

# MAYOR GRADY SAYS HE WILL FINISH TERM

But after both Maryland's seats on the Federal bench were filled, rumors have been circulating that the Mayor was actively seeking appointment to the Supreme Bench.

A vacancy will develop on the bench next month with the retirement of Judge E. Paul Mason.

## Drops Reelection Hint; Will Not Accept Judge- ship If Offered

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Mayor Grady said flatly yesterday he will finish out his present term. He also dropped a hint that he may seek reelection in 1963.

The Mayor denied current reports he is seeking a seat on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city.

"I am not seeking a judgeship, nor have I encouraged anyone to support my name in that connection," he said.

Asked whether he would accept a judgeship if offered to him, the Mayor said "No."

### Will Serve Out Term

"It is my firm intention to devote myself to the duties of the office of Mayor for at least the balance of my present term," he said.

When asked whether his use of the words "at least" indicated he was considering running again, Mr. Grady said, "I certainly wouldn't rule that out."

In his prepared statement, issued to reporters at City Hall late yesterday afternoon, the Mayor noted "continued references in the press linking me with the possibility of appointment to the Supreme Bench."

"To my knowledge," he said, "these reports have no foundation in fact."

### Judgeship Rumors Unfounded

"While it may appear presumptuous to even discuss this matter since I have no knowledge that I've even been under consideration I feel obligated to put these persistent rumors to rest."

The Mayor's statement was obviously aimed at ending the uncertainty at City Hall and in the city's political circles over his intentions.

Rumors have circulated almost continually for nearly two years that the Mayor was actively seeking appointment to the bench.

### Now "Ancient History"

For most of this time, the reports focused on the Mayor's candidacy for appointment to the Federal bench.

The Mayor did not deny yesterday that he had sought that position. "That's ancient history," he said.

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