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USO president General Emmett O'Donnell, Jr., USAF (Ret.), with Senator Homer E. Capehart, attending the August Indiana National Bank Luncheon, Indianapolis.

Former Senator Capehart Named USO National Campaign Chairman

The Honorable Homer E. Capehart, former U.S. Senator (Rep) from Indiana, has been appointed the new USO National Campaign Chairman, General Emmett O'Donnell, Jr., USAF (Ret.), USO President has announced.

He was elected to the USO Board of Governors at its meeting September 21, and was also named a member of the USO Executive Committee.

Mr. Capehart fills this important National USO post which has been vacant since the death of its previous Chairman, the late Admiral Chester C. Woods, in 1965.

The distinguished Indianan was first elected to the Senate in 1944, was re-elected in 1950 and again in 1956, for a total of 18 years service in the U.S. Senate.

He has engaged in manufacturing and in 1927 organized the Capehart Corporation. He is active now in the operation of a 2,000 acre farm in Daviess County, Indiana, where he first gained national attention by his sponsorship of the Republican "Cornfield Conference" in 1938.

He was married in Wrightstown, Wisconsin, on January 19, 1922, to Irma Mueller, and is the father of three children: Homer Earl, Jr., an Indianapolis attorney; Thomas C., deceased; and Mrs. James C. Pearson, of Washington, D.C. Senator Capehart is a member of the Lutheran Church, the American Legion, the Burning Tree Country Club of Washington, D.C., the Masonic Order (32nd degree) and other societies in Indianapolis and Chicago.

Before assuming his Chairmanship, Senator Capehart spent several days with General O'Donnell and Executive Director, Justin M. Morrill, getting acquainted with members of the USO National staff.

On December 7, 1941, he organized and directed a rally successfully launching the Indianapolis drive of the United Service Organizations.