

The nineteenth annual joint meeting of the Judicial Conference of the Seventh Circuit and the Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit was convened by Mr. Edward A. Haight, President of the Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit at 10:00 A. M.

Mr. Haight gave appropriate opening remarks and introduced Hon. Bernard M. Decker, Judge of the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Judicial Conference.

Judge Decker welcomed the Judges and attorneys of the Seventh Circuit to the Conference. He expressed the gratitude of the Judges to the members of the bar who have worked closely with them and referred to the benefits of cooperation between bench and bar.

Mr. James C. Wood, chairman of the Committee on Meetings of the Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit responded to the address of Judge Decker and informed the Conference regarding meetings, lunches, annual dinner, reservations, schedules and subjects to be discussed.

The Annual Report of the business of the Federal Courts of the Seventh Circuit was presented to the Conference by Mr. Kenneth J. Carrick, Clerk of the Court of Appeals. Mr. Carrick briefly commented on the amount of litigation in the Seventh Circuit and added that, as copies of the Annual Report had been distributed to all present, reading of the Report would be dispensed with. The Report was placed on file and made a part of the records of the Conference.

Mr. William A. McSwain, Past President of The Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit, read a Memorial to the Honorable Elmer J. Schnackenberg, which was spread of record and a copy thereof furnished to the members of the family.

#### MEMORIAL TO JUDGE ELMER J. SCHNACKENBERG

The Judicial Conference of the Seventh Federal Circuit and the Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit express by this resolution their deep appreciation of the dedicated judicial service and high personal character of the late Judge Elmer J. Schnackenberg.

Judge Schnackenberg was inducted as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit on February 23, 1954. He departed this life on September 15, 1968, leaving as his survivors Hazel E. Schnackenberg, his widow, five sons, one daughter and 19 grandchildren.

He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 22, 1889, to Jacob and Anne Farley Schnackenberg. Prior to his admission to the Illinois Bar in 1912, Judge Schnackenberg served as a stenographer for two Chicago companies for two years, served in a law office for two years, and taught in the Chicago public schools for two years. He graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and practiced law thereafter in Chicago from 1912 to 1945.

Prior to his distinguished judicial service, Judge Schnackenberg had over a quarter century of public service of a high order, which eminently

fitted him for the great diversity of decisions in which he was later to participate on the Court of Appeals. He was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1912. Failing reelection, he was again elected in 1922 and served until 1944, the last four years as Speaker of the House. He also served as General Attorney for the South Park Commissioners from 1925 to 1930.

Judge Schnackenberg then began his second career, as a jurist, again for nearly a quarter of a century. He was elected to the bench of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1945, where he served with great distinction for approximately 10 years, before the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed him to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in 1954.

During his 14-1/2 years on the Court of Appeals bench, Judge Schnackenberg wrote over 600 opinions, including more than 40 dissents. He participated in decisions ranging from reapportionment of Illinois Senate districts, to anti-trust cases, to cases involving hoodlums, to those involving police interference with newsmen covering demonstrations during last summer's Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Of him it has been said by a close friend and observer that "he had the capacity to grow and he exercised that capacity all through his life \* \* \* he grew in wisdom and stature \* \* \* in knowledge \* \* \* in wisdom and worth." He had a long and distinguished career as an attorney, a legislator, Speaker of the Illinois House, a Circuit Court Judge, and finally as a distinguished Federal jurist, which he handled with balance, dignity and courage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this memorial and tribute to the memory of the late Judge Elmer Jacob Schnackenberg be permanently entered and preserved in the records of the Annual Judicial Conference of the Federal Judges of the Seventh Judicial Circuit and of the Bar Association for the Seventh Federal Circuit, and that appropriate copies be sent to his family.

- presented by William A. McSwain  
Past President  
Bar Association of the  
Seventh Federal Circuit

Mr. Robert L. Stern of Chicago, Illinois, General Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Practice, addressed the Conference on the subject "Jurisdiction of the Federal Courts". His thoughtful and well prepared address was appreciated by the members of the Conference. He then introduced Professor Richard Field of Harvard Law School.

Professor Field addressed the Conference on the subject "Jurisdiction of the Federal Courts - Shall We Have Less Diversity and More Federal Questions?" His very interesting address was followed by questions from the members of the Conference and answers thereto by Mr. Stern and Professor Field.

The Tuesday morning session recessed at 12:00 noon.

An informal reception followed by a luncheon for Judges, members and their Guests including their Ladies was held in the Guildhall of the Ambassador West. The guests of honor were Mr. Justice Thurgood Marshall, Chief Judge Latham Castle, and the Judges of the Court of Appeals and of the District Courts

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE SEVENTH  
CIRCUIT HELD AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ON MAY 6 AND 7, 1969

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The Annual Judicial Conference of the Seventh Circuit convened, pursuant to Section 333 of Title 28 of the United States Code and Rule 15 of the Rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, at 10:00 A. M., Tuesday, May 6, 1969 in the Four Georges Room of the Ambassador West, Chicago, Illinois.

Present were:

Hon. Thurgood Marshall, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and Circuit Justice for the Seventh Circuit  
Hon. Latham Castle, Chief Judge  
Hon. F. Ryan Duffy, Senior Circuit Judge  
Hon. John S. Hastings, Senior Circuit Judge  
Hon. Roger J. Kiley, Circuit Judge  
Hon. Luther M. Swygert, Circuit Judge  
Hon. Thomas E. Fairchild, Circuit Judge  
Hon. Walter J. Cummings, Circuit Judge  
Hon. Otto Kerner, Circuit Judge  
Hon. William J. Campbell, District Judge  
Hon. Robert E. Tehan, District Judge  
Hon. William E. Steckler, District Judge  
Hon. J. Sam Perry, District Judge  
Hon. Julius J. Hoffman, District Judge  
Hon. Cale J. Holder, District Judge  
Hon. William G. Juergens, District Judge  
Hon. Robert A. Grant, District Judge  
Hon. Omer Poos, District Judge  
Hon. Edwin A. Robson, District Judge  
Hon. Richard B. Austin, District Judge  
Hon. James B. Parsons, District Judge  
Hon. S. Hugh Dillin, District Judge  
Hon. Hubert L. Will, District Judge  
Hon. George N. Beamer, District Judge  
Hon. Jesse E. Eschbach, District Judge  
Hon. Bernard M. Decker, District Judge  
Hon. Abraham L. Marovitz, District Judge  
Hon. John W. Reynolds, District Judge  
Hon. James E. Doyle, District Judge  
Hon. Henry S. Wise, District Judge  
Hon. Alexander J. Napoli, District Judge  
Hon. James E. Noland, District Judge  
Hon. Myron L. Gordon, District Judge  
Hon. Robert D. Morgan, District Judge  
Hon. Tom C. Clark, Director, Federal Judicial Center  
Mr. Hugh Nugent of the Federal Judicial Center  
Hon. Erwin N. Griswold, Solicitor General of the United States  
Mr. William T. Barnes of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts  
Mr. Joseph F. Spaniol, Jr. of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts  
Mr. Kenneth J. Carrick, Secretary of the Judicial Conference Officers and Members of the Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit.