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One Head Less in the CIA

THE CIA is to the Administration's foreign intrigues and cold war strategy what the S.S. Department was to the Hitler Wehrmacht and its grand design for world conquest. It is the super-secret Government agency for conducting global "para-military warfare." In Latin America, in Africa, in Indonesia, in Southeast Asia, its operatives are to be found at the center of all intrigues and conspiracies for counterrevolutionary actions against sovereign governments of the new developing countries.

The CIA has in its employ a high contingent of international bandits and cutthroats. They are practiced hands in the underworld crimes of subversion, sabotage and assassination. They are soulless men, hired guns, adventurers without principle or loyalty to anything but their personal self-indulgence, and will perform any shameful deed if the price is right.

Last Saturday, the obituary page of the national press carried the notice that the CIA had been reduced by a head. It seems that ace operative Frank Gardiner Wisner had, the day before, put a 20-gauge shotgun to his temple and pulled the trigger. In one of those "now-it-can-be-told" confessionals, the CIA proudly leaked the disclosure that it was none other than Frank G. Wisner who masterminded the overthrow of the democratically elected Arbenz government in Guatemala in 1954. That brazen act of counterrevolution not only nullified the democratically expressed will of the people but it ushered in a morrow of bloody political execution and mass imprisonment of Communist and democratic forces in Guatemala.

The terror against the Guatemalan people and the total suppression of popular liberties still persist after eleven years. This was the legacy of Frank Wisner, CIA agent par excellence and assassin of the liberty of the Guatemalan people, a brother nation in Latin America.

Surely south of Laurel, Mississippi — Wisner's home town — there will be no mourning at the bar, and no tears from Freedom-hungry people on his bier either.

Indeed, in the end, he did unto himself that which he had done unto others. Selah.