

# Donald W. Nyrop, Newly Appointed CAA Administrator, Due to Visit Here

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Another career man in the government had worked his way up to the top when President Truman this week announced the appointment of Donald W. Nyrop, 38, as the new administrator of the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Nyrop, who will be in Fort Worth during the week of Oct. 16, is considered so perfectly fitted for his promotion that the Senate paid him the high compliment of confirming his nomination as the new CAA chief within 48 hours after the president sent his name to Capitol Hill.

A Nebraskan by birth, Nyrop has been active in civil and military aviation for the past 11 years. For more than two years, he has held the No. 2 job of CAA—deputy administrator.

### REPLACING OLD FRIEND.

As administrator, Nyrop is replacing an old friend with a career similar to his own—Delos Rentzel of Houston.

At the same time Truman nominated Nyrop to be CAA administrator, he named Rentzel to membership on the Civil Aeronautics Board, and it is known throughout Washington that the president will make Rentzel chairman of the board within a few weeks.

The Senate acted with the same speed in confirming Rentzel, also a government aviation career man, for the CAB as it exercised for Nyrop. Both appointments were received with enthusiasm.

The formality of Rentzel resigning as administrator of CAA and Nyrop taking the oath to succeed him has not yet occurred, but will be done shortly, according to present plans.

Nyrop and Rentzel have worked together for several years and, in addition, they are neighbors, living in the same apartment de-



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velopment in near-by Arlington, Va.

### TO VISIT HERE SOON.

Nyrop will visit Fort Worth next month for the first time in several years to attend the meeting of the CAA's airport advisory committee.

Nyrop has taken no public stand on the controversial plan of transferring the CAA to the Air Force in times of war or national emergency, and says that he will not until the budget bureau has laid down the attitude of the administration on it.

The plan would make the CAA administration an Air Force officer, presumably a general, at such times and would integrate completely the conduct of civil and military aviation. Aids to navigation and aircraft control would be co-ordinated, and there would be no duplication as was the case in World War II.

### NOT A PILOT.

For many years, the law has

provided for the transfer of the Coast Guard from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department and the Coast and Geodetic Survey from the Commerce Department to the Army in times of emergency.

Although he has 11 years of working for the progress of aviation in his immediate background, Nyrop is not a pilot.

In 1939, after graduating from the George Washington University law school in Washington, Nyrop joined the old Civil Aeronautics Authority as an attorney. When that authority was split into the Civil Aeronautics Administration and the Civil Aeronautics Board, Nyrop remained with the board as an attorney.

He was appointed executive officer to the CAB chairman in Jan. 1, 1942, leaving that position in September for active duty with the Air Transport Command. He served as executive officer for the assistant chief of staff for operations in ATC headquarters until January 1946 winning the Legion of Merit for his work. He held the rank of lieutenant colonel.

### NATIVE OF NEBRASKA.

Leaving the military service, he joined the Air Transport Association, specializing in international policy matters. He was a member of the United States delegations to the 1946 and 1947 assemblies of the international civil aviation organization.

In August 1948 he became deputy administrator of CAA and held that position until his promotion.

Nyrop was born in Elgin, Neb., and received a bachelor of arts degree from Doane College at Crete, Neb. He came to Washington for his legal education at George Washington University.

He is married and has an 18-month-old daughter, Nancy.

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