

## **New book gives a journalist's account of three decades of covering the cold war in Moscow and Washington – and how he became an international incident**

As a young UPI correspondent in Moscow during the early 1960s, Nicholas Daniloff hoped to jump-start his career in his father's homeland, but he soon learned that the Cold War had its own rules of engagement. In his absorbing memoir, ***Of Spies and Spokesmen: My Life as a Cold War Correspondent***, he describes the reality of journalism behind the Iron Curtain: how Western reporters banded together to thwart Soviet propagandists, how their "official sources" were almost always controlled by the KGB - and how those sources would sometimes try to turn newsmen into collaborators.

Leaving Moscow for Washington in 1965, Daniloff reported on the State Department, then returned to Moscow in 1981 to find a more open society. But when the FBI nabbed a Soviet agent in 1986, Daniloff was arrested in retaliation and thrown into prison as a spy - an incident that threatened to undo the Reykjavik summit until top aides to Reagan and Gorbachev worked out a solution.

In addition to recounting a career in the thick of international intrigue, *Of Spies and Spokesmen* is full of inside information about historic events. Daniloff tells how the news media played a crucial role in resolving the Cuban Missile Crisis, recalls the emotional impact of the JFK assassination on the Soviet leadership, and describes the behind-the-scenes struggles that catapulted Mikhail Gorbachev to power. He even shares facts not told to the public: how the US air command would warn Moscow that its submarines were too close to American shores, why the Soviets shot down a KAL airliner without visual identification, and how American reporters in Moscow sometimes did dangerous favours for their government that could easily have been construed as espionage.

Daniloff sheds light not only on prominent figures such as Nikita Khrushchev and Henry Kissinger but also on suspected spies Frederick Barghoorn, John Downey, and ABC correspondent Sam Jaffe - unfairly branded a Soviet agent by the FBI.

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### **Of Spies and Spokesmen: My Life as a Cold War Correspondent**

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