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# CIA Recruits Graduates In West Area

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The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) will be recruiting college graduates for employment in six Rocky Mountain states this fall to help fill shortages in critical professions needed by the super secret organization.

The CIA established a personnel office in Salt Lake City in July, headed by Recruiter Jack O. Hanson.

"We're interested in all kinds of applicants, the overt as well as in the secret aspect of CIA employment," Hanson stated.

His jurisdiction is New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and southern Idaho.

The CIA has a critical need for physicists, engineers of all kinds, accountants, certified public accountants and photogrammetrists.

Hanson said his agency has been hiring more women. He said this is, to some degree, traced to the drain on manpower by the Viet Nam war.

"We are interested in a variety of other professions," he added. These fields include political science, history, linguistics, sociology and international relations.

Recruiters for the CIA have encountered pickets by pacifists and radical groups at universities and colleges in the Midwest. Hanson said the CIA has trouble in the Rocky Mountain states.

The schools Hanson will visit in the next few months include: In Utah — University of Utah, Brigham Young University, Weber State College, Utah State University.

In Idaho — Idaho State University.

The recruiter said television and motion pictures, by portraying an unrealistic super spy, "have warped the imagination of applicants so that they have a misconception of what CIA employment is.

"For the most part," he continued, "employees are engaged in evaluation and writing of intelligence reports — a far thing

from the glorified agent and his clandestine operations.

"When interviewing a fellow," he said, "we have to set him straight on this glorification before he gets in and finds himself very unhappy."

An applicant for a professional CIA position must be 21, a U.S. citizen by birth; have a degree and be mature. "The agency is always on the lookout for graduates with military experience — not so much for the training as for maturity," Hanson said.

Most intelligence agency jobs are overseas or near Washington, D.C.

Only a small percentage of applicants, Hanson said, are accepted by the CIA. Most fail to

meet the high standards. Others, he said, are discouraged into taking immediate employment elsewhere by a three to five-month period needed for processing and to complete a security check.

There has been some opposition to CIA policies — some voiced by Congress—but Hanson said that on the whole the agency's public image is high. He said the CIA employee has a career of genuine service to the country and one which holds considerable interest and challenge.

Agents and employees of the CIA fundamentally are under U.S. Civil Service Commission pay and benefit standards — although exempt from civil service policy.

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