

RESOR QUILTS POST AS HEAD OF ARMY

Served Johnson and Nixon
6 Years During Difficult
Period for the Military

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WASHINGTON, May 21 —

Stanley R. Resor, Secretary of the Army in both the Johnson and Nixon Administrations, resigned today after the longest period of service, and one of the most difficult, in that post.

Mr. Resor was known to have wanted for some time to resign, but he stayed on at the request of Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird, first for a year and then through the presentation to Congress of the Army's portion of the 1972 budget.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Resor said he felt that "after six years some greater attention to my family is long overdue." He has seven sons.

In his reply to Mr. Resor's letter, Secretary Laird expressed "unlimited admiration and appreciation for your selfless contributions . . . matchless ability for plain hard work . . . through many difficult phases." He added that "looking forward beyond Vietnam, you have moved forward with imaginative innovations in the Army."

President Nixon accepted the resignation "with special regret." The White House press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, said a successor had not been chosen and declined to speculate on possible choices.

Mr. Resor has informed Mr. Laird that he will carry on until his successor is named, proba-

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bly before the end of June.

Mr. Resor, 54 years old, is expected to return to the law practice he gave up to take office under President Johnson. He was a member of the firm of Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons & Gates of New York. A partner in the firm said today that "we'd be delighted to have him back if that's what he wants."

Mr. Resor, a graduate of Groton, Yale and the Yale Law School, specialized in corporate law.

His wife, the former Jane Lawler Pillsbury, whom he married in 1942 while stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., said the family would probably return, at least temporarily, to New Canaan, Conn., where they lived when Mr. Resor was practicing law.

Mrs. Resor is the daughter of John Pillsbury, the former chairman of the Pillsbury Flour Mill Company.

Friends discounted today speculation that the many controversial issues that swirled around Mr. Resor had had anything to do with his resignation. One who saw him today said, "I guess he's just tired . . . He told me was going to take a good, long vacation in Wyoming."

These friends described Mr. Resor as, above all, an efficient, cool administrator. Instead of



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Stanley R. Resor

becoming involved in controversies, he played the role of the logical corporation lawyer, examining each issue objectively, they said.

Although he often spoke in public, he avoided the press, holding only two news conferences during his six years.

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