

# State Dept.'s New Loyalty Order Allows 7 to Resign

## Position Reversed To Avoid Any Possible Injustice It Is Explained

The State Department last night backed down on the firing with but a trial of seven aides whose loyalty was said to be in question. Now the seven are free to quit their jobs with nothing in the record against them—which is what they have been desiring for since July.

A department statement said they are allowed to avoid any possible injustice by the review, and promised to see that from now on those who may be accused will be given a hearing by the Loyalty Review Board.

The statement also explained that insurance as the only remedy presently available to them (that of obtaining clearance for employment elsewhere in the Federal Government) is not effective because they do not intend to seek such employment. The department has concluded that in order to avoid a possible injustice to them, they should be permitted to resign without prejudice.

**Outline of Case**  
The department last night said that of its past six months and is now fired 15 recent clerks and radio editors. A week later, Secretary of State Marshall said that was evidence some of the 15 had indirect contact with foreign agents.

Open reviews three of those fired were allowed to resign last night, other seven the department stood firm, refusing to let them quit. It gave them a trial to let them know what they were charged with, and the seven said the department was giving them a bad name among those who might have hired them. Their lawyers, Thurman Arnold, former justice of the United States Court of Appeals here, former Secretary Undersecretary Abe Fortas and former OPA Administrator Fred Porter, claimed such a statement was unjust because there was reasonable doubt that the seven were good security risks.

Charles A. Marshall, chief of the seven's lawyers, said he would not be appearing because they should be allowed to quit without being charged with anything. They could not be held in jail because the evidence was secret, and the secret was the same as the Government's.

The next statement about the case came from President Truman, who said law demanded that the seven be given the right to be heard during the "loyalty" trial.

The State Department said last night that the seven were given a hearing and that the Truman statement was correct.

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