

Meany Warns Nixon on Court Nominees

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (UPI) — George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, urged President Nixon today not to fill the two vacancies on the Supreme Court with "reactionary nonentities."

Mr. Meany said in a statement here that the two vacancies created by the retirement of Justices Hugo L. Black, who died yesterday, and John M. Harlan would give Mr. Nixon an opportunity "to influence the quality and direction" of the Court "for decades to come."

"The A.F.L.-C.I.O. does not believe that President Nixon's narrow election in 1968, coupled with the election of Democratic majorities in both houses of Congress in 1968 and 1970, constituted any mandate to stack the Court with reaction-

ary nonentities," Mr. Meany said.

Justice Black, who was 85 years old, was allied with the liberal wing of the nine-man Court, Justice Harlan 72, generally voted with the conservatives.

Mr. Meany called on the President "to preserve a reasonable balance of views of the Court and to nominate men or women of outstanding professional qualifications."

Comment by Douglas

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 26 (UPI) — Justice William O. Douglas has no objections to women on the Supreme Court — even, he said jokingly, to seven of them. "But not eight," Mr. Douglas added. "I need a man to talk to."

Justice Douglas spent last night at the Benson Hotel here, where President Nixon also was staying on his trip to Anchorage. Justice Douglas was there

to address the Multnomah County Bar Association and did not meet with Mr. Nixon.

Justice Douglas said he had no idea whom the President would name to replace Justices Black and Harlan, but he said that the "mind and heart" of a potential Justice, not prior judicial experience, were the most important qualifications.

Statement by Humphrey

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (AP) — Senator Hubert H. Humphrey said President Nixon's nominees for the Supreme Court should be "absolutely devoid of any tinge of racism . . . and be dedicated to equal opportunity and equal justice."

The Minnesota Democrat, who was interviewed on the Columbia Broadcasting System's radio and television program "Face the Nation," added that he hoped Mr. Nixon would give "serious consideration to a woman" as Associate Justice.