

Ex-colonel of CIA to speak downtown

Agee reveals web of American espionage

By REX BUCALI

On Monday, February 3, Phillip Agee, ex-colonel of the Central Intelligence Agency, will be speaking at the Ontario College of Education, on Bloor Street east of Spadina.

The meeting, part of his tour in

Canada to publicize his book *Inside the Company: CIA Diary*, is being sponsored by the Canadian revolutionary Marxist monthly, the *Old Mole*. It will be the first chance many in Toronto will have to meet and hear someone who has actually

been a high level unit of that almost mythical organization.

Phillip Agee was for 12 years an officer of the CIA, with his primary area of operations in Latin America. He broke with the U.S. counter-intelligence organization in 1969, and decided to publish a book to expose the agency. He recently completed it and came out of hiding in Britain.

Despite attempts by the CIA to prevent its release, Agee's book has received much publicity, and has already forced the withdrawal of CIA agents from Mexico. A similar disclosure in Canada has been mentioned by the *Montreal Gazette* recently.

Agee's disaffection with his former employers has led him to reject what he calls "Wilsonianism" — a supposedly enlightened view which replaced the heavy-handed methods of traditional 19th century im-

perialism, with a more benign and 'progressive' approach to working in the interests of the U.S.A., through such agencies as Alliance for Progress, AID, the Peace Corps, and, primarily, the CIA.

Phillip Agee currently speaks as a man who has been won over to the world revolutionary socialist movement.

The increasing press coverage and exposure of the CIA and its involvement in Chile, Watergate, Portugal and even internal U.S. spying, has begun to open the eyes of many who tended to reject the left's analysis of the CIA. Agee, in an interview with the British newspaper *Red Weekly*, described briefly some of the ways in which "the Company" operated in Latin America and elsewhere.

"The way the CIA fits into the picture is that it works to prop up local governments that allow the system to continue, and to beat down the people who stand for change on the left."

He further explained how the CIA promoted and staged provocations, mass demonstrations and terrorism in Ecuador, and funded propaganda campaigns to the tune of \$5,000 a year.

"What we did," he said, "was to create a mass hysteria relating to the imminent communist takeover of the country," which eventually toppled the Velasco government.

Where the agency was limited in

manpower, added Agee, the local intelligence services — which it had formerly equipped and trained — permitted the CIA to use their services for tapping telephones, monitoring certain foreign travellers and obtaining files and photographs from the government. (It has been suggested that such an exchange of service has occurred between the CIA and the RCMP, our own above-the-law espionage agency.)

In such governments, various officials may end up on the CIA payroll. Agee states that at one time, the vice-president of Ecuador was being paid up to \$1,000 a month.

Agee pointed out that officials will even do such work without payment.

"They understand that the interests of the class they belong to are identical with the interests of the CIA, the U.S. government, and U.S. companies. They live from that exploitation."

Agee pointed out that "the CIA's effort to 'de-stabilize' the Allende government in Chile was no isolated case".

He also hoped that his exposure of the CIA would not be the last, and that other agents would also follow suit and document what they did in Brazil, Iran, Indonesia and elsewhere.

Agee believed that the top priorities of the CIA presently are Portugal, Greece and Italy, since those countries are not stabilized against the possibility of anti-capitalist governments coming to power — something clearly against the U.S. interests.

The meeting at OCE starts at 7:30 p.m., and will include a question period.

Lost Horizon

Frank Capra's 1937 film *Lost Horizon*, with Ronald Colman, Sam Jaffe and Thomas Mitchell, will transport its audience to Shangri-la Monday night at 8 p.m. in Curtis LH-I, free of charge and courtesy of the Ontology Club.

Eaves-dropping dolphins

WASHINGTON (CUP) — Flipper may be learning a few more tricks than usual these days.

He may even be an American spy, according to a former researcher for the U.S. defence department.

Dolphins and whales are being used as biological weapons, torpedoes and carriers of spy equipment, he revealed in a public address. It's all part of an American scheme whereby the mammals are caught in open waters and trained in labs for three months.

Using several methods, including inserting equipment into the animals' stomachs, researchers are turning them into electronic spies, sensitive enough to identify the exact position of ships and the activities of the men on board.

More letters

Unprovoked Versa charge irks patron

Although many of the complaints levelled against Versafood might be justified, I have always found the staff at the Founders servery to be

kind and courteous — until yesterday.

As I was about to pay for my meal, one of the staff accused me of drink-

ing my milk in line and refilling my glass, and accordingly charged me double.

Although it is only a small matter of 20 cents, it is the principle of this unprovoked attack that upset me. I have always made a point of not stealing or cheating.

In front of my friends and other people, this girl called me a liar and a thief. I was upset, as any person who had been so insensitively attacked would be, and I couldn't even eat the meal I had bought.

I can understand and sympathize with the need for Versafood to stop thefts, but I hope that in the future the person concerned will please get the facts right before accusing people who, like me, have honest values.

Jan Willson

"Larger context" is terror policy

In last week's opinion piece, Jay Bell disputes the letter of Gayle and Weisfeld, as well as the piece by Stuart, protesting Israeli Ariel Sharon's "call to arms", by asserting that the quote from Sharon was "taken out of its larger context".

What then is its larger context, and how is Sharon's statement that "I believe that we have to attack and kill the leaders of the organizations, to attack their headquarters..." (Globe and Mail, Dec. 19) to be read if not as a policy of terror?

Let us examine the larger context then; does not the state of Israel repeatedly carry out bombing attacks on Palestinian residence camps, killing dozens; does not the state of Israel sponsor land invasions into Syria and Lebanon to attack the headquarters of Palestinian organizations and to kill their leaders there?

If Bell and other Zionists are not to be considered hypocrites for condemning terrorism in general and not that of Israel, then they are

obliged to condemn the statement of Sharon promoting terror.

In his Nazi baiting, his slanders of our comments (being both "clever" and naive at the same time) and his backhanded remark that we are all in the pay of the Arabs, Bell attempts to evade this obligation.

Faced with an untenable position, some Zionists react irrationally in print like Bell, while others take to the phone to threaten Gayle with having her apartment firebombed and Weisfeld with being killed if he does not retract the original letter by tomorrow.

Considering the crucial questions under discussion now, it is necessary for these questions raised to be discussed fully. We call on the Jewish Student Federation to sponsor a platform for presentations by the Student Mobilization for Israel and the Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews.

Abie Weisfeld
Barbara Gayle
of the Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews
Paul Stuart

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