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- One of several articles by Igor Atamanenko on disguises:

Spy masquerade with subsequent exposure

American and British intelligence officers had one characteristic detail: addiction to masquerades

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THE WOMAN IN WHITE HAS A BLACK BELT IN KARATE

During the evening of July 15, 1977 Martha Peterson, a CIA officer who operated under cover as a vice-consul of the U.S. embassy in Moscow, went to lay down a cache intended for the agent "Trigon" (Alexander Ogorodnik, Personal Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR, known to the reader in the film *TASS Is Authorized to Announce* under the alias *Trianon*).

Having parked her official car at the cinema "Russia", she hurriedly entered the hall. The movie *The Red and the Black* was playing and the last showing had already started. Since the intelligence officer was wearing a white dress with large flowers, easily distinguishable from a distance, external surveillance (naruzhka) conducted surveillance from a distance.

The "Woman in White" settled down in a seat near the emergency exit and for about ten minutes appeared to watch what was happening on the screen. Making sure that everything around her was quiet, Peterson pulled black trousers and a matching jacket over her dress, buttoned up tightly, and let down her hair in a bun.

Completely transformed, Peterson slipped out of the room. Now she was the "Woman in Black."

She did not come back to the automobile but first took the bus, then rode on a trolley and the Metro – check! Only then she caught a taxi and went to the Krasnoluzhsky Bridge. There they were already waiting for her.

Although at this late hour the place looked quite deserted, in fact, there were more than three hundred (!) operational employees from various units. They secretly watched everything going on in the area of the bridge and the movements of the intelligence officer.

At the instant Peterson placed the "cobblestone" in the cache, everything lit up all around and real fireworks erupted. The seemingly deserted place suddenly became crowded.

During the arrest, Ms. Vice Consul showed brilliance in ... Russian obscenities and karate techniques with a world ranking of black belt sixth dan. But can she really stand up to Vladimir Zaitsev, martial arts ace, renowned within the entire Committee? The intelligence officer was neutralized without a bruise ... by Zaitsev.

The detainee was taken to Lubyanka and a U.S. embassy counselor was called in for identification. In his presence the container, camouflaged as a rock, was opened. Instructions, a questionnaire, microcamera equipment, gold, money, and two vials of poison were discovered.

Intelligence officers are superstitious people. Peterson was no exception. Saying goodbye to the investigator and her sparring partner, she said that she would never again buy a ticket for the last showing.