

# ***Helen B. Montgomery, Director Of Spence-Chapin Service, Dies***

Helen B. Montgomery, executive director of the Spence-Chapin Adoption Service, died yesterday in her home at 185 East 85th Street. She was 52 years old. The cause of death was not immediately determined.

Miss Montgomery had held the executive post in the non-sectarian, interracial agency since 1957 and four years ago initiated a five-year demonstration program of long-term foster care service that has so far benefited more than 1,200 children, most of them Negroes or Puerto Ricans, in New York.

Beginning in 1944, Miss Montgomery was for three years an executive of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency in Italy, France, Germany and Egypt. In 1949, at the request of the Italian Government, she served in Italy as a United Nations consultant on child care and general welfare.

Before joining the Spence-Chapin service, Miss Montgomery was a field consultant to the Family Service Association of America in Southern states and later in New York State, New England and Canada.

Miss Montgomery was graduated in 1932 from Stanford University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She received an M.A. degree in Social Service Administration six years later.

She was a consultant in the child welfare division of the California State Department of Social Welfare before World War II and was formerly a director of the National Conference on Social Welfare. At her death she was a national adviser on social work for "Children," a publication of the United States Children's Bureau.

Her mother, Mrs. Macie Montgomery, survives.

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