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TV OUTLOOK *'Spy' Special Slated on NBC*

"The Science of Spying," an NBC News special report on the clandestine and highly technological practice of espionage carried on by the U.S. and other world powers, will be presented Tuesday night at 10.

The program will examine the "covert operations that nations feel are required today if they are to survive in a brutally competitive world," according to Ted Yates, who is producing the report.

Films and interviews will recall some of the past operations of the Central Intelligence Agency. Included will be the toppling of Guatemala's leftist Arbenz regime in 1954; the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961; and the current activity in Northern Laos.

Mr. Yates has filmed interviews with espionage agents active in Washington, Hong Kong, Formosa, Okinawa, Japan and Central America.

In Washington, John Chancellor, narrator of the report, will interview Allen Dulles, former CIA head, and Richard Bissell, former CIA Director of Plans.

Describing the functions and powers of the CIA, Yates says, "It is housed in one of the biggest buildings in Washington, employs 1187 people, is at once the most important, the most controversial and the most misunderstood agency in the capital. Its job is no longer restricted to gathering information, but has burgeoned into the task of influencing events abroad to make them consonant with our own foreign policy."

The program will examine the ethics of spying, particularly within the context of a free and open society.

It raises the frequently asked question: If, to survive and remain free, we must adopt many of the ruthless tactics of our enemies, are we ultimately the victors or the vanquished?

The special will also weigh the charges that the CIA, because of its escalating powers and the secrecy of its operations, has been carrying on a second foreign policy, apparently independent of the State Department.

It will also be concerned with the question of whether spies are granted too much latitude without proper government supervision.

Sen. Eugene McCarthy (D., Minn.), severe critic of CIA, will be interviewed.

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