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Dulles Describes Soviet Spy Threat

There are many dangerous little cogs in the giant Russian espionage machine hard at work in this and other free nations of the world.

This fact was vividly developed recently by Allen W. Dulles, director of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, discussing problems of security, counter-intelligence and difficulties of penetrating the Iron Curtain to obtain information about Communist political and military planning.

Dulles was quoted in a copyrighted interview in "U. S. News and World Report," an independent weekly news magazine published in Washington.

But, observed Dulles, while CIA forces labor to find out what is going on in the Soviet Union and its satellites, Communists have a ready supply of scientific and technical data about this country by merely picking up our newspapers or professional journals. The CIA director thinks we tell Russia too much.

Here is what U. S. security forces are up against as described by Dulles: Everybody in the Soviet organization is a servant of the Government. A representative of the Russian Tass news agency works for his Government almost as much as an ambassador. The Soviet intelligence organization is composed of a widespread network of agents; they enter and recruit assistants in all important countries of the world and infiltrate "front" organizations.

From these vantage points it is a simple matter to collect data and channel thorough reports on nearly all phases of economic, political and military life in free nations.

In the words of Dulles, "... They penetrate and control the major labor unions in France, Italy, Indonesia and many other countries ... they use political parties for their own ends in order to bring about Communist revolutions ... (this) constitutes a threat behind our North Atlantic Treaty Organization lines."

These statements from the head of this nation's primary intelligence effort serve to emphasize the need for constant vigilance both at home and abroad against the Soviet spy system. There are no "small fry" Communists who can be ignored. Each represents a potential enemy of freedom as we know it, ready at any time to speed such information as may be important into hands of the enemy.

To forget this is to invite disaster.