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## REPUBLIC'S NEW PRESIDENT

Republic's board of directors meeting on the last day of the old year elevated Fred Marchev to the position of chairman of the board and chose to succeed him as president, Mundy I. Peale, former vice-president and general sales manager.

This is of particular interest to Seabee distributors and dealers because Mundy Peale made his first name in aviation as an amphibian pilot flying for the Sikorsky Division of United Aircraft Corporation.

Of even greater interest is the production record Republic's new president made during the war when as vice-president and general manager of Republic's Indiana division at Evansville, Indiana, he helped to organize and then personally directed the plant that rose from a cornfield near the Evansville airport to the tremendously efficient machine that turned out 6,000 P-47 Thnderbolts.

Mundy I. Peale joined republic Aviation Corporation in 1939 as assistant director of exports and a year later was assistant director of the department of Military Contracts. He became a vice-president and assistant general manager of the Indiana Division's new plant in July of 1942, and in mid-July of 1943 was appointed divisional manager in charge of the entire Indiana division operation. On Jauary 20, 1944 he was elected to the board of directors of Republic Aviation Corporation.

A graduate of the University of Chicago in 1929, Mundy Peale entered aviation the following year when he took a master pilot's course at the Boeing School of Aeronautics at Oakland, California becoming atransport pilot. He then joined the Sikorsky division of United Aircraft Corporation as western factory representative and demonstration pilot.

Subsequntly he became service representative for the Hamilton Standard Propeller Division of United, supervising installations of the first controllable pitch propellers on the country's airlines. In 1936 he returned to the Sikorsky division in charge of sales and exports, and in 1938 became quality manager for Sikorsky, from which post he came to Republic a year later.

Mundy Peale and Fred Marchev send greetings to all Seabee dealers and distributors, asking for continued support of Republic's great sales program for the Seabee pledging in return their support in all that will help insure success.

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