

CIA AT WORK TO PROTECT OUR NATION

Next month John McCone will tackle one of our nation's most difficult and important jobs. He will become the new head of the Central Intelligence Agency. The CIA supplies the President and other officials with information about what is going on in foreign countries.

THE CIA has not only a new director, but also a new place in which to work. CIA employees have been moving into a huge new building in Langley, Virginia—just across the Potomac River from the nation's capital. The building, which ranks second in size to the Pentagon, will take the place of smaller buildings which housed CIA workers in the past.

In the News. Mr. McCone, who has held other important government jobs, takes over at a time when the CIA is in the spotlight. As our nation's top *espionage* (spying) agency, the CIA carries out secret operations and collects secret information.

This information, called *intelligence*, helps the President and other officials to act on troublesome problems. If the intelligence is correct, our nation benefits. If it proves to be wrong, difficulties may arise. Because the CIA works in secret, it is almost impossible for outsiders to judge its record.

A Look at the Past. Spying is a risky business, and to many people it seems wrong. However, nations have carried on spying operations for thousands of years to protect themselves from their enemies.

You may remember how the ancient Greeks used a wooden horse as part of a clever espionage plot to take the city of Troy. We know that the ancient Egyptians had secret agents to spy on their foes.

Long ago, both France and Britain became expert at collecting intelligence information. Before and during World War II, the Germans had spies all over the globe. Today the Soviet Union has one of

It is said that George Washington realized the value of espionage, and that he spent several thousand dollars on spying activities during the Revolutionary War. However, the United States was slow to set up an intelligence system.

For years we depended heavily on information collected by our diplomats and military officials in foreign lands. Most of this information did not involve spying. The officers simply reported facts which they collected through observation and study.

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 was a shock to all Americans. Although there had been reports of possible trouble, the United States did not, at that time, have a central agency for getting the facts and putting them to use.

After Pearl Harbor a new office was set up in our government—the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). This was a special agency organized to carry on espionage. During World War II, the OSS performed many feats behind enemy lines. OSS was disbanded after the war, but it supplied well-trained intelligence officers for the future.

A New Plan. In 1947, the National Security Council was set up to advise the President on defense problems—especially on matters concerning Russia and other communist lands. At the same time, the CIA was established to furnish the National Security Council with information needed to protect our nation's safety.

The CIA was given three big jobs: (1) to carry on intelligence operations; (2) to bring together all the secret information gathered by other government agencies; (3) to act as the President's chief adviser on intelligence matters.

Since its beginning, the CIA has had only three directors. Mr. McCone will be the fourth. He follows Allen Dulles, who served as head of the CIA from 1953 until his retirement this fall.

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Now Syria Ousts U. S. Embassy Woman

Syria's Socialist regime continued its drive against alleged American spies by tagging a secretary in the American Embassy in Damascus as one and ordering her out of the country. U. S. diplomatic sources say the charges are irresponsible and merely reflect the Baathists' anti-American campaign. Miss Martha Scherrer was identified as the Embassy secretary. She works in the administrative section. Officials said she was in the same ring as Second Secretary Walter S. Snowden, who was expelled last Wednesday. Over the weekend, Farhan Attassi, a TV film salesman who was identified as a naturalized American, and Army Col. Abdul Mueen el-Habimi were sentenced to death for complicity in a plot allegedly to accept \$2 million from Snowden for information about Syrian armed forces and military equipment. Miss Scherrer had 48 hours to leave Syria. She has no diplomatic status.

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