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erately leaked classified military information to Der Spiegel.

In Germany, this revelation evoked uneasy memories of the Hitler era, when rival intelligence agencies fought for power with murder, blackmail, and terror. One of the officials jailed in the affair of Der Spiegel was Col. Adolf Wicht, nominally a member of resigned Defense Minister Franz-Josef Strauss's staff, and also a hidden agent. Wicht was accused of helping Der Spiegel in its bitter editorial attacks on Strauss, and most Germans are convinced Wicht acted on German orders. Gehlen reportedly opposed Strauss's military policy and influenced West Germany con-

and German Government officials found their phones tapped and their movements shadowed. Defense Ministry press chief Col. Gerd Schmueckle showed up for lunch in Bonn's Hotel Taschenhof, and found an agent planted next to the table. His secretary had reserved only minutes before. A journalist phoned his boss in Hamburg. "I'm tired," he said. "This Strauss story has got me down. I feel like taking a rest." A sympathetic line-tapper cut in: "You do that," he said. "Nothing more is going to happen for a while."

**Elusive:** Inevitably, the hue and cry over government spying is going to be followed by demands for more information on Reinhard Gehlen's mysterious operations. But the chances are scarcely better than 50-50 that much more will be learned about Gehlen than is known already—and that is skimpy enough.

Gehlen has not been photographed since 1944. When he leaves his Munich compound, he is incognito and accompanied by armed guards. He travels on a false passport provided by the German Foreign Office.

Gehlen's personal politics have never been completely clarified, but he can be distinguished: In January 1945, he read an intelligence report of estimated Russian strength in the East. "Completely idiotic," said Hitler, and advised the man who had compiled the report should be committed to a lunatic asylum. The man was Reinhard Gehlen. His estimates proved correct, and instead of going to a lunatic asylum he surrendered his entire intelligence organization to U.S. forces. They were so impressed that they set him up in business in Munich.

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**Gen. Gehlen: Secret warfare**

centrate on beefing up conventional forces instead of seeking to increase its nuclear capacity.

The disclosure that Gehlen's organization was warring with the Defense Ministry's own Military Intelligence Service followed loud outcries against governmental highhandedness, particularly after the arrests in the Der Spiegel affair. Still more ominous was the realization that West Germany's mushrooming political scandal had brought about a sharp increase in surveillance activities of all kinds, and apparently from every quarter.

In Bonn, Berlin, Munich, and Hamburg, foreign diplomats, newspapermen,

**GERMANY:**

**Spies on Spies**

In the quiet Munich suburb of Sollach is a sprawling compound surrounded by a high barbed-wire fence and patrolled around the clock by armed guards with walkie-talkies and German police dogs. Inside is the home and headquarters of the least known and most elusive official of the West German Government: Gen. Reinhard Gehlen, chief of the *Bundesnachrichtendienst* (Federal Intelligence Service), the top-secret intelligence service responsible only to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Mystery man Gehlen became deeply involved in the six-week-old political scandal touched off when Federal authorities raided the newsmagazine Der Spiegel, jailed its top editors on charges of treason, and plunged the country into governmental chaos. West Germany's press and politicians set up a vociferous clamor when it was disclosed that one of Gehlen's agents had delib-