

# 30 Receive Freedom Medal at the White House

## They Are Praised by Johnson as He Confers the Highest Civilian Recognition

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (AP)—President Johnson conferred the nation's highest civilian recognition—the Presidential Medal of Freedom—on 30 Americans today. He said their achievements "have made freedom stronger for all us."

In a noon ceremony in the East Room of the White House, the honored men and women stepped forward to receive the gold decoration and a handshake from the President to the applause of top Government officials.

The list of recipients ranged from the labor leader John L. Lewis to the industrialist Frederick R. Kappel; from the moviemaker Walt Disney to the scientist Detlev W. Bronk; from the Negro leader A. Philip Randolph to the author John Steinbeck.

Along with the medal the President gave a kiss on the cheek to Mrs. J. Frank Dobie, receiving the award for her historian husband, the President's friend for about 40 years.

And the veteran stage couple Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne forgot their usual stage presence and had to be tugged by the President into camera range beside him.

### Salute From Sandburg

There was extra applause for the journalist Walter Lippmann; the poet and historian Carl Sandburg, and for the three recipients whose medals were accompanied by citations of "special distinction" for service in the Government. They were:

Former Secretary of State Dean Acheson, retiring Representative Carl Vinson, Democrat of Georgia, and Edward R. Murrow, former television commentator and director of the United States Information Agency.

"Our glory is peace, not war; our greatness is in people, not power," Mr. Johnson told the medal winners when the ceremony ended.

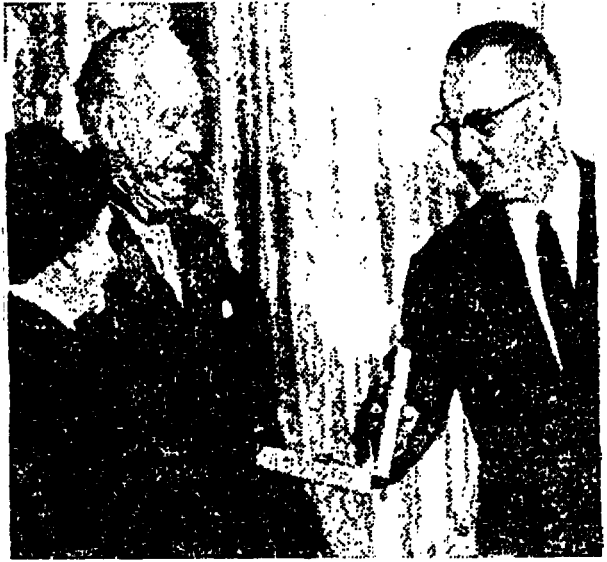
"The history of America is a history of outstanding achievement by individuals."

It was a belief that the nation's trust must continue to rest on the achievement of individuals, Mr. Johnson said, that led President Kennedy to establish the Medal of Freedom award.

He and Mrs. Johnson honored the group at a reception and buffet luncheon in the Blue Room.

The recipients were:

Dean Acheson, 71 years old. Sec-



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President Johnson presenting Medal of Freedom to Lynn Fontanne, the actress. Maj. Gen. Chester V. Clifton, Presidential military aide, fastens similar medal on Alfred Lunt.

retary of State from 1949 to 1953, of Washington, D.C.

Detlev W. Bronk, 66, neurophysiologist and for 12 years head of the National Academy of Science, of New York City.

Aaron Copland, 63, composer and lecturer, of New York City.

Willem de Kooning, 60, abstract and impressionist painter, of New York City.

Walt Disney, 62, pioneer in the animated movie cartoon field, of Los Angeles.

J. Frank Dobie, 75, writer, professor and authority on the folklore and history of Texas and the Southwest, of Austin, Tex.

Lena F. Edwards, 63, physician and humanitarian who at the age of 60 gave up private practice in Jersey City to devote herself to care of migrant workers, of Hereford, Tex.

Thomas Stearns Eliot, 76, Nobel prize-winning author of poetry, plays and criticism who was born in St. Louis, of London.

John W. Gardner, 51, president of the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching, of Scarsdale, N. Y.

The Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, 47, president of the University of Notre Dame since 1952, of South Bend, Ind.

Clarence L. Johnson, 54, aircraft engineer who designed the U-2 reconnaissance plane and the A-11, 2,000 mile-an-hour interceptor, of Encino, Calif.

Frederick R. Kappel, 62, chairman of the board of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, of Bronxville, N. Y.

Helen A. Keller, 84, a leader in assisting the blind although she was left blind, deaf and speechless by an illness when 19 months old, of Westport, Conn.

John L. Lewis, 84, retired president of the United Mine Workers, of Alexandria, Va.

Walter Lippmann, 74, journalist and columnist of Washington, D. C.

Alfred Lunt, 71, honored jointly

with Lynn Fontanne, husband and wife team of the American theater, of Genesee Depot, Wis.

Ralph Emerson McGill, 66, publisher and former editor of The Atlanta Constitution, of Atlanta.

Samuel Elliot Morison, 76, sailor and historian noted for his histories of naval affairs, of Boston.

Lewis Mumford, 68, author, social philosopher and authority on architecture and city planning, of Amenia, N. Y.

Edward R. Murrow, 56, radio and television reporter and commentator and former head of the United States Information Agency, of Pawling, N. Y.

Reinhold Niebuhr, 72, theologian and American Protestant leader, of New York City.

Leontyne Price, 37, American concert and opera star and the first Negro woman to sing famous opera roles, of New York City.

A. Philip Randolph, 75, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and a longtime leader in the Negro civil rights drive, of New York City.

Carl Sandburg, 86, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and biographer, of Flat Rock, N. C.

John Steinbeck, 62, Nobel Prize-winning author and playwright, of New York City.

Helen B. Taussig, 66, professor of pediatrics at The Johns Hopkins University and the discoverer of surgical means to save blue babies, of Baltimore.

Carl Vinson, 81, retiring chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, of Milledgeville, Ga.

Thomas J. Watson Jr., chairman of the board of the International Business Machines Corporation, of Greenwich, Conn.

Paul Dudley White, 78, physician and an authority on heart disease, of Belmont, Mass.

Mr. Dobie, Mr. Eliot, Miss Keller, Dr. Niebuhr and Miss Price were unable to attend the ceremonies.