

HIS HONOUR JUDGE J. H. MUIRHEAD

A matter of great interest to members will be the appointment of His Honour Judge Muirhead, Vice President of the Council, to the position of Acting-Director of the new Commonwealth Institute of Criminology. At the presentation of Commission by His Honour Judge Wilson mentioned in the following article, the Attorney-General, South Australia, said "We are losing, temporarily, the services of Your Honour Judge Muirhead, whom I am very pleased to see sitting on this Bench, I suppose for the last sitting of the Full Bench, for some considerable time, because Your Honour has been appointed to take up duties as the first Acting Director of the Commonwealth Institute of Criminology. I would not want the occasion to pass without acknowledging the debt of the Government, the debt of the community, the debt of the legal profession, to Your Honour for the very high quality of the judicial service which you have given since you have been a Judge of this Court and also to express the very great pleasure which we all feel, and I think particularly your many friends in the legal profession feel, that your qualities have been acknowledged by your appointment to this very important post. We hope that you will find that work very satisfying and rewarding. We know that it will be of great benefit to the whole of Australia and we hope that it will not mean that you will be forever lost to South Australia."

HIS HONOUR JUDGE A. B. C. WILSON

Members of the Council will be pleased to know of the appointment of the Honorary Secretary of the Council to the Local and District Criminal Court at Adelaide as a Juvenile Court Judge.

His Honour Judge A. B. C. Wilson presented his Commission to the Court on Friday, 22nd December, 1972 together with His Honour Judge Reilly. On the Bench were Senior Judge Ligertwood, and Judges Williams, Mohr, White, Muirhead and Ward. The Chief Justice (Dr. Bray) was in the court, which was packed, and the families of both judges sat in the jury box.

The Attorney-General (Mr. King) said, of His Honour Judge Wilson. "Your Honour brings very high qualities to your task. You were admitted to the Bar in 1959, and in that time you have had a very distinguished career at the Bar and you have come to be recognised, by the legal profession, as one of the leading and brilliant juniors at the Bar. There is no doubt that had Your Honour chosen to remain at the Bar, you would have reached the highest distinctions that are to be won by those who pursue that calling.

Your Honour of course has not confined your activities or interest to the Bar or to the legal profession. You have participated in a wide variety of community activities but have shown a very special interest in the problems that arise as a result of crime and criminal activity, and particularly the challenge which is presented to us all to try to reclaim and rehabilitate those who would otherwise be lost as useful members of society if some such activity were not

undertaken. Your Honour has pursued this study and this interest very vigorously and with great concern for the human beings who are involved. You were awarded a Churchill Fellowship and pursued your studies of criminal sentencing in a number of parts of the world only recently and this is a knowledge and an experience which you now bring to the task which is entrusted to you. In addition to that you have lectured in Criminology and your distinguished work in the legal profession has been recognised by your colleagues in that you have been elected as a member of the Law Society Council at what is an early age. Your Honour has shown a particular interest in the problems associated with juvenile delinquency and, of course, the work which you will be called upon to do as a Judge will be concerned with that problem because you will be the second Judge in the Juvenile Court.

Your Honour was a member of the Social Welfare Advisory Council which produced the report on Juvenile Delinquency which formed the basis of the present legislation and you and all those who have been associated with the production of that report have every reason to be proud of it because it has marked a very significant advance in the attitude of the South Australian community towards juvenile crime and particularly towards juvenile offenders. Since that time you have shown in your writings, your speeches and your activities your deep concern and your deep understanding for the problems of young people who find themselves in conflict with the law, and not only with the law, but with what is required of them by society. It is this insight and this understanding which qualifies you so well for the task of performing judicial duties in the Juvenile Court and I want to express on behalf of the Government, and indeed on behalf of all those who are acquainted with your Honour our confidence that you will discharge this very difficult task with all the discernment and insight and understanding which it requires.

I now simply finally on behalf of the Government and of the community and the legal profession offer to Your Honour Judge Wilson our congratulations and our very best wishes, that you will find your judicial work a source of satisfaction and happiness to yourself as I am sure it will be a source of very great satisfaction to the people of this State."

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