

## Kennedy Fills 2 AEC Posts, Ending Dispute

Ramey, Palfrey  
Will Bring Unit  
To Full Strength

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President Kennedy has filled two troublesome vacancies of the Atomic Energy Commission.

He announced last night his selection of James T. Ramey, executive director of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, and John C. Palfrey, dean of Columbia College, as new AEC members.

The announcement, made in Hyannis Port, marked the end of an argument between the Administration and some Democrats in Congress that had delayed bringing the AEC back up to its full five-member strength since Loren Keith Olson and John S. Graham resigned on June 30.

### Deadlock Broken

The selection of Mr. Ramey to fill one of the two vacancies on the AEC broke a deadlock with influential Democrats on the Joint Atomic Energy Committee, who had refused to approve any other candidate of the Administration unless Mr. Ramey was accepted by the Administration.

Mr. Kennedy presumably also also had to find candidates willing to serve on the commission for no longer than a year. The President plans to ask Congress next year to replace the present five-man commission with a single administrator.

Mr. Ramey worked for the Atomic Energy Commission as assistant general counsel from 1947 to 1952 and assistant to the manager of the AEC operations office in Chicago from 1952 until 1956. He has been executive director of the joint committee since 1956.

### TVA Attorney

A native of Kentucky, Mr. Ramey, 47, was graduated from Amherst College in 1937 and from Columbia University Law School in 1941.

Until he joined the AEC, after leaving Columbia he worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority, rising from management assistant to the position of a senior attorney on the TVA staff.

His wife, Estelle E. Ramey, is an associate professor of physiology at Georgetown University Medical School. The Rameys live at 6817 Hillmead road, Bethesda, Md.

Mr. Palfrey, 43, a graduate of Harvard and Harvard Law School, joined the Columbia University faculty in 1952. He has been dean of Columbia

College, the men's undergraduate liberal arts college of Columbia University, since 1958.

Before joining the Columbia faculty, Mr. Palfrey spent two years at the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton University, where his research centered largely around the political and legal problems arising from atomic energy development. This has been one of his chief interest in teaching, writing and research at Columbia.

He served on the staff of the AEC general counsel from 1947 to 1950. Part of the time Mr. Ramey was assistant general counsel.

Mrs. Palfrey is the former Clochette Roosevelt, a granddaughter of President Theodore Roosevelt.

Both Mr. Palfrey and Mr. Ramey are Democrats.

The other three members of the commission are Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, chairman; Dr. Leland J. Haworth and Dr. Robert E. Wilson.