



## Five Career Federal Employees To Receive 'Unsung Hero' Grants

Five career Federal workers from the Washington area have been chosen to receive grants from the Rockefeller Public Service Awards committee.

The awards, conceived and financed by John D. Rockefeller III, are administered by Princeton University. The tax-free grants have gone to 32 other career employees since 1960. This year they will be presented at a Dec. 7 luncheon at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

### Silver Spring Resident

Among the winners of this, the largest privately financed public service award, is 49-year-old Millard Cass, Deputy Under Secretary of Labor. Cass has served in nearly every grade in his 25 years of Federal service, before reaching the top of the career levels. He's a past winner of distinguished service awards from the Labor department and of the Arthur S. Fleming Award for Public service.

Cass has been active in Montgomery County P-TA work, and is a member of the

board of managers of the Washington Hebrew Congregation. He and his wife, Ruth, and three children live in Silver Spring.

John M. Leddy, 52, another winner, is a 20-year veteran of the State Department who came up the hard way, through the Civil Service. Leddy has been Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs since 1965. He previously was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs. He is one of the few high-ranking State Department officers who has not been in the career Foreign Service.

Leddy and his wife, Louise, live in McLean.

### Aviation Buff

David D. Thomas, the No. 2 man in the Federal Aviation Agency, is another Rockefeller winner. As Deputy Administrator, Thomas, a 53-year-old pilot, has charge of airport control towers and control centers — the Nation's aerial highway system.

An aviation buff, Thomas says he is looking forward to the day of flying — as a passen-

ger — in an 1800 mile-an-hour aircraft. He's a native of Texas, and lives with his wife in Annandale.

Also an award winner is Dr. Edward F. Knipling, 57, a pioneer and expert in the rapidly developing field of birth control for bugs. The director of the Agricultural Research Service's Entomology Research Division, Knipling has done specialized work in the field of pest control by sterilization of male insects.

Knipling was instrumental in the almost complete destruction of the screw worm in the Southeastern states, and his methods are now being applied to other insect pests. He's been with the Agriculture Department since 1930, and lives with his wife, Phoebe, in Arlington.

### Fifth Winner

John Russell Blandford, a 20-year-veteran of Capitol Hill, is the fifth winner. Blandford is chief counsel of the House Armed Services Committee, in a job which Rockefeller says deals with "the most important subject in the world — the weapons and people who literally stand between us and extinction."

A Marine Corps veteran, the 48-year-old Blandford is also known as a student of constitutional law, which he says helps in daily decisions which range from the status of male nurses to the Sdewinder missile.

Blandford and his wife, Barbara Jane, live in Arlington.