

I say this because in time of peace, as compared to war where conditions may be going to change so drastically, to have a Secretary doing most of the President's military work in the chain of command as a deputy goes very well, and the poor President wants to delegate as much, more like a normal tasking to able assistants, and clear his own deck.

But when war comes, the President—his major task is the war. Whether he is going to want another civilian between him and a military man whom the Nation holds as the spokesman for the Armed Forces, whether he would want him in between or not, I wouldn't think he would.

You may recall in World War II President Roosevelt insisted on doing business directly with George Marshall and with Admiral King. The Secretaries of War and Navy were withdrawn from the chain of command.

May I say, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much—and gentlemen, I enjoyed it myself.

Mr. NICHOLS. Thank you, sir.

The subcommittee will stand adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 11:56 a.m., the subcommittee is adjourned.]