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Swiss Weary Of Intrigue

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PARIS—Little Switzerland is sick and tired of being used as the happy hunting ground for spies of all nationalities.

A communique issued by the Bern Department of Police and Justice warns in particularly vigorous terms against the use of Swiss territory by foreign secret agents to spy against any "third country." These illicit dealings are under constant watch by the Swiss counterespionage the communique states.

The latest incident, which provoked the outburst of Swiss irritation, occurred a few days ago. Police caught Jon Hidos, third secretary at the Romanian embassy in Bern, passing funds to an agent and entrusting him with a further mission on behalf of Communist Romania.

Two weeks before Jon Hidos was caught, Swiss counterespionage reportedly discovered a whole network being conducted by spies from East Germany. These agents were operating in Austria with money and instructions transmitted through Switzerland.

Switzerland protested to the U. S. Embassy last February when Soviet secret agent Youri Nossenko was contacted by the Central Intelligence Agency during the Geneva Disarmament Conference. Nossenko later fled to the United States with a sizable briefcase full of important secret Soviet documents.

Allen Dulles, then OSS chief in Bern, was involved in the July 20, 1944, attempt on Adolf Hitler's life by anti-Nazi German officers. His activities during the war led to several protests by the Swiss authorities.