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New report:

An analysis recently completed on behalf of the CIA is titled: "Expelling America — A New Coordinated Radical Strategy."

Defector flap

Students of the Soviet disinformation effort never fail to be amazed by the frequency with which Western volunteers come forth to besmirch the reputations of Soviet enemies. Defectors are under particular pressure to prove their bona fides. There have been a number of "quality" defectors in recent years who have caused their former masters so much acute embarrassment and harm by their public revelations it is unlikely that they have secret loyalties to the Soviet system. One is Arkady Shevchenko, former under secretary general of the United Nations and the highest ranking Soviet diplomat to defect to the West. Now comes journalist-author Edward Jay Epstein to add Mr. Shevchenko to the Nosenko, Golitsyn, et al controversies of the 1960s and early 1970s.

The Epstein technique is reminiscent of the new "McCarthyism" we have been seeing in the U.S. Senate, where the credibility of presidential nominees who have been serving their country with distinction are attacked on the basis of a memory lapse regarding some event many months or even years ago. So what? Who can remember precise details of routine events of last month, let alone five years ago? In Mr. Shevchenko's case, Mr. Epstein has set forth mercilessly with forceps and scalpel to slice up not sworn testimony, but Mr. Shevchenko's autobiography.

Mr. Epstein has shown an odd sense of timing. His attack has appeared only a month after the Senate Intelligence Committee issued a report on Soviet use of the United Nations Secretariat for espionage purposes. Mr. Shevchenko has been discussing his personal experiences of Soviet abuse of the U.N. for intelligence purposes in interviews and in his best-selling book, *Breaking With Moscow*. He also tells the story of how he, a privileged member of the Soviet elite, became disgusted and disenchanted with the Soviet system.

Washington's intelligence

community wants to know who prompted Mr. Epstein to this disservice. Some believe it originated with embittered, Byzantine old enemies of former CIA director Adm. Stansfield Turner, on whose watch Mr. Shevchenko chose to find freedom.

The CIA's routine "no comment" rule was broken yesterday: "Shevchenko provided invaluable intelligence information to the U.S. government," said the CIA spokesman. "The CIA had nothing to do with writing his book" — as Mr. Epstein charged.

Advance man

Correspondent Stephanie Nall files this from the White House: President Reagan has named James L. Hooley as one of his special assistants and director of his advance team. Mr. Hooley, 32, has worked for President Reagan, either at the White House or on a campaign staff, since 1978, when he became a consultant on the 1980 election. Since November 1983, he has been deputy director of presidential advance. That office plans the president's trips. *And:*

President Reagan has chosen Charles A. Trabandt to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. If confirmed by the Senate, he would succeed Georgiana H. Sheldon, a Republican who has served in the post for two terms. Mr. Trabandt, 44, formerly served in the CIA and as chief counsel on the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. He now is counselor to the controller at the Interior Department and is a 1963 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

— John Elvin

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