
U.S. Newsmen Again Assailed in Russia

Moscow

The official Moscow weekly Literaturnaya Gazeta renewed charges yesterday that three resident American correspondents have links with the CIA and described them as a "holy trinity" pursuing James Bond-like activities.

All three — Christopher S. Wren of the New York Times, George Krimsky of Associated Press and Alfred Friendly Jr. of Newsweek magazine — denied the accusations.

The official journal of the Soviet Writers Union cited letters from "tens" of Soviet citizens as "proof" its initial accusations pub-

lished May 26 were true.

It said the letters showed the three sought information of "a military character" and tried to take pictures of buildings forbidden to foreign photographers.

"You want proof," the weekly said. "We have more than enough."

One letter from an anonymous soldier, however, charging Krimsky plied him with drinks and gave him a "codename" for telephone conversations, was dated May 24, seemingly making it impossible for it to have been used in the May 26 article because of the newspaper's lengthy printing process.

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