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WASHINGTON, JUNE 7.--(UP)--PRESIDENT TRUMAN TODAY APPOINTED LT. GEN. HOYT S. VANDENBERG OF THE ARMY AS OPERATING HEAD OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP, NERVE CENTER OF THE NATION'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM. HE WILL SUCCEED REAR ADM. SIDNEY W. SOUERS ON JUNE 10.

THE PRESIDENT CREATED THE AGENCY LAST JANUARY TO COORDINATE ALL THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

VANDENBERG NOW IS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF IN CHARGE OF U.S. ARMY INTELLIGENCE. IN THE WAR HE COMMANDED THE NINTH AIR FORCE IN EUROPE AND AT ONE TIME WAS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE 12TH AIR FORCE.

SOUERS, THE FIRST HEAD OF THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, WAS A ST. LOUIS BUSINESSMAN CALLED TO WARTIME SERVICE IN THE NAVAL RESERVE. HE HAS RESIGNED TO RETURN TO CIVIL LIFE, BUT WILL REMAIN AT HIS POST UNTIL VANDENBERG BECOMES ACCUSTOMED TO THE POST.

THE AUTHORITY HAS A POLICY-MAKING BODY CONSISTING OF THE SECRETARIES OF STATE, WAR AND NAVY AND ADM. WILLIAM D. LEAHY, CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT WHO SERVES ON THE AUTHORITY AS MR. TRUMAN'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. A CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP IS THE OPERATING SECTION OF THE COORDINATED SETUP.

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ADD VANDENBERG, WASHINGTON X X X SETUP.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY CHARLES G. ROSS SAID THE PRESIDENT WAS RELUCTANT TO LET SOUERS GO AND THAT MR. TRUMAN AGREED TO HIS RESIGNATION ONLY BECAUSE HE KNEW THAT SOUERS' LONG GOVERNMENT SERVICE WAS GIVEN AT A SACRIFICE TO HIS PRIVATE AFFAIRS.

VANDENBERG, 47 YEARS OLD, WAS A GRADUATE OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY IN 1923.

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