Editorial

THIS IS SECURITY?

"All that we learn from history is that nations learn nothing from history."

— G. W. F. Hegel

The following interchange took place at the Nuremberg trials among Reich Minister Albert Speer, a defendant, and Prosecutor Robert Jackson. Speer explained that Hitler's regime suffered irreparable delay in its atomic research:

Speer: "... because unfortunately our best experts had gone to America."

Jackson: "The policy of driving people out who didn't agree with Germany hasn't produced very good dividends, has it?"

Speer: "That, as far as we were concerned, had a very decisive advantage, particularly in this sector."

How would you like a government job? You're a scientist or engineer, not too long out of the Institute. You've probably got a wife, and perhaps a few kids to care for. You've an opportunity to do some vital governmental research. Twelve years ago a man named Oppenheimer was just about where you are now..."

Two weeks ago the New York Times reported that Doctor J. Robert Oppenheimer, who directed the building of the first atomic bomb, had been cited as a "security risk", and denied access to classified atomic data. The story went on to tell that Doctor Oppenheimer is now fighting charges against his "veracity, conduct, and... loyalty" before a Personnel Security panel of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Doctor Oppenheimer's suspension comes as a blow to American scientists. More shocking, however, are the grounds for that suspension. The warmed-over charge of Oppenheimer's pre-war pro-Communism association was well known when he was cleared for work in 1943, and reviewed again in 1947 for his AEC job. If those charges carried no weight then, why are they now exhumed from the boneyard and served up again? Windows were broken, irreparable delay was cited, and a government job was lost..."

...in this case, the government has done its level best to discourage top-level experts in any field working for Uncle Sam. Where conformity is valued higher than originality, no competent researcher can afford to work. He won't be missed... much.

We expect that a few weeks the Personnel Security Board will confirm Doctor Oppenheimer's new "security risk" status, and all true top scientific talent will be lost. America will rejoice that another "liberal" has been exposed and ruined. And why shall we say that the job is now best done in the Kremlin?"

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1954

This summer formal won't stain or wrinkle!

WITH EXCLUSIVE "STAIN SHY" FINISH

Holds its press even after evening "Stain Shy" finish resists stains, repels most liquids. 26.55

Monday Blue Dress
Treasurer, 12.50
Commissioned and
The Sweats, 7.30 to 11.00

See your Local AFTER SIX Dealer

A CAMPUS-TO-CAREER CASE HISTORY

"Training can really be interesting," I found out when I joined A.T.&T.'s Long Lines Department after getting my B.A. at Cincinnati and my M.A. at Michigan '52. Long Lines is the organization specializing in Long Distance Communication. I was put in the training program, and there wasn't a dull minute."

"For instance, one of my jobs in the Traffic Department was estimating the exact number of calls that would be placed in a city on Christmas Day. My estimate was off by only 68 calls!"

"Then in the Plant Department, I made a study of damage done to a certain cable. Found out that the most damage occurred in an area used by hunters. Some special public relations work made the hunters help improve that situation."

And in the Commercial Department, I helped analyze the communication problems of one of the largest textile companies—it had widespread offices and plants. The recommendations made are now in use.

"The variety in my training has carried me over to six regular jobs here in Cincinnati. My job is to see that good service is maintained for private line customers—pipeline and power companies, theater TV and the like. Every day is different."

"As far as I am concerned, I've found my career."

"Like so many college people who have joined the Bell System, I have a job I enjoy. There are also job opportunities with other Bell Telephone Companies, the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Western Electric and pandemic Corporation. This is a good time to see your Placement Office for full details."

---

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM