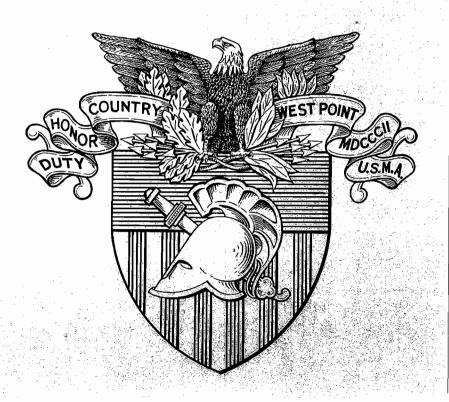
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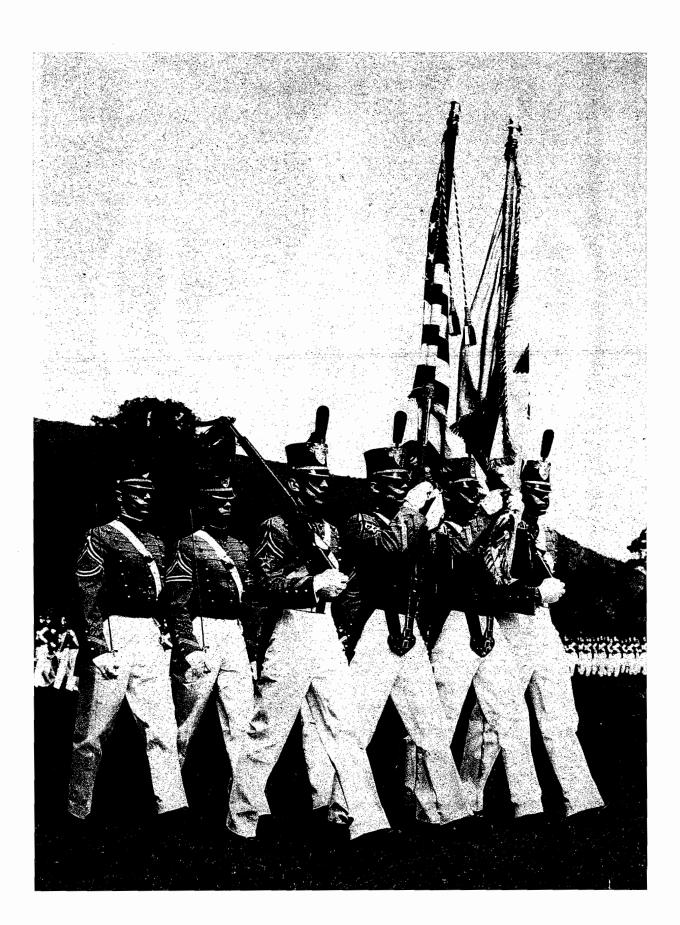




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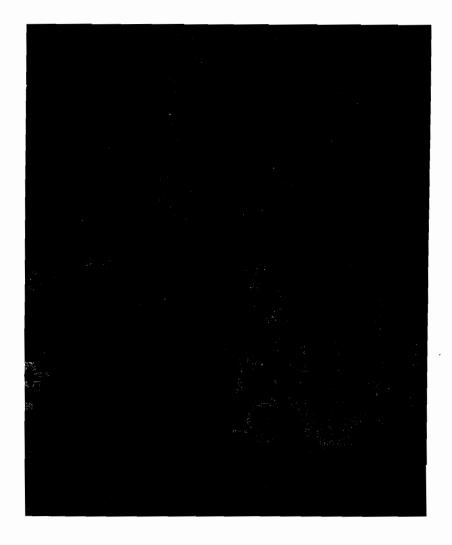


Thirteenth National Debate Tournament at West Point

APRIL 22-25, 1959

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK

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IN MEMORIAM

George W. P. Walker 2d Lt. Armor, USMA '58 Killed in Aircraft Accident 31 January 1959

1956: Member, USMA Team, winners National Debate Tournament 1957: Member, USMA Team, runners up National Debate Tournament

1958: Member, USMA Team, National Debate Tournament

The United States Military Academy Debate Council and Forum has established an intramural debate trophy award in honor of Lieutenant Walker.

FOREWORD

Once again it is my pleasure to extend to debaters, team coaches and faculty members a hearty welcome to the National Debate Tournament at West Point.

The debate topic for this thirteenth annual tournament is one of significance and urgency, and it should provide the basis for searching argument.

We at the Military Academy always anticipate with pleasure the opportunity the Tournament provides to share and exchange ideas with the students and faculties of the participating colleges and universities.

Leaders in forensics the nation over have given unselfishly of their time and energies in selecting the participants. They have also accepted the responsibilities of judging Tournament debates. For these efforts and their invaluable past contributions in making this tournament a worthwhile intellectual experience year after year, we express a debt of gratitude.

Your immediate hosts are the more than five hundred members of the Cadet Debate Council and Forum. I join with the Corps of Cadets in wishing you good luck and a pleasant stay at West Point. We hope you will return often to visit us.

GARRISON H. DAVIDSON Lieutenant General, USA

Superintendent



William Welch and Richard Kirshberg, of Northwestern University winners of the 1958 Tournament, receive the Larmon Trophy from Mr. Sigurd S. Larmon

The Larmon Trophy has been awarded annually since 1947 to the winning team in the National Debate Tournament at West Point. The Trophy is the generous gift of Mr. Sigurd S. Larmon of Young and Rubicam, Incorporated of New York City.

HISTORY

This Spring marks the thirteenth successive year that college representatives from throughout the nation have journeyed to West Point to participate in the National Debate Tournament. Through eight seeding rounds and four elimination rounds these teams will vie for possession of the coveted Sigurd S. Larmon Trophy, emblematic of the national collegiate debating championship.

The idea of the Tournament at West Point seems to have evolved from two sources at about the same time and found its aegis in the renascence of cadet extracurricular activity which followed the war years of 1941 through 1945. During the Second World War the accelerated program left little time in the cadet's training for extra-curricular pursuits. But when the curriculum was again expanded to four years, Cadet Tom Schwinn took the reins of the recently re-established Debate Council and in the ensuing year arranged a small regional debate tournament. With the success of this intercollegiate meeting, the cadets were encouraged to think in terms of a larger, more comprehensive tournament -- perhaps national in scope. Simultaneously there was much discussion in other debate circles. It was generally agreed among intercollegiate debate coaches that there should be a national tournament. West Point seemed to be a logical and generally acceptable place at which to convene these annual meetings.

The ambition of the cadets and the interest of their collegiate associates probably would never have found form as a national tournament, however, had it not been for the aid and advice of such officers as General Maxwell D. Taylor, then Superintendent of the Military Academy; Colonel Chester L. Johnson, at that time a member of the Department of Social Sciences; and Colonel G. A. Lincoln, the present Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences at West Point. These men gave generously of their time in support of the project. They encouraged the few members of the early Debate Council and helped to pave the way for the first national tournament.

Administratively, little has changed in the Tournament's twelve-year evolution. The Academy does not propose to select the regional participants. The nation is divided into eight areas by a more or less mathematical scheme determined by debate population. The selection of the regional representatives becomes the responsibility of the member schools of each region. In every part of the country leaders in the forensic field give generously of their valuable time to perform the necessary pre-Tournament district tasks that enable them to bring outstanding debate teams together for this event.

This Spring thirty-six teams representing the nation's colleges and universities are again gathered at West Point to debate the national topic. Included in this year's program are lists which summarize the progress of the Tournament and reflect its growing stability and scope. From these lists it can be seen that this Tournament is truly national in scope, attracting teams representing a cross-section of the finest intercollegiate debating in the country.

1959 Participating Schools

District I

University of Southern California
University of Redlands
San Diego State College

District II
Gonzaga University
Whitman College
St. Martin's College

District III
University of Houston
North Texas State College
Southwestern State College (Okla)
University of Oklahoma

District IV

Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia

Southwest Missouri State College

University of Kansas

United States Air Force Academy

Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire

District V
Southern Illinois University

Augustana College

Wheaton College

District V (Continued)

Marietta College
Butler University
Northwestern University

District VI
Wake Forest College
University of Miami (Fla)
University of Florida
University of South Carolina

District VII
University of Pennsylvania
St. Peter's College
George Washington University
King's College
St. Joseph's College

District VIII
Dartmouth College
Fordham College
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Education
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
St. Anselm's College

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SCHEDULE THIRTEENTH NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT

All pairings will be announced in Grant Hall. Debate teams, coaches and judges should arrive at Grant Hall no later than the times indicated.

Wednes	day, 22 April	
PM	1:00 - 6:00	Registration, Housing, and Sightseeing
	6:15	Supper (see administrative folder for details concerning meals)
	8:00	Orientation by Cadet Chairman in the Weapons Room, Cadet Gymnasium
	9:00	Coaches' and Judges Reception at the Officers' Club Debaters' Reception in the Weapons Room
Thursda	ay, 23 April	
AM	6:45	Breakfast
	7:45	Seeding Round One
	10:25	Seeding Round Two
PM	12:10	Dinner
	12:55	Seeding Round Three
	2:30	Tours of West Point
	3:45	Seeding Round Four
	6:15	Supper
	8:00	Coaches and Judges Business Meeting at West Point Army Mess
Friday,	24 April	
AM	6:45	Breakfast
	7:45	Seeding Round Five
	10:25	Seeding Round Six
PM	12:10	Dinner
	12:55	Seeding Round Seven
	3:45	Seeding Round Eight
	7:00	Banquet at Cullum Hall; Announcement of Finalists; Individual Speakers' Awards

Saturday, 25	April	
AM	6:45	Breakfast
	8:05	Elimination Round
	10:30	Quarter Final Round
	10:30	Tour of Statistics Room
PM	12:10	Dinner
	1:00	Semi-Final Round
	1:10	Parade by Corps of Cadets on the Plain
	3:00	Final Debate in North Auditorium, Thayer Hall
	6:15	Supper
	9:00	Informal Dance at Cullum Hall



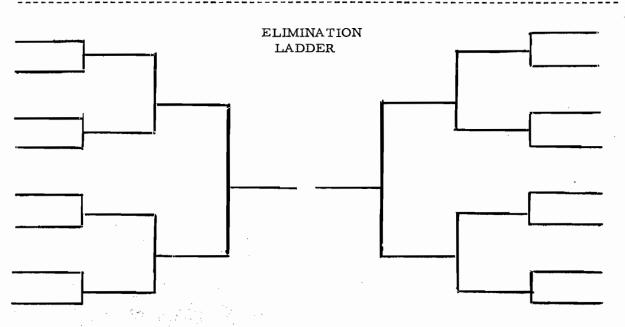
Mike Miller, University of Southern California, and Phillip A. Hubbart, Augustana College, are shown with Colonel George A. Lincoln, who has just presented each of them with a Hamilton Electric Wrist Watch as the two top speakers in the seeding rounds of the 1958 tournament.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

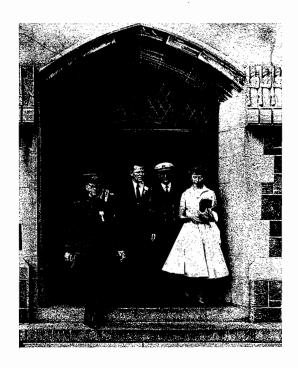
The National Debate Tournament once again thanks the Hamilton Watch Company of Lancaster, Pa., through whose courtesy the two highest speakers in the seeding rounds and the four finalists will each receive a Hamilton Electric Wrist Watch.



Col. George A. Lincoln, Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences, USMA, presents the runner-up trophy for 1958 to David Bynum and James Kincaid of Harvard University.











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FROM '58







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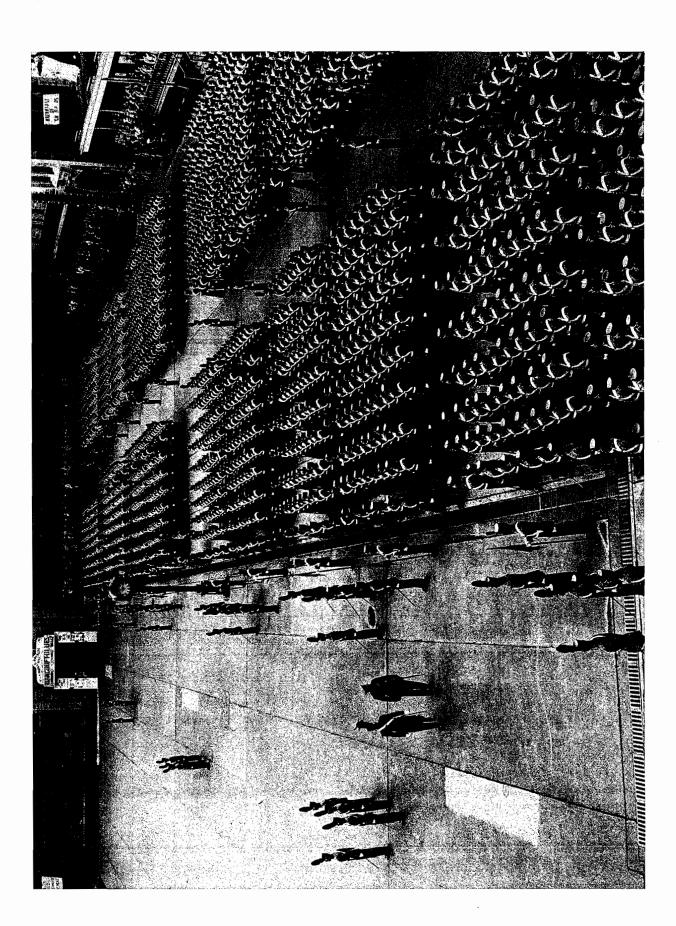
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1954:	University of Kansas	University of Florida
1955:	University of Alabama	Wilkes College
1956:	United States Military Academy	St. Joseph's College
1957:	Augustana College	United States Military Academy
1958:	Northwestern University	Harvard University

SPECIAL NOTICE

The staff of the Thirteenth National Debate Tournament takes great pleasure in making the following announcements:

The Tournament winners will appear on Dave Garroway's Today (NBC-TV) on Monday morning, 27 April, 7:00-9:00 a.m.

For the third successive year, through the cooperation of Miss Dorothy Gordon, moderator, the New York Times Youth Forum (on station WRCA-TV, New York) on Sunday, 26 April, at 12 o'clock, will devote its program to the national debate topic. Student panelists on this program will be selected from among debaters present at the National Debate Tournament.



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