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Bios

Mrs. Persinger, who has recently returned from an East-West non-governmental disarmament conference at the United Nations in Geneva, is deeply involved in the work of the ~~the~~ national and international organizations accredited as consultants and observers at the United Nations in New York. As a representative of the World YWCA, on whose legislative body she serves, and of the Y National Board, she has just completed a three-year term as chairman of a group of UN representatives for a Council of 150 national organizations associated with the United Nations Association. She also serves on the Executive Committee of the ~~the~~ national and international organizations ~~which have representation at the UN.~~

one of the three women on the 100-member

Mrs. Persinger is also ~~the~~ Commission to Study the Organization of Peace, a scholarly group which ~~researches~~ emerging world problems, proposes solutions and presents its findings to government and UN officials for their use. Its recent studies have dealt with the law of the sea and potential agreements on the sea bed as the "common heritage of mankind"

As a member of the Lodge Commission, appointed by the President to study the United Nations and recommend guidelines for U.S. participation, Mrs. Persinger was particularly interested in the way in which the U.S. government functions in the UN and its agencies and possibilities for more effective work on human rights and assistance to developing countries.

For twenty years a member of the National Board of the YWCA, Mrs. Persinger served as chairman of its Public Affairs Committee its Committee on Cooperation and was active in Y work with students, young ~~women~~ women and as contributor to national and World YWCA publications. She has participated in the leadership of numerous national interantional cofereces ~~in~~ in such diverse fields as environmental quality, the elimination of racism/ and ~~the~~ the legislative process. An active member of the League of Women Voters in her home town, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., she directed her Leagee's ~~study~~ study of legislative apportionment and a community education program on the People's Republic of China.

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Mrs. Persinger recalls White House conferences with various U.S. Presidents, especially a memorable 2-hour session with President Kennedy who invited her ~~the~~ the YWCA's 50-member National Public Affairs Committee to discuss ways in which they could assist in building support for strong civil rights legislation. A recent state dinner at the White House with the Nixons, she says, was one of those touches of glamour which make the daily drudgery of staying on top of UN and other developments seem not all ~~so~~

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Mrs. Persinger was a member of the President's Commission on the Status of Women's Committee on Taxation and Social Security. Mrs. Roosevelt, she recalls, was chairman just before her death. Her association with Mrs. Roosevelt, who was very gracious about helping with YWCA projects, she says, inspired a conviction that the world will not be right until more women become involved in national ~~and~~ decisions on war/peace issues.