

Zuckert and Rowan Resign; Brown Gets Air Force Post

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AUSTIN, Tex. — The resignations of Carl T. Rowan as director of the United States Information Agency and Eugene M. Zuckert as secretary of the Air Force were announced by President Johnson yesterday.

Several other changes in important government posts announced by the President included appointment of Air Force Maj. James U. Cross—who will be promoted to lieutenant colonel July 15—to replace retiring Maj. Gen. Chester V. Clifton as the President's military aide.

No successor to Rowan as USIA chief was announced. The position also is without a deputy director. Donald M. Wilson resigned that post recently. And the position of head of the Voice of America has been open since the resignation of Henry Loomis.

White House Press Secretary Bill D. Moyers said no date had been fixed for Rowan's resignation to be effective. Presumably Rowan will remain on the job until a successor is chosen.

To succeed Zuckert, who has



EUGENE M. ZUCKERT

served since Jan. 23, 1961—longer than any previous Air Force secretary—the President named Dr. Harold Brown, who has been director of defense research and engineering since May 3, 1961. No replacement was named for Brown.

The President also accepted the resignation of Carl T. Rowan as undersecretary of

the Air Force, to be effective Sept. 30 when Zuckert also will leave.

Norman S. Paul, who has been assistant secretary of defense for manpower since July 1962, was named to succeed McMillan in the No. 2 Air Force job.

As a replacement to the manpower job Paul will leave, the President named Thomas D. Morris, who was assistant secretary of defense for installations and logistics from January 1961 until last December.

At the same time, the President announced he will nominate William True Davis Jr., U.S. ambassador to Switzerland since October 1963, as assistant secretary of the Treasury to succeed James A. Reed, who is returning to his law practice and his investment banking business in New York.

Moyers said Johnson worked for about three hours on these and other appointments in his office at the LBJ Ranch yesterday morning after arising early and taking a swim in his heated outdoor pool.

He indicated announcements of shifts in other major government jobs will be forthcoming in the next few days.

Rowan, the first Negro ever to rise high enough in government to be a regular participant in National Security Council and Cabinet meetings, also is the first man appointed to such high office by Johnson to resign.

He wrote the President that "personal and family reasons dictate that I return to private life" after more than four years in government service.

Writing Rowan that he had brought to the USIA job "professional confidence and unusual devotion to public service," Johnson said he accepted his resignation "with sincere regret."

Friction on Voice

There has been some internal friction within the Voice of America in recent months over its role and some criticism of it and USIA on grounds their output has become more a repetition thinking than factual report of events.

Rowan has denied that any policy changes have been made and that the voice has become a propaganda medium.

The President wrote Zuckert that "both the Air Force and the nation are permanently indebted to you for singular achievements of your four years in this critical and demanding position" as Air Force secretary.

Zuckert's replacement, Brown, was associated with the Defense Department in various advisory capacities before being named director of defense research and engineering by President Kennedy.

His appointment as Air Force secretary will worry a number of Air Force officers. As director of research, Brown has said "no" to the Air Force on a number of proposals for new bombers, more missiles and some space projects.

It has been the experience of past appointees of Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, however, that once they became a spokesman for a service, they became intensely loyal to that service.

Cross Is Personal Friend

Paul, to be nominated as Brown's undersecretary, has been in government service continuously since 1948—serving with the old Economic Cooperation Administration, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Department.

Gen. Clifton, a 1936 West Point graduate, is retiring from the Army at 51 to join the Thomas J. Deegan Co., a management advisory firm, as executive vice president.

Clifton was appointed by Kennedy as his military aide in January 1961.

The selection of Maj. Cross to succeed Clifton as the President's military aide represents a severe downgrading in rank for the job—but presumably not in its importance.

Cross is a personal friend of Johnson. He commanded the aircraft assigned to Johnson when he was vice president. Since February 1964, he has commanded the presidential jet Star—a small but fast jet fre-ign of the big Boeing 707 jet normally known Air Force 1.

Another appointment announced yesterday made Thomas J. Watson Jr., board chairman of IBM, a member of the National Commission on Technology, Automation and Economic Progress.