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'The Company' is their name and terrorism is their game

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What do the Phillipines, South Korea, South Vietnam, Iran under the Shah, Saudi Arabia, Nicaragua under Somoza, Brazil, Bolivia, Argentina, Indonesia, Uruguay, South Africa, and 13 other countries all have in common? They are the 26 countries of Amnesty International's top 35 systematic Human Rights violators who have been supplied with United States military and economic aid, and U.S. "police" training for many of the last 25 years. And what do many of these countries share with Angola (mid-70's), the Congo (1961), Iran (1953), Guatemala (1964), Chile (1973) and many others?

Well, guess who's coming to recruit on campus today and Friday? The CIA. Aside from having participated in coups, interventions, murders, torture, and economic ruination of many of the above countries, what's so bad about the CIA recruiting on campus? Actually, the CIA is here recruiting covertly every day. Under the sacred doctrine of "academic freedom" there are professors currently clandestinely engaged in unclassified research for the CIA. To them, it is their intellectual "right" to engage in any research regardless of its immoral or racist character or regardless of the ways that the research will be used. Under this protective philosophical doctrine the agency and academia have long been intimately involved.

In 1976, Frank Church's Senate committee investigating the CIA found they were currently employing several hundred academics (not to mention journalists, politicians, and religious persons) in hundreds of universities. In 1976, *Rampart* magazine upset their previously untarnished "understanding" with the CIA by exposing the millions of CIA dollars that were being funneled into the National Student Association (NSA). This finally caused an uproar and a Senate investigation that unveiled startling facts.

For example, under the blanket of "national security" a frightening pattern of behavior had been in practice. Drug, bacterial, chemical and sexual experiments on unsuspecting American citizens were carried out which resulted in grave personal harm or deaths which were subsequently covered up. The Senate Committee to Study Governmental Operations revealed that on Nov. 27, 1953 Dr. Frank Olson fell from a tenth story window, due to having been given, without prior consent or knowledge, 70 micrograms of LSD. Dr. Robert Lashbrook, the CIA officer who killed Olson, was given CIA cover for his actions.

Similar experiments took place until 1963. In 1973, 19 of the 73 "Mkultra" records were destroyed by the Technical Service Division by the Director Richard Helm's orders. Many people are unaware that the CIA engages in massive spying on American citizens, contrary to their charter, in addition to participating in the disruption, blackmail, wiretapping and mail opening of legal citizens' groups throughout the USA. This is the agency that will be recruiting on campus Thursday and Friday.

Is wiretapping too tame for you to be concerned about? Consider the following thesis from Noam Chomsky's book, *The Washington Connection and Third World Fascism*: There is a direct connection between CIA involvement in a country, increased multinational corporate presence there (the "favorable" business climate rakes super-profits sometimes totaling up to 10 times the level of investment) and a decrease in "human rights" meaning an increase in torture levels and repression. Repression and dictatorships are a necessary part of this process because the MNCs (multinationals) need assurances of stability—workers must be kept at subsistence wage levels, political and union freedoms suspended, etc. The

CIA coup that placed that Shah in power in 1953 is a good example of how MNC's benefit from CIA interventions. While millions of Iranians were impoverished, the Shah purchased 30 billion dollars in sophisticated weapons and allowed agribusiness to plunder a formerly self sufficient land (planting luxury export crops instead) until it was 90 percent dependent on imports for basic foodstuffs.

Along the same vein, is it surprising that today 80 percent of the most desperate cries for human rights come from Latin America, when you consider the number of U.S. backed military dictatorships there? Take into account also the 19 billion dollars of U.S. exports yearly to Latin America, and the rich resources and high profits that the corporations extract from there and you begin to understand for whom the CIA exists. It really is not difficult to prove, with a careful study of history as the rest of the world experiences it, that where the CIA nests you are likely to uncover the systematic use of torture.

The CIA is not simply an intelligence gathering operation. In the past people have ignored such accusations as the ravings of wild eyed radicals. But the proof to the contrary can be found with in our own government documents and the testimonies of ex-CIA and government workers. The Senate Select Interim Report of Nov. 20, 1975 outlined incredible CIA plots against foreign leaders. The first legitimate president of the Congo, Patrice Lumumbo, fell into the hands of CIA henchmen on Feb. 13, 1961 under "Operation Mongoose."

The CIA has tried to kill Castro 12 times since 1959. They succeeded in murdering the democratically elected president of Chile, Salvador Allende, installing in his place one of the world's bloodiest dictators. In Uruguay the CIA conducted one of their most "successful" operations under the despised agent Dan Mitrone, who was later killed by the Tupumaro guerillas. Mitrone supervised Uruguayan torture training sessions for hundreds of officers at a time. Other South American "security" forces were trained in torture at the International Police Academy in Washington, D.C., while others attended the

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InterAmerican Police Academy in Panama where their teachers assured them, "Some of the prisoners do not feel the pain". (Langguth, *Hidden Terrors*, 1978). One of every 500 people in Uruguay is a political prisoner and one fourth of the population has fled the country. That is a CIA "success." "Operation Phoenix" in Vietnam "neutralized" 30,000 Vietnamese women and children; U.S. trained SAVAK police in Iran mutilated or killed up to 100,000 civilians, to the fortune of the oil companies. Gulf Oil rewarded the CIA officer in charge of the 1953 coup, Kermut Roosevelt, with the vice-presidency of Gulf. But in the U.S., the Shah was known as the great "modernizer."

The case against CIA interventions abroad is a strong one. But lest we be fooled, we should realize that a government which actively promotes international, institutionalized terrorism abroad, of the CIA variety, is not and

cannot be capable of drawing the lines of morality on the domestic front either. We have experienced hysterical, anti-Communist rallying during the 50's in this country; we watched the FBI and CIA conduct illegal activities against this country's strongest Black and progressive leaders in the 60's. We live daily with institutionalized terror when six NAZI/KLAN murderers can be acquitted of killing five demonstrators in North Carolina; when police violence against defenseless black youths goes uncharged; when 15 black children are murdered in one city alone; when near slave conditions exist for thousands of "undocumented" or migrant laborers in the Southwest.

The "Naming of Names" bill, H5615, was supposed to go before the House yesterday which would make it illegal to name past and present CIA and FBI agents, even if their names are already declassified information. This bill most likely will be postponed until the new Congress is seated, because some Senators want to add new conditions to the bill which will increase the penalty to treason.

The CIA is closer to home than you think and it's time to clean house. The CIA is *not* a harmless recruiting organization. It perpetuates oppression and racism throughout the world for the benefit of "national interest." Its presence violates every concern for justice, decency, and democracy that a university campus is supposed to represent. Would we allow the KKK or the Nazi's to recruit on our campus? Don't let our concerns for "academic freedom" and fundamental democracy lead us to sanction an organization like the CIA.

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