

# Patience, Loss Of Identity Needed By 'Illegals' In Central Intelligence Agency

By HARRY FERGUSON  
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Persons who work for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) are roughly divided into "overt" and "illegals."

The overts work in the open, keep fairly regular office hours and they are forbidden to discuss the type of job they perform. The illegals are the ones who fan out across the world as spies, usually under assumed identities. Some of them penetrate the Iron and Bamboo curtains in the full knowledge that discovery means death.

It takes many months to equip an illegal for his job and it may be many weary years more before he comes up with a useful piece of information. The virtue of patience has a high priority in espionage.

**Gets New Identity**  
The first thing that happens to an illegal is that he loses his identity. He gets a new name, a new birthplace, a new family. If he is going to operate in Italy, for instance, he not only must speak flawless Italian but with the precise accent of the province in which he is to operate. He re-

peats his new name and the details of his new identity endlessly until they automatically come quicker to his lips than the true facts.

Then he is "papered." He is equipped with every sort of document he could conceivably need in his new environment, and he is taught how to manufacture new ones if the need arises. The next step is to arrange a "drop," a place where the illegal can leave information and be sure that it will wind up at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va.

**Stories Circulate**  
For obvious reasons the CIA refuses to discuss the work of illegals, but some interesting stories about them float around Washington. One involves an illegal working in Vienna who for months collected the trash from Russian Aeroflot planes after they landed. One day he found a bent coat hanger and arranged for it to be sent to Washington.

The CIA suspected that the Russians were working on a new long-range bomber and that the metal shavings in the factory were being melted and used to manufacture a special type of coat hanger. Now they had one. The coat hanger was put through a long series of tests to determine its metallic composition. CIA sci-

entists knew the new bomber's wings were made of the same metal alloy and it was fairly easy from that to determine the size of the bomber's wings and its potential range and bomb load.

The story is plausible because there is no doubt that the CIA has among its overts some of the best scientific brains in the nation. There probably are about 10,000 employees at the organization's headquarters which covers nine acres some 20 minutes drive from downtown Washington. Next to the Pentagon, CIA headquarters is the largest government building in town.

**Appears Routine**  
Much of the work done by the overts probably appears to them as routine office chores. That is because their assignments are highly compartmented and a person in one small office cannot be

exactly sure what his neighbor is working on. Each overt turns in a small piece of information, but only the top echelon CIA men get all the pieces needed to complete the picture puzzle.

The CIA buys or obtains about 200,000 pieces of literature each month from Russia, the Soviet European bloc and Red China. Nothing is too trivial to interest the CIA — railroad time tables, texts of speeches by minor Russian functionaries, the pig population of the Ukraine, what movie is being shown in Kiev. The CIA has a translating computer that turns Russian into English at the rate of 30,000 words an hour.

Every word uttered in Radio Moscow broadcasts is monitored by the CIA. Most of the time it is dreary work, but Allen W. Dulles, recently retired CIA director, tells how it paid off on one

occasion. A CIA girl in a listening post heard Moscow broadcast a vague item for publication in a provincial Russian journal. She sent it along to Washington where it was fitted in with other information. What it added up to was several hours advance notice that the Soviet Union intended to resume nuclear testing.

Even the most minor Soviet official doubtless would be surprised if he realized what the CIA knew about him. A vast card index system is devoted to Communist personalities and the biographies are kept as current as possible. Nobody knows when to-

day's small fry will become tomorrow's big fish. True or not, another story that circulates in Washington is about the CIA top official who wanted a quick report on the manager of a minor factory in the Soviet Union. He was pessimistic that

there would be anything available, but he called for the card index on the man. It was complete in every detail and included the information that the man's mistress had dyed her hair three times in the last six months. Different color every time.

## Bereaved Mother Hurt By Thoughtless Folks

By ANN LANDERS  
Dear Ann Landers: Recently we lost our little girl. We have two married daughters and a teenage son. This wee one was like a gift from heaven because she came so late in our lives. I'm trying desperately to get over my heart-break but our friends are making life unbearable. Within a week of the funeral they came in packs to ask if I had any clothing or toys "left over" for their nieces, nephews and grandchildren. Of course I didn't—we sent everything to the Children's Home immediately. Yesterday a friend brought over her grandchild who is the same age as the little girl we lost. The woman said, "I thought Vicki could be a substitute for your own little girl today."



The word must have gotten around that I am a soft touch because all the kids seem to come to me when they need money. I'm not a fat cat, I don't drive a car, and my dad is no banker. I don't know why they think I'm loaded.

The same kids who owe me money buy candy bars and malted milks after school. They also seem to have money to buy gas for their cars. This makes me sore. Please tell me if it is polite to remind people that they owe money? I hate to do it, but sometimes I think it's the only way I'll ever get my dough back. — RED INK

Dear Red: Some kids do forget, so a reminder is in order. But if they don't come through after one nudge, make a mental note that Soandso is a dead-beat and never loan him money again. It's amazing that some folks will sell their most valuable possession—a good reputation — for less than a dollar.

To learn the knack of feeling comfortable with the opposite sex, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "How To Be Date Bait," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Dear Ann Landers: So—"Understanding Mother" thinks it is just fine for a 14-year-old boy to be playing kissing games, does he? She also seems to think kids who don't go along with the gang might develop an inferiority complex. Well, my sister had crazy ideas like that, too, and her son developed a pregnant girl friend and a messed-up life.

After a while, kissing no longer satisfies the natural drives and then the little darlings are compelled to think of something more exciting. How much a part of the gang do you think Junior will be when he has to quit high school to support a wife and child? And what kind of a complex will he have when he finds he has a man's job to do before he fully tastes the joys of boyhood?

Parents who think 14-year-old kissing is just innocent fun are crazy. Three cheers, two beers and a pretzel to you, Ann, for telling her so.—UNA VOCE ANO ANIMO

Dear Una: Thanks for the cheers. If you don't mind I'll pass up the beers and the pretzel. Just one more word to "Understanding Mother." Have a statistic: The average age for the unwed mother in this country is 15. This ought to clear your sinuses, Madame.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a high school senior whose problem is kids borrowing lunch money and forgetting to pay it back. This month I am short \$3.

## Actress, Baby 'Doing Fine'

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Actress Anne Baxter and her new daughter were reported doing well today at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital. Miss Baxter, wife of Australian rancher Randolph Galt, gave birth to the 8-pound, 3-ounce girl, as yet unnamed, Monday morning. The Galts have another child, Melissa, 1. The actress has another daughter, Katrina, 10, by her marriage to the late actor John Hodiak.

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