

U.S. Opponent of CIA Charges Slain Agent Had Lebanese Role

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ATHENS, April 18—Richard S. Welch, the CIA station chief here who was murdered Dec. 23, spent much of his time activating the Lebanese Phalangists and rightist Palestinian groups, according to Winslow Peck, a self-described former U.S. intelligence officer.

"In other words," Peck says in an interview published here this weekend by the magazine *Anti*, part of Welch's job was "to kindle the war" in Lebanon.

Peck, who says he worked for the National Security Agency in Istanbul, Vietnam and Paris as well as in the United States, said in the interview that most of the CIA station in Athens is now working on the situation in Lebanon and that the agency uses American banks in Athens to finance the Phalangists.

The U.S. embassy here re-

fused to comment on Peck's claims.

Peck said he has "defected" to the anti-CIA lobby and described the agency as a "secret criminal police force" responsible for 25 coups between 1964 and 1973.

Supreme Court Calendar Today

The Supreme Court meets today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the following cases scheduled for oral argument:

Case No. 64 Original—New Hampshire vs. Maine, State boundary. Fishing rights (1 hr.)

Case No. 74-1520—Elrod vs. Burns, Government employment. Discharge of county sheriff employees for failure to support incumbent's political party. Injunctions. (1 hr.)

Case No. 75-817—Nebraska Press Assn. vs. Judge Stuart, District Court of Lincoln County, Neb. Fair trial and free press. Judicial pretrial "gag" orders enjoining press from publishing certain information about pending trial. (1 1/2 hrs.)

Case No. 75-246—U.S. vs. Hopkins, Government employment. Discharge. Court of Claims jurisdiction to hear suit for damages against federal government for improper discharge of military exchange employee. (1 hr.)

The Athens CIA station, Peck said, now has a staff of 170 and has taken over the role played earlier by stations in Cyprus, Beirut and Tel Aviv to become the agency's command post in the eastern Mediterranean.

The CIA faces no danger from the present Greek government, Peck says, claiming that police services in Greece "were always controlled by the CIA."

Police investigations into Welch's murder have produced no leads so far. Intelligence sources here express doubt that a leftist organization that sought publicity through its claim of responsibility for the murder had any connection with it, and some sources doubt that the organization even exists.

Rather, the sources say, rightist extremists who had dealings with the Greek junta and the CIA may have taken revenge out of a feeling that they had been betrayed.