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CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr. George N. SHUSTER

(United States of America)

Dr. George N. Shuster, who in 1960 became President Emeritus of Hunter College, New York City, was born in Lancaster, Wisconsin. He was educated at the University of Notre Dame, the University of Poitiers (C.d. A., 1919) and Columbia University (PhD., 1940). In addition he did graduate work at the Hochschule fur Politik, Berlin (1930-1931). He was Chairman of the Department of English, Notre Dame University (1920-1924), was then Managing Editor of the "Commonweal" (1925-1937), and subsequently was for two years a Fellow of the Social Science Research Council. He was the President of Hunter College from 1939 to 1960.

Dr. Shuster served in the Intelligence Section of the U.S. Army during the First World War. His next important service for the Government of his country was as a member of the Cultural Advisory Committee of the Department of State (1936-1941). This Committee prepared the way for the establishment of Unesco. He was a member of the American delegation to the London Conference on International Education which in 1945 adopted the constitution of Unesco. He was also a member of the U.S. delegation to the Paris Conference in 1946, was afterward a member of the U.S. National Commission, and served as its Chairman in 1953-1954. In 1958 he was appointed U.S. member of the Unesco Executive Board, which position he still holds.

In the interim he served as Chairman of the Historical Commission sent by the War Department to Germany in 1945, as a member of various Enemy Alien Boards established by the Department of Justice, and as John J. McCloy's deputy for Bavaria, under the U.S. High Commission (1950-1951). He has also been Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of International Education, Chairman of the Committee on Discrimination in the Nation's Capital, and is currently a Director of the Free Europe Committee, a Director of the National Educational Television and Radio Center, and a member of the Board of Editors of the "Encyclopedia Britannica". At present he is Vice-Chairman of the Fund for the Republic, Director of a Study in International Education of the American Council of Education, and consultant to various other enterprises.

He is a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, has been awarded the Great Gold Medal of Honor of the Austrian Republic, and the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit, with Star, of the Federal Republic of Germany. He is likewise the recipient of the Butler Medal for Service to Education, Columbia University, the Insignis Medal of Fordham University, and the Laetare Medal of Notre Dame University. He holds a number of honorary doctorates: Columbia University, the University of Freiburg, the Free University of Berlin, Loyola University, Long Island

University, St. Thomas College, Manhattan College, Hunter College, Dropsie College, the Jewish Theological Seminary, Seton Hill College and the New York School of Music. His other honours include the Dockweiler Medal, the Gold Medal of the Pestalozzi Foundation, and the Mariazell Medal.

Dr. Shuster has written widely. Several of his books have been translated into many languages. The most notable scholarly publications are in the field of comparative literature ("The English Ode from Milton to Keats", N.Y., 1940) and of recent German history (from "The Germans", N.Y., 1932, to "Germany: A Short History" 1945). He is also a respected commentator on education and a frequent contributor to periodicals. His most recent books are "In Silence I Speak" (1954) and "Education and Moral Wisdom" (1960).