

## LONG SENATE RIFT ON NOMINEE ENDS

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 30—The Senate Finance Committee today confirmed the nomination of Helmut Sonnenfeldt as Under Secretary of the Treasury 168 days after it began hearings on the controversial White House appointment.

In testimony by former Foreign Service officers in hearings that began May 15 and continued in the first week of October, Mr. Sonnenfeldt, 47 years old, had been accused of security violations.

The charges related to the early part of his 17 years in the State Department before he joined the National Security



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Helmut Sonnenfeldt

Council as a senior staff member in January, 1969.

The allegations were amplified in testimony before the House Internal Security Committee solicited last summer by Representative John M. Ashbrook, Republican of Ohio, who said he regarded Mr. Sonnenfeldt as a security risk.

The inquiry caused the Senate committee to defer hearings until Senator Gaylord Nelson, Democrat of Wisconsin, demanded that it act. The chairman, Senator Russell B. Long, Democrat of Louisiana, responded by reopening the hearings Oct. 1.

### Long Reviewed Files

The hearings were highlighted by allegations involving security issues by John Hemenway, Stephen Koczak and Otto F. Otepka, all formerly of the State Department. But Senator Long, after viewing Federal Bureau of Investigation and State Department security files, determined that their charges were unfounded.

After that the only dissent had come from Senator Harry F. Byrd Jr., the Virginia independent, who questioned Mr. Sonnenfeldt's professional qualifications. However an aide to the Senator, who said he was not present when 14 others voted for the nominee quoted him as saying he would have voted in favor.

There was speculation at the State Department and in the Senate that Secretary of State Kissinger might ask Mr. Sonnenfeldt, his long-time colleague on the National Security Council, to be his counselor in the State Department. But Mr. Sonnenfeldt has indicated he expects to spend some time at Treasury, where Secretary George P. Shultz is known to want his services. He is to be a political adviser to Mr. Shultz, principally on East-West trade.