

RESIGNATION OF MR. JUSTICE ROBERTS.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1945.

Present: The CHIEF JUSTICE, MR. JUSTICE BLACK, MR. JUSTICE REED, MR. JUSTICE FRANKFURTER, MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS, MR. JUSTICE MURPHY, and MR. JUSTICE RUTLEDGE.

The CHIEF JUSTICE said:

With deep regret I announce the resignation of Mr. Justice Roberts as an Associate Justice of this Court. His resignation, tendered to the President last July, after the adjournment of the Court for the term, took effect on July 31 last. Appointed by President Hoover, Justice Roberts took his seat on the Bench on June 2, 1930. His term of office as a Justice of this Court thus extended over a period of fifteen years. During that period he has given to the Court and to the Nation the benefit of his great skill and wide knowledge, gained through years of assiduous study and practice of the law. He has faithfully discharged the heavy responsibility which rests on a Justice of this Court with promptness and dispatch, and with untiring energy. We who have shared with him that responsibility and in the common endeavor to make the law realize the ideal of justice among men, give to him the assurance of our continued good will and friendly regard. We wish for him in his retirement good health, abiding strength, and with them the full enjoyment of those satisfactions which will come from the continued devotion of his knowledge and skill to worthy achievement.

The text of Mr. Justice Roberts' letter of resignation to President Truman and the President's reply are published on the next page.

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JUSTICE'S CHAMBERS.

Chester Springs, Pa., June 30, 1945.

THE PRESIDENT,
The White House,

SIR,

As I have served as a member of the Supreme Court for more than fifteen years and have attained the age of seventy years, I desire to avail myself of the provisions of Section 260 of the Judicial Code, as amended, (28 U. S. Code § 375) and to resign my office as Associate Justice. Accordingly I tender you my resignation to take effect July 31, 1945.

I am, sir, with great respect,

Sincerely yours,

OWEN J. ROBERTS.

THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, July 5, 1945.

DEAR MR. JUSTICE:

I am indeed sorry that you have decided to retire from the Bench after your long service.

The Supreme Court, in the period during which you have served as a member, has been called upon to pass upon some of the most important economic and social problems in the history of our country.

As I told you this afternoon when I saw you and finally agreed to accept your resignation as of July 31, 1945, I do so only on your promise to continue to give your country the benefit of your sound judgment and advice as occasion arises.

I extend to you the gratitude of the nation for the service you have rendered.

Very sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

MR. JUSTICE ROBERTS,

*Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
of the United States, Washington, D. C.*