

The Secret Wars of the CIA

by Chris Orsinger

What knowledge did CIA Director William Casey take to the grave? The Iran-Contra investigators lack that information. But you can get an idea from John Stockwell, a former high CIA official who will speak Wednesday, May 27 at 150 Geology, U of O campus.

Stockwell provides timely insight into the current Iran-Contra hearings which focus on the CIA role in providing arms to the Nicaraguan contras in direct violation of the law. Like Colonel Oliver North, Stockwell worked with the National Security Council while directing similar covert actions in Angola. He labels the diversion of funds "the current euphemism for grand larceny." Laws were "obviously broken and funds were stolen," Stockwell claims in the *Los Angeles Times* (2/23/87).

In a *New York Times* editorial (12/14/86), he urges North to "stop listening to attorneys and politicians and tell the truth before Congress." Stock-

well did the same before the Senate Intelligence Committee in 1977 when grilled about his involvement in the Angola covert operation.

Stockwell joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1964, serving as CIA station chief in Africa, commander of the CIA Angola Task Force (which had a mission similar to the CIA in Nicaragua), and officer in charge of Tay Ninh Province in Vietnam. For his actions, he received the CIA's Medal of Merit.

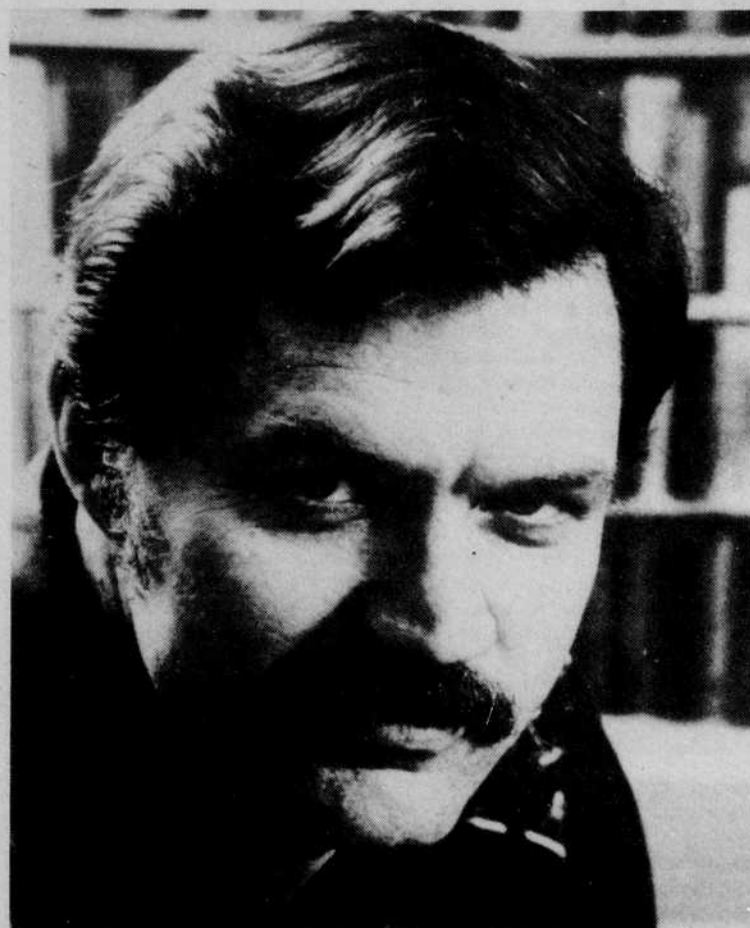
Now he is the CIA's most outspoken critic. "The CIA poses the ultimate threat to democracy and is a major cause of the world's move toward nuclear extinction," asserts Stockwell. "For the good of the U.S. and the world, the CIA should be dismantled."

Mr. Stockwell's lecture entitled "The Secret Wars of the CIA" describes how the CIA actually seeks to increase global tension by supporting military dictatorships and "picking

fighters" in the Third World. Choosing details from his own CIA career, he accuses the CIA of lying to Congress, manipulating the media, and corrupting foreign officials. The growing list of CIA "dirty tricks" prompted Stockwell to quit in 1977 after 13 years with the agency.

Why is the United States pouring arms and money into El Salvador? Why do we support the documented human rights abuses of the Nicaraguan contras? Why do we prop up military dictatorships from Asia to South America? John Stockwell addresses these questions from the perspective of a man who cared deeply enough to fight for his country and deeply enough to speak out against its mistakes.

The event is sponsored by the Council for Human Rights in Latin America, *What's Happening*, Witness for Peace, and various other organizations. Admission is \$2 students, \$3 gen'l. admission. For more information, 484-5867.



John Stockwell is the highest ranked C.I.A. official to openly criticize the agency. When he accuses the C.I.A. of lying to Congress, manipulating the media and corrupting foreign leaders, he knows what he is talking about because he participated in such operations.

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