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Present: Chief Justice Thompson (presiding), Justices Collins, Zenoff, Batjer, and Mowbray; Governor Paul Laxalt; Officers of the Court; Members of the State Bar of Nevada; Relatives and Friends of Justices Batjer and Mowbray.

THOMPSON, C. J.:

Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Today is a memorable, happy day for the Supreme Court of Nevada. Memorable because it marks the enlargement of this Court from three justices to five and happy because of the identity of the distinguished gentlemen who are about to become the new justices of this Court.

We are especially honored this morning by the presence of His Excellency The Governor of Nevada. Governor Laxalt, will you please extend to Mr. Justice Batjer and to Mr. Justice Mowbray the fond wishes of the people of Nevada.

GOVERNOR PAUL LAXALT:

Chief Justice Thompson, Honorable Justices, friends of these justices all: We are assembled together today as officials, as attorneys, as friends, in this very august chamber for many reasons. Perhaps the real significance of this gathering today is for each of us, once again, for a few moments to dwell upon the increasing importance of our judicial system in preserving our cherished American way of life and the freedoms upon which it is based. I have always believed, as do you, the efficient administration of justice is the bulwark of those freedoms and, indeed, the keystone of the arch of the many liberties upon which our free society rests. Let us then always be keenly mindful that the effective administration of our judicial system in turn depends upon the judges, particularly those of you who sit at the apex of the system. Those judges who must dispense justice and in doing so must make the machinery of the judicial system operate not only smoothly,

tirelessly, and continuously, but of even more importance fairly, promptly, and justly. We cannot possibly have justice fairly administered between man and man unless we have judges whose integrity is beyond question, whose abilities are of the highest, whose dedication for public good motivates them always, and whose every action instills in the public respect for our courts and our system of laws and complete confidence that these laws are being administered by our judges and our courts with complete impartiality and without fear or favor. These thoughts, these concerns weighed heavily in my considerations for the criteria that be applied to the two new appointments to this Court. That consideration, that application lead rather easily to the conclusion and result which all of us observe today. A result actually that was almost inevitable, not by legislative act, not by executive order, but rather by the day-to-day, year-to-year dedication to their professions, their communities, and their families by these two men.

As Governor, may I thank each of you, Justices Batjer and Mowbray, for making this task a pleasurable, satisfying one. I am certain that you will grace this Court in a manner which will bring continued prestige and honor to this chamber where so many Nevadans have served over a century with such distinction.

In a less serious vein, as one of your host of friends, and I am certain that I echo the sentiments of all here today, we don't view your elevation today to be a severance in any manner of our personal and social relationships. After all, I certainly would never have it on my executive conscience that through any order or act of mine I removed Danny Boy and Red Socks from the Nevada social scene. Justices Batjer and Mowbray, the people of Nevada wish you all that is well this day, and we congratulate you and your families, and as John's Irish kin would so beautifully say, "May the wind be always at your back." Thank you.

[Governor Paul Laxalt concludes.]

THOMPSON, C. J.:

Thank you, Governor Laxalt.

Also present this morning is the distinguished President of the State Bar of Nevada and one of Nevada's most esteemed attorneys, beloved by all in the legal profession, a man who enjoys not only the respect of the Bar as exemplified by his

presidency of the Association, but the respect of the courts as well. Mr. John W. Diehl.

MR. JOHN W. DIEHL:

Thank you. Mr. Justice Thompson, Justices, honored guests and ladies and gentlemen: As a representative of the State Bar of Nevada I am, indeed, proud and privileged to be here today on this historic occasion, and it is, indeed, an historic occasion because it represents the first time in one hundred and three years in the history of this state that there has been any change in the structure of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada.

As some of you possibly know, there has been a rather extensive study in the matter of judicial reform, and recently I had the pleasure of reading an article in the Christian Science Monitor covering this subject. But I was concerned with one paragraph that appeared in this article in which it was said rather generally that courts are complex institutions—too many citizens see them as the private property of the professionals—speaking of the judges, of the attorneys, of the police officers, of the prosecutors, and, of course, others who work there. This is entirely false. Our court system, as we all know, was created for the purpose of administering justice and thus protecting the rights, the property, the liberties, and the life of the individual. How this justice is administered on the other hand depends entirely upon those men who are elected or selected, as the case may be, for this purpose. Such men must be fearless, honest, high-minded, knowledgeable in the law, men of integrity and men who are not swayed by public opinion and who have the courage of their convictions. As with the other members of this Court, I feel very strongly that Justice Batjer and Justice Mowbray meet these requirements. Being aware of this, we, as members of the State Bar of Nevada, welcome you Justice Cameron Batjer and you Justice John Mowbray to our state's highest court, The Supreme Court of the State of Nevada, and I wish to personally extend my congratulations to both of you. Thank you.

[Mr. Diehl concludes.]

THOMPSON, C. J.:

Thank you, Mr. Diehl.

Until recently, the Bar Association of the First Judicial District was known as the Disorganized Bar Association. It

has since become organized and its president, Peter Laxalt, has kindly consented to be present this morning to welcome particularly Mr. Justice Batjer who has practiced for so many years in the First Judicial District. All members of the bar and all courts think highly of Peter Laxalt. Mr. Laxalt.

MR. PETER D. LAXALT:

Chief Justice Thompson, Honorable Justices, distinguished guests and friends: The members of the First Judicial District Bar Association take great and justifiable pride in the appointment of Justice Batjer to the bench. He represents the first from the ranks of our newly formed association to attain such a standing. But really, this is a very insignificant reason for our pride because, as your colleagues, Justice Batjer, and as your friends, we are proud of you.

We believe that you bring to this, the highest court in our state, a background which assures us as attorneys and assures all the people of the State of Nevada a justice who is not only learned in the law, but a man who is learned in the human problems of life. When we reflect on your background, we know this to be true, and we know that you are an exceptional man. When you take an individual like Cameron Batjer, who was born and raised in a farming community, attended a small elementary school and high school, who goes on to the University of Nevada with great success, compiles a very distinguished war record and is still in the Reserve of the United States Navy, actively on duty; when you take a man who has been a school teacher for years and a coach who has worked with the youth and then becomes an attorney, and first a district attorney on the prosecution side of cases, and later a defense attorney representing many, many indigents and giving them a degree of representation which couldn't be paid for, literally and figuratively; when we reflect on you as a fine general practitioner, a community leader, and a very unashamed leader in your church—when we reflect upon all of this, we know how fortunate this state is to have your presence on the highest of our courts.

You have earned and you command the respect of each one of us as an attorney for your legal knowledge and your legal skills, but more importantly, you have earned and you command the highest respect of each of us *as a man*, for your friendliness, your fairness, your sense of humor, your loyalty, and your untiring and unselfish efforts over years and years

for your fellow man, for your clients, for your profession, and for your community.

Mr. Batjer, on behalf of the members of our Association, I would like to present you a gavel which is inscribed "Justice Cameron M. Batjer, Supreme Court of the State of Nevada, October 2, 1967, Congratulations from the First Judicial District Bar Association." Batch, and this will be the last time I will ever get away with calling you that in open court, may this symbolize to you our admiration and respect and our sincere hopes for your happiness. Thank you.

[Mr. Laxalt concludes.]

THOMPSON, C. J.:

Thank you, Mr. Laxalt.

One of the most distinguished practitioners from Southern Nevada, one of the leading citizens of our state, representing the Clark County Bar Association, the Board of Governors, and the attorneys from the Eighth Judicial District—it is my pleasure to call upon Mr. George Dickerson to make some remarks on behalf of that bar expressing their joy over the appointment of Mr. Justice Mowbray.

MR. GEORGE M. DICKERSON:

May it please this Honorable Court, Governor Laxalt, distinguished guests, and, with particularity, those near and dear to our new Justices who share with them at this time this moment of glory.

It is a particularly delightful experience for one to speak at a ceremony of this nature when a contemporary is so honored and, particularly, if he be one with whom you have shared so very much. I can only reflect upon our Justice who shared with me the cruel and unusual punishment of the same Bar Association examination. Who with me, shortly thereafter, comprised the entire complement of then District Attorney Roger Foley's staff of the District Attorney's Office in Clark County, Nevada, where a camaraderie and esprit de corps developed that none of us has ever forgotten. And as I stand here and reflect upon the fact that one now serves as Chief Judge of our United States District Court, one is now a Justice of our Supreme Court, the subtle message comes through, loud and clear to me, you either have it—or you don't, and I can only rationalize that two out of three, after all, isn't too

bad an average. We both saw our families expanded when our wives, at or about the same time, bore our children, until I became somewhat concerned as to whether or not it may be a potent ingredient in the water in the courthouse. So I stopped drinking it, he didn't, and this may account for his having one more child than I do.

You cannot have shared these experiences and not have an insight into the character of that individual. As a person, he is a devout man, a humanitarian of compassionate understanding; as a lawyer, he was a voracious reader with an insatiable appetite for knowledge; as a Judge, he evidenced an enlightened, incisive and well-disciplined mind that grasps and applies controlling legal principle. He is a man who has a prodigious capacity for work that was probably best demonstrated when a moratorium was necessary in civil litigation to accommodate a backlog of criminal trials to the point where, today, a defendant on plea of not guilty in our county, can go to trial before a jury within a period of seven days, and civil litigation at issue can go to trial before a jury within a period of sixty days.

He is a visionary, a man who foresaw the possibility for the development of expertise in the handling of the case of the indigent charged with crime and sought out and secured a Ford Foundation grant that secured to us the inauguration of the public defender system that has proven so successful in our county.

He now joins our new Justice, Cameron Batjer, who I don't know as well, but with whom I shared the experience of being privileged to serve our respective counties at the same time as District Attorney, and with whom I shared the experience on the Board of Governors of the State Bar for the same period of time, and from both experiences I know of his incisive and enlightened mind, and his ability, too, to grasp and apply the controlling legal principle.

This is the calibre of the men who today we honor. So to you, Governor Laxalt, for a very grateful citizenry, may we commend you for setting aside partisan political considerations to seek out from the Bench and from the Bar the very, very best talent that was available to fill these noble positions.

And to you, Mr. Justice Batjer, and to you, Mr. Justice Mowbray, we are confident that yours shall be a noble contribution to the development of our body of case law and we hail your elevation to the pinnacle of our profession.

Thank you.

[Mr. Dickerson concludes.]

THOMPSON, C. J.:

Thank you, Mr. Dickerson.

It has sometimes been said that Supreme Court justices and district court judges do not speak to one another, but really it is not true; we are very, very good friends and each of our new justices particularly asked that a district court judge speak on his behalf. It is my pleasure at this time to call upon the Honorable Frank Gregory, District Judge of this district, to address the Court with reference to Mr. Justice Batjer.

GREGORY, D. J.:

Thank you, Justice Thompson.

Governor Laxalt, Chief Justice Thompson, Honorable Justices, distinguished guests, and ladies and gentlemen: The growth of the Supreme Court of our state from three judges to five is, of course, commensurate with the growth of the State of Nevada itself. As we gather here for these ceremonies which commemorate that growth, it is fitting that we should welcome as one of those added justices a man who is a native Nevadan, which is a rarity among the history of the justices of this Court—I am not speaking of the present panel certainly. Very few native-born citizens have ever filled the high office of this Bench. Cameron Batjer is such a man. He was born in the fertile agriculture area of Smith Valley, Lyon County; he is a Nevadan to the core. He grew to manhood in this state, he attended the University of Nevada, and then, as all of us lawyers do, he attended law school in another state, at the University of Utah. As our former Justice, Miles Pike, once said, if we were to be lawyers we have to go to law school somewhere and that somewhere is always outside of this state. No Howard Hughes has, as yet, come forward to grant a law school to the University of Nevada. Justice Batjer served his country well for three and a half years in the Navy and for some years in government service in Washington.

Early in 1952, he made a decision that affected both my life and his, for he came into my law office in Carson City to help me with the practice of the law. For better or for worse, we have been part of the career of each other ever since that time. We are friends, as close friends as the divergencies of practicing lawyer and district judge will allow. We are neighbors, living as we do on the same block, on the same street. We are both devoted to the advocacy of the law as representing the rules of society and of humanity. For the past fourteen

years, it has been my pleasure to have him appear in my court as a practicing lawyer as, I think, he has appeared before the court of every district judge in the state. He has earned and merited our respect as a devoted and careful advocate, tireless in preparation, precise in presentation, courteous, and ethical to an unusual degree.

In the legal profession he has been honored by his fellows by being selected to serve on the Board of Governors of the State Bar for the past three years, and his civic services have recently culminated with his recognition last year as President of the Rotary Club of Carson City. He is a man who is interested in community affairs and in the welfare of people. He is known and respected throughout the state for his ability and sincerity, and so Justice Batjer brings to this Court a man of much practical experience in the law, well-studied, yet also possessing the humanitarian understanding which makes the law a practical working tool for the management of the affairs of government and of the people. This Court will gain from having him as a member. I am sure that the other district judges of the state join with me in welcoming him to this high Bench.

[Judge Gregory concludes.]

THOMPSON, C. J.:

Thank you, Judge Gregory.

It is now the Court's pleasure to recognize the Honorable Thomas O. Craven, District Judge of the Second Judicial District, a member of the Board of Directors of the National College of State Trial Judges and who, through the years, has done significant work with Mr. Justice Mowbray in promoting judicial education in this state. Judge Craven.

CRAVEN, D. J.:

Mr. Chief Justice Thompson, may it please the Court and Judge Mowbray: I say this with a bit of nostalgia—you are not yet Justice Mowbray—you won't leave our ranks until a few minutes hence.

I am very pleased and honored to be invited to participate in your induction ceremony, Judge Mowbray. The warm personal friendship we have enjoyed since 1961 makes this occasion very important to me. The long and distinguished list of accomplishments by John Mowbray, that leads to this

ceremony today, perhaps begins with his educational background. He graduated from Illinois University, the Civil Affairs School at Northwestern University, and the School of Military Government at the University of Virginia. This background was climaxed by receiving his law degree from the University of Notre Dame. From that time forward, his legal career has been notable and distinguished by accomplishments. His honors and awards have been in superabundance. I don't intend to dwell on his accomplishments and honors—I shall leave that to others.

To me it is more important what his accomplishments and honors reveal about the man, the judge, his fitness to take the oath of office today as a justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada. Throughout his entire legal career he has shown a constant and unwavering devotion and commitment to high moral values, and that commitment to moral values has been skillfully expressed by superior abilities through his chosen profession as a lawyer and as a judge. His record of achievements and the honors bestowed upon him are merely the proof of that statement.

We are living in a time of tremendous social unrest and upheaval. It is revolutionary in character. The moral, social, and institutional values that have made this country great are being impinged upon and even destroyed. It is the loss of values that is the cause of the social upheaval. People so affected are like ships without rudders and they are frightened. They need the comforting assurance of something in which to believe—they need values. Our courts and our system of judicial administration can make a great contribution to this social problem by giving to people assurances and a sense of security. In short, something in which they can believe and upon which they can depend. Judge Mowbray has exemplified outstanding qualities during his service as a district judge in Clark County and he brings those qualities to this high court. Above all, he brings an innate sense of moral, social and institutional values. I congratulate you, Judge Mowbray, on your elevation to the Supreme Court of Nevada and in joining a distinguished group of men.

[Judge Craven concludes.]

THOMPSON, C. J.:

Thank you, Judge Craven.

The Court next would like to call upon a distinguished son of a distinguished father. Clark J. Guild, Sr., is present in the

courtroom as he always is whenever there is a ceremony of this kind. He served this state for thirty years as one of its great district judges and continues to serve in various capacities. His son, Clark J. Guild, Jr., I believe will be equally distinguished. He is one of the state's finest lawyers and a true community leader in every sense of the word. It is our pleasure to recognize Clark J. Guild, Jr.

MR. CLARK J. GUILD, JR.:

If the Court please, distinguished friends, and John Mowbray, and Cameron Batjer particularly: Those were five tough acts to follow.

I would like to say that by virtue of Governor Laxalt's message to the 1967 Legislature and the enlightened action of the Legislature in following his request for legislation, history is made today with the appointment of these two esteemed gentlemen to this Court. It is an honor that I find of singular importance to be able to speak on their behalf and present to the Court these two gentlemen for elevation.

Much has been said and probably will be said about their qualifications and their contributions to the society of the communities from which they come. I am here because of my sincere personal affection and respect for both of them. I am personally aware of their constant devotion to the principles that they exhibit and will exhibit as the years go by in the positions they will occupy.

I would first like to indicate a word of advice, and to do so I call your attention to that which occurred many, many years ago when Sir Francis Bacon and Sir Edward Coke were having their controversy. Coke said, and I advise you gentlemen, "Honorable and reverend judges and justices fear not to do right to all and to deliver your opinions justly according to the law, and if you sincerely execute justice be assured that though hereby you may offend great men and favorites yet you shall have the favorable kindness of the Almighty and be his favorites and God will defend you with his shield."

It is through the judicial process that the rights of the individual which our system of government emphasizes and guards are made effective. Courts exist for that purpose. It is the courts that the individual goes to to seek and secure justice, not as a matter of privilege but as a matter of right.

To you both I close with an admonition. In doing so I would paraphrase Samuel Johnson in his prayer before the study of law: "Almighty God, the giver of wisdom without

whose help resolutions are vain, without whose blessing study is ineffectual, enable John Mowbray and Cameron Batjer, if it be Thy will, to attain knowledge as will qualify them to direct the doubtful and instruct the ignorant, to prevent wrongs, and to terminate contentions and grant that John Mowbray and Cameron Batjer may use that knowledge which they shall attain to the glory of God.”

[Mr. Guild concludes.]

THOMPSON, C. J.:

Thank you, Mr. Guild. The members of the Court appreciate your advice and will heed your admonition.

Next, it is our pleasure to recognize another distinguished Nevadan, a member of the Foley family—the father a Federal Judge, his brother a Federal Judge, and other brothers practicing lawyers of our bar. Tom Foley is a lawyer everyone loves and respects, and we are so delighted that he is here this morning from Las Vegas to welcome the new justices. Mr. Thomas Foley.

MR. THOMAS FOLEY:

Thank you. May it please the Court, Mrs. Batjer, Mrs. Mowbray: I am delighted that you charming ladies and your families are here because seventeen years ago I had one of the greatest honors to stand before this Bench and move the admission of Cameron Batjer to this Bar.

Cameron and John, I feel highly honored that I have been permitted to be here today in this great chamber. Both of you mean so much to us. Your character, your personality, your integrity, came hard; you acquired it through years of hard work and devotion to your profession. We should be mindful at all times that the universe is so vast and so ageless that the life of one man can be justified only by the degree or measure of his sacrifice. We are sent into this world to create a personality and character to take with us that can never be taken from us. You gentlemen have acquired great character, great personality that you have earned, and its only the beginning. Those who eat, sleep, prosper, and procreate are no better than animals if all their lives they live at peace.

Go forward, gentlemen, to the greatness that awaits you, and may God's guiding light be forever with you. Thank you very much.

[Mr. Foley concludes.]

THOMPSON, C. J.:

Thank you, Mr. Foley.

An occasion such as this is always particularly heartwarming and enjoyable. Mr. Justice Mowbray and Michael Hines have been close and dear friends through the years, and when I asked John Mowbray who he would like to say a few words on this occasion, he immediately said, "I would like to have my friend Mike Hines present and say something." Mr. Hines.

MR. MICHAEL HINES:

Your Excellency, Governor Laxalt, Members of the Supreme Court, friends of the Justices, and leading citizens of the State of Nevada: I suppose that there is nobody here that knows any more about John Mowbray than I do, and I am not going to tell you everything. I suppose you want to know what kind of a fellow he is. I am not going to tell you some of the things I know. Justice-soon-to-be Cameron Batjer, like myself and John, are all from the farming country. I don't know him as well, except that Cameron and I were in the South Pacific together. He was on one island and I was on another island. He was with the Navy and I was with the Marines.

Judge Mowbray and I met a good many years ago, and I never forget seeing him in the law library with his Army uniform on, wings of the Air Force. I walked up to him and I said, "Say, what are you doing here, Major? Better take that uniform off; the war is over." He said, "Who are you?" I told him who I was. He said, "Maybe you've got a good point there." So the next day he came back and he had the uniform off. He has had it off ever since, and we have been good friends ever since. Fact of the matter, we were such good friends that we decided to come out West. And I want to tell you why—everybody asks, "Why?". Well, back in the country where we came from they learned there to get along without lawyers. They don't need them. They settle many of their own problems. The Supreme Court justices have time to write books. They aren't as busy as they are out here. So, we decided we had better go out West. We crossed the Continental Divide and, so help me, we made every Western state. Talked to lawyers in every town we stopped in and they would say, "It's good here, but just go on down the road; it's a little better!" Over there in Iowa it was fair; it was fair in South Dakota, North Dakota, and there were places where we could have stopped and stayed, and I am sure that John would have been perhaps just as successful as he was here. But one thing about it, we enjoyed ourselves, and John is one that does enjoy himself.

We had the fine pleasure of meeting, and one of the influential things that probably brought us to Nevada was, Governor Laxalt here. We took a law course in San Francisco and he said, "Now, if you boys don't make it down there in Las Vegas, come up, and Jackie [now the first lady] and I will see that you get by. We'll see that you get enough to eat." I don't think at that time he had enough to eat.

Nevertheless, we did go to Las Vegas—I like Las Vegas. I saw that sign up there the first time we hit town, "Direct wire to all tracks," and I love horses, and I said, "This is for me." On the other hand, Judge Mowbray said, "Where's the courthouse? Let's see what it looks like," and that's where he has been—that's where he spends most of his time. As I have always said about John, he is not a great bridge player. I never saw him play poker. He doesn't know a full house from a royal flush. Law has been his hobby, along with his boys and the Boy Scouts. I am going to kind of miss him down there because he used to bring the boys and his Boy Scouts out to my ranch. Nevertheless, he is still here in Nevada.

As I have told him many times, good lawyers make good judges; fast horses make good jockeys. If we have good lawyers and if the lawyers would practice and be better, our judges would be better today. You hear a lot of criticism of the courts, but you don't hear good lawyers criticize the courts. They go back and try to reconcile the loss if they had one. We need courts.

I'll tell you one thing about Las Vegas. We stopped over in Elko. We saw a district attorney over there by the name of Grant Sawyer and a judge by the name of Taylor Wines, and they said, "I want to tell you boys Las Vegas is a good place to practice law." It sure must be, because both of them have offices down there right now.

Certainly enjoyed being here and speaking to everybody before these impressive speakers. Time is going by, and the Governor has got to get back to work. I want to say one thing: Judge Mowbray didn't come here to buy Nevada, but he will never sell it short, or you people, either.

[Mr. Hines concludes.]

THOMPSON, C. J.:

Thank you, Mr. Hines. We appreciate your comments very much. We are delighted to know about our new associate.

Finally, we would like to call upon a dear friend of Mr. Justice Mowbray, a friend through the years, a schoolmate, and a distinguished member of the California Bar. It is highly

unusual really, Mr. Giannini, that someone from another state should have been particularly requested to be present on this occasion. Mr. Justice Mowbray wanted you here, and this court is delighted to welcome you. Mr. Peter Giannini of the California Bar.

MR. PETER E. GIANNINI:

Thank you very much, Chief Justice Thompson. Your Excellency Governor Paul Laxalt, first lady, members of the bar, ladies and gentlemen: More than any other state in the nation, the State of Nevada symbolizes in the eyes of America the courage, the idealism, and the unselfish devotion of the pioneer spirit. It has no parallel in this respect in any other state.

This image was not created in a vacuum. It was forged through the lives of the pioneers of this state—the lives of the men and women who molded its rich history and tradition.

It is indeed in keeping with the spirit and tradition of Nevada that John C. Mowbray be selected to occupy a position on its highest tribunal. His devotion to God, to his family, and to his community has been unwavering. True to the pioneering spirit of this state, he is a man of the highest ideals. His courage has repeatedly been demonstrated in his insistence upon uncompromising compliance with those ideals, both in his personal life and in his professional life.

It is a great honor to be elevated to the supreme bench in this state. But in the final analysis this honor can be no greater than the man who occupies that position. The true measure of a man and of his life is not its duration, but in its dedication to others.

In the Honorable Justice John C. Mowbray the State of Nevada has discovered a man who has given and will continue to give the state its full measure of his dedication.

[Mr. Giannini concludes.]

THOMPSON, C. J.:

Thank you, Mr. Giannini.

It shall now be my pleasure to administer the Oath of Office to the new justices.

Mr. Batjer will you rise, please. [Whereupon Mr. Cameron Batjer rises and Chief Justice Thompson administers the Oath of Office.]

Judge Mowbray will you rise, please. [Whereupon Judge John Mowbray rises and Chief Justice Thompson administers the Oath of Office.]

Mr. Justice Batjer and Mr. Justice Mowbray, speaking for the Court, I congratulate each of you and extend a warm welcome. We are honored and delighted to be associated with you. The Court's work is difficult and important and the responsibility is great. Together it shall be our purpose to make this Court one of which Nevada can be proud.

Mr. Clerk [addressing the Clerk of the Court, Mr. C. R. Davenport], it is the order of this Court that this proceeding be transcribed, spread upon the minutes of the Court, published in the 1967 volume of the Nevada Reports, and certified copies delivered to the families of Mr. Justice Batjer and Mr. Justice Mowbray.

There being no further business this morning, the court is adjourned.

[Whereupon the Special Session of the Supreme Court was adjourned, at 11:15 a.m.]

JOAN MARIANI,
Court Reporter.
