

ORDERS AND OPINIONS
OF THE
ILLINOIS COURTS COMMISSION

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(Supreme Court Docket No. N.R. 1174.—Complaint dismissed.)

In re ASSOCIATE JUDGE LOUIS W. KIZAS of the
Circuit Court of Cook County, Respondent.

Order entered September 29, 1967.

SYLLABUS

On May 18, 1967, the Supreme Court entered an order directing the Courts Commission to convene to enter a complaint against the respondent. The Chief Justice convened the Courts Commission and entered an order directing the Attorney General to prepare a complaint against the respondent.

On June 28, 1967, the Attorney General filed a six-count complaint with the Courts Commission. Count I alleged that the respondent was a judicial officer. Count II alleged that the following provisions were in effect: section 8 of amended article VI of the

Constitution of 1870, which provided in part that the chief judge has general administrative authority, and section 28 of chapter 37 of the Illinois Revised Statutes, which provided in part that the circuit courts may make rules for the orderly disposition of business. Count III alleged that the respondent was not entitled to receive compensation beyond his salary for the performance of his judicial duties, as provided in section 33—1 of the Criminal Code. (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1965, ch. 38, par. 33—1.) Count IV alleged that the respondent since 1965 had on numerous occasions set bonds, and illegally took and received monies in consideration for the performance of his official duties and that such monies were received in a surreptitious and clandestine manner in violation of the ethical conduct of his office and in violation of section 33—1 of the Criminal Code. (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1965, ch. 38, par. 33—1, Official Misconduct—Bribery). Count V alleged that at no time, *infra*, did the chief judge assign the respondent to set bonds elsewhere.

Count VI alleged the respondent in complete disregard of his judicial assignments did set in excess of 680 bonds in a 20 month period; set bonds on holidays and weekends; set bonds in locations far removed from the location of his assignments; set bonds in higher amounts than provided in circuit court rules; substantially reduced bonds, without justification and in violation of the law, previously set by other judges; set bonds in police stations when he should have been in his assigned courtroom; did permit the release of prisoners charged with crimes of violence upon their own recognizance; and did exercise and display total disregard for the rules of the circuit court and the administrative orders of the chief judge. The respondent resigned from office, effective September 30, 1967.

Held: Complaint dismissed.

William G. Clark, Attorney General, of Springfield,
for Courts Commission.

Harry J. Busch, of Chicago, for respondent.

Before the COURTS COMMISSION: KLINGBIEL,
J., chairman, and BURMAN, SMITH, DUNNE and
BURT, JJ., commissioners. ALL CONCUR.

ORDER

The Commission, having been convened by order of the Supreme Court in the matter of Louis W. Kizas, associate judge of the circuit court of Cook County, and

a Complaint having been filed before the Commission, the matter was set for trial on the 2nd day of October, A. D., 1967.

The Commission has now received written notice executed by Louis W. Kizas, in which he has resigned his office as associate judge of the circuit court of Cook County, Illinois, effective at the close of day Saturday, the 30th of September, A. D., 1967, which resignation has been officially accepted.

It is therefore ordered that the hearing on the Complaint and charges against Louis W. Kizas have now become moot and the Complaint is hereby dismissed.

Complaint dismissed.
