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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. William Montgomery McGovern

Dr. McGovern was born in New York City in 1897. He holds degrees from the Sorbonne, the University of Berlin and a PhD from Oxford.

Dr. McGovern's colorful career has carried him into many fields, including those of author, lecturer, university professor and explorer. He has been a member of the faculty at some of the outstanding universities of the world. He was a lecturer in the School of Oriental Studies of the University of London and a lecturer in History and Comparative Religion at the University of Wales.

In 1929, Dr. McGovern joined the faculty of Northwestern University as an associate professor of Political Science. He has continued there until the present time, with many leaves of absence for travel, visiting lecture courses, service in the U. S. Navy, and in June, 1952, to fill the chair of Social Sciences at the Naval War College.

As a Master of twelve languages and a specialist in Oriental studies, Dr. McGovern was of great service to the Navy and top Government leaders during World War II, at which time he served with the U. S. Navy as a Commander, connected with various Intelligence duties. He was attached to the Joint Intelligence Committee, the Joint Strategic Survey Committee and other J. C. S. organizations. In addition, among other accomplishments, he edited an encyclopedia set dealing with potential invasion areas, and carried out special missions to every military theatre of operations. He was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Dr. McGovern has traveled throughout many parts of the world. Two of his most famous exploits include a journey to the Forbidden City of Lhasa, disguised as a Thibetan coolie, and a

period of residence in Japan, disguised as a Buddhist Monk. He has also led an expedition through the Amazon basin, subsequently excavating Inca and pre-Inca remains in Peru.

At the close of World War II, Dr. McGovern returned to Northwestern University to continue as Professor of Political Science and to introduce a new course called "Military Government of Occupied Areas."

Dr. McGovern is a member of the American Oriental Society, American Political Science Assn, and the following clubs: University (Evanston, Ill.); Adventurers, Tavern (Chicago), Army and Navy (Washington, D. C.).

Included in his works as an author are: *Modern Japan*, 1919; *Colloquial Japanese*, 1920; *Introduction to Mahayana Buddhism*, 1921; *Manual of Buddhist Philosophy*, 1923; *To Lhasa in Disguise*, 1924; *Jungle Paths and Inca Ruins*, 1927; *the Growth of Institutions (in Man and His World)*, 1929; *Early Empires of Central Asia*, 1938; *From Luther to Hitler*, 1941; *Japan, China, Korea, Political and Economic Factors*, 1948.