

Who Will Succeed AEC Chairman Lilienthal? Job Said 'Wide Open'

WASHINGTON Nov. 24 (AP)—David E. Lilienthal's resignation as U. S. atomic chief left wide open today the question of who will succeed him in one of the most important jobs in the world.

Lilienthal will quit as chairman of the atomic energy commission December 31. President Truman announced yesterday that he was accepting the resignation "reluctantly and with the utmost regret."

The 50-year-old former attorney became the first civilian head of the multi-billion dollar atomic program on October 28 1946. His term normally would have expired next June 30, along with those of the other four commissioners.

'No Idea'

Presidential Secretary Charles O. Ross told reporters he had no idea whom Truman would name to the \$17,500 a year post.

Lilienthal, a controversial figure throughout most of his 20 years of public life and particularly in recent months as AEC chairman, submitted his resignation November 21, saying he wished to return to private life.

In a radio interview last night, he said "there is only one time when a fellow can quit this kind of job—and that's when it is going well."

He added that he thought the secrecy-shrouded program had "come a long way" in the three years he has directed it, adding:

'Satisfied'

"I will say this, and say it with all my qualifications—I'm satisfied that a good beginning has been made."

He may elaborate at a news conference Monday.

Lilienthal's resignation was not totally unexpected. There have been periodic reports that he was weary of the post and that he planned to step out once he felt he had been cleared of the "incredible mismanagement" charges made against him and the AEC by Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa).

A majority of the senate-house atomic committee reported last month that its hearings into the Hickenlooper charges had been "fruitless."

Disputed

But a minority report was submitted by republican committee members—headed by the Iowa senator—sharply disagreeing.

Hickenlooper, former committee chairman and now its ranking republican member, recalled yesterday that he had demanded Lilienthal's resignation last May.

"I look forward to a new stimulation in our atomic program," he said in a statement issued in Des Moines. "This resignation has now been submitted and that phase of the matter is ended."

Senator McMahon (D-Conn.) joint committee chairman, expressed regret at "losing a great public servant." He said Lilienthal had headed the commission ably.

One White House intimate told a reporter:

"Make no mistake, the president hates like hell to lose Lilienthal. Lilienthal's resignation followed by two months Truman's announcement of September 23 that there had been an atomic explosion in Soviet Russia.

Quickened

Since that time the commission has embarked on an accelerated expansion program, the cost of which is expected to exceed \$300,000,000.

Lilienthal made it patently clear in his letter of resignation that he will have much to say about the atomic program as a private citizen.

Lilienthal has decided what he has called the excessive secrecy surrounding the enterprise.

He told Truman:

"Although this resignation does bring my work as a public servant to a close, it does not mean that I do not intend to continue to be active in public affairs, for this is the first responsibility of all citizens in a democracy.

"Indeed one of my chief reasons for wishing to return to private life is that I may be able to engage in public discussion and public affairs with a greater latitude than is either feasible or suitable for one

who carries specific public responsibilities."

Another reason, he made clear, is a financial one.

Lilienthal's resignation was the third from the commission within a year. W. W. Waymack, former editor of The Des Moines Register and Tribune, left in December, 1948. Dr. Robert Bacher resigned last May.

Controversial

The AEC chairman, outspoken to the point of bluntness, has been praised as a great American and a great administrator, and denounced as "leftish," arrogant and contemptuous of the wishes of congress.

His public career has been one long feud with many congress members dating back to TVA days when he incurred the bitter enmity of Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.), now chairman of the senate appropriations committee.

McKellar commented at Memphis that Lilienthal's announced departure was "for the good of the country."

It was over the protests of McKellar and former Senator Stewart (D-Tenn.) that President Truman re-appointed Lilienthal to a second nine-year term as TVA chairman in 1945. It was one of Truman's first appointments on succeeding the late President Roosevelt.

Then in 1946, Truman, a personal friend of Lilienthal, named him to head the atomic energy commission when that agency took over the atomic bomb enterprise from the army. The commission was set up under the 1946 atomic energy act.

Bitter Fight

Lilienthal's confirmation in 1947 came after a bitter fight, on a 50 to 11 senate vote.

In accepting the resignation, Truman, addressing Lilienthal as "Dear Dave," wrote:

"You have introduced, through almost 20 consecutive years of public service in tough pioneering jobs—always under tremendous pressure and often under destructive criticism—earned the right to return to private life."

"Your reward, I believe, will be in the consciousness of your country's confidence in what you have done and in the way you have done it."

The president, who obviously had discussed the matter with Lilienthal prior to the letter of resignation, held the door open to retain him should the need arise.

He said he acted "in full confidence that should the exigencies of the public interest demand, you can be prevailed upon to defer termination of your service to a time when your withdrawal will not upset plans for dealing with problems which may not have been determined by the end of the year."

2,052,400 U.S. Employees Now

WASHINGTON Nov. 24 (AP)—The U.S. government had 2,052,400 paid employees at the end of September, the civil service commission said today.

This was 32,332 less than were on the rolls a month earlier.

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PITTSBURGH, Nov. 24 (AP)—The National Supply company has signed a strike-ending contract with the CIO united steelworkers.

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