

RETIREMENT OF MR. JUSTICE HARLAN

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1971

Present: MR. CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER, MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS, MR. JUSTICE BRENNAN, MR. JUSTICE STEWART, MR. JUSTICE WHITE, MR. JUSTICE MARSHALL, and MR. JUSTICE BLACKMUN.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

It is with deep regret that we take note today of the retirement of our beloved colleague, Mr. Justice Harlan, who served on this Court since March 28, 1955, after prior service on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Before going on the Bench, Mr. Justice Harlan combined a brilliant career as a lawyer with significant positions of high public responsibility, including a distinguished military career in the European theater in World War II. Ill health led Mr. Justice Harlan to submit to retirement when his high sense of duty persuaded him he could not continue to carry out his obligations to the Court. The volumes of the U. S. Reports from the 1954 Term through the most recent Term attest to his prolific and erudite contributions to the work of the Court.

I speak for the whole Court, and the Bar as well, in expressing heartfelt wishes for Mr. Justice Harlan's restoration to health.

