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Lauds His 'Brilliant Record' of 44 Years as Diplomat as Careerist Example

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WASHINGTON, March 2 — Jefferson Caffrey received a "well done" today from President Eisenhower on his retirement, after forty-four years as a career diplomat.

The President volunteerd this tribute at the start of his news conference this morning. Noting that Mr. Caffery had been a chief of mission for twenty-nine years — longer than any other United States diplomat — the President cited his career as an inspiration for young Americans to enter the Foreign Service.

The service, President Eisenhower added, "is constantly devoting itself, dedicating itself, to the welfare of the United States all over the world."

He said that Mr. Caffery, who retired on Monday from his last diplomatic post as Ambassador to Egypt, "has been responsible for many solutions to many serious problems * * * and leaves with a brilliant record and the best wishes of the entire [state] Department."

The 68-year-old diplomat said he had discussed "this and that" with the President during a farewell call of about twenty minutes before the news conference.

He declined to discuss the effects of the Federal loyalty and security program on the recruitment of Foreign Service officers, or the administrative inefficencies that have been alleged by some critics in explaining the low intake of recent years.

State Department figures show a definite lag since 1947 in the number of young men commissioned as Foreign Service officers in the lowest, starting grade. In 1947, 222 were admitted. There were forty in 1948, forty-five in 1949, 152 in 1950, ninety-nine in 1951, seventy-five in 1952, none in 1953 and eighty-five in 1954.

During the first two months of the current year, thirty-three have been admitted so far. There is, however, a backlog of 330 still waiting.

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