

Biographies

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Governor: HERBERT R. O'CONOR (Democrat), Baltimore.

Herbert R. O'Conor, son of Mrs. Mary Galvin O'Conor and the late James P. A. O'Conor, was born on November 17th, 1896, in Baltimore. He received his early education at St. Paul's Parochial School and graduated from Loyola College, where he received a degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1917, and the degree of Doctor of Laws in 1924. In 1920, he received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Maryland.

On November 24, 1920, he married M. Eugenia Byrnes, of Baltimore, and they have five children, Herbert R. O'Conor, Jr., Eugene F., Mary Patricia, James P., and Robert.

Mr. O'Conor became a member of the staff of The Baltimore Sun and Evening Sun, and in 1921 was appointed an Assistant State's Attorney. He occupied this position until January 1, 1923, when he was appointed People's Counsel of the Public Service Commission.

In the fall of 1923 he became the Democratic nominee for State's Attorney and was elected to this position by a majority of 30,000 votes. He was the youngest State's Attorney ever to be elected in Baltimore City. In the fall of 1926 he was re-elected by a majority of 58,000 votes and again in 1930 by a majority of 100,000 votes, the largest majority ever received by a candidate for public office in Baltimore City. In November of 1934 Mr. O'Conor was elected Attorney General, also by a record-breaking majority.

While State's Attorney of Baltimore City, Mr. O'Conor organized the State's Attorney's Association of Maryland, and became its first president. He was also a charter member and officer of the Board of the National Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. He was Chairman of the State Judicial Commission of Maryland and in 1932 was named on the Committee on Criminal Law and Statistics of the American Prison Association.

Mr. O'Conor in 1937 was president of the National Association of Attorneys General. He has taken a leading part throughout the country in the adoption of Interstate Compacts and was designated as the Chairman of the Maryland