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A special session of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada, commencing at 2:15 p.m., Monday, May 2, 1977.

Present: Justice Mowbray (presiding), Justices Thompson and Gunderson; Governor Mike O'Callaghan; Members of the State Judiciary; Representatives of Nevada's Congressional Delegation; Members of the State Bar of Nevada, Officers of the Court; Relatives and Friends of Justice Manoukian.

Chief Justice Batjer was unavoidably absent due to the serious illness of his sister, and he had requested Justice Mowbray to preside at this ceremony.

MOWBRAY, J.:

Please be seated.

Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen. We are gathered here to witness the admission of Judge Noel Manoukian as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada. Regrettably, I must announce that our Chief Justice, Cameron Batjer, cannot be present. His unavoidable absence is due to the serious illness of his sister, and he was called to her bedside Friday afternoon last. He asked me to preside at this ceremony and to convey to Judge Manoukian his congratulations and to extend to him a warm personal welcome to this bench.

This afternoon, we have to my right Mr. Justice Thompson and Mr. Justice Gunderson and, of course, the designate, Mr. Justice Manoukian, and his mother, Mrs. Rose Manoukian, who made all this possible. As I saw them in there and they were taking some pictures, I didn't know whether I was going to swear in Mrs. Manoukian this afternoon or her son.

We are especially honored this afternoon by the presence of His Excellency the Governor of Nevada and our First Lady. Governor Mike O'Callaghan, will you please extend to Justice Manoukian the greetings of the People of Nevada.

GOVERNOR MIKE O'CALLAGHAN:

Judge Manoukian and your beautiful mother, I believe that there is no doubt that the greatest responsibility and the highest honor that the Governor has is to appoint a member of the Supreme Court of this State—I know of no other office.

You take for granted when you make such an appointment that the person being appointed has a great knowledge of the

law, you take for granted that because he has sat on the bench that he has high integrity, but there are a few things that you must look at when selecting a person for this high honor and that is does that person have leadership ability and does he know, or does she know, what hard work is, do they understand the work ethic. And I have to ask these questions. There is no doubt that Noel Manoukian understands hard work and he has demonstrated leadership for many years here in the State as a public servant. He went through the tragedy of working with me directly, and that is a tragedy believe me, a few sessions ago at the legislature. I am not easy to work for, but long hours and hard work didn't bother Judge Manoukian. Later when going on the bench, he has become known throughout the State for his hard work, and not only his hard work, but the ability to make decisions that lead the field in law, the courage to make decisions which are leadership decisions, something that is necessary in any branch of government and often forgotten when we look at the judiciary, but really, ladies and gentlemen, that's where leadership is needed, and that's where hard work is. So, representing the people of this State, Judge Manoukian, I feel honored to be here with you and your mother and the entire family. Perhaps it is the same family unit which is the source of your strength, your integrity and your intellectual honesty, perhaps it is the strong bond that shaped your personality and made you an ideal symbol of excellence as a practitioner of law, perhaps it is the same family unit that will make you a faithful guardian of the public interest and the public trust. So, I not only welcome you to the Supreme Court of this great State, but I welcome with you a fine family as an example for the rest of the State.

Thank you very much.

[Governor Mike O'Callaghan concludes.]

MOWBRAY, J.:

Thank you, Governor O'Callaghan.

Also present this afternoon is a friend of the Manoukian family, the Honorable Jon Collins. Judge Collins has served as a district judge and later he was appointed to this court where he eventually became a chief justice. He has moved on now to greener pastures, and is a member of the law firm of Lionel Sawyer and Collins. Justice Collins.

MR. JON R. COLLINS:

Mr. Justice Mowbray, Governor O'Callaghan, Members of the Court and soon-to-be Mr. Justice Manoukian.

It is indeed with great honor and pleasure I appear before this court on this solemn, but happy occasion. On May 5th, 1966, I sat where Noel Manoukian sits today being sworn in as a member of the Supreme Court of Nevada. At that time, there were but three members of this court, Mr. Justice Thompson, who was then the chief justice; Mr. Justice Zenoff from Clark County and myself constituted the three members of this court. Later, of course, the legislature increased the court to five members. We were joined by Chief Justice Batjer and by Mr. Justice Mowbray, both excellent additions to the court. I had the pleasure of serving with those gentlemen for nearly five years. And, I also note with affection, Mr. Justice Gunderson, successor to my seat on this court. I bring greetings to all of you from one who formerly gave orders and now one who gets orders. The change is soul-shaking.

Mr. Justice Manoukian is a young man who comes to this court with an excellent personal and legal background. He graduated from the local schools in Reno and later from College of the Pacific and from Santa Clara Law School. Following the physical and humanistic prowess of the other members of his family, he played football and excelled in academic and student affairs at his various schools. He immediately launched into a fine legal career by serving as law clerk to my long-time, dear friend and now deceased, Judge Thomas Craven of Reno, and also for Judge John Barrett, who still sits on that court. Judge Craven spoke before this very court on my behalf in May of 1966. I could do no less to honor his law clerk, who has risen so high.

Noel Manoukian later served as deputy district attorney for Douglas County and practiced law with his brother, Milton, and by himself in Carson City and in Douglas County. He has served the people of his community well as Chairman of the Nevada Division of the American Cancer Society. He learned the politics of our State by personal participation in many rough and tough political events, ending up with more friends than he ever lost. He has served on several local, state and national advisory commissions.

On December 19, 1973, when but 35 years of age, he was appointed by Governor Mike O'Callaghan as a district judge to succeed my old friend, Richard L. Waters, who died. He then served with another of my friends, Judge Frank Gregory, who is here today, until that judicial district was divided, when he became a single judge in a multi-district court for the Counties of Douglas and Lyon. He participated in many civil and criminal trials during his career as a trial lawyer, and

since becoming a trial judge has written several opinions, which have been upheld by this very court of which he is now about to become a member.

I note in the courtroom today his dear mother, Rose, and I know how happy his deceased father, Hagop (Jack), would have been had he been able to be here to see his youngest son become a member of this august body. I note the presence of his wife, Louise, and several other members of his family in the court, all of whose hearts are bursting with pride and joy to see their young husband and brother ascend to the highest court in the State of Nevada.

Needless to say, the people of the State of Nevada need men of the caliber of Noel Manoukian. I remember the words of Charles Evans Hughes, Chief Justice of the United States, who said, "You cannot maintain democratic institutions by mere forms of words or by occasional patriotic bows. You maintain them by making the institutions of a republic work as they are intended to work." This is the type of fervor, ability, loyalty and devotion Noel Manoukian will bring to this court. I note by recent constitutional amendments the judicial system of Nevada has been revised. I am sure that such revisions will allow the people of this State to gain additional confidence in their courts. I am reminded of the words of Chief Justice Warren Burger when he stated to a meeting of the American Bar Association in St. Louis, which I attended, as follows: "A sense of confidence in the courts is essential to maintain the fabric of ordered liberty for a free people, three things could destroy that confidence and do incalculable damage to society: First, that people come to believe that an inefficiency and a delay will drain every just judgment of its value; that people who have long been exploited in the smaller transactions of daily life come to believe that courts cannot vindicate their legal rights from fraud and overreaching, and that people come to believe the law—in the larger sense—cannot fulfill its primary function to protect them and their families and their homes, at their work and on the public streets." Justice Burger said, "I have great confidence in our basic system in its foundations, in the dedicated judges and others of the judicial system, and in the lawyers of America. Continuity with change is the genius of the American system, and both are essential to fulfill the promise of equal justice under law."

I know that this court, with the able and dedicated services of Noel Manoukian, will achieve on behalf of the people of Nevada those noble and lofty ideals expressed by Chief Justice Burger.

Mr. Justice Manoukian, on behalf of the people and the lawyers of this State, I congratulate you and welcome you as a member of the Supreme Court of Nevada.

[Mr. Jon R. Collins concludes.]

MOWBRAY, J.:

Thank you, Judge Collins.

Speaking for the district judges is another dear friend of the Manoukian family, District Judge Peter Breen. Judge Breen enjoys the distinction of being a third-generation district judge, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather who served well the people of Nevada during their tenures on the bench. We welcome Judge Breen.

PETER I. BREEN, D.J.:

Mrs. Manoukian, Louise, Governor O'Callaghan, Members of the Supreme Court, and friends and loved ones of Judge Noel Manoukian.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to address this gathering today, partly because Noel is my friend, and I am happy to share in his pleasure, and partly because he and I have done many things together. He and I were in law school together at the University of Santa Clara, and on the day that I was sworn in as a district judge in the Second Judicial District, he was sworn in as a district judge in the Ninth Judicial District of this State. So, I have known him for a long time. I have known him personally and I've known how he acts and how he thinks when other people aren't looking. And I think it is worthwhile that I might share this with some of you who perhaps have only known him as a judge and as an attorney, so that you may understand your justice better.

As Justice Collins, the former Justice Collins, has told you Noel attended high school in Nevada, in Reno, Nevada, graduating from Reno in 1956, the same year that I graduated from Tonopah High School, and he distinguished himself as an excellent football player. He won some kind of special honors as a football player and a scholarship to go to college. It sort of reminds you of other famous people who have also, before achieving notoriety and fame, distinguished themselves as football players. The example of former President Ford comes to mind, but before you have any concern I want to assure you that unlike what you may have heard, Noel did not play any of his games without a football helmet—he might have played a few without a face mask.

He went on to the College of Pacific and studied philosophy.

Now, I didn't know Noel at the time he was in college, and I don't know too many people who did know him while he was attending college, but it was said by sort of a philosopher himself named Earl Nightingale, "Let me know what a man does in his free time and I'll tell you what kind of a man he is. You worry about what he does at work and I'll examine him in his spare time." Well, as I said, I didn't know him while he was attending the University of the Pacific, but I did know him when he was in law school, and if he did the same things at the University of Pacific that he did in law school, I wouldn't tell you anyway. There may even be some self-incrimination involved.

I'll tell you what kind of a student he was though. I never saw a person who attacked the law so diligently, who studied so hard, not just to pass the test to get his license to practice law, but to know the law and to understand it for a lifetime and then, of course, the rest of the story is well known to most of you in this room and he now becomes a member of the Supreme Court and particularly under the unified court system, becomes my superior in a sense. So what can you expect of him, what kind of a man will he be like? Well, as I was preparing for this speech, I ran across a quotation from the classics while I was reading a Supreme Court decision. It wasn't a Nevada Supreme Court decision either, but it was a quotation from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. If you remember the story, *Macbeth* had murdered the king and then had murdered some of the king's helpers, his grooms, to cover up the crime, and he was being asked by *Macduff*, "Why did you do this, why did you kill these attendants to the king?" And he said plausibly, "Who can be wise, amazed, temperate, curious, loyal, and neutral in a moment? No man." Of course, he was talking about the good qualities in us ordinary men and how they sometimes cannot suppress other characteristics, but I can tell you this about your justice: he is disciplined, yet he is garrulous; he is aggressive and compassionate; he is intelligent, but he has humility; he is honest and he is virtuous and, unlike our poor character *Macbeth*, he is all of these things all the time.

I can't miss this opportunity to close with a bit of philosophy myself, and I have made a composition of my own which I, without apology, recite alongside of the Shakespeare I have just quoted to you: My friend, Noel, I wish you well as you ascend to the supreme court, may your term be long, may your heart stay strong and may justice be your forte, but from your

friend who remains I cry out this refrain that your opinions be wise but short.

[Peter I. Breen, D.J., concludes.]

MOWBRAY, J.:

Thank you, Judge Breen. Excellent.

Next, we shall call on the distinguished President of the State Bar, and one of Nevada's most esteemed attorneys, a gentleman who enjoys not only the respect of the bar, as exemplified by his presidency of the association, but of the courts as well, Mr. Leo Puccinelli. Mr. Puccinelli.

MR. LEO PUCCINELLI:

Mr. Justice Mowbray, other members of this distinguished court, Governor O'Callaghan, Mrs. Manoukian and, of course, Judge Manoukian, friends and family. I have noted that all the previous speakers here all came prepared with a written speech, and I am going a cappella with mine, if you don't mind. But before getting into anything a little more serious, I would like to say that a funny thing happened to me on the way to the Supreme Court this afternoon. I ran into Governor O'Callaghan and he wanted to know what the situation was with the water up in Elko and I told him that it was very serious, we are very dry over there and he said, "Well, do you realize how dry it is down here?" and I said, "No, I haven't the slightest idea." He said, "Well, yesterday morning I observed two trees fighting over a dog."

You know before extending congratulations to you, Judge Manoukian, I think we should extend a few congratulations to the State Bar of Nevada, because I think fundamentally you'll find that the State Bar of Nevada is in a great deal responsible for this occasion today. I speak first of all with the idea that a few years ago in conjunction with the American Judicature Society the State Bar of Nevada sponsored meetings throughout the State in which, at that time, we were trying to install the so-called Missouri System of the appointment of judges. The voters of our State in their infinite wisdom did not go along with us, but the State Bar of Nevada did not give up at that point. They said if we can't have a whole loaf, then a half a loaf will do, and you'll find that the State Bar of Nevada was behind the recent constitutional changes that found the creation of the Judicial Selection Commission, and the fact that the end product of the first use of that system should result in the man of the caliber of Noel Manoukian

justifies the expense, the time and the effort that the State Bar of Nevada put into getting that system enacted and made a part of our constitution, and certainly it speaks well of that same system when his replacement on the district bench is a man of the caliber of Howard McKibben. So, I think that the Supreme Court is the beneficiary of the hard work and the effort of the State Bar of Nevada.

Now, speaking a little more on a personal basis, in addition to being the current president of the State Bar of Nevada I am also a member of the Crime Commission and am the chairman of the Small County Allocation Committee which is a part of that commission. Judge Manoukian, until last Friday, because that's when your resignation was accepted, had been the vice chairman of the Small County Allocation Committee. We served together on that committee for over a year, we met from time to time and, of course, I had known Judge Manoukian for many years before, but I got to know him infinitely better at that time. And, as you know, whenever there is federal monies or state monies available, everybody has his hand out and everybody is clamoring to get it. Judge Manoukian had some pet projects of his own, and being in on the ground floor, in effect, he could have grabbed it all, or at least the lion's share, but that is not the character of this man. This man is always motivated by a sense of fair play and compassion. So even though he could have grabbed off a lot of the monies for projects of his own, or in Douglas County, he would not do so. And, this is the caliber of the man you are now seeing going on to the highest court of this State.

From the State Bar of Nevada, Judge Manoukian, I extend to you our sincere congratulations, and certainly you are deserving of the honor which is being extended to you today. I know that if you will retain the sense of fair play and compassion that you have shown throughout the years, that you will have a long and distinguished career on this bench. The people of Nevada are the recipients of one of the men of the highest caliber that anywhere could be found. And once again, Judge Manoukian, my sincere congratulations, not only from myself but from the entire State Bar of Nevada. Thank you.

[Mr. Puccinelli concludes.]

MOWBRAY, J.:

Thank you, Mr. Puccinelli.

Judge-designate, Howard McKibben, who succeeds Judge Manoukian on the district court bench, will speak on behalf

of the citizenry of Douglas County. Judge McKibben has been a prominent member of the State Bar of Nevada and has served his people well in his office as District Attorney of Douglas County. We welcome you, Judge McKibben, to the trial bench, and we wish you a very long and successful tenure as a judge.

MR. HOWARD D. MCKIBBEN:

Thank you very much, Justice Mowbray, all Justices, Governor O'Callaghan, Judge Manoukian, Mrs. Manoukian, the Manoukian family and all the friends that are here. I think it's a great testimonial to you, Judge Manoukian, to see all the people that are here today, out in the halls, here, packed in every corridor. It's a great reflection on what you have done over the years here in the State of Nevada.

I am very pleased to have been asked by Judge Manoukian to come here today and say a few remarks, and he underscored the word few, and as his good friend, Pete Breen, reminded us here today, I reminded him that in looking at some of his opinions, that he is perhaps not the foremost expert on how to say things in a capsule form.

Indeed though, I am very pleased to be here, Judge Manoukian, and to honor you on behalf of the bar association of the Ninth Judicial District. This, I think, is a particularly memorable day for the people in the Ninth Judicial District and in Douglas County. Justice Zenoff, who served so well the State Bar in Nevada and as a justice of this high court, came from Douglas County. Judge Manoukian who succeeds him also comes from Douglas County, and we are particularly proud of both of these individuals. We are all keenly aware of the fact that the effective and efficient administration of justice depends upon the quality of our judges and particularly those who sit on this high court in these distinguished chambers. We, in our State, are very fortunate to have had such an exceptionally qualified man as Justice Zenoff contribute to our judicial system as a Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court. We are equally fortunate today to be honoring his replacement, Judge Noel Manoukian. As all of his friends and associates and colleagues know, Noel will bring to this court a unique capacity for giving untiring and unselfish service to the advancement of our judicial system. During his years as a district judge in Douglas County and Lyon County, he earned and commanded the respect and admiration of the members of the bar, of the bench and of all of the people he served in our communities.

He commanded that respect because of his well-reasoned opinions and his dedication to the fair administration of justice and and that's what our system is all about. And over these years those of us who have worked with and know Noel know that he was never too busy to provide advice and counsel to those of us who were frequently asking for his advice. I can remember when I came to Nevada in 1967, and I knew Milt, his brother, and Noel, and both of them were always very willing to sit down with me as a new member of the bar and give me advice and counsel when I would ask for it and that means a lot to the young attorneys, and when you have people that are dedicated like that and willing to assist, your young attorneys are going to come on and do a fine job in the State Bar.

I have personally observed the long hours which Noel worked, and it was nothing for him to work sixteen hours a day or more in his office working on an opinion, preparing the district court rules or preparing for a trial. I would leave my office sometime at the courthouse in Douglas County at ten o'clock at night and his light would still be on. I'd get to my office at a quarter of seven or six-thirty in the morning and he'd already be there. It was a race to see which one of us could be first and which one of us could be last and he usually won.

In his deliberations, Judge Manoukian demonstrated the courage and scholarly competence so essential to the members of the judiciary. And when we reflect on these attributes we realize how fortunate the people of this great State are to have your presence, Judge Manoukian, on this Supreme Court.

We, in the Ninth Judicial District, wish you much happiness in your new role as a Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, and we know without fail that the residents of this great State of Nevada will always be well served by your commitment to excellence in public service. Congratulations, good luck and Godspeed. Thank you.

[Mr. McKibben concludes.]

MOWBRAY, J.:

Thank you, Judge McKibben.

Finally, we welcome Mr. Clayton Phillips of Reno, who will speak to us. Mr. Phillips is a graduate of the University of Nevada, he was a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and later served with distinction as Chief of Police of the City of Reno. He has served his State well in many capacities, including the chairmanship of the State Parole Board. We welcome you, Mr. Phillips.

MR. CLAYTON PHILLIPS:

Governor O'Callaghan, may it please this Honorable Court, ladies and gentlemen, and particularly those members of the family with whom Judge Manoukian is sharing this, I think his most shining hour.

I was asked to contribute today as a layman, and as a layman I certainly have no intention of going into the technical aspects of the practice of law or the courts themselves. My old friend, Judge Badt, once said, "I think I can safely say there are few, if any, laymen who, unless they have made a study of the bar and a study of the matter, have any conception of an appellate court of last resort." Quite naturally ruling that out and knowing myself, I began to wonder what I might say. I have learned in the past that sometimes the letters in a man's name reflect his personality and aptly describe him in many ways, and so I have taken the name, Noel Manoukian, and in support of what I have just said these are the results:

N—He is new, and I know that he will add a freshness to this court.

O—He is outgoing, he is friendly and concerned.

E—He is experienced—just recently one of our district judges.

L—He is learned in the law, and also in the human problems of life.

M—He is manly, and we all know that his moral values are most high.

A—He's able, and time and time again we know he has proven that.

N—He is noble in purpose.

O—He is original. He is also independent in both personal and professional life.

U—He is understanding.

K—He is kind, and again knowledgeable in the law.

I—Integrity—one of his greatest assets.

A—He is alive, action is the word for Noel. His very actions, I am sure, will instill in the public a respect for our courts.

Last but not least,

N—He is a Nevadan. He is a dyed-in-the-wool true Nevadan, and I know that he is going to give the state a full measure of his dedication.

As a wrap-up, as a judge, or justice, I know that he will be

J—Just.

U—Unbiased.

D—Distinguished.

G—A gentleman.

E—Exceptional.

All of these letters if you will notice are on the plus side, and now I want to offer my congratulations, Nono, I am proud of you, your friends are proud of you, your family is proud of you and may God bless you and may you enjoy a long and illustrious career on this court.

[Mr. Phillips concludes.]

MOWBRAY, J.:

Thank you, Mr. Phillips, for those excellent remarks. They are very fine.

We have many dignitaries with us this afternoon and we would like just briefly, to acknowledge their presence.

[The assemblage acknowledged each dignitary by applause as they were respectively introduced.]

Lt. Governor Rose, will you stand. Speaker Dini. Attorney General List. Secretary of State Swackhamer. Controller McGowan. Treasurer Mirabelli. Representing Carson City the Mayor, Harold Jacobsen. Representing Santa Clara School of Law, Dean Alexander. Representing McGeorge Law School is Dean Schaber. Representing the National Judicial College is Dean Ernst John Watts. We have a number of the Board of Governors here, but they are represented through their President, Mr. Puccinelli, so we will move on. We have the Federal Bankruptcy Judge, Bert Goldwater here with us. On the national level we have Senator Bible. And representing the congressional delegation, Miss Betty Beyer, representing Senator Cannon; Bill Sinnott, representing Senator Laxalt; Lynn Atcheson, representing Congressman Santini. In that connection, Betty Beyer gave me a wire that she asked me to read from Senator Cannon which I shall read into the record: "Honorable Cameron M. Batjer, Chief Justice, Supreme Court. I am delighted with the well deserved and professionally justified appointment of my good friend, Noel Manoukian, to the high court in Nevada. I know that his service will bring great satisfaction and personal fulfillment to him, to his family and to the host of Nevada friends who join in applauding this very

merited recognition. Howard W. Cannon, United States Senator.” We have Keith Hayes here, district judge, representing the southern judiciary. And we have other district judges: Frank Gregory, representing this district; District Judge Stan Smart; District Judge Grant Bowen and District Judge John Barrett from Washoe County. Where is John, is he here?

THOMPSON, J.:

He is in the other room.

MOWBRAY, J.:

I see. Thank you.

That takes care of that. Now—I really didn’t mean that D.Js. We love you. The district judges are really the judges that serve at the grass roots, and I was one of them for many years and I respect them tremendously. They are close to the people.

Chief Justice Batjer asked that I remind our gathering that we celebrate law day. May 1 is the traditional day for honoring the rule of law, which we hold so sacred throughout America. Since the date fell on Sunday, yesterday, the day is recognized today. May 1 is also celebrated as May Day in the totalitarian countries behind the Iron Curtain. There, the day is celebrated with a great showing of armed strength in the form of parades and other spectacles focusing on the might of the state over the individual citizen. What a contrast to our way of life, where the individual is supreme!

Just above this bench, inscribed in the wall, is the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence. It reads: “We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” This paragraph is the very predicate upon which our government was founded. There, our founding fathers acknowledged that there are self-evident truths that need not be proved; that all men are created and that they are created equal; not necessarily the same; we’re all different with different qualities of mind and body. If we were all equal, we’d starve to death. The sum of our differences into the trades and the crafts and our businesses and professions adds up to civilization; that is actually how we are fed and clothed. Men are endowed by their Creator with certain rights, human rights, of life and liberty. God gave us life and, as Jefferson said, he gave us liberty at the same time, and the important

thing to remember, is that government has not a thing to do with these rights except to preserve them. And this is the anti-thesis of the philosophy of the totalitarian governments. Mankind is found with these rights, as Jefferson said, when he is born. You might say that government is man's agent for the protection of these gifts. This court is part of government, so it is fitting that the installation today of Mr. Justice Manoukian on this court has coincided with Law Day.

It shall now be my pleasure to administer the oath of office to the new justice. Judge Manoukian will you rise, please. [Whereupon Judge Noel E. Manoukian rises and Justice Mowbray administers the Oath of Office.]

MOWBRAY, J.:

Congratulations.

MANOUKIAN, J.:

Thank you, Justice Mowbray.

MOWBRAY, J.:

Mr. Justice Manoukian, speaking for the court, I congratulate you and extend a very warm welcome. We all are honored and delighted to be associated with you. The court's work is difficult and important, and the responsibility is great. Together, it shall be our sincere purpose to make this court one of which Nevada can be proud.

Mr. Clerk [addressing the Clerk of the Court, Mr. C. R. Davenport], it is the order of the court that this proceeding be transcribed, spread upon the minutes of the court, published in the 1977 volume of the Nevada Reports, and certified copies delivered to the family of Mr. Justice Manoukian.

I have been asked to announce that immediately following this ceremony Milton Manoukian and his wife, Lorraine, and Justice Gunderson and his wife, Lupe, are hosting a reception in honor of Justice Manoukian at the Leisure Hour Club, 109 North Division Street. Everyone is invited to attend the reception.

There being no further business this afternoon, the court is adjourned. Thank you all for coming.

[Whereupon the Special Session of the Supreme Court was adjourned at 3 p.m.]

JOAN MARIANI, Court Reporter