

CIA returns...

The CIA has come to Ann Arbor once again. They crept into town last Tuesday and Wednesday (Jan. 20-21) with their travel brochures ("Join the CIA---see Angola!) and tried to recruit students for their sleezy operations. There wasn't much publicity about their visit but the reason for this is not hard to figure out. Last time they tried to come on campus (this was last November), 500 students turned out to protest and they got so uptight they cancelled out completely. This time they decided to play it cool, and with the help of the University administration, managed to hush things up pretty effectively.

That they managed to hush things up shouldn't surprise us. After all, they have a wealth of experience in covering up their evil deeds, and they certainly have many to their credit. Iran and Guatemala- 1953; the Congo- 1960; Brazil- 1964; the Dominican Republic- 1965; Greece- 1967; Chile- 1973. And just recently, the CIA has made quite a splash in Angola---training and recruiting mercenaries from the U.S., airlifting weapons and channeling funds to the forces the U.S. supports in opposition to Soviet influence. Of course, the CIA doesn't confine its dirty work to foreign soil and has a "proud record" of domestic espionage as well---wiretaps, letter-openings, surveillance of dissidents and lots more.

Some of us might have thought that after all the public exposures of the CIA's innumerable crimes, they wouldn't dare show their face on a campus, or that, better yet, Congress would sort of "do something" about the CIA. But the fact of the matter is that, for the rich class of people who run the government and actually benefit from the domination and control of other countries, the CIA is becoming more, not less vital to their interests. This is because the developing countries and their peoples are becoming increasingly hard to control and, also, because their competition with the Soviet Union for spheres of influence is heating up---as events in Angola clearly show. Given all these "problems", the U.S. ruling class needs all the "tools" it can get and such a tried and true one as the CIA is not about to be cast aside. This is essentially what Ford and Kissinger have been trying to say. But the interests of the American people and the interests of the politicians and big businessmen are two different things. We have no interest in defending their empire from the Soviet Union and certainly not from the people whose labor and resources they've been ripping off for decades.

Given the actual situation, though, it's easy to see why the CIA is coming onto campuses, increasingly---not just here, but all around the country. They're not closing up shop, they're expanding and they need all the agents, particularly well-educated ones, that they can get. In this respect, the U. of M. has done them a good turn. The U-M considers itself "one of the single most valuable assets of the CIA" according to an official spokesman. The official's comments were in reference to U-M participation in a CIA recruiting conference in Washington last November---in particular, the fact that the five-member U-M delegation was the largest of any of the 16 universities participating. But most of us are sick of the CIA and everything it represents, and it's about time we made it crystal clear to the University that these characters are not in any way welcome on our campus.

THERE WILL BE A RALLY ON THE DIAG, AND THEN A MARCH
OVER TO THE OFFICE OF CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT
(3200 S.A.B.) WHICH IS IN CHARGE OF CIA RECRUITMENT
ON CAMPUS.

TUESDAY, JAN. 27 — NOON ON
THE DIAG!

---Revolutionary Student Brigade