

GE Launches Red Purge Plan

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP)—The giant General Electric Co. today launched a plan to purge any Communists among its 230,000 employees, many of them key hands in the nation's defense effort.

As far as could be determined, it was the most sweeping loyalty cleanup ever inaugurated in a big private American industrial firm.

The company said the government's security procedures "are not fully adequate in the present condition of world affairs."

General Electric has been a recent target of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) who claimed evidence of past security laxity and present Red activity in a few of GE's 131 plants.

Besides ridding itself of Communists, GE said it plans to suspend for 90 days—but with pay—any employee who refuses to answer questions in public hearings of McCarthy's Senate permanent investigations subcommittee, or any other "competent government authority." By public hearings, GE said, it meant hearings open to press and public, with the hearing record available to GE.

GE appealed to the government or Congress to designate some appeals agency to pass on the loyalty of suspended employees, so they may either be reinstated or fired.

In Washington, McCarthy took note of GE's planned purge and said the company "certainly should be complimented."

"In the event of a sudden national crisis," GE's president, R. J. Cordiner, said in a statement, "practically all company plants would become essential instruments of national defense."

"Good as the present government security program is in the protection of classified information, the company believes that these procedures are not fully adequate in the present condition of world affairs."

The company's defense work is concentrated among 69,000 workers in 14 major plants. GE said

Science Claims Smoking Brings Lung Cancer

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP)—Scientific reports declaring without qualification that cigarette smoking can cause lung cancer were presented to a medical symposium here yesterday.

There have been previous reports suggesting a relationship. Dr. Alton Ochsner, head of surgery at Tulane University Medical School, New Orleans, said experiments now have shown there is "a cancer-producing factor in tar derived from smoking of cigarettes."

He added there is a "possibility that the male population of the United States will be decimated by cancer of the lung in another 50 years if cigarette smoking increases as it has in the past, unless some steps are taken to remove the cancer-producing factor in tobacco."

However, in New Haven, Conn., E. Cuyler Hammon, Yale professor of biometry statistical studies of human life, declared:

Laboratory evidence "gives no positive proof that cigarette smoking causes lung cancer, but it is highly suggestive."

about eight per cent of these are represented by the United Electrical Workers Union which was kicked out of the CIO four years ago on grounds it was Communist dominated.

Millions Storm NYC Newsstands To Buy Papers

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP)—Fact-finders set up shop today in the wake of New York's newspaper strike, as happy millions stormed bulging newsstands.

Afternoon newspapers hit the streets for the first time since Nov. 28, when a strike of AFL photoengravers paralyzed the city's six biggest newspapers. The walkout ended yesterday.

A new fact-finding system, unique in the city's newspaper industry, was being closely watched in the hope it might set a pattern for future stability.

Federal Mediator Walter A. Maggilo, an ace government peacemaker, hammered out a compromise strike settlement with the help of two aides.

A feature of the fact-finding formula is that it leaves the engravers free to resume the strike if they are not satisfied with the decision.

2d Student Recital Set for Tomorrow

A concert featuring a variety of music literature and mediums of performance in the second student recital will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. tomorrow in 117 Carnegie Hall.

The free and informal program is open to all students, who may wear either formal or casual clothes.

Water Color Exhibit

Twenty-two paintings from the Michigan Water Color Society are currently on exhibition at the Pattee Library. The exhibit will close tomorrow.

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Clark Relieved of Post

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 9 (AP)—The State Department suspended Chief Justice William Clark today for insubordination and named an associate justice to replace him as head of the U.S. court system in Germany.

Clark called State Department employees "cookie pushers" upon notification of the suspension and said he would ignore it, but declined comment when he learned later that Associate Justice Carl W. Fulghum had been appointed to preside over the three-judge U.S. Appeals Court.

It was round two in a transatlantic fight that opened last month.

The U.S. High Commission, the State Department's arm in West Germany, announced Fulghum will take over Clark's duties immediately.

Under Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith cabled Clark, a wealthy, 62-year-old jurist from Princeton, N.J., that he was being suspended for insubordination after a directive to return to the United States by Dec. 7 for consultations.

Clark had been advised Nov. 20 he would be dismissed at the expiration of his term Jan. 8, but said he would ignore that order on the grounds judges can be removed only for cause. He said a Washington explanation that he was being released for economy reasons was ridiculous and he believed his criticism of High Commission policies was the cause.

Art Exhibit to Close

The exhibition of paintings by 17 members of the art faculty now on display in the Mineral Industries art gallery will close at noon Saturday. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Barons' Sing Chairman

William Hartman, first semester mechanical engineering student, has been named chairman of a sing to be sponsored by the Barons, Nittany-Pollock social organization.



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