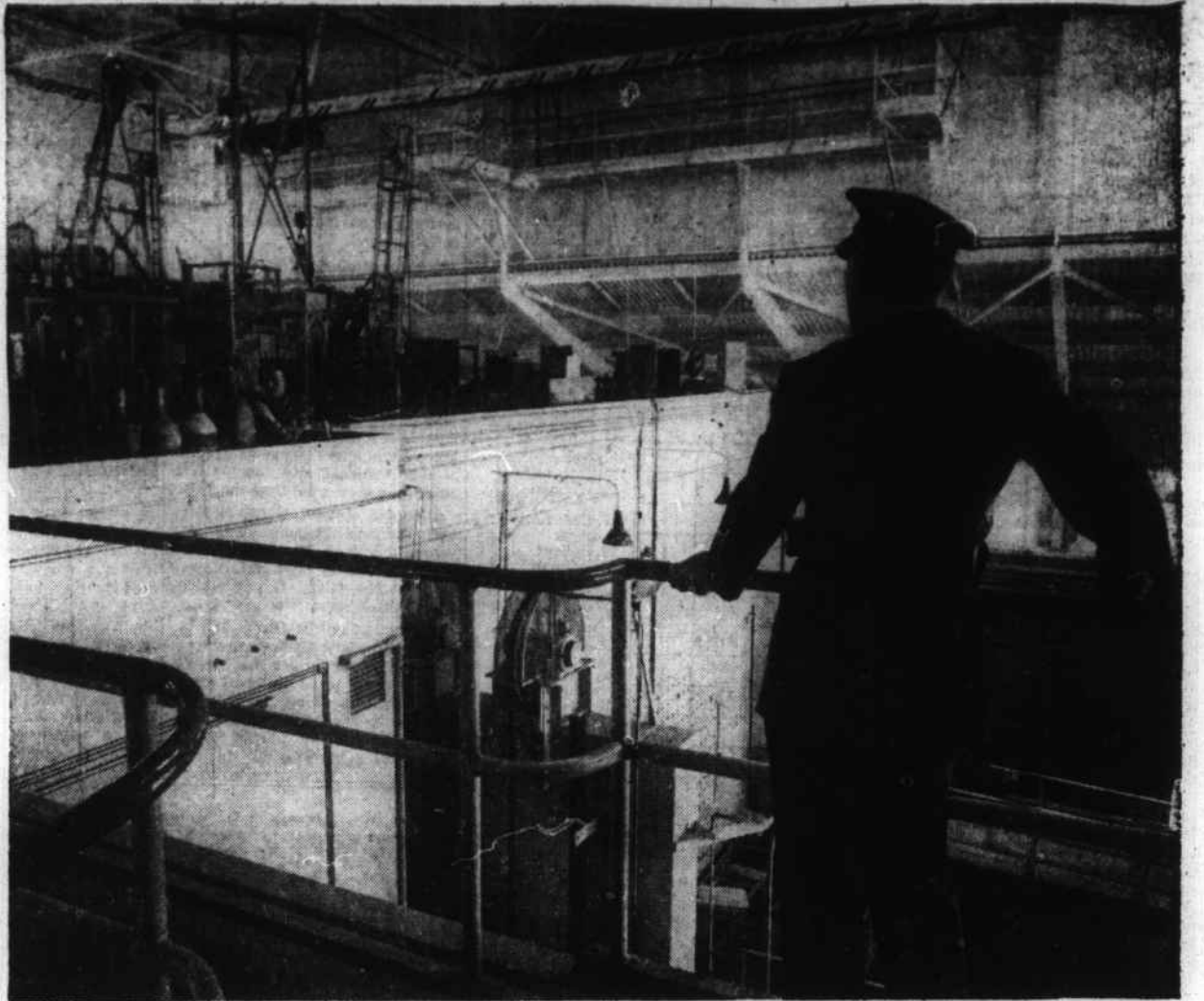


At the Pentagon, Special Policeman Richard Burke checks credentials of T/Sgt. F. G. Kelley, USMC, as he leaves closely guarded offices of Joint Chiefs of Staff.



Uniformed guard stands watch on a catwalk overlooking the atomic pile at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

SECURITY



Pentagon secretary Josephine Gerardi checks files in Department of Defense Security Review branch. All filing cases are locked with combination locks. When the cabinet is open a large red sign reading "OPEN" must be placed in the top handle.

Whatever the Russians may be up to with their sputniks, missiles and rockets, the United States is keeping a close watch over its own weapons secrets, and saying not much about it.

Since sputnik, the government has been pressed for more military information. Some has been given. But security regulations are as strict as ever. Guards keep watch on civilian and military installations, such as the Pentagon, atomic plants, missiles launching sites, army and air force bases, navy yards, and the headquarters building of the Atomic Energy Commission. Visitors and employees are screened. Credentials are examined carefully. Confidential data is burned after use. Secrets are locked tight.

How these security regulations are carried out is pictured here.



Truck stops for inspection at gate to the H-bomb plant across the Savannah River from Augusta, Ga. Signs at right speak for themselves.



Pentagon policeman J. L. Trollier checks employe's pass. Doorway is guarded by photoelectric unit which rings bell when anyone enters or leaves.



Control room of Pentagon's police department. When guard checks his post, this electronic equipment records it. When something goes amiss automatic warning device alerts operator.



Classified scrap material is destroyed in basement of the Pentagon by tossing it into a steam and hot water vat. The vat disintegrates the paper into an indistinguishable mass which is rolled into mats called "wet lap" and sold to paper manufacturers.

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