

Ex-Military in Dallas Firms Not Lobbyists, They Answer

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Dallas' defense industries apparently hire ex-military officers for what they know and not whom they know.

None of the three firms checked Wednesday by The News have any former generals or admirals on their sales staffs, although each has them in engineering or supervisory jobs.

Though none of the ex-officers wanted to be quoted by name, one said:

"Look, we know we haven't done anything legally or morally wrong, but just the idea that an ex-officer is on the payroll of a plane—or missile-maker is enough to upset some of those Congressmen. Leave me out of it, please!"

"We don't have any ex-officers in Washington," said another. "And if we wanted to influence

anybody, that's where we'd have and research division. Retired to be."

Chance Vought Aircraft, Inc., has two admirals and "fewer than 10 other ex-high-ranking officers" employed. The others are former Navy captains or Army, Marine or Air Force colonels.

Retired Rear Adm. H. B. Salada, former chief of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, is CVA's senior vice-president. He retired in 1949 and worked for Fairchild

Engine & Airplane Corporation just before joining CVA in 1952. A Texas Instruments, Inc., spokesman pointed out that less than one-third of TI's business is with the government. And that's not all defense, he added.

Retired Marine Brig. Gen. R. E. Galer is a Temco vice-president and manager of the missile

Marine Brig. Gen. Max Volcansek is administrator in the apparatus engineering section.

A Temco Aircraft Corporation spokesman explained:

"Retired military personnel employed by Temco all have submitted reports upon their status and employment by industry. These reports have gone to the Hebert Committee (the Congressional group scheduled to investi-

gate industrial hiring of ex-brass) for evaluation. Employment of personnel by Temco was on the basis of individual skills and in compliance with existing regulations."

TI has retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles Born as one of the top two men in its engineering and aircraft division.