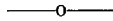


Commission on that subject. Legislation proposed by the Commission was adopted without change by the General Assembly.

Mr. O'Connor was nominated as the Democratic candidate for Governor and was elected to that office in the general election of November 8th, 1938, by a majority of over 65,000.

The Governor has received honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws from the University of Maryland, Loyola College of Baltimore, Villanova College of Pennsylvania, Georgetown University of Washington, D. C. and Washington College at Chestertown. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Maryland State and the Baltimore City Bar Associations; he is also a member of the Elks, Moose, Eagles, Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Phi Kappa Sigma, and holds membership in other clubs.



Secretary of State: FRANCIS PETROTT (Democrat),
Frederick, Md.

Francis Petrott, born in New York City, New York, April 6, 1896. He is married and has one child, a daughter, twelve years of age. His preliminary education was obtained in private and public schools of New York and Connecticut. In 1914 he moved his residence to Washington, where he entered Georgetown University and continued his studies until April 6, 1917, on which date war was declared and he enlisted in the Air Service and was ordered to the School of Military Aeronautics, Princeton University, from which he graduated, and served in the armed forces until 1921 and only recently resigned his commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

In 1921 he received his degree from Georgetown University and from that date until 1925 studied at Yale University Graduate School.

On September 11, 1921 he was married to Mary Catherine James, daughter of William B. and Carrie James of Frederick, Maryland, where he has since made his home.

Mr. Petrott, although an ardent Democrat, did not take much interest in politics until his personal friend, Herbert R. O'Connor, ran for state-wide office in 1934. On May 17, 1939, he was appointed Secretary of State, by Governor O'Connor to succeed the Honorable John B. Gontrum, who resigned to accept the appointment of State Insurance Commissioner.