

squadron 13, operating from advanced bases in the Central Pacific area against enemy Japanese forces on Truk, Wotje, and Kusaie from May 1 to May 21, 1944 * * *."

Relieved of command of Patrol Squadron 13 in September 1944, he had a month's duty with Fleet Air, west coast, and between November 1944 and March 1947 served as Assistant Director of Flight Test at the Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md. He was executive officer of the U.S.S. *Rendova* until September 1948 when he returned to the Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, for duty as Director of Test Pilot Training. While there he qualified on September 15, 1948, as a helicopter pilot. He attended a course at the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Sandia Air Force Base, Albuquerque, N. Mex., from April to June 1951, after which he commanded Composite Squadron 6, operating in the Atlantic. Relieved of command of that squadron in August 1952, he then reported as experimental officer at the Naval Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern, Calif.

Early in 1954 he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, after which he commanded the U.S.S. *Corregidor*. In the summer of 1957 he transferred to command of the U.S.S. *Hornet* and in September 1958 became Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department. In December 1959 he assumed duty as Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Naval Weapons for Pacific Missile Range and Astronautics.

In addition to the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Gold Stars and the Air Medal with two Gold Stars, Rear Admiral Connolly has the American Defense Service Medal; the American Campaign Medal; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; the World War II Victory Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

His usual address and that of his wife, the former Margaret Irene Hagy of Beverly Hills, Calif., is 1717 South Shore Drive, Holland, Mich., but he and the family currently reside at 2353 South Meade Street, Arlington, Va. They have one son, Thomas F. Connolly, Jr., and a daughter, Susan L. Connolly.

STATEMENT OF REAR ADM. THOMAS F. CONNOLLY, ASSISTANT CHIEF, BUREAU OF NAVAL WEAPONS FOR PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE AND ASTRONAUTICS, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Admiral CONNOLLY. Mr. Chairman, I do not have a statement. I am here to answer questions.

I see the situation exactly as it has been explained to you, and I am prepared to answer questions that may come up in my particular area.

The CHAIRMAN. Fine.

Well, let me ask you all this question, then:

This directive is not going to put the Navy out of business in space?

Secretary CONNALLY. We certainly would hope not, sir.

Secretary WAKELIN. It is not.

The CHAIRMAN. You will continue with your Polaris program and your other programs that have been defined, and you hope that an interpretation of the exception will put you in a position where you can carry on additional programs in the future?

Secretary WAKELIN. We have every belief that this will be so, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. And that applies to the two Admirals, Admiral Hayward and Admiral Connolly. You agree. [They nod.]

Are there any questions, Mr. Miller?

Mr. MILLER. No.

Only I would like to pay my respects to the three gentlemen who accompanied the Secretary.

I have had the privilege of knowing them. I think that they typify the best in science and the best in dedication to the Navy.