

INVESTIGATOR ADMITS

No Reds Found
In State Dept.

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 WASHINGTON—The public has been grossly misled about the infiltration of subversives into the government. The best witness to this fact is none other than W. Scott McLeod, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's personal ambassador to the State Department.

According to testimony before a Congressional committee, McLeod has failed to find any Communists lurking anywhere in the State Department, despite twelve months of untiring effort.

To date, McLeod has caused a grand total of just eleven persons to be dropped from the payroll, not as Communists or proved subversives, but for "loyalty reasons."

Of these eleven cases, according to McLeod's own report, testimony, seven were initiated by the Security Officers of Secretary of State Dean G. Acheson, and merely completed by McLeod's office. Thus McLeod's personal score stands at: Communists smoked out, 0; suspected dangerous thinkers abolished, 4.

Members of the President's cabinet and personal staff, officials of the Republican National Committee, and conspicuous figures in the party like Gov. Dewey and Sen. McCarthy, have repeatedly claimed that the vast majority of the 2,000 people dropped from the government as "security risks" were "subversives," "spies and traitors" or just plain "Communists."

A breakdown of the Board of Security Fringe that brands the past administration claims as strictly legendary was reluctantly furnished by McLeod to a closed meeting of a sub-committee of the House Appropriations Committee. The circumstances were interesting in themselves.

The other witness who appeared with McLeod was Under Secretary of State W. Bedell Smith. The sub-committee began by asking Smith how many active Communists had been uncovered by the State Department. He replied that no Communists had been found.

In his downright way, Smith added that there had never been any Communists in the Department, as far as he knew, except for Alger Hiss and one other minor official fired long ago.

Smith then took the stand. The Democratic members of the subcommittee, John J. Rooney of New York and Prince H. Preston Jr. of Georgia, asked him about State Department security fringes. McLeod replied that a grand total of 334 security fringes had not been achieved by his hand work.

Air Force Plans To Open 13 Bases
 WASHINGTON (AP)—An Air Force plan to open 13 bases underlines the Eisenhower administration's new defense concept that leans heavily on air power and atomic weapons.

The Air Force announced yesterday it will build five new bases and reopen eight others in the Midwest, Far West, and the South in the year that starts July 1.

The bases are needed, said the Air Force, to support expansion to 137 wings.

Showdown Near In Fight For New York Central
 NEW YORK—The chips are down in Robert R. Young's bid for control of the New York Central Railroad.

The Central's 13-man Board of Directors meets in the railroad's massive building at 400 Park Avenue.

Overshadowing all other business will be Young's demand that he and Allan P. Kirby, his old-time financial ally, be seated as directors and that Young be named board chairman.

If these demands are refused, according to a reliable source who asked not to be named publicly, Young will come to New York tomorrow and unleash a proxy fight for control of the Central. Young would spend the directorship unless he is made chairman as well, the source said.

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