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Estimates 80% of Soviet Officials Based in U.S. Doing Spy Chores

To the Editor:

The Dispatch rendered a service to the people of this community and to the cause of freedom in publishing on the front page (Sept. 28) the Associated Press item concerned with the Soviet plot to discredit the FBI and the CIA.

We should know that the Soviet Union has maintained a large staff of officials in this country since its first recognition in 1933.

THESE OFFICIALS have been assigned to Soviet embassies, consulates, trade delegations, news media, the United Nations, and the Amtorg Trading Corporation.

It is from these installations that the primary intelligence activities are directed against the United States.

A former Soviet intelligence officer who defected from the Soviets has estimated that up to 80 percent of the Soviet officials in the United States have some type of intelligence assignment.

OTHER DEFECTIONERS have

confirmed that a high percentage of the Soviet officials are intelligence agents.

As of May, 1960, 328 Soviet officials were stationed in this country, accompanied by 455 dependents, a considerable body of potential intelligence sources.

We are presently contemplating opening our major cities to increased numbers of Soviet agents, through increased traffic with the Soviet Union, in the guise of easing communications with the Russians.

SOVIET satellite officials in this country must be added to the number of potential agents serving the Kremlin.

Meetings of these potential saboteurs and assassins are regularly held, and are under the direction of the Soviet military attache.

It may be presumed that assignments are handed the lesser Soviet agents during these "secretly" held convocations.

Wary.

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