

U.S. Senator Chic Hecht Recommends Philip M. Pro To The U.S. District Court



LAS VEGAS — U.S. Senator Chic Hecht (R) (R-NV) said he is recommending to President Reagan that he appoint Philip M. Pro (L) of Las Vegas to the United States District Court.

"I want to move as quickly as possible in this matter in order to speedily fill the vacancy on the court," Hecht said.

Pro, who will be 40 years old in December, has been a United States Magistrate since October 1980. His legal career dates back to 1972.

Hecht explained that a federal district judge is someone appointed under Article 3 of the U.S. Constitution. He is nominated by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The job is a lifetime appointment.

Hecht said he was making the recommendation at an early date so that Pro's name "will be near the top of the list when the Senate Judiciary committee, which must pass on my selection, goes to work in the next session of Congress."

In making the announcement, Hecht said he is responding quickly to a plea from Nevada's three other U.S. District judges that the current vacancy be filled as soon as possible.

He noted that the Nevada District has been without services of one judge since December 1983 and was told that Nevada leads the Ninth Circuit in rate of caseload growth and is fourth overall in the nation.

Hecht said he was confident Pro would do a good job, not only because of the time he has spent as a U.S. magistrate but because he "has the respect of attorneys and judges with whom I've discussed this matter."

As a magistrate, Hecht said Pro has been "fair in decision making, he is a good listener, has the right temperament, is highly regarded by the legal fraternity and is not afraid of the hard work I am certain lies ahead."

He added: "That's the kind of person we need to help with the caseload in this District."

Pro's legal background covers experience in both the private and public sectors and Hecht said his "training ground" experience in the Magistrate's court will be "invaluable, both in civil and criminal matters."

Pro is a native of Richmond, Ca., born on December 12, 1946. He earned his Juris Doctor degree at Golden Gate University in San Francisco in 1972 following a BA in political science in 1968 at San Francisco State.

He served as a law clerk, deputy public defender and assistant United States Attorney in Las Vegas between November 1972 and January

Wiesenthal Center Identifies 17 Suspected Nazi War Criminals Living In Great Britain

LOS ANGELES — In a recent meeting officials of the Simon Wiesenthal Center handed over to the British government newly uncovered evidence listing 17 suspected Nazi war criminals believed to be living in Great Britain. Among the list of suspects handed over by the Center, are two members of the Vilnius Sonderkommando (Ypatinga Buras) which murdered thousands of Jews in Vilna, Lithuania, as well as a Commander of a unit of Lithuanian murder squads involved in the annihilation of thousands of Jews in Lithuania and Byelorussia. The list also includes the police chief of Telz, Lithuania, as well as other SS and SD officials in Lithuania and Latvia wanted for crimes ranging from collaboration to mass murder. In handing the list to the British government, the Center's Dean, Rabbi Marvin Hier wrote to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, "I trust that your government will investigate carefully the charges against these suspected war criminals, determine the truth of the accusations, the availability of witnesses and, if necessary create the required legal apparatus to deal with them."

The list was made possible by the on-going research conducted by the Wiesenthal Center offices throughout the world and particularly by the head of its Jerusalem office, Efraim Zuroff, formerly with the Office of Special Investigations of the U.S. Justice Department. The release of these names comes just two weeks after Center officials transmitted to Australian Prime Minister Bill Hayden a list of suspected Nazi war criminals believed to be living in Australia. Center officials stated that they believed that this was the first time a list has ever been compiled of suspected Nazi war criminals thought to be living in the United Kingdom.

The list and accompanying data were given to British Consul General Donald Ballantyne by Rabbis Marvin Hier and Abraham Cooper.

The Center estimates that its research will produce additional names of criminals in Australia and Great Britain, and several thousand living in other Western countries suspected of crimes ranging from deportation to mass murder of Jews.

1978 and was engaged in private practice in Reno in 1978-79. Later he worked as a deputy attorney general and a chief assistant U.S. attorney. In October 1980 to the present he has served as a U.S. Magistrate where he performs a full range of federal judicial duties with cases filed in the U.S. District Court.

Pro has been very active in legal affairs and has served as a lecturer at numerous continuing legal education seminars. He has been chairman since 1976 of the State Bar of Nevada's annual Roger T. Foley Law Day Essay contest. He has served in various capacities with the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He is a member of the State of Nevada's Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

He and his wife, Dori, and daughter, Brenda, live in Las Vegas.

Rest In Peace Irving "Irv" Corben



Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Irving "Irv" Corben, who passed away recently at age 73. Corben suffered a heart attack one day and died the following evening in a local hospital.

Corben for many years was the owner-operator of Corb's, an unfinished home furniture store on South Main Street. He also owned and operated Corb's Home Center at Tropicana and Eastern Avenues. He retired in 1979 after selling Corb's Home Center to Ole's Home Improvement Co. at that location.

The Corb's business name is an abbreviation of Corben. It was the name by which Corben was called.

In addition to his wife, Esther, Corben is survived by one son, Dr. Michael Corben of Northridge, Cal., one daughter, Janis Rounds, a Las Vegas realtor, and five grandchildren.

Corben was born March 12, 1913 and lived in Oakland, Calif. from 1924.

He was a journalism major on the Berkeley campus of the University of California but dropped out during the Great Depression for a job in an Oakland auction center.

He opened a used furniture store in Santa Cruz shortly afterward and was married there on July 4, 1936.

He expanded the furniture store to include home improvement items such as paint, hardware, plumbing and linoleum and through this expansion may have originated the first home improvement store anywhere.

Such stores, favored by do-it-yourselfers, are now extremely popular everywhere and contributed to the success of Corb's Home Center in Las Vegas.

During World War II, Corben served in the U.S. army infantry. He opened a furniture store in Los Angeles after the war, came to Las Vegas in 1952 and made the name Corb's a fixture for home improvement customers.

He was a member of Temple Beth Shalom here, a member of the Zelzah Shrine Temple and the Nate Mack Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

His wife suggested that memorial donations be made to the donor's favorite charity or the Make A Wish Foundation.

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