

MB1/I Mountbatten Papers: First Sea Lord, 1955-9

Mountbatten became First Sea Lord in 1955, fulfilling his ambition to succeed to the post that his father had held and which he had been obliged to resign in 1914 on account of the German origins of the Battenberg family. The First Sea Lord was the professional head of the navy, under the First Lord of the Admiralty, who was its political head. In practice, the latter seldom overruled the former on professional matters. Both were responsible to the Minister of Defence, as were the other two service ministries. The professional heads of each service, the Chiefs of Staff, met regularly to discuss service matters and to advise the government. Towards the end of Mountbatten's period of office as First Sea Lord, changes began to take place in this administrative structure. Macmillan felt that the Minister of Defence did not have enough control over the three service ministries to co-ordinate them properly. He therefore reduced the role of these ministries and increased the power and size of the Ministry of Defence. To strengthen this centralised structure, the chairman of the Chiefs of Staff committee was to be made Chief of Defence Staff, with his own organisation under him.

On his appointment as First Sea Lord, Mountbatten was faced by a round of defence cuts, and was to be confronted with more when Duncan Sandys was appointed Minister of Defence in 1957. He decided that the navy had to become more efficient and to develop a higher profile if it were to resist such cuts. To this end, he set up the 'Way Ahead Committee', which recommended major changes in the administrative and logistic structure of the shore-based part of the navy. This in turn led to rationalisation of the sea-going commands, in the form of the abolition of the Nore Command, the closure or reduction of several naval establishments, and a concentration of research and development in two main centres at Portsmouth and Portland. In order to strengthen the sea-going part of the navy, superfluous and out-of-date ships were removed, and destroyers were increased in size to accommodate guided-missiles. Such actions were controversial. Mountbatten also set up a committee to investigate low morale in the service and the shortage of recruits, a potentially serious problem once national service came to an end. A higher profile was achieved by a greater use of the Press and through influential contacts outside the navy. Communication within the navy itself was improved, with, for example, the quarterly newsletters sent to admirals based outside London.

The response of the British government to the Suez crisis was to threaten military intervention. Although he co-operated with preparations to send a naval force to the area, Mountbatten, who was promoted to Admiral of the Fleet during the crisis, protested against British military intervention, favouring psychological warfare and pressure from the United Nations. The crisis, did, however, lead to the adoption of one of Mountbatten's ideas, the addition of helicopters and landing craft to aircraft carriers.

Mountbatten also championed the cause of nuclear propulsion in submarines and favoured equipping them to carry nuclear missiles. He preferred the use of Polaris, an American missile, to the development of an independent British missile.

The papers in this section of the archive consist largely of private correspondence and Lord Mountbatten's unregistered files which he transferred from the Admiralty to Broadlands. The papers are arranged in files alphabetically by subject or correspondent. Within each file, the papers are arranged in chronological order.

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