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Takes Oath as United States District Attorney



Simon E. Sobeloff

Retires as Deputy City Solicitor to
Assume New Post

SIMON E. SOBELOFF, former Deputy City Solicitor and one of the foremost among the leaders of the younger members of the bar is now the United States District Attorney for Maryland.

He took the oath of office on Thursday before Judge Morris A. Soper in the United States District Court which was crowded with many friends.

The esteem with which Mr. Sobeloff is held by the court was evidenced in the remarks of Judge Soper who said that it was with extreme pleasure that he administered the oath to the new District Attorney. The court also called attention to Mr. Sobeloff's advancement as a lawyer through his ability and hard work.

Judge Eugene O'Dunne of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, occupied a seat beside Judge Soper. The delegation of friends of Mr. Sobeloff was headed by Mayor William F. Broening who has taken a great interest in the new United States District Attorney ever since he was a boy of twelve. Others in the delegation included former Mayor James H. Preston, Postmaster Benjamin F. Woelper, Jr., Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin and George W. Cameron.

The first act of the new District Attorney after a reception tendered him by his friends was the appointment of a special assistant in the person of Daniel R. Randall of the law firm of Randall and Leser. In making the appointment Mr. Sobeloff said:—

"Realizing the great press of business in the United States District Attorney's office and the importance of filling the existing vacancies without delay, I did not wait until my induction into office to take up with the Department of Justice the matter of appointment of assistants.

"The Attorney General approved my recommendation for an increase in the personnel of one, and the appointment of a special assistant."

District Attorney Sobeloff also announced the appointment of three assistants: Risley Ensor, Donald P. Roman and Milton H. Talkin. O. Norman Forrest, who has been the acting District Attorney since Col. Amos W. W. Woodcock resigned to become Prohibition Commissioner, and three other assistants James M. Hoffa, William C. Baxter and Stanley Hartman will remain on Mr. Sobeloff's staff.