

2 AP Men Were Spies, Russia Says

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MOSCOW, Oct. 16 (AP)—Izvestia published an article today by a writer identified as an Estonian linguist that accused a staff writer for the Associated Press and a former employe of the news service of conducting espionage operations in Sweden several years ago.

The writer, Arthur Haman, said he was a former AP employe in Stockholm who had recently come to the Soviet Union. He said he had been threatened by the Central Intelligence Agency while he was in the United States seeking a professorship.

"Remembering many facts, it became clear to me that the American intelligence is busy with intelligence activity in Sweden," he said. "It widely uses the United States Embassy, the Stockholm department of the agency Associated Press as well as other American representatives in Stockholm."

He mentioned Thomas A. Reedy, former chief of Scandinavian services for the AP, and Gustav Svensson, a former AP writer who worked in Stockholm and later in Moscow. Reedy is now assigned to the AP's London Bureau.

Haman said that, "according to rumors, Reedy had the rank of major in the American Army."

In New York today, Wes Gallagher, general manager of the Associated Press, said that the story in Izvestia was completely untrue.

"Neither the Associated Press nor its employes have any connection with any department of the U.S. Government," he said.