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CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC CONVOCATION

On the Occasion
of
Founders Day



Thursday, September Seventeenth
Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Two

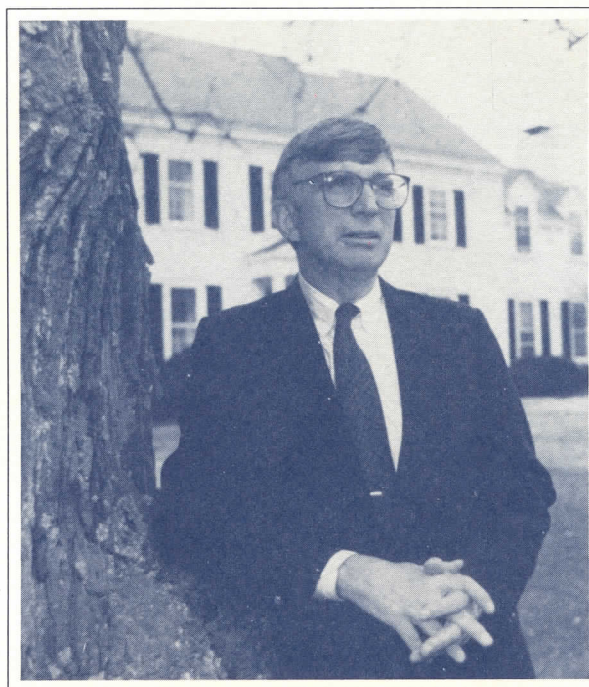
Ten-Thirty O'Clock

The Great Lawn
Christopher Newport University
Newport News, Virginia

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional*.....	Eastern Virginia Brass Quintet Marlene Ford Director
The National Anthem.....	Eastern Virginia Brass Quintet
Invocation.....	The Reverend J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. Pastor Hiddenwood Presbyterian Church
Investiture of the Mace.....	Mr. L. Barron Wood, Jr. Senior Professor
Welcome.....	Dr. Anthony R. Santoro President of the University
Introduction of Honorary Degree Recipient.....	The Honorable Alan A. Diamonstein Delegate Virginia General Assembly
Conferring of the Doctor of Laws Degree Upon John Warren Cooke.....	Alan S. Witt, Rector Board of Visitors Dr. Anthony R. Santoro
Founders Mace Society Induction of Betty N. Levin.....	Harrol A. Brauer Chairman Founders Mace Society
Keynote Address.....	Dr. Robert M. O'Neil Director The Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression
Musical Selection.....	Eastern Virginia Brass Quintet
Greetings to the University Community.....	Alan S. Witt, Rector, Board of Visitors Dr. Ronald S. Mollick, President, Faculty Senate Randall S. O'Neill, President, Student Government Association Gerald J. Bright, President, Alumni Society
Divestiture of the Mace.....	Mr. L. Barron Wood, Jr.
Benediction.....	The Reverend J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
Recessional.....	Eastern Virginia Brass Quintet

*The audience is requested to stand and remain standing for the playing of the National Anthem and for the Invocation.



ROBERT M. O'NEIL

Robert M. O'Neil became Director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression in August, 1990, after serving five years as President of the University of Virginia. He continues as University Professor and a member of the University's law faculty, where he teaches courses in constitutional and commercial law.

After serving as law clerk to Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., Mr. O'Neil began his teaching career in 1963 at the University of California-Berkeley, where he also chaired the Academic Senate Committee on Academic Freedom.

He entered administration in 1972, as Provost of the University of Cincinnati. He then served as Vice President of Indiana University for the Bloomington Campus, and in 1980 became President of the statewide University of Wisconsin. He came to the University of Virginia as President in the summer of 1985. He taught law every semester at each institution.

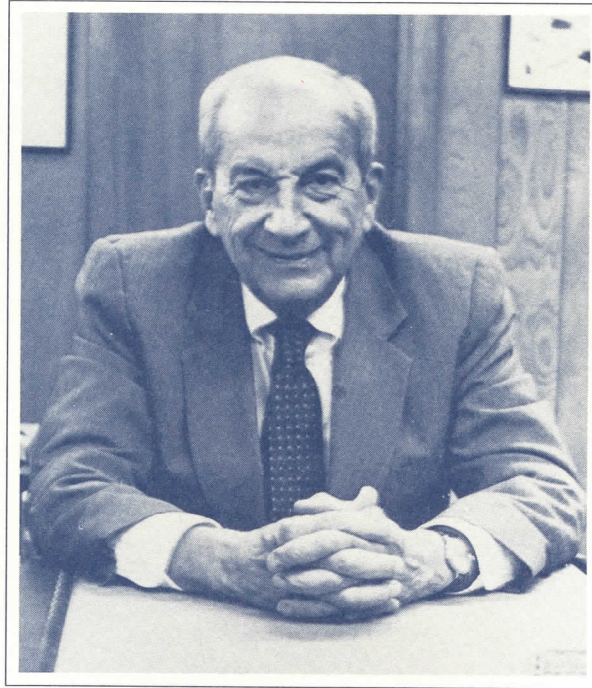
During 1990 he chaired the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, and the next year chaired the Association's search for a new president. He also served four years on the Executive Committee of the Association of American Universities. He continues as a trustee or director of the

Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the Johnson Foundation, the Commonwealth Fund, the Educational Testing Service and the James River Corporation.

In addition, Mr. O'Neil recently chaired a Commission on the future of Virginia's Judicial System, and a Commission of the Markle Foundation on Media Coverage of Presidential Elections. In 1992 he chairs the Virginia State Bar Committee on News Media Relations, and the Board of the Council of America's First Freedom.

He is the author of many articles and several books, including, *"Classrooms in the Crossfire," "Free Speech: Responsible Communication Under Law,"* and the *"Rights of Public Employees,"* a second edition of which is now in preparation.

A native of Boston, O'Neil holds three degrees from Harvard and honorary degrees from Indiana University and Beloit College. His wife, the former Karen Elson, is a secondary school English teacher in Charlottesville. Their children are Elizabeth, a recent graduate of Duke University, where she now serves as an Admissions Officer; Peter, an undergraduate at the University of California-Berkeley, David, an undergraduate at Princeton, and Benjamin, an eighth grader in Charlottesville.



JOHN WARREN COOKE

The Board of Visitors of Christopher Newport University takes great pride and pleasure in conferring the Doctor of Laws Degree, *honoris causa*, upon John Warren Cooke. In conferring this degree, the University recognizes fifty years of distinguished service to this region and to this Commonwealth.

Born in Mathews, Virginia, in 1915, the son of the Reverend and Mrs. Giles Buckner Cooke, he was educated at local public and private schools and at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. To earn his living, Mr. Cooke established himself in the newspaper business and today remains president of Tidewater Newspapers, Incorporated, and the publisher of the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal.

Elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1942, Mr. Cooke served with great distinction in that body until his retirement in 1980. At the time of his retirement he represented the counties of Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Mathews and Middlesex. From 1966 to 1972 he also represented Charles City and New Kent Counties.

For more than a decade, from 1956 to 1968, Mr. Cooke served as the majority leader of the House of

Delegates and led that body for twelve more years, from 1968 to 1980, as Speaker of the House. Thus, Mr. Cooke was among those who were instrumental in bringing this institution into existence in 1960 as The Christopher Newport College of the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

As a member of the House of Delegates, Mr. Cooke served on numerous committees including Agriculture, the Chesapeake and Its Tributaries, Finance, Privileges and Elections, and Rules. In the 1960s he served on the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council through several sessions and over the course of his career worked on and chaired many commissions including those created to study the Commonwealth's income tax laws, its legislative processes and its fire service training. Two decades ago, he chaired the commission to assist in the implementation of the Governor's Management Study. In 1975, he created Virginia's Special Commission on Lobbying.

For all of his achievements, Mr. Cooke was awarded an honorary doctorate by the College of William and Mary in 1980 and was the recipient of a Christopher Newport College medallion in 1986.