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CIA critic Philip Agee is not the hero some Americans consider him to be — he's a Marxist and communist supporter who's helping our enemies topple America, charge top U.S. intelligence experts.

They say the controversial author, a former CIA agent, already has caused "untold damage" to America's intelligence network by publishing the names of his former CIA colleagues.

Now he's working on a second book — and the experts feel it'll cripple our intelligence operations even more.

"Agee is trying to bring down the American system," declares ex-CIA officer David Phillips, a veteran of 30 years with the agency.

"He has placed many agents in a great deal of danger by innovating this movement to identify CIA people abroad. He's even given their home addresses — so they can be identified, exposed and neutralized."

Phillips, who resigned from the CIA 10 months ago to mount a counterattack against Agee and his followers, noted that the author has openly admitted his Communist ties.

"Agee visited Cuba some five times while writing his book, and in the book he acknowledges the assistance of the Cuban Communist Party in preparing the text," Phillips pointed out.

"Agee also has admitted he is in frequent contact with Cuban embassy officials in Europe."

One senior CIA officer, who asked that he not be identified, called Agee's tactic of publishing agents' names "deplorable."
"Agee has placed our intelligence officers in very grave

Top U.S. Intelligence Experts Charge . . .

CIA Critic Philip Agee Is a Communist Supporter Who's Helping America's Enemies



EX-CHIEF of CIA's counterintelligence division, James Angleton: "Philip Agee's past actions make it urgent that Congress pass new secrecy laws."

danger," the official said. "He is manifestly in violation of the secrecy agreement he signed, in which he pledged to hold secret forever anything he learned in the course of his CIA employment."

Agee — who now lives in Cambridge, England — also was blasted by Harry Rositzke, a high-ranking CIA officer who retired in 1970.

"Agee is the first agent from any service to publish the names of his fellow agents. That's the lowest you can get," stormed Rositzke.

"He is working against the structure of America as we know it. There's no question that he has gotten assistance

... And He Admits: 'I'm a Marxist'

from the Cubans in this endeavor."

Agee, contacted by The ENQUIRER at his home, admitted he's working on a new book in which he'll disclose even more names of CIA agents. "I am a Marxist," he said. "And I think the CIA and the system for which it works must be changed before socialist goals can be obtained."

Asked how he felt about placing CIA agents' lives in jeopardy, Agee replied: "They can just pack up and go home when they're exposed."

Agee joined the CIA in 1957 and served 12 years, mostly in Latin America.

"At first I completely accepted what we were doing," he said. "But over the years I came to accept the Communist belief that a higher form of economic and political organization was necessary to ensure that what little there is to go around, goes around fairly."



ACCUSED of being a communist supporter is former CIA agent and controversial author, Philip Agee.

Angleton. "Unless we have secrecy laws, there'll be other Agees."

Another top CIA officer revealed that Agee was asked to resign from the agency "after getting into all sorts of trouble in Mexico, his last assignment."

"Now Agee has done untold damage to his former comrades and to America," said the officer. "And another book will make things even worse."
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