

# Donald Flanders Found Dead in Chicago; Senator's Brother Directed A. E. C. Unit

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CHICAGO, June 27—Dr. Donald A. Flanders, brother of Senator Ralph Flanders, Republican of Vermont, and director of the Applied Mathematics Division at Argonne National Laboratory at near-by Lemont, was found dead today in his Chicago home. He was 57 years old.

The cause of death was not determined immediately, but the police said that Dr. Flanders had been suffering from ulcers and other ailments. They speculated that he might have swallowed an overdose of a medicine prescribed for him.

They said Dr. Flanders had left a note addressed to his wife, Sarah, in which he wrote:

"I can't bear to go back to the lab. There are many decisions to make and I feel that I am not capable of making these decisions. I am worth more—in dollars—dead than alive."

The Atomic Energy Commission said Dr. Flanders had had top secret clearance at Argonne

and was not under investigation. He was senior mathematician at the A. E. C. installation from 1948 until 1956, when he was appointed head of the Applied Mathematics Division.

Dr. Flanders was born in Pawtucket, R. I. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Haverford College, Haverford, Pa., in 1922 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1927.

He was Professor of Mathematics at New York University from 1929 until 1948, taking leave of absence from 1943 to 1946 to head the computing section of the Theoretical Physics Division of the A. E. C. installation at Los Alamos, N. M.

In addition to his widow, Dr. Flanders is survived by two sons, Peter Flanders, Professor of Music at Hood College, Frederick, Md., and Stephen Flanders, who is to enter Haverford College this fall, and by two daughters, Mrs. Ellen Lindop of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. Jane Ziff of Chicago.

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