

JOSEPH ESREY JOHNSON, President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Historian schooled at Harvard, this former teacher at Bowdoin later spent ten happy years applying the lessons learned here to the enlightenment of undergraduates at our sister college Williams, and then forsook the Groves of Academe for the problems of formulating and implementing foreign policy during World War II in the Department of State. With courage he dedicated his primary responsibility to the creation and initial operation of international organizations designed in the hope of peace. From Dumbarton Oaks and the San Francisco Conference, he went on to active participation in the first sessions of the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. The presidency of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, dedicated to the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy, appropriately followed with opportunity to further encourage and promote methods for peaceful settlement of international differences, for the increase of understanding, and for the development of international law. The pertinency of his involvement is exemplified by his two years service as Special Representative of the United Nations Conciliation for the problems of the Arab refugees in an area already filled with turmoil and tensions.

We honor this man for his perception of problems of tomorrow, his objectivity in their analysis, his courage in the seemingly impossible and futile task of finding their solutions, and for his contributions to the hope that someday man may find peace.

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