

Industry Starts Plan of Rewarding Extra Effort

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—Do more than the boss expects of you and in some companies you'll get an award.

Sometimes the outstanding employee gets a citation. But sometimes he gets as much as \$1,000 in cash.

Recently there has been an increase in the number of companies giving formal honor to workers who perform "beyond the line of duty," the National Industrial Conference Board reports.

The award publicly honors the employee who "contributes extra thinking, extra energy, extra courage, extra enthusiasm, which are tremendous assets to his company."

Some companies, however, have been doing it for years.

General Electric, for example, since 1923 has given 972 awards for a total cash outlay of \$275,000 mostly in defense bonds.

A typical award: "to a toolmaker for developing methods of precision bending and fabrication of wave guides for aircraft radar systems."

GE also give managerial awards from \$100 to \$300 to employees who do unusually good jobs, on a division or department basis.

The Bell Telephone System has been recognizing exceptional service even longer, since 1920.

Bronze medals, plus \$100, are given employees for saving lives or prompt courageous action in emergencies.

Silver medals and \$500, and gold medals plus \$1,000, are given to the not more than 10 employees doing the most outstanding acts or services in any one year.

Goodyear Tire and Rubber gives gold medals for the best performance in 11 different divisions. And Goodyear Boy Scout troops also can win medals.

In addition, Litchfield special awards of merit are given for exceptional achievement — sixteen times since 1928.

Seven were for saving lives, two for saving valuable property, and seven for special product development.

Armco Steel awarded 25 distinguished service medals between 1925 and 1947, usually for saving a life, but occasionally for other reasons — once to an employee for aiding civic betterment projects over many years.

Allegheny Ludlum Steel began giving merit awards in 1947.

A check for \$1,000 accompanies the medal. They honor employees whose work was of considerable monetary value to the corporation, and from one to four a year win them.

Westinghouse Electric has made 525 awards since 1937 for furnishing improvements, aiding harmonious relationships within the company, or contributing to the industry in general.

You have to be popular with your fellow workers to get a gold appreciation coin from the Delco Products division of General Motors.

Employees of American Airlines nominate fellow workers for distinguished service awards for valor and for merit.

Past recipients of RCA Victor division awards pass on new candidates. A maximum of 15 a year can win.

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Atom Blast Postponed

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The Express added that Dr. William Penney, Britain's chief atom scientist, had canceled his reservation for a return plane trip to Australia early next month. Penney came here two days ago from the first explosion in the Monte Bello Islands, off Northwest Australia.

His return reservation and similar bookings for atom expert Sir John Cockcroft and Atomic Energy Controller Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan had sparked reports—not confirmed officially — that Britain's second big blast would be going off soon.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Supply, which controls Britain's atomic energy program, said Penney had canceled his return trip for secret reasons.

Kitchen Sink Dropped, Too

TOKYO (AP)—This time they hit 'em with everything—including the kitchen sink.

The Navy said Lt. Carl B. Austin of Woodburn, Ore., a pilot aboard the aircraft carrier Princeton, recently attached a sink to a 1,000-pound bomb and dropped it on a major North Korean city.

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Membership In Red Groups Not Enough For Discharge

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Court of Appeals ruled Thursday that mere membership in an organization listed by the attorney general as subversive is insufficient for firing a government worker.

If the worker is to be fired, the court held, there must be in addition to such membership a finding of reasonable grounds for disloyalty.

The court ruled in a case involving a decorated, legless World War I veteran, James Kutcher of Newark, N. J. It held that Carl H. Gray, administrator of veterans affairs, failed to make a finding of reasonable grounds for disloyalty in firing Kutcher.

The court set aside an order removing Kutcher from the VA payroll, but left stand an order suspending him pending determination by Gray of the ultimate issue as to whether on all the evidence reasonable grounds exist for belief that Kutcher is disloyal to the government of the United States.

Kutcher admitted membership in the Socialist Worker Party, generally described as the Trotsky wing of the Communist Party. This organization has been described by the attorney general as seeking "to alter the form of the government of the United States by unconstitutional means."

Kutcher lost both his legs while serving as an infantryman in Italy in 1943.

The court's decision, written by Judge James M. Proctor, was unanimous.

Judge Proctor said the executive order setting up the government's loyalty program "makes loyalty the test."

"We do not mean to suggest that membership in and activities connected with a designated organization may not, in the circumstances of a case, justify belief in the loyalty of an employee," Judge Proctor wrote.

"Obviously, such evidence might fairly support that conclusion, and so require an employee's removal. Yet in each instance it rests with the head of the department or agency to make the final and controlling determination. In this case, involving Kutcher's loyalty, the vital question still awaits the administrator's decision."

The opinion said that Gray's decision firing Kutcher "was not based upon any declared belief in Kutcher's disloyalty, but rested solely upon the ground of Kutcher's membership in the Socialist Workers Party. . . ."

A. A. Milne Reported Ill

EAST GRINSTEAD, Eng. (AP)—A. A. Milne, 70-year-old author, poet and playwright was reported seriously ill in a hospital here today following a stroke.

Milne is best known for his series of children's books about his son, Christopher Robin—When We Were Very Young, Winnie-the-Pooh, The House at Pooh Corner and Now We Are Six.

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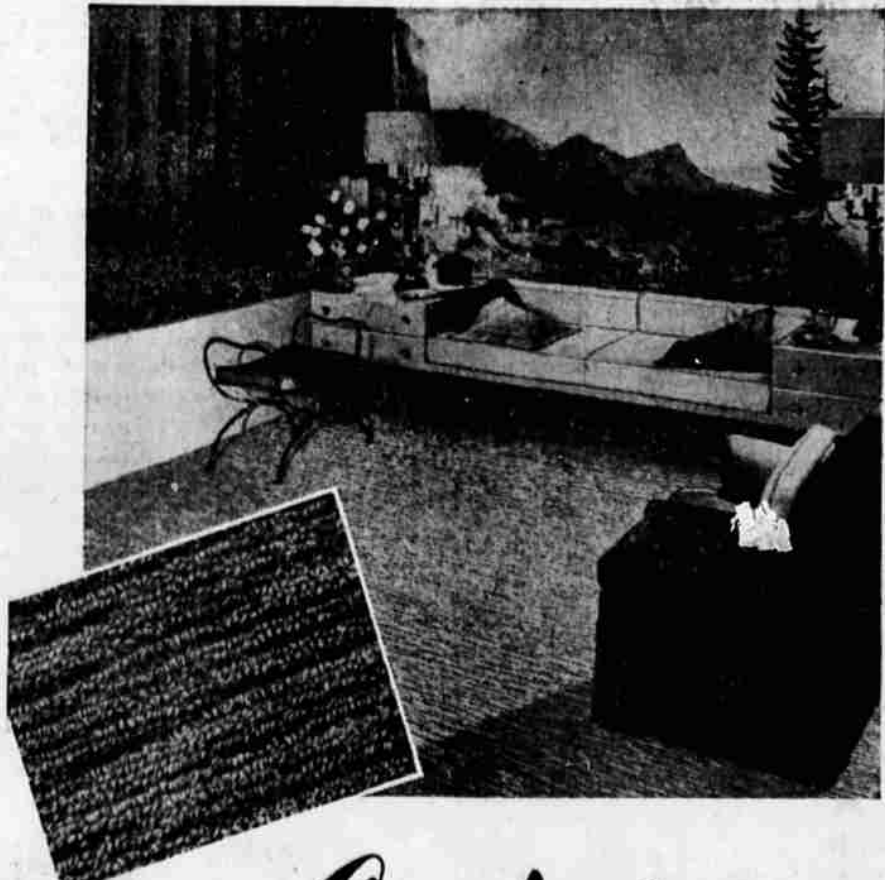
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