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In the Sueddeutsche Zeitung [Munich] I recently saw a small item which reported that the American President Johnson has suddenly named W. Raborn as the new director of the CIA. In contrast to similar personnel changes, one found in this case very little additional information in our newspapers. Can your editorial board assist in enlightening me regarding the background of the change in the CIA directorship?

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The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is not only the parent organization of all American secret service branches and the largest imperialist secret service apparatus in general, but it represents at the same time, the coordinating center which is accepted by all of America's military pact partners, as well as the directing headquarters for all anti-socialist and neocolonialist subversive activities. The CIA director -- and, thus, virtually one of the most prominent troublemakers in the world -- presides, in addition, over the Joint Secret Service Committee of the US (Intelligence Advisory Committee) as part of his function, and has considerable influence over American policy, as a member of the American National Security Council. Every CIA director has functioned to a certain degree as the American President's scandal-monger who is well-informed from first-hand sources. The CIA is a widely-scattered office, whose activity is not completely controlled even by the government. There is a reason, in this connection, why people within and outside the United States speak of the "invisible government." Defeats of this "invisible government," such as occurred in Playa Giron, in Africa and in Southeast Asia, however, were always defeats suffered by the American President. When the moment came for a change in the CIA leadership, one must see in this basically one of the results of the actual power relationship in the world which is being determined by the forces of peace and progress.

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As a result, increasingly frequent defeats have inevitably happened to the CIA, which since its founding in 1947 has been an especially dangerous instrument of the imperialist foreign and military policy of the US. Scapegoats are regularly sought for these CIA defeats. As the former CIA Director Allen Welsh Dulles failed in his notorious Cuban invasion and his peace-endangering U-2 aerial espionage program, so his successor John Alex McCone must now pay for his bankrupt policy which is becoming more and more obvious, especially in Southeast Asia, but also in South America, as well as in Africa. And who is now his successor?

William Francis Raborn Jr. comes from Texas and is a vigorous 60-year-old man. From 1928 to 1963 he rose from lieutenant to admiral in the US Navy. After finishing flight training in the Navy he served on various warships, aircraft carriers, and destroyers up to 1940. In 1941 he was specifically one of the anti-aircraft experts who failed the US at Pearl Harbor, and up to 1947 he held various staff posts in the American Pacific Fleet. From 1952 to 1954 he was chief of the office for naval operations as well as for research and development of the Navy's guided weapons systems. In 1955 he acted as deputy staff chief of the US command in the Atlantic fleet, then he was appointed in 1960 as the first director of the US Navy program for ballistic rockets and in 1962, the person responsible for the "Polaris" solid fuel atomic rocket program.

As an admiral retired early, he was vice president, for a short time, of the California Aerojet General Corporation, to which for years before that he had fed "Polaris" contracts worth millions. On 11 April 1965 Raborn was installed as director at the CIA headquarters along the Potomac River near Washington. His sudden appointment permits the following conclusions:

1. In the constant rivalry between the civilian and military sectors for the top posts in the CIA, the military has again taken over for the first time in 12 years. This will lead to an even more thorough and active militarization of the CIA apparatus and, thus, to an increased military influence upon the American "National Security Council" and upon the US President.
2. In the party political power struggle President Johnson, with this new appointment, has succeeded in a move which John F. Kennedy was prevented from making; namely, the president nominated by the Democratic Party of the US has succeeded after 12 years in taking from the Republican Party, the CIA directorship, which the Republicans during this period had held without interruption.
3. In the constant rivalry between the four American branches of the armed forces (Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marines) for the top CIA post, the Navy with its clear interests outside

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America, has once again after a long time emerged the victor. (The succession of CIA directors is as follows: Admiral Sidney W. Souers, Air Force General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, Army Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, Allen Welsh Dulles, John McCone, retired Admiral William F. Raborn.)

4. In the rivalry between the monopolistic groups on the East and West Coasts of the US for the top CIA post, the West Coast monopolies (as in the case of McCone) which are particularly oriented toward armaments (concentrated aircraft, rocket, and warship construction industries) have now taken over with Raborn who was recently managing director of a California air armament concern. This branch of the monopolies has been one of the ultra groups most greedy for profits from the armament industry and has been stimulated for years by the intrigues of the CIA. (The Lockheed aircraft armament concern supplied the U-2 espionage plane!)

5. It is not by accident that Johnson now seizes upon Raborn as a Far East military specialist of the US. The US is stepping up just at this time its military operations (particularly the Navy's!), provocations, and plans for aggression in the Southeast Asian area, is systematically expanding the Pacific war area, and is trying to corrupt the new national states of Asia, if need be, even with a billion dollars worth of so-called development aid.

6. As representative of the atomic rocket "push-button" war, Raborn in his new espionage function, will make every effort to accelerate and especially to improve nuclear weapons planning, since he knows best the technical inadequacies of his "Polaris" rockets which have been praised as "miracle weapons."

7. Finally, his appointment will arouse counter-reactions among the American Catholics, since the Jesuits with McCone, were successful for the first time in placing a fanatical Catholic in the post of CIA director. Raborn, on the other hand, is not only a Free Mason, but also a member of the Baptist sect.

In our opinion, the imperialistic policy of the US forced upon it primarily through the CIA, is extraordinarily dangerous, regardless of the particular director of the CIA, but one must consider, nevertheless, the role played by this person. We know what warlike provocations the CIA with its three-billion-dollar annual budget and its 100,000-man army of agents operating in 36 countries from 1,400 American military bases, has already started. But the new CIA Director Raborn will also fail through the vigilance of the people. He can already calculate his chances: Allen W. Dulles survived a full nine years as CIA director, McCone left his post for shameful reasons after just three and one half years, and Raborn now stands at the pillory of history. (Berlin, Deutsche Aussenpolitik, June 1965, pp 724-725.)