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DAN RATHER: It's a Long Island community of just under 25,000 people 32 miles from New York. It's a kind of all-American community, including residents of Italian, Russian, German, Slavic, and Greek descent. And now it's on a cold war footing. Its weapons, as Morton Dean reports, are fun and games.

MORTON DEAN: It's more than an iron gate; it's an iron curtain. Behind it is a secret world. On 36 cushy capitalistic acres is the official residence of the Soviet Ambassador to the United Nations. It's ground zero in a cold war being waged in Glen Cove, New York.

WOMAN: Why should they get anything for nothing? We have to pay our taxes.

MAN: I do find it offensive that they're here in our community, using our facilities free of charge without paying any taxes, and carrying on espionage.

DEAN: Recently, a Soviet defector revealed that this 49-room mansion is more than just a place where the Soviet Ambassador can unwind after a hard day down at the U.N., that it's a spy nest, a cover for a major electronics surveillance operation.

MAYOR ALAN PARENT: The revelation that the Russians are using the estate for espionage activities is the straw that broke the camel's back.

DEAN: The Mayor formulated a battle plan. Sure, the Soviet Union has more missiles and tanks and men in arms than Glen Cove, but Glen Cove has beaches and tennis courts and a golf

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course. So the City Council voted to ban the Soviets from using public recreational facilities, the beaches, the tennis courts, and the golf course. It satisfied the sense of outrage.

WOMAN: Well, they turn around and spy on us, they put spies out, and they still should be allowed to have privileges? Really.

DEAN: It satisfied the patriotic fervor.

RAYMOND ADAMCHAZAK: The KGB are paid assassins, and the KGB ought to be removed from Glen Cove. And that's the way I feel about it.

DEAN: And it satisfied the anti-Soviet sentiment of many residents.

WOMAN: I've been next to them. They wouldn't return a ball, even when we asked them. And I'm sure they know the language.

DEAN: The lone member of the City Council to have voted against the sanctions fears the situation could escalate.

DONALD DERIGGI: There's going to be a situation where our people in Moscow are going to be made uncomfortable because we're making someone uncomfortable here.

DEAN: The Soviets, who refused to talk about the situation with CBS News, did protest to the State Department. Highly informed sources told us quiet diplomacy could defuse the crisis.

Glen Cove might be willing to lift its sanctions if the spy gear is removed or if Washington picks up the tab for taxes lost and services rendered. Meanwhile, the Mayor pledges to stand firm.

MAYOR PARENTE: We're revoking their right to use the recreational facilities. And if a Soviet came up here and tried to use them, I would ask him to leave. And if he didn't leave, I would call down the police department and remove him from the facility. Yes.

DEAN: Glen Cove, New York, another trigger point in the dangerous world of East-West relations.