

760 WAR DEPT. EMPLOYEES OUT; NAVY OUSTS 38

State Dept. Fails to Make Report

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Washington, July 17—Six government departments reported to congress today that they had discharged more than 800 employes on findings of disloyalty in a nine month period ending last March 31. The report did not name those who were fired.
The war department led in this pay roll purge of communists and subversives with approximately 700 discharges, all were civilian employes. The report did not cover military personnel.
The navy reported that it had discharged 28 disloyal civilians, 27 of them communists.

State Dept. Missing
Removals in the four other departments were reported as follows: agriculture, 2; commerce, 2; labor, 2; veterans administration, 2. Chairman Ross (R., Kan.) of the house civil service committee, to whom the report was made by the civil service commission, noted that the state department was absent from the list of those reporting.

Early last June Ross asked the civil service commission to canvass the executive departments and agencies for statistics on the removal of federal employes for loyalty reasons. His committee at the time was considering the bill setting up a loyalty board with power to remove subversives. The bill passed the house early this week by an overwhelming majority.

More to Report
The civil service commission reported 57 agencies had been requested to furnish the information and that 44 had responded. It said the 13 missing agencies were "expected to report within the next few days."

Thirty-eight agencies stated they had found no employes ineligible for employment for loyalty reasons. These included the White House, justice, interior, justice, and treasury departments; national labor relations board, federal communications commission, Tennessee Valley authority, federal works agency, and maritime commission.

Remarks that reports of communist sympathizers in some of these agencies have been frequent. Ross said the report furnished evidence of the need for a loyalty board to conduct investigations and order removals.

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"The committee will await with great interest the report from the 13 agencies who have not yet replied," he said, "especially the state department which recently announced that secretary Marshall had discharged 30 disloyal employes. The report, however, indicates that an effort has been made to deal with a problem that should have been attended to years ago."
The war department gave statistics for only one army area, reporting that 100 employes had been found disloyal and fired. Multiplying this figure by four, giving a total of 700, would give "a reasonably accurate" overall figure, army intelligence stated.

The six departments reported that 29 job applicants had been found to be disloyal and were refused employment in the same period.

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