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The President today announced his intention to nominate John Sherman Cooper of Somerset, Ky. to be Ambassador to the German Democratic Republic.

Born in Somerset, Kentucky August 23, 1901, he was a student at Centre College, 1918-19, received his A. B. from Yale University in 1923, and did post graduate work at Harvard Law School, 1923-25. He holds the LL. D. from Centre College, Yale University, the University of Kentucky, University of Pittsburgh, Georgetown College, Berea College, Eastern Kentucky State College; the L. H. D. from Lincoln Memorial University; the D. C. L. from Nasson College.

He was a member of the lower house of the Kentucky Legislature, 1928-30; judge, Pulaski County, Kentucky, 1930-38; circuit judge, 28th Judicial District of Kentucky, 1946. He was elected to the United States Senate from Kentucky in 1946 and served until 1948, elected again in 1952 and served to 1955, and again in 1957 until his retirement. He was a member of the Senate Committees on Foreign Relations, Public Works, Rules and Administration, the Select Committee on Standards and Conduct.

He was appointed Consultant to Secretary of State Dean Acheson in 1950, serving as U. S. ambassador-at-large. He was a member of the U. S. Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, 1949-51. He was U. S. Ambassador to India, Nepal, 1955-56.

He was a member of the law firm of Gardner, Morrison & Rogers in Washington from 1949-51, Congressional advisor to U. S. delegation to the UNESCO Conference in Paris, 1948; member of the President's Commission to Investigate the Assassination of President Kennedy.

He served in the U. S. Army 1942-45. He assisted in reorganizing the German judicial system following the war. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

He was a trustee at the University of Kentucky, Centre College and a member of the Yale Council. He also holds membership in the American and Kentucky Bar Associations. He is a member of the American Legion, The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Beta Theta Pi.

He is married to the former Lorraine Rowan Shevlin.