## MOWBRAY

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upon his graduation, he received law scholarships to Northwestern University and Loyola University law schools. In order to finance his legal education he taught public high school in Illinois immediately prior to Pearl Harbor.

During World War II, John Mowbray spent five years in the Armed Forces, seeing service in the States and in the Far East. He was a Major and held the position of executive officer of a squadron. In 1945-46 he served as military governor in Korea in the counties of Hong Chon and Inje.

After his military service John Mowbray continued his education. He was graduated from the University of Notre Dame cum laude. He was previously graduated from the Civil Affairs School at Northwestern University and the School of Military Government at the University of Virginia.

At this time he was in private law practice in Las Vegas, with his fine work being recognized, resulting in his selection to serve as Clark County District Attorney from 1949

John Mowbray was appointed United States Referee in Bankruptcy for the District of Nevada in 1955 and later he became the first full-time referee to serve the entire state.

During this same period, Chief Justice Albert Lee Stevens of the U. S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco appointed him one of two referees in the Ninth Circuit to serve on the Bankruptcy Committee of the Judicial Conference of the

Mowbray has spearheaded the passage of much-needed remedial legislation such as the so-called battered child law, enacted for the protection of maltreated children.

In 1959 John Mowbray was appointed to the bench in the District Court of Clark County and in 1960 he was elected to the position. He was reelected in 1962, serving in Department Three of the District Court.

He was one of the key persons responsible for the creation of the post of Public Defender in Clark County, a project cited by the Ford Foundation as the most outstanding such plan submitted nationally. The foundation, through his efforts, granted \$196,000 for the program.

### At National Conference of Christians and Jews Board Meeting



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SHOLOM, DR. DONALD C. MOYER, CHANCELLOR OF NEVADA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; JUDGE MOWBRAY,

In 1965 Mowbray was named Master Calendar Judge. His most significant contribution as a judge has been in the administration of courtroom justice. At the time he took over this position in the district there was a complete and total six months moratorium on all civil trials and cases.

Judge Mowbray moved immediately to double and redouble the calendar. He scheduled jury trials for every day of the week instead of Mondays only, established earlier court hours and even held occasional Saturday and evening

Because of his untiring efforts, the moratorium on civil cases was lifted in July of 1965. Criminal cases are now heard promptly and civil cases are being disposed of rapidly with a savings for the taxpayers of Clark County.

Judge John Mowbray is serving as vice president of the Boulder Dam Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1966 the Council awarded him the Silver Beaver Award, one of the nation's highest Scouting honors, in recognition of his continuing efforts in behalf of youth, including lectures to hundreds of area students on United States Government. He is a director of the Y.M.C.A., a member of the Elks,

Eagles, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Judge has served as president of the Catholic Community Welfare and he is past president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. In 1966 he received the Las Vegas chapter's annual award to the "citizen who has made the greatest contribution to the community and state."

In 1966 Judge Mowbray was elected president of the

Southern Nevada chapter of the Sons of the American

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Revolution. He served as president of the Las Vegas chapter of the City of Hope and during his term in office the local chapter raised more than \$70,000. He is past president of the Las Vegas Serra Club and past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, who honored him as "Man of the Year" at their

1964 state convention. Among other honors John Mowbray has received is a special certification awarded him in February 1966 by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for his work in promoting goodwill, understanding and justice among persons of all faiths.

Recognized for his talks before civic and school groups, Judge Mowbray in 1962 received the national award from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. In 1965 he received the Freedoms Foundation's coveted George Washington Medal of Honor for a series of lectures on Americanism given the Nellis Air Force Base personnel.

The Mowbray family are active memoers of St. Anne's Parish in Las Vegas and attend church regularly.

For recreation, the Judge enjoys mounting a spirited horse and riding through the countryside, or diving and swimming. When the season is right, he enjoys hunting.

John Mowbray, District Judge of Clark County, has been instrumental in making history in the state of Nevada through his untiring efforts in the field of justice. His administrative ability has been topped only by his personality.

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