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Adventurer Devotes Energy to Anti-Communist Causes

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A March article in the Soviet newspaper Izvestia published its thoughts on aggressors and hypocrites and culprits . . . and condemned Jack Wheeler as an ideological gangster working under the auspices of the CIA.

Wheeler loves the first accusation. He is a little huffy about the second. But together, he said, it's a rave review. "When the Soviet



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Union calls me that, it means I'm starting to get under their skin. Ideological gangster? I'll proudly refer to myself as that. CIA auspices? Look, anybody who has incurred their (Soviet) displeasure is a plot of the CIA. They're very conspiracy minded. . . ."

So, it should be noted, is Wheeler. His mail goes to a Malibu box number while his gardener goes to a residence "somewhere in West Los Angeles." No sign on that home identifies it as headquarters of Wheeler's neophyte Freedom Research Foundation. Similar security (albeit more anti-crackpot than a barrier to the serious assassin) has been imposed on the date and destination of his next overseas trip.

That's because recent Wheeler dealings and wanderings have been to Afghanistan with the Mujahedeen freedom fighters . . . to Angola with Jonas Savimbi's UNITA guerrillas . . . to Cambodia and Nicaragua

and Mozambique and any other place where, he says, native and armed insurgents are opposing Soviet imperialism.

All of which, Wheeler agreed, justifies that editorial evaluation by Izvestia.

It also has proved the viability of a point, Wheeler added, and maybe the existence of a pattern.

For the Third World, Wheeler believes, is rejecting Soviet imperialism in these '80s as it rejected American imperialism in the '50s. Marxism and totalitarianism, he has testified to government groups, are being moved aside by revolutions (within nations populated by 120 million people) pushing for democracy and Western values. He sees the empire of Soviet Russia crumbling, maybe teetering to follow the fall of the British and French empires.

Produced An Alliance

And in June, in the rebel stronghold of Jamba, Angola, Wheeler stood among the hunted (who also happen to be the hunters) of Laotian jungles and Afghan hills and saw one of his unusual ideas produce a bizarre solidarity—a *contra* conclave of anti-communist guerrilla leaders from Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Laos and Angola. It produced an alliance known as Democratic International.

"Now there's something starting up in South Yemen," Wheeler continued. "There's a clandestine radio operating there. Surinam may have something. But these are embryonic and nothing like the anti-Marxist movement in Angola with its 50,000 guerrillas . . . (or) the situation in Mozambique, twice as big as California, where guerrillas have free run of the countryside, the government is collapsing and there are no elections, no food.

"I've been to these countries. Three times in Nicaragua. Three times in Afghanistan. Twice in Angola. Once each in Mozambique and Cambodia. I've lived with the insur-

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