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Valley Cottage Man Gets Diplomatic Post

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Kenneth Quinn, 25, son of George Quinn, 166 Lake Rd., Valley Cottage, has his long awaited "chance to do something important."

He's received a Presidential commission as a foreign service officer in the U.S. diplomatic corps and recently began a six-month training course in Washington, D.C. He probably will be posted overseas as a viceconsul before the six months are up.

THE APPOINTMENT grew from an interest in current events and government that began when Quinn was in grammar school in The Bronx and carried him through bachelors, master's, and doctor's degrees in political science.

"He did it all on his own," the elder Quinn said as he detailed Kenneth's education. "He did selling, coached and refereed basketball, won scholarships, and he had a fellowship at the University of Maryland. He got his Ph.D. there last month," Quinn, a supervisor at the W.T. Grant Co., explained.

Young Quinn was one of 250 selected from nearly 8,000 who took preliminary tests. He passed additional exams and credits graduate work plus extensive reading for getting him over the final hurdle.

BORN IN The Bronx, Kenneth moved to Dubuque, Ia.,



KENNETH QUINN

with his family at the age of 11. He was highest in his high school class, graduated cum laude from Loras College, Dubuque, and took his master's at Marquette University, in Milwaukee, Wis.

Kenneth received a more direct experience with politics in the summer of 1966 when he worked on a citizens commission which made a study of the Maryland state general assembly and recommended changes in its operation. Quinn headed the staff and facilities subcommittee.

The young diplomat feels it is likely he will be posted to Vietnam, although no definite information has been released.

"I'M SINGLE," he explained, "and there is a sizable mission there."

Although Kenneth has spent very little time in Rockland County, Valley Cottage is his legal address. His father and two sisters, Patricia, a student at Rockland Community College, and Kathryn, in St. Paul's Parochial School, moved to the county a year ago. Mrs. Quinn died 2½ years ago.

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