



Frank J. Lausche

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Introduction

Frank J. Lausche (1895-1990) was the 47th Mayor of Cleveland, 55th and 57th Governor of Ohio, and a United States Senator from the state of Ohio. Lausche had stints in amateur and minor league baseball, the army, and finally law, before running for political office in 1941. Although he was a Democrat, as Governor, Lausche was a fiscal conservative. Later in his political career he was known for his moderate views, often crossing party lines and voting for what he thought was right rather than with his political bloc. He was considered as running mate for both Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower. Due to his Slovenian heritage, Lausche was popular with ethnic voters in Ohio's big cities. Lausche is the only Governor of Ohio to serve five terms.

Important Dates

- November 14, 1895: Frank John Lausche is born in Cleveland, Ohio.
- 1916-1917: Lausche is scouted by the Duluth White Sox to play baseball, but is released after 31 games. The following year he plays 27 games for the Lawrence Barristers.
- 1917: Lausche enlists in the Army, eventually attaining the rank of Second Lieutenant.
- 1919: Lausche enters the John Marshall School of Law, graduating second in his class in 1921.
- 1932-1941: Lausche serves as Municipal Court Judge, and, in 1937, as Common Pleas Court Judge.
- 1941: Lausche is elected 47th Mayor of Cleveland.
- 1944: Lausche is elected 55th Governor of Ohio.
- 1948: After losing his bid for reelection in 1946, Lausche is elected as 57th Governor.
- 1957: Lausche resigns as Governor after election to the United States Senate.
- 1968: Lausche loses Senate reelection and retires to Bethesda, Maryland.
- 1990: Lausche contracts pneumonia and moves from Bethesda back to Cleveland.
- April 21, 1990: Lausche dies of congestive heart failure at Cleveland's Slovenian Home for the Aged.

Suggested Search Strategies

- Try the following terms in combination (as an "all" word search), proximity or as phrases: Frank Lausche, Governor Lausche, Duluth White Sox, Lawrence Barristers.
- Limit your search by date to find information about specific elections in which Lausche ran.
- Search newspapers in all states, not just Ohio.

Sample Articles from Chronicling America

- "[Star Baseman with Duluth](#)" *Grand Forks Daily Herald* (Grand Forks, ND), March 6, 1916, Image 14, col. 3.
- "[Labor Unity Can Win](#)" *CIO News* (Cumberland, MD), November 22, 1943, Image 1, col. 1-3, Image 10, col. 2-3.
- "[Lausche dobil nominacijo za governerja](#)" *Enakopravnost* (Cleveland, OH), May 10, 1944, Image 1.
- "[Governor Lausche Candidate for Re-Election](#)" *Enakopravnost* (Cleveland, OH), November 1, 1946, Image 5, col. 1-2.
- "[Where in U.S. is Brain Power? Senators Argue](#)" *Detroit Tribune* (Detroit, MI), August 25, 1962, Image 10, col. 3, Image 9, col. 3.