British Journalist Henry Fairlie Termed Illegal Alien by Immigration 1 By Christopher Dickey

Tairlie, who told a U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service investiga-tot that he misplaced his British pass-Cials. Fai alien, according to immigration offiican scene in such publications as The Washington Post and The New Repubwho has built his reputation in the port several years ago, technically has been given until March 9 to leave the United States voluntarily. But, lic Magazine, has lived in this country for more than 10 years as an illegal United States writing about the Amer-

the officials said, he has several op-tions available to him and may re-ceive extensions of his departure date until he can successfully legalize his immigration status. /

Fairlie told the immigration service that in 1975 he walked into the Der-ver district office of the INS to try to application. It is not clear whether or not the forms were lost, though many that ther was "no record" of such an but an INS spokesman said yesterday he filed the proper forms at the time, straighten out his status. He said that

are each year, according to INS offi-

cials.

His one was brought to the atten-tion of the Washington INS office earlier this year whon statters in Den-ver motioned his whereabourd and on examining his file, discovered that he had been ordered to leave the coun-try in 1976.

Fairlie was schutted to the United States in 1966 on a journalist's visa that, according to a spokesman for the INS, normally would expire after one

year. In Fairlie's case, the spokesman said, it apparently was never renewed. Since its expiration he has been in

immigration jargon, "out of status", that is, an illegal allen. Fairlie eventually could be deported, but INS officials said yesterday that the chances of that happening now are rela-

Henry Fairlie, a British journalist

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usual skills not readily found in the American work force. Under current laws any one of these factors could enable him to legalize his status. Fairlie has cooperated fully with the INS since he was ordered to ap-pear for an interview on Feb. 9, 05. in his favor: he has lived (in the United States for more than seven years, he has told the INS he has a tively slim. daughter living here who is a legal permanent resident and he may be able to demonstrate that he has un-The officials pointed to several aspects of Fairlie's case that may work

ficials said.

reject the idea of a problem [with immi-gration]." Though reluctant to talk about his situation yesterdayy Fairlie said. "I

He said he told a few close friends that he was having some difficulties and, "As everyone points out," he said, "I've hardly been hiding my-

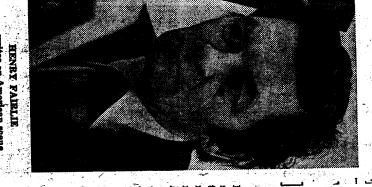
self." Since he came to America, the 55-year-

> magazines, written a semimonthly ern World," and most recently "The Seven Deadly Sins." He has regu ise," "The Spolled Child of the Westold Fairlie has published several books, including "The Kennedy Promtion and is a contributing editor for column for The Post's Outlook sec larly published articles in numerous the new Republic. ÷.

acquired a social security number, "overground-underground" he Fairlie said that while he was living never

the application forms-"It's very difficult to live out of status," Fairlie said. "I used to look at those figures featmates of the num-ber of lifegal aliens in the United ber of lifegal aliens in the United states]-17 million and think, "Who are the other 11,969,969?" never even opened a checking account because of all the questions asked on

Now he said he hopes eventually to become an officer of the United States. "I've written this and it's true," he said, "it's my home."



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