

A Charge of CIA Agents In Portugal

Lisbon

The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has been operating in force in Portugal for the past several weeks, according to one of the young officers behind the April 25 military coup that toppled 48 years of Portuguese dictatorship.

The officer, who was one of the founding members of the Armed Forces Coordinating Committee — the group which carried out the coup and drafted the program to bring democracy to the country — says the committee is aware of a number of CIA agents operating in both Lisbon and Oporto, the northern industrial center. The officer, who prefers anonymity, also said the CIA maintains a communications vessel off Lisbon.

He refused to provide names of alleged CIA

agents, but he said military intelligence has a list of their names.

The Central Committee of the Portuguese Communist party has made similar allegations.

Americans here say the allegations are nearly a standard ingredient of leftist propaganda.

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