

One of Every Six Employed Persons on Government Payroll

Washington—(UPI)—One of every six employed persons in America is on a government payroll.

This statistic is one big reason why federal, state and local budgets—now so much in the news—are so high.

The latest official figures show that nearly 11 million men and women are currently engaged in defending the country, passing laws, teaching schools, delivering mail, collecting garbage or performing other tasks for which they are paid with tax dollars.

The total includes 2,600,000 in the armed forces, 2,400,000 civilian employees of federal agencies, and 5,900,000 state and local employees.

What does it cost to maintain this large force of public servants? The U. S. Department of Commerce says that

payrolls at all levels of government totalled \$40,119,000,000 in 1956. The 1958 figure hasn't been computed yet, but it will be somewhat higher because of pay raises granted during the past year.

Defense Biggest Activity

What do they all do. National defense is the biggest activity of government, requiring the services of about 35 per cent of all employees including, of course, all of those in uniform.

Education is second. Nearly 25 per cent of the composite federal state and local government payroll consists of persons who are hired to each administer, clean and otherwise service public schools from kindergarten through college.

Hospitals and health services account for about 7 per

cent of the payroll postal services 6 per cent, highway construction and maintenance, per cent. The rest are scattered among hundreds of different kinds of jobs, from providing police and fire protection to embalming bodies, blowing glass, classifying cotton and burning worn-out dollar bills.

Although the government payroll has had its ups and downs, reflecting the temporary impact of such things as wars and economy drives, the long range trend has been steadily upward.

Tremendous Payroll Increase

Since the turn of the century, non-government employment has increased 660 per cent.

The federal government has done its share toward this result. Its civilian payroll today is 12 times greater than it was in 1900 and 2½ times greater than it was at the peak of the new deal.

But in the past few years, federal employment has tended to remain stable or register a slight decline. The 2,369,000 federal civilian workers reported in the latest Civil Service Commission report compares with 2,486,000 in 1953 when the Eisenhower administration took office.

The big increase in government employment in recent years has been at the state and local levels.

On Jan. 9 1954 state and local governments had a total payroll of 4,500,000 persons. Today they have 5,900,000, an increase of nearly one-third in just five years.

Cecil B. DeMille, Film Figure, Dies

Hollywood—(UPI)—Cecil B. DeMille, 77, pioneer movie-maker and producer of many of film town's great epics, died of heart seizure at his home this morning after a week's illness.

"He died almost in his sleep," a friend said.

At his side when he died were his daughter, Cecelia, his son-in-law, Joseph Harper, and his physician, Dr. Hans Schiff.

Producer of "The Ten Commandments," and scores of other movies, DeMille was bedded last week following a heart "condition" and circulation problems, according to Dr. Schiff. "It was a case of true heart failure," he said. "It just gave up."

DeMille had been in delicate health since his return Dec. 23 from a two-week tour to New Orleans, Atlanta and New York plugging his company's most recent picture, "The Buccaneer," which was directed by another son-in-

law, Anthony Quinn.

His widow, Constance, who is considerably older than her husband, was ill and died at 5:30 a.m. when DeMille died.

Members of the family said they would seek her doctor's advice before telling Mrs. DeMille of her husband's death. They were married 56 years.

Scout Film Started

Only last week, when asked what his plans for the future were, DeMille said, "another picture or another world." He had begun work on a film titled "On My Honor," a history of America's Boy Scout movement.

Services will be conducted Friday at St. Stephens Episcopal church with private interment to follow. The family requested that contributions be made to the Hollywood Studio Club for Young Actresses, Los Angeles' Children's hospital and the American Cancer society in lieu of flowers.

Finch Elected VP Of Association

Richard V. Finch, 37, of 223 Bradford way, was elected vice president of the National Appliance and Radio Dealers association last week at the association's convention in Chicago.

Finch, proprietor of Home Appliance company at 115 East Main st. and 303 South Front st., and of stores in Ashland and Klamath Falls, also was named to a second three-year term on the association's board of directors.

He is chairman of the association's committee responsible for the Institute of Management at American university, Washington, D.C. The association is 12 years old, Finch said.

He said a number of appliances exhibited at the convention showed the influence of missile technology. He mentioned radios the size of fountain pens and portable television sets weighing only 10 pounds.



SACK TIME—Two Cuban rebel guards relax on their beds in the chapel of the La Cabana military prison at Havana, Cuba. The chapel is being used as a temporary barracks for the rebel garrison in Havana. Note sub-machine gun on floor under far bed. Castro has invited U. S. congressional critics to visit Havana with 350 foreign newsmen to see for themselves the dispensation of justice under his revolutionary regime.

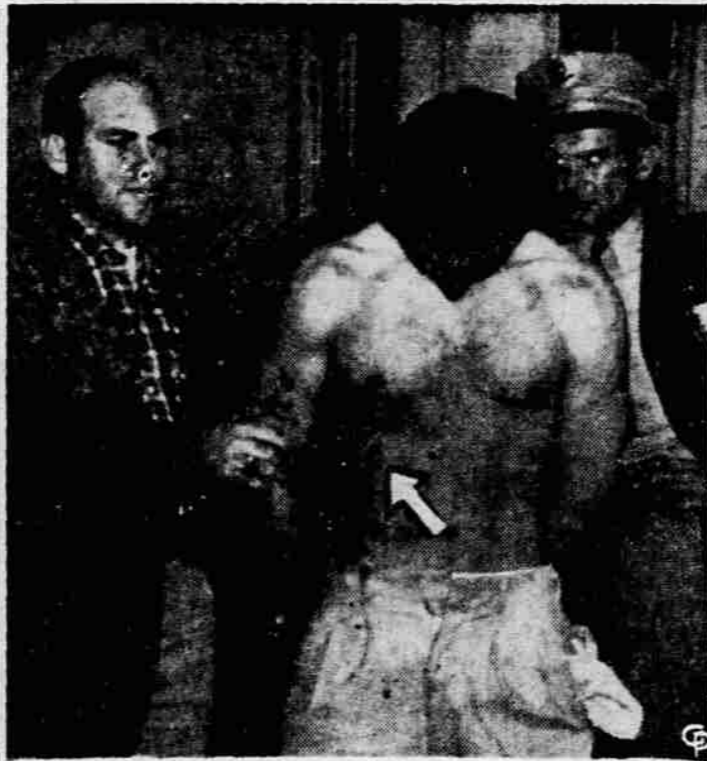
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WOUNDED IN GUN FIGHT, Charles A. Averill, 19, is taken to jail at Garden Grove, Calif. Note bullet hole (arrow) in his side. He is robbery-kidnap suspect.

Quotes From the News

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East Orange, N.J.—Poet Carl Sandburg, in an informal talk at Upsala college where he was given an honorary doctor of letters degree:

"The most important thing in acquiring an education is developing good reading habits."

Washington—Rep. Charles Porter (D-Ore.) in accepting an invitation to fly to Cuba to witness trials of Batista supporters by Fidel Castro's new government:

"I think the new Cuba government deserves a warm embrace and a little more sympathy and understanding... from this country."

Chicago—Evangelist Billy Graham, commenting on the kind of candidates needed in the 1960 elections:

"We need men offering themselves for political life who have moral guts and faith in Christ."

New York—Kings County Judge Nathan R. Sobel, in committing Mrs. Jean Iavarone to a hospital for psychiatric examination after her indictment for kidnaping the infant Lisa Rose Chionchio:

"If I credit the information in the press, this is a stupid crime, committed for the most commonplace of motives—the love of a woman for a man."



PLEADING FOR LIFE, Corporal Jose Cipriano Rodriguez hears Commandant William Galvez order him executed for slaying of two brothers at Matanzas, Cuba.

Grange News

Upper Applegate Grange

Of special interest to residents of the Applegate Valley will be the open house to be held by Upper Applegate Grange next Friday, Jan. 23, at 8 p.m., featuring Colleen Hope and her dance troupe from Medford in a presentation of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" ballet.

Ethel West and her Grange program unit members, who are sponsoring the event, are also arranging several other numbers for presentation during the evening and refreshments will be served. This will be the last of four open house programs planned by the Grange, and is open to the public without charge.

Grange members attending are reminded to bring homemade cookies or cup cakes for the refreshment hours. The program will take the place of the regular Grange meeting.

Grace N. Pearson, Publicity Chairman

SOUNDPROOF CELLS

Manchester, England—(UPI)—Prison commissioners have approved plans for soundproof cells for shrieking women in Strangeways jail here. The plans were drawn up after a run of sleepless nights for prisoners and prison officials.

News Conference Highlights

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The President also provided these other news highlights:

—The Navy Department and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are looking into the possibilities of providing public school education for at least some of the more than 5,000 children of armed forces personnel in Norfolk, Va., where the schools are closed in an effort to prevent court-ordered integration.

Would Repeal Amendment

In response to a question, Eisenhower said he would like to see the constitutional amendment limiting presidents to two terms repealed. This would not apply to him, but he said he thought Americans should have the right to choose whom they please for the presidency.

—He said he despised the prospect of economic controls to combat inflation, but that if the American people did not exercise discipline and a mounting inflation resulted, something would have to be done. He said, however, he had no specific controls in mind.

—He reported being assured Tuesday night by one of the most important Senate Democrats that Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan was told forcefully on Capitol Hill that there was no division between Congress and the Executive branch in the field of over-all foreign policy.

—As an aftermath of the

Mikoyan visit, he said the United States stood ready to explore any proposal at any time if it advanced the cause of peace. But he said this country would not accept without question a proposal by the Kremlin simply because Russian leaders insisted it was, the only avenue to peace.

—He expressed the opinion that a federal conciliation agency proposed by Sen. Johnson to help solve civil rights disputes would not be fruitful at present as a new division of government. But he added that his mind was not closed on this matter.

—In dealing with legislation passed by a heavily Democratic Congress, he said he would not hesitate to veto a bill he regarded as bad for the nation in its overall effect. He said he would do his best to approve all legislation which, in his opinion, advanced the welfare of the nation.

Regarding his meeting with Mikoyan, Eisenhower said the United States in its relations with Russia was willing to match reasonableness with reasonableness, but simply would not be pushed around.

On domestic matters, his news conference was dominated primarily by the eco-

nomies as related to the federal budget, and civil rights.

Defends His Budget

A reporter pointed out to him that critics of his budget in Congress had challenged the validity of its proposed balance and called it a "propaganda budget."

Eisenhower ticked off some complaints against his budget, such as too high, too low.

He said he was not running away from any criticism, but — and he phrased it this way — if we get down to the business of using the budget as a political football, he

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wanted all to be used that he had no intention of being a participant.

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