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## MISSIONARIES WITH HEROIN

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"The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia" on its publication in New York created utter consternation in the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. Alfred McCoy, the author of the book, has disclosed facts hitherto carefully concealed from the American public. And these facts do not correspond in the slightest to the myth created by bourgeois propaganda of the CIA's "special mission" in Indochina to save the Asian peoples from an illusory "Communist menace."

As it has now come to be known, this is not the first month that American intelligence has been combining its espionage activities in the countries of Southeast Asia with... smuggling narcotics.

Many American diplomats, McCoy asserts, are also actively taking part in the CIA's shady affairs with profit to themselves. Their clandestine duties include in particular exertion of pressure on local authorities when the indigenous partners of the Yankees in smuggling operations are caught red-handed.

Large shipments of opium are usually transported from Laos on unmarked airplanes of the airline company Air America placed at the disposal of the CIA.

The goals of American intelligence's "narcotic business" in Indochina are in full accord with the means used to achieve them. It uses narcotics together with outright bribery in recruiting so-called "auxiliary agents" from among morally debased people or even simply criminals.

Such is the real morality which the self-styled "saviors" from across the ocean are today forcefully trying to impose on the peoples of Southeast Asia.

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