

Dallas Morning News

Dallas, Texas, Sunday, June 16, 1968



—Dallas News Staff Photo by Fred Coston.

Military flag-bearer parades by standing honorees at Banquet of the Golden Plate

Academy Honors Leaders

50 Achievers Gather for Golden Plate Banquet

By JUDY BURTON

National celebrities and lesser-known leaders in many fields were among the 50 honorees at the American Academy of Achievement's 7th annual Banquet of the Golden Plate here Saturday night.

In the packed Grand Ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel was "one of the most distinguished gatherings in the United States and probably in the world," declared Paul Thayer, president of the academy.

The 1968 Captains of Achievement, recipients of the Golden Plate awards, included a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, a presidential adviser, an astronaut and a baseball star as well as leaders from almost every facet of business, science, journalism and education.

"Many people who excel and have a dramatic impact on our daily lives are never recognized," Thayer pointed out, explaining that the academy seeks to reach such leaders — as well as celebrities — for special honor.

ALSO HONORED were some 200 honor students from across the nation, including Lane P. Hughston of Dallas, national winner in the International Science Fair.

"When we mix these groups of excellent young people and adults in a critical mass, we believe both groups benefit," Thayer said, noting that the young people have been involved for three days in seminars and discussion groups with the national leaders.

When recipients of the Golden Plate

were introduced to the young people and Dallas civic leaders, Gunnery Sgt. Jimmie E. Howard of San Diego, Calif., winner of a Medal of Honor in Vietnam, received a standing ovation.

Another standing ovation later in the evening went to George Shearing, blind pianist-composer who entertained the group with a brief piano rendition of "What Kind of Fool Am I?"

Two honorees from Dallas were Carr P. Collins, philanthropist and businessman, and Clyde Skeen, president of Ling-Temco-Vought. In brief remarks, Collins attributed his success mostly to "recognition early in life that, above all, one needs some power above man to give him faith and confidence."