

SUBJECT:

'Whole country riddled with C.I.A.'

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By Murray Nicoll

"Record any Americans you don't know in New Zealand with some suspicion . . . I think this whole country is riddled with American Central Intelligence agents."

This statement was made in Huntly last night by Miss Sarah Campion, secretary of the Peace in Vietnam Committee, Auckland.

She was one of three Aucklanders speaking at an anti-Vietnam-war meeting in the Huntly Town Hall.

"It is highly likely that young New Zealand people are being approached to operate for CIA," she told the 50 at the meeting.

LYING

The Prime Minister, Mr Holyoake, and the American Ambassador are lying in their assurances that no CIA agents are working in New Zealand, she said.

"Now that we are America's allies in Vietnam, can you believe there is not a very large number of CIA operators in New Zealand?"

Miss Campion said she saw many suspicious things during President Johnson's recent visit to Wellington.

"There were security men all over the place," she said.

"There were a good many things happening down there that were not native to New Zealanders.

"For instance, I saw a lot of stars and stripes flags, but no New Zealand flags.

"Some of the children had check-cards — that's American.

"I suspect some agency foreign to New Zealand is working on the New Zealand population.

"It was the theory of an American friend of mine that the presidential visit was carefully planned long ago — and very well planned.

IMMORAL

"The Americans want our moral support in their immoral war in Vietnam.

"I don't believe Johnson when he says 'we want peace.'

"America wants peace all right . . . a 'peace' of Cuba, a piece of Korea and piece of Vietnam . . . a piece of everything they can get their hands on," said another speaker, Mr John Gabalinsky, treasurer of Auckland Progressive Youth.

"America is following in

the footsteps of Fascist Germany.

"President Johnson is today's Adolf Hitler. America's anti-Communist is a smoke screen.

"They say they are fighting Communism. They are fighting Vietnam to get their wealth.

IN LINE

"In lining New Zealand behind them, Holyoake might just as well be stepping into line with Adolf Hitler.

"Many things are emerging in New Zealand that were present in Germany before the last war.

"The United States is guilty of war crimes. President Johnson is a war criminal. And Mr Holyoake is a war criminal, too.

"Before the end of next year we will have New Zealand conscripts fighting in Vietnam, the same as America and Australia," he warned.

Mr Roy Evans, treasurer of the Auckland Vietnam committee, also spoke.

He called for the withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam.

"If the Americans were not in Vietnam, the Vietnam problem would probably have been solved years ago."

There was probably a New Zealand security man at the Huntly meeting, he said.

TREASONABLE

"If he is looking for treasonable people, let him go down to Parliament buildings. That's where he will find them," he said.

In backing the United States, New Zealand Government has made a "tragical blunder for foreign policy."

The Vietnamese people should be entitled to choose their own government, he said.

The meeting passed a motion that a telegram be sent to Mr Holyoake and the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Kirk, expressing that the

Deplores the use of force in Vietnam.



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