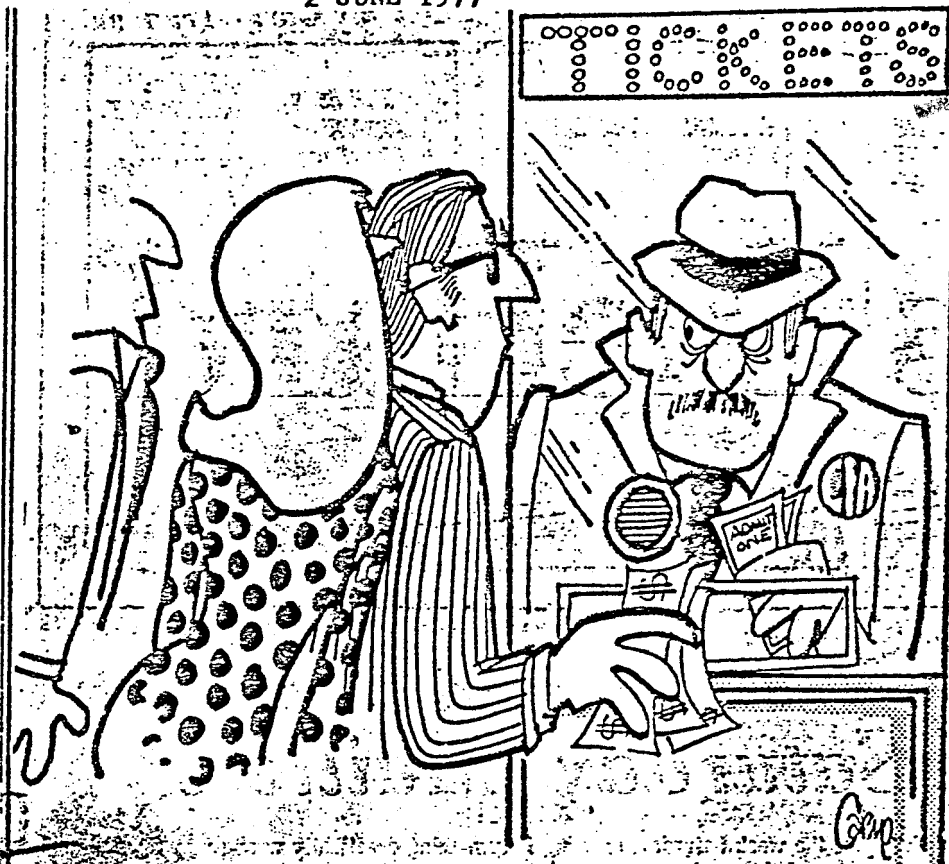


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'Mother' at Home

CIA Inviting Public In From Out of Cold

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The CIA is official are trying to decide just what the coming pathway in from the cold and joining the Washington public tour circuit.

A spokesman said Wednesday the publicity-shy spy agency, getting in step with Jimmy Carter's preference for "open government," will soon allow private citizens to take carefully controlled tours of its headquarters in suburban Langley, Va.

This is quite a step for an outfit that, until just a few years ago, played the "cover" game to the point that highway signs identified the CIA exit only as "The Bureau of Public Roads."

The spokesman said Adm. Stansfield Turner, appointed by President Carter as the agency's new director, decided the taboo against visitors should be relaxed slightly.

"He instituted a more open policy," the spokesman said. "He thought it would be a good idea."

"The White House does it. The FBI does it. Why not us?" he quoted Turner as saying.

But letting tourists into the modern, guarded, seven-story headquarters of U.S. intelligence, where men with mysterious code names like "Mother" and "Jojo" plotted Cold War spy capers, presents special problems.

visitors will be allowed to see and what "exhibits" might be appropriate for display.

He said the plan is still "at the drawing board stage" and no inaugural date has been set for the tours, which will take place only on Saturdays.

The visitors, presumably, would require special tickets; perhaps to be doled out by their congressmen.

In any case, the spokesman said, visitors will not be allowed to roam freely through an office building occupied by many who do not care to be seen, much less photographed.

The tours will probably start with a film or lecture on the history of the U.S. intelligence effort in an auditorium known as "The Bubble," then proceed through a tunnel into the lobby where 33 gold stars, graven into the marble walls, honor agents killed in the line of duty.

Other stops, the spokesman said, might include the library and the cartography room, where maps are made by computers.

But as for all the other spaces behind the locked, guarded doors, they will remain taboo.

"Offices," the spokesman said. "Just