

# New General Treasurer Traces Lineage Back to Colonization of New Continent

1930.



—Photos by Staff Photographer  
Antonio Prince, general treasurer-elect, and Mrs. Prince in their Woonsocket home.

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# Speakership Is Reward for Long Service in House

## Reddy Has Been Member 22 Years; Record Is Praised

Election as Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives may be said to have come to William E. Reddy of West Warwick as a reward for 22 years of faithful service as a member of the House. His character and service have been praised by both Republicans and Democrats alike and Republican members, who voted against him yesterday, were among the first to congratulate him.

His first election to the House was from the town of Warwick before West Warwick was set apart from it and when the division occurred Mr. Reddy was retained in office by voters in the new town. Since 1910, he has served continuously and at the end of the last session of the Assembly he was publicly commended by colleagues in both parties, who joined in presenting him a watch as a token of their esteem.

Speaker Reddy was born in Coventry, Feb. 15, 1877. He received his elementary education in the public schools there and then started in quest of a higher education by going to work in the Valley mills to earn money which would enable him to pursue his studies to become a practicing attorney.

### Holy Cross Graduate

He was graduated from Holy Cross College in the class of 1903, and three years later, was graduated from the Boston University Law School and began the practice of law.

As soon as he obtained his majority, Mr. Reddy became interested in politics in what was then the old town of Warwick, and today, after more than 30 years of service to his constituents in various positions, he is the dean of the members of the lower branch of the Legislature.

Active in the Democratic party, Mr. Reddy's first important office was tax collector of the old town of Warwick in 1905, when his party was in control. That post was an important one for a young man, as tax collectors jobs go, for Warwick was the largest town in the United States, likewise a rich one.

### Elected to House in 1910

In 1910, he was elected to the House of Representatives from his district, and took his seat in January, 1911, and returned for the next two years until the town was divided. In 1914, the first election after the division, Mr. Reddy was sent back to the House and has since served continuously.

Like other new members, Mr. Reddy's first committee posts were unimportant. He served the first two years as a member of the public institutions committee, and the next two years on the labor committee.

In 1915, the late Speaker Frank H. Hammill named Mr. Reddy on the powerful finance committee headed by Frederick S. Peck, now Finance Commissioner. It was an open secret that Mr. Peck always dictated the appointments to his committee, and it was the one committee of the House that never took a vote on a bill, but all measures were considered and disposed of in one way or another by "agreement." For the last



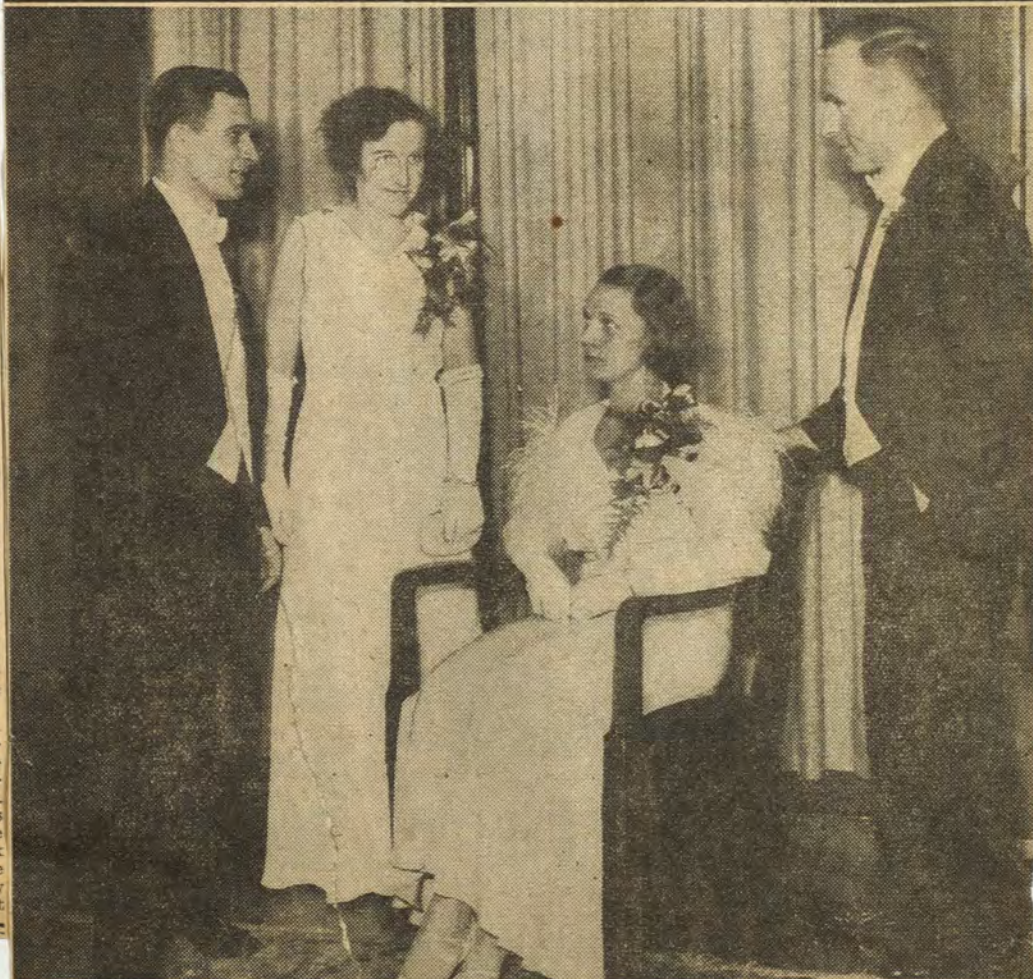
WILLIAM E. REDDY

two years, Mr. Reddy also served on the joint committee on accounts and claims.

Although considered by his party for the post of speaker on previous occasions, Mr. Reddy declined the nomination until 1931, when he was defeated by Roy Rawlings by a straight party vote.

Mr. Reddy was chosen as one of the members of the Democratic Advisory Committee for the town of West Warwick when it was created by the party leaders in 1922, the only town to have such a body, so far as known. This committee meets monthly and keeps its fingers on the political pulse of the electorate constantly, which is responsible for its smoothly running organization.

## At the Governor's Reception



Large number prominent in political life of State attends public event held at State House. Shown above at left are Secretary of State Louis W. Cappelli and Mrs. Cappelli and at the right are Lieut. Gov. Robert E. Quinn and Mrs. Quinn.



# HARTIGAN APPOINTS MOSS, NOLAN, COONEY, DeCIANTIS

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WILLIAM W. MOSS



JOHN H. NOLAN



JOHN J. COONEY



MICHAEL De CIANTIS

## 4 Well Known R. I. Lawyers to Serve as Assistant Attorneys General

## New Prosecutor Will Have Experienced Barristers on His Staff

By MARTIN J. FLAHERTY  
(News-Tribune Staff Writer)

Atty. Gen.-elect John P. Hartigan today made public his selection for assistant attorneys general. Four well-known lawyers with years of experience before the bar of this State were selected by the next State prosecutor for the places on his staff.

They are as follows:

William Washburn Moss of Providence, assistant attorney general.

Ex-Sen. John H. Nolan of Newport, second assistant attorney general.

Former Rep. John J. Cooney of Providence, third assistant attorney general.

Judge Michael DeCIantis of West Warwick, fourth assistant attorney general.

In making his announcements, Atty. Gen.-elect Hartigan declined to make any statement other than that he had made his selections after careful consideration. All four will take office on Jan. 3, immediately after Hartigan is sworn into office.

### MOSS IS VETERAN LAWYER

William W. Moss, who becomes the assistant attorney general, is a veteran member of the bar and a former law partner of the late Rathbone Gardner and the late William H. Thornley. He was born in Stonington, Conn., March 10, 1872, and came to Providence when he was 16 years of age.

He is a former president of the Providence Chamber of Commerce, a presidential elector who voted for ex-Gov. Alfred E. Smith in 1928, and for two years served on the editorial review of the Harvard Law School.

He was educated in the Providence schools and was graduated from Brown University with the degree of A. B. in 1890. He was an instructor of mathematics at the university and took a post-graduate course, receiving the degree of A. M. in 1895. He was graduated from Harvard Law School with the degree of LL. B. in 1899. Admitted to the Rhode Island bar and the Missouri bar in the same year, he practised law for three years in Kansas City and then returned to Providence.

Serving on the Providence school board for 10 years, Atty. Moss took an active interest in public affairs. For eight years he has been one of the three Rhode Island Commissioners on the Promotion of the Uniformity of Legislation in the United States, serving without compensation.

A member of the American and

Rhode Island Bar Associations, Attorney Moss also holds membership in the American Law Institute and has been admitted to practice in the Supreme and other United States Courts.

### NOLAN IS NEWPORT NATIVE

Former Sen. John H. Nolan was born in Newport, Aug. 26, 1892. He was educated in the public schools of that city and graduated from Rogers high school in 1911. He is a graduate of Brown University, class of 1915, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

From Brown Sen. Nolan went to Harvard law school, where he remained until the outbreak of the World War when he enlisted in the United States Navy as gunner's mate, second class. He was later commissioned an ensign. After his discharge from the Navy he resumed the study of law and was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar in April, 1919.

In 1920 he was the Democratic candidate for Senator from Newport. He served as Fourth Assistant Attorney General under Atty. Gen. Herbert L. Carpenter in 1923-24. Later he became associated with the law firm of Fitzgerald & Higgins, returning to Newport a few years ago to become associated in law with his father, Judge Frank F. Nolan.

He served as Senator from Newport in 1929-30. He is a member of the Newport Lodge of Elks; Newport Council Knights of Columbus and past district deputy of the K. of C. He also holds membership in the Newport

Post, American Legion and in the A. O. H.

Former Rep. John J. Cooney is associated in the practice of law with Thomas F. Cooney under the firm name of Cooney & Cooney. He was an aspirant for the Democratic nomination for governor at the last Democratic and for years has been active in public affairs of this State.

Born in Providence, July 6, 1887, he was educated in the public schools of this city. Graduate from Classical high school he entered Brown University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1908. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1911. Admitted to the Rhode Island Bar the same year. Atty. Cooney has been practicing before the courts of this State for more than 20 years.

He served as a member of the House of Representatives from 1913 to 1917, and was an active and energetic worker for political reform legislation. He was also a candidate for congress on the Democratic ticket in the First Congressional district in 1928.

Judge Michael DeCIantis, well known in Italian-American circles of this State, was born in Sora, Italy, Aug. 16, 1900. He received his early education in the public schools of West Warwick. He studied law at Boston University and was admitted to the Rhode Island bar Oct. 30, 1925. He has served as judge of probate for West Warwick for three years, and is associated in the practice of law with the firm of Quinn, Kernan & Quinn.

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# DE CIANTIS TO BE 4TH AID TO ATTY. GENERAL

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FOR RHODE ISLAND

Valley Man Named  
to Prominent Post;  
Active Campaigner

Judge Michael DeCiantis, who, according to an announcement made by Attorney General-elect John P. Hartigan, this morning, will be the next Fourth Assistant Attorney General of the state of Rhode Island, has spent practically all of his life in the Pawtuxet Valley and has a large number of friends here.

Judge DeCiantis was born in Italy, August 16, 1900, and came to the United States in 1905, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luigi DeCiantis settling in Riverpoint. He is a graduate of Harris avenue school, the West Warwick high school in the class of 1921, and spent two years at the Boston University Law School. He was admitted to practice before the Rhode Island bar in October, 1925, and to practice before the United States District Court about a year later. He was Judge of Probate for the town of West Warwick for three years. For the past nine years, Judge DeCiantis has been a practicing attorney, being an associate in the offices of Quinn, Kernan & Quinn, in Providence and West Warwick. He has taken part in all of the Democratic campaigns during the past several years and is well known in political circles all over Rhode Island.

## Prominent Elk, Legionnaire and Lawyer Will Be Next Attorney-General of State

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nity and tact which will add grace and efficiency to the office. I consider John Cooney one of the most brilliant members of the bar and one who, in the not too distant future, will go far. He is clean, fair and intelligent. Michael DeCiantis has had a fine office experience and in court work and his experience as probate judge in West Warwick should aid him materially in his new duties.

Angelo A. Caldarone, attorney: I am satisfied with the appointments.

Frank C. Cambio, of Pettine, Godfrey & Cambio: I think that the appointments make the Attorney General's office a strong one. It's a good strong lineup.

Carl Testa, attorney: Very good judgment was used in choosing these men. All are good men and it makes a strong staff.

Raffael Vicario, attorney: The choices were good.

Arthur N. Votolato, attorney: No one can criticize any of the men who have been chosen. A very good staff.

Arthur Falcone, attorney: Hartigan has made good appointments. The men are all of a high type and integrity. The appointments could not be improved upon.

John P. Beagan, attorney: They are all competent men. I don't think the selection calls for any other comment.

George B. Beane, assistant United States attorney: The choices are excellent. They all are very competent men.

Christopher J. Brennan, attorney: Hartigan's assistants are all lawyers of recognized ability. He is to be congratulated on their selection.

John J. Richards, attorney and former U. S. Marshal and Adjutant General: The appointees are well known and reputable attorneys and will, without doubt, be able to do the job to the credit of the Democratic party.

Clifford A. Kingsley, attorney: It sounds like a very good selection of assistants, a very good layout. All of those men are estimable men and good lawyers. A very happy choice of assistants.

James J. McGovern of McGovern & Slattery: I think that the appointments are to be highly commended. All of the appointees are thoroughly competent persons and extremely well qualified in every respect, and together they make a wonderful combination for carrying out the duties of the office, and reflect great credit on the new attorney general.

James J. Nolan, Jr., attorney: I think they are splendid selections. They are all favorably known and will keep the office up to the best ideals of lawyers who regard the office of attorney general very highly.

Edward J. Noons, attorney: They are apparently men of high standing and will undoubtedly give their best efforts to the office.

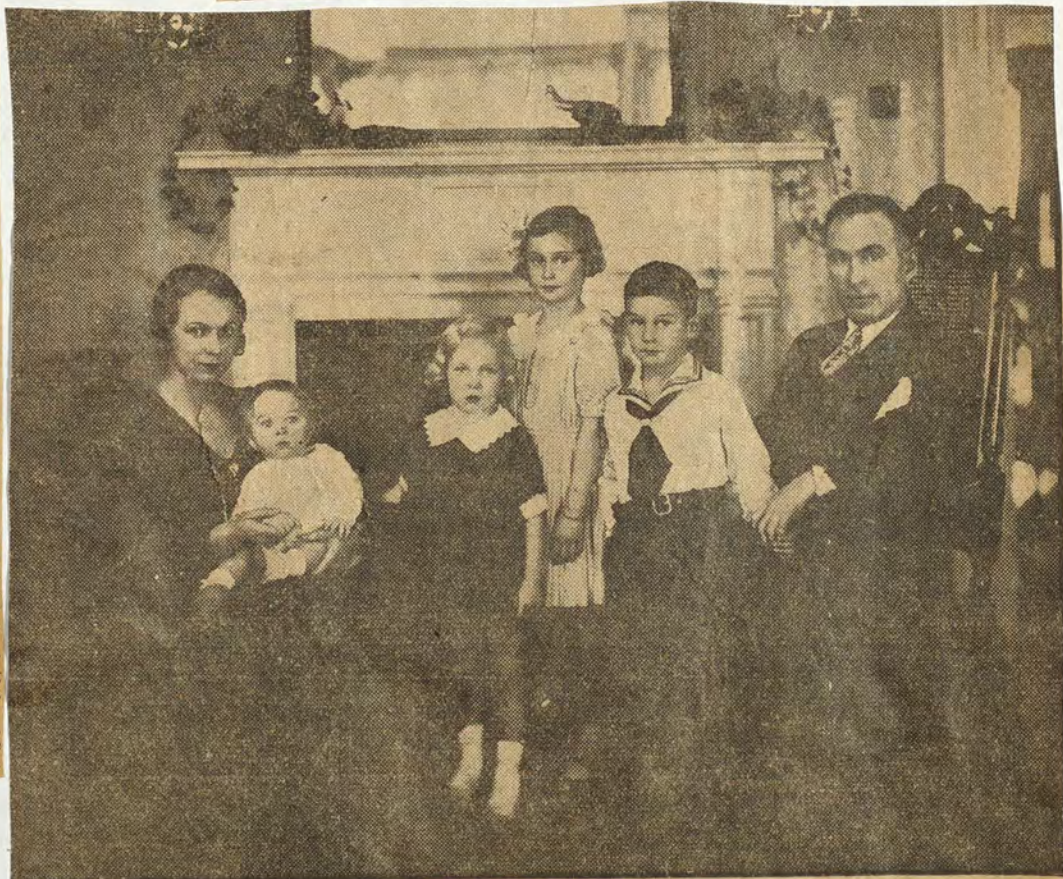
Herbert M. Sherwood of Sherwood, Heltzen & Clifford: In every case they are very excellent appointments.

## ADMIRABLE APPOINTMENTS (1932)

Attorney-General-elect John P. Hartigan's selection of assistants has met with general approval. William W. Moss is a man whose ability as a learned lawyer and whose record as a citizen of distinction are well-known throughout the State. Mr. Moss's long association with the late Rathbone Gardner and the late William H. Thornley in the practice of the law, demonstrates that the State is fortunate, indeed, in having him as Mr. Hartigan's first assistant.

For his second assistant Mr. Hartigan has chosen John H. Nolan of Newport, who has won wide recognition as a jury lawyer and who was an able associate of Mr. Hartigan when the Democrats last controlled the Attorney-General's office. As for John J. Cooney, selected as third assistant, it is sufficient to say that he is a man of intellect and character who will bring energy and a well-trained legal mind to the performance of his duties. Mr. De Ciantis, the fourth assistant, is a member of the younger bar whose experience in court work qualifies him for effective service.

We believe that with this organization, the Attorney-General's office should function very satisfactorily.



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—Photo by Oki Setzo.

Lieut. Gov.-elect and Mrs. Robert E. Quinn with their four children in their West Warwick home. Cameron, eight months, is in his mother's lap. Standing are Polly, three; Norma, eight, and Robert, six.



# 1932 BENCH, BAR PRAISE HARTIGAN APPOINTMENTS

## Appointments of Assistant Attorneys General Are Praised Highly

## Political Party Lines Disregarded in Widespread Favorable Comment

Bench, bar and lay members of the community united today in praise of the appointments made by John I. Hartigan, attorney general-elect.

That William W. Moss, John F. Nolan, John J. Cooney and Judge Michael DeCiantis, named by Hartigan as assistants in the State legal department, will provide an unusually efficient staff was the unanimous opinion of scores of judges, attorneys and citizens. The integrity, experience and efficiency of the appointees was stressed.

The widespread favorable comment entirely disregarded political party lines and various members of the legal staff were referred to as brilliant, widely versed in law and legal practice and of the highest professional and personal standing.

Taken at random, some of the comments obtained by News-Tribune reporters follow:

**Mayor James E. Dunne:** The lawyers appointed by Atty. Gen.-elect John P. Hartigan as his assistants are well qualified and their ability an integrity well known to the people of this State. I feel that Atty. Hartigan deserves to be commended for his fine selections.

**James C. Collins,** president of the Rhode Island Bar Association: Moss is an excellent man and there is no lawyer who is better qualified for the post of first assistant. I don't know all of the others so well, but on the whole it seems to me to be a very satisfactory list. Moss is one of the outstanding attorneys in this State. I am particularly pleased at his appointment. He has had a long experience as a trial lawyer. Hartigan has chosen very well on the whole.

**Lieut. Gov. James G. Connolly:** I think Atty. Gen.-elect Hartigan's selections are excellent appointments. They are all men of experience in trial work and of high standing at the bar.

**Judge Jeremiah E. O'Connell** of the Superior Court: I think the choices are excellent. All of the men are of high type and well qualified to fill the offices.

**Col. Ambrose Kennedy,** unsuccessful Republican candidate for lieutenant governor: "The appointments as a whole show careful choice. Three of the men I know well and they are all very good lawyers. I am not acquainted with Judge DeCiantis. I am well acquainted with Mr. Nolan and believe him to be able. Mr. Moss I know only slightly, but I know that he has the reputation of being a good lawyer. John J. Cooney I know very well and consider him to be one of the most capable members of the bar in this State.

**Judge Herbert L. Carpenter** of the Superior Court and former attorney general of Rhode Island: Mr. Hartigan selected an excellent staff and should be complimented. All of the men he has chosen are attorneys of high standing and should make an excellent record for his department.

**Judge Everett L. Walling** of Walling & Walling, judge of the Twelfth District Court: I am surprised and delighted to know that men of the calibre of those four men have been chosen and are willing to be Hartigan's assistants. I was in law school with Moss, and I am acquainted personally with both Nolan and Cooney. I have also heard of the accomplishments of DeCiantis.

**Harry Parsons Cross,** of Greenough, Lyman & Cross, and a former First Asst. Atty. Gen., chairman of the State House Commission: They are excellent appointments. It seemed to me immediately I heard who they were that wise choices had been made. Hartigan is very fortunate indeed to get a man of Moss's ability to help him in prosecuting cases for the State.

**Francis B. Keeney,** of Swan, Keeney & Smith: I think Hartigan's appointments are excellent. Moss is a corking good man and Nolan, Cooney and DeCiantis are all men of ability and unquestioned integrity.

**Frederick W. O'Connell,** of Swan, Keeney & Smith, vice president of the Rhode Island Bar Association: They are splendid appointments and have my unqualified endorsement. I am particularly glad Moss is there because he is one of the best lawyers in the city. The others are all men of ability and sound lawyers.

**George Hurley,** former first assistant attorney general: A splendid selection. Our new Attorney General has made a splendid selection of assistants. In character and ability the lawyers whom he has chosen for service in this very important department of our government are of the highest calibre.

**Former U. S. Commissioner Cornelius C. Moore,** Newport—I am glad to compliment Atty. Gen.-elect Hartigan on the selection of his assistants. They are among the outstanding members of the Bar of Rhode Island, able, intelligent and of the highest integrity. It is certain that the office of attorney general will be administered in a most competent manner.

**Henry C. Hart,** of Curran, Hart, Gainer & Carr and former United States commissioner: Hartigan did a good job. He couldn't have picked a better man for first assistant anywhere in the State than William W. Moss.

**William R. Harvey** of Sheffield and Harvey, Newport: I know these men to be of outstanding ability and integrity. I know they will fulfill their duties fearlessly and with credit to the State. Moss and Nolan are both personal friends of mine. They are lawyers of the highest type.

**Claude C. Ball,** attorney: The appointments are excellent. The men selected are very able and will constitute a well-balanced staff. I have known Moss for many years, dating back to when he was an instructor at Brown. His appointment adds much to the office.

**Stephen J. Casey,** attorney: The appointments by Hartigan are admirable in every respect. All the new assistants are capable, upstanding lawyers who will redeem the expectations of the office. Their appointments recommend themselves to every disinterested citizen of Rhode Island.

**Judge Raymond J. McMahon,** Tenth District Court, Pawtucket: I don't have much to do with the attorney general's department, but I know Moss, Nolan and Cooney both personally and by their excellent reputations. I am sure DeCiantis is a good attorney or Hartigan wouldn't have

chosen him.  
**Judge Charles F. Risk,** Eleventh District Court, Central Falls and State Department Commander of the American Legion: I don't know Moss, except by his fine reputation, but I think the appointment of Nolan is a very, very happy one. He served in the attorney general's office under Judge Carpenter and is a very able attorney. I think Cooney also is very capable and I myself have had several business transactions with him. They have been pleasing ones and any business I ever had with DeCiantis was always conducted in good shape. I think they are all good trial lawyers.

**Judge Maurice Robinson,** Providence police court: I think they were very excellent appointments. I was delighted to hear that men of their calibre would be willing to work in the attorney general's department.

**Washington R. Prescott:** I think Mr. Hartigan has made exceptional selections particularly in naming Moss and Cooney.

**Archibald C. Matteson,** attorney and U. S. Commissioner: I think they are admirable choices in every instance. They are all active practitioners of experience and are sure to be very acceptable public servants. They are lawyers of good standing and experience. I think Hartigan is to be commended for these excellent choices.

**Judge Max Levy,** First District Court, Newport: I know that William W. Moss bears a very splendid reputation among Rhode Island bar members. He is a man of unusual ability and experience and has been connected with any number of civil cases.

I am sure he will make an able assistant to Hartigan.

John Nolan has been known to me for many years. He has been practicing a good while before my bench and I am quite sure he will make an excellent trial lawyer. He is a man of considerable ability and has been outstanding as a trial lawyer in Newport for many years.

Although knowing both Cooney and Judge DeCiantis only slightly, their accomplishments have reached my ears many times. I am sure that Hartigan has chosen wisely and will find all four men capable and willing assistants.

**Donald O. Burke,** attorney and alderman from the Tenth Providence Ward: As a lawyer I feel that they are the finest selections ever made by any attorney general Rhode Island ever had.

**Edward M. Sullivan,** attorney: I think Hartigan has made a very handsome selection. It is a well balanced staff. Moss is very well qualified for consultation with State departments. Nolan is an all around good trial lawyer and has pleaded before the Supreme Court on matters at law. Cooney, I regard as one of the outstanding members of the bar of his age and experience, particularly as a good trial lawyer and on the equity side of the law. Judge DeCiantis, I regard as a very good student of law and a valuable man as an adviser and research man on preparation of cases such as trial briefs and briefs for arguments on appeals.

I consider that Hartigan has made a first class selection. I do not see how anybody in his place could do any better. All in all, I think it is a very handsome choice and ought to be satisfactory to the courts and to the lawyers of the State.

**Joseph P. Canning,** of Comstock and Canning: I think it's a very fine list of appointments. Moss is one of the leading members of the bar in this State. The appointments reflect great credit on the Attorney General-elect for appointing such good men.

**Ralph M. Greenlaw,** attorney: Moss couldn't be bettered. I think it's a very fine selection. They are capable men, all of them.

**Mortimer G. Cummings:** I think Hartigan picked an admirable staff. They'll make a fine corps of assistants. I think there's no doubt but what we can look forward to a fearless enforcement of the law and prosecution of all indictments. It's a very fine and representative staff.

**Walter Adler,** former assistant city solicitor of Providence: The attorney general-elect has made very wise selections. He has able counsel with wide trial experience and excellent standing at the bar.

**John H. Slattery** of McGovern & Slattery, past president of the Rhode Island Bar Association: The appointments strike me as very excellent—all of them. Hartigan has shown, in my opinion, excellent judgment. And he has been fortunate in being able to get such high class men.

**Joseph J. Cunningham,** attorney and former State senator from North Providence: The appointments are perfect. I am sure that they are such as to meet with the approval of all our citizens, regardless of political party.

**Walter J. Hennessy,** attorney: I think Hartigan has chosen a very efficient staff.

**Joseph H. Gainer** of Curran, Hart, Gainer & Carr, former mayor of Providence: A very good group of lawyers. Their selection is excellent.

**Judge Louis W. Dunn,** Eighth District Court, Johnston I'm sure there is no doubt as to the qualifications of the men he has selected.

**Daniel H. Morrissey,** attorney, of Tillinghast, Morrissey & Flynn: I think they were very excellent selections.

**Daniel T. Hagen** of Rosenfeld & Hagan: I know every one of them personally. I have done business with every one of them. I know their ability and I'm sure they can fill the offices.

**George F. Troy,** attorney: I think the appointments are very good. I know each one personally and I know they are all good trial lawyers.

**George J. West,** attorney: I think that's a representative cross-section of the bar.

**Judge Henry E. Crowe** of the Pawtucket Probate Court: The appointments are fine. Nolan and Cooney, both of whom I know personally, are very good men.

**George F. O'Shaunessy,** of O'Shaunessy & Cannon, former Congressman: The appointments are high grade and assure a high standard of administration.

**William A. Gunning,** attorney: I've known John Hartigan for a good many years and I consider him one of the squarest shooters I ever knew. He will make a good attorney general and you may be sure that he will treat everyone fairly. Moss is a man of wide experience and possessed of a deep understanding of human nature. He has wide knowledge of the law and should make an extraordinarily good assistant attorney general. John Nolan has had wide experience in criminal practice and as a former assistant in that office. He has a dig-



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## MOSS APPOINTED FIRST ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Former Chamber President  
Named Chief Aide of Hartigan.  
Nolan in Second Post.

## COONEY, DeCIANTIS CHOSEN

Selected for Third and Fourth  
Members of Staff.—Latter is  
Native of Italy.

Attorney General-elect John P. Hartigan today announced the appointment of the four assistants who will aid him during the next two years in the prose-



WM. W. MOSS

ution of criminal cases and defence of legal cases brought against the State.

The appointments follow:

First Assistant Attorney General—WILLIAM WASHBURN MOSS of Providence.

Second Assistant—JOHN H. NOLAN of Newport.

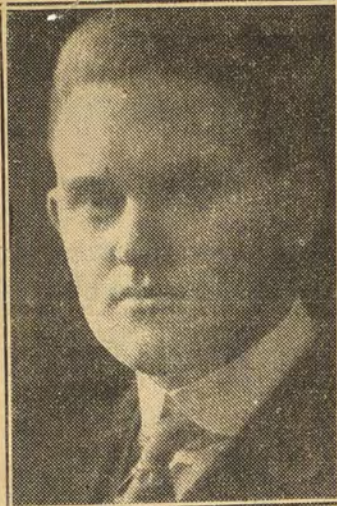
Third Assistant—JOHN J. COONEY of Providence.

Fourth Assistant—MICHAEL DE CIANTIS of West Warwick.

Mr. Hartigan declared that he would make no further appointments to the office of the State Criminal Identification Bureau and Investigator for the Attorney General's office within a week.

Mr. Nolan, a former Democratic Senator from Newport, had served as Fourth

## Assistant Attorneys General



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2nd Assistant



JOHN J. COONEY,  
3rd Assistant

school committee and for eight years was one of the three Rhode Island Commissioners for the Promotion of the Uniformity of Legislation in the United States. He is a member of the Rhode Island and American Bar Associations, and of the American Law Institute, and was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He has served as one of the Board of Directors of the Providence Chamber of Commerce and for two years was President of that body.

### Nolan Native of Newport

Mr. Nolan, born in Newport, Aug. 26, 1892, was educated in the schools in that city and graduated from Rogers high school, Newport, in 1911. He entered Brown University and was awarded his A. B. degree in 1915 and continued his law studies at Harvard Law School until the outbreak of the World War when he enlisted in the United States Navy as a gunner's mate. He was transferred to the officers' training school and later commissioned an Ensign. Following the war he was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar in 1919. He was defeated for the office of Senator in 1920 and three years later, after a Democratic State victory, was named as Fourth Assistant in the Attorney General's office.

He was associated with the firm of Fitzgerald and Higgins for two years and then returned to his native city, where he was associated with his father, Judge Frank F. Nolan, in the practice of law. In 1928 he was elected Senator from that city.

Mr. Nolan is a member of Newport Lodge of Elks, Newport Council, Knights of Columbus, and a Past District Deputy of the latter organization. He also holds membership in Newport Post, American Legion, and the A. O. H. He was a classmate of Lieutenant Governor-elect Robert E. Quinn at Brown University and is a member of Phi Kappa Fraternity.

### Cooney Former Representative

Mr. Cooney, born in this city July 6, 1887, was educated in the public schools here and graduated from Brown University in 1908. He received his LL. B. degree at Harvard Law School in 1911 and was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar in October of the same year. He was a member of the House of Representatives from 1913 to 1917, and was defeated



MICHAEL DE CIANTIS,  
4th Assistant

when he ran for Congress in the Second District in 1928.

Mr. DeCiantis was born in Sora, Italy, Aug. 16, 1900, and came to this country when a youth. He was educated in the public schools in West Warwick and

took up his law studies at Boston University. He finished his law education in the offices of Quinn, Kernan and Quinn and was admitted to practice in this State in 1925. For three years he served as judge of probate in West Warwick and has maintained his association in the law firm of which Col. Patrick H. Quinn and Lieutenant Governor-elect Robert E. Quinn are the senior members.

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# SPEAKER REDDY AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL DE CIANTIS ARE FELICITATED AT BANQUET

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## Presented Tokens of High Esteem

Associates in Politics Arrange Dinner at West Warwick Country Club Attended by 100.—Thomas J. Flynn, Toastmaster.— Party Leaders Rejoice on Success in Organizing the House.

Speaker of the House William Reddy and Michael DeCiantis, Fourth Assistant Attorney General of Rhode Island, were honored political associates at a testimonial dinner last evening, at West Warwick Country Club. The banquet was arranged by a committee of local friends and well-wishers and covers were laid for 100. Thomas J. Flynn, Providence attorney, was toastmaster and a highlight of the program was the presentation of a suitably inscribed ebony gavel to Speaker Reddy, who has been a member of the lower branch of the General Assembly for 22 years, and a fountain pen set to Mr. DeCiantis, the presentations being made by Lieutenant Governor Robert Quinn.

A full course chicken dinner was served by the Ryan caterers of Providence, and seated at the head table in addition to those already mentioned were Alberic A. Archambault, Representative Horace L. Petrarca, Democratic Floor Leader of the House Edward W. Flynn, Deputy Floor Leader Edward C. Brown, Deputy Speaker of the House James H. Kiernan, Representative Walter Sepe, Representative Carl Testa, Representative Joseph Venezia and Representative James Perraducci.

The committee for arrangements consisted of Judge George Roche, chairman; Thomas F. Barry, Representative Horace L. Petrarca, Town Solicitor James W. Leighton, Lieutenant Governor Robert E. Quinn, Frank P. Lamb, Horace Senerchia and Raymond E. Jordan. Instrumental trio of Providence, and the speech-making was interspersed by baritone solos: "That's Why Darkies Were Born" and "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" by Charles Savoie, and a talking and singing skit by Turcotte and Blair who featured with "Potatoes Are Cheaper" and "Allouette." Arthur Dooley was master of ceremonies for this phase of the entertainment.

### Petrarca Presents Flynn

Representative Petrarca, a member of the committee, presented Mr. Flynn as toastmaster, and the first speaker was Mr. Archambault who said Mr. Reddy is the first Valley man to become speaker of the House since the late Dexter P. Potter, of Coventry, held that distinction. He caused laughter when he said: "No member of the General Assembly can speak in sessions now unless he gets permission from West Warwick. Mr. Reddy presides over the House and Lt. Gov. Quinn over the Senate. He also said Mr. Reddy is a popular man in the House because of his record tenure of service as Representative and that "he has no enemies."

Edmund W. Flynn, Floor Leader of the House for the Democrats, pointed there were 49 Democrats in the House when the election for the Speakership came up. Eight ballots were taken and on the final and deciding one, Mr. Reddy got 51 votes. He said he hoped the other towns of the State would clip a page from the West Warwick book of Democracy.

### Nominated Reddy

Deputy Speaker Kiernan said he nominated Reddy for the Speakership and declared he does not know of another instance of general assemblies in which the minority party turned itself into a majority, and paid tribute to Representative Benjamin Cianciarullo, Republican, whose vote, for Reddy, turned the tide in the election.

He paid high tribute to Mr. Rawlings, the retiring Speaker. He said the Valley had a Governor of Rhode Island back in 1878, 55 years ago, in the person of Henry Howard, and hoped Lt. Gov. Quinn would be elevated to the office of Governor some day.

Lt. Gov. Quinn made the presentations, as mentioned, to Speaker Reddy and Assistant Attorney General DeCiantis, and praised the qualities of the two men. Others who spoke were Deputy Floor Leader Edward C. Brown, Representative Venezia who said it was the first time in 40 years the Democrats of Rhode Island have been able to organize the House; Mr. Reddy and Mr. DeCiantis.

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# Assistant Attorneys General Take Oath of Office

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Charles F. Stearns, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is shown at the left as he administered oaths at the State House yesterday immediately following the inauguration exercises. The others, left to right, are: Michael DeCiantis, fourth assistant; John J. Cooney, third assistant; John H. Nolan, second assistant; William W. Moss, first assistant and Attorney General John P. Hartigan.

October 22, 1934.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Pawtuxet Valley Daily Times, through its publisher, states that the article published by it on October 20, 1934, containing a statement made by the Chairman of the Republican party in West Warwick in relation to the securing of loans from the HOLC by certain State office holders, namely Lieutenant Governor Robert E. Quinn and Fourth Assistant Attorney General Michael DeCiantis, was unwarranted. This action is taken by this paper after an investigation of the facts involved.

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By Irving P. Hudson

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# SAYS HEBERT'S RECORD CANNOT BE CRITICIZED

Oct 23, 1934  
ASKS RE-ELECTION

Maynard, G. O. P. Leader,  
Cites "Necessity" of  
His Service

That United States Senator is conducting a fair and square campaign for re-election and that his record in Congress prompts the people of Rhode Island to return him to Washington for another six years is set forth in a statement by Honorius Maynard, chairman of West Warwick Republican Town Committee. Mr. Maynard says:

"I strongly urge all voters of West Warwick, regardless of party affiliations to strive for the re-election of Senator Hebert. His re-election, from an economic viewpoint is imperative. Further, let us bear in mind that he is a neighbor of ours, that he has lived among us all his life; that all his interests are located in the Pawtuxet Valley. During his first term of office, he has risen to the ranks of leadership. Republican Senators, as well as the Democratic leaders in the Senate are earnestly requesting that he be returned to that body, where his ability in legislative matters is sorely needed. Although he is a staunch Republican his opinions in all matters is given careful and sincere consideration by the opposition.

"The Democratic leaders realize that he is a true statesman, that his judgment on legislative matters is unbiased and that all his energy is directed for the greatest good, first of his country, then of his state.

"Since he was honored by the electorate to represent this state in the United States Senate he has fought fearlessly for our interests. His record stands and is open for inspection and criticism by his opponent. So far, nobody has come forth with even mild criticism. His

opponent, Peter G. Gerry has consistently avoided a discussion of issues with Senator Hebert. So far in this campaign, his speeches have been devoted entirely to state issues, such as the election of state representatives, which do not concern him at all in his role of candidate for the United States Senate. He also devotes most of his talks to praise of President Roosevelt, and the only argument he advances for his election rests entirely on the support he could give President Roosevelt. This phase of his campaign is somewhat ridiculous when one recalls that at the Democratic National Convention, Peter G. Gerry was the militant leader of forces which opposed Franklin D. Roosevelt. Even when it was assured that Roosevelt would capture the nomination from his friend Al. Smith, Gerry and his forces refused to make Roosevelt's nomination unanimous. It comes with poor grace now for Peter G. Gerry to praise and extol the man he once derided.

"I have heard the rumor that if Gerry is defeated on November 7th, his first act will be to dispose of his newspaper and then head for his palatial southern estate. It is easy to see that Rhode Island would be minus one of its representatives. Mr. Gerry had the opportunity to demonstrate the value of his services when he held that high office during a period of 12 years. During that time he never stepped on Rhode Island soil and his record shows that he was absent from the United States Senate during three-quarters of his tenure of office.

"The citizens of Rhode Island have seen fit to repudiate him at the polls on two different occasions. That is conclusive evidence that the people of Rhode Island desire actual representation in their National Government. They are firmly convinced that Mr. Gerry's sole ambition to be elected is prompted by a desire for social prestige. We cannot afford to send a Social Ambassador to Washington. We must send men who will work for our salvation, men with an earnest desire to solve our many problems. I ask the voters—Would you prefer to be represented in the U. S. Senate by a social leader than by our own friend and neighbor, Felix Hebert, who has ever been willing to give his best for our Town, our State and our Nation."

(Signed):  
"HONORIUS MAYNARD."

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# CURRY SWORN IN DENIES TRADING ACCUSES MCCOY

Says Latter Offered to Let  
Him "Write Own Ticket" if  
He Would Aid Faction.

## OTHERS ALSO TAKE OATH

Sullivan, 13 District Court  
Judges and 12 Clerks  
Qualify for Posts.

Sworn in at the State House with another new associate justice of the Superior Court and with 13 judges and 12 clerks of district courts, Walter Curry of Newport denied this noon that he had entered into a trade with the Democrats for a judgeship, and declared City Auditor Thomas P. McCoy had offered to let him "write his own ticket" if he would side with the McCoy faction in the battle against the Governor.

Mr. Curry declared that McCoy had made the offer on condition that he help the McCoy Democrats to defeat the reorganization and annual appropriation bills.

### Asked Consideration

Mr. Curry said he had been mentioned for a judgeship as far back as Jan. 1, and that he had asked the Governor to consider him for a post on the bench. He declared he had had no communication with the Governor since the close of the special session last month.

Mr. Curry also revealed what he did not reveal on the last night of the session—but which was revealed to this newspaper by Republican members of the House—that the district court judgeship bill was a part of the trade with the Democrats. He said on the last night he had made no trade on that bill, except to agree that he would not support the McCoy faction move to put election of district court judges in a committee, instead of having them appointed by the Governor.

Mr. Curry stated today that he had the sanction of Chairman Peirce R. Brereton of the Republican State Committee to support passage of the district court bill.

### Brereton Tells Stand.

Chairman Brereton today said he did not give personal sanction to that bill, but had held that it was a matter for the Republican State caucus to decide. The matter went before the caucus, he said, and it was voted to support it along with the appropriate bills.

Appropriation and reorganization bills in return for the killing of the Constitutional Convention referendum bill.

Both Chairman Brereton and Judge James E. Dooley, member of the State central committee, who was active at the State House on the last night, were known to be very much against the sacrifice of the 25 Republican judges and clerks of the district courts.

Mr. Curry, as head of the House Republican caucus, informed the G. O. P. members that it was necessary to pass the district court measure, along with the other two, if the Constitutional Convention bill was to be killed.

Although Mr. Curry stated on the last night of the session that the district court bill was not a part of the trade, it was noted that he did not object to consideration of the bill on the floor, when he could have done so and blocked it. The measure passed with only a scattering of "noes."

### Sworn in by O'Connell

Mayor Mortimer A. Sullivan and Representative Walter Curry, both of Newport, were sworn in as judges of the Superior Court by Presiding Justice Jeremiah E. O'Connell in the office of the Governor.

The oath to the 13 judges and 12 clerks of the District Courts was administered in the State reception room by Deputy Secretary of State James V. Carr. Secretary of State Louis W. Cappelli was in the State House but did not attend the ceremonies. Usually he administers such oaths himself.

Those taking the oaths were:

Robert M. Franklin, judge, and Edward L. Martin, clerk, of the First Court for Newport County.

Stephen J. Casey, judge, and Rowland K. Hazard, clerk, of the Second Court for South Kingstown, North Kingstown, Narragansett and Exeter.

M. Walter Flynn, judge, and John Gentile, clerk, both incumbents, of the Third Court, for Westerly, Hopkinton, Charlestown and Richmond.

Patrick F. Barry, judge, and David A. Doyle, clerk, of the Fourth Court for Kent County.

William T. O'Donnell, judge, and Weston Sumpter, clerk, of the Fifth Court for Bristol County.

John Robinson, judge; Luigi De Santis, associate judge, and John P. Cooney, Jr., clerk, of the Sixth Court for Providence and North Providence.

Joseph C. Cawley, judge, and John A. Enos, clerk, of the Seventh Court for East Providence.

Louis W. Dunn, judge, incumbent, and Charles A. Kelley, clerk, of the Eighth Court for Cranston, Johnston, Scituate and Foster.

James Harris, judge, incumbent,

and Henry V. McCabe, clerk, of the Ninth Court for Burrillville, Glocester and Smithfield.

William M. Connell, judge, and George F. Treanor, clerk, of the Tenth Court for Pawtucket.

Hugh M. Devlin, judge, and Guillaume Myette, clerk, of the Eleventh Court for Lincoln, Cumberland and Central Falls.

Edward F. Dwyer, judge, and Henri A. Roberge, clerk, of the Twelfth Court for Woonsocket and North Smithfield.

### Resigns from House

Mr. Curry resigned today from the House of Representatives where he had been leader of the Republican minority.

In addition to maintaining that he had been approached by McCoy at the special session, he said he had been in conference with Republican State Chairman Peirce H. Brereton during the negotiations between Democratic organization leaders and Republican leaders on the proposal that the Constitutional Convention referendum bill would be killed in return for Republican aid in the House to pass the reorganization and annual appropriation bills.

Chairman Brereton, he said, knew of this proposal and attended the Republican caucus at which the House G. O. P. members decided to go along with the House Democrats on those two measures if the Constitutional convention bill were stopped.

### Curry's Statement

Judge Curry's statement was as follows:

"I am deeply appreciative of the great honor which Governor Green has conferred upon me and of the confidence which he has placed in me. My only hope is that I shall measure up to his expectations. I regret very much the controversy which has been fostered since the adjournment of the last session of the General Assembly. I think that it has been fairly well-known that my ambitions centred about the practice of my profession and not about a political career.

"As early as the first day of January, my name was freely used by my friends in the Assembly in connection with the judgeship and newspapers printed various rumors concerning my future. At that time there were rumors that in addition to filling the two vacancies on the Superior Court occasioned by the election of two members of that court to the Supreme Court, additional judges might be appointed, and I did at that time inform the Governor that I should deeply appreciate his consideration of me. Since then, I have had no communication with the Governor with reference to any Superior Court judgeship. I have had no communication with him whatsoever since the adjournment of the special session of the General Assembly.

### Refers to Proposed Court

"The plan of establishing a domestic relations court in Rhode Island is not new. The bill which purported to do that was introduced in the 1934 session of the General Assembly, again at the regular 1935 session, and also of the special session of this year.

"After reading the provisions of the bill and realizing somewhat the scope of the plan as outlined in that bill, and appreciating that it established such a court in fact and not in name only, I did express the thought, when asked for my opinion, that it would require more than one

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# 'Restless' Youths Get ACI Cells

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Eight youths were locked in individual cells at the Adult Correctional Institutions Tuesday after a series of incidents that began when one of them punched a guard in the eye, authorities confirmed last night.

The guard did not require medical attention. The incidents took place in the medium-minimum security building at the ACI and were witnessed by Brig. Gen. Paul D. Sherman, assistant state social welfare director for penal and correctional services.

General Sherman was asked last night what caused the incidents. He said:

"For the last three or four weeks since a boy was released by a judge of the Family Court, all of the training school boys at the ACI have been upset, restless and disturbed.

"The incident Tuesday ap-

parently is a culmination of their mistaken conception that actions of this kind will produce release."

General Sherman was referring to the release Dec. 23 of a 17-year-old Hope Valley youth by Judge Michael DeCiantis. The judge said the boy had suffered "cruel and unusual punishment."

The 17-year-old and the eight youths locked up Tuesday were placed in what General Sherman calls "the segregated area in medium security." Judge DeCiantis, a frequent critic of the training schools, calls the area "the hole."

Boys are sent to the ACI from the training school for disciplinary reasons. At the ACI they usually sleep in dormitories, as do adults in the medium-minimum building, the former men's reformatory.

There are only 16 cells in the

building, the general said, and it was here the eight were put Tuesday. The general said three were released to the dormitory yesterday, two will be taken from the cells today and three will remain in the cells "for an indefinite period."

General Sherman said the incidents began as he and Deputy Warden Francis J. Foley were on a routine tour of the facility to talk to some of the boys from the training school.

On the second floor, they were approached by a youth who demanded that he be allowed to get a haircut immediately, General Sherman said. The general said no one got haircuts Tuesday, as the barbershop was closed for installation of new equipment.

Robert O'Connell, a guard, told him to return to the

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dormitory, General Sherman said. The boy began yelling and hit Mr. O'Connell once. The youth was put in the cell.

When a second boy started yelling, he was placed in another cell, General Sherman said. He said a third boy took over the leadership of five other boys who started yelling. "They were going to follow up with further demonstrations," General Sherman said.

There are eight cells on each side of a corridor. General Sherman said they are five by nine feet with a barred door. The cells contain a combination toilet and wash basin.

General Sherman said the youths sleep on mattresses which are taken away during the daytime, and can have as many blankets as they want. He said the area is warm. The boys can wear all their clothing except their shoes and their belt, he said. The boys can talk to each other along the corridor, he said.

When Judge DeCiantis released the 17-year-old from Hope Valley, he said the youth was placed in the cell for 12 days and stripped of his clothing three of them. He called the situation "an intolerable disregard of human decency and human dignity."

The judge first released the boy on Dec. 3. On Jan. 9 the youth was charged with breaking and entering. The judge released him again in an attempt to see if he could get into the Army.

An Army recruiting officer said that, given the boy's situation in the courts, he could not be considered for service. Last Thursday, the youth was back in court again on charges of driving-off cars.

The judge ordered he begin a complete psychiatric examination. General Sherman said he sent the boy to the intensive care unit of the state Institute of Mental Health at Howard.

# Decision Withheld on Plea To Transfer Boy From ACI

May 20, 1967

Decision was withheld after testimony concluded yesterday in the case of a 16-year-old Bradford boy for whom a petition of habeas corpus was brought before Judge Michael De Ciantis in Washington County Family Court, West Kingston.

Attorneys for the youth are asking that he be transferred from the Adult Correctional Institutions to the R. I. Training School for Boys or be released from custody.

Yesterday Gen. Paul D. Sherman, assistant director of curative services, testified that he had ordered the youth transferred to the ACI last Dec. 9.

It was the recommendation, General Sherman said, of the internal classification board and Michael G. Di Lorenzo, assistant superintendent of the training school. General Sherman said he concurred with the

recommendations and issued the order.

The youth was brought to the training school by order of the Family Court for violating probation. The day after he arrived he allegedly assaulted an attendant with an aluminum bar, stole his keys and fled the school with another inmate.

The pair stole a car, registration plates, then abandoned the vehicle. Several hours later they were taken into custody by state police.

It was after the escape, General Sherman said, that the order was issued to transfer the youth to the ACI. However, he was kept in the disciplinary cottage until Dec. 15, nearly two weeks after being returned from the escape.

The decision to make the transfer was communicated to the Family Court, he added.