

## 2 Committees Press Civil Service for Security Firing Data

By L. Edgar Price

The Civil Service Commission yesterday was under heavy pressure from two congressional committees for detailed information—repeatedly denied to the press on administration-released figures on the number of persons dropped from the Government payroll under the new personnel security program.

In a letter to CSC Chairman Philip Young, the House Un-American Activities Committee requested a breakdown by agency of the 1,456 persons the White House says were fired or forced to resign in the May 27-September 30 period in 1953. As this data is readily available, the committee asked for a reply by tomorrow.

The House Civil Service Committee went further, but its chances of getting what it wants probably are much slimmer.

### Breakdown Sought.

This group requested a complete breakdown by cause of the 2,300 employees separated from May 27, when the program started, to December 31. It wants to know how many of these persons were Communists or were suspected of subversive associations.

President Eisenhower told a press conference last month that he did not think such a breakdown would be made, but said the decision was not final. Last Thursday, Attorney General Brownell, who is credited with setting up the security system, parried questions by newsmen on this point and suggested that the CSC be queried. The CSC has maintained that the agencies themselves would have to provide such statistics.

Four agencies have announced their share of the 1,456 figure—the Post Office, Navy and State Departments and the Veterans Administration. The total of the four amounts to about 760.

### Details to Be Asked.

The Un-American Activities Committee is primarily interested in the number of subversives dismissed. It plans, however, to put the question to each agency when it gets the preliminary information from the CSC.

The administration has been under fire for failing to distinguish between suitability dismissals (drunks, sex deviates, unreliable liars, immoral persons and the like) and loyalty cases.

Although Government officials concede most persons confuse "security" and "loyalty," they have not budged in their refusal to separate the categories in public announcements.

Republican leaders, including Senator McCarthy, of Wisconsin, and Gov. Dewey, of New York, have implied that most of the dismissals involved the question of Communist associations or disloyalty. Others, including Gen. Eisenhower, have mentioned the security dismissals in the same breath with a discussion of the Communists-in-Government issues.

### Survey Is Cited.

One Republican member of the House Civil Service Committee—Representative St. George, of New York—has said that she has been reliably informed that not more than 10 per cent of the 1,456 cases involved the question of loyalty.

In a recent survey, The Star disclosed that some persons included in the 1,456 total had left the Government before the new program started while others had resigned voluntarily or had been released in routine reductions-in-force without any knowledge of derogatory information against them.

### 'This Week' Feature

The regular feature, "Everybody's Etiquette," which appears on page 29 of today's issue of This Week, was written by Admiral W. H. P. Blandy shortly before his death January 12. The forms of the magazine already had closed when news of his death was received.



NAVY'S TARGET SUB—New London, Conn.—Crewmen work on the deck of the submarine T-1 as she pulls away from the dock at the sub base. The T-1 holds within her 131 feet the same general machinery and equipment as the Guppy submarines more than twice her length, and displaces 250 tons to the conventional submarine's 1,500 tons. Her job is to work with the anti-submarine forces as a target for them, and also an experimental vessel to try out the Navy's latest ideas.

## 131-Foot Sub, Navy's Tiniest, Turns Up New Combat Ideas

By the Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 23.—The Navy's giant atom-powered submarine Nautilus got the fanfare this week, but a tiny sub that doesn't even rate a name went quietly ahead with an unheralded job that may prove as vital to the Nation's defense.

Moored at the Navy's New London (Conn.) submarine base, the little T-1 is dwarfed by her big sisters of the fleet.

The T stands for target, but it could as well mean tiny for she is a midjet among giants, the Providence Journal says. Like her famous big sister—the newly launched Nautilus—the T-1 is a product of the Electric Boat Co. Division of General Dynamics Corp., Groton, Conn.

**Skipper From Hyattsville, Md.**  
The skipper of the T-1, Lt. Joseph M. Snyder, Jr., of Hyattsville, Md., explains the little boat's job:

"We are to work with the anti-submarine forces as a target for them, but we are also an experimental vessel to try out some ideas the Navy has," he says. "Some other countries have had small submarines, but we didn't. The Navy wants to see how a small submarine operates."

The T-1 has a carefully selected crew of 14 enlisted men and two officers. They have a mighty important task.

While the submarine service works with the anti-submarine forces in developing techniques and equipment for detecting underwater craft, it pushes along with its own devices and methods for avoiding detection.

Perhaps a small submarine capable of doing much that the big conventional sub does would be very much more difficult to detect. The Navy wants to find out.

### Quieter Than Big Subs.

The T-1 holds within her 131 feet of length the same general machinery and equipment as the Guppy submarines more than twice her length. She displaces 250 tons, the conventional submarine 1,500.

She is more crowded and more compact than the larger boats, but each man on board has a comfortable bunk, the food is of the traditional high standard

for which the submarine service is noted, and she even goes her bigger counterparts one better—she is quieter.

The designers and builders saw to it that she is quieter, for the electronic ears of the submarine hunters on the surface above are always listening. A needless sound might give away her position.

Another major difference in the little T-1 is the fact that much of her equipment was ordered "right off the shelf."

The boat's executive officer, Lt. (j.g.) John L. Hoffer of Kingston, R. I., explains that this means the Navy tried to see how many components of the craft could be ordered from standard stocks of the nation's manufacturers.

The T-1 has two diesel engines, but they weren't built to Navy specifications. They were ordered "right off the shelf" of a diesel manufacturer. Identical engines might be seen powering sawmill machinery in the Pacific Northwest.

Underwater the T-1 must, of course, rely on storage batteries for power, since her diesels can operate only as long as she stays close enough to the surface to draw air for them through the snorkel tube she thrusts above the waves.

In the conventional submarine the motors used for underwater travel below snorkel depth are powered by massive battery cells set along the keel.

**Uses Simple Batteries.**  
But the batteries that run the motors of the T-1 are the same as those which operate the fork-lift trucks in factories or run the nimble little electric trucks hauling baggage wagons at railroad terminals.

What does this emphasis on "off-the-shelf" procurement mean?

It means that if circumstances should require the Navy to expend its submarine force in a hurry, every piece of equipment which could be taken from existing production lines would mean a tremendous saving in time, money and manpower which otherwise would have to be devoted to designing, engineering and tooling up in factories.

There must be conservation of manpower in such a small vessel with a crew of such limited size. The crew of the

T-1 can dive the boat with only half the number of men required to take the bigger guppy submarine under.

With only two officers aboard, many of the duties ordinarily given officers are carried out by the enlisted men, a truly select group chosen by Lt. Snyder and Hoffer from the men who volunteered as the vessel was preparing to enter service last October.

The officers feel sure that in a time of emergency and rapid buildup of the Navy, each of these petty officers would be a candidate for a commission.

For all her limited and crowded interior, there are few compromises with habitability in the T-1 and the chow!

The cook—who doubles as lookout on the bridge—might come off watch waterlogged, but soon he'll have pork chops frying, and he can surround them with potatoes, diced carrots, applesauce and an onion-and-cucumber salad, with ice cream and cake for dessert.

### Lt. Snyder Attended D. C.-Maryland Schools

Lt. Snyder, 31, was born in Salisbury, Md. He was graduated from McKinley High School in Washington and then went to the University of Maryland.

Transferring to the Naval Academy, he was graduated in 1944 under the war-time speeded up program, but actually was a

## Benson Aide Urges Canners to Develop Overseas Markets

By the Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 23.—Assistant Secretary of Agriculture John H. Davis advised the Nation's food canning industry today to look "beyond our borders" for needed new markets.

Mr. Davis told the annual convention of the National Canners Association: "We have learned a great deal about the job of production. . . . But we have not kept pace in finding new and expanded markets for all the products we have perfected."

Mr. Davis added that the Agriculture Department is "doing everything possible to urge European countries, particularly Great Britain, to open up their markets to United States canned fruits."

### Mrs. Hobby Is Speaker.

Another speaker, Welfare Secretary Hobby, told the canners that her department is trying to shorten the time it takes the Government to set food-packing standards.

"As they are now conducted, food standards hearings do sometimes result in substantial expense to individual firms, as well as costly delay in getting the answers to complete technical questions," she said.

"For our mutual benefit, we are now trying to reduce both the costs and the delays in these hearings."

The talks by Mrs. Hobby and Mr. Davis opened the canners' five-day convention.

### Willkie's Brother Elected.

In an election this morning, E. E. Willkie of Bellingham, Wash., was chosen as new president of the association. He succeeds Louis Ratzesberger, Jr., of Hoopston, Ill.

Mr. Willkie, head of Pacific American Fisheries, Inc., is a brother of the late Wendell Willkie, Republican candidate for President in 1940.

George B. Morrill, Jr., of Portland, Me., was named vice president and Carlos Campbell of Washington, D. C., was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

## Jewish Women Indorse Public Works Program

Support for the proposed District public works program has been voted by the board of directors of the Washington section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

In an announcement after the action, Mrs. Arthur Levy, president of the section, said the entire economic stability of the city is seriously threatened unless both Congress and citizens cooperate to put the program into effect.

member of the class of 1945. His father, until his death last year, lived in Hyattsville.

Lt. Snyder's first assignment was on the Destroyer Longshaw, which was assigned to a fast carrier force in the Pacific. He took part in various air strikes while with this force.

## The Federal Spotlight

## House Group Votes Increase In Aides' Retirement Benefits

By Joseph Young

The House Civil Service Committee has approved legislation that would increase the retirement benefits of legislative employees. The committee also voted to provide annuity benefits for widows of members of Congress who die in office.

## COMMERCE—Top Commerce Department officials brand as "absolutely untrue" the persistent reports that Secretary of Commerce Weeks will resign soon.

They say that Mr. Weeks definitely will continue in his post.

## CAPITAL ROUNDUP—The National Association of Postal Supervisors will hold its executive committee meeting February 6-10 in the Continental Hotel.

... The Interior Department will soon reorganize its Bureau of

## Post Office Handles Air Mail Exclusively

FRANKFURT.—The first airmail-only post office in West Germany has been opened at Rhein-Main Airport, Frankfurt. It can handle 2 million pieces of mail a day in addition to parcel post. At present some 325,000 airmail letters and 500 airmail packages are being handled daily.

## Reader's Guide

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This edition also contains This Week Magazine of 32 pages, a 10-page comic section and 20 pages of rotogravure.

## 10 Men Reported Killed As Scaffolding Collapses

By the Associated Press

LABRIEVILLE, Quebec, Jan. 23.—Ten men were reported killed today in a construction accident on the Bersimis River power project. The accident occurred at Lac Casse, a few miles north of this project-base community.

Reports said the men were killed when a scaffolding collapsed. Details were lacking pending full reports from the rugged bush area.

The men were employed by the Angus Robertson Construction Co. of Montreal. Between 2,000 and 3,000 men, employed by various firms, have been working on the project about 175 miles east of Quebec City.

Eight of the men were reported to have been killed instantly. Two died later. No names of the victims have been released.

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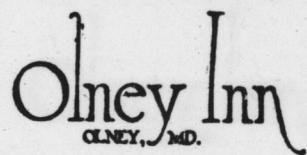


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## The Weather Here and Over the Nation

District and vicinity—Considerable cloudiness and rising temperatures with high near 38 today. Cloudy and warmer to night with some rain likely to night or tomorrow.

Maryland and Virginia—Mostly cloudy with rising temperatures, high in the 30s. Tonight, cloudy and warmer with some rain

likely tonight or tomorrow.

Wind—Northeast and east, 10 m.p.h.

River Report.

Potomac River cloudy at Harpers Ferry and cloudy at Great Falls; Shenandoah cloudy at Harpers Ferry.

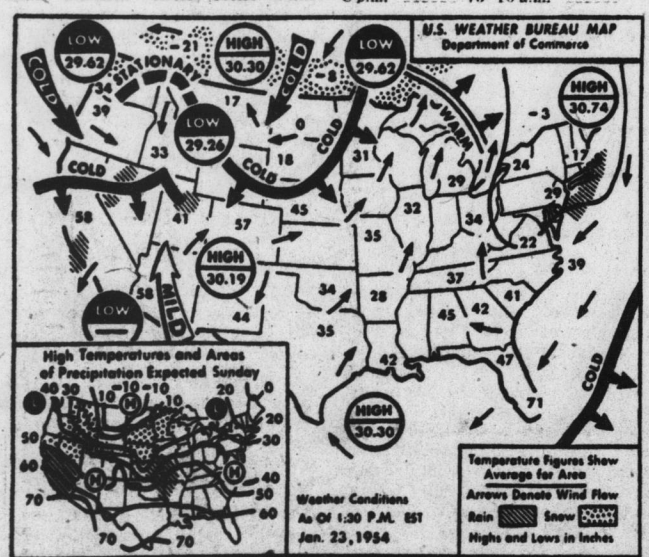
Humidity.

(Readings Washington National Airport.)

Yesterday: Pct. Today: Pct.

Noon 60 8 a.m. 75

8 p.m. 75 10 a.m.



Moderating temperatures are forecast East of the Mississippi River today. A return to colder weather is due for the Plains States and Upper Mississippi Valley region. Snow is forecast for Eastern Lake Ontario, Western Lakes region, Central Plains, and Northern Rockies. Showers are likely along the Pacific Coast, with occasional rain due over the interior sections.

—AP Wirephoto, Map.

### Record Temperatures This Year.

Highest, 89, on January 1 and 20.

Lowest, 13, on January 23.

High and Low of Last 24 Hours.

High, 37, at 4:30 p.m., January 23.

Low, 14, at 8 a.m., January 23.

### Tide Tables.

(Furnished by United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

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