

AND AGAIN CIA, CIA, CIA....

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[Text] Our readers will really know that the CIA has its own flag: an eagle and wind rose on a blue background.

True, goodness knows what these complex symbols only allude to, and where and in what the CIA is involved but they don't answer the question: what specifically are the secret "cloak and dagger" operations?

It is a fact that this is not only the collection of intelligence data and, even more, old-fashioned peeping through a keyhole. Both the former and the latter, of course, remain in the intelligence arsenal. But with each passing year intelligence itself is acquiring more and more the nature of active political interference.

Although willi-nilly, a former employe of the CIA, Victor Marchetti, recently provided a generalized expose of the methods and goals of secret operations which, at the same time, was extremely close to the truth:

"Instead of collecting information, agents are sent to all countries of the world to influence the situations and change them in a meaning desirable for the United States. They are charged with penetrating certain political circles and organizing 'dirty business.' In other words, they penetrate into organizations, political parties, and local governments so that subsequently they could change the situation in the interests of the United States. And often, in the interests of some big American company. If we take South America, then Chile is the freshest example."

On the map of the CIA, Chile signified one of the most "sensitive points." The social changes conducted by the Allende government

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caused a fury of reaction. The monopolies demanded revenge. A secret CIA fund was established for bribery, sabotage, and terror. Unquestionably, the planning division of the CIA bore a hand in the preparation of the program for political interference as did the division which is directly involved in secret operations and which, both in the press and within the CIA, has long been known as the "department of dirty tricks" (English abbreviation -- DDT). "Dirty tricks" -- these are both the large and small "dirty business" which Victor Marchetti mentioned frankly!

There are many witnesses and much evidence about this. It may seem strange, but witness No 1 has become the present director of the CIA, William Colby. He admitted that "in the period between 1970 and 1973 the US government allocated more than 8 million dollars for secret CIA operations in Chile," which were directed toward the "destabilization" of the Allende government.

Now this word appears briefly in the press now and then. It can be interpreted as was done by Lawrence Burns in the "New York Times": The United States waged a "calculated campaign of economic strangulation of Chile."

Why, however, did the "leading spy of the country," as the newspaper "The Washington Post" calls William Colby, betray his habit -- to keep his ears open and his mouth closed? For about a year and a half before him his predecessor, Richard Helms, completely denied everything. In a confidential report now presented for the consideration of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee there is a curious reference to a dialogue between him and Senator Symington.

Symington: Did you transfer any funds to Allende's opponents?

Helms: No sir.

Symington: Thus, reports about your participation in this absolutely do not correspond to the facts?

Helms: Yes sir.

But meanwhile, in 1969 the CIA allocated half a million dollars to support the right-wing forces in Chile. The sum was doubled the following year. Even after the elections of 4 September 1970 in which Allende received a majority another \$350,000 was allocated to "bribe the Chilean congress" -- the CIA wanted the members of congress not to approve the results of the elections. Finally, two years later it was learned that the "International Telephone and Telegraph Company" had given the CIA one million dollars. The goal was as formerly: the continuation of secret operations against Allende. The President of Chile declared directly at the end of the same year 1972: "I accuse ITT of wanting to provoke civil war in my homeland."

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The question arises: who in these years -- in 1969, in 1970, in 1971, and in 1972 -- was the head of the CIA? No one other than Helms.

There's your "no sir," there's your "yes sir."

It is completely obvious that Mr. Colby knows the "rules of the game" as least as well as Mr. Helms. But in contrast to Mr. Helms, in speaking within the walls of Congress he felt the pressure of public opinion which condemns secret "cloak and dagger" operations. They even reminded him of his participation in the program for the "pacification" of South Vietnam and direct participation in Operation "Phoenix" which was linked to the CIA and was intended to "wipe the infrastructure of the Viet Cong from the face of the earth."

"How many people did you kill?" one of those present shouted out.

"I killed no one," Colby answered.

Operation "Phoenix" cost the lives of 20,000 peaceful South Vietnamese residents. For comparison, it is appropriate also to present the following figure: as a result of the military coup in Chile more than 30,000 people were killed or died from torture.

Although interference in the affairs of other countries is incompatible with international law and with the interests of peace and universal collaboration, nevertheless Colby declared here that "he doesn't want secret CIA operations to stop." And what if "some problem arises abroad?" -- this worries him. Mr. Colby sees only one possibility -- to "undertake some moderate (!) secret operations" in response. This says it all. It means again CIA, CIA, CIA....

In the meanwhile, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week voted unanimously to investigate the secret operations of the CIA in Chile. It looks like new facts will come out and, as was stated in one American political directive, "a loud, first-class scandal will emerge." And really, by the way, far from the first and probably not the last. In any case, the "Washington Post" predicts that "apart from the Chile story the CIA is threatened by new disclosures." Apparently, Mr. Colby must again half-mast the flag.

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