

Letters to the Editor

Dulles Family Stands on Its Own Merits

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MIDON in her column of Feb. 18 refers slightly to the Dulles family and implies nepotism in her remarks: "All those who rile at the name 'Dulles' may just as well quit . . . There are not only Secretary of State John Foster Dulles but relatives he has taken care of: Brother Allen Dulles, also a hangover from the Truman regime who is director of Central Intelligence, a big wheel in our national security programs and Eleanor Lansing Dulles, sister of the Secretary now a special assistant to the director of German Affairs in the State Department."

This is a most unfair statement. John Foster Dulles is one of the most able and hardest-working Secretaries of State we have ever had. As for being a member of a family with a tradition of service to our country that is something to be proud of, not to be scorned.

As for "the relatives he has taken care of" Allen Dulles, according to "Who's Who," entered the Foreign Service of the State Department in 1916! He resigned from the State Department several years later to resume private law practice but joined Government service again during the war, and served brilliantly overseas with the Office of Strategic Services.

It was Walter Bedell Smith who chose Allen Dulles as his chief assistant for the newly organized Central Intelligence Agency after the war and then recommended that Allen Dulles be appointed to head the agency when he, Bedell Smith, went to State Department as Under Secretary. At any rate Allen Dulles' present job has nothing whatever to do with his brother's job.

Nor has his sister Eleanor's present job as assistant to the chief of German Affairs. Eleanor Dulles is an outstanding economist. She has made a special study of European and particularly Austrian and German economic problems and at one time taught economics at Bryn Mawr.

She is the author of numerous publications on economic subjects. Her service with the Government goes back nearly 20 years. Since 1945 Miss Dulles has been with the State Department except for a brief interval when she was 'loaned' to the National Resources Board.

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