

Is A Secret Agency Using Lawless Methods Compatible With A Free Society?

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the Declaration issued by the Council is as eloquent about private enterprise as it is vague about social reform (see box on page four).

A Hungary-in-Reverse Is Feared

For some months the counter-revolutionaries have been asking public endorsement from the Kennedy administration. This the White Paper gave them. But it also gave them something else, and that was the appearance that a big invasion was ready to start with U.S. support. This impression was strengthened by a whole series of leaks to the press on invasion plans. It seemed foolish to telegraph the news of an invasion in advance. But this was not so foolish if the purpose was political, to force the Administration's hand and to build up public support for action. With this purpose in mind, according to William V. Shannon in the *New York Post* April 9 the CIA had begun "planting stories about the Russians training Castro's pilots to fly MIGS and about the grim prospect that unless the U.S. acts, it will soon be too late to prevent Cuba becoming a Soviet base." In an effort to counter this the White House began giving out off-the-record stories of its own, and Chalmers Roberts in the *Washington Post* (April 11) reported on what is believed here to be very high authority that the U.S. "has no intention of getting involved militarily" and creating "a Hungary in reverse."

The Cuban-American big business interests which, along with the CIA, have been bankrolling the counter revolution, have always preferred the idea of a U.S. backed invasion to a home-grown revolt against Castro for fear the latter could not be kept under control and would inevitably retain much of the social gains made by him. These interests do not believe Castro can be overthrown from within and would welcome another U.S. occupation to maintain "order" and enforce the return of their properties. It is here that the rift has begun to appear in the past few days between them and the Kennedy administration. Miro Cardona, the new chief of the counter revolution, would like armed U.S. support. "The Administration in Washington," he told the *Louisville Courier-Journal* (Jan. 27), "should give not only support but collaboration" to the invading forces. But it is my under-

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"The free enterprise system has been destroyed. . . . We emphatically assure those who have been unjustly dispossessed that all of their assets will be returned. . . . We shall encourage investment in private property, both national and foreign, and we shall give complete guarantees to private enterprise and to private property."

—Declaration of war against the Castro regime issued April 8 in New York by Dr. Jose Miro Cardona for the Cuban Revolutionary Council.

standing that when he was in Washington a few days ago and asked whether U.S. armed forces would come to the rescue if the invading forces bogged down, he was told that the Cubans were "on their own." From what little I can learn the Administration also made the decision against permitting a large-scale invasion in favor of small landing parties of exiles.

The President is said to be fully aware of the disastrous consequences for U.S. prestige and policy everywhere, especially in Latin America, if we get involved in war with Cuba. But how apply the brakes to so huge a propaganda and military machine? Against this background the indictment of Masferrer may serve to chill others, and prevent the situation from getting out of hand. The seizure of the *Calypso* by FCC men off Florida last week may be another indication in the same direction; the *Calypso* was broadcasting to Miami for the rebels. But the process of disentanglement is not easy. The U.S. has created a huge secret bureaucracy—the CIA today probably has as many if not more employees than the State Department—which can pursue policies of its own. With a weak President, it can make policy. Even for a strong President, it can create serious problems. For a free society, the CIA's existence raises questions of the gravest kind for the future. A government agency with many millions of dollars at its disposal, subject to no public check, allowed to habituate itself to the use of criminal methods (that is what cloak-and-dagger means), may easily become a menace not only to peace abroad but to free government at home.

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