

BEAME DISMISSES 11 HIGH OFFICIALS AS CUTS CONTINUE

5 Lindsay Holdovers Are Among the 'High-Salaried People' to Lose Jobs

UNION ADVICE REJECTED

Mayor Calls for Savings if Rank-and-File Layoffs Are to Be Averted

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Mayor Beame yesterday dismissed 11 high-salaried, appointed city employes, including five holdovers from the administration of Mayor John V. Lindsay.

Three of the five had been politically active in Lindsay neighborhood associations. Several of those dismissed were Mr. Beame's appointees.

The dismissals were, the Mayor said, "part of my program not only to terminate the services of rank-and-file city workers but also high-salaried people."

Those ordered off the payroll range from Theodore Diamond, the \$34,367-a-year deputy administrator in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Administration, to Israel Sipperstein, an administrative manager in the Environmental Protection Administration at \$20,568.

Career Man Included

Mr. Diamond was counsel to both former Parks Commissioners Thomas P. F. Hoving and August Heckscher, as well as a research director in then Controller Beame's office. Mr. Sipperstein is a career civil servant with 35 years' service who was, according to an E.P.A. spokesman, "ready to retire anyway."

Those who were active in Lindsay associations are Walter Sweeney, a \$29,777 assistant administrator in the Economic Development Administration; Robert J. Malito, the E.D.A.'s administrative manager at \$30,300, and Walter Hinckley, deputy commissioner in the Environmental Protection Administration at \$32,180.

'Purely Coincidental'

The titles and salaries of those dismissed were disclosed by Mayor Beame's press secretary, Sidney Frigand, at the same time that the Mayor was informing the city's union leaders in his City Hall office that he was rejecting the seven-point program they had proposed to him last week.

That program was an effort to forestall the layoffs—because of the city's acute budgetary problems—of more than 900 Civil Service employes, scheduled for this Friday. The Mayor told the labor leaders to return today at 2 P.M. and to "come up with something different."

Among the proposals the unions had made was one that the Mayor dismiss what the union leaders called "political appointees."

Mr. Beame, asked why the announcement of the high-level dismissals had been made even as he was meeting with the union representatives, said with a broad grin: "It was purely coincidental."

And when asked if he knew

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that at least three of those discharged had been an active Lindsay associations, he said with raised eyebrows: "Did they? That's the first I heard of it."

According to the Mayor, the deficit in the \$11.1-billion budget is now \$120.4-million, down from its November peak of \$430-million. Further personnel reductions and economies will be needed, Mr. Beame has said, if the deficit is to be eliminated.

He said that the union's proposals had represented "nothing new" and that the delegation of leaders, led by Victor Gotbaum, executive director of the 110,000-member District Council 37 of the State, County and Municipal Employees Union, had to come up with something that would "make me budge."

The Mayor said the termination notices that would take effect on Friday "still hold, unless the unions come up with a program to save the money that will be the equivalent of those jobs." The target amount is \$8.5-million, he said.

There were these other budget developments yesterday:

¶ Controller Harrison J. Goldin announced three bond and note sales for Feb. 4, 11 and 13. They will total almost \$700-million, including \$260-million in anticipation notes to be issued by the New York City Stabilization Reserve Corporation. The corporation is authorized to borrow \$520-million to help make up the city's current budget deficit.

¶ The Legal Services Staff Association objected to a one-third cut in personnel in neighborhood legal services. The cut, ordered by the board of directors of Community Action for Legal Services, is "one more place where the poor are rebuffed and denied a fair shake," the association contended.

¶ Harold Brown, president of the 3,500-member Correction Officers Benevolent Association, said that Mr. Beame's planned dismissals of 80 correction officers would not be a budget saving but would cost the city \$2-million in overtime.

¶ City Councilman Matthew J. Troy Jr., chairman of the council's Finance Committee, proposed that the city credit to employes' records up to three years of time for military service in an effort to induce the employes to retire earlier.

The Mayor has said that among 338,000 employes in the city work force, 350 have "political appointments." Although yesterday's dismissals will save the city \$307,041 on an annual basis, the impact on the current budget deficit will be minimal.

Others who were dismissed yesterday were Jerry Scoura,

\$27,159 deputy counsel to the E.P.A., a regular Democrat from Brooklyn; Ray Gerson, \$24,940 Director of Noise Abatement, and Roland Savage, \$25,840 administrator of labor relations in the E.P.A.

Mr. Scoura and Mr. Gerson were Lindsay appointees. Also let go was Alex Wallau, \$20,500 secretary to the Mayor's Council of Economic Advisers.

Two other officials—the \$32,157-a-year assistant administrator in the Transportation Administration and the administration's administrative planner at \$29,253—were also ordered dismissed by the Mayor.

However, Transportation Administrator Michael Lazar refused to disclose their names.