

# JUSTICE ASSURED



DISTRICT JUDGE John Mowbray has filed for reelection to his present position. Mowbray, who has served as master calendar judge for the past year and a half, was appointed to the bench in 1959 and was elected in 1960. He was re-elected in 1962, serving in department three of district court.

He previously had been in private law practice in Las Vegas, and from 1949 to 1953 served as deputy district attorney in Clark County.

Mowbray was appointed United States Referee for the District of Nevada in 1955 and later became the first full-time referee to serve the entire state. During this same period Chief Judge Albert 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 Circuit.

MOWBRAY HAS spearheaded the passage of such much-needed remedial legislation as the so-called battered child law, enacted for the protection of mal-treated children.

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. It was through Mowbray's efforts that the Ford Foundation granted Clark County \$196,000 for the public defender program, which is scheduled to begin Aug. 1.

In addition to providing a more efficient plan for representation of indigents, the public defender program is expected to achieve a saving of approximately \$350,000 to Clark County citizens over a three-year period.

One of Mowbray's most significant contributions as a judge has been in the administration of courtroom justice since February of 1965 when he became master calendar judge for this district, succeeding District Judge David Zenoff, who was appointed acting justice of the State Supreme Court to serve in the place of ailing Justice Frank McNamee.

MOWBRAY MOVED immediately to double and re-double 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 sessions.

Criminal cases are now heard promptly and civil cases also are being disposed of rapidly, with the net effect of substantial savings for the taxpayers.

"Aside from the question of savings in the operation of our courts," said Mowbray, "I think it is important that the local citizen have his day in court within the least possible time, with equal justice for all."

Active in community life, Mowbray presently is serving as vice-president of the Boulder Dam Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and he received, this year, 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 U.S. government.

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## Bias In Draft Probed

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--Questions regarding discrimination in the operation of the draft system were sent recently to Gen. Lewis Hershey, director, Selective Service System, by 15 Congressmen.

Rep. John Conyers, Jr., (Dem-Mich.), commented, "Statistics show that 16.3 per cent of the 1965 draftees were Negro Americans though Negroes comprise only 11 per cent of the overall population. For this reason, I and many other Congressmen have asked the Selective Service System for information on the draft's impact on different ethnic groups and the racial composition of the draft boards."

Robert Kastenmeier (Dem-Wis.), was responsible for initiating the joint effort to obtain the information. The Wisconsin Democrat has a well-known record of working to eliminate injustices from the draft system and all aspects of military service, according to Rep. Conyers.

Questions asked of Gen. Hershey included:

- Racial composition of the respective 1-A manpower pools from which board quotas are met.
- Percentage of draft board quotas filled by Negroes or other non-whites.
- Racial composition of local draft boards.

Mowbray also is a director of the YMCA, a member of the Elks, Eagles, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. President of the Catholic Community Welfare and past president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, he this year received the Las Vegas chapter's annual award to the "citizen who has made the greatest contribution to the community and state."

A former president of the Las Vegas chapter of the City of Hope, more than \$70,000 was raised locally during his tenure to further the organization's humanitarian objectives.

AMONG OTHER honors Mowbray has received is a special certification awarded him this February by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for his work in promoting goodwill, understanding and justice among persons of all faiths.

A World War II veteran, he spent five years in the Army, and served as a military governor in South Korea. After military service in Korea, he continued his education at the University of Notre Dame and was graduated Cum Laude.

Judge Mowbray and his wife Kathlyn have four children, John, Romy, Jerry and Terry.

## Demo Club Opens Office



TREASURER MARGARET J. SIMMONS is shown at the North Las Vegas Township Democratic Club which officially opened its headquarters, Thursday, July 21.

The Demo Club has offered its facilities as an open house for candidates in that area. Candidates are invited to use the headquarter's precinct map, utilize the precinct captain list and leave their campaign literature and souvenirs at the office to be circulated throughout the district the office will service.

Larry McKinney is President of the Club, and Mrs. Dorothy Reynolds, secretary. The club announced the welcome mat is out for all citizens of the community to drop in the new headquarters to familiarize themselves with the quarters and the work that is being done there.

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yourself in our place. I have tried to explain this matter to the public from a realistic point of view. In the final analysis, we of the Barber profession are giving the public a needed service. We are striving for better public service and understanding in our community, and will continue to uphold the best in professional ethics and integrity both to the profession and the public.

We need the cooperation and understanding of all our citizens. To this end, we shall always stand ready to serve you.

Yours,  
Johnnie Crockett

Dear Mr. Crockett:  
You have made your point. Best of luck, we're with you--The Editor.