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New Sex-Spy Scandal

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A new spy scandal is brewing in the State Dept. which involves "several Americans" in our embassy in Warsaw.

The latest defector from the Soviet Secret Police, Yuri I. Nossenko, already has cleared up some matters about the espionage breakthrough scored

by the Russians through a number of our diplomatic representatives in Poland's capital.

Their downfall. It was rell-



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ably determined, was the work in all but one instance of women agents of the KGB, the Soviet Secret Police.

The women managed to make toogees out of three to five Americans by maneuvering them into compromising situations where they were photographed.

The number of Americans involved and the damage to our defense, diplomatic and communications secrets is now the subject of secret testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

Similar investigations are also under way in the State Dept. and the Central Intelligence Agency. CIA is holding Nossenko in protective custody as a prize package of information in danger of becoming a clay pigeon for KGB assassins.

Spokesmen for both State and CIA said they would not comment on the matter at the present time.

A spokesman for the Senate subcommittee confirmed that the Warsaw scandal was an issue on which testimony was now being taken. He would make no further comment.

This much has been learned, however:

The State Dept. employes involved in the case are still in service.

The case has roots to—and similarities with—that of Irving C. Scarbeck, the Brooklyn-born former aide in our Warsaw embassy. He was convicted three years ago of turning U.S. secrets over to Communist agents. He is now serving a 10-year prison sentence.

Quiet, industrious, married and the father of three children, Scarbeck fell under the spell of a blackmailing Polish blonde who was an agent of the secret police. He was 40 at the time.

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Under threat of exposing their affair, his Polish mistress got him to turn over many classified documents to Communist agents. Through Scarbeck, the Reds gained the equivalent of a looking-glass, a camera and a sounding-board for all important business transacted inside the embassy.

Unfortunately for the State Dept., its own security program was relaxed about the time of the Scarbeck affair. Otherwise the department might have discovered then that Scarbeck wasn't the only source of leaks through the highlife-baited trap which the Reds have created for Americans in Warsaw.

It now appears that our Warsaw post, instead of being fumigated following Scarbeck's arrest, has been the same old glass house for the KGB almost ever since.

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee got wind of the affair several weeks ago. It took testimony from a State Dept. security officer.

He presented some evidence willingly enough, it was learned, but when the questioning got tougher he balked and told the Senators he couldn't answer any further questions until he consulted his seniors.

IT'S CONFIRMED

Shortly thereafter the Senate investigators got word of Nossenko's defection. One of them met him the day he arrived in Washington last week. He confirmed that the Warsaw embassy had been an open book to his organization, this reporter has been informed.

The whole affair is a vindication of the contentions of Otto F. Otepka, once the State Dept.'s top-ranking loyalty-checker, that there were "glaring security deficiencies" at State.

Mr. Otepka was fired (he even had his phone tapped) by State for making such remarks to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.