

New Research Firm Opening In Minneapolis

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MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 4. — A new electronic research and development firm, called Control Data Corp., is now in the process of opening headquarters at 501 Park Avenue here.

It is learned the firm is being founded by a group of unidentified executives who reportedly have resigned from Remington Rand Univac, St. Paul, division of Sperry-Rand Corp. A Univac spokesman refuses to name the resigned executives or to comment on reports this firm has been formed "until reappointments have been completed", but he did admit knowledge of the firm being founded.

Articles of incorporation filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State and recorded in Hennepin County Registrar of Deed Office show that Fremont C. Fletcher, Abbott L. Fletcher, attorneys at 600 Midland Bank Building, and D. P. Wassenberg (no address given) are the incorporators. Fremont Fletcher confirmed the incorporation of the \$1 million corporation, but said Abbott Fletcher and Mr. Wassenberg will no longer be associated with Control Data, but that he will continue as a director. He declined mentioning names of others involved.

The firm started with \$1,000 initial capital, a total of 2 million shares of common stock, par value \$50 amounting in aggregate to \$1 million. The purpose of the firm is stated to be research in the field of electronics with particular emphasis on data control to licensed manufacturers; sell, create, improve or originate material and machinery; and, in general, to deal with practically everything in

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UNIVAC RAISES 3 EXECUTIVES

By Staff Correspondent

ST. PAUL, Aug. 4.—Promotions of three Remington Rand Univac, St. Paul (division of Sperry Rand Corp.) officials were made at the weekend.

Two of the appointments are to new posts. Dr. Thornton C. Fry, who joined the company earlier this year as a consultant, has been named vice-president and director of Univac systems engineering.

George S. Hanson, department manager of data systems since 1955, was appointed chief engineer of the Military division.

Robert E. McDonald, who

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field of research and development of electronics and sound signals in the business of the company.

Reports are that William Drake will be in charge of public relations. It is said he formerly was associated with Remington Rand Univac, but his former duties were not given.

Trade reports indicate William C. Norris, who resigned as general manager of Remington Rand Univac division, Sperry Rand Corp., St. Paul, and who was a vice-president, will be instrumental in operation of the firm. It is also reported that Arnold Riden, who at one time was said to be with Remington Rand as a business consultant, is to be affiliated with the new company.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—William Norris, formerly in charge of Remington Rand Univac operations in St. Paul, has resigned, a spokesman for the firm said here, but there is no official information on any other executives leaving, he added.

Mr. Norris has been replaced by Robert E. McDonald, whose title will now be manager, Univac military division, the spokesman said. He said the firm had no information on Mr. Norris' plans.

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has been general manager of the company's seven St. Paul plants since 1956, has been named manager of the Military division. He takes over duties resigned by William C. Norris, in the post since October 1955, and who was a vice-president of Remington Rand, Inc.

Trade reports are rife that Mr. Norris will be instrumental in the operation of Control Data Corp. which is now setting up offices in Minneapolis. Mr. Norris could not be reached for comment.

Dr. Fry will direct all research development and product planning of commercial and military systems and equipment including St. Paul, Philadelphia and South Norwalk, Conn. locations. He will headquarter in Stamford, Conn.

Mr. McDonald, as manager of the Military division, will be responsible for all large-scale military contracts handled by the firm. A graduate of University of Minnesota, Mr. McDonald was a director of manufacturing for Engineering Research Associates, St. Paul, from 1953 to 1956.