

## Dr. Brunauer Resigns From Navy Position

Dr. Stephen Brunauer, one of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's targets last year, has resigned from the Navy Department after having been suspended last April as a "security risk."

The Navy Department announced yesterday that it had accepted Brunauer's resignation. A former commander in the naval reserve and an explosives expert, Brunauer had been chief chemist of the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance, in charge of research and development.

His wife, Esther Causkin Brunauer, had been suspended at the same time from her post on the UNESCO relations staff at the State Department. A State Department spokesman said yesterday that there never had been any "derogatory" information about her, and that her case would be reviewed now by the loyalty board that had previously cleared her.

As for Brunauer himself, he probably will seek private employment since the law bars him from any "sensitive" Government

agency. He issued a statement yesterday bitterly protesting against the "costly disheartening and nerve-wracking" process of having to defend himself against repeated attacks from sources unknown to him.

"I am sure that some place in the investigative process a terrible mistake must have been made," he said. "Under present circumstances, it seems impossible to get such a mistake corrected."

Brunauer repeated what his

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wife had told the Senate inquiry into McCarthy's charges last year that 25 years ago he had been a member of the Communist Young Workers' League in his native Hungary. "Some people do not want to let my past be forgotten and they have used it to attack and harass us," he said.

"In suspending me, the Navy Department did not assert that I am disloyal to the United States or ever committed a disloyal act against my country," Brunauer

declared. "I am intensely loyal to the United States and have never committed nor contemplated an act of disloyalty to my country or its armed services.

"I am at a loss to understand how the Navy Department, whose interests I have served with unswerving devotion for eight and a half years, could conclude that there was even a remote possibility that I might endanger what I have made it my life work to strengthen and protect."

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