PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS

William R. Consedine has been appointed director of the Legal Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference to succeed the late Eugene J. Butler, who had been head of the department since 1951.

The Legal Department maintains a record of proposed and enacted federal legislation; exchanges legislative information with other departments of the N.C.W.C. and with interested organizations and individuals; confers and exchanges judicial, legislative and administrative information with diocesan attorneys and organizations; serves the dioceses and Catholic agencies by attending to administrative matters before federal authorities.

Mr. Consedine was born in Olean, N. Y., 45 years ago. He attended St. Bonaventure College, St. Bonaventure, N. Y., and Georgetown University Law School. He was with the U. S. Department of Agriculture from 1933 to 1937, when he joined the legal staff of the National Labor Relations Board. He rose to successively higher positions with the N.L.R.B., and was its Acting Solicitor when he resigned early this year to join the staff of the N.C.W.C. legal department.

George Reed was named associate director of the Department.

Mr. Reed was born in St. Joseph, Mo., in 1914. He took a bachelor's degree in arts and in law at Creighton University, Omaha, and received a Master of Laws degree from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

After practicing law in Colorado for three years, Mr. Reed joined the staff of the N.C.W.C. legal department in 1943. He was named assistant director of the department in 1951. He has been a lecturer in the graduate school of education at the Catholic University of America from 1949 to 1956 and is at present counsel to the administrative board of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada. He has written many articles and delivered numerous lectures on many phases of the law, including constitutional law.