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MR. CHESTER BOWLES IS SWORN IN AS UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

Chester Bowles was sworn in today as Under Secretary of State, succeeding Douglas Dillon, who resigned to accept appointment as Secretary of the Treasury.

Born in Springfield, Massachusetts on April 5, 1901, Mr. Bowles attended Choate School in Connecticut, and received his B.S. Degree from Yale University in 1924. Following graduation, he worked briefly as a reporter on the Springfield (Mass.), Republican, a newspaper founded by his grandfather. In 1925 he was employed by the George Batten Co., of New York, and in 1929, with former Senator William Benton, he founded the advertising firm of Benton and Bowles, of which he was board chairman from 1936 to 1941.

In 1942, Mr. Bowles was Connecticut director of the Office of Price Administration, and from 1943 to 1946 was National Price Administrator and a member of the War Production Board. In 1946 he was appointed by President Truman as chairman of the Economic Stabilization Board. Later in that year he was a United States delegate to the Paris conference of the United Nations Economic, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and in 1947 became a special assistant to the Secretary General of the United Nations. In that year he also served as International Chairman of the United Nations Appeal for Children.

Mr. Bowles was elected Governor of Connecticut in November 1948, serving from 1949 to 1951. President Truman appointed him Ambassador to India and Nepal in 1951. On his return to the United States in 1953, Mr. Bowles devoted himself to speaking and writing on foreign affairs. In 1958, he was elected to the House of Representatives from the second district of Connecticut, serving on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

In January 1960, Mr. Bowles became adviser on foreign policy to Senator Kennedy, and last summer resigned his candidacy for re-election to the House to devote full time to the Presidential Campaign.

He is married to the former Dorothy Stebbins. They have five children.

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