



Lamar R. Leahy

REAR ADMIRAL LAMAR R. LEAHY, U. S. N.

DIRECTOR

24<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1939 - 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1947.

## OBITUARY

Rear Admiral Lamar R. LEAHY, USN (Ret)  
(1880-1958)

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The International Hydrographic Bureau has learned with deep regret that Rear Admiral Lamar R. Leahy, USN (Ret), formerly a Director of the Bureau, died in New York City on 10 October 1958.

Rear Admiral Leahy was born in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1880. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., in 1903. He served in all ranks of the U.S. Navy, from Ensign (1905) to Captain (1926) and Rear Admiral (1939).

During his 21 years of sea service, he cruised in nearly all the waters of the world, in every naval capacity : as watch officer, navigator, executive officer and commanding officer. As Captain in 1928-1930, he commanded a squadron of 19 destroyers and in 1933-1935 the U.S. battleship *Texas*.

He was Hydrographer of the United States Navy from 1935 to 1938, and as such was instrumental in improving the output of the Hydrographic Office; he supervised the publication of a surveying manual for the naval service, and the compilation of improved short navigation tables.

Rear Admiral Leahy was elected a Director of the International Hydrographic Bureau on 4 April 1939, replacing Rear Admiral W.S. Crosley, USN, who had resigned for reasons of health. He took up his duties on 24 July 1939, but owing to the international situation then prevailing, requested special leave and departed for the United States on 30 August 1939. During his leave of absence, he rendered valuable service to the Bureau in matters concerning the Bureau's funds on deposit in New York, and by communicating with member and non-member countries on the American continent. Rear Admiral Leahy resumed his duties as Director on 19 February 1947 in order to attend the Vth International Hydrographic Conference. He was not, however, a candidate for re-election, and resigned on 30 June 1947.

Rear Admiral Leahy was awarded the Navy Cross by the United States Government for meritorious service rendered in actual combat. He had also received the following decorations :

Cross of Commander of the Order of Orange Nassau from the Netherlands Government, for assistance rendered in connection with gravimetric measurements;

Cross of the Legion of Honour from the French Government for war services;

Order of the British Empire from the British Government for war services;

Cross of Commander of the Order of the White Lion from the Czechoslovakian Government for food relief work following the First World War.

Rear Admiral Leahy was a member of several scientific organizations, and a trustee of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

