

DOUGLAS RESIGNS FOUNDATION POST; CITES HIS HEALTH

Parvin Unit Statement Says
Justice Felt His Work Load
Had Become Too Heavy
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LOS ANGELES, May 23—
Supreme Court Justice William
O. Douglas has resigned his
\$12,000 a year post as president
and director of the Albert Par-
vin Foundation.

The Associate Justice's resi-
gnation, according to a state-
ment released by the founda-
tion here today, was expected
by foundation board members
at least a month before the con-
troversy involving Justice Abe
Fortas and the Wolfson Family
Foundation broke on May 4.

"Justice Douglas indicated to
the board in early April that
he had been anxious for some
time to be relieved of his post
as the foundation's sole officer
since its expanded activities
now involved too heavy a work
load," the statement said.

The resignation actually be-
came effective two days ago
when Mr. Douglas met in Santa
Barbara, Calif., with five of the
six other foundation directors.
He then heard them accept
"with deep regret" his decision
to step down as president after
nine years.

No Formal Letter

Albert Parvin, the 69-year-old
multimillionaire investor who
founded the philanthropic or-
ganization in 1960, said today
that Justice Douglas had not
submitted a formal letter of
resignation but had simply re-
ferred to a memorandum sent
to board members and dated
May 1.

In the memorandum, Justice
Douglas said that the new
foundation's projects had in-
creased his work load—and his
travel requirements—to such
an extent that "I probably can-
not carry it while I remain on
the court."

He added:

"While the foundation pays
me a salary, there is not
enough left after income tax to
pay the cost of the new and
promising activities of the
foundation." The foundation's
records indicate that Justice
Douglas pays most of his travel
costs from his foundation
salary.

Justice Douglas told the Co-
lumbia radio network in a brief
interview outside the Supreme

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Court today: "Well, I had no
statement; the foundation is-
sued a statement. They knew
I've been trying to get a re-
placement for the job for about
a year since I had the surgery,
and wasn't quite up to par.
And the work of the founda-
tion was increasing so much.
So this was a postponed ac-
tion, postponed by reason of
the fact that I had appendicitis
a month ago."

The foundation, which was
founded in 1960, has concen-
trated on projects in education
and international affairs. It is
now helping substantially to
sponsor international meetings
of scholars, jurists and politi-
cians under a program called
Pacem in Terris.

Justice Douglas has traveled
widely in Europe and Latin
America to support the pro-
gram, which was named after
the papal encyclical of Pope
John XXIII that can be trans-
lated from the Latin as "peace
on earth."

Fellowship Programs

The foundation also sponsors
a fellowship program at Prince-
ton University for students
from underdeveloped countries
and at one time it sponsored
a similar program at the Uni-
versity of California at Los
Angeles.

It has also financed confer-
ences in association with the
Center for the Study of Demo-
cratic Institutions—whose presi-
dent, Robert M. Hutchins, is
also on the Parvin Foundation
board, along with another direc-
tor of the center, Harry S.
Ashmore, the editor and author.

The Parvin foundation's other
board members—aside from
Justice Douglas, Mr. Parvin, Mr.
Ashmore and Dr. Hutchins—are
Robert F. Goheen, the president
of Princeton University; Harvey
Silbert, a Los Angeles lawyer
and an old friend of Mr. Par-
vin's; and Sidney Davis, a New
York lawyer. Only Mr. Goheen
was absent at the meeting in
Santa Barbara two days ago.

Despite the academic and in-
tellectual prestige of some of
its board members, critics still
point out that the Parvin founda-
tion was started with the
nearly \$3-million profits Mr.



Fred Warner Neal



Justice William O. Douglas

Associated Press

Parvin gained when he sold the
Flamingo Hotel and gambling
casino in Las Vegas 10 years
ago.

Neither has the Parvin founda-
tion been able to escape ad-
verse publicity arising out of
Mr. Parvin's business associ-
ations in both the gambling and
investment world.

Mr. Parvin was named a co-
conspirator—but never tried—in
a stock fraud case involving
Louis E. Wolfson, who is in
prison for security law viola-
tions.

It was the Wolfson Family
Foundation that offered Mr.
Fortas a \$20,000 annual re-
tainer for advice on how best
to spend the foundation's
money. Several big-time gam-
blers have appeared on the pay-
rolls of Mr. Parvin's companies
and hotels.

'Sick' at Harm to Douglas

"I am sick that what I've
done in the course of honest
business has reflected on a
man as great as Justice Dou-
glas," Mr. Parvin said.

"Yes," he added, "I knew
Wolfson, and I know lots of gam-
blers, and I have points in
almost every Las Vegas hotel—
but I don't break the law and
I never would, and nothing
should reflect on a man like
Justice Douglas."

After Justice Douglas's resi-
gnation, the Parvin foundation's
board of directors named Fred
Warner Neal, professor of in-
ternational relations and gov-

ernment at the Claremont
Graduate School, as president
to replace the Justice.

Professor Neal, who has
served as a consultant for the
Center of Democratic Studies,
is also chairman of the faculty
in international relations at the
graduate school in Claremont,
Calif. He was at one time a
consultant in Russian affairs
for the State Department and
before World War II was a
Washington correspondent for
The Wall Street Journal.

"Under Justice Douglas's di-
rection, the Parvin Foundation
already has made outstanding
contributions to understanding
the complexities of internation-
al relations and to the promo-
tion of democratic ideals," Pro-
fessor Neal said in a statement.

"We expect to carry on and
expand the foundation's pro-
gram; particularly in the area
of small, high-level internation-
al conferences, along the lines
Justice Douglas initiated. The
concept of what he called 'pri-
vate international relations' is
an important one, and it often
performs a great service in
thawing channels frozen by the
rigidities of formal diplomacy."

Professor Neal added, "The
primary objective [of the founda-
tion] is to help produce
leaders in the under-developed
nations committed to a demo-
cratic society and to peaceful
solution of international con-
flicts."