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cretly for the Central Intelligence Agency over a 20-year period in Latin Copley News Service also worked se-Penthouse magazine charged yester-day that at least 23 members of the

was forming. the late publisher James S. Copley of fered the help of the news service he from a 1953 White House meeting with President Eisenhower at which Trento and Dave Roman, said the clandestine arrangement stemmed The authors of the article,

threat in Latin and Central America" for "our intelligence services." and ears" against "the Communist Copley, the magazine said, volun-

forthcoming August issue of Penthouse which added that the Copley Press, which also publishes the San Diego Union and Evening Tribune, words and pictures about antiwar and black protest movements to the budreds of thousands of unpublished ran a "little FBI" that funneled hun-The allegations were made in the

tions about clandestine ties with the Service (CNS) and the parent firm, the Copley Press, denied the asser-Spokesmen for the Copley News

that memos were written about pro-Gerald Warren, the current editor of the Union, and Herb Klein, a forwere then passed on to the FBI test groups and passed on to execulid not know whether ives of the company, but said they editor of the paper, confirmed the memos

The CIA and the FBI refused to

fed stores to news-service clients at the request of the CIA and the FBI." harbored CIA operatives on the pay-roll of the Copley News Service and and FBI stories and editorials, (and) changed intelligence information with the CIA for 'scoops' and planted CIA of stories for the CIA and the FBI; exdentials, information and placement said that Copley Press "provided cre-Fund for The article, financed in part by the Investigative Journalism,

college teacher and now a freelance writer, said the 23 Copley employees, most of them based in Latin America were all "on a salaried basis." the Wilmington (Del.) News-Journal, and Roman, 31, a former San Diego Elaborating at a press conference

Trento refused to name any of the 23 or even to describe the nature of the CIA payments. He said he had such details. promised his "sources" not to divulge

reptitious CIA employment. Press, flatly denied the charges of surpresident of operations at Copley Richard G. Capen Jr., senior vice

We have been assured by the highest levels within the CIA that no employees of Copley Newspapers or CNS have been employees of the agency," Capen said.

Helen Copley about a year and a half ago when the charges first began to surface. "I'm confident of the assurdent Nixon, indicated in a telephone interview that the assurances had been provided to present publisher House press secretary under Presi-Warren, former deputy White

ances Helen got," he said. Capen protested that the reports of been repeatedly denied by us." claims in a mimeographed newsletter, San Diego Confidential, and they have have repeatedly denied over the past allegations that Copley Newspapers CIA involvement are essentially "old two years. One of the authors, Joe Trento, has printed most of these

response. firmed not only Copley's 1953 "eyes and ears" offer but also Eisenhower's sources and that these documents conments in the ined still-secret White House and Roman said For their Penthouse article, Trento that they had exam-White House docu-possession of CIA

whenever possible'," the magazine your favors are appreciated by the country and will be reciprocated Eisenhower told Copley that be reciprocated

the Copley Washington bureau before the end of World War II. Trento and Roman said the current Latin-American editor for the Copley cer hired by Col. Ira Copley to run mer Office of Strategic Services offihouse identified Richards as a forwas held on April 25, 1953. Copley vice president William Shea also attended the meeting, which had been requested by Copley's Washington bureau chief, Robert W. Richards, Pent of the Dwight Eisenhower Library in Abilene. Kan., told The Washington ing between Eisenhower and Copley Post that records there show a meet-George Curtis, supervisory archivist

ing the forthcoming Bay of Pigs inva-"actually fed information to CIA operative William Kelly in 1961 concern-News Service, William Giandoni

sion." (They said at the press conference they had no evidence that Giadoni was paid by the CIA.

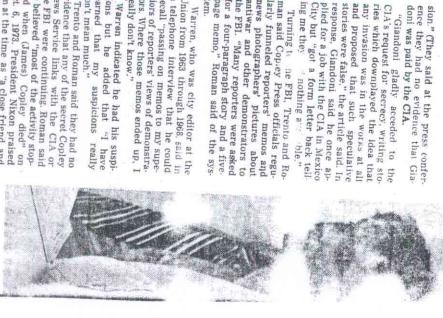
and proposed that such speculative stories were false," the article said. In plied for a job with the CIA in Mexico response, Giandoni said he once apany invasion was in the works at all ries which downplayed the idea that CIA's request for secrecy, writing sto "Giandoni gladly acceded to

for a four-paragraph story and a five-page memo," Roman said of the sysantiwar and other demonstrators to news photographers' pictures about the FBI. "Many reporters were asked man said Cop.ey Press officials regu-larly funneled reporters' memos and Turning to ne FBI, Trento and Ro-

tors. Where those memos ended up, I really don't know." a telephone interview that he could riors of reporters' views of demonstra recall "passing on memos to my supe-Union from 1963 through 1968, said in Warren, who was city editor at the

don't mean much." cions but Warren indicated he had his suspihe added that "I have

"a noble American." adviser" and said the nation had him at the time as "a close friend he believed "most of the activity stop-ped when (James) Copley died" on Oct 6, 1973. President Nixon praised the FBI were continuing. Roman said evidence that any of the secret Copley News Service links with the CIA or Trento and Roman said they had no



Penthouse authors