

Biographical Information On
Sidney William Souers

BORN: March 30, 1892, Dayton, Ohio.

DIED: January 14, 1973, New York City.

EDUCATION: Purdue University, 1911-1912
AB, Miami University, 1914

MARITAL STATUS: Married to former Sylvia Nettell,
May 28, 1943

MILITARY: Appointed Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve 1929. Called to active duty in 1940. Served with the 10th Naval District in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Was Intelligence Officer of the Caribbean Sea Frontier. Was Assistant Director of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Washington, D. C., 1944. Designated Deputy Chief of Naval Intelligence with the rank of Rear Admiral in 1945.

PROFESSION: President Mortgage & Securities Company, New Orleans, 1920-25, Piggly Wiggly Stores, Memphis, Mar. 1925-Oct. 1926; Executive Vice President, Canal Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, La., 1924-30; Vice President, Fourth and First Banks, Nashville, Tenn., July-November 1930; Financial Vice President, Mo. State Life Ins. Co., St. Louis, Aug. 1930-Aug. 1933; Vice President General American Life Ins. Co., Sept. 1933-January 1937, Executive Vice President since January 1937; President, Southern Ginning Co., Kenneth, Mo; Vice President, Missouri Merc. Co., Kenneth, Mo., Delta Realty Co., Catron, Mo., member first Board of Directors, Aviation Corp. Chairman, Board and Chairman Finance Comm., National Linen Service Corp., Atlanta, Ga; Chairman, Board and Chairman Finance Comm. Linen Service Corp. of Texas, Dallas; Director Denver(Colo.) Joint Stock Land Bank. Memphis Life Underwriters Assn. 1953 he left Washington to become Chairman of the Board, of General American Life Insurance Co.

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GOVERNMENT:

Appointed Director, Central Intelligence Group in the National Intelligence Authority in January 1946 where he served for five months. First Executive Secretary of National Security Council 1947-1950. Consultant to President Truman during Korean War 1950-1953; he blasted the Subversives Control Act passed by Congress and warned that the wave of anti-communism "contains the seeds of danger." He said that unrestrained and indiscriminate anti-Communist activity could be as dangerous to American liberties as anything the Communists could do. We have no place in our country for vigilante activities," Adm. Souers said, and called the Subversives Control Act "confused and unworkable."

AWARDS:

Distinguished Service Medal presented by President Truman for his "keen foresight and timeless efforts toward fulfillment of a strong and effective security program."

CIVIC AFFAIRS:

Served on number of college boards including Board of Trustees of George Washington Univ. He was a member of U. S. Naval Reserve Officers Assn., Army and Navy Council of St. Louis, Navy League of United States, and of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

CHURCH:

He was a member of the Methodist Church.