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## Sues for Soviet Retraction

Moscow

Alfred Friendly Jr., Newsweek magazine's Moscow correspondent, filed a lawsuit in a Soviet court yesterday aimed at forcing a Soviet weekly to retract its allegation that he works for the Central Intelligence Agency.

The judge accepted the complaint and scheduled a preliminary hearing for next Friday.

Friendly also announced that he will ask the CIA to certify that he has never been in its employ.

Friendly was one of three American correspondents attacked in a May 26 article by Literary Gazette, whose pages have been used as a major vehicle for bitter assaults on the exiled writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn and the dissident physicist and human rights advocate, Andrei Sakharov.

Friendly, Christopher S. Wren of The New York Times and George Krimsky of the Associated Press, all of whom were named by the paper, all vigorously denied any connection with the CIA.

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