

Action for Slander Against C.I.A. Aide Dismissed by Judge

BALTIMORE, Dec. 8 (AP)—A slander suit filed against an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency was dismissed on a motion for summary judgment Thursday after a Federal judge ruled that the agent could not be forced to testify.

The suit was filed in 1964 by Erik Heine, 46 years old, of Rexdale, Ont., against Juri Raus of Hyattsville, Md.

Mr. Heine sought \$10,000 in compensatory damages and \$100,000 in punitive damages, contending that Mr. Raus had slandered him by calling him an agent of the Soviet secret police.

The C.I.A. refused to allow Mr. Raus to testify, saying it would not be in the best interest of the country.

In his decision today, Chief Judge Roszel C. Thomsen of the Federal District Court here said that activities by the C.I.A. to protect its foreign intelligence sources were within the powers Congress granted to the agency.

"It is clear, therefore," the judge said, "that if Raus makes further disclosures without the approval of the agency, he would not only violate the secrecy agreement [which he signed upon taking a position with the C.I.A.] but might also violate the statute prohibiting unlawful disclosures of confidential information respecting the national defense."