

Flanders Hits Army's Having Military Man As Comptroller

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Flanders today marked down for further investigation the Army's practice of having a military man as comptroller or chief financial officer.

Flanders, head of an armed services subcommittee checking the way the Pentagon spends the government's defense billions, said in a hearing that "most businesslike" to him.

He announced that Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens would be recalled for further questioning about it tomorrow.

Stevens, flanked by his comptroller, Lt. Gen. George H. Decker, attended the setup at a hearing yesterday. But two New York business executives, who served as advisers for the 1949 Hoover Commission on defense organization, testified that all three armed services comptrollers should be civilians, as the comptroller for the Defense Department now is.

Meanwhile, the subcommittee today called Secretary of the Navy Robert B. Anderson and Asst. Secretary of the Air Force H. Lee White to talk about their fiscal problems.

Secretary of Defense Wilson is to appear at an afternoon session. The Air Force has a lieutenant general as comptroller. In the Navy the post is held by an assistant secretary who also has other duties who supported the idea of civilian comptrollers in all three services were Ferdinand Eberstadt, investment banker, and Franz Schneider, a mining company executive.

Eberstadt helped draft the 1947 Armed Services' Unification Act and a 1949 amendment sponsored by Sen. Byrd (D-Va) and designed to put the Pentagon's financial affairs on a businesslike basis. The Flanders subcommittee is looking into the workings of this amendment.

Eberstadt testified yesterday he felt the Korean War ammunition shortages might have been cleared up more quickly if the Army had had a civilian comptroller.

He and Schneider both said the comptrollers should be civilians, should have no other duties, and should report directly to the secretary in their service. The Army and Air Force comptrollers now report to their respective chiefs of staff as well as their secretaries.

Flanders told reporters the disagreement about the comptrollers was one of the key points before his subcommittee. But he said he was even more interested in improved accounting and inventory practices in the armed services.

"Congress appropriated almost 75 billion dollars between the end of World War II and 1949, yet we were short of almost everything when war came in Korea," he said. "Now we can't even find out what became of that money."

Defense spending now is running at a rate above 40 billion dollars a year.

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12:00 Weather
12:15 Sign Off

Wednesday, Nov. 3

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6:15 Feminine Fancies
6:30 Val Rouse
6:45 Uncle Bill
7:00 Ace Drummond
7:15 New
7:30 Western Theater
7:45 Doubled
8:00 Bobby Champion
8:15 TBA
8:30 Liberate
8:45 Amos 'n' Andy
9:00 Life is Worth Living
9:15 TBA
9:30 Weather
9:45 Sign Off
10:00 To be announced

JAP CLIMBERS

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—A Japanese embassy spokesman said today a five-man expedition sponsored by Kyoto University's mountaineering society is believed to be attempting to scale the conquered second peak of Mt. Annapurna in the Himalayas.



FINAL RITES for Russell E. Herman, 66, were held today at Ward's, with interment in Linkville cemetery. A resident of Klamath Falls for the past 42 years, Mr. Herman had been in the employ of the city for 29 years prior to his retirement two years ago. He is survived by his widow, Dorothy, of Klamath Falls; Mrs. Sarah Torgerson and Mrs. Mary Thomas and Mrs. Myrtle Shearer, daughters, all of Klamath Falls; another daughter, Mrs. Mildred Dillard of Anchorage; a son, Russell, of Klamath Falls; a brother, Forrest, of Broadbent, Ore., and a sister, Mrs. J. Myrtle Barnes of Monterey, Calif.

Rickover, Out-Of-Uniform Admiral, Gets Job Done

By ELTON CL FAY

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hyman G. Rickover, the admiral in mufti, is keeping busy at his job, directing construction of the world's first nuclear driven submarines, while starting the equally imposing task of setting up the nation's first atomic industrial power plant.

An Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) spokesman said today the AEC intends to keep Rickover as chief of its naval reactors branch while he serves also as director of the project, recently announced, to build a 60,000-kilowatt electric plant run by a nuclear fission furnace.

Selection of Rickover for the new job was based primarily on the wide experience in atomic power development he gained in his work with the nuclear engine designs for the submarines Nautilus and Sea Wolf.

But another factor of apparent importance was the fact that Rickover is widely known in industry, particularly the power industry.

The 53-year-old Rickover attained his present rank of rear admiral only after one of the hottest family rows in recent Navy history. "Rick" was saved from being retired from the Navy as a captain only after some Congress members and Secretary Robert Anderson interceded.

Navy promotion boards had twice passed him over in selecting captains to become rear admirals. That meant he would be forced into retirement last June 30.

Anderson then gave the Navy an unmistakable nudge by directing it to convene a selection board to promote one engineering captain experienced in the field of atomic propulsion.

But Rickover has worn his admiral's uniform and insignia only once since promotion—agreeing to that only because it was essential to the ceremony of pinning the two-star insignia on him. Indeed, that probably is the only time he has donned a uniform since 1949, when the Atomic Energy Commission appointed him chief of the naval reactors branch.

He says his job requires dealing mostly with civilians and that a rank and uniform doesn't mean much to them.

But there are Navy officers who say Rickover also doesn't have too much concern for rank, procedure and "channels" in the Navy. Admirals sometimes were surprised, while Rickover still was a captain, to find decisions all completed in the nuclear submarine project without their knowledge.

Things like that shock the regular Navy—and its promotion selection boards.

Rickover is a little, grey-haired, driving sort of fellow—intent, something of a zealot. If he has any hobbies or recreation he keeps them carefully concealed from those who know him. He takes work home with him—and also along to meals and on plane and train trips.

He expects his staff to work the same way. Navy associates say he "runs a tight ship." But "Rick" claims he wants and gets only those who have his own burning interest in making nuclear power, for Navy craft or factory, a reality.

Rickover jumps around the country on business trips as other people would go from one room to the next. There is no surprise when he decides at the end of a Washington workday to be at the AEC's Idaho Falls laboratory the next evening. And when he gets there, he insists on conferring most of the night, catching a plane in the morning to bring him back to his Washington office for an evening of business.

He operates in the same manner in dealing with contracting companies. Executives of the companies admire his zeal and like to deal with him—but would prefer hours other than midnight.

Rickover himself is not a scientist by profession, but he has a deep and abiding respect for scientists with whom he works closely.

He says the nuclear physicists, engineers and designers who are working on the atomic submarine project—civilian and military alike—really have the creative spirit of an artist.

They are making something entirely new, Rickover says, and the consuming urge to create is so great they even forget it is a weapon they are welding.

The Navy at no time said flatly that Rickover shouldn't be a rear admiral or that he didn't know his job. On the contrary, it has stated officially he was assigned by the Navy to the project "because of his drive, enthusiasm and ability to get things done." Yet the promotion boards omitted his name from the list of recommendations for advancement to flag rank.

In hearings dealing with the nuclear submarine project, admirals from the Pentagon pointedly noted that the Navy long had been interested in nuclear power for ships—

Pleasant Fall Day Expected

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another pleasant fall day appeared in prospect for most sections of the country Tuesday.

Mild weather continued in many areas in the eastern half of the nation. There was little rain throughout the country. The only wet spots early Tuesday were in Southern Texas, the Central Rockies and in parts of Michigan. Most areas reported light rain. A thundershower hit Galveston, Tex., with a fall of .38 of an inch.

Cool air spread eastward from the Plains States and the leading edge early Tuesday extended from central lower Michigan southwestward into Central Missouri.

Fog was reported along the West Coast. Temperatures over the Western third of the Nation ranged from a low of 13 degrees at Drummond, Mont., to a mild 74 at Yuma, Ariz.

Other readings included New York City 57; Nashville 46; Duluth, Minn., 40; Fort Worth, 60; Bismark, N.D., 30; Seattle, 40; San Francisco, 53, and Kansas City, 57.

HOOVER JUNIOR

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—U. S. oil expert Herbert Hoover Jr. prepared to fly to London Tuesday for further talks on the bitter British-Iranian oil dispute. He expressed optimism over possibilities of a solution.

and cited the names of a number of other officers who had pioneered in early studies.

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