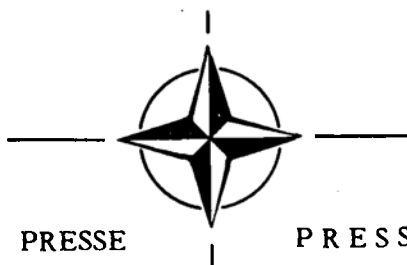


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PRESIDENCY OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

The North Atlantic Council approved, on 11 December 1963, certain changes in the organisation of the Military Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. The Military Committee will henceforth have a President in addition to its Chairman. The post of President of the Military Committee will be held in turn for a period of one year by the signatory nations in alphabetical order in the English language. The Chairman, who will act as Chairman of the Military Committee both in Chiefs of Staff Session and in Permanent Session, will be appointed by the Military Committee and will normally hold office for a two year period.

In conformity with these changes, Air Chief Marshal Frank R. Miller, CBE, CD, Royal Canadian Air Force, Chairman of the Canadian Chiefs of Staff Committee, became the first President of the Military Committee. As Air Chief Marshal Miller has already held office as Chairman of the Military Committee in Chiefs of Staff Session since 1st July 1963, his tenure as President will end on 30th June 1964.

Similarly, General Adolf Heusinger, German Army, Chairman of the Military Committee in Permanent Session since March 1961, took over the additional duties of Chairman of the Military Committee in Chiefs of Staff Session. His tour of duty will terminate on 1st March, 1964.