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George Washington University President Lloyd H. Elliott, left, and Chief Justice Earl Warren chat with Coast Guard

Lt. James F. Meade and Susan E. McGuire, both of Arlington, who were graduated with honors yesterday.

## Seek Unpopular Causes, Warren Urges Graduates

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Chief Justice Earl Warren, who has seen his share of controversy, had some advice on the subject yesterday for graduating students of George Washington University: Pursue a good cause—but pick an unpopular one.

"I would suggest that it be an unpopular cause, or at least a controversial one," Warren told the university's winter convocation, "because very little satisfaction flows from a cause which everyone favors."

Fortunately, he said, today's college graduates are more interested in the Nation's problems than other

groups, "taking jobs that mean more to them in satisfaction than in money."

It was not this way when he graduated in 1912, said Warren. He observed that "outside of the few who went into educational or religious work, I cannot remember any of my contemporaries who pursued any great causes. We merely looked for a job."

Now there are enough obvious, serious problems for everyone to tackle, he said, voicing optimism that the ills of the country can be overcome.

"I am sure that a National, capable of building cities such as we have, can make them livable for all

our people," he said "that a nation which can develop an educational system such as we have can make education free and equal for all."

Similarly, poverty, crime, pollution, discrimination and war all can be ended, Warren contended, with dedicated efforts by the Nation's young.

"You did not create these problems," he told the graduates, "but you are the ones who must either solve them or sit on the sidelines and watch them magnify both to your discomfort and your ultimate discredit."

University President Lloyd H. Elliott presented the Chief Justice an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree at the Constitution

Hall ceremony for 636 graduates, observing that Warren "has not hesitated to grasp the nettle of controversy when others stood mute."

Also honored were Gertrude B. Elion, senior research chemist and head of experimental therapy for the Wellcome Research Laboratories, and Sterry R. Waterman, circuit judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals' Second Circuit.

In his charge to the graduating class, Elliott urged the students to "re-examine each substantive opinion that you hold," and to remember that "while each man falls short, every man must continue to reach."