

## *Supreme Court Appointments*

Harlan F. Stone, successor to Charles E. Hughes as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, is everywhere recognized as a jurist of high rank. He has been honored by two Presidents of different political parties and differing conceptions of the functions of government, having been appointed to the high bench by Calvin Coolidge and now being the choice of Franklin D. Roosevelt for the chief justiceship.

One of the two new associate justices, Senator Byrnes of South Carolina, has long served in the two branches of Congress, where he has proved his marked ability. The other, Attorney General Robert H. Jackson, became head of the Department of Justice at a time when the Washington atmosphere was heavy with all manner of controversy; he considered it no part of the obligations of that office to hold himself aloof from the open public forum. Doubtless there are those who question his possession of "the judicial mind," but there have been several cases of excellent appointments to the Court from the ranks of political controversialists.