



SECRET AGENT—Juri Raus, right, who the Government has admitted is an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency, leaves a pretrial hearing in Federal Court here with his law-

yer, Paul R. Connolly. Mr. Raus has been accused of slander for calling Eerick Heine, of Rexdale, Ontario, a Soviet agent. The CIA is trying to keep Mr. Raus off the stand.

SILENCE IMPOSED ON CIA DEFENDANT

Privilege Claimed To Bar Replies In Slander Case

The Central Intelligence Agency asserted a claim of absolute privilege yesterday in Federal Court to keep the defendant in a \$110,000 slander suit from answering questions.

In an unusual hearing before Chief Judge Roszel C. Thomsen, the super-secret spy agency blocked attempts by a man who says he is an Estonian patriot to gain information.

Session Set May 13

After the court session, Judge Thomsen asked attorneys to return May 13 to discuss moves to end the two-year slander action brought by Eerik Heine, of Rexdale, Ont.

Mr. Heine claims that a Government worker in Maryland made statements to Estonian

his reputation as a lecturer on his exploits as fighter for a free Estonia.

CIA Files Affidavits

He identified the man as Juri Raus, of Hyattsville, who served in 1963 as the national commander of the Legion of Estonian Liberation.

The CIA entered the case through a series of affidavits, declaring that it had furnished the information to Mr. Raus in the interest of national security.

From the witness stand yesterday, Mr. Raus was permitted to say only that he had received money from the CIA, although his principal income came from a job with the Bureau of Public Roads.

Statutory Grounds Cited

When attorneys for Mr. Heine indicated they wanted him to reveal his meetings with CIA agents, the sources of information furnished and the persons who gave it, the silence ban was invoked.

Lawrence R. Houston, general counsel for the agency, pointed out that the CIA had statutory grounds for keeping such information secret and would refuse to allow Mr. Raus to testify further.