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30th "Old Hickory" Division Honored By Southern States

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Secretary To Head Both Army And Navy Proposed To Congress

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30—(AP)—The War Department proposed to Congress today that the Army, Navy and Air Forces be placed under a single civilian "secretary of the Armed Forces."

Under the Department head, who would be advised by military chiefs of staffs and a secretariat of civilian assistants, the Army proposed this organization of the services:

"The Air Force should include all land-based combat aircraft except those allotted to the Army and Navy for reconnaissance, spotting of gunfire, command and messenger service. The air should retain its own service forces.

"The Army would include all combat ground forces other than the Marine Corps and would have its own service forces.

"The Navy would include the United States fleet with its air arm, the Marine Corps and its service forces."

Each component apparently would be directed by a military rather than a civilian head, as at present.

Lt. Gen. J. Lawton Collins, chief of staff of Army Ground Forces and a veteran of European campaigning, presented the plan to the Senate Military Committee for the War Department.

He asserted the Army was not proposing to "merge" the services, but to "integrate" them with maximum autonomy for each.

Collins' statement was the first detailed public discussion of the plan to establish at least three and possibly four assistant secretaryships.

A civilian assistant secretary should be provided "to coordinate the military program of scientific research" with the activities of any

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Shakeup In Gov't Of Brazil; Judge Becomes President

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 30—(AP)—The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court assumed the presidency of Brazil today under an Army mandate to direct the country until

Ten thousand combat decorations, not including combat infantryman badges and Purple Heart medals, were earned in the 30th Infantry Division from D-plus-9, June 15, 1944, to V-E Day, it was announced by Maj. Gen. Leland S. Hobbs, commanding general of "Old Hickory", which is being honored today by southern states.

Proclamations have been issued by the governors of North Carolina, Tennessee, and South Carolina declaring today to be "30th Division Day." Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia said he would issue a statement praising the division's outstanding combat record.

General Hobbs, who this week was ordered to Fort Dix, N. J., where he will be post commander, said that in addition to the 20,000 Purple Heart Medals awarded, the 30th Division also received four Medals of Honor, 70 Distinguished Service Crosses, 2,018 Silver Stars, 7,590 Bronze Star Medals more than 100 Air Medals, and nearly 100 foreign decorations.

The four winners of the Medal of Honor, nation's highest award for gallantry, were Tech Sgt. Francis S. Currey, Hurleyville, N. Y.; Pvt. Harold G. Kiner, Enid, Okla.; Staff Sgt. Lucian Adams, Port Arthur, Tex., and Staff Sgt. Paul L. Bolden, R.F.D. 3, Madison, Ala. The awards to Kiner and Adams were made posthumously.

With Brig. Gen. James M. Lewis assuming command of the 30th Division as it prepares for inactivation, General Hobbs said "It is with much regret that I leave the 30th for new duties elsewhere. My association with the division since September 9, 1942, during its early training and through combat, has instilled in me a deep sense of pride and devotion toward the men of my command and I shall carry with me always the memory of the courage and sacrifice displayed by the men of Old Hickory."

In a statement to the soldiers of the 30th Division, General Hobbs said: "In relinquishing command of our division, your Division Commander is giving up the finest thing he ever had in his professional career.

"Words are inadequate to express the pride I have, and shall have always, in the training and campaigning of the 30th Infantry Division.

"We have been more than a Division—we have been a family—a fighting family with success always to our arms; a proud family, proud of our unit, and pride in ourselves—an efficient family, in all phases of activities. We can never forget.

"Wherever the future carries us, our associations will remain in our hearts. God bless you all—my deep, abiding thanks to each and every one of you."

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