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TILTING AT WINDMILLS

Several years ago, in response to the intelligence community's case for assassinations—that it's better to kill a Hitler than to fight a World War II—I said it was my belief that, had the CIA existed in the 1930s and had it been in the assassination business, it would have chosen as its targets Tito, de Gaulle, and Count von Stauffenberg. I should have added that it would have been slipping funds to the Fuhrer through a Swiss bank. If you think that I'm being a bit extreme, consider something I learned only last month and that I think very few people are aware of: the CIA was behind Idi Amin's rise to power. This information was not given to me by some left-wing fruitcake but by a trusted friend of 20 years who learned it from a former deputy director of the CIA....

As much as I admire the lawyers of the American Civil

Liberties Union, sometimes I want to throttle them. Take what they're doing in California, where the state established a system of highway checkpoints to combat drunk driving. The ACLU has filed a suit to stop the program, calling it a "substantial invasion of fundamental constitutional rights." I want the police to check up on drunk drivers. Punish the cops if they beat up some motorist or arrest him unjustly, but give them a fair chance to identify drunks and get them off the road....

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-- Charles Peters