



Henceforth, the American flag will be displayed in all courtrooms in Baltimore. Purchased under a resolution of the City Council backed by the Board of Estimates, the flags were presented yesterday by Mayor Jackson to Chief Judge Samuel K. Dennis at impressive rites on

the Courthouse steps. Upper photo shows the presentation ceremony. Judges of the Supreme Bench stand in the front row, attaches of the Courthouse behind them. In lower photo Chief Judge Dennis presents individual flags to each judge. Photographs copyright, 1940.

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McLanahan, who is ill. Judge Samuel J. Lasch, one of the three judges of the Orphans' Court, also was absent.

JACKSON SPEAKS

Mayor Jackson told Chief Judge Dennis:

"These flags are symbolic of liberty, peace and freedom, upon which this nation is founded. I know you are surprised as I am to realize that an American flag already is not in our courtrooms.

The city of Baltimore is proud to undertake the responsibility of securing the necessary flags to put in each one of its courtrooms — the Supreme Bench, Juvenile, Orphans and People's Courts."

FLAG TO COUNCIL

Later, a similar flag was presented the City Council by Mayor Jackson and accepted by President O'Connell. The Councilmen gathered about the dais for the ceremonies and Mrs. Holloway again gave the pledge to the flag.

In accepting this flag for the Council, Mr. O'Connell expressed the hope the courts, councils and the General Assembly of Maryland

would follow the example set by Baltimore and provide flags for their sessions.

The St. Mary's Industrial School Band provided the musical setting for both the Courthouse and Council ceremonies under direction of Brother Edward Joseph.

JUDGE DENNIS' SPEECH

Judge Dennis said in part:

"Stripped of precious imponderables, the rectangular pieces of fabric marked with stars and stripes presented here if regarded simply as so much cloth are of small material consequence. As the emblem of our national unity and the symbol of our patriotic devotion we find that for more than a century and a half past the fabric of our flag is interwoven with priceless memories, is steeped and dyed in the blood of heroes.

SAFETY THREATENED

"In this season of gloomy doubt, distressing fears and disaster it would seem that the safety of America, our form of government and our freedom are threatened as never before; certainly not since the War of 1812. We were unready and confused then; not less so now. One com-

fort: We can remember even in that inglorious war Key, the Maryland man, enhanced the majesty of our nation's flag by an immortal hymn.

"It is peculiarly fit just now that this flag be displayed as our warning and for our greater inspiration. The blight of war, the outrage and suffering in a none-too-distant continent bring these good effects. There has been an awakening to our dangers; and a resurgence of patriotism.

"Here in America men are thinking as not in years past that we may be called to forsake our leisurely ways, to endure naked hardships, suffering, poverty, tears and death for the sake of what this flag connotes.

"And but few men and women we meet, old or young, shrink from the last extreme of necessary sacrifice. If my official experience during the World War still counts, we may be confident Americans of German blood will in the main prove valiant too if the ultimate test comes. Until then there is no law which forbids them to sympathize with either side they please."