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Who's Who in CIA

ARTICLE ALLEGES C.I.A. USE OF PEACE CORPS PERSONNEL

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Every morning a solid stream of employees pours into quiet Lafayette Street [sic], which is not far from the White House. Then that stream is swallowed up by what appears to be a completely unremarkable building. But it seems that way only at first glance. Extending from that building, where several hundred people are employed, are invisible threads to 55 developing countries. This is the headquarters of the American Peace Corps, which has been entrusted with extremely responsible tasks.

In the jungles of Africa or Latin America, in the mountain villages hidden high in the Andes or the Himalayas, it is possible to meet a nurse, doctor, teacher, or other specialist from the United States. They were sent by the "Peace Corps." These "fine young men" are ready, according to the American press, to share the difficult life of the peoples in the Third World, and have a noble desire to help them. . .

But it's a strange thing. Before being sent to a certain country, every one of the young people who are seized with that "noble desire" was the object of the most careful study in the building on Lafayette Street. Af-

ter a check has been made of their mental and physical capabilities, every one of them has to fill out a questionnaire. It contains 136 questions. The answers are carefully checked by the FBI. Its agents travel out to where the person lived and went to school, and they gather the most thorough statements.

Then the future corpsmen are sent to special training at one of 58 universities in the country. The training lasts several months. Here the young people attend a special course on problems of the Cold War, study such problems as "The Strategy of World Communism" and "How Soviet Foreign Policy is Constructed," and become acquainted with the country where they will be going. . . And the unsleeping eye of the FBI observes everything, by sending its agents among the future corpsmen. The unsuitable, or rather the unreliable, ones among them are weeded out. The second stage of training is a probationary period in training camps.

The training is over. . . The young people have been sworn in as corpsmen, and a two-year contract has been signed. The volunteer has firmly remembered his tasks: to sing the praises, wherever he might be, of the United States as the "leader of the free world," to depict American life as the expression of the "dynamic democratic society" in countries where the United States carries out programs of economic and military aid, to popularize the scope and goals of those programs, to emphasize, wherever possible, the danger of communism that allegedly threatens the freedom of the dependent countries, to propagandize various aspects of the private-enterprise system, etc. . . .

But that is only one side of the medal. One can get an idea of the other side from an excerpt from a U. S. government memorandum sent to Richard

Mischler [sp?], the head of the Peace Corps unit in Chile. Copies of the memorandum were received by the heads of the Peace Corps units in all the Latin American countries.

"It has been decided to increase the payment for information transmitted by PCV (Peace Corps volunteers). It is authorized to pay from \$25 to \$60 for the following received information: the smallest sum for rumors and unconfirmed reports, and the largest amount for information concerning industrial enterprises of national importance, the results of geological research, the state of finance of the government and private enterprises. . . We need the names of people who are especially hostile to the United States, as well as information concerning the material status of various segments of the population in the country of your assignment. . ."

So it appears that the Peace Corps headquarters and those who stand in back of it need information. That is why they choose the candidates for their corps so meticulously. For a long time no one has taken seriously the claptrap about the noble mission of the Peace Corps to the developing countries. The Chilean newspaper Siglo notes with complete justification that the Peace Corps is a "link in the overall chain of American espionage in the Latin American countries." What other evaluation could one give to that organization after the Chilean public gained possession of photocopies of the minutes of a session of the House of Representatives of the U. S. Congress, at which note was made of the meritorious actions of Peace Corps volunteers in the obtaining of intelligence information on assignment of the CIA.

Even though caught red-handed, the wheelers and dealers on Lafayette Street are nevertheless continuing to strike the pose of the benefactors of the developing countries. And meanwhile their emissaries are continuing to do their dirty deeds in those countries.

The peasants are speaking out against the oppression exerted by the landlord latifundium-owners, and in favor of the carrying out of a radical agrarian reform -- the "volunteers" paralyze their activity and build up white-hot passions. The "educators" do not sharpen the attention of the masses to the abnormality of the semicolonial economic structure, or the primitive methods of working the land, methods that doom the peasants to a starvation existence. On the contrary! They do everything to preserve the vestiges of colonialism. Because that is advantageous for the U. S. monopolies. Hence the springing up of the slogan, "The peasants do not have any land, but they have volleyball courts."

The volunteers carry out prospecting operations, looking for mineral wealth. Including several places where they are not asked to do so. Suffice it to state that in Brazil and Venezuela they have frequently been accused of carrying out illegal prospecting for very valuable minerals.

In Africa they have seized in their hands the teaching of socio-economic disciplines and the humanities. They give lectures in history, philosophy, literature, English, and all this is done in order to "Americanize" the local intelligentsia, so that its representatives "will be, by color of skin and by blood, natives, but Americans by conviction and morality," in order, with their aid, to exert a decisive influence upon the policy of the developing countries.

For that purpose they have become entrenched in the educational institutions in Somali where future governmental officials are trained. Wherever possible, they use their efforts to create various "discussion" and "youth" clubs where the local younger generation is subjected to psychological processing.

It should be noted that the educational work in which more than half -- 56 percent -- of the Peace Corps is engaged is frequently only a screen, and a hole-riddled one at that. The "teachers" very quickly show their professional incompetence. And it is not surprising. During their training period, what is sharpened up is not their pedagogical skill, but their intelligence skill. That is why the countries try to get rid of the services of these "unselfish" assistants as quickly as possible. That is what happened, for example, in Liberia and Nigeria, which countries ejected a number of American teachers.

The list of "charitable actions" of the corps could be continued to infinity. The volunteers are not squeamish at anything: they collect various information on CIA assignments, exert influence upon social life, and engage in bribery. Under the guise of studying public opinion, in many countries they obtain information of state importance. As a result the CIA, the State Department, and the Pentagon have a detailed picture about the moods of the people, their sympathies, and the standard of living.

The famous East German journalist Julius Mader [sp?], in his book Who's Who in the CIA, names, in addition to spies with diplomatic cover, various intelligence men who remain in the corps. For example, for five

years Joyce Russell was [masculine verb] a CIA employee, and in India he [sic] headed a local unit of the corps.

They also engage in more unseemly affairs. In India, in Keral [?] State, they were caught engaging in contraband operations with gold and narcotics. They kept getting drunk, carousing, and insulting the local population. Frequently their baggage included, instead of educational materials, not only propaganda literature, but also obvious pornography. The Indian newspaper New Age writes, "We know the true goals of the Peace Corps. It exists for the purpose of inculcating the customs, way of thinking, and American way of life in the population of various economically backward countries and, little by little, forcing upon them the spirit of 'free enterprise.' It attempts to hinder the development of the liberated countries. The Peace Corps differs little from the CIA, and its tentacles reach deeply into every such country."

"We Americans can hardly stand the inhabitants of this country," say the corpsmen in Ethiopia. "We have run into a wall of distrust here." The reason is explained by the Ethiopians themselves: ". . . They come here, to a developing country, and think that they should be welcomed with open arms. They make a claim for this while dropping napalm bombs on another developing country. They think that they have the right to do so, despite the fact that, in conformity with the official policy, the United States is helping the reactionary governments stay in power in a number of countries. . . If the United needs a 'peace corps,' then they should create it for their own country. Before departing for Africa, the white volunteers ought to succeed in creating humane conditions for Negroes in the United States itself."

Actually, the United States is like a "naked person who tries to persuade others to put on fancy clothing. . ."

"I'm now capable of understanding why the inhabitants of Asia have such a skeptical attitude to the 'good' intentions of the Americans. The photograph of three policemen beating up a Negro woman is more eloquent than any explanations. I can no longer be proud of the fact that I am an American. I feel a genuine sense of shame. . ." That cry from the soul was made by former corpsman R. Zimmerman, and he is not alone in that view.

"I became aware of the fact," a member of the corps in Kenya said in a talk with a Newsweek correspondent, "that I am only a good colonizer."

That is why, despite all the vain efforts of the employees on Lafayette Street, fewer and fewer American young people are linking their fate with the Peace Corps. The plans made by the leaders of the corps are breaking at the seams. There was one instance when S. Shriver, the former director of the corps, returned to the Treasury -- would you believe? -- \$3 million of unexpected funds. There was no one to spend it on! The number of persons who want to "serve mankind" is falling off sharply.

A year has passed since the current director, D. Blatchford, ceremoniously declared a "new approach" to the recruitment of personnel. During that year the Peace Corps was supposed to accept into its ranks, for the purpose of shipment abroad, 200 American families. However, only four -- that's right, four! -- families entered the organizations. Americans do not demonstrate any great desire to deal with an organization linked with the CIA.

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