

# Simple Funeral Service to Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon at St. Paul's Church For Winant

## Winant Aim Better Life For All Men

Outstanding Trait Love, Sympathy for Ordinary Citizen

Fought Jungle Warfare In Modern Industry

Won Fame for Social Legislation Enacted While N. H. Governor

As politician, administrator, diplomat, John Gilbert Winant identified himself with the social betterment of man and, during World War II, with planning for an aftermath of lasting peace.

Peace, he believed, was the highest aspiration of the common people. And his outstanding trait was love and sympathy for the common man.

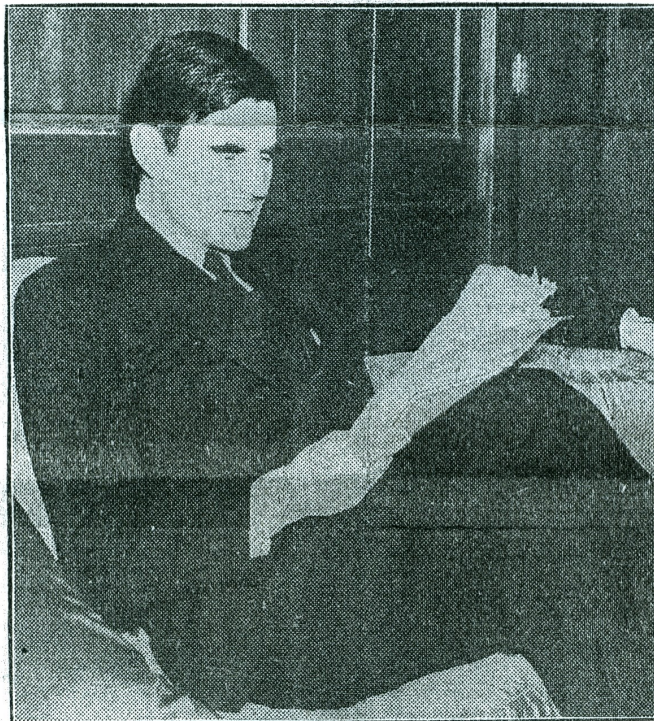
As governor of New Hampshire he sponsored a program of social legislation in the depression years of 1931-1934. As director of the International Labor Office in the latter '30's he roved Europe, observing foreign economic conditions. As ambassador to the Court of St. James in the war years of the early '40's he gave his thought to the problems of a peace based on social, as well as political, justice.

In this work on post-war problems Mr. Winant was America's representative on the European advisory commission, set up in London by the three big powers warring on Germany—the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union—to pool their information and views, then make recommendations for government action.

### Works Hard, Talks Little

An earnest speaker, of soft voice and rather diffident manner, he was known as a hard worker who did not talk much. He once told an interviewer, "I like to spend two days thinking about a thing before I open my mouth."

## Death Ends Noted Career



JOHN G. WINANT

Bishop Dallas to Officiate At Rites For Former Governor Who Killed Self At Home; Act Result of His Overwork, Broken Health, Heart Condition, Verdict of Medical Referee

Wife Arrives by Plane; Is in State of Collapse

Wartime Ambassador To Great Britain Found Lying Face Down in Son's Bedroom, With Indications Bullet Fired Into Right Temple; Suffering From Mental and Physical Fatigue, Says Secretary

Simple funeral services will be held tomorrow in St. Paul's Episcopal church at 2 o'clock for John G. Winant, who shot himself to death last night with a .32 calibre Belgian pistol at his home.

Bishop John T. Dallas will officiate and burial will be in Blossom Hill cemetery.

Three-times governor of New Hampshire and wartime ambassador to Great Britain, Winant was widely known not only in this country but abroad.

### Overwork Blamed

The 59-year-old diplomat, tired only in January as U. S. representative on the Nations economic and social committee, was officially pronounced a Medical Referee Clarence field, Dr. Butterfield ascribed to overwork.

His secretary, J. Ber said Winant's health good and that a doctor "take things easy heart condition—kidney or bladder."

"I know Mr. Winant working very hard and business affairs he suddenly 'This sudden' of the moment."

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## Winant Idol Of Forgotten Man

Sidney Thorp, Bedridden Prison Lifer, Sees 'Death Not in Vain'

While men in all walks of life the world over today expressed sorrow over the tragic death of John G. Winant, a forgotten man here in Concord voiced thanks because he, too, could join in the sadness.

This man, who never enjoyed the education and other advantages that were John Winant's, has had nothing to live for these many years.

John Winant meant much to this man, however, because he owed his life, barren and hopeless as it has been for nearly two decades, to the prominent American citizen.

This man is Sidney Thorp, 42-year-old lifer at the New Hampshire state prison, who has been bed-ridden for the past year with arthritis.

Back in 1934, Winant did a lot of worrying about Thorp. The blonde, brawny youth of 29 was scheduled to be hanged on June 16, of that year,

## British Press Lauds Winant

Wallace Also Joins in Tribute, Citing Service To Nation

LONDON, Nov. 4 (AP) — Britain mourned the death of former United States Ambassador John G. Winant today as the loss of a friend who shared this nation's suffering in war and her joy in victory.

Little more than the bare announcement of his tragic end arrived in time for the morning press, but London evening newspapers gave it front page, banner line prominence.

The Evening Star called him a "war casualty" in its headlines.

The Evening Standard recalled his words in 1941 of the British people: "You have said so little—you have done so much. It is all part of a soldier's faith—to have known great things and to be content with silence."

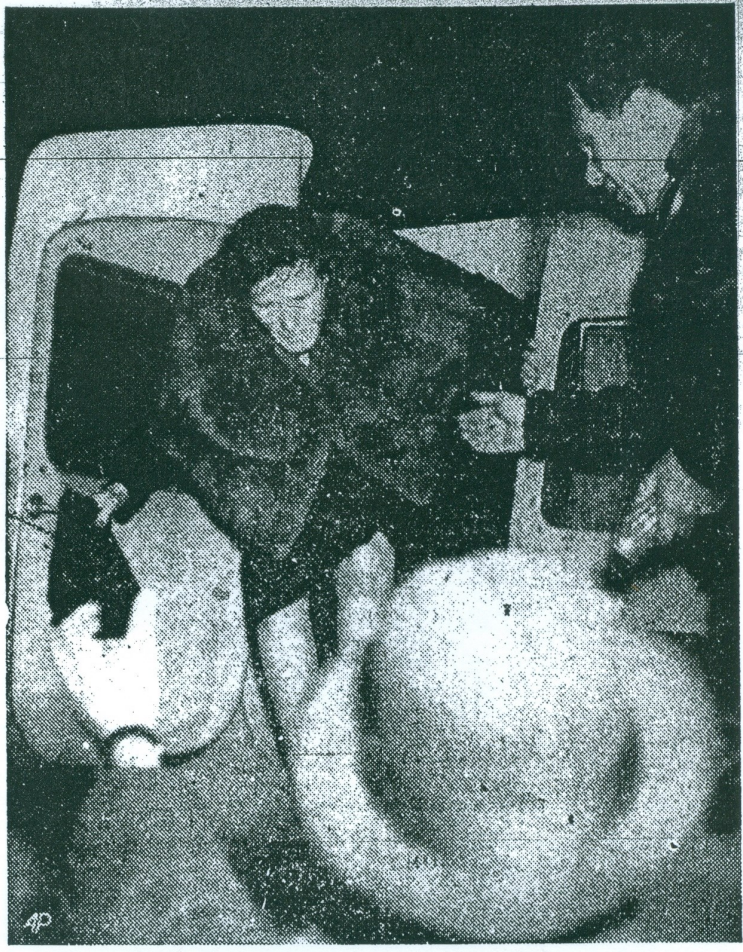
And the paper added: "Those words could be applied to Winant himself."



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# Winant's Widow Arrives

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Mrs. John G. Winant leaves chartered airplane in Concord early yesterday after flight from New York on news of the death of her husband, former ambassador to England. Mrs. Winant did not learn her husband committed suicide until she reached Concord.

## Home of Ex-Ambassador

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A view yesterday of the Concord, residence of former ambassador to England, John G. Winant, who committed suicide in upper bedroom in wing on right Monday night.

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## Great and Humble Gather To Pay Winant Last Honor



Funeral services for former Ambassador to the Court of St. James and former governor John G. Winant will be held at St. Paul's church (above) in Concord this afternoon (Nov. 5). Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire John T. Dallas will officiate.

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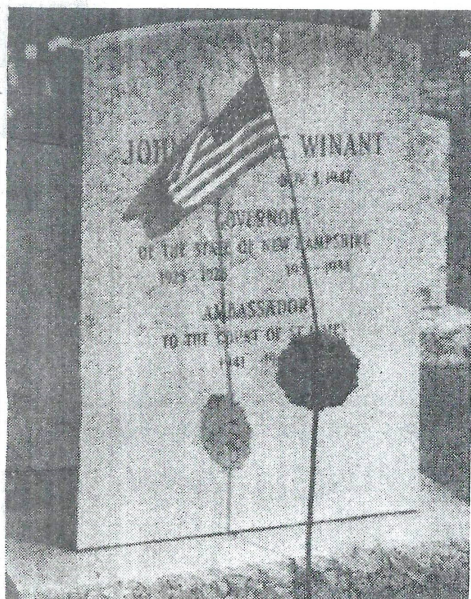
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Body of Winant Borne From St. Paul's Church



WARTIME COMRADES CARRY FLAG-DRAPED CASKET TO BURIAL

At Winant's death in November, 1947, his body was not allowed to be interred at St. Paul's School cemetery near its Concord campus because Anglican church policy did not allow persons who had taken their own lives to be buried in consecrated ground. On September 25, 1968, this policy had been relaxed enough to allow Winant's family to transfer his grave to the St. Paul's site.



Old Grave At Blossom Hill

## Winant's Body Moved To St. Paul's School

The body of John Gilbert Winant, three-time governor of New Hampshire and wartime ambassador to Great Britain, was moved yesterday from Blossom Hill Cemetery to St. Paul's School Cemetery.

Gov. Winant, who died at his home on Pleasant Street Nov. 3, 1947, attended St. Paul's School in his youth. He taught history and was a vice rector at the Episcopal boys' school in later years.

The Winant family requested that the body be moved to the school cemetery, Rev. Matthew M. Warren, rector of the school, said.

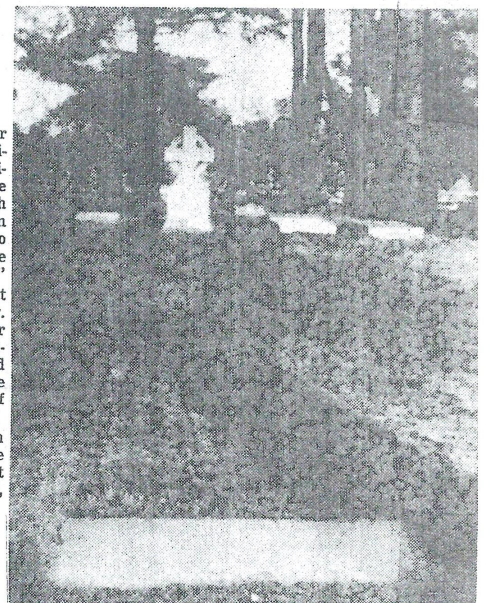
Winant was active in state politics after World War I air corps service and was governor from 1925-26 and 1931-34. He was director of the International Labor Office in the 1930s and ambassador to the Court of St. James from 1941-46.

"John Gilbert Winant gave his life to public service," the

late James M. Langley, editor of the Monitor, wrote. "Mr. Winant was an intense and sensitive man. He had an instinctive sense of right and wrong which rarely failed him. It led him through a life of devotion to people, individuals whom he knew, and people in the mass."

The plain granite stone that has been at the head of Gov. Winant's grave in a lot near the back of Blossom Hill Cemetery was expected to be moved to the new gravesite in the wooded school cemetery off Pleasant Street this week.

The back of the stone has an inscription from a speech made by Ambassador Winant at Berkeley, Calif., on March 23, 1946.



New Site At St. Paul's School



# **Tribute Paid To Winant at Church Rites**

## **Bishop Dallas Cites Acts of Generosity of Former Governor**

### **Mourners Arrive by Special Planes**

### **National, State Leaders Join With Citizens at Funeral Services**

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National and state leaders today joined with ordinary Concord citizens in paying final homage to John G. Winant at simple but impressive funeral services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

In reading the funeral sermon, the Rt. Rev. John T. Dallas, Bishop of the New Hampshire Episcopal Church, expressed the hope that "we may remember him by the strength of our devotion to the state and to the nation, as well as by the openness of heart and of hand, to the misery and tragedy throughout mankind."

Rites in the Episcopal Church do not include eulogies. Bishop Dallas said, however, in a brief, prepared prayer, that "Today, we thank Thee for our neighbor and friend, John, for his great-heartedness and for his broken-heartedness. We praise Thee that one so near to us hast shown us the depths of the needs of the world and for his acts of generosity..."

Special planes brought many mourners to the city this morning for the services. They included Mrs. Frances E. Perkins, former Secretary of Labor, Hector McNeil, undersecretary of the British Embassy in Washington, and Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt.

The state house, with its flag at half-mast for the three-terms New Hampshire governor, was closed in mourning from 1 to 3 o'clock. Many of the several hundred state officials and employees who had long known Mr. Winant, stood outside the church in silent tribute during the rites, because of the overflow crowd within.

Members of the choir of St. Paul's School, where Mr. Winant had been a student and later taught, joined with the regular church choir in singing two hymns which opened and closed the 20-minute service. First they rendered "The Strife is O'er", a traditional Easter hymn.

There were so many flowers that many of them could not be displayed in the church, and were taken directly to the newly acquired burial lot at Blossom Hill Cemetery. Five dozen yellow roses from Winston Churchill, wartime prime minister of Great Britain, and Mrs. Churchill and their children, were taken to the Winant home and kept there. Those sending scores of floral tributes included Secretary of State George C. Marshall, General and Mrs. Jimmy Doolittle, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and Mrs. Rickenbacker, Mrs. Franklin D Roosevelt, Governor Dale, The International Labor Council, the Social Security board staff in Washington, both of which Winant once headed.

As the hour for the funeral drew near, hundreds of telegrams continued to arrive at the family home from all parts of the world. They included expressions of sympathy from President Truman, King George, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mother Mary of England. The cable from the King and Queen said they were "much distressed by the news of your husband's death" and expressed "deep sympathy" to the family.

Among the honorary pall bearers were former Gov. Robert P. Bass of Peterborough; Dr. James W. Jameson of Concord, the family physician; Atty. John R. McLane of Manchester, Winant's legal advisor for years; J. Bernard Teulon of Concord, personal business manager; Henry C. Kittredge, rector of St. Paul's School; Laurence F. Whittemore of Pembroke, president of the Boston Federal Reserve Bank; Henry A. Laughlin, president of Houghton, Mifflin Publishing company.

As the services were ended at the church, the combined choir sang "Savior, Source of Every Blessing," which has become the traditional St. Paul's School hymn for the night before graduation. Bishop Dallas explained to newspapermen that Mr. Winant had been unusually fond of it. It was written by the late James C. Knox, music director and organist at the school for many years.

The body in a bronze casket which was kept closed, was taken to the church at 1 o'clock, when newspaper photographers from Boston, New York city and Chicago took pictures. Photographers were barred from the cemetery until after the family had withdrawn. When the casket left the church it passed through a Concord American Legion Post honor guard which included, the color guard, firing squad and honorary bearers. As the casket moved down the sidewalk from the church steps, the colors were dipped and the firing squad presented arms.

At the cemetery, as the casket was carried to its final resting place, the firing squad again presented arms, and the American flag which had draped the casket throughout the services was removed and presented to Mrs. Winant.

Following committal services by Bishop John t. Dallas and Bishop Coadjutor Charles F. Hall, the salute to the dead was given by the firing squad and Taps was sounded by Clifton Smith, former adjutant of Concord Post.

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