

Page Gets Taste of CIA Secrecy Which Includes Hiding of Budget

By DICK WEST
Washington—UPI—The Central Intelligence Agency maintains a security system that is so tight it would appear at times to be self-defeating. The purpose of the system is to keep the CIA out of the public eye, and vice versa. The need for that is understandable.

But in its quest for anonymity the agency on occasions has gone to such extremes the effect has been to call attention to itself.

Some of these incidents have produced comic overtones, as in the old silent

movies where the guy who is tippytoeing around steps on a piece of fly paper.

Most recently, the CIA made itself surreptitiously conspicuous by foiling a Senate page who was trying to deliver a letter from Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) to the agency director.

Although the senator's office had appraised the agency of the page's mission, he was upon arrival interrogated at length and sent away with the letter undelivered.

I am not informed as to what the guards told the lad. There ain't nobody here but us penguins and we're invisible, probably.

The things that I find most intriguing about the CIA's security system is the way its operating expenses are handled. Funds for the agency are concealed somewhere in the massive federal budget, so that only a few persons know how much money it is spending.

I enjoy going through the

budget and picking out items that I think might be used to mask a few bucks for the CIA. For instance, there is the Abaca fiber program.

According to the budget for fiscal 1964, this program is taking nothing out of the treasury and is putting \$99,000 back in. That certainly looks suspicious. In fact, it's downright unbureaucratic.

My hunch is that there's really no such thing as Abaca fiber and that the money actually is going to the CIA.

On page 822 of the budget, \$408,000 is earmarked for payment of annuities to the widows of lighthouse keepers. That also looks fishy.

Are there really that many widows of lighthouse keepers still around. Or are some of the CIA agents in disguise.

A \$680,000 item for the U. S. Naval academy's laundry service likewise would be a logical place to conceal a CIA appropriation. You can conceal almost anything in a Navy laundry bag.

Other budgetary items that caught my eye ostensibly covered such activities as "brush disposal" and the preservation of ancient Nubian monuments.

Offhand, \$9 million seems like an awful lot of money for the government to be spending to get rid of brushes. And, an ancient Nubian monument sounds to me like a perfect hangout for spies.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



Museum Just Short Of Record High Monthly Attendance

Records at the Jacksonville museum show that 5,213 people visited there during May, 1963, only 72 less during the all time high month of May, 1962, according to a recent museum report.

The count, taken from the visitor's register in the restored courthouse, included travelers from every state in the union, as well as Washington, D.C. and 45 foreign countries. Visitors from Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Montana, Colorado, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Texas and New York came every month of the year, the report stated.

Contributions to the museum last month include col-

lections of polished rocks and minerals, books, photographs, newspapers, antique china and glassware, clothing dating back to the Modoc Indian war, and a variety of other articles.

Items were donated by Thomas M. Riley, Eagle Point; James R. W. Gregg, Central Point; Mrs. Una B. Inch, W. E. Thomas, Herb Grey, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. V. Car-

ponter, all Medford; Mrs. Lillian Helms, Mrs. Guy Garrett, Jacksonville; Mrs. Charles Elliott, I. N. DeLamater, Miss Agnes Love, Portland; Mrs. A. G. Duston, Sacramento, Calif.; Arch H. Vining, San Jose, Calif.; E. E. Rountree, Dr. Wayne W. Wells, Ashland; A. R. Klotten, Grants Pass, and the late John E. Patterson, Ashland.

Firemen's Fines Are Suspended

Cave Junction—Members of the Illinois Valley Volunteer Fire department who were accused of gambling at a ham shoot April 7 have been fined, but the fines were suspended, it was announced last week.

Some of the money confiscated by two state policemen in plain clothes at the event has been returned. Hams confiscated by the police were donated to charitable organizations, it was reported.

According to witnesses, the plain clothes officers took part in card games at the ham shoot, which moved inside because of inclement weather.

Toward the end of the afternoon they dropped their badges on the card table and confiscated the hams and money.

The ham shoot was being held for the purpose of raising funds to buy fire fighting equipment.

Phoenix-Talent To Have Band Program

Phoenix—The Phoenix-Talent school system has announced an opening date of June 24 for the summer band program.

Full band and some individual instruction will be given during a six-week session in the Talent school band room.

The first day of the schedule will be devoted to a general meeting for all participants in the program. Beginners will meet at 8:30 a. m. and all advanced players at 10 a. m. Enrollment fees may be paid at the first meeting.

Phoenix-Talent students who have not registered and still wish to do so are asked to call H. R. Kannasto at 535-2933.

4-H NEWS

Stage Road Blazers

The Stage Road Blazers 4-H club met at Mrs. Reid's home June 8 at 1 p. m.

Thirteen members were present. The members practiced figure eights and changing leads.

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figure-of-eight and changing leads. After practicing, refreshments were served.

Then the members planned on a trail ride in which they would spend the night camping.

Kristy Goebel, Reporter.

Medford Police Investigate 106 Major Violations

The Medford city police department investigated a total of 106 major criminal violations during May, according to a report released recently by Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin.

Of the 106 cases, some 27 were closed for a percentage of 25.5. This compares with a total of 126 cases during the same month last year, of which 35 were closed for a percentage of 27.8.

The majority of the major offenses concerned thefts of items with a value of \$50 or less; some 60 were reported, and 11 year cleared. There were 20 cases of aggravated assault reported and 5 were closed.

Miscellaneous Offenses
In the miscellaneous offense category, police checked out 40 cases of embezzlement and fraud, and closed 31 of the cases for a 77.5 percentage. Fifty-seven intoxicated persons were arrested. Fourteen arrests were made for disorderly conduct.

Some 74 motor vehicle accidents were investigated in the city last month, as com-

pared with 74 for the same month last year. Twenty-seven injuries were reported, but there were no fatalities. Six persons were arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages. Citations for violation of basic rule were issued to 115 drivers. Twelve persons were cited for failure to yield the right of way, and 13 were given tickets for making an illegal turn. Overtime parking tickets were issued to 3,613 motorists.



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