

World's Spies Gather in Switzerland

Zurich—(UPI)—One of the confusing facts of the modern world is that peaceful little Switzerland should be one of the busiest focal points of Communist espionage.

In the past nine months, Swiss police have announced the cracking of five separate spy rings, all directed from the East.

The government has expelled diplomats from Russia, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia for spying. Court authorities are preparing trials for those not covered by diplomatic immunity. Not known is the number of spies who may have escaped or haven't been caught and are still busily plotting their trade.

Switzerland always has

been a favored ground for international spies. It was so during two World Wars when it was a safe island in the heart of flaming Europe, and it has been in peacetime. It is easy for spies to hide in the big flood of diplomats and tourists and use the country as an operating base ideally located in the heart of Western Europe.

Two Factors

But, Swiss officials say, two factors recently have turned the attention of spies to Switzerland itself, and resulted in even greater espionage activity.

Swiss industry, with a high-precision tradition that goes back to its first watchmakers, recently has made

some remarkable and still top-secret advances in a field where it has always been up front in perfecting some of the most highly complicated instruments used in modern warfare.

With the improvement of NATO's defenses and early warning lines in Western Europe, the Communists have become increasingly interested in the "neutral belt" of Switzerland and Austria that cuts across NATO's lines in the center of Europe.

From the Czech border in the east to the borders of Burgundy in the west stretch 500 miles of neutral air space. They seem an inviting channel for an airborne sneak attack if the attacker knew the

exact strength and location of whatever air warning and defense schemes a potential opponent may have set up.

This is why terse and uninformative government communiqués on new arrests have referred to "secrets of rocket and radar systems and air surveillance" which, they said, the spies were after.

One of the top Swiss secrets is the electronic Fledermaus guidance and fire direction system for anti-aircraft gun and rocket batteries. It has been developed—and is constantly being perfected—by the Zurich company Contraves A.G., a subsidiary of the famed Buehrle Armaments Works in Oerlikon which produced some of the

most efficient anti-aircraft equipment of World War II. The Fledermaus system has been supplied in considerable quantities to NATO powers. This is why several of the arrested spies face charges of "intelligence activities to the detriment of both Switzerland and foreign powers," as it was phrased in a recent government statement. Peacetime spying in Switzerland is punishable by heavy jail terms, whether directed against Switzerland or a foreign power.

Another top secret is the Contraves Oerlikon RSD-58 anti-aircraft rocket reported to have hit targets with great accuracy at 65,000 feet above the ground.

The rocket has been tested by NATO on ranges in Sardinia and it was supplied in sizable quantities to Swiss forces, it could at least partly plug the hole in NATO's shield.

Another plug for the hole will be a first group of 100 French-designed mach-2 Mirage fighters which the government has proposed be built in Switzerland. On the ground Switzerland can muster a militia army of more than 500,000 men in wartime.

Reform Plan
Officials say that part of increased Red espionage activity also is centered on the mobilization plans of the army and a reform plan aimed at modernizing the whole force at an expense of more than \$1 billion over the next four years.

Security officials ridicule reports published in foreign newspapers that Red agents have an easy time of it spying on Switzerland's secrets because this country is so small and peaceful, its citizen-soldiers talkative and its authorities afraid to violate Swiss neutrality principles by getting tough with foreign spies.

"The contrary is true," a senior official said, "Judging by the pained reactions of Russia and Czechoslovakia (Czechoslovakia, Swiss officials say, is the East

bloc country designated under the Warsaw Pact to "take care of Switzerland") to the arrests of their diplomats, and the tough tone employed by the Swiss government in recent protest notes to Moscow and Prague, he appears to be right.

Another impressive argument is the record of spy arrests made by Swiss police in past months.

May 10, 1960—Soviet diplomat Nikolay Modine and Boris Frolov arrested as they turned up in Zurich allegedly for a rendezvous with an agent who had promised them plans of Swiss radar installations, military organization and rocket bases.

Aug. 20, 1960—Yugoslav diplomat S. Zlatkovic expelled for spying.

Oct. 7, 1960—Soviet diplomat Vladimir Kourkourine expelled for allegedly trying to gather information on the Swiss armaments industry while disguised as a representative of an organization booking Russian movies in western theaters.

Jan. 20, 1961—Arrest of three Czech agents—two of them carrying diplomat passports which the Swiss government said were issued to them merely to cover up their spy activities—in Zurich in a case that is still shrouded in mystery.

Feb. 7, 1961—Arrest of two Swiss citizens accused of spying on military production systems and "air surveillance."

Last Minute Check Proves Embarrassing

Memphis, Tenn.—(UPI)—Blonde Eastern Air Lines stewardess Rowena Powers peeked into the pilot's cabin and then made a red-faced run for the door she had just closed.

"Oh, I'm so sorry," she apologized to the pilot. Miss Powers said she had greeted her passengers as they boarded the plane for the Memphis trip from Atlanta, and then carefully locked the entrance door, leaving the pilot outside.



SHIP STRANDED—The Liberty ship "Dominator" wallows on a reef 800 yards from shore off Pales Verdes, Calif., after running aground in the fog.

(UPI Telephoto)

Back Stairs: Books About Kennedys

By MERRIMAN SMITH
UPI White House Reporter

Washington—(UPI)—Backstairs at the White House: Three paperback books, some with pictures, and another one on the way about President Kennedy's wife, Jacqueline, have come out since inauguration, according to "Writers Newsletter."

These are in addition to three or more speedy books being done on the Chief Executive himself. Jessica Russell Gaver, editor of the highly authoritative newsletter about the magazine and book publishing world, observes about one forthcoming Kennedy volume, "How can any book be complete when the poor man hasn't even been in office four months and they're trying to 'evaluate' him and his work?"

Mrs. Gaver should chat with a New York publisher who wants to remain anonymous for the present. He says, "The order against White House household employees writing memoirs is so unnecessary. At the rate articles and books are being published about the Kennedys, the market will be glutted and there'll be precious little

left to tell by the time the President leaves office."

Although it's a long way off, this doesn't stop speculation about what Kennedy will do when he leaves office. One fairly close friend predicts that the Chief Executive will edit or publish a major magazine.

A reader in St. Louis, Mo., M. O. Klein, writes in with a rumor from his section of the country: That the President in early March "made a secret trip to New York for a conclave of Catholic hierarchy and prelates."

"Is this true or false?" asks reader Klein. False, unless the President found some highly remarkable way of eluding his household staff, the office staff and the Secret Service. The longest he has been "missing" since the inauguration was a period of three hours recently. And then it turned out that he'd gone to the golf course.

This is at least twice he's made brief visits to a country club recently and certainly no one could or should begrudge these brief outings in which he played less than nine holes of golf. But some of his staff members, how-

ever, wish they had not made such a point prior to the inauguration of insisting that Kennedy would play no golf whatever unless he was away on a vacation.

This illustrates a rather curious situation. White House staff members for years have gotten into trouble on occasion by using such words as "never" or "first." The word "never" is quite dangerous when applied to future actions of a President because it presumes a consistency beyond the range of most human behavior. And to say that a President has done something for the "first" time presumes an encyclopedic, finely detailed knowledge of history.

A case in point. Several years after World War II, the then President Truman was at Key West, Fla., and took a ride on a German submarine. The sub submerged several hundred feet with Truman aboard. Quite humanely, his staff and the accompanying reporters searched their memories and came up with the conclusion that Truman was the "first" President to dive in an undersea craft.

Stories to this effect were in print around the world when a history-minded copy editor on the New York World-Telegram sent a chilling inquiry to Key West: Hadn't Teddy Roosevelt left gone for a submerged ride on one of the early submarines in Oyster Bay, L.I., while he was President?

A race to the Key West library and messages to the Navy Department in Washington proved the editor was right. From that day forth, the late Charles G. Ross, Truman's press secretary, avoided the word "first" as something dangerously explosive.

Positions Open In Postal Department

Applications are being accepted by the U.S. Civil Service for positions as carriers or clerks in the Medford post office, L. B. Nelson, examiner-in-charge, announced today. Starting salary is \$2.10 an hour, with increases available to \$2.63 an hour.

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Application forms are available from Nelson at the post office and must be returned by April 1.

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BABY ABANDONED—This 10-day-old baby found abandoned in Sunnyvale, Calif., last Friday, is held by Nurse Bobbie Armstrong. An intensive search is on for the child's mother. The baby was found by a schoolboy in his own kitchen on his return home from school. (UPI Telephoto)

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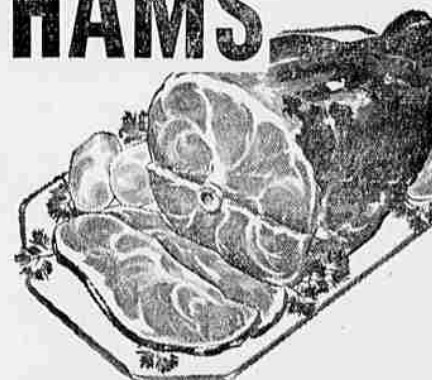


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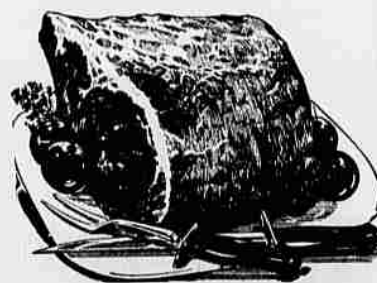
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