

DOENITZ CONTROL IS ENDED BY ALLIES

Military Mission Said to Have Taken Over at Flensburg, Ousting Stop-Gap Regime

By The United Press.

LONDON, Wednesday, May 16—An Allied military mission has taken over control of the "government" of Admiral Karl Doenitz at Flensburg, an official source in Reims disclosed today, apparently ending criticism that the Doenitz regime had been tolerated despite the unconditional German surrender.

The Allied source said that the mission now "has matters well in hand" and that a number of German agencies, including a Wehrmacht Ministry commanding all armed forces, had been disbanded and their personnel placed under custody until it was decided what elements could be used in the civil administration of the defeated Reich.

A permanent Allied staff has

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been established at Flensburg and the radio station taken over to prevent a recurrence of the unauthorized broadcast last Sunday in which the station presented Nazi-slanted news, suggesting a conflict between the Russians and the western Allies, it was said.

The fate of Doenitz was not disclosed. But the statement that the German officials had been put on a "seize and freeze" basis indicated that the successor to Adolf Hitler might now be under arrest.

The Reims source said the confusion surrounding the relations between the stop-gap Doenitz regime and Allied military authorities resulted because of the non-

military nature of the problem involved. Although it was authoritatively stated that the Doenitz Government had no standing, the question of what elements would be employed in governing Germany must be made at "high levels," possibly involving more than one Allied country, it was pointed out.

The American nation should realize that the "task of reconversion from a military operation to a vast, coordinated venture in civilian administration cannot be accomplished in a day," the Reims official said.

This source also disclosed that high-ranking Allied officials were convinced that Doenitz was selected to succeed Hitler because he was best fitted to bring peace to Germany.

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