

WILLEBRANDT RESIGNS POST, GETS NEW JOB

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Hoover Praises Her Work As He Accepts Retirement Of Woman Official

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WASHINGTON, May 28.—Mabel Walker Willebrandt submitted her resignation today as assistant attorney general, effective June 15, and it was accepted by President Hoover.

Mrs. Willebrandt submitted her resignation March 4, along with all other appointive officers in the government. The resignation was not accepted by President Hoover and she remained at her post at his request despite the offer to leave the government service.

The Assistant Attorney General now has received another offer regarded as an unusual opportunity, and the President does not feel that he can ask her to remain longer at her present post.

Mrs. Willebrandt now is out of the city en route to Texas.

Mrs. Willebrandt gained great publicity last Summer when she carried her fight for the prohibition laws into the campaign against former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York.

Recently she was subjected to fire from persons who opposed use of "under cover" agents in the Atlanta Federal Prison.

"There is some good argument against the use of 'under cover' men," she said, "but at the time they have been used it was the best possible plan that could be devised to enable the government to carry out its obligation to the prisoners of giving them good food and clean and morally wholesome places in which to live.

"Sending men known to the prisoners and others into the institution to gather facts would be just as effective as setting a belled cat to catch a mouse."

The letter of resignation, dated May 26, before Mrs. Willebrandt left for Waco, Texas, to receive a degree from Baylor University, was received at the White House this morning.

Mrs. Willebrandt explained that she had been tendered the post of Washington counsel for the aviation corporation and its subsidiaries which offered her "a field of constructive legal work" and that she wished to accept it.

"I genuinely regret leaving official connection with the accomplishments of your administration," she wrote "I have given, however, more than seven years to public service and I trust my helpfulness to you may not cease when I become just a private citizen."

In accepting the resignation, President Hoover wrote:

"I have received your resignation with deep regret. In view of the very great opportunity which has come to you for re-entry to private practice of law, and in view of the seven years of sacrifice you have already made to public service, I do not feel that I am justified in again asking you to reconsider.

"I had hoped you would be able to continue until we had established the steps of reorganization which have been initiated in the department. I am glad to know that you will give us your continued cooperation and advice in these special problems.

"I cannot, however, allow this opportunity to pass without an expression of the indebtedness of the American people and of the government for so many years of effective public service. The position you have held has been one of the most difficult in the government and one which would not have been conducted with such distinguished success by one of less legal ability and moral courage."

The letter was signed, "yours faithfully, Herbert Hoover."

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MC ALESTER, OKLA., May 28.—Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt refused to discuss her resignation as Assistant Attorney General when she passed through McAlester today en route to Waco, Texas, to receive an honorary degree from Baylor University.

"Washington is a mighty windy place and reports of all sorts get easily started there," she said. Her comment was made before the receipt of word here that the tender of her resignation had been officially announced at the White House.