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HENDON TO MC MANSFIELD DINNER

Robert C. Hendon, newly elected president of the University of Montana Foundation, will be master of ceremonies at the Montana Mansfield dinner Oct. 14.

The dinner at the Helena Civic Center will raise funds for the Foundation's Mansfield Endowment. The Endowment will finance a series of lectures at UM on international relations to commemorate Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield's 25th year in Congress. Sen. Mansfield is a UM professor on leave and a UM alumnus.

Hendon received his bachelor of arts degree in journalism from the University in 1931 and was graduated from the UM Law School in 1934. A Law School classmate of Hendon's and Mansfield committee chairman in Butte, Joseph J. McCaffery, recalls Hendon served as president of the senior class and as an officer in the national legal honorary, Phi Delta Phi. "We had a small graduating class, 19 of us with two transfers, and Bob was the youngest member. We've had a reunion every five years since our tenth anniversary reunion in 1944 and Bob has always been there. I'm delighted to learn he'll be with us at the Montana Mansfield dinner," McCaffery said.

Hendon served with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 13 years as a special agent and officer in charge of various divisions. In 1939 he was assigned to the FBI Washington headquarters as an inspector and administrative assistant to J. Edgar Hoover.

He joined Railway Express Agency in New York City in 1947. He left REA for a short time in 1950 to become an assistant to the president and director of personnel for the Mathieson Chemical Corporation in Baltimore. He rejoined REA and now is vice president in charge of industry affairs of the executive department and president of REA Seven-Arts Transvision.

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Hendon succeeded Oakley Coffee of Missoula as Foundation president and was elected at the Foundation's annual meeting in July. His wife is the former Ruth Perham of Butte.

In a telephone interview Hendon said, "Having attended the Washington dinner for Sen. Mansfield (Aug. 24) and knowing what a success it was, I couldn't help but be delighted to be toastmaster for the Montana dinner. It is a special honor to be part of a dinner which will honor a wonderful gentleman and which will support a cause to bring speakers of international repute to the UM campus."

Persons desiring to contribute to the Mansfield Endowment or to make dinner reservations at \$25 per person may do so through the University of Montana Foundation, Mansfield Endowment, Missoula, Montana, 59801.