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HOMAGE TO MURDER

LAST WEEK, the Saturday Evening Post spread an advertising blurb across the country. It was the upcoming story of Allen Dulles (brother of the Secretary of State), chief of our espionage organization, the Central Intelligence Agency. Here's the story of his colorful career—his part . . . in the overthrow of Mossadegh in Iran, and in the Communist defeat in Guatemala. . . .

Yesterday, the New York Times carried a dispatch from Guatemala which could well serve as the postscript to the cynical advertisement. The Times report revealed that four months after the violent seizure of power by the Castillo Armas regime not a single labor union or peasants' organization has been permitted to function.

This report was preceded by a dispatch which announced that Castillo Armas had condemned 20 political prisoners to death before the firing squad, many of them labor leaders.

The story is similar in Iran, where Dulles also acted so "colorful" a part. Hussein Fatemi, former Iranian foreign minister, was executed. His sole "crime" was that he had opposed the stealing of Iran's vast oil resources by British and U. S. combines.

The American people can do much to stop these horrors by protesting to the State Department and to the Iranian and Guatemalan embassies. Our labor movement, especially the AFL leadership which joined in the campaign against Arbenz regime, has a special responsibility to speak out against the slaughter of life and liberty.