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Tells Alton Rotary How To Combat Communism

Five ways for every American citizen to help the FBI and the CIA combat communism were suggested to Rotarians Monday night by Dr. Herman A. Heise, dean of the faculty at Monticello College and former operations officer for the Central Intelligence Agency. He spoke at Alton's Hotel Stratford.

Quoting J. Edgar Hoover, Dr. Heise suggested that each American who becomes aware of a Communist group or of an individual who intends to harm the United States should (1) make sure his facts are right; (2) report his suspicions to the proper authorities; (3) not take the law into his own hands; (4) not confuse liberals with Communists; and (5) never be a party to a violation of human rights.

Many foreign espionage operations in this country are known to the FBI and the CIA and are permitted to continue as long as they can be monitored properly, said the Monticello dean. These operations can be the source of much valuable information to our own intelligence people, he continued, and the well-meaning citizen who acts independently or makes indiscriminate public

accusations may well destroy the careful plans of American agencies.

Drawing on his experiences as a CIA officer for the past nine years, Dr. Heise told a number of anecdotes relating to both Russian and American espionage activities in the past.

"Khrushchev's anger and departure from Paris in a huff, a puzzle to our newspapermen, becomes reasonable," said Dr. Heise, "when we understand that Khrushchev was aware for the first time that we knew exactly where to drop our bombs and that the Russians were as vulnerable to specific target attacks as the U.S."

A CIA operation which literally was underground was described by Dr. Heise when he told the story of a tunnel dug by U.S. intelligence agents from West Berlin to a contact with Russian telegraph cables buried in East Berlin. Through an ingenious wire-tap system, United States agents were able to monitor Russian and East German secret messages for almost a year before the tunnel was discovered by a squad of Soviet signal troops.

The Monticello dean was introduced by Dr. Duncan Wimpres, president of Monticello College and a member of the club.

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