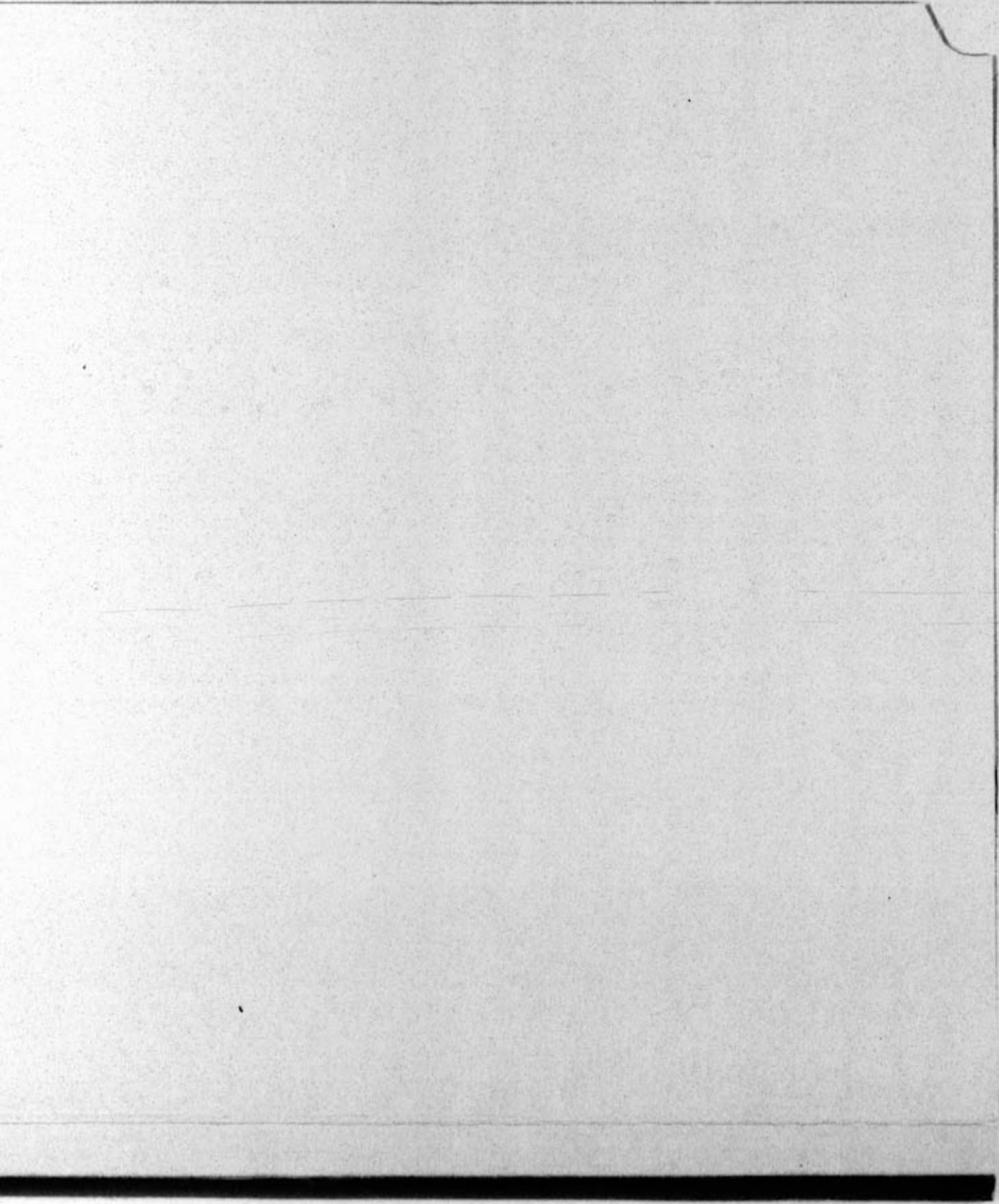


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Mrs. Mary P. Diaz
1900 F. Street N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Diaz:

This is a follow-up letter relative to your application for a Fellowship in Graduate Study offered by the Baruch Committee on Physical Medicine. We have just received word from that Committee following careful study and review of each application by the Educational Committee of the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Scientific Committee of the Baruch group.

The reply from the latter states that it is felt judicious for various reasons to proffer the scholarship at this time. The Committee stated that they were impressed with the interest each candidate expressed in Graduate Study and requested that the Sub-Committee on Fellowships continue to appraise further applications.

It is obvious that the Baruch Committee exerted more stringent requirements than they had originally indicated to us in evaluating the applications, as no one candidate quite fulfilled all of their requirements. The Baruch Committee assures us that they are continuing their interests in offering Fellowships. It is hoped that further negotiations between your Sub-Committee on Fellowships and the Baruch Committee will result in another opportunity at a later date.

The Educational Committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest and the splendid listing of credentials you submitted, as well as your carefully thought out plan of study. Please be assured of our interest.

Sincerely yours,

Marjorie Fish

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF FELLOWSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDY

The newly established Baruch Committee on Physical Medicine, has approached the Educational Committee of the American Occupational Therapy Association to recommend a group of candidates from whom they might choose several who would be interested in Fellowships for advanced study in Occupational Therapy or closely related fields. This opportunity is being offered with the intention of developing increased powers of leadership within our field.

This is a challenging opportunity to those who are desirous of carrying on an intensive period of study of approximately a year, along well-chosen lines, the result of which we hope will enable them to contribute to the profession both in preparation of potential therapists and as an aid to the active field. The study would be accomplished during 1944 and 1945, and would begin as soon as the selected candidates can make arrangements.

The Executive Committee of the American Occupational Therapy Association, and the Advisory Committee of the Educational Field Office have taken this under advisement and wish to submit to you the following information.

Requirements

1. Applicants must be Registered therapists in active practise.
2. Background of experience of not less than four years.
3. Academic degree desirable, but not required.

Suggested Fields of Study

The Baruch Committee has not confined its offer to any specified fields of study. Rather, they are desirous that applicants state their particular interests. The following have been suggested by the Committee:

1. Administrative and Curricular management of Occupational Therapy Schools.
2. Study of Departmental administration and procedure in clinical field.
3. Physical Therapy training (Harvard course).
4. Advanced anatomical and physiological study.
4. Kinesiologic studies in neuromuscular and musculoskeletal pathologic conditions.
6. Clinical investigation and research in adaptation of equipment for exercise, and utilization of industrial techniques.
7. Analysis of Occupational Therapy techniques in definitive terms, study of resistance of materials, gravity, etc.
8. Research in closer correlation of Occupational and Physical Therapy
9. Research and analysis of results of shock therapy in psychiatry, as applied to Occupational Therapy.
10. Occupational Therapy in the various aspects of Physical Rehabilitation and Reconditioning.
11. Study and research relative to publication of textbooks needed in the specialized fields.
12. Prosthetics (upper and lower extremities)—Occupational Therapy as an aid to executing use of appliances.
13. Occupational Therapy in Cerebral Palsy.
14. Occupational Therapy in the prevention of deformities from arthritis, poliomyelitis, tuberculosis of the bones, osteomyelitis.

Procedure

1. Letter of application should state:
 - a) Full listing of credentials.
 - b) Preferred choice of field, with reasons for selection
 - c) Reasons for pursuing Fellowship study.
 - d) Letter of reference from recent employer.

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2. Letters of application should be directed to the Educational Committee of the American Occupational Therapy Association, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York City 10. Applications will be received, reviewed and screened by the Educational Committee. The Baruch Committee has requested that approximately six candidates, from which they will select two or three, be referred to them for review and interview.
- x // 3. Letters of application must be submitted not later than Wednesday, November 8, 1944.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON REHABILITATION

The Council is now offering copies of the *Symposium on the Processes of Rehabilitation* from the program presented on May 25, 1944 at the National Conference of Social Work in Cleveland, Ohio, under the auspices of the Council.

This Symposium includes "Introduction to Panel Discussion" by Dr. Philip D. Wilson, President of the Council, "Selective Placement for the Handicapped" by K. Vernon Banta, Principal Employment Specialist (Physically Handicapped) War Manpower Commission, "Medical and Vocational Rehabilitation for Veterans" by McKee Fisk, Ph.D., Supervisor of Training on Business and Sales Occupation, Vocational Rehabilitation Service, Veterans Administration, and "Vocational Rehabilitation in New Perspective" by Michael J. Shortley, Director, United States Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. The balance of this pamphlet is made up of the discussion period, which included questions and answers covering the entire field of rehabilitation.

These pamphlets are 5¢ a copy and may be obtained upon request from the office of the Council.

The Hospital for Joint Diseases and the New York City Vocational Rehabilitation Bureau have worked out a joint program directed toward the vocational rehabilitation for patients as early as possible. The plan calls for an analysis of the social and vocational needs of patients based on the medical survey: diagnosis and prognosis. Emphasis on vocational rehabilitation will be made before patients are discharged from the hospital. Where necessary, because of delayed recovery and need for patient to remain under medical care and because of personnel and social problems and consideration will continue after discharge from the hospital. This early consideration will aim to balance the patient's physical and psychological capacity to the demands of the retraining and job objectives. At the outset the program will concentrate on patients studied in the In-Patient Department of the Hospital, though some patients from the Out-Patient Department will necessarily be included. Later the full, coordinated program will include the Out-Patient Departments.

For this project in which the doctors will take leadership all departments of the hospital will be involved—medical, nursing, social service, occupational therapy, physical therapy, etc. The Rehabilitation Bureau has assigned a member of its staff to the joint rehabilitation project.

The Division of Rehabilitation of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene has in press a pamphlet listing every psychiatric resource in this country including special rehabilitation clinics where veterans and discharges can apply for psychiatric care. The list is to be made available to all psychiatrists of the Armed Services. Copies may be had by writing The National Committee for Mental Hygiene, 525 East 68th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

According to an article by Eva Adams Cross entitled "Rehabilitation Program Outlined by Navy," appearing in the August issue of *The Modern Hospital*, this program hopes to achieve maximum adjustment of the individual patient either for further military service or for return to civilian life with the least possible handicap from his disability.

This article states that the following Naval installations specializing in various phases of the rehabilitation program include: Mare Island, Calif., amputation center; Philadelphia, amputation and blind and deaf center; Oakland, Calif., plastic surgery; Chelsea, Mass., neurological surgery; Brooklyn, N. Y., cancer; Bethesda, Md., neurological surgery

x Time has been not ended because the committee made no selections.

2. Mrs. Roosevelt - Mary Diaz

In spite of her twenty-three years experience as teacher, social worker, and occupational therapist she could not be considered as a candidate because she had no academic degree! It would take her, if allowed to register in any of our schools of occupational therapy accredited by the American Medical Association, three years to graduate! While it might be difficult to make exceptions with regularity for exceptional or outstanding candidates to these schools, isn't it ridiculous in the emergency to refuse admission to Mary Diaz to any of the established emergency courses! While she is not a graduate of any school she has trained in short courses in many of our best schools and hospitals, and to my mind is better equipped for her work than are many of us who may write B. A. after our names.

Some years ago I lived with Mrs. Archibald Hopkins in Washington. One night she was called by a secretary of either Howard or George Washington University - she was a trustee of both - to ask what her college degree was and where she had graduated. They wished to list it with her name and those of other trustees who were to be in the academic procession. I heard Mrs. Hopkins say into the telephone, "Pless you, my dear. I haven't any college degrees! And very little education! When I was a girl we were taught by my mother to mend and sew - it was a part of any girl's education. My grandmother taught me a little French at her knee - but I have no education! You know as well as I do that some folk are born with what some others of us will never acquire - no matter how many degrees are earned. I think you of all people would know just how much importance to attach to a degree after Mary Diaz's name.

On 24 March I was in Washington. Mary and I had a long talk about this and related subjects. We sought out a bench in the park in front of The White House - I tried to find the one on which the "Park Bench Statesman", Mr. Baruch sits when he meditates and holds his unofficial conferences out there. We talked of the newly established Baruch Committee on Physical Medicine which has offered through the Educational Committee of the American Occupational Therapy Association fellowships for graduate study. Mary Diaz made application in January for a scholarship. I enclose the reply she received.

I believe she should be urged to submit the application again. Or-

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better still, I think her application should be submitted on her behalf by a committee of her friends who believe in her. Mary Diaz could tell you herself better than I just what she has done at Duke University for Dr. Richard S. Lyman. He is now on leave to the army but I am sure he could be reached by letter. In fact, Mary has heard from him recently. If you, Dr. Lyman and possibly Dr. Winfred Overholser of Saint Elizabeth's Hospital and another could prompt and encourage her to this further effort at this time I think it would be accomplishing a good thing both for Mary Diaz and rehabilitation of the handicapped. For wherever she works she is going to bring particular gifts of enthusiasm and originality to her chores and enrich the field where they are done.

If a Baruch scholarship is sought again for her it might help in a practical way if Mary Diaz and Dr. Krusen of the committee could meet, and if some endorsement could be made directly to Dr. Wilbur and other administrators of the fund. I have left my folder of information with her. It contains names of all committees of study and research who worked to establish the fund's uses. I have a newspaper clipping I can enclose here.

It seems to me, too, that she should have advice as to the subjects she could pursue and a school sought where work could apply toward this college degree of which so much issue is made. She submitted some good ideas with the application she made. I encouraged her to consult further with Dr. Lyman of Duke regarding this for he has real faith in her ability. He has in mind for her some work at Duke- degree or no degree. The paradoxical and amusing thing is that some of those in position to refuse her admittance to their schools are themselves administrators without degrees. And probably quite as well prepared for their jobs as those of us who have that little edge on them of B.A. tacked after our names. With that fine boy in the U. S. Army Medical Corps and that girl in the American Red Cross program at Walter Reed Hospital, I told Mary facetiously she should have MaMa after her name- twice. Seriously, I wish the University of Puerto Rico would give her an honorary degree. Perhaps they will some day.

May I say here how glad I am that you and the President are to be in The White House during these next crucial years. And how much I hope the

4. Mrs. Roosevelt - Mary Diaz.

efforts you have both made in humanitarian causes will yield good fruit. I have admired for years, as did Mrs. Hopkins, your good works. I have appreciated particularly the help given at Crown Mine, your work with Clarence Pickett and efforts for better inter-racial cooperation. You would be pleased, I think, if you could know of the leaven at work in this fort. The unfortunate episodes get much publicity but the quiet day by day bits of help sometimes go unnoticed.

With warm admiration and kindest regards for you and those you serve and love, believe me,

Very sincerely,

Ida Himes
Ida Himes A.R.C.

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