



Garrison Norton (left) with ADM Burke

Garrison Norton, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air

Born in Chicago, Illinois in 1900, the son of Charles Dyer Norton and Katherine McKim Garrison. He graduated from Groton School in 1919, and Cum Laude from Harvard University in 1923. He joined the accounting firm of Arthur Young and Company, New York, Chicago, etc., from 1923-1940. He was Deputy General Manager of the Home Owner's Loan Corporation, Washington, D. C. in 1934 and Assistant Chairman of Civil Aeronautics, Authority, Washington, 1938

During World War II (1940-45) he served on active duty in the U. S. Naval Reserve as a flight instructor and with the Bureau of Aeronautics attaining the rank of Captain. After the war, he joined the State Department, where he was appointed Deputy Director of the department's Office of Transport and Communications. He was the U. S. Delegate to the Civil Aviation Conference, Bermuda, 1946; in charge negotiations for settlement U. S. - British Bares Agreement, Bermuda, 1946; U. S. Representative Civil Aviation Conference, Paris, 1946; and U. S. Delegate, First Assembly, to the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization, Montreal, 1946.

He was promoted to Assistant Secretary of State in the Truman administration in 1947, where he was responsible for international policies in the fields of aviation, shipping and telecommunications. In this capacity he was: Chairman, Air Coordinating Committee; Chairman, International meeting on Marine-Radio Aids to Navigation, N. Y. and New London, 1947; Chairman U. S. Delegation First Assembly, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Montreal, 1947; Chairman U. S. Delegation International Plenipotentiary Tele-Communi-cations Conference, Atlantic City, 1947; Chairman U. S. Delegation to Commission on multilateral Agreements, ICAO - Geneva, 1947; Chairman U. S. Delegation U. N. Conference on an Inter-Governmental Maritime Organization - Geneva, 1948; and Director, Export-Import Bank, 1948. He also served as an alternate Governor of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

He resigned as Assistant Secretary of State in 1949 and entered the banking firm of Wm. A.M. Burden and Company (N.Y.) as special partner, 1949. In 1951 he resigned this assignment to accept a position with Mr. Burden as Consultant to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Research and Development) until 1955.

He was Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Air) from 1956 to 1959. He also served part of that time as acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Personnel and Reserve forces).

Mr. Norton had served as Chairman and then trustee emeritus of the Carnegie Institution of Washington and was a retired president of the Institute for Defense Analysis. He was a recipient of the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award.

He died September 9, 1995 at his home in Washington after a stroke. He was married to Emily Eilleen McMullan Norton in 1943. They had two children, Glenavie, 1944, and Charles Dyer Norton who died in 1970, at age 11.