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Berore getting into the strange omissions in the wirting of this story and its tardy 'appearance, a recollection of a man mentioned in it, willian 1 l . Oatis, AP Prague sureau Chief of the same period. $\cdots$
My last job as a soldier in USS (I retumed as a civilian) was to write the secret history ofits intelligence traininge There wero to have been but 12 copies of the innished ork, to inave beon done as a picture story. In the shop in which I was there wore nany "ollywood types, includins a number of semipt writers who had there a haven fron alitary activity. I was for a while the only man in the shop who had had basic taininge (I had ben overseas and rotumed, Irom ifrica。)

I decided that $I$ should ranke a personal inspection of a roup in training, talk to those who did the trainines, see the place, otce To this nd I was assigned a car and a chauffeur (A nice ist Ltog I was then a buck private!) and a civilian photographer. I selected an "area" part of ntho uantico complex. It had a very GI Army comanding oificer who pulled rank on me, didn t keep ap ointments, had me eat in the elnisted-men's mess rather than ith those whose growledge I needed, the officers, and in frnoral made it inposible for m. to do what 2 hifd to do.

I lnew moubh about Osi to know that this stuff didn ${ }^{1} t 80$, so I didn $t$ ijght tho bastard. That was quito contrary to the whole philoso hay. Typical was a buck private being the boss of a first $1 t$ o and a civilion, for rank meant nothinge I pullec out the next mominerg turned in a roport, and in 48 hours the 0.0 . was on a shtp. nd $I$ was niade corporal and put in civilian clothes.

But, having boon forced into the cnlisted-men's mess, I saw enlisted men. I lnow sowething about the busines: by then, and of all in that trainjug group there was but one who sttod out, because of a llagrant violation of ali the cliches. ${ }^{\text {th }} e$ had one conspicuoyrs feature he eyeglasses. I an certain this is Uatis. Or, I should say that at the time of
his arrest, I was then certain.

One of the moro glaring wrong things in this story is the Spanish police findine the compe of an Anorican citizon, with identification, and not infomine imerican authority. Another is $t$ elong disintorust of US officialdom.

Now in the goneral poriod refemod to in the story, again fron recoliection, theme wes dangerously serious US intelligence interest in Czechoslavakia. I recall an incident in which we sent a whble procession of jeeps into the country on an intelligince rajd, retuming with covious files. It wain of course, an act of ware This was the cold war peak period.

What fin ey fails to point out is that the period of alleged operation of a network inside $G$ exactly coincides with his inght from thore and his $P$ mis period, an this with his post-release adnission that he "had ben working for "ronch intelligence" (inside quotes mimoy' ${ }^{\text {B }}$ ). The charge inside C-Swas changed fron US to "Fronch" intelligence when the pressure was aplicd by the Uois.

I do recall tho incident of the landing of the Soviet plane. 't seams el ceax eno uh that this was not an accidental doveloping of "mechanicai"trouble.

During the tine he acquired US citsmenship thore was a law that I thinis 100 a yoar could becone citizens on the request of intelliconce, for serviees rendered this closses ovex how ho becamo a citizen. I don't know the quota situation.

Lie jist coes to bambrider and becomes "prosidont of the Harvard Travel Service"? ith no movious experience? and thon, after rolease, just "sevorod his relationship with the Harvard Mravel bervice"? in inexperionced nan dos not become probident like that. to may have started it, and severinj then would mem selline it.

The Spanjsh police had a real aupopsy without teeth? ind a decomposed body at that? - 0 just drop ad ead of "natural causes" "in a gully"? How convenient and considerate! With "the cause of daath as well as identity" said to have veon "difficult to establish", and with his papors on the spot, what better roason to not imiom Us authoriti or have" a dental check?

If there is more, this should be oough to show that the whole business is phoney. And one i: lest to wonder why, in a case nore then a year old, the ifnes sudcholfinds iore than 35 colum inches of interest?

Going back to ny 0B days, it is no triok to nurder without leavin; a trace.

