

Red Carpet for Genie Chance at San Antonio, Tex.



RED CARPET FOR GENIE—Mrs. Genie Chance, vice chairman of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, is being welcomed by the San Antonio Red Carpet Committee upon her arrival in that Texas city October 9 for the semi-annual meeting of DACOWITS. In 1967, Mrs. Chance was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson to a three-year term on the 50-member committee of advisors to the Secretary of Defense. Earlier this year, she was named vice chairman of the group by President Richard M.

Nixon. She is a member of the Alaska State Legislature as a Representative from Anchorage. Shown in the picture are: left to right, Dr. Hester Turner, New York, chairman, Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services; Maj. Gen. Leo Dusard, Jr., deputy commander, Air Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base; Genie Chance, vice chairman, DACOWITS; and Jim Hanson, chairman, San Antonio Red Carpet Committee.

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By KAY HERRING

Genie Chance obviously is a girl who hit the ground running and hasn't stopped yet.

She's in San Antonio, Texas, this week—five thousand miles away from her Anchorage home—winding up the fall conference of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS).

It is Genie's last meeting with the DACOWITS group, a group that is charged by the U.S. Congress to interpret to the community the role of the woman in the military and to serve as advisors to the Secretary of Defense.

Of all Genie's numerous activities, DACOWITS holds a special spot in her busy life. That is because, as Genie says, "The military offers a unique opportunity for women. There are superb educational and training programs available to young women in a variety of fields.

"It is like college, somewhat," the pretty blonde continues, "but you're paid for your education by serving in the military. At the end of your term, you not only have the educational background, but you have the practical, on-the-job experience to go along with it. That's even more than you get in college."

The opportunities available to women in the military are myriad. "Of course, there are programs for nurses, dietitians, doctors and for those who want clerical careers. But the military has branched out to give instruction in many new fields, such as data processing.

"If a young woman decides she wants to leave the military after her term of service is up, such training would be invaluable in civilian life."

The image of the military woman is changing, too, Genie maintains. "During the war," she asserts, "we needed many women to do many jobs. Now, the requirements to get into the military are much stricter. We definitely are looking for quality more than quantity."

Serving on DACOWITS is a singular honor. A presidential three-year appointment, Genie

was asked by former President Johnson to be on the committee in 1966. Two years ago, she was elected to the Executive Board and was named chairman of the Public Relations sub-committee. Last spring, President Nixon tapped her to serve as vice-chairman of the 50-woman organization.

It is not unusual, however, for such honors to come to Genie Chance. She is a "worker" in the organizations to which she belongs. Since Genie moved to Alaska 10 years ago with her husband, Winston, and their three children, she has served as program director of an Anchorage

radio station, has been the winner of numerous awards from the Alaska Press Club and Alaska Press Women, serving as state vice-president and president, respectively, of those organizations.

She also has served on the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Press Women, the Anchorage Chapter of the Alaska Heart Association, the Eskimo-Indian-Aleut Pub-

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lishing Co. (Tundra Times), Ptarmigan Business and Professional Women's Club, and of the Jesse Lee Home for Children. She also conducts a public relations firm.

To add to this, she was elected last November to serve in the Alaska State House of Representatives where she now serves as vice-chairman of the Health, Welfare and Education Committee and as chairman of the State Affairs sub-committee on state personnel matters.

In these positions, she was instrumental in guiding through legislation concerning state employees; licensing of medical doctors, nurses, physical therapists and others involved in the medical profession; and in developing a treatment program for alcoholics.

Born, reared and educated in Texas, she was honored by the Camp Fire Girls in Texas as the Distinguished Lady of the Year in 1969. Her alma mater, North

Texas State University, cited her as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year this year.

All of Genie's activities and the subsequent honors that are given her stem from a philosophy that guides her through her busy life.

With a twinkle in her deep blue eyes, Genie explains, "If a woman wants to get ahead in this world, she has to think like a man, look like a woman, act like a lady and work like a dog!"

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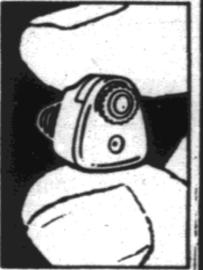
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