

Sonnefeldt Wins Senate Approval

The Senate confirmed without debate yesterday the nomination of Helmut Sonnenfeldt to be counselor of the State Department.

A career Foreign Service officer, Sonnenfeldt has served for the past five years as assistant to Dr. Henry A. Kissinger on loan to the staff of the National Security Council.

The Senate also confirmed the nomination of Walter J. Stoessel Jr. as ambassador to the Soviet Union, a post vacant since the retirement of Jacob D. Beam in January. Stoessel, a career diplomat, is now assistant secretary of state for European affairs.

Arthur A. Hartman, deputy chief of the U.S. mission to the European communities in Brussels, was confirmed to succeed Stoessel as assistant secretary.

Sonnefeldt was nominated in April to be under secretary of the treasury. President Nixon withdrew the nomination last week in the face of senatorial opposition questioning his qualifications for the treasury position.

A specialist on Soviet affairs, Sonnenfeldt is expected to concentrate on European affairs and East-West relations in his new role as counselor to Kissinger, now Secretary of State.

Also confirmed:

Robert J. McCloskey, former State Department public affairs spokesman, as ambassador at large, Robert C. Hill, assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, as ambassador to

Argentina; Lloyd I. Miller, chairman of the Cincinnati Transit Co., as ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, and Rear Adm. Thomas D. Davies as assistant director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Stockpile Sales

The Senate approved legislation to sell off the U.S. government's stockpiles of copper and opium and sent the measures to the White House.

The administration had sought such legislation when it amended its stockpiling criteria to keep on hand enough materials to meet emergency war needs for one year rather than three.

The legislation authorizes the General Services Administration to sell 251,660 tons of copper and retain only the 7,100 tons in beryllium copper alloys.

The stockpiled 65,700 pounds of opium—used in making morphine and codeine—will be sold to three processing firms in negotiations based on current market prices.

From staff reports and news dispatches

Activities In Congress

Senate

Committees:

Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs—10 a.m. Open. Mark up omnibus housing legislation. 5302 Dirksen Office Bldg.

Interior Subcommittee on Integrated Oil—10 a.m. Open. Competition in the petroleum industry; S.2260, grants of rights of way for pipelines under the Mineral Leasing Act. 3110 DOB.

Joint Economic Subcommittee on Priorities and Economy in Government—10 a.m. Open. Resource scarcity. Jay Forrester of MIT; Ronald Ridker of Resources for the Future. 1202 DOB.