## Togo West Elected To Board

Former General Counsel of the Department of Defense, Togo D. West, has been elected to the Aerospace Corporation's board of trustees.

Aerospace is a private, non-profit company which performs engineering, planning, analysis and research for a variety of systems related to military space programs. Its principal client is the Air Force Space Division.

Dr. Robert C. Seamans Jr., board chairman, announced West's election following the trustees' annual meeting at Aerospace general offices in El Segunda, Calif., Dec. 10.

West, a native of Winston-Salem, was general counsel of the Department of Defense from 1980 to 1981. He to 1976.



Togo West -

Currently a partner in the other federal courts. previously served as special New York and Washington An alumnus of Howard assistant to the Secretary law firm of Patterson, University, West received and Deputy Secretary of Belknap, Webb and Tyler, his bachelor's degree in Defense from 1979 to 1980, West is admitted to practice electrical engineering in general counsel of the in both locations. He is also 1965 and graduated cum Department of the Navy a member of the American laude with his Juris Doctor from 1977 to 1979 and Bar Association, National degree in 1968. associate deputy attorney Bar Association, U.S. general of the U.S. Depart- Supreme Court Bar, U.S. ment of Justice from 1975 Court of Military Appeals Bar and the bars of several

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many myths perpetuated by plant-haters about our green friends.

I grew up thinking that dog was man's best friend. But consider this: Have you ever tried to asked someone to keep your Doberman for a week while you're away on vacation? It just doesn't work after you've bragged to all your friends how you're only the person who can get within 50 feet of the mutt without him breaking the chain to protect the house, does it? Plants don't attack anybody, except in the movies.

Then there are so many social advantages to owning a plant. When it's fully grown, you can share it with your next-door neighbor or with your sister-in-law from Washington, D.C. But try cutting a little piece of the dog or cat and see what a mess you make, not to mention the flack you'd get from the Humane Society.

And I don't know about all species of plants, but I can vouch for my rubber tree that it is easy to get along with it. In the month I've had it, not once has it messed up the floor or refused to move while I dusted the furniture, which you can't say about dogs and cats and hamsters.

And, unlike my cousin's German shepherd and my uncle's Doberman, my plant isn't bothered by my type of music. It likes Michael Jackson and Prince and Rick James and all my other favorites -- or at least it hasn't complained.

Without a doubt the thing I really like about plants is that you don't have to feed them. Just dash a little water and put them in the sun every once in a while and you're all set. If you give them too much water, you can tell in day or two when the plant starts to droop. And if you're watering them too little, you'll know when they start turning brown. But accidentally empty all the goldfish food into the tank, and the greedy little devils act as if the Judgment Day is coming and end up popping open from eating themselves to death.

And, from all indications, insofar as my experience can tell, you can't beat a rubber tree for its varied and versatile decorating capabilities. I'm planning to throw a little tinsel around my rubber plant and hang a few candy canes on it and have a Christmas tree.

What's more, I place it right at the edge of the sofa and dim the lights to effect a romantic atmosphere for my lady friends.

But try dressing the dog as a reindeer so he can stand in the window at Christmas or putting him in front of the fireplace to make the den look like those cozy abodes in Good Housekeeping and he'll move every time.





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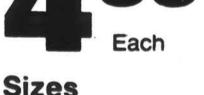
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