Denfeld Charges Air Force Seeks to Drop Navy Aviation

Admiral Louis E. Denfield, who has resigned from the Navy early this month after his dismissal as Chief of Naval Operations, charges in a signed article in Collier's today (Friday, March 17) that during the latter part of his command the Air Force wanted to abolish or take over all combat naval aviation.

He further charged that the Army sought to grab the amphibious functions of the Marine Corps, "reducing the Marines to a mere security force."

In the second of three Collier's articles, Admiral Denfeld cites the "sinking" of the U.S.S. car-rier United States by the Air Force as an example of lack of co-ordinated teamwork between the services.

"The Navy's most calamitous experience with efforts to build a new weapon was the loss of the flush-deck carrier United States," Denfeld writes. One of his first acts as CNO was to appear before the Bureau of the Budget to present the need for staff and the management committee are held respectively be

large planes.

"Strategic' bombing was never a factor in the plans for the carrier United States," he states. "But the Air Force saw, or imagined it saw, the danger that the Navy would encroach on its prime function Accordingly, our brother fliers and their zealous lay supporters went to work to 'sink' the U. S. S. United States.
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"Incidently, so far as I have been able to find out, that is is the only carrier the Air Force ever sank, anywhere."

The former CNO wrote in Collier's last week that he was fired

July 1st.

"These are the ships of the cided on for this year.

Essex and Midway class. The army grudgingly approved four, just half the number the navy just half the had requested.

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"As with all matters on which the joint chiefs disagree, this was carried to Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, who granted us six. (I understand this has recently been increased to seven.) We had been allowed 11' in fiscal 1949 and eight in the current year, fiscal 1950.

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"With their supporting ships,
these carriers are the navy's
most powerful offensive weapon. mobile forces that can be used on any ocean.

"By progressive steps, the navy's real fighting power is being whittled down, even to the point of danger.'

Referring to the loss of the USS United States, Denfield said that it was worse than depriving the nation of a weapon which in another war would prove to be an instrument of swifter victory.

"It is injected into our democratic processes of rep-resentative government the application of the dictatorial ukase. There was no auth-ority to halt the building of a weapon decreed by experts to be necessary and authorized by Congress."

Denfeld says that the navy's He proposed a utilitarian ship with improvements including decks designed to accommodate large planes.

policy-making assignments," he

"To my mind, there is no rea son why a marine should not sit there (joint chiefs of staff) now. If he is not actually made a member, the commandant should at least be present as consultant when questions of interest to the Marines are discussed. And the marines should have representation on the war planning committee."

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lier's last week that he was fired because his testimony on unification of the military services before a Congressional committee offended Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson and Secretary of the Navy Francis P Matthews.

Denfeld writes that he believed unification was designed to provide swift co-ordinated teamwork between the services.

"It has not and to the nation's possible grief it will not, so long as the present administrative methods are followed in the Department of Defense," he writes.

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Force "almost petulantly" refused to concede the Navy's need to use any combat carriers at all in the fiscal year beginning next bin were two of the projects de-

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The museum of the Oregon Historical society may be moved La Conner, Wash., March 17 Outp.—The competition of cheap-

The museum of the Oregon Historical society may be moved from Portland to Salem.

In Portland a controversy has developed over a demand by the city council that \$8000 a year rental be paid for housing the museum in the municipal auditorium. So Mayor Robert L. Elf-strom has written a letter to the council to the council to the local plant of the U.F.—The competition of cheap-layer council that \$8000 a year rental be paid for housing the museum in the municipal auditorium. So Mayor Robert L. Elf-strom has written a letter to the local plant of the Whiz Fish other income is from membership fees and a small sale of the price to the council to the local plant of the Whiz Fish obooks.

In Portland to Salem.

La Conner, Wash., March 17 use—The competition of cheap-layer competition of cheap-layer council that \$8000 a year rental be paid for housing the layer competition. Its only other income is from membership fees and a small sale of books.

Elfstrom suggested that a com-mittee from Salem meet with representatives of this historical society, of whom Spencer is one. Spencer has replied that while he thinks the museum should remain in the center of popula-tion, he would regard the Salem offer very favorably if the Port-land council continues to insist on the rental or the legislature ·fails to increase the society's

No definite suggestion is made as to where the museum could be housed in Salem. For years it has been using the Portland auditorium without rental cost. It is supported mainly by legis

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Elfstrom told Spencer that "a number of Salem people have discussed with me the possibility of housing the society and its marvelous collection of Oregon history in Salem. It would seem that as Salem is the capital city this sluggestion would be very much in order."

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