Fourteenth National Debate Tournament at West Point

APRIL 20–23, 1960

RESOLVED: That Congress Should be Given the Power to Reverse Decisions of The Supreme Court.

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK
SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Announcement has been made by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge of the award of the George Washington Honor Medal for the Thirteenth Annual National Debate Tournament for "Outstanding achievements in helping to bring about a better understanding of the American Way of Life."

"I was asked recently what in my past experience had been most helpful to me as Chief of Staff. Was it attendance at the Command and Staff College and the Army War College? Was it service alongside General Marshall at the time of Pearl Harbor? Was it command of the 101st Airborne Division in Europe in World War II or of the Eighth Army in Korea? I never hesitated in replying, 'My most valuable preparation was membership in the Northeast High School Society of Debate in my pre-West Point days in Kansas City.'"*

- Maxwell D. Taylor

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FOREWORD

On behalf of the United States Corps of Cadets and the United States Military Academy, I am very happy to welcome students and faculty members of the colleges and universities participating in the Fourteenth National Debate Tournament at West Point.

The debate topic this year is one which should give the participants a deeper understanding of the American political system and the values of our society which that system is designed to preserve.

Leaders in forensic activities in all parts of the country have given generously of their valuable time in performing the necessary pre-tournament tasks that enable us to bring together the outstanding debate teams which represent their regions here. To them and to those of you who will carry the responsibility of judging the debates in the next three days, we express a special debt of gratitude.

I sincerely hope that your stay at West Point will be both profitable and pleasant. Almost 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-six colleges and universities which are represented. I am confident that such an exchange will prove to be a rewarding intellectual experience for all.

Your immediate hosts are the 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 Welsh and Richard Kirshberg, of Northwestern University, winners of the 1959 Tournament, receive the Larmon Trophy from Lt. General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy.

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 fourteenth 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 thirteen-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.
THIRTEENTH NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT AT WEST POINT

22-25 APRIL 1959

FINAL RESULTS

For the second consecutive year Northwestern University won the National Debate Tournament and became the possessor for one year of the Sigurd S. Larmon Trophy. Debating the affirmative side of the national debate topic, Resolved, that the further development of nuclear weapons should be prohibited by international agreement, Northwestern defeated Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire in the final round by a 5-2 vote.

The Thirteenth National Debate Tournament was held at the United States Military Academy from 22-25 April inclusive. As in preceding years, thirty-six teams from all parts of the country debated eight seeding rounds of strength versus strength pairings the first two days, and the top sixteen teams participated in the elimination rounds on the Final day.

On the evening of 24 April, following the completion of eight seeding rounds, a banquet was held in Cullum Hall. Mr. Frank Pace gave the principal address, and the top sixteen teams were announced as were the two speakers receiving the highest number of speakers' points. Cadet Jim Ray of the United States Military Academy and Ray Nicols of the University of Kansas, the two top speakers, were presented wrist watches. The watch presented to the top speaker has been designated the Lt. George W. P. Walker Memorial Award, in memory of the former West Point debater and Tournament winner. The members of the two finalist teams, William Welsh and Richard Kirshberg of Northwestern and James Shafer and Charles Bush of Wisconsin State College, each received prize watches following the final debate. These watches were made possible through the courtesy of the Hamilton Watch Company, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The sixteen teams entering the elimination rounds were selected on the following basis:

First, on number of debates won during the seeding rounds.
Second, in case of ties, on the number of judges' votes received.
Third, if a tie still existed, on total team points.
The top sixteen teams and their seeding round records were:

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### 1960 Participating Schools

#### District I
- University of Southern California
- Brigham Young University
- San Diego State College

#### District II
- Gonzaga University
- University of Oregon
- Montana State College

#### District III
- University of Texas
- Baylor University
- Texas Christian University
- University of Oklahoma

#### District IV
- Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia
- Southwest Missouri State College
- University of Kansas
- United States Air Force Academy
- William Jewell College

#### District V (Continued)
- Purdue University
- Loyola University
- Northwestern University

#### District VI
- University of Kentucky
- University of Miami (Fla)
- University of Alabama
- University of South Carolina

#### District VII
- University of Pennsylvania
- Seton Hall University
- George Washington University
- King's College
- University of Pittsburgh

#### District VIII
- Harvard University
- Dartmouth College
- University of Vermont
- Boston University
- Eastern Nazarene College

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**Host:** United States Military Academy

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### Tournament Administrative Staff

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SCHEDULE
FOURTEENTH 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.

Wednesday, 20 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' Receptio in the Weapons Room

Thursday, 21 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, 22 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, 23 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
3:30  Final Debate in North Auditorium, Thayer Hall
6:15  Supper
9:00  Formal Dance at Cullum Hall

Cadet Jim Ray, United States Military Academy, is shown with Lt. General Garrison H. Davidson, who has just presented him with a Hamilton electric wrist watch as the top speaker in the seeding rounds of the 1959 Tournament. This watch has been designated as the Lt. George W. P. Walker Memorial Award, in memory of the former West Point debater and Tournament winner.

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. The finalist watches have been designated the Hamilton Award for recognition of this courtesy.
Professor Grace Walsh, team coach, Charles Bush, and James Shafer, Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire, stand before the runner-up trophies presented to them at the 1959 Tournament.
CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES FOR 1960

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          Professor Herbert James, Dartmouth College
          Professor Arthur Hough, Wesleyan University
          Professor Robert Huber, University of Vermont
          Professor Thomas Mader, St. John's University
          Professor Charles Akers, Eastern Nazarene College
HONOR ROLL OF DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEES

Those who have been on their district nominating committees four or more times (exclusive of 1960).

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Upton Palmer
Charles Maston
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University of California
San Diego State College
University of Arizona
University of California
Loyola University of Los Angeles
University of Redlands

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University of Idaho
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Washington State University
Linfield College
Pacific Lutheran College
Willamette University

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Louisiana State University
East Central State College
Southwest Louisiana Institute

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Gregg Phifer
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University of South Carolina
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University of Alabama
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Virginia, West Virginia

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*Includes previous winner (automatic invitation).

**Previous winner, Redlands of District I, declined automatic invitation; District VII was given an extra invitation for 1953 only.

***Plus the USMA as host team.

#Previous winner, United States Military Academy, was present as host team; automatic invitation extended to runner-up, St. Joseph's College.
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For the fourth successive year, through the cooperation of Miss Dorothy Gordon, moderator, the New York Times Youth Forum (on station WRCA-TV, New York) on Sunday, 24 April, at 12:30 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.