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WASHINGTON, April 12 (A) "Homosexual proclivities" have led to the dismissal of 425 State Department employees since 1947. The figures were given to the

House Appropriations Committee—which made them public today-by John William Ford, director of the State Department's Office of Security.

Ford said that in October, 1952, about 26 persons were released following an investigation of the Voice of America offices in New York. He said the releases were "chiefly for reasons of morals" and many cases still are pending. Robert W. S. McLeod, ad-

ministrator of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs. assured the committee that "the campaign toward eliminating all types of sex perverts from the rolls of the department will be pressed with increased vigor.'

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