

## BUCKLEY'S CIA TIES TO ECHEVERRIA UNDER INVESTIGATION

Dec. 15 (IPS)--The International Caucus of Labor Committees is currently investigating the role of the Buckley family as the major CIA conduit to the regime of Mexican President Luis Echeverria. It has already been confirmed that the family is directly responsible for co-ordination of an international right-wing terrorist network for the CIA--and is responsible for that network's recent activation.

In the early 1950s, when the former Nazi international intelligence apparatus was being incorporated wholly into the CIA, William Buckley, the ultra-conservative guru, and his lesser-known brother, F. Reid Buckley were in Mexico City and Madrid respectively. After a stint in U.S. Army Intelligence (stationed in El Paso, Texas) in 1945, William officially joined the CIA in 1951. While in CIA employ, William moved to Mexico with E. Howard Hunt, later to gain fame as the CIA's field officer in the Watergate plot to discredit then-President Nixon.

While it is not yet known if Buckley made contact with up-and-coming bureaucrat Echeverria at that time, it is known that one of Buckley's later replacements as a Mexican case officer, Philip Agee, did maintain close contact with then-Interior Minister Echeverria during the late 1960s.

Although William returned to the U.S. to cultivate a "laundered" conservative image, brother F. Reid maintained the dirtier end of the family's operation. Living since the 1950s in Franco's Spain, Reid is the friend and neighbor of Madrid's ex-Nazi community, including such criminals as Otto Skorzeny, ex-SS Colonel who was Allen Dulles' chief Liason in the turnover of Nazi Intelligence to the Anglo-Americans and presently a co-ordinator of neo-fascist activity for the CIA, and the late Argentine dictator Juan Peron.

There has been public carryover of the two brothers' activities, such as when Reid and Hunt brought anti-Allende fascist Claudio Melendez, leader of the National Socialist Party of Chile, to William's home in 1970. Between the two brothers (and a sister who was also in the CIA), the Buckley operation represents a clearinghouse for Latin anti-communists being funnelled into CIA terrorist groups, and a money chain for CIA funds needed by pro-Rockefeller political figures in Latin America.

IPS will report fully on Buckley's Latin American operation next week.