

Ruth's global enterprises

A journalist, a radio broadcaster, an executive . . . "I do so many different jobs, it's difficult to tell anyone *what* I do," says Ruth Kinyon Whiteside Fisher.



An American in London married to Robert Fisher (an Austrian by birth and a graduate of the University of Vienna who speaks multiple languages), Ruth's varied interests and enterprises take her to many countries of the world in her search for antiques.

Serving as a center of her diverse activities are new offices at Robert Fisher (Shipping) Ltd., which was founded by her husband in 1921. The firm is located on a gas-lighted street near the bright lights area of Piccadilly Circus.

As Mrs. Robert Fisher, director of the company,

Ruth is out on new business calls, or hatching up promotional campaigns. As Ruth Kinyon Fisher, she is a commissionaire to international buyers of antiques and to interior decorators. Through her husband's company she is in contact with many people in the world of art, such as Huntington Hartford of A. & P. stores and Vincent Price, buyer for the Sears-Roebuck collection. The Fishers give a direct personal service in import-export and customs, and handle books, modern and vintage cars, animals by air—or supply clients with a car, chauffeur and interpreter. "We are dealers to dealers; there is no longer a national but an international market," says Ruth.

A European network of contacts for antiques means exciting trips to the continent for the Fishers. A typical business year invariably finds them in Italy in September and October; in Germany (and sometimes Denmark and Sweden) in May—and just for fun, a mid-winter trek to Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Finland, Turkey, Greece, the Soviet Union and Belgium are often included in their itinerary, too. "We never work harder than on continental trips, up early and until everything is closed, then write up office calls, antique and decorating reports and a map for future routings." Or in London, "The days are so fascinating we forget we are dead tired; with full brief cases the job is carried on after hours," she adds.

"I try to keep up my journalistic activities, too," says Ruth. Before her marriage she spent two years abroad making tapes for the Columbia Broadcasting System. When she and Robert were married in 1959, Ruth set up her Overseas Features, Ltd.—a news-behind-the-news press service. She continues as its managing director and still takes press party tours. Also,

as British correspondent for the American magazine *Travel*, she writes a monthly column under the by-line of Ruth Kinyon Whiteside. Despite her continued interest in journalism, she says she turns down more work than she turns out.

Travel is not new to Ruth. Born in Kansas City, Missouri when her father, Henry H. Kinyon, A.B. '12, B.J. '12, worked for the Star, the family soon moved to Tokyo where Mr. Kinyon continued his newspaper career. When Ruth was eight, they moved to Long Island, N. Y. It was her father's transfer to Columbia, Missouri that brought Ruth to the Journalism School at the University. In 1938 she graduated with a B.J. degree in advertising.

For the next several years, Ruth was with advertising firms in New York City—the J. Walter Thompson Company, and ten years as director of research with Charles W. Hoyt Company. She was a member of the board of directors of Advertising Women of New York, and a director of the Advertising Federation of America; later she was treasurer of the International Association of Women in Radio and Television.

The Fishers are currently on a business trip in the States. They will return to England late this month and move into their newly purchased home on Ricketts Lane, at Paddock Green, Salfords, Surrey—about thirty minutes by train from their London office. Mr. Kinyon, who lives at Candlelight Lodge, Columbia, Missouri, will join them in the spring.

Antiques? "Our home at Paddock Green is piled high," says Ruth. "Typically female, I can't bear to let some lovely things go—so I keep them."

Alumni named to bench

James A. Moore and Alvin C. Randall have been named judges of the Jackson County, Missouri, Circuit Court. Both appointees are lawyers with a background of varied civic responsibilities in Kansas City.

Mr. Moore, who received an A.B. degree from the University in 1931, is a member of the law firm of Gage, Hodges, Moore, Park and Kreamer. He was a member of the Kansas City liquor control board of review from 1950 to 1956 and was a charter member and former president of the lawyers association.

Mr. Moore served three terms as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce local government committee. A native of Kansas City, he has been a member of the Missouri Bar since 1934. He is married, has five children, and lives at 450 West 50th Street.

Mr. Randall has practiced law in Kansas City nearly 15 years. He is a partner in Houts, James, Randall, Hogsett and McCanse, and is a recipient of the Lon Hocker Trial lawyer award.

A native of Wayne County, Missouri, Mr. Randall graduated from the University in 1949 with an LL.B. degree. He was active in political campaigns in the Kansas City area in 1952, 1954 and 1956. Married and the father of two children, he lives at 1100 West 74th Street.