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Club Told Spy Costs Tremendous

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The costs of spying are absolutely amazing, Rock Island Rotarians were told yesterday noon by Donald H. Purcell, Rock Island, a former intelligence officer in the Air Force.

"Even Congress doesn't know how much and how money is spent by the Central Intelligence Agency," he said. "I doubt even if the President knows."

Today's espionage is complex and extensive. Modern electronics and advanced photography are major tools of the spy profession, according to Purcell.

Electronic brains can crack any code, if it is used more than once. Cameras on space satellites keep U.S. intelligence posted on activities behind guarded borders. Instant communications with agents anywhere in the world are routine today.

Purcell also told of incidents he encountered during his service during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Evaluation Problem

Perhaps, the greatest problem in intelligence is the actual evaluation of information. Purcell said that the U.S. had cracked the Japanese code six months prior to Pearl Harbor but the evaluation of intelligence failed to alert military and naval brass hats.

Purcell warned his audience never to underestimate the Communists. The aim of communism is to destroy capitalism, and, he said, the Communists have lots of time and lives mean nothing to them. If they need to, they will sacrifice 250 million Red Chinese lives to achieve their ends.