

EDITORIAL/OPINION

CIA lacks intelligence

This week the Central Intelligence Agency got caught with their pants down as a 44-page [booklet] manual instructing Nicaraguan rebels on how to create mass support, carry out political assassinations, blackmail and mob violence was leaked to the press.

This rebel activity has been paid for by U.S. taxpayers through the CIA. This is the second time CIA activities in Nicaragua has come under question. The first was the mining of its harbors.

Historically, directly or indirectly, the American intelligence community has been involved in plots to overthrow governments certain power groups in America conceive as unfriendly.

This manipulation of a people's self-determination is contrary to the very principal and purpose prescribed in the Constitution of the United States.

In the presidential debates, President Reagan was pressed into explaining this form of terrorism. Reagan said the matter was under investigation, and only 12 got out down there.

The question U.S. taxpayers should ask is, "Where is the intelligence in the Intelligence Community?" One time too many it has shown a complete disregard of a society's ability to make its own decision. Throughout the world the CIA has helped to install dictators and military juntas who turn out to be major human rights violators.

In Africa during the early 1960s, Patrice Lumumba of the Congo was among the first African leaders to recognize the need for a nationalistic movement in accordance with the principles of Pan-Africanism. The Congo, now Zaire, has rich resources, and its geographical position is of vital strategic importance in the struggle for the total liberation and unity of Africa.

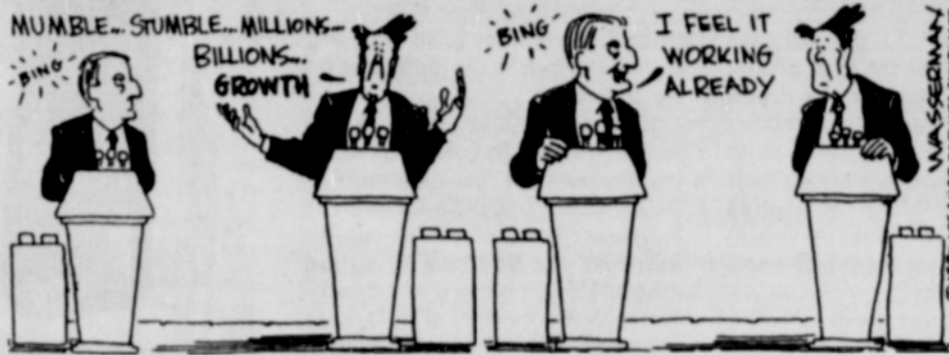
From 1885 to 1960 the Belgium (European) government raped the Congo of its resources. Lumumba and his supporters wanted to prepare their people to take control of their country, and free it from colonialism and imperialism. But this type of self-determination went against the grain of those in the CIA who set up a climate for a coup.

In January, 1961, Lumumba was beaten to death by men who were loyal to others on the CIA payroll. Currently, Zaire is run by a Prime Minister who uses the wealth of his nation to add digits to his Swiss bank account instead of investing in the minds and bellies of his people.

In the 1980s, is a parallel of injustice being carried out in Central America? We all concede the need for intelligence to protect America and Americans. But historically the tactics, procedures and attitudes of the CIA indicates its agents have forgotten their true goal.

In 1976 the U.S. Senate Select Committee concluded, "Recent Presidents have justified secrecy on the basis of 'national security, defense or confidentiality. . . many instances of the use of power cloaked in secrecy, which when revealed, provoked widespread popular disapproval.'"

The CIA's manual is just another example of abuses of power by the intelligence community. Former agent John Stockwell said in his book, "In Search of Enemies," that "constipation exists at the top and middle levels of the Deputy Director of Operations in the CIA. An ingrown clique of senior officers has, for a quarter of a century, controlled and exploited their power and prestige. . . safe from exposure. No matter how drunken, inept or corrupt their management of a station might be they are protected, promoted and reassigned."



Measure 2 impact outlined

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Ballot Measure 2 could adversely affect local governments' abilities to repay community development bonds. Measure 2's sponsors decline to comment on the Moody's report.

Another convert to the opposition this time around is Governor Vic Atiyeh. Although he favored the 1.5% limit in 1978, he now likens it to "playing Russian Roulette with six loaded chambers." He too is concerned that, by affecting local governments' abilities to issue bonds, Measure 2 will seriously impede economic growth in the state. He also notes that, by making more money available to property owners, the measure will allow the federal government to collect an additional \$109 million in income taxes.

After the measure made the ballot, the members of the legislature submitted a list of 63 questions concerning the possible effects of its passage to Attorney General Dave Frohnmeyer. In late August the Attorney General's office released opinions in a 265 page report, the

longest such report ever issued by the office. Frohnmeyer says that this report does not begin to cover the issues raised by Ballot Measure 2. Perhaps the most serious problem is a possible conflict between Measure 2's override provision and the Oregon State Constitution. The Constitution states that overlapping taxation districts cannot charge varying rates of taxes. For example, if a school district in Multnomah County passed a measure raising property taxes to 2% of the assessed value, but the county's tax rate was 1.5% or lower, then the school district might be forced to accept the lower rate. Borneman, the Oregon's Taxpayer's Union spokesperson, disputes this point. He believes that the measure would allow a local district to override other local limits. Concerning this, and other questions, Frohnmeyer has said, "It is very complicated and despite our best efforts many legal questions about its application would necessarily have to be resolved by the courts."

Another possible lawsuit deals with the provision prohibiting tax-

ing Social Security benefits. Some seniors' groups see this as a transparent ploy to draw the votes of older persons. No one, they say, has ever suggested taxing Social Security benefits and this offer of protection to an illusory threat is both deceitful and cynical. If Measure 2 passes they promise to file a suit based on the grounds that ballot measures are to deal with only one subject. By bringing Social Security into what is supposed to be a property tax measure, they believe that the ballot measure violates this provision of the Oregon Constitution.

Whether the measure wins or loses, supporters and detractors all agree that the pressure for tax reform will remain. The most commonly cited solution is a four to five percent sales tax dedicated largely to property tax relief. Borneman scoffs at this notion, pointing out that the legislature already had its chance to do this and came up short. "If Measure 2 doesn't pass," he asks, "who's going to give the taxpayer relief? No one is going to do it for them."

Letters to the Editor

Vote people first

Dear Editor

Ronald Reagan, the Great Prevaricator, asks: "Are you better off than four years ago?"

Thirty-six million of us seniors lost billions of dollars when we lost COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment).

Twenty million American workers are either now or have been unemployed under the Reagan Administration.

Some 240 mothers are minus their sons who came back from Lebanon in body bags. Tens of thousands of mothers fear their sons may come home the same way from the jungles of Central America or the hot desert sands of the mid-East if the present foreign policy isn't changed.

It is time (November 6th) to retire Ronald Reagan. "Out the Door in '84 - Dump Reagan" as one campaign button says.

Register! Vote people before multi-national corporations! Vote people before profits!

PAUL ORR

Likes #8

To the Editor,

As a criminal prosecutor who is Black, I read your recent article on Ballot Measure 8 with disappointment: it seems that once again a group of chablis-and-brie liberals are attempting to foster their concerns on Blacks and cause Blacks to vote against their own best interest. It was also disturbing that your writer did not even bother to interview a proponent of Measure 8.

As a prosecutor I know what community it is that bears a disproportionate share of the burden of crime: the Black community. I know that Blacks are victimized by crime in far larger percentages than Whites.

I have a few comments to add. The slight change the measure makes in search and seizure law will only affect those people who are trying to keep evidence of their guilt from being heard by a jury. Moreover, these minor changes merely return Oregon law to what it was a few years ago before criminal defense attorneys had their way. Our basic Constitutional rights remain

unchanged. Our rights as victims are restored to balance with the rights of criminals. The use of scare tactics to raise the spectre of a police state in order to frighten Black Oregonians into voting against Measure 8 is unforgivable.

ROOSEVELT ROBINSON

Man for rent

To the Editor,

I wanted to be sure to compliment you on the poignant photograph of Paul Jones, which was on the cover of your October 17 issue.

The fact that human beings are forced to "rent" themselves out is a sad comment on the society in which we live. The *Portland Observer* is to be congratulated for its editorial leadership and social concern for the dignity of all people.

SONIA FETHERSTON

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Street Beat

by Lanita Duke and Richard Brown

Portland made national headlines as President Ronald Reagan encountered catcalls, chants and boos. The Street Beat team asked, "How did you feel about Reagan's reception?"



Dorothy Bevers
Receptionist

"He deserved to be booted. I'm not one of his supporters."



Jerry Johnston
Student

"I was surprised there was so much discontent. It was disgraceful."



Rod Shramek
Contractor

"He deserves it. He has a lot of people fooled. He is going to do everything he says Mondale will do."



Reginald DeLaney
Student

"The truth came to light. Once you know the truth you must like the truth. Ronald Reagan is not the truth."



Fabia Henberger
Secretary

"It was rude of Portland. You can protest in another way instead of making fools of yourselves. They should have listened to what he had to say."



Tyrone Franklin
Machinist

"I felt it was cool. It's the best thing that could have happened to Reagan. A lot of people feel that way."

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