

Fired CIA Agent Wants To Advertise

Washington

How does an espionage expert get another job when he has just been sacked by the Central Intelligence Agency?

Amid further friction with the CIA, veteran agent Hans V. Tofte told an interviewer yesterday:

"I'm going to put an ad in the Wall Street Journal: 'Main qualification — just fired by the CIA.'"

The latest controversy in the case — which began with a CIA man's visit to Tofte's home here last July and ended with a dismissal notice to Tofte Wednesday — stemmed from a published report that CIA sleuths have been shadowing Tofte's wife "all over Europe."

The CIA promptly denied the charge.

"We have never had Mrs. Tofte under surveillance and have no plans to," a spokesman for the usually super-silent organization said.

The report, published by the Washington Daily News,



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HANS TOFTE
Has notice, will travel

said "extremely close surveillance of Mrs. Tofte" began with her September 6 departure on a trip to Europe. It said CIA agents trailed her to France, England and Italy, where she is now visiting relatives.

Tofte said he did not know about CIA spying on his wife in Europe, but that he is not surprised at the report. He said he spotted agents watching her upon her return from a previous trip to Canada.

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