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"TELLING TOO MUCH"

Allen W. Dulles, Director of this country's Central Intelligence Agency, declared Monday that the United States is "telling Russia too much" about secret weapons, strategy and scientific progress, adding that he would give a great deal if he could learn as much about the Soviet Union as that country can learn about us by merely reading the newspapers.

As the nation's top intelligence authority, Mr. Dulles, brother of the Secretary of State, ought to know what he's talking about. Like many of us, he is probably fed up with the blatant way some of our citizens insist on bragging about everything we accomplish. It seems that we cannot design a new plane or contrive a new bomb without having to put on a show to demonstrate it to the public. Queerly enough, a few minutes after the story concerning Dulles' dissatisfaction with our disregard for secrecy came over the Associated Press wire another story came in disclosing that the Navy would soon unveil a new plane. That sounded like an invitation to Russia to send a few spies to the plane's coming-out party.

We well realize the importance of freedom of speech and of the press but when such freedoms are being abused to the point where a potential enemy nation is being helped it is high time that we became a little more discreet. As it is now, we are hurting our own cause because of our zeal to keep all of our people informed of every move our scientists and military leaders are making.

Let's keep on building planes and devising the latest in modern weapons but let's do it a little more quietly. If the various news media must publish learned articles on scientific subjects, let them confine themselves to that sort of material which can be of no military or diplomatic benefit to our enemies behind the Iron Curtain. As Theodore Roosevelt said, we should "walk softly and carry a big stick" and right now the emphasis should be on the "softly."