

# CIA Auditor Dies in Plunge

Victim Here Was  
On Sick Leave

An auditor with the Central Intelligence Agency was killed today in what was apparently a plunge from the roof of the seven-story Idaho Terrace Apartments where he lived.

The victim was Archibald S. Deas, 68, who lived in apartment 422 of the spacious modern building at 3040 Idaho avenue N.W.

Police were notified at 6:58 a.m. that his body was lying on the one-story garage roof at the rear of the apartment building.

### Fence Surrounds Roof

Since the apartment he shared with his wife, Claire, is at another side of the building, Detective Sergt. Lionel Couture said Mr. Deas probably dropped from the roof.

To reach the edge of the roof, one would need to step over a 42-inch chain fence which surrounds a roof garden.

Mrs. Alice Ladley, resident manager who lives in 213, said Mrs. Deas told her that Mr. Deas had been on sick leave from the CIA, suffering from a nervous condition.

One of the residents believed he heard something hit the garage roof about 5:30 a.m. However, the body was not found until daylight.

### Born in Scotland

Mrs. Deas, who was reported in a distraught condition, told police Mr. Deas had remained at his desk when she retired. Apparently, he did not go to his bed at all. The couple have lived at the apartments about four years.

Born March 16, 1888, in Dunf., Berwickshire, Scotland, Mr. Deas became a naturalized American citizen in 1917. He served as a second lieutenant in the air service during World War I.

Mr. Deas worked as auditor for firms in Chicago, New York and Paris for many years before joining the CIA in September, 1951. He was married in 1948 to Claire Fleming Hardwicke in New York City. They had no children.

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