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IN THIS ISSUE, *Counter-Spy* begins a series of in-depth analyses of the role of Central Intelligence in the international labor movement. Besides obviously targeting labor for dirty tricks, this Clandestine Services program augments other clandestine programs against governments, nations, organizations, and other political movements. Control of the loyalties of labor has been and will probably continue to be a strategic consideration for all ambitious political forces. Although some day the objective political condition may mandate that labor and only labor control its destiny, the *realpolitik* of the 1970's is that labor is a major arena of global struggle.

And the CIA is deeply involved in this struggle. This is perhaps the most important consolidated program of that agency. Whereas other programs are shared with a host of other agencies from the intelligence community or the military services, this is one the CIA runs alone. An indicator of this importance can be found in the labor programs being directed by the Covert Action Staff of the Directorate of Operations (Clandestine Services) – the most dangerous section of the CIA. Its importance is manifest by *none* of the so-called “party-line” books – written by CIA executives – describing or even mentioning labor when they write of the Agency. The Agency spends at least \$100 million per year on these programs and we find not even a paragraph from the Agency's apologists.

And that is not secrecy – that is *paranoia*. The paranoia of a group of men involved in the slime of Covert Action for most of their adult lives, who now find their efforts have been a dismal failure. The CIA, for all its tricks, has not been able to gain hegemony over the Soviets in controlling world labor. And neither have the Soviets been successful in accomplishing the reverse. The fact is that the prestige and influence of both the Soviets and the CIA's labor allies have declined in most political arenas, including labor. Except for a few coups here and there, the vast CIA infrastructure, like its Soviet counterparts, has been unable to stop the growing nationalist movement in the Third World. The \$100 million a year has been wasted in an orgy of dirty tricks which, unfortunately, have taken many lives.

And although this failure is certain and irreversible, the CIA still maintains a healthy number of “assets” involved with labor and other sections of the Third World political economy. This infrastructure is far from neutralized. And as the inevitability of defeat becomes more apparant, we can expect this infrastructure to react like an old coyote boxed in by its pursuers against a canyon wall.

And this coyote has already turned to snarl. The CIA has recently been spreading smear stories about a man who is writing an expose of his life as a CIA agent involved with labor in Latin America. While it is true that Phillip F. Agee is writing the most penetrating expose of the Agency ever attempted and that he is thoroughly disillusioned with his former life, there is no evidence that he has given information to the KGB. This lie is being circulated by the Agency to create public hysteria against Mr. Agee. Thus when he returns to the US it will be easier for the Agency to charge him with espionage.

And the CIA's labor allies have recently tried to discredit a booklet written by Fred Hersh, a plumber in San Jose, California, which describes the actions of the CIA's labor proprietary in Latin American – AIFLD. This booklet, prompted by reports, of AIFLD's involvement in the coup in Chile, is helping a new movement on the part of Latin American labor to stop the further clawing and biting of this old coyote.

But what worries the CIA and its labor allies most is that rank-and-file labor here in America will become opposed to the CIA's labor program's. Today, facing ever-increasing inflation, labor in America is beginning to stir. If and when this stirring focuses on the CIA infrastructure in the midst of labor, then that coyote will not even have the canyon wall at its back to protect it.

As for the Fifth Estate, we are opposed to the very existence of Clandestine Services, and we urge all Americans to oppose their actions in every sphere, including labor.

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