

CENTER-PIECE

ISSUES

CENTER-PIECE is designed to keep friends and associates of the Center for National Security Studies informed on our activities and publications. This issue contains a summary of Fall events, new publications, future plans, and a short overview of the Project on Southern Africa, one of five projects at CNSS.

FALL EVENTS

CONFERENCE ON CONTROLLING THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES



Left to Right: Paul Blackstock, Professor of Government; Morton Halperin, CNSS; Arthur Jacobs, former official, CIA; Robert Borosage, CNSS.

On November 3-4, the Center for National Security Studies held its second conference in Washington, D.C. on the intelligence community.

Co-sponsored with American Civil Liberties Union, Americans for Democratic Action, Committee for Public Justice, Common Cause, Institute for Policy Studies, and the United Automobile Workers, the conference drew on experts in the legal, academic and professional fields to open the debate on how to control the intelligence agencies.

Among topics discussed were the following questions: is espionage necessary for intelligence gathering; should covert actions abroad continue; what is the role of domestic intelligence; and, what can legislative oversight accomplish. Also discussed were programs for criminal responsibil-

ity and civil liability.

The importance of the conference was twofold. First, it represented the beginning of the national public debate on what kind of restrictions, both legislative and legal, are needed to bring the intelligence communities under more congressional and public control. The conference was held in a Senate hearing room, and attracted representatives from over fifty congressional offices and twenty-five organizations and publications. Second, the conference brought together, in its sponsorship, a broad coalition of groups who want to work together around the issues discussed during the two-day conference.

Transcripts of the conference are available upon request, as are copies of the papers prepared by the participants.

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CNSS PRESS CONFERENCE ON LETTER TO FORD



Left to Right: Aryeh Neier, ACLU, Morton Halperin, CNSS and Jerry Berman, CNSS.

On October 30th, a press conference was held at 122 Maryland Avenue N.E. to announce a letter was being sent to President Ford requesting him to "notify those individuals who have been the subject of surveillance in programs which are now admitted to be unconstitutional, illegal, or, at the least, violations of the charters of the intelligence organizations, that they have been the subject of such surveillance."

The programs referred to in the letter were the CIA/FBI Mail Opening, NSA monitoring of international communications, Operation CHAOS, COINTELPRO, burglaries, warrantless surveillance, and violations by the IRS Special Services Staff. The letter was signed by Aryeh Neier, ACLU; Robert Borosage, CNSS; David Cohen, Common Cause;

Stephen Schlossberg, UAW; Leon Shull, ADA; Ray Calamaro, Committee for Public Justice; Richard Barnet and Marcus Raskin of the Institute for Policy Studies; and, Morton Halperin, Project on National Security and Civil Liberties, CNSS.

A letter has been received from Philip W. Buchen, Counsel to the President, acknowledging receipt of the letter and states that, "Inasmuch as your letter raises several important legal and policy questions, we should like to study it before responding on its merits."

The news conference also served to announce the upcoming Conference on Controlling the Intelligence Agencies and the publication of the new book: *The Abuses of the Intelligence Agencies*.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

*The Abuses of the
Intelligence Agencies*
Edited by JERRY BERMAN
and MORTON HALPERIN
\$2.75

"With admirable restraint the report attempts to collect and document every instance of illegal activity undertaken by our various intelligence agencies. . . . It is a very useful and complete handbook on official crime."

—GARRY WILLS
New York Review of Books
November 13, 1975

The Abuses of the Intelligence Agencies, which covers the claimed authority, abuses, and statutes infringed upon of the FBI, CIA, NSA, Military Intelligence, Secret Service, and IRS, has been mentioned in a number of newspaper articles, and was distributed to every member of Congress. Orders for the book continue to flow into the Center.

The Center is now preparing a second comprehensive study of the Intelligence agencies. It will focus on legislative, administrative and criminal remedies to prevent future abuses, and is scheduled for publication in February 1976.

CNSS SPEAKS OUT

Staff members have been actively engaged in testifying and providing information to the media, public interest groups, and the public at large. The following is a sample of their activities:

- **Robert Borosage**, Director of the Center, spoke on "Repression and Resistance in the Third World and the Role of the United States Foreign Policy" at Boston University on November 21 and 22. He also travelled to Chicago to address 20 public interest groups on the University of Chicago campus on October 11, and appeared on radio with Studs Terkel.

- **David Cortright** has been writing numerous articles on the issue of democracy in the military, including "A Look at the Dutch GI Union," *Federal Times*, August 27, 1975; "Blacks in the Military," *Progressive*, December 1975; "Unionization and Democracy in the Military," *Win* magazine; and "GI Resistance and the All Volunteer Force", *New American Movement*, December 1975 and January 1976 issues.

- **Morton Halperin** testified, along with David Philips, Cyrus Vance, and Clark Clifford, before the Senate Select Committee

on Intelligence, where he was the sole advocate for abolishing covert action. On December 4, he spoke at the Pacem-in-Terris Conference on a panel entitled "National Security and the Democratic Process" with CIA Director William Colby and Senator Frank Church. Halperin has published a series of articles in the *New Republic* on the House and Senate Intelligence Committee investigations. (Copies on request). His most recent article, "National Security and Civil Liberties", will appear in the bi-centennial issue of *Foreign Policy*.

- **John Marks** has travelled extensively to colleges around the country including university campuses in Florida, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Texas, and Louisiana. He continues to raise the issues of covert action abroad, and now incorporates CIA activity in Angola as a primary case study. Marks, after extensive interviews with government officials and outside sources, wrote an article detailing U.S. involvement in Angola which was read into the *Congressional Record* by Cong. Andy Young. The *Los Angeles Times* featured another article by Marks on December 18, 1975.

COMING UP

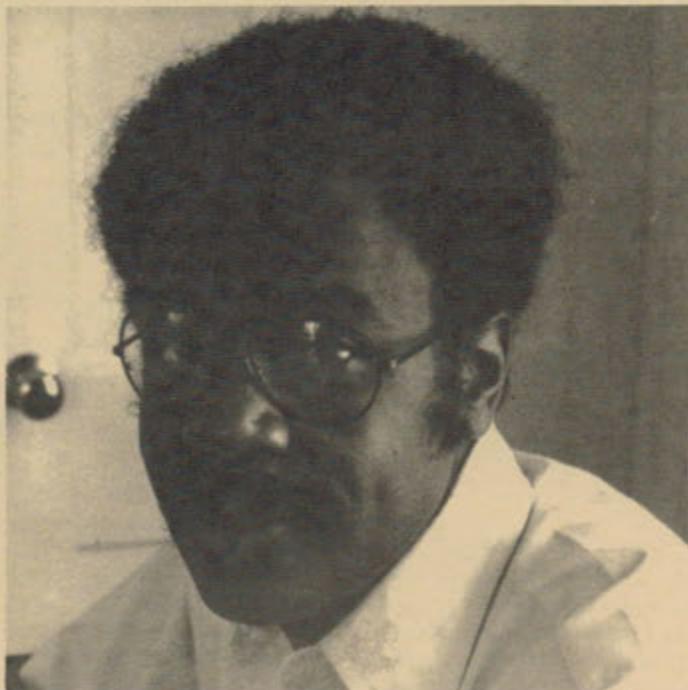
Robert Borosage and Morton Halperin will attend a conference on Presidential Power: Sources of Growth and Means of Constraint at Duke University on January 23, 1976. The conference is sponsored jointly by CNSS and the Institute of Policy Sciences and Public Affairs of Duke University.

PROJECT ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

Courtland Cox, one of the main contributors to this issue of the *Intelligence Report*, is Director of the Center's Project on Southern Africa.

An expert in African affairs and a prominent figure in the civil rights movement in the 1960's, Cox was named Secretary General of the Sixth Pan African Congress held in Dar-es-Salaam in June 1974. Specializing in U.S. institutional connections in South Africa, Cox covers U.S. foreign policy towards all of Southern Africa in his numerous articles and speaking engagements around the country.

His work has been made available, upon request, to the Congressional Black Caucus, the media, and organizations focusing on U.S. policy in Africa. Having just finished a background study for CNSS on the present conflict in Angola, he is now in the process of finishing an article for *Nation* magazine.



Courtland Cox

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BOOKS

<i>The Abuses of the Intelligence Agencies</i> , edited by Jerry J. Berman and Morton H. Halperin	\$2.75	_____
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