

'UK Spy Outfit Ditches CIA, Dumps Carter'

The Indian progressive weekly newspaper, New Wave, a widely respected paper in Indian political circles, published a bombshell front-page story in its January 15th issue exposing the activities of British Intelligence on a worldwide scale and within India. The attack on British Intelligence from India, the former jewel of the British Empire, has great significance not only in India but throughout the former colonial holdings of Great Britain, areas of the world that know only too well the methods and aims of the British imperialists. Excerpts of the article are reprinted here:

The British Secret Service MI 5 has launched a worldwide offensive to subvert the supremacy of the dollar....

The CIA, which largely depends on MI 5 for assessment of the situation in India and other former British colonies, is reported to have been fooled to believe that the Janata government, constituted as it is, can be humoured, bluffed and blackmailed by President Carter to fall in line and sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The main argument was Prime Minister Desai's age, his accent on "genuine" non-alignment and his well known Gandhian pacifist outlook. British Prime Minister Callaghan, too, gave a helping hand to MI 5's efforts by issuing a statement calling on India to sign the NPT on the eve of Carter's visit to India.

Where CIA Went Wrong

The CIA was also made to believe that the situation in India is ripe for exacting a heavy political price for normalising relations with the USA and to secure aid from the IMF and World Bank to give a tangible shape to Janata's philosophy of "ruralism" at the cost of capital intensive industries and modern technology so badly needed by India in its fight against poverty and ignorance.

An amateur in world affairs, Carter seems to have counted on the unviability of the Janata regime and its desire for stability to push his anti-nuclear energy programme down the Indian government's throat.

In the process, the USA failed to draw any lesson from Industry Minister George Fernandes' successful venture in ousting from India the Coca Cola and IBM whose bosses were Carter's sponsors for the presidency. President Carter, who was already irked by the elimination of Coca Cola and IBM from India, swallowed hook, line and sinker the MI5 assessment of the Indian government and its susceptibility to pressure.

Janata Welcome to UK Capital

With his well known links with the West German monopolies and their spokesman, Socialist International chairman Willy Brandt, George Fernandes had cleared the ground for West European capital of which newly strengthened pound is an important constituent, to make serious inroads in the Indian market. Already the British

investment in India is nearly double that of the USA.

Pound has lately gained at the cost of the dollar as the petroleum owning Sheikhs of the Arab world have started cycling petro dollars through the City of London. In addition the British currency has also acquired strength as a result of the discovery of huge oil reserves in the North Sea.

In the midst of the growing rivalry between the EEC and USA, on the one hand, and the City of London-backed US trade war against Japan, the British banking and industrial interests along with those of West Germany find in South and South east Asia and China a huge market for capital intensive investments.

The New York bankers and allied interests had sought to destroy the EEC by provoking an oil embargo by Middle East nations and also a price hike during and after the last Arab-Israeli war. There are reasons to believe that the US financial interests are now conniving with the City of London in this sordid game with a view to placing the City of London and New York banks in a commanding position.

The British press, while pretending to gloat over Callaghan's imaginary success in regard to nuclear safeguards, has reasons to feel happy that British will be able to sell more goods to India and improve its balance of payments position.

More importantly, ICIL, an India based subsidiary of the British International Computer Limited, has come forward to replace IBM and has agreed to reduce its equity to 40 per cent as required under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act. Many other proposals for trade and investment from British are at various stages of negotiations.

Seasoned Men from London

Unlike self-hypnotised Carter who was lost in his human rights mumbo jumbo, Callaghan placed Indo-British relations within the framework of historical ties between the "oldest and largest" democracies, and did not forget to remind his hosts of the democratic traditions of the Congress whose product Prime Minister Desai and some of his colleagues are. He left no one in doubt that the British would prefer to do business with a stable Indian party rather than with a conglomerate of disparate elements.

The CIA, which has been counting heavily on the Janata and had a hand in the chaos that prevailed in the country during the pre-emergency period, is now blaming the MI 5 for sabotaging railways and other installations. US intelligence sources claim that it is MI 5 and not the CIA which is behind the Anand Marg terrorists. The idea behind these acts of sabotage and terrorism is to further weaken the Janata government. These charges and counter charges notwithstanding, there is an obvious convergence of Anglo-American

monetarists' interests in keeping India as the hinterland of advanced capitalist sector.

That the MI 5 is once again in an aggressive mood seems plausible from the reports emanating from Europe. A regional West German radio station from Hessen spent 15 minutes on December 10 and 11, exposing MI 5 officials blackmailing people under surveillance. The radio attacked the British State Secret Act for shielding MI 5 from accountability to the elected representatives of the British people.

European Exposure

According to James Cleary of *New Solidarity*, Italian daily *Corriere della Sera* complemented this attack on MI 5 in a December 11 article on the ways of MI-5's policy-makers, the City of London banks. The article exposed the fact that, while "bankers of the City of London" flourish thanks to speculative swindles and currency manipulations, British industry has been reduced to a junk heap. The report, singled out British bankers' "support for the deficit-spending proposed by Keynes," as the reason for this collapse of British industry, adding a warning that Italian banks linked to London have the same relationship to Italian industry.

Banks Fleecing Industries

The same day, *Unita*, the daily of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) backed up the Hessen Radio charges of MI-5 terrorism by denouncing the Northern Ireland situation as a "laboratory for terrorism," run entirely by the intelligence agency. The PCI denounced the British controllers in Northern Ireland, who, ten years ago, perfected the terrorist techniques, including population manipulation, now in use against European governments.

According to the Hessen Radio exposure, British secret service officials never hesitate to reveal their identity to their victims. This is done so that the victim, usually a British subject, is made aware that under the State Secrets Act, he can be charged with treason for revealing any MI 5 operation — even blackmail. The programme underscored the effectiveness of this scare tactic by reminding its listeners that no MI 5 operation has ever been covered in the British press! MI 5 was not set up by a parliamentary law and, therefore, is not answerable to parliament for its actions.