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PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS

As an experiment, a Catholic lawyer in each state was requested to send the names of any Catholic who had been elected or appointed to judicial or other high public office in his state during the past year. The response was incomplete. However, in some instances the replies were broader than the question.

In recognizing that the New York survey is incomplete, we realize that the listings for the other states must be incomplete too. Nevertheless the information is set forth substantially as it was received.

Although our policy on the publication of future similar features has not yet been determined, we would appreciate being advised of Catholics who are elected or appointed to high office during the calendar year 1956.

Colorado

The Honorable Stephen L. R. McNichols was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Colorado. He is forty-one years of age and a distinguished veteran of the Naval Service in World War II. He formerly served in the State Senate and is an active participant in Catholic, parochial and other affairs.

Elected as District Judges for the City and County of Denver were: Joseph E. Cook, Edward C. Day, Albert T. Frantz, Edward J. Keating, Joseph M. McDonald, Joseph J. Walsh. Judge Walsh, who was a Knight of St. Gregory, died in October 1955.

Delaware

The Honorable Joseph Donald Craven was elected Attorney General of the State of Delaware.

Georgia

Outstanding Catholic lawyers in Georgia are: John J. Bouhan, County Attorney, Savannah, Chatham County; Henry Brennan, City Alderman, Savannah; James F.

Glass, Brigadier General, Retired, National Guard of Georgia, Savannah; A. J. Ryan, Jr., Solicitor General, Eastern Judicial Circuit of Georgia, Savannah.

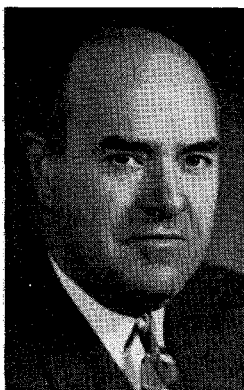
Illinois

The Honorable Richard J. Daley was elected Mayor of the City of Chicago. Mayor Daley was Comptroller of Cook County for many years and served in the State Legislature for ten years. He was also State Director of Revenue and County Clerk.



MAYOR DALEY

Mayor Daley, who attended DePaul University Law School, was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1933. He is the father of seven children.

Illinois (continued)

JUDGE DUNNE

Hon. Robert Jerome Dunne was elected Judge of the Probate Court of Cook County which is one of the largest, if not the largest, court of its type in the U. S. Judge Dunne has served as a member of the Judiciary for the past twenty-two years.

Indiana

The Honorable Phillip L. Bayt was elected Mayor of the City of Indianapolis. Mr. Bayt was born in Indianapolis and graduated from Lincoln Law School in 1936. He served as City Controller from 1948 through 1950, at which time he was elevated to Mayor and served until November 26, 1951. He now becomes the first "appointive" mayor who later was elected as Mayor.

Mr. Bayt was appointed Judge of the Municipal Court by the Governor of the State of Indiana and served as Judge until March, 1953.

Mr. Bayt is Grand Knight of the Holy Family Council of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus in Indianapolis. He is married; has two sons: Phillip A. and Robert L. Bayt.

Louisiana

Mr. Charles J. Rivet of New Orleans, Louisiana, an outstanding Catholic lawyer,

has recently been made a Knight of St. Gregory The Great.

Maryland

Michael Paul Smith was appointed by the Governor of Maryland as Judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Third Judicial Circuit. Judge Smith, who received his law degree from the University of Maryland, was a practicing attorney for thirty-one years prior to his appointment.

Massachusetts

The Honorable Paul C. Reardon was appointed Chief Justice of the Superior Court.

Edmond J. Keville was appointed as Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk.

Mrs. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney was appointed as Judge of Probate for the County of Bristol.

M. Edward Viola was appointed Associate Justice of the Third District Court of Eastern Middlesex County.

George Constantino was appointed Presiding Justice of the District Court of Clinton.

Vincent Mottola was appointed an Associate Justice of the Boston Municipal Court.

John Volpe was appointed to the Industrial Accident Board.

Russell G. Oswald was appointed as Commissioner of Corrections.

Michigan

Mrs. Florence F. Royce, Michigan's most famous "behind the scenes" lawmaker, is retiring to become a nun after serving the people of the state for 24 years.

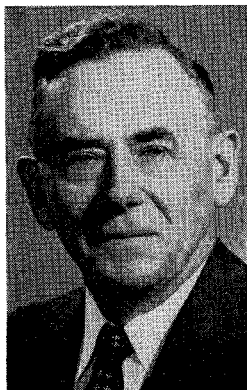
The 55 year-old widow, a convert to the Catholic faith in 1952, will join the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati on February 2.

Mrs. Royce, as a member of the Legislative Service Bureau, has been well known for many years as Michigan's chief legislative bill drafter. She has written more than 25,000 bills, proposed by State Senators and Representatives, into the legal terminology required before action was taken by the Legislature. Mrs. Royce has estimated that at least 300 of the more than 1,000 bills she has drafted each year have become state law.

A lawyer herself, Mrs. Royce was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1924 and received her Doctor of Laws degree in 1927. She holds a lifetime teaching certificate from the University of Michigan, a certificate in accounting, and the Phi Beta Kappa key.

Mrs. Royce will spend six months as a postulant and a year in the novitiate before taking vows in 1957.

Missouri



JUDGE WESTHUES

City, Prosecuting Attorney of Cole County

The Honorable Henry J. Westhues was appointed a Judge of the Missouri Supreme Court by Governor Phil M. Donnelly. Judge Westhues, who was born in Germany, received his law degree from St. Louis University in 1912. Thereafter he served as City Attorney of Jefferson

and Judge of the 14th Judicial Circuit. He also served as Commissioner of the Missouri Supreme Court for many years.

Judge Westhues is the father of seven children of whom one is a priest and two are nuns. The Rev. John H. Westhues is the official Archivist for the St. Louis Archdiocese.

New Mexico

The Honorable J. V. Gallegos, Tucumcari, was appointed judge of the Tenth Judicial District of New Mexico. Judge Gallegos was formerly the City Attorney of Tucumcari and an Assistant District Attorney. He received an LL.B. from St. Louis University.

New York

The following were elected justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York: Frank Del Vecchio, Charles J. Beckinella, John E. Cone, J. Clarence Herlihy, George M. Fanelli, John L. Flynn, Daniel J. O'Mara, and Michael Montesano.

A 48 year-old jurist, who has been active in Catholic circles, became the first negro to be elected a Justice of the New York Supreme Court, the state's highest tribunal of original jurisdiction.

He is Judge Harold A. Stevens, who worked his way through Boston College Law School as an elevator operator and janitor. A governor of the Guild of Catholic Lawyers, Justice Stevens in 1952 received an honorary doctorate in law from Fordham University for his "vigorous role" in the Catholic Interracial Council, for his legislative record, and his deportment in the Court of General Sessions in

Manhattan. A year later, Pope Pius XII awarded him the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal.

Mary H. Donlon of New York was appointed Judge of the United States Customs Court by President Eisenhower. Miss Donlon was formerly Chairman of the New York Workman's Compensation Board.

West Virginia

The Honorable James Riley and the Honorable Frank Haymond, both Catholics, are and have been, for a number of years past, Judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals in this State.

J. J. P. O'Brien is a Judge of the First Judicial Circuit in West Virginia and has been such for about twenty-five years. He received his LL.B. degree from Catholic University of America in June, 1898.

Wisconsin

The Honorable Roland J. Steinle was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin. Justice Steinle, who attended Marquette University, previously served in other judicial capacities.

William I. O'Neill was re-elected Judge of the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County. Judge O'Neill attended Marquette University and Georgetown University. He was admitted to practice in the District of Columbia in 1929 and in Wisconsin in 1930.

Rudolph J. Mudroch, elected Judge of the County Court of Milwaukee County, was admitted to the Bar in 1918. He, too, attended Marquette University.

Foreign Jurisdictions

British Honduras

The appointment of Cyril G. X. Henriques, Attorney General of British Honduras, to the post of Associate Judge in Jamaica brings to three the number of Catholics serving on the Jamaica bench. Mr. Henriques' appointment was announced after formal approval by Queen Elizabeth II of England.

Hawaii

The top Japanese diplomat in Hawaii has been named the outstanding Catholic layman in the Diocese of Honolulu. He is Masahide Kanayama who has been his country's Consul General here since November, 1954. He was a convert to the Faith in 1932.

Hong Kong

M. J. Hogan, Attorney General of the Federation of Malaya, who is a Catholic, has been appointed Chief Justice of Hong Kong.

Singapore, Malaya

Justice Charles Abbot of the Malaya Supreme Court was received into the Catholic Church together with a large number of boys and girls of the little town of Seremban in the Federation of Malaya.

Born in County Limerick, Ireland, of Church of England (Anglican) parents,

Justice Charles Abbot of the Malaya back to the Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury who placed the crown upon the head of the ill-fated King Charles I of England.