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**“Top WAC Post Eliminated”**

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Defense Secretary Harold Brown says that women have become “full partners in our national defense” and in the same breath he had said he will move to abolish the directorship of the Women’s Army Corps. This position is currently held by Col. Edith M. Hinton.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Defense Secretary Harold Brown, saying women have become "full partners in our national defense," Tuesday moved to abolish the directorship of the Women's Army Corps.

Brown said his order was intended to "recognize the role of women as full partners in our national defense, with full opportunity to progress with their male counterparts."

There was no immediate word on what job will be given to Brig. Gen. Mary E. Clarke, director of the Army's contingent of 46,000 women, known as WACs.

Brown's order also eliminates the job of deputy director, now held by Col. Edith M. Hinton.

The other armed services earlier had abolished separate directorships for their women's contingents.

Along with abolishing the WAC directorship, Brown announced his intention to reduce the number of assistant secretaries in the Defense Department from 22 to 16.

That would eliminate three currently vacant posts of assistant secretary of defense and one assistant secretary each in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Brown's reorganization order becomes effective in 30 days unless either the House or Senate Armed Services Committee decides to reject the plan.