

# Article Criticizes 'Blandness' of DIA

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Blood pressure readings at the hush-hush Defense Intelligence Agency will zoom over the danger mark next week, when a most unflattering article about the Pentagon's cloak-and-dagger operation hits newsstands.

The story, due out in the July issue of The Washington Monthly, will hurt all the more because it's by Patrick J. McGarvey, identified as an ex-CIA and ex-DIA intelligence officer.

McGarvey claims the intelligence unit isn't completely trusted by either military or civilians because of its policy of "compromise and of blandness, of pleasing everybody and therefore informing or edifying nobody."

McGarvey, now associate editor of Government Executive magazine, says that the military short-tour assignment system is hard on officers who are supposed to run the

agency. He says many of the military men come out suffering with bureaucratic shell shock, because they sometimes must make reports that don't jibe with what their "parent" service wants to hear, a frequent complaint in other agencies.

Although the magazine probably would be delighted to give a DIA official equal time to answer the charges, nobody is likely to ask for it. DIA, like its sister silent services, has learned to grimace and bear it.

**Retiree Raise:** The raise effective Aug. 1 for retirees and survivors will be 5.6 per cent. That's official. Early editions of Sunday's paper incorrectly said it would be 5.8 per cent.

The 5.6 per cent boost will show up in checks mailed for September delivery to 900,000 retirees. Eligible workers who retire by July 31 also will get the annuity bonus.

**Dan Jaspán** of the Postal Supervisors says that many people are confused over the date they can retire and get the bonus. July 31 is a flat cut-off; workers leaving later won't get any part of the 5.6 per cent.

In pending disability retirement cases, Civil Service Commission says applicants may

ask the agency to place them on leave without pay "from and including Aug. 1" to qualify for the annuity increase.

"If the disability claim is disallowed," CSC says, "sick or annual leave with pay may be substituted retroactively for the leave without pay. If the claim is allowed, the accumulated annual leave will be payable in a lump sum. Sick leave will be allowed in the computation of the annuity rate."

**Art Show:** Post Office today officially opens an exhibit of paintings by New York postal workers. The show, open to the public, is in the third-floor reception room at the Department's 12th Street and Pennsylvania Ave. NW, headquarters.

**Civil Aeronautics Board** has come up with a minority-group hiring and training program that should make it one of the government's most aggressive equal employment plans. The relatively small (about 700 employees) CAB says it wants to step up recruiting efforts at predominantly Negro schools, and offer special help to help interested students pass government job tests.

It also proposes to restudy and "restructure" jobs in Grades 1 through 7, \$4,125 to \$8,098. This would relieve pro-

fessionals of clerical type work, and give in-house lower-grade employees a chance to handle more involved duties and get the grades that go with them.

**Jefferson Plaza;** Non-federal workers at the Arlington building say the Navy has pre-empted the best parking spots for top brass. Displaced workers say slots nearest Navy offices have been reserved for wheels, leaving the less-fortunate to take potluck in the monthly fee lots.

**Presidential Awards;** Agencies have until July 20 to nominate individuals or units for Presidential Management Awards. Mr. Nixon may personally present the money-saver honors during ceremonies in September. The Budget Bureau is acting as clearinghouse for nominees.

Agencies have been assigned quotas—based on size—of how many people, or units, they can recommend. Defense can nominate 38, Post Office 9 and Veterans Administration, 5. The three make up about 75 per cent of the federal work force, and spend most of its money. Agriculture and HEW can nominate 4 apiece, while most other agencies are limited to entering 2 names for the awards competition.