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*Left: A group of youth posed during a lull in the second night of rioting.*

*Right: Police forced people outside the Stonewall Inn.*

# The Lavender Scare

The F.B.I. knew those two code experts were fruity fellows, but off to Moscow. How many more pansies do we have, in strategic caught on cameras by cunning Commie agents, to be used as

nothing was done about it until the boys had already minced positions, whose perverted pursuits in hotel rooms have been blackmail bait to make the homos turn against their homeland?

**Behind The Scandal Of Those Two Traitors:**

## **HOW THE REDS BLACKMAIL HOMOSEXUALS INTO SPYING FOR THEM!**



William H. Martin (left) and Benson F. Mitchell, the two lavender lads who were code experts for the U.S. before becoming turncoats and flitting off to Russia.

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THE recent case of the two American defectors — or, to put it more bluntly, spies — who went over to the Reds after slipping away from their work at a super-secret U. S. security agency, has come as a great shock to many people.

No one could understand how two young men like these — clean-cut fellows who looked like typical all-



American boys — could betray their own homeland to the Russians. After all, these men came from solid, church-going families, lived in the kind of small towns for which this country is famous, and seemed as safe from subversion as two young men could be.

You've read about this case in the newspapers and heard about it on the air. But the BIG TRUTH behind it has not yet been told!

For the truth is this:

The Reds are using a new tactic in recruiting spies and turncoats, and it's working. The new tactic is to gain access to American secrets by using — homosexuals!

It is a pattern that is becoming familiar to Western counter-espionage agents. The Reds trap these twilight men in indiscretions and then blackmail them. They tell the homosexual that if he won't give the information they want, they'll see that he's exposed in his sex peculiarity.

It was these two highly vulnerable characters of this ilk that the Russians were able to get access to documents in the hush-hush National Security Agency.

The treason of two NSA code experts, Benson F. Mitchell and William H. Martin, finally brought into action all the agencies of government that SHOULD have been on the job long ago. And the investigations by these agencies — and especially by Congress — have turned up material that's so explosive they'll never be able to suppress it, try as they may.

Maybe the government's gossamer which's supposed to look after security matters just aren't hip enough. Ask any Washington correspondent, or any alert (and normal) man in the capital, for that matter, and he'll tell you that this is an old, old problem in Miss Liberty's home town on the Potomac.

Back in World War II, for example, one of the top men in the State Department was widely known as a homosexual, and yet he was untouchable. Let one lavender lad get into a place, and before you know it the place is swarming with limp-wristed "boys" who couldn't wiggle their hips away if they were Marilyn Monroe (which they wish they were). And that's what happened at State. The place was crawling with fairies, but there was nothing good about this kind of fairy. Most of the agencies in Washington have been afflicted with this curse at one time or another, to the dismay of the government girls.

Throughout Washington, Prince Georges County in adjacent Maryland, and parts of Virginia just across the Potomac, there are scores of places that cater almost exclusively to homosexuals. The fairies call them "gay joints." Some are night clubs specializing in female impersonators, some are simply bars and grills, and some are apparently innocuous restaurants.

These joints are heavily patronized — so heavily that you sometimes can't elbow your way into them — and the patrons fall into two groups (which is a ducky idea, from their somewhat warped point of view):

- 1) The homosexuals, living it up.
- 2) The Russian agents, serving their masters.

In dimly lit cocktail lounges and in the glare of fluorescent in low subtle lounge hangouts, the agents strike up conversations with men they've been watching, men who seem to work for the government but don't say what agency. This is the tell-tale sign of the man who works for a secret agency and has security clearance. For a standing rule at all the

hush-hush security agency — NSA, Central Intelligence Agency, and the like — is: Never tell anyone you work here.

The agents proposition the eager homos, and off he goes with them to a private room where anything can (and does) happen. But what the hush-hush doesn't know, until too late, is that hidden cameras have phom-

Aerial view of the grounds of the National Security Agency, at Fort Meade, Maryland, which was a very hush-hush agency — until these two spies spurned things.



1961 article linking defections to the Soviet Union to homosexuality



# Early Organizations



Mattachine Society & Daughters of Bilitis protest, 1965



*The Ladder*, the publication of the Daughters of Bilitis

# Stonewall's Legacy



Gay Liberation march June 1970. Left poster reads "Transsexuals Unite."  
Center poster reads "Gays Unite."

# Central Historical Question

*What caused the Stonewall Riots?*