

BROOKS HAYS
Doctor of Humane Letters

BROOKS HAYS, lawyer, painter, educator and statesman, public service has seldom attracted an abler man than you. Born and reared in Arkansas, and educated in your native State and our Nation's Capital, you chose the field of law and entered politics before you were thirty. You spent much of your youth picking cotton, an appropriate experience for a man who has sought the endorsement of a Southern electorate, yet, alas, our research reveals that your grandfather Hays was a Republican postmaster in Pennsylvania! You have risen to prominence as a Member of Congress, an Assistant Secretary of State, and, now, Special Assistant to the President of the United States. Long intrigued by the economic and social problems of the South, you successfully nurtured many plans by which these problems have been reduced in scope and intensity. On such difficult issues as education and inter-racial cooperation you have stood staunchly by principle, risking your political future by taking stands you believe are right and just. Though perhaps not accustomed to using the "hot line" in the White House, you have not avoided heated debates in the political career you have followed. Concord College is indeed honored to have with us today on this special occasion a man who is building bridges of understanding between the races and all the peoples of the world, and we hereby confer upon you our degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

In testimony of this degree I hand you this diploma and cause you to be invested with this hood.

Given under the Seal of Concord College, and conferred from the academic halls in Athens, West Virginia, on this third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred sixty-three, and of the College the eighty-eighth.

Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.
President