

State Ordered to Cease the Firing

Albany, April 29 (Special)—The state was ordered today to stop laying off employees pending a decision on a court challenge brought by the Civil Service Employees Association.

The temporary injunction issued by Supreme Court Justice Russell G. Hunt will be challenged tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the Appellate Division here by Assistant Attorney General Julius Sackman. He told the court that the 8,250 workers ordered dismissed by Gov. Rockefeller must

be taken off the state payroll as soon as possible "so as not to interfere" with state operations.

The union is asking the court to permanently block the state from firing the employees on the grounds that Rockefeller violated the state constitution in failing to draft a line-by-line budget that lists jobs with salaries. The union

claims high-salaried vacant positions are not being eliminated and that the ax is falling on low income workers.

Only 106 employees in the civil defense department have been fired so far. They are involved in another court fight due for a hearing May 14 in Albany Supreme Court.