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The Central Intelligence Agency has been having "Nights With The CIA" at its Langley headquarters for Washington area alumni of Ivy League colleges.

When they get there, they are introduced to name-wearing employers of the CIA who also attended those colleges. The pitch is made to recruit new employes from these alumni. The real Chamber-of-Commerce type selling job is done for help in passage of the H.R. 5615, the Intelligence Identities Protection Act, which was slated to come before the House late in the week of Sept. 22 and probably later before the U.S. Senate.

The bill amends the National Security Act of 1947 to provide criminal penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of information identifying undercover U.S. intelligence officers, agents, informants and sources. This is why the personal contact on a name basis between the employees and their college mates seems unusual.

Even though the alumni get invitations, they still are screened after they accept.

They meet Admiral Stansfield Turner and hear all about the public relations office which the CIA maintains for contacts with the public.

Looking around the expensively appointed building and learning that the CIA has many other officers in downtown Washington and Rosslyn, Va., some of the alumni to think that the CIA must be spending almost as much money as the Department of Defense. The difference is that the DOD expenditures are variable by item as Congress approves each item.

The evening's conclusion is: The CIA needs recruits badly.

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