

*George Beall*

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"I regard myself as a tough act to follow," Stephen H. Sachs said yesterday, "and George is following it."

The "act" Mr. Sachs referred to is the conduct of the office of United States Attorney for Maryland, and "George" is George Beall, the athletic-looking 35-year-old man who succeeded Mr. Sachs in the prosecutor's office on June 1,

1970. What made the compliment the more noteworthy is the fact that it was the compliment of a Democrat talking about a Republican, an appointee of President Johnson talking about an appointee of President Nixon.

And what made Mr. Beall (the name is pronounced Bell) the focus of attention yesterday was the disclosure that he was conducting an investigation of Vice President Agnew for possible violation of criminal law in connection with a grand jury inquiry into allegations of kickbacks by contractors, architects and engineers to officials of Baltimore County.

**Distinguished Family**

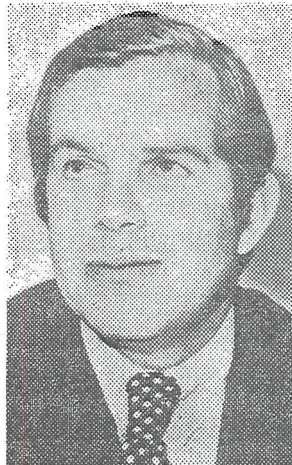
"The United States Attorney's office in this district really, we like to think, has always had high standards," Mr. Sachs said. "There's a sense in which we consider ourselves not unlike the Southern District of New York. I think George is sort of the latest example of that."

The assessment is one with which many knowledgeable observers might have disagreed a few years ago. That was when Mr. Beall brought to his new office a reputation for congeniality and distinguished lineage as a member of the eighth generation of Maryland Bealls, as the son of J. Glenn Beall, the former United States Senator who was to die in 1971, and as the brother of J. Glenn Beall Jr., who won election to the Senate in 1970 by defeating the man (Joseph D. Tydings) who had defeated his father.

**Price Fixing Inquiry**

Mr. Beall has undertaken investigations of alleged price fixing among bakeries in the Baltimore area and of possible hidden ownership of the tawdry bars and burlesque houses on the Block, a notorious two-block area of downtown Baltimore.

In January, six detectives, two former policemen and 18 civilians were arrested after an investigation of alleged corruption in the Baltimore Police Department. And Mr. Beall conducted an investigation that led to the indictment of James A. Scott Jr., a member of the Maryland Legislature, on narcotic charges. Mr.



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Scott was subsequently shot to death.

George Beall, the youngest of three sons of the late Senator and the former Margaret Schwarzenbach, was born Aug. 17, 1937, in Frostburg, Md., where he attended public schools before entering Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H.

After graduation, he went to Princeton, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in 1959. In 1963, he received his LL.B. from the University of Virginia Law School.

In 1960, he entered the Maryland National Guard and served six months on active duty, becoming a second lieutenant with training as a paratrooper.

In 1963, Mr. Beall moved to Baltimore and became active in Republican politics. After serving a year as a clerk for a Federal appeals judge, the late Simon E. Sobeloff, he entered private practice for a year.

**Active in G.O.P.**

He was active in a number of Republican political campaigns, and from Mr. Agnew he received an appointment in 1968 to the Maryland State Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. He also served two years as appeal counsel for the city liquor board.

In 1968, as the youngest delegate from Maryland to the Republican National Convention, he continued to support Governor Rockefeller of New York for the Presidential nomination even after Mr. Agnew switched allegiance to Richard M. Nixon.

Mr. Beall has been married since Dec. 30, 1965, to the former Nancy Roche of Richmond. The prosecutor, who has darkening blond hair and bluish-gray eyes, lives with his wife and a daughter, Rebecca, in a two-story home in a section of Baltimore known as The Orchards.

He is known as a golfer, tennis player and jogger, and he shares with Mr. Agnew an avid affection for the Baltimore Colts football team.