

Pamela Churchill Harriman Was Not Amused

It was a lovely spring day in Georgetown in June 1982. Democratic Party doyenne Pamela Harriman was hosting a garden party fundraiser for her wing of the party. Strangely, guests were entering the garden with programs, printed on bright golden paper. She had ordered no such programs. Even stranger was the look on their faces as they read the program.—Susan Kokinda

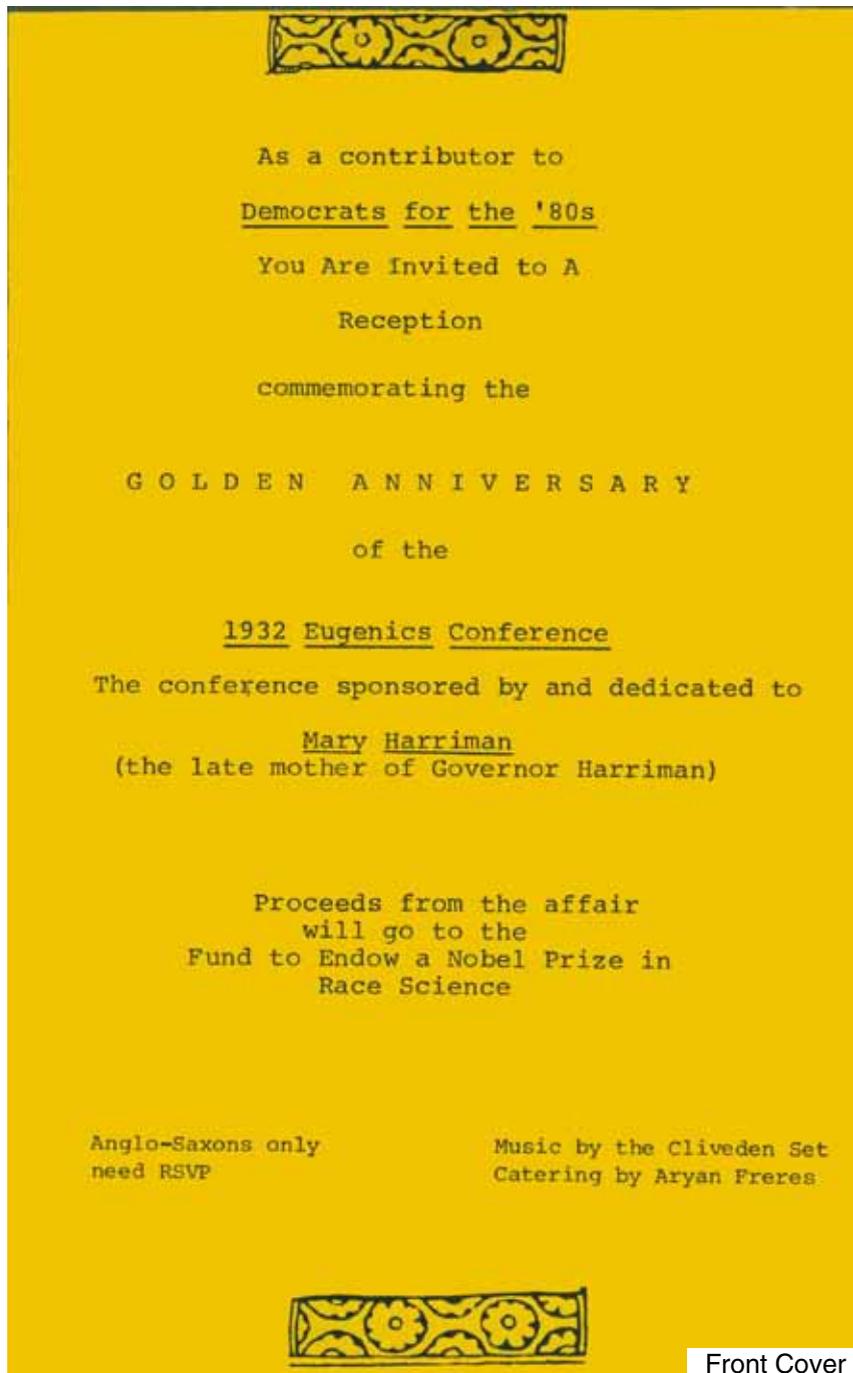
A Golden Anniversary

The Harriman family has been active in many causes. On Feb. 10, 1927, the *New York Times* carried an article entitled, “Harriman Returns from Tour Abroad, Saw Mussolini in Rome.” The article quotes the foresightful Averell Harriman directly on how he was “very much impressed” with the economic development of Italy under Mussolini.

But this was merely a precursor of things to come, and Americans would be remiss if they did not take pause to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of one particular project of Mrs. Mary Harriman, the late mother of Averell. The 1932 Eugenics Conference, held at New York’s Museum of Natural History—sponsored by, attended by, and ultimately dedicated to Mrs. Mary Harriman—had truly world-shattering effects.

At the pinnacle of its accomplishments was the *unanimous* election of Alfred Plotz, of the German Society for Racial Hygiene, as President of the International Eugenics Society. Another conference attendee, Ernst Rudin (the President of the German Society for Racial Hygiene), spoke of Plotz eight years later in a 1940 obituary: “It is tragic that Plotz did not live to see the solution to the problem of understanding and cooperation amongst the Nordic races, when he had believed so ardently in the purposeful leadership of Adolf Hitler and his holy national and international racial hygienic mission.”

Rudin, himself, would later gain



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far-reaching attention as:

- The author of the Nazi law “For the Protection of German Blood and German Honor” which declared Jews to be non-citizens;
- The forced sterilization programs of “mental defectives”;
- The T-4 program, which trained the operators of the concentration camps.

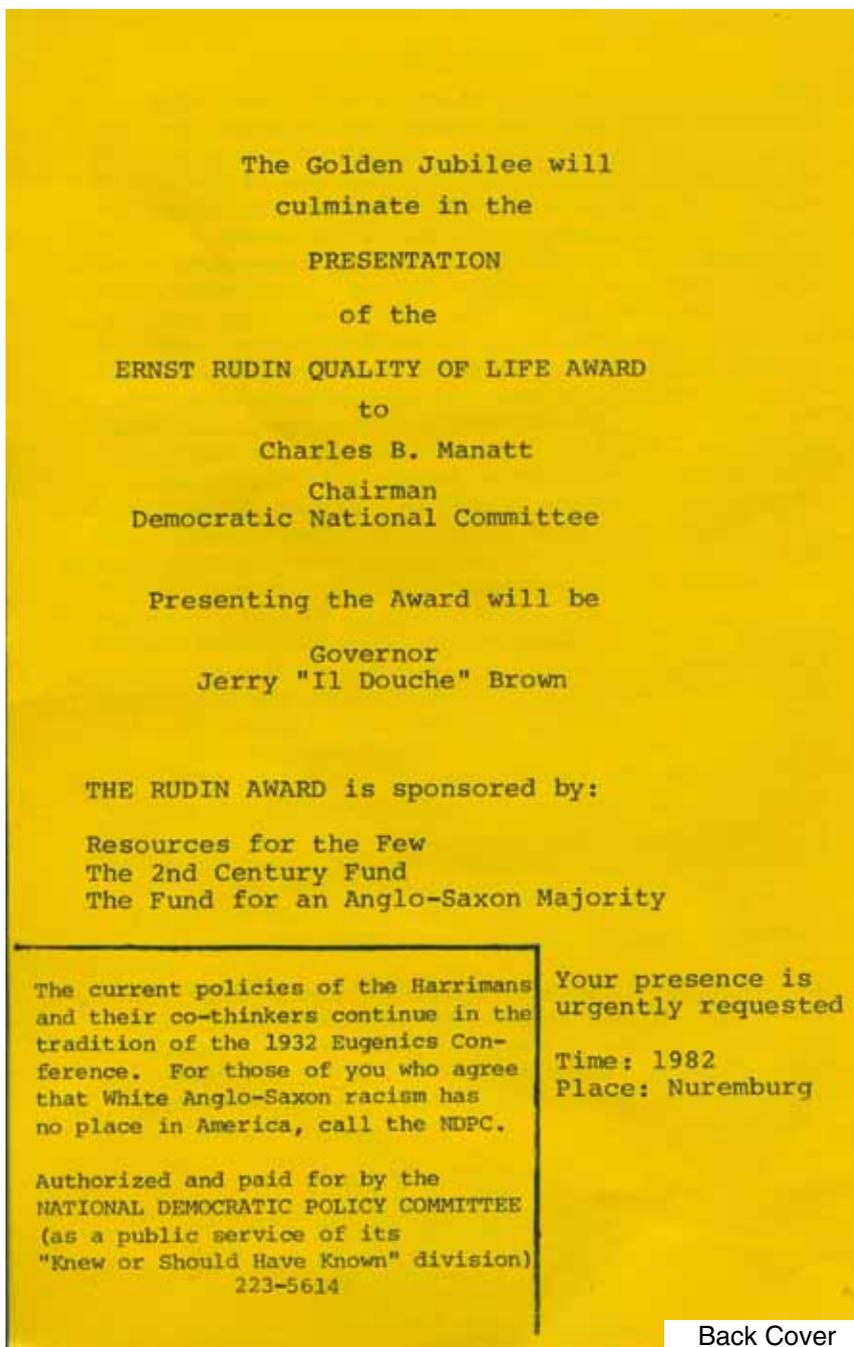
Your host and hostess tonight might agree that there are lessons for our time in the keynote address, delivered by Henry Fairfield Osborne, director of the Museum of Natural History and nephew of J.P. Morgan. Mr. Osborne forcefully argued that “overpopulation and unemployment are twin sisters. . . . The unemployed are naturally the less competent. In nature, they would disappear but in civilization we are keeping them in the community in the hope that in better days they may all find employment. This is only another instance of humane civilization going directly against the order of nature and encouraging the survival of the unfittest. The slogan, “Not More, But Better, Americans” should have its counterpart in every country in the world in which the rising spirit of nationalism and of an entirely natural and reasonable pride should be accomplished by the consciousness that the quality rather than quantity is the essential element of progress in every country and in every race.”

Another attendee and associate of the Harrimans, the Teddy Roosevelt family, and Osborne was Madison Grant, the head of the Immigration Restriction League. Grant wrote: “In the city of New York and elsewhere in the United States there is a native American aristocracy resting upon layer after layer of immigrants of lower races. . . . *It has taken us 50 years to learn that speaking English, wearing good clothes and going to school and church does not transform a Negro into a white man.* And we will have similar experiences with Polish Jews, whose dwarf stature and peculiar mentality are being

engrafted upon the stock of the nation.

Nor should we forget Dr. Charles Davenport, the head of the Harriman-funded Records Office, who asked, “Can we by eugenics studies produce supermen? Progress will come slowly, but it will come.” Dr. Davenport was an aficionado of human breeding techniques.

The National Democratic Policy Committee, which issued this flyer, was the predecessor organization of LaRouchePAC.



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