



## A GOVERNOR'S FAREWELL



Former Gov. Harry W. Nice, who died today, as he made his last official speech as Governor to the members of the Maryland Legislature. Seated beside him is Representative Lansdale G. Sasser, who at the time was President of the Maryland Senate.

## FORMER GOVERNOR NICE DIES OF HEART ATTACK

**Stricken While Visiting Friends In Richmond, Va.—  
Was Returning To Baltimore From Florida—Gave  
Up Politics After Illness—Proud Of Office Building**

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 25 (AP)—Former Governor Harry W. Nice of Maryland died at 5 A. M., today of a heart attack while visiting friends in Richmond. He was 63 years old.

Governor and Mrs. Nice arrived in this city at noon yesterday, enroute from Florida to Baltimore by automobile, and were visiting Howard Schultz, 1600 Monument avenue, when the Governor was stricken. Arrangements were being made to send the body to Baltimore.

### SURVIVED BY WIDOW, SON

Surviving besides Mrs. Nice are a son, Harry W. Nice, Jr., of Baltimore, and a sister, Miss Mary I. Nice, also of Baltimore.

Nice was the third Republican in history elected Governor of Maryland. He served a four year term, 1935-1939, when relief and recovery were foremost among governmental problems.

### Lost To O'Connor

His bid to become the first Republican re-elected to that office in the State met with defeat by Herbert R. O'Connor, the present Governor and a Democrat.

After turning over his office to O'Connor on Jan. 11, 1939, he resumed his law practice in Baltimore. Last year he attempted a political comeback, offering for the U. S. Senate seat held by George Radcliffe, a Democrat.

In a Republican primary campaign, in which Nice's leadership of the party was challenged, he won a clear-cut victory over former Mayor William F. Broening of Baltimore. In the general election last November, despite a vigorous State-wide campaign, Nice was defeated by Radcliffe by a large margin.

Shortly after that he suffered a heart attack at his office and spent some time at Union Memorial Hospital recovering from that illness. His physicians said then that his condition was serious. Finally he was well enough to undertake a trip to Florida in an effort to rebuild his strength.

### **Defeated Ritchie**

Before leaving Baltimore for that trip, Nice issued a statement expressing doubt that he ever would be a candidate for public office again.

His greatest political triumph came in 1934, when he gained national notice by his convincing victory over Albert C. Ritchie, four times governor and a Democratic presidential possibility.

In his farewell message to the Legislature on Jan. 4, 1939, Nice warned against what he said was a trend toward too much government and lashed out against Utopian schemes.

Among accomplishments of his administration, he listed a treasury surplus of more than \$3,000,000, inauguration of a vast roads program, "a definite upturn" in conservation of natural resources and "great strides" in public health and education.

### **Proud Of Mansion**

He also pointed with pride to authorization for a \$1,000,000 State office building in Annapolis, complete renovation and remodeling of the executive mansion at a cost of more than \$100,000 and an extensive building program at the University of Maryland—ex-

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penditures that caused heated debate in the Legislature.

Of all the duties of his office, none weighed more heavily upon Nice than signing death warrants for criminals.

"I always have been a conscientious objector to capital punishment," he once said. "Yet, I must, as Governor, uphold the law of the State. I make no bones about the fact that the death warrants I have had to sign have caused me many sleepless nights."

He found no greater relaxation than in reading the works of Dickens and was fond of quoting him. He was devoted to fishing, hunting and motoring. Although he never drove a car, he liked to take long trips with his wife at the wheel.

### Flags Lowered

The flags of the State House and the municipal buildings were ordered to fly at half-staff when word of the death of the former Governor was received in Annapolis.

Gov. Herbert R. O'Connor ordered the State House flag lowered. Mayor George W. Haley issued similar orders for the city.