

the Roosevelt *review*




Ambassador William J. vanden Heuvel (far left), President of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, announces the 1992 Four Freedoms Awards laureates: (left to right) Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, Mstislav Rostropovich, Terry Waite, Jan Tinbergen, and Lord Carrington.

The Never-ending Challenge

“Two years ago optimism and gratitude filled our hearts when we contemplated the extraordinary events taking place in Central and Eastern Europe...Now, in 1992, we are confronted with a new disgraceful phenomenon: turmoil and bloody uprisings followed by a gigantic flood of fugitives...To bring about solutions for these human tragedies is the new challenge...” On this serious note Dr. Cornelis Boertien, Queen’s Commissioner in the Province of Zeeland, began the Four Freedoms Awards Ceremony.

The challenge to insure “a world of peace, of reason, of compassion, of abundance” is an ongoing struggle. Unfortunately, as Professor Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. remarked, “one set of hatreds replaces another.” So much the more remarkable are the accomplishments of this year’s Four Freedoms laureates: Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, former United Nations Secretary-General; Terry Waite, Secretary for Anglican Communion Affairs;

Jan Tinbergen, world-renowned economist and Nobel Prize winner; Mstislav Rostropovich, Music Director of the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, DC; and Lord Carrington, former Secretary-General of NATO.

The RSC is proud to provide the venue to honor these Four Freedoms laureates, as well as to offer scholars a unique resource for studying. The RSC’s research grants and publications are an integral part of this, as are the many events which have become an RSC tradition: the Four Freedoms Awards, the Saunders Awards, the NASA Conference and the Hofstra Study Program. But in addition, this year the RSC has hosted for the first time the Fulbright Alumni Association, a UNESCO Conference on Cultural Identity and a PAIDEIA Conference on Education in Europe. Please read on to learn of our traditional favorites and our new, impressive challenges. 

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“In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression.... The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way.... The third is freedom from want.... The fourth is freedom from fear.... That is no vision of a distant millennium. It is a definite basis for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation.”

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Message to Congress, January 6, 1941

The Four Freedoms Awards

On June 13, 1992, the Four Freedoms Awards were presented to five world citizens. The ceremony, attended by H.R.H. Princess Juliana of the Netherlands and some 800 prominent guests from many countries, took place in the sixteenth century Nieuwe Kerk in Middelburg.

Faced by the disappointment of a Europe torn by ethnic conflicts, William J. van den Heuvel, President of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, asked the distinguished audience, “Are we to falter and fail because the path to the unity of Europe has met unexpected obstacles?” Reminding us of Roosevelt’s courage in even darker days, his answer was, “No, we cannot fail because Europe, unified in purpose and vision, is the hope of freedom for the century to come.” “Today,” he continued, “we are in the presence of five individuals who accepted the challenge” to prevail in the face of adversity.

The Four Freedoms Awards were established by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute to honor international figures whose achievements have demonstrated a commitment to the Four Freedoms which President Roosevelt proclaimed as essential to democracy. Since 1982 the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards are presented in even-numbered years in Middelburg, Zeeland, the ancestral home of the Roosevelt family. In odd-numbered years these awards are presented to Americans in Hyde Park, New York, the former residence of Eleanor and Franklin.

The 1992 Award Winners

Since both President and Mrs. Roosevelt were intimately involved with the inception of the United Nations, it was quite appropriate that Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1982-1992, be awarded the Four Freedoms Medal.

In accepting the medal Mr. Pérez de Cuéllar paid tribute to both Franklin and Eleanor, “two great champions of human rights.... President Roosevelt first conceived the idea of an international organization which would promote the realization of the Four Freedoms for all people,” and Mrs. Roosevelt, “who piloted the drafting and



Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs Hans van den Broek (left) and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. congratulate former United Nations Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, recipient of the Four Freedoms Award.

adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,...and as first chairperson of the United Nations Commission for Human Rights gently, yet firmly led delegations to agreement on a document that ranks with the great accomplishments of our civilization.”

The second person to be honored was another outspoken defender of human rights, Mstislav Rostropovich, who received the Freedom of Speech and Expression Award from Schuyler G. Chapin, former General Manager of the New York Metropolitan Opera, and Dr. Cornelis Boertien. As Music Director of the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, DC, Mr. Rostropovich has been honored countless times for his musical accomplishments. But this award was given to “an exiled son of Russia” in recognition of his “love for his oppressed motherland,” and his efforts to make people understand that “the integrity of artistic expression demands respect for individual liberty.”

J. Sinclair Armstrong, President of the English Speaking Union, and former Netherlands Ambassador to the United Nations Hugo Scheltema bestowed the Freedom of Worship



The Freedom of Speech and Expression Award was given to Mstislav Rostropovich.



Photo left, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, escorted by Queen's Commissioner Cornelis Boertien, arrives at the Abbey for a luncheon with the laureates. Photo right, H.R.H. Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, assisted by Ambassador William J. vanden Hewel, presents the Freedom from Want Medal to Professor Jan Tinbergen (center).



The Rt. Hon. The Lord Carrington thanks the Roosevelt Institute for the honor of receiving the Freedom from Fear Medal.



Professor Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., Co-Chair of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute.

Medal on Terry Waite, Secretary for Anglican Communion Affairs to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Acknowledging his own ordeal as a hostage for almost five years, Mr. Waite emphasized that what sustained him was the belief that "truth will eventually win." He ended his speech with an appeal "that people who are unjustly held might be free and that we might walk together in freedom toward justice and toward the new world order that we all so earnestly desire and pray for."

"Emigrants from the developing countries are increasingly seeking a share of our prosperity," according to Dutch economist and Nobel Prize winner Jan Tinbergen. As he received the Freedom from Want Medal from H.R.H. Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, he explained that citizens of developing nations must be able to find at home what they are looking for abroad: "more prosperity, better jobs, better wages." And this can only be achieved if the industrialized nations are willing to increase their financial assistance. In this way, freedom from want would be removed and friction between immigrants and native populations would be avoided.


Recalling the hope with which as a young army officer he listened to President Roosevelt's speech, Lord Carrington accepted the Freedom from Fear Medal from Professor Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. and Netherlands Ambassador to France Henry Wijnaendts. As former Secretary-General of NATO and Chair of the EC's Peace Conference on Yugoslavia, Lord Carrington is well aware of the successes of the last 50 years, such as the creation of the European Community and the steadfastness of NATO. Still, he pointed out, "statesmanship and vision are as necessary today as they were in the dark days of 1945. Those who are charged with the duty of leading their nations could do worse than



H.R.H. Princess Juliana of the Netherlands with Terry Waite, Freedom of Worship Award laureate.

to reread that great speech of President Roosevelt and make it the cornerstone of their policy."

A "Royal" Luncheon

An extra dimension was given to this special occasion by the presence of Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands at the traditional luncheon following the Four Freedoms ceremony. In addition, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute took this opportunity to honor retiring Queen's Commissioner in the Province of Zeeland, Dr. Cornelis Boertien, for his ten years of service to the cause of the Four Freedoms and his role in the establishment of the Roosevelt Study Center. This year's Four Freedoms Awards ceremony was sponsored by a generous grant from the Stichting VSB FONDS. The complete speeches delivered at the ceremony have recently been published as volume 13 of the RSC Publication Series and may be ordered from the RSC. 

With the help of the Provincial Government of Zeeland and private sponsors, the RSC has gained much-needed additional space.

Growing by Leaps and Bounds: Expansion of the RSC

When the RSC opened its doors to the public in 1986, the founders were delighted with the space in the medieval Middelburg Abbey donated by the Province of Zeeland. Little could they know the interest in the RSC would grow so rapidly, that in a short five years the library would be too small to house its collections of books and documents as well as provide sufficient work space for researchers.

Fortunately, this was the case. Equally fortunately, the space problem has been resolved because the Provincial Government of Zeeland has graciously allocated more space to the RSC in the Abbey. As a result, the entire Study Center has been reorganized and, with the donations of sponsors, significantly redesigned.

The new RSC library, now located on the second floor, has tripled the space of the old library. Books and archival documents on microfilm or microfiche are more available to researchers, who now have all the facilities at hand to work in a pleasant atmosphere. Also on the second floor is the auditorium (100 seats) with audio-visual facilities suitable for conferences and seminars, and the foyer where coffee breaks and receptions are held. Beyond the library is another conference room. The offices of the RSC staff, including a conference room, are located on the first floor.

An additional problem was the location of the permanent exhibition on the life and times of Theodore, Franklin, and Eleanor Roosevelt.



The Kapittelzaal (Chapter Hall) on the ground floor of the Abbey provides a home for the newly designed permanent Roosevelt Exhibition. The new design was made possible by donations of private sponsors.

Hidden away on a top floor it was not easily accessible to the public.

The exhibit has been graphically and spacially redesigned and can now be found in the beautiful medieval Kapittelzaal (Chapter Hall) on the ground floor, making entrance to the exhibit far more inviting. Photographs and texts (in Dutch and English) are printed on colored banners and memorabilia are displayed in cases, providing information on the Roosevelt eras as well as on the biennial presentation in Middelburg of the FDR Four Freedoms Awards. Since its opening in June, thousands of people from many countries have visited it.

The RSC gratefully acknowledges the sponsors of the new exhibit: Dow Benelux N.V., Hudig-Langeveldt Groep B.V., Koninklijke VanderHave Groep B.V., Koninklijke Van Ommeren N.V., Management Press B.V., R. Mees en Zoonen Assurantien B.V., and The Netherland-America Foundation, Inc.

On one wall in the Kapittelzaal the names of all the laureates of the Four Freedoms Awards since 1982 have been mounted. This special Four Freedoms Awards Memorial was sponsored by Hoechst Holland N.V. 

Mrs. Nell J. Ginjaar-Maas (right), President of the RSC Board of Trustees, and RSC Director Cornelis A. van Minnen admire the permanent Roosevelt Exhibition.



This banner in the exhibition Hall displays the coat of arms of the Zeeland Rosevelt family from which the American Roosevelts are descended.

New additions to the microfilm collections about American Presidents have made the already unique RSC library an even more valuable research resource.

New Microform Acquisitions at the Library

Scholars from the U.S., Italy, Croatia and the Netherlands utilize the newly renovated RSC library. The library contains microfiches and microfilms unavailable elsewhere in Europe.



The Presidential microfilm collections at the RSC form an invaluable primary reference source for serious scholars of American history. In 1992 the already extensive microfilm collections of the RSC were further enhanced. These recent acquisitions, made possible through grants from the AT&T Foundation and the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, are:

The Harry S. Truman Oral Histories Collection

Filed from the holdings of the Harry S. Truman Library, these transcripts of interviews with a wide range of political and personal associates of President Truman provide researchers with new information on Truman's foreign and domestic policy and a diversity of observations on Truman's life. Other Truman collections at the RSC: *President Harry S. Truman's Office Files, 1945-1953; Map Room Messages of President Truman, 1945-1946.*

Minutes and Documents of the Cabinet Meetings of President Eisenhower, 1953-1961

Throughout his presidency Dwight D. Eisenhower relied on his cabinet as a vital component of his policy-making machinery. This collection includes minutes of cabinet meetings, official correspondence and memoranda, copies of discussion papers, department reports, and related papers of the President's staff. In short, they offer a documentary basis for understanding and evaluating Eisenhower's political leadership. The RSC also has the *President Dwight D. Eisenhower Office Files, 1953-1961*. Both collections are filmed from the holdings of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library.

President Kennedy and the Press, 1961-1963

Selected and filmed from the holdings of the JFK Library this collection is a documentary record of John F. Kennedy's management of press relations and collects some of the best sources for the study of the public side of the Kennedy years. Related JFK collections at the RSC: *The John F. Kennedy 1960 Campaign; President John F. Kennedy's Office Files, 1961-1963; The John F. Kennedy Presidential Oral History Collection.*

To facilitate research, printed finding aides accompany the microfilm and microfiche collections.

A complete list of the RSC archival collections is available upon request. 

The RSC offers financial assistance to European students of American history wishing to utilize its research facilities.

The RSC Research Grants Program



Mr. John A. Bertoni, formerly Managing Director of AT&T Nederland BV, presents Mrs. Greet de Vries-Hommes, President of the RSC Executive Committee, with a check from the AT&T Foundation.

Thanks to generous contributions from the AT&T Foundation and Mr. Robert L. Beir, the RSC is able to offer European students of American history the opportunity to study U.S. historical documents not available anywhere else outside of the United States, without the expense and inconvenience of a transatlantic journey. Response to this new grants-in-aid program was enthusiastic. Researchers from several European countries applied, and financial assistance was given to the following students:

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Since 1987 the Lawrence J. Saunders Awards have been presented annually by the Roosevelt Study Center for the most outstanding essays on American history written by Dutch university students.

The 1992 Lawrence J. Saunders Awards

On April 10, 1992, Dr. Cornelis Boertien, Queen's Commissioner in the Province of Zeeland, presented the Lawrence J. Saunders Awards to this year's prize winners. A record number of eleven masters theses on a variety of U.S. history topics were submitted by graduate students from the Universities of Amsterdam, Utrecht, Groningen and Leiden. The jury members were the same as last year: Professor Doeko Bosscher (Groningen), Dr. Mel van Elteren (Tilburg), and Dr. Joop Toebes (Nijmegen) who presented the jury report. The jury was impressed by the high level of the theses and it was a difficult task to select the three prize winners. They were:

1st prize:

Sebastian Reyn (Leiden) for his thesis, "Dealing with De Gaulle or How the General Raised the Political Prize of the MLF and LBJ Refused to Pay It." According to the jury this thesis was of "superior quality," based on thorough research at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library in Austin, Texas. "Historians writing on American-European relations in the 1960s should definitely consult this thesis," remarked Dr. Toebes.


2nd prize:

Ingrid van der Meer (Groningen) for her thesis "Education for Life: Black Industrial Education in the Southern United States, 1865-1915."

3rd prize:

Eelko Hooijmaaijers (Groningen) for his thesis, "The World of Peace and Plenty. The Creation of the American Nuclear Policy, 1945-1946." This thesis was mainly based on archival documents from the RSC collections (*Harry S. Truman Office Files, 1945-1953* and *Henry A. Wallace Papers*).

The three prize winners received prize money (\$500, \$250, and \$125 respectively), a diploma and a replica of the Theodore Roosevelt 1905 Inaugural Medal. The ceremony was attended by 90 faculty members and students from seven Dutch universities and included an audio-visual documentary on "Woodrow Wilson and the Peace of Versailles," and a closing reception.

The Saunders Awards were established in 1987 by Mr. Steven R. Saunders, former Assistant United States Trade Representative and member of the executive committee of the Theodore Roosevelt Association. The awards program is named for his father, Lawrence J. Saunders (1917-1981), who was a frequent visitor to and admirer of the Netherlands. 




Queen's Commissioner in the Province of Zeeland Dr. Cornelis Boertien (second from left) with prize winners (left to right) Eelko Hooijmaaijers, Sebastian Reyn, and Ingrid van der Meer.

Programs between Great Britain and the RSC

The RSC British Essay Prizes

The success of the Lawrence J. Saunders Awards for Dutch university students led the RSC in 1991 to establish an Essay Prizes Award for British university students. This year, for the second time, British students were invited to submit essays on topics related to Franklin D. or Eleanor Roosevelt. Four undergraduate essays were received. The jury, consisting of Dr. Stephen G.F. Spackman (University of St. Andrews) and Dr. Fiona Venn (University of Essex), judged two essays to be equally worthy: "The Achievements of the New Deal in Housing" by M. Butler and "The Charge that the TVA was an 'Experiment in Socialism'" by D.C. Hamlin. The prize winners received \$250 each. The winning essays are deposited at the RSC library.

St. Andrews University Study Visits

Following the success of the program in 1991, this year students of the Department of History of St. Andrews University in Scotland used several research collections at the RSC for papers. These papers were on aspects of the New Deal (four students for one week); and on the Truman administration (one student for a period of five weeks). This program of study visits is sponsored by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute and aims at increasing the student's knowledge of American history, improving their ability to conduct research, and strengthening the links between the RSC and the University of St. Andrews. 

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The Roosevelt Study Center is a research institute and conference center on twentieth century American history and European-American relations. It is named after three famous Americans: President Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), and Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962), whose ancestors emigrated from the Province of Zeeland to the New World in the mid-seventeenth century.

The Roosevelt Study Center is affiliated with the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. In developing its activities and building its collections the RSC is supported by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, the Theodore Roosevelt Association, the Roosevelt Foundation, an advisory board of prominent American and European scholars, top government officials and representatives from the private sector.

The Roosevelt Study Center offers European students and scholars of American history:

- a research library with collections of historical documents and books on U.S. history not available anywhere else in Europe;
- a grants-in-aid program for European researchers;
- annual prizes for Dutch and British essays on American history;
- a program of exhibitions, international conferences and seminars on American history, U.S.-European relations, and the contemporary meaning of the Four Freedoms;
- conference rooms with audio-visual facilities;
- a publication series;
- an annual newsletter.

Research Grants *continued from page 6*

Ron Pouwels (University of Leiden, the Netherlands), "The Political Ideas of Robert Kennedy on Civil Rights, Poverty, and Vietnam." (M.A.)
Dr. Ivan Cizmic (University of Zagreb, Croatia), "American Politics Towards Ethnic Conflicts on the Territory of Yugoslavia in World War II." (Article)
Corso P. Boccia (University of Florence, Italy), "The Eisenhower Administration and the Economic Integration of Western Europe, 1953-1961." (Ph.D.)
Jeroen Boots (University of Nijmegen, the Netherlands), "The Bureau of Investigation and the Communist Parties in the United States, 1920-1921," (M.A.)
Nicholas J. Pringle (University College of Swansea, U.K.), "Roosevelt's Agricultural Policy in the Early New Deal Years." (M.A.)




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Barry J. Plimmer (University of Hull, U.K.), "The Relief Effort in Delaware in the Great Depression. A Federal-State Relationship?" (Ph.D.)
Karin J. Ooiman (University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands), "The Federal Government and Black America in the New Deal Era." (M.A.)

The RSC grant covers bed and breakfast in a low budget hotel in Middelburg, travel expenses (rail/ferry) and a lump sum of dfl. 100 for photocopies. The research period at the RSC must be a minimum of one week to a maximum of four weeks. The maximum amount of the grant is dfl. 2,000. European students of American history are invited to apply for the 1993 RSC grants. Application forms and relevant information on the RSC collections are available upon request. 


For the fourth time, the RSC hosted the annual NASA conference, this year joined for the first time by annual VGTE conference.

Transmission and Reception of American Mass Culture in Europe

The emergence, dispersal and reception of American mass culture in nineteenth and twentieth century Europe was the theme of this year's Netherlands American Studies Association (NASA) conference, held at the RSC from June 9-11. Twenty-three speakers from ten different countries presented papers exploring the subject from a wide variety of angles, including the image of America at World Fairs, Buffalo Bill's Wild West shows, Euro-Disney, the Marshall Plan, American popular literature, pop music, film and photography.

At the same time, the Netherlands Association for Twentieth Century History (VGTE) held

its annual conference at the RSC, with the focus on "The Americanization of Dutch Culture." The American influence on music, the military, industry, the university system, illustrated magazines, tourism, photography, and film were dealt with in three separate workshops.


To conclude both conferences, a joint plenary lecture for both NASA and VGTE participants was given by Professor Rob Kroes (University of Amsterdam). Professor Kroes has recently been appointed President of the European Association for American Studies. The papers of the NASA meeting will be published in a conference volume. 

The Hofstra summer program at the RSC for American students was given an exciting new format this year.

Hofstra University Summer Study Program

Already in its third year, the Hofstra University (Hempstead, New York) Summer Program decided to try something different this year. In June and July, using the RSC and Middelburg as a home base, Hofstra Political Science Professor Linda Longmire and four of her students traveled by van throughout Western Europe for six weeks studying European Community institutions and issues. Professor Longmire is Co-Director of Hofstra's new Center for American-Netherlands Studies.

This "European Odyssey" began with attendance at the Netherlands American Studies Association conference and the Four Freedoms Awards ceremony. After excursions to Amsterdam, The Hague, and the Delta Works, the participants then journeyed for one and two weeks to Great Britain, Belgium, Luxembourg and France where economic and political questions of European Community integration were studied from different national perspectives. European Community cities like Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg were also on the itinerary, as was Paris and a day at the University of Maastricht to learn more about the Maastricht Treaty. The group then returned to the RSC where they enjoyed an historical tour of the city guided by Mr. Peter Sijnke, archivist of Middelburg.

The evaluation of this new format was very positive, and as one student remarked, "The variety of people and places we visited made the whole trip a meaningful adventure." Hofstra University and the Roosevelt Study Center will offer another European Odyssey Program in the Spring of 1993. 



Hofstra Professor Linda Longmire (third from right) with four students and Middelburg's archivist Peter Sijnke (right) in front of one of the doors of the Abbey.

Other Events at the RSC in 1992



Eleanor Roosevelt
(1884 - 1962)

Fulbright Alumni Association Meeting

The Netherlands Fulbright Alumni Association convened at the RSC on November 7, the very day thirty years ago that Mrs. Roosevelt died. Some seventy Fulbright alumni from all over the Netherlands as well as current American Fulbrighters in the Netherlands participated in a program with the theme, "Eleanor Roosevelt and Human Rights." Lectures by RSC Advisory Board Members Professor Alfons Lammers (University of Leiden) and Professor Peter R. Baehr (University of Utrecht) and RSC audio-visual documentaries on the United States in the 1920s and 1930s and on the life and times of Eleanor Roosevelt, were followed by lively discussions. A tour of the RSC library and museum and a farewell reception completed an unusually rewarding day.

Conference on Cultural Identity and Development in Europe


Co-organized with the Netherlands UNESCO Commission, the RSC was the site of a three-day conference on cultural identity from November 18-20. Initiated by Mr. Curtis Roosevelt the conference aimed at assessing the cultural identity factor in the converging and decentralizing developments in present-day Europe. The conference focused on Northwest Europe and dealt with the influence of economic and technological development as well as bureaucracy on cultural identity, and the use of cultural identity as ideology and weapon. Twenty experts from the United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands presented papers at this meeting which served as pre-conference for a larger conference on the same theme to be held at the RSC in June 1993.

An Education Manifesto for Europe

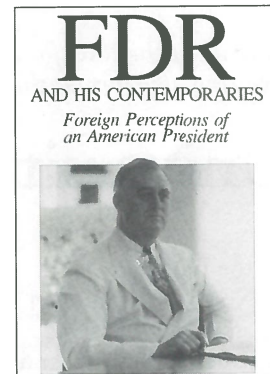
The PAIDEIA-2000 Project provided a new challenge to the RSC this year, as the first in a series of four conferences was held at the RSC. The ultimate purpose of the meetings is to draft a European Education Manifesto. This first meeting, held from November 23-25, dealt with "Socio-Political Perspectives of a New Europe. The Effects on the Education of Future Generations." Participants from several European countries produced the first part of the Manifesto providing basic sociological and cultural guidelines for philosophers, psychologists and planners/administrators of education. Follow-up conferences will be held in 1993 and 1994 in Budapest, Burg Schlaining (Austria), and Malta.

The objectives of the PAIDEIA project are two-fold:

1. to prepare a pan-European General Education Manifesto for the 21st century, and
2. to lay the foundation for a convention on the future of education in Europe leading to a European Education Charter.

In addition to the Roosevelt Study Center, partners in this project are: the Foundation for International Studies of the University of Malta, the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Erasmus University Rotterdam, the European University Centre for Peace Studies at Burg Schlaining (Austria), and the European Coordination Centre for Research and Documentation in the Social Sciences (Vienna Centre, Austria). 

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FDR and His Contemporaries: Foreign Perceptions of an American President, published by St. Martin's Press (New York, 1992), is a collection of essays by a distinguished group of historians around the world. Introduced with an essay by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. on the origins and development of FDR's internationalism, this collection provides fascinating accounts of how Roosevelt was judged and misjudged by Churchill, Stalin, de Gaulle, Mussolini, Hitler, Chiang Kai-shek, Franco and Hirohito, as well as other European and Latin American political leaders. The book concludes with an essay by Leon Gordenker on Roosevelt's vision of the postwar world and his continued influence on world politics after his death. *FDR and His Contemporaries*, edited by Cornelis A. van Minnen and John F. Sears, is based upon a conference held at the RSC in 1990 and is volume one in The Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute Series on Diplomatic and Economic History.

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A Look Ahead

Upcoming events at the RSC in 1993

Hofstra University European Odyssey Program at the RSC, March-April

In cooperation with the Center for American-Netherlands Studies of Hofstra University (Hempstead, New York) the RSC will serve as home base for a five-week program to familiarize American university students with Dutch society as well as the European Community integration process (see also page 9).

European Conference of Historians of the United States, April 21-24

The RSC will be the venue for a conference of European historians on U.S. history. The working title of the conference is: American Exceptionalism – A Comparative Perspective. Sessions will be held on: America and the idea of democracy; America and civil liberties; America and the market economy; Nationalism, fundamentalism and the paradoxes of liberalism. The papers to be presented will be genuinely comparative. The desire to hold this conference was generated and confirmed at the Historians' Shop Talk at the London (1990) and Seville (1992) conferences of the European Association for American Studies (EAAS).

The 1993 Lawrence J. Saunders Awards, May 7

At this annual ceremony prizes are presented to Dutch university students who have submitted outstanding M.A. theses on American history topics. A distinguished jury selects the three best papers, and replicas of Theodore Roosevelt's 1905 Inaugural Medal and prize money are presented to the winners.

American Studies Conference on The Small Town in America, June 2-4

For the fifth year in a row, the RSC will be the site of the annual conference of the Netherlands American Studies Association (NASA). This time a number of European and American scholars will discuss historical, literary, cinematic and sociological aspects of "The Small Town in America."

Conference on Cultural Identity and Development in Europe, June 8-10

Following the pre-conference held at the RSC in November 1992 (see page 10), a major conference on this theme will be held in June 1993.

Martin Luther King's America 1955-1968, A Photographic Exhibition, June-July

In cooperation with the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute (New York), the RSC will present a photographic exhibition, "Years of Trials and Triumphs: Martin Luther King's America 1955-1968." This exhibition marks the 25th anniversary of Dr. King's death and will be on display in several European cities.



Three Dutch Queens, Wilhelmina (top), Juliana (center) and Beatrix addressed a joint session of the U.S. Congress, 50, 40 and 10 years ago respectively.



A Transatlantic Friendship: Addresses by Queen Wilhelmina, Queen Juliana and Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands to the joint sessions of the United States Congress has been published as volume 12 in the Roosevelt Study Center Publication Series. With short introductory essays on the historical relations between the Netherlands and the United States, this publication brings together three royal addresses which were delivered on Capitol Hill fifty, forty and ten years ago respectively, each marking important moments in the relations between the two countries. This book commemorates that 210 years ago, in 1782, John Adams presented his credentials to the States-General as America's first envoy to the Dutch Republic.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 1992 contains the speeches delivered by Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, Mstislav Rostropovich, Terry Waite, Jan Tinbergen and Lord Carrington at the Awards ceremony in Middelburg. This is volume 13 in the RSC Publication Series.

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To be Published in 1993

American Diplomats in the Netherlands, 1815-1850 will be published by St. Martin's Press (New York) in 1993. This English edition of *Yankees onder de Zeespiegel* (Amsterdam: De Bataafsche Leeuw, 1991), written by RSC Director Cornelis A. van Minnen, examines how American diplomats in the Netherlands perceived Europe and the

Netherlands in particular. It also studies their comments on contemporary developments in the United States and evaluates their role as professional diplomats.

Based upon archival documents that were hitherto largely neglected in historiography, the book provides new insights into the relationship between the Netherlands and the United States in the nineteenth century.

Roosevelt Study Center Publications

The Roosevelt Study Center has published in its series "Roosevelt Study Center Publications" (edited by Cornelis A. van Minnen) the following volumes:

No.1 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 1984*

Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on June 23, 1984 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 1985.

No.2 *FDR's Place in Past and Present: An Evaluation Forty Years After His Death*
Lectures delivered in Middelburg on April 12, 1985, by J.W. Schulte Nordholt and Leon Gordenker. Middelburg, 1986.

No.3 *The Many-sided Theodore Roosevelt: American Renaissance Man*

A lecture delivered in Middelburg on December 3, 1985, by John A. Gable. Middelburg, 1986.

No.4 *The Roosevelts: Nationalism, Democracy and Internationalism*

Lectures delivered by David K. Adams, Carl-Ludwig Holtfrerich, Edmund Morris, and Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. on the occasion of the inauguration of the Roosevelt Study Center on September 19, 1986. Middelburg, 1987.

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No.7 *The Decolonization of Indonesia. International Perspectives*

Lectures delivered at the Roosevelt Study Center on September 2, 1987, by Pieter J. Drooglever, Leon Gordenker, Joop J.P. de Jong, and Soedjatmoko. Middelburg, 1988.

No.8 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 1988*

Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on June 4, 1988 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 1989.

No.9 *The European Democratic Left and the Atlantic Alliance*

(Co-edited with Rio D. Praaning). Proceedings of an international conference held in Middelburg on June 24 and 25, 1988, attended by politicians and researchers from Western Europe and North America. Middelburg, 1989.

No.10 *Human Rights in a Pluralist World. Individuals and Collectivities*

(Co-edited with Jan Berting, Peter R. Baehr, et al.). Proceedings of an international conference on human rights held at the Roosevelt Study Center on June 1-3, 1988, sponsored by UNESCO, the Netherlands Commission for UNESCO, and the Roosevelt Study Center. Published by Meckler (Westport, Connecticut/ London, 1990).

No.11 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 1990*

Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on May 19, 1990 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 1990.

No.12 *A Transatlantic Friendship: Addresses by Queen Wilhelmina, Queen Juliana and Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands to the Joint Sessions of the United States Congress*

Published on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the first presentation in Middelburg of the Four Freedoms Awards. Middelburg, 1992.

No.13 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 1992*

Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on June 13, 1992 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 1992.

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