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## 'HILLSWAY' Roland Hill

A NEW COLUMN BY AUTHOR, WORLD-TRAVELER, GOURMET, ROLAND HILL, WHO WAS NAMED "MR. SEE AMERICA FIRST."

Handsome as any movie star, young Bill Briare has a record of achievement that I doubt anyone in Las Vegas can come anywhere near duplicating.

He was born July 13, 1930 in Long Beach, He and his wife Leone have six California, wonderful children; Linda Marie, William Vincent, Donald Joseph, James Howard, Robert Thomas and Timothy Walter. His office is at 823 So. 6th where he is President of the Leavitt, Felgar and Briare Insurance Company. He is an exemplary Catholic and belongs to Our Lady of Las Vegas Church, is a Democrat (very active) and a member of the Nevada Chapter of Kentucky Colonels.

Before settling in Las Vegas 15 years ago Bill was a buyer for Macy's in San Francisco, 1950-52, an Underwriter for the United Pacific Ins. Co., San Francisco, 1952-1955, and after coming here he managed an Independent In-surance Agency from 1955 to 1962. He then became owner of the Briare Agency, 1962 to 1968 and then he started and became President of his present concern. He was a member of



the Hillsway Corporation and is now a valued member of its Advisory Board. He also has been owner of the L & B Co. (Investments) 1966, a Director of Leavitt, Jones & Harmon of Los Angeles, Director of Brokers-West Ltd. of Los Angeles, and Vice Pres. and Dir. of United Ins. Services Inc. of L.A.

Briare's civic activities almost defy description and listing: He has been Pres. of the Las Vegas 20/30 Club, 1956-1960; Charter Pres. of Sertoma Club, 1959; State Pres. Young Demo-crats of Nev. 1959; Pres. Catholic Youth Organization, 60-61; elected Assemblyman of the Nev. St. Legislature, 1960-62; elected Com-

missioner, Bd. of Co. Commissioners, 1962-1966 and re-elected to same Board 1966-1970; Chairman of the Clark Co. Commissioners, 1966; Trustee, Southern Nev. Memorial Hospital, 1962; State Pres, of Nev. Assn. of Co. Com-missioners, 1966-67; Chairman, Civil Defense Agency, 1966-67; Pres. Nev. Catholic Welfare, 1967-68; Director CLark Co. Sanitation Dist., 1966; Chairman March of Dimes, 1961; Member Knights of Columbus, 1960; Dir. Far West Region-Nat. Assn. County Officers, 1967-68; 2nd Vice Pres. Nat. Assn. of Co. Officials, Western Region; Board Member Nat. Conf. of Christians and Jews, Inc., Director Desert Water District; Member "Grand 100" Nev. Southern Univ; Exec. Board Member Boy Scouts of America, 1967; Chmn. Nev. Catholic Bishop's Appeal 1969, and Pres. Western Region (13 states) Nat. Assn. of Co. Officials 1969-1970.

A partial list of awards, decorations and citations given Briare include: Nat. Achievement Sertoma International 1960; also in 1961; Distinguished Service Award Las Vegas Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1960; Young man of the Year Award, Las Vegas Jr. C of C, 1960; Nev. State Young Man of the Year Award, Nev. JC's 1960; Aide de Camp to Governor of New Mexico, 1964, Col. on the staff of the Governor of Kentucky, 1963; Honorary Member of United States Air Force Wide World Blue, 1965; Outstanding Civic Leaders of America, 1967; New York Blue Book Social Register, 1962; and the American Catholic Who's Who. He has published a paper on "Automobile Junkyards" (indexed, Library of Congress, National Congress on Outdoor Recreation and Natural Beauty 1966. He was national Co-Chairman National Assn. of County Officials Health and Education Committee and has been a keynote speaker for many conventions on a variety of themes.

Bill still finds time, believe it or not, to fish, raise horses, study political science and delve into photography. He is an exemplary Catholic, a Democrat, and a perfect father to a wonderful family. I first met Bill in 1956 when 1 was a speaker and showed my slides on a then recent European trip, and he was President of the 20/30 Club.

After the meeting he and I went over to the Golden Nugget and over coffee talked a long time and he was quite concerned about amounting to something and how to go about it. I suggested he first join the Young Democrats Old Jerusalem? When and he did, not only joining but becoming presi-was the Church of the dent and since then he has had a meteoric rise in many organizations, settling for nothing short of the top job in all.

I could see he had everything, good looks, poise, stature, an excellent delivery of speech, and ambition. I also told him he would end up in the top job in the country, and I still know he will--he is still young and has plenty of time. He is simply great.

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