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May, 1970

Famed author-anthropologist Margaret Mead will be the main speaker at the twentieth Commencement of Salve Regina College (Newport, R. I.), Monday, May 25, at 1 p. m.

Dr. Mead will address the 180 members of the class of 1970, their families and friends at the traditional outdoor exercises on the College's oceanside Ochre Court Terrace. In case of inclement weather, the Commencement will take place in Building 1801 on the Naval Base, Newport.

The ceremony, with the Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, Bishop of Providence, presiding, will follow an academic procession of the Salve Regina corporation, trustees, administration, faculty, and graduating seniors, together with Federal, State, and local government officials, lay educators, nuns, and clergymen.

As marshal, State Representative Robert J. McKenna, (D) Newport, a member of the political science department and outgoing president of the faculty senate at the women's college, will lead the line of march from the O'Hare Academic Center down Ochre Point Avenue, through the main gates of Ochre Court, and around the administration building to the terrace overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The U. S. Naval Station Band will set the pace for the procession.

Salve Regina President, Sister Mary Christopher, R. S. M., will confer 135 bachelor of arts degrees and 45 bachelor of science degrees on the candidates, who will be presented by Dr. Lester E. Carr, Jamestown, vice president for academic affairs. Mr. Kenneth P. Mellor, representing the State Department of Education, will present the statements of eligibility for teaching. Two honorary degrees and a number of prizes and premiums will also be awarded at the ceremony.

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Dr. Mead is expected to address herself to the topic of "Building Peace," which was selected by the class as the theme for their Commencement.

A scientist and scholar committed to the betterment of society in the contemporary "global village," Dr. Mead has long been a student of the world's peoples--from primitive cultures to today's younger generation. Keenly interested in learning how children grow up in different kinds of societies, Dr. Mead attained worldwide prominence, while still in her twenties, with her first scientific book, Coming of Age in Samoa. From the 1928 publication of that study--which still sells 100,000 paperback copies a year--to her recently published Culture and Commitment--A Study of the Generation Gap (1969), Dr. Mead has been a working investigator of culture as a scientific discipline, translating the tribal idiom into modern behavioral terms for man's better understanding of himself and his actions.

In a career that spans 45 years, Dr. Mead has completed several field research expeditions, a score of books, and countless articles and monographs. In addition to her regular course lectures at Columbia and Fordham Universities, she has delivered hundreds of different addresses on a wide range of topics around the world.

A native of Philadelphia, and a graduate of Barnard College, with both a master of arts degree and doctor of philosophy degree also earned at Columbia, Dr. Mead holds 17 honorary degrees and 13 awards and citations. A former president of the World Federation for Mental Health and the American Anthropological Association and, until last year, curator of ethnology at the American Museum of Natural History, she still runs an office with nine assistants and is serving as a member of the prestigious Commission on the Year 2000.

Monday's Commencement will climax a round of Senior Week activities for the class of 1970. Already feted at a Sunday musicale by the Salve Regina Guild, and welcomed to the College's Alumnae Association at a Tuesday night dinner-party, the degree candidates receive their academic hoods at Class Day exercises, Wednesday (May 20), at 2 p. m. in Ochre Court; dance to the music of Louis Vaillancourt and his orchestra at Saturday's (May 23) Commencement Ball from 8 p. m. to midnight in Ochre Court's Great Hall; and mark Baccalaureate Sunday (May 24) with a special Mass at 3 p. m. at St. Mary's Church, Newport. Beach and pool parties, a boat ride, and several receptions will complete the week's schedule of events. Chairman of Senior Week is Miss Kathy Lannon, Chelmsford, Mass.