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War On Security

It appears that the Johnson administration is waging not only a "war on poverty," but a "war on security" as well.

The following item from the current issue of National Review gives an indication of how the second war is proceeding:

"The State Department's purge of the real security risks,, which began with the firing of Otto Otepka—who actually passed secret State Department files to the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, it is said—is now complete.

"State has kicked out the last six hard anti-Communists on its security staff, in instant retaliation for congressional criticisms of State's security procedures. It all started when Guy Richards of the New York Journal-American broke a red-hot story that Lt. Col. Michael Goloniewski, a defector from the Soviet secret police, who was being kept under wraps by the CIA presumably at the request of the State Department, had told Rep. Feighan (R-Ohio) what he knew about spies and subversives on the government payroll . . . which corroborated what others had revealed about spies and subversives on the government payroll . . . State promptly transferred out the six remaining members of the security staff assembled by the late Scott McLeod—who had, with his staff, compiled a list of 847 security risks in 1957 who may to this day be on the payroll of the State Department and may include some of the people Lt. Col. Michael Goloniewski has in mind."