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## Spy Fever in Cairo

THE OTHER DAY Mustafa Amin, editor and publisher of Al Akhbar (The News), was arrested on charges of being an American spy. Shortly thereafter, the official Al Gomhouria (The Republic) began to publish a series of articles excoriating the Central Intelligence Agency.

Never before has Nasser's official press attacked the United States in such vehement terms. Al Gomhouria even went so far as to accuse Secretary of State Rusk of being "a CIA officer with the rank of colonel in 1943" (several years before the CIA was founded). And it accused Phillips Talbot, our new ambassador to Greece, of having "far stronger associations with the CIA than with the State Department." (He was formerly assistant secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs.)

Well, Rusk was indeed once a colonel, deputy chief of staff of our military operations in Burma during World War II. Talbot, for his part, was an assistant naval attache in Chungking.

What may this outbreak of spy fever mean? It may mean the Egyptian government (in response to President Johnson's appointment of Arthur J. Goldberg as our ambassador to the United Nations) has decided to increase its opposition to Israel. It may mean that Nasser has decided that his future depends on closer relations with Russia and China.

Whatever else it may mean, it certainly means that Egyptians have been warned to shun Americans as they would the plague. Daniel Garcia, our new press attache in Cairo, for example, reports that he has found it almost impossible to establish normal relations with Egyptian newspapermen.