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PARIS LIBERATION GROUPEL ET EXPOSED AS CIA CONDUIT

WIESBADEN, W. Germany, April 27 (IPS)—The executive committee of the European Labor Committees today issued a warning to leading circles in France and the Arab movement exposing the Paris-based Liberation grouplet as a pure-and-simple conduit for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

"In brief," the executive committee spokesman stated, "Liberation is in a direct link to the self-styled 'Fifth Estate' network in the U.S. The Fifth Estate and its adjunct operation, 'Counter-Spy,' have not only been recently exposed as operating under direct supervision of present CIA officials, but, furthermore, Fifth Estate agents and networks have been uncovered playing an 'auxiliary' role in CIA-coordinated efforts to overthrow the government of Gen. Morales Bermudez in Peru and also conducting a CIA-funded operation in cooperation with the right-wing 'Alemanista' Monterrey forces in Mexico.

"Liberation is also directly linked to the same network as the U.S.-based Liberation News Service, another CIA conduit developed under the Fifth Estate cover, and to various CIA-NATO intelligence interfaces within western Europe.

"The group was founded in 1970, using a Trotskyist-Maoist cover, and was originally a split-off from the Fourth International of NATO political intelligence operative Ernest Mandel.

Liberation's first operation, following its creation by the CIA, was a secondary role in a four-nation CIA-coordinated destabilization operation against the Greek-language section of the Labor Committees, for which Greek writer Korowessis was Liberation's own principal assigned target. This operation was simultaneously deployed by the CIA through London, Paris, Hamburg, Duesseldorf, Frankfort and Montreal.

"The same network was used for continued CIA deployments against the Labor Committees during the spring of 1973 and at the end of 1973, the latter involving the notorious CIA agent Michael Vale and circles associated with both the Rand Corporation and Fifth Estate based in the Boston, Mass. area. However, Liberation was not to our knowledge directly involved in later operations against the Labor Committees until the recent period.

"Liberation's chief role for the CIA and NATO intelligence had been to concentrate on attempted penetrations of Arab and Gaullist

youth circles, acting both as spies and as conduits of disinformation. Although the group is rabidly Maoist, it enjoys support and cooperation from CIA-controlled networks in the Communist Party of France (PCF).

"Liberation's recurring slanders against the Labor Committees are imported to Paris chiefly from Washington and Boston Fifth Estate/Counter-Spy circles, and, in one significant instance last November, were directly coordinated with a Kissinger-coordinated deployment.

"The known official link to the CIA is through CIA official Mitchell Kogovin, who also directs the anti-Labor Committee activities of "ex-CIA" agent Philip Agee and others through Counter-Spy. This activity is directly coordinated with the anti-Labor Committee activities coordinated through former CIA Deputy Director and former head of the CIA's German desk, Ray Cline of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) at Georgetown University.

"The Fifth Estate conduit of the CIA is responsible for coordinating the false rumors that the Labor Committees are 'CIA' while the Cline side is responsible for circulating the false rumors that the Labor Committees are 'KGB.' Any rumor to the effect that the Labor Committees are either 'CIA' or 'KGB' originates from the CIA through those two principal sources of black propaganda.

"Close study of the Liberation grouplet and its activities," the spokesman concluded, "would be most fruitful in uncovering a number of dirty operations and connections of the CIA and NATO intelligence. One may be certain that if the CIA attempted a coup d'etat in France, that Liberation would play an assigned part in that attempt.

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