

Eisenhower Administration Reveals Subversives' Data

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Eisenhower administration Monday raised to 1,743 its official count of federal workers fired or resigned with subversive data in their files. The figure was up 1,314 since last March.

The number was reported by the Civil Service Commission as of last June 30 and covered the period since President Eisenhower's new security program went into effect May 28, 1953.

The count has become a hot political issue.

Vice President Nixon has repeatedly said the administration has removed "Communists, fellow travelers and security risks" from the government payroll, "not by the hundreds but by the thousands."

Democratic National Chairman Stephen A. Mitchell has challenged Nixon to name a single Communist let out under the program. Mitchell contended Nixon is lumping real subversives with such persons as loose talkers and drunks.

The new tabulation listed the 1,743 "separations" as cases in which the employees' services were "terminated" or who re-

signed, with their files containing "information indicating, in varying degrees, subversive activities, subversive associations, or membership in subversive organizations."

Altogether, the new tabulation showed 2,611 cases of "termination for information under 8 (A)." That reference was to the section of the Eisenhower security program covering such matters as sex perversion, felonies and misdemeanors, and all other types of derogatory material, along with information relating to subversion.

Under the same "8 (A)" heading 4,315 were reported as having resigned before determination of their cases.

That total of 6,929 separations compares with 2,486 reported last March.

The first figures put out in tabular form last March 1 showed only 2,427 off the government payroll under the subversive program, 363 of them under the subversive section. The table, however, did not include Defense Department figures, which came in a couple of weeks later.

The Eisenhower security program substituted for one that had been in effect under the Truman administration. Unlike the previous Truman program, the new one made no distinction between disloyalty to the government and potential danger arising from talkativeness, drunkenness or inability to blackmail.

Voters Hear Candidates

CORVALLIS (AP) — Gov. Paul Patterson, who is campaigning for re-election, and his Democratic opponent, Joseph K. Carson Jr., told the Corvallis League of Women Voters Saturday what they thought about a sales tax proposal.

It was the first time the two candidates have appeared on the same platform at the same time.

Carson declared he was opposed to a sales tax under any condition.

Patterson said he would not favor a sales tax "until all other forms of taxation have been fully explored. When the needs of the state are such as to require it, I will have the courage to submit it to the people," he said.

Carson said the state was dependent upon the development of its power resources for industrial expansion. He criticized the Republican administration's "partnership" program.

Patterson said he had been working on a regional power program with the governors of other Western states and that he had been making "a sincere effort to put first things first."

"We want dams by whomever will build them," Patterson added.

Later in the day Carson said in a television talk at Portland: "While the governor has remained silent on the McKay partnership plan, we have a right to assume he is for it."

Federal Trade Commission Studies Coffee Complaints

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission Monday charged the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange has unlawfully restrained international trade in coffee and thereby "promoted substantial increases" in prices.

The complaint named the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, Inc., four of its officers and eight

of its members, and also the New York Coffee and Sugar Clearing Assn., Inc.

The FTC said, in announcing the complaint, that it was a followup to the economic study of the coffee market made by FTC last spring.

In its report on this study, the FTC said last July that the sharp

increases in coffee prices during 1953 and early 1954 "cannot be explained in terms of the competitive laws of supply and demand."

A complaint issued by the FTC is answerable before the commission itself. In the normal course, a hearing is held and the commission then makes a decision as to whether the charges have been

substantiated.

If it decides the charges are true, the commission can order a defendant to cease the alleged illegal practices.

The complaint in this case charges that there "was agreement, understanding and planned common course of action" among

the exchange, its members and the clearing association "to restrict and restrain" contracts for the trading in coffee for future delivery, and also the actual buying and selling of coffee itself.



Communists' Charge Denied

PARIS (AP) — Jean Dides, the former police inspector whose suspension touched off an inquiry into espionage in the French Defense Council, denied Monday he ever had any connection with U. S. intelligence services.

Communist and pro-Communist newspapers have hinted recently that leaks in the council benefited American spy networks. However, one of the key figures in the case, Andre Baranes, has admitted giving defense secrets to the French Communist Party.

Questioned about the American angle, Dides told reporters on leaving an official interrogation Monday morning there was nothing to the stories in the Communist press.

He had been questioned more than three hours by Maj. Jean de Ressegui, who is investigating the case as a sort of one-man grand jury for a military tribunal.

The case came to public attention last month when French counterintelligence agents found Dides carrying reports on secret sessions of the defense council. These were later traced to Baranes, a pro-Communist newsman who said he got his information from Roger Labrusse and Rene Turpin, members of the staff of Jean Mons, secretary general to the council.

Senator Asks FHA Firings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Capehart (R-Ind) asked President Eisenhower Monday to fire employees of the Federal Housing Administration who have any lingering loyalty to Clyde L. Powell, ousted former chief of the agency's rental housing section.

Capehart, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said in a letter to Eisenhower he was "shocked" at reports that some FHA employees are convinced that Powell's discharge last April was inspired solely by political considerations.

Powell three times has invoked the Fifth Amendment against possible self-incrimination in his refusal to testify in the Banking committee's investigation of irregularities in federal housing programs.

Capehart told Eisenhower in a letter made available by the senator: "Mr. President, I am disturbed by the moral fibre of government employees who still hold admiration for Mr. Powell. No wonder your administration is having so much trouble clearing up the mess. I fear the whole rental division of FHA needs renovating and possibly a large percentage of those will have to be removed.

"If legislation is required to do so, I should be pleased to introduce such legislation."

Strike Closes Ford Plant

WINDSOR, Ont. (AP) — A strike by 5,700 workers shut down the Ford Motor Company plant here Monday as union and company officials vowed they would not budge in a dispute over a new contract.

The CIO United Automobile Workers Union called members off the job Sunday night, a few hours after three days of contract talks broke down.

At the strike deadline about 700 pickets converged on the plant, the biggest industry in this motor city of 120,000 across the Detroit River from the Michigan metropolis. There was no trouble.

The walkout looked like a long one. Ontario Labor Minister Charles Daley, unsuccessful union-company-government key man in the negotiations, described the situation as "most hopeless."

The union is demanding a 4-cent hourly wage increase, a company-paid health plan, seven instead of six paid holidays yearly, 3-week vacations with pay for 15-year employees and \$1,000 life insurance for pensioners.



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