

Historically, the illegal apparatus of the Soviets dominated until about 1933, upon recognition of the USSR, when the emphasis shifted to the legal. In 1942, the USSR inactivated many of her illegal espionage networks. A period of quiet followed until about 1954 when a direct order of the KGB came out from Moscow to re-establish old illegal networks and form new ones.

The Walden case is in point. Walden was an agent en-

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engaged in espionage whose contacts included "Harry." In 1959, an old man visited the Soviet Embassy and in running out the circumstances surrounding this occurrence, the following situation developed. In 1935, this man's wife and young son went back to Poland. The wife died recently. The Soviets sent word to him that her estate amounted to \$2900 and that if he would sign the appropriate papers it would be paid over. That was the occasion to visit the Embassy. Two weeks later, the man received a letter from his son whom he had not seen for over twenty years requesting the father to cooperate in every way or the son would be in danger. It developed that the old man of 70, between 1931 and 1934, had been an illegal agent for Walden and was the unsolved "Henry" in the files on the matter. The ring had been dissolved. This incident illustrates the importance of espionage activities in the 30's and early 40's because of the possibility that the individuals in the ring can always be contacted and revived.

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There is no doubt ~~but~~ ^{that} the Naval Establishment is a target for Soviet Bloc ~~penetration for~~ espionage and it is a preferred target ^{after} in evaluating all the information available, and ~~what is known as intelligence targets.~~ ^{however,} It is very difficult to define the limits or ~~thinking~~ logic of Soviet bloc ^{intelligence} collection.

The powerful motivation for the encyclopedic and omnivorous collection effort is founded in the Soviet's ambition to gain power and to diminish U.S. power.

Many years ago, nine truck-loads of printed material ranging from publications, files, newspapers, were transported across New York City through the Holland Tunnel to be loaded on a ship bound for Russia. All of that information came from the Russian trading organization ANTORG. ^{It is illustrative of Russia's wholesale collection.} In analyzing Soviet collection, these priorities appear to be valid: (1) Any and all information on missiles with the stress on guidance systems and component parts. It seems that the Russians are striving to acquire information and material which would increase the accuracy of their ^{missiles.} ~~weapons.~~ The next highest priority (2), is in the engineering area of nuclear propulsion of which the U.S. Navy leads the world. Details on reactors, on size, on ^{metals} ~~materials~~ and porcelains and oils employed for lubrication all appear as significant in their collection missions. Third (3) priority is on operational intelligence. This conclusion is predicated on the increasing emphasis on illegal apparatuses both here and abroad. Major ^{and} effort is being made to obtain Navy discharge papers, /official administrative forms. It appears ^{that} agents and networks are being set up with deep cover and exhaustive documentation. One agent has spent five months in studying the social security forms and system for the

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obvious purpose of providing the most genuine social security documentation for an agent. Their information will make it very difficult to detect a phony social security card because of any lack of appreciation of the significance of the numbers and the details set forth.

From time to time there are spot targets concerning the deployment of U.S. Naval ships. During the Lebanon crisis there was intensive activity to collect information on the deployment of all U.S. forces. However, there is a feeling that this information was used to confirm information obtained through communications intelligence.

There is systematic coverage of the United States by intelligence types of the legal apparatus. It can be predicted within about three weeks time when the Soviets will visit Seattle or Texas. A great deal of this information which is acquired on these trips is unclassified. Recently, arising out of one of these attache tours, it was observed that their vehicle, as usual, passed Air Force, Army, and Navy installations and in this particular instance, stopped near an important Air facility. No one was observed in the car to talk and it is a suspicion that the Soviets have developed an electronic collection instrument either for radio or radar collection. The Soviet Embassy personnel receive about 170 newspapers, technical magazines, trade journals and other like material. Even The Junction City Union News, which would be utterly unaccountable, as a significant journal, except for the fact that it reports on news at Fort Riley, Kansas. Every stratagem is employed to receive this unclassified type material. Secretaries, attaches with their ^{titles} ~~abbreviations~~ left off the subscription blanks, and even a clerk in the Soviet Embassy ^{in London} / anonymously requested a subscription in the United States. There have been instances of using general delivery and postal boxes under phony names miles from Washington.

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(In November 1958 the first formal coordination at field level was held in Washington. All of the military attaches of the Soviet and the Bloc met to discuss collection of mutual advantage. In the conversations, the Soviet Naval Attache stated there was a lack of information on East Coast Naval installations. The Air Attache said details and information were lacking on the Air Defense systems protecting Baltimore, Washington and New York. Generally, the conference emphasized strategic and operational type information of the U.S. military forces.

At the present time, smiling Mike Menshikov has told his people to be active socially and to cultivate others. In the old days, only a selected few Soviets were allowed contacts. Now they are told "get out and mix." They are active in everything from stamp clubs to public exhibitions. There is even one intelligence type who has joined a Christian church and has not missed a service for weeks. The pendulum has swung way over. The main reason for this current approach is to develop potential recruits for espionage purposes. Blackmail and compromise is wide spread in Europe. The Soviets are the most ruthless of the Bloc, using sex and liquor in that order. Homosexuality is an important weapon in their operations and it is used as blackmail on an individual at some later date. They are capable of framing an individual with composite photography if need be.

In evaluating the competence and sophistication of the individual Bloc countries, the Russians come first, followed the Czechs, the Poles, ~~the~~ Rumanians, Hungarians, and then ^{so on.} ~~take your pick.~~

What has happened, particularly in other parts of the world, is now happening in the United States. The Bloc attaches have been instructed on an individual and personal basis to cultivate attaches of other countries to obtain information. The examples of this include the Indians, the Iranians, the Egyptians and others.

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