

# World and Nation

Better training, experience cited

## 'Spyhunters getting better results'

**Associated Press**  
WASHINGTON — U.S. counterintelligence experts believe there may be more spies in this country in recent years, but they are sure that better spy catchers with better tools are a chief reason for the spate of spying arrests.

"Success breeds success," John L. Martin, the top U.S. spy hunter, said. "The CIA and the FBI have been learning right along with us at the Justice Department over the past 10 years how to effectively prosecute spies while maintaining secrets."

And each arrest and conviction increases the vigilance by government, by defense industries and by the public, he said.

The reasons for the growing effectiveness stretch from the less glamorous, such as better trained and more experienced investigators and prosecutors, to the highly dra-

matic, such as spy swaps on bridges in Germany, he said.

Martin, 48, a former FBI counterterrorism agent, has supervised spy cases as a Justice lawyer for 12 years and has headed the internal security section since 1980. He has been at the center of the action during the dramatic turnaround in espionage during the last decade; he's in charge of catching and convicting spies here.

Between 1966 and 1977, there were no successful espionage prosecutions in the United States. But in the past 10 years, 47 people have been charged with espionage in this country.

The most arrests, 14, came in 1984, and there have been 10 so far in 1985. Virtually all the decided cases have resulted in convictions or guilty pleas.

"Before 10 years ago, we didn't

turn them, we didn't trade them and we didn't try them," Martin said. "A lot of guys were let go. Not many cases were brought, and those were lost or reversed on appeal."

The first change came during the Carter administration when Attorney General Griffin Bell decided to start prosecuting spies.

The Carter team added legal weapons. The current chief of Justice's criminal division, Assistant Attorney General Stephen Trott, cites two laws: the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and the Classified Information Procedures Act.

The first law helped facilitate a legal doubling of wiretaps for intelligence-gathering, and allows such information to be used in criminal trials.

The second law allows judges to decide in a closed hearing what secrets a defendant really needs to dis-

close to get a fair trial. This helps stop defendants from "graymailing" the government into dropping prosecution for fear of additional disclosures.

Finally the Reagan administration added money for bodies and equipment. Assistant FBI Director Jim Gear, who heads the intelligence division, said, "In the last three or four years, we've seen about a 25 percent increase in the amount of resources devoted to foreign counterintelligence."

Neither CIA sources nor Gear believes there is any large increase in trained intelligence officers spying here under diplomatic cover.

But they do believe there have been more spies in the past five to 10 years due to businessmen and trade delegations, since they have the freedom to travel and attempt to smuggle out or steal high technology equipment.

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## Specialists promote toy safety

**Associated Press**  
WASHINGTON — Wrap children's gifts in love and safety, a panel of government and industry toy specialists urged holiday shoppers Tuesday.

Consumers must be informed and use good judgment in buying toys to help reduce injuries and deaths, Chairman Terrence M. Scanlon of the Consumer Product Safety Commission said at the agency's annual toy safety news conference.

Douglas Thomson, president of the Toy Manufacturers of America, stressed the importance of parents reading age labels on toys and choosing items that are appropriate for their child.

When contacted later at his office, Commissioner Stuart M. Statler, who skipped the meeting, contended that the nation's toymakers do not go far enough in their age-labeling on toys.

"The basic message (of toy safety) is fine," he said.

But he said he would rather see the agency's effort go into finding dangerous toys and getting them off the market.

As to age-labeling, manufacturers now only list the ages for which a product is or is not recommended, Statler noted.

He said labels should say why the recommendation is made — such as that a toy contains small parts a toddler might choke on, or sharp points that could injure an eye.

"Consumers must make the appropriate toy selection at point of purchase, must supervise children while at play to ensure safe habits, must assure proper storage of unused toys, and must regularly examine toys — repairing or discarding broken ones," Scanlon said.

Scanlon warned of the hazards of balloons and toy chests. Balloons, if broken or deflated, can suffocate small children, he said, urging adults to remove balloons and pieces of broken balloons after parties.

Toy chest lids can drop onto a child looking for something in the box, Scanlon said, citing some 30 deaths caused by this type of accident over a decade.

He urged buying toy chests with spring supports for the lids, and purchasing the supports separately for chests already in use.

Dawson warned about crib toys, which can strangle children who become entangled in them.

Scanlon noted that the commission conducted 78 recalls of dangerous children's products last year, including 40 toys.

## GAO report faults staffing, computers for IRS problems

**Associated Press**  
WASHINGTON — At some tax-processing centers, taxpayer letters were destroyed, refund checks were mutilated, some people put in 80-hour weeks, and tax forms were left in restrooms and on loading docks, the General Accounting Office reports.

In reports being distributed on Capitol Hill this week, the GAO, an investigating arm of Congress, pointed to inadequate staffing and a changeover to a new computer system as primary reasons for what Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa., said Tuesday was "the worst tax-filing season in history."

More than seven months after the April 15 federal income tax filing deadline, the Internal Revenue Service said Tuesday that 1.9 million tax returns remain unprocessed because of taxpayer or agency error.

Speaking to reporters in Philadelphia, Heinz said the GAO report on problems at the Philadelphia Service Center "confirms the center was unprepared, poorly staffed and incompetently managed."

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quirky, error-prone, even hopeless high-tech sweat shop where the choice if you are an employee was either to quit or try to do an impossible job," he said.

Spokesman Ernie Acosta said the IRS is reviewing GAO's findings.

"We worked closely with the GAO during their investigation so we are aware of the situations," he said. "In many cases, we have already taken corrective action," he said.

Worker turnover and inexperience were keys to problems in Philadelphia and in IRS centers in Fresno Calif. and Austin, according to the reports.

In Austin, the agency hired 3,270 people from September 1984 to May 1985 but "most of these employees had little experience for the work they had to do," the GAO said, and the attrition rate for temporary workers reached 80 percent.

In Philadelphia, a unit that corrects tax return errors lost 45 tax examiners from mid-February through April 1985 due to resignations, firings, reassignments or voluntary furloughs, the GAO said.

IRS Commissioner Roscoe L. Egger Jr. told a Senate panel last week the government has paid \$47 million in interest this year on tax returns not processed by the agency within the required 45 days after the filing deadline. For the same period last year, the figure was \$27 million.

A major section of the GAO's report on the Philadelphia center focused on nine alleged incidents of "lost" tax documents from July 1980 to June 1985. It said seven of these incidents were substantiated by the IRS, including:

## Prelates propose sharing pope's responsibilities

**Associated Press**  
VATICAN CITY — U.S. and Scandinavian prelates proposed at a synod Tuesday that local bishops and their national organizations share with the pope responsibility for running the Roman Catholic Church.

Bishops from the Third World, addressing issues of their own region, called for increased church support of clerics working for the poor and oppressed.

The proposals came in speeches on the second day of a two-week synod assessing the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, also known as Vatican II.

Vatican II, held in four sessions between 1962 and 1965, made reforms in Catholic liturgy, ecumenism, seminary education, religious life and church government.

Pope John Paul II sat through all 21 speeches Tuesday, taking notes and reading texts, said the Rev. Diarmuid Martin, the synod spokesman.

Bishop James W. Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, president of the U.S. Bishops Conference, said he believes there are good grounds in the

Vatican II reforms to justify some extension of collegiality to the direction of bishops.

In church parlance, collegiality refers to the collaborative relationship between the pope and bishops in Christian teaching and in governing the church.

The issue of shared responsibility between the pope and bishops is considered a major one before the synod of 165 bishops from around the world.

Bishop John W. Gran of Oslo, Norway, representing the Scandinavian Bishops Conference, went further. He asserted that the Vatican II goals on collegiality hardly have been realized according to expectations.

"If anything, a tendency is felt toward the return to the idea of diocesan bishops as representatives of Rome rather than administrators in their own right," he said.

Gran said the Scandinavian bishops also have noted signs of a return to centralization.

He said the pope and the Vatican should allow local bishops to seek their own identity without causing damage to church unity.

He also called for a greater role in the pope's appointment of bishops.

Before coming to Rome, Malone repeatedly called for clarification of the Vatican II pronouncements on collegiality.

On Monday, Archbishop Malenki of Winnipeg, spiritual leader of the Ukrainian Catholics in Canada, called on the pope to grant legislative powers to the synod as a concrete gesture of power-sharing with bishops.

But Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro said the proposal was unlikely to be given serious attention because a legislative body already exists in ecumenical councils such as Vatican II.

Russell Shaw, spokesman for the U.S. Bishops Conference, said bishops in the United States saw no need in Hermaniuk's proposal.

The synod has only advisory powers.

The synod meetings are closed to the public. Excerpts of the speeches are made available by spokesmen and in news releases issued by the Vatican.

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