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Biography

Mrs. Virginia H. Knauer was appointed by President Nixon as his Special Assistant for Consumer Affairs on April 9, 1969. She also serves as Chairman of the President's Committee on Consumer Interests and as Executive Secretary of the Consumer Advisory Council.

Prior to her present job, Mrs. Knauer was Director of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Consumer Protection for 14 months, the first and only woman in the United States to actually administer such a bureau. In that post she also directed the operation of five branch offices in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Erie and Scranton.

Born and educated in Philadelphia, Mrs. Knauer won a Board of Education scholarship to the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and did postgraduate work at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Florence, Italy. Mrs. Knauer has received Doctor of Humane Letters Honorary Degrees from Russell Sage College and Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine.

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Biography Continued

She was the first Republican woman elected to the Philadelphia City Council as a Councilman-at-Large in 1960.

The Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania selected Mrs. Knauer for membership in their organization. She is married to Wilhelm F. Knauer, a Philadelphia attorney. They have two children, Mrs. I. Townsend Burden III, of Philadelphia and Wilhelm F. Knauer, Jr., an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Knauer is the United States Representative to the Consumer Policy Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, an international organization consisting of 22 member nations which seeks to coordinate economic policies. OECD headquarters are in Paris. Mrs. Knauer serves as Vice Chairman of the Committee. She was elected to the post in May, 1970.

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