

PERPETUATING OLD TRADITIONS

What our Society is doing today and has been doing dynamically for a quarter of a century, neither the Vietnam War, nor political scandals, such as Watergate, have shaken our sincere friendship for the great nation on the other side of the Atlantic. At the most critical moment, Mrs. Robert Flesch, the dynamic and devoted Secretary General of the Society for many years, submitted her report on the Society's activities for 1972 at the March 31st, 1973 General Assembly Meeting in the following words:

"Notwithstanding today's difficulties, it was a normal year, relatively so perhaps, but, nevertheless, we proceeded in a satisfactory manner in our mission, i.e., maintaining and enhancing American-Luxembourg friendship".

Two years previous she had emphasized another particularity of American Luxembourg Society activities:

" fidelity to traditions which, in many fields, are common to the peoples of our two countries"

Fidelity and tradition are the key words when speaking of our predecessor, the "American Club", but they apply as well to our activities today.

Since around 1948, everything more or less connected with America, her culture, her history, her people, her policy, have given our Society ample opportunity to organize various activities. At the same time, our Society has contributed in offering the people of Luxembourg many outstanding cultural events.

And yet, the ALS remains faithful to the great traditional holidays, a heritage of the old "American Club". Thus, year after year, we regularly celebrate two of the most important American holidays, namely "Independence Day" and "Thanksgiving Day".