

U.S. Defector in Soviet Accuses C.I.A. on India

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MOSCOW, Nov. 15— A Self-styled former agent of the United States Central Intelligence Agency who has defected to the Soviet Union charged today that Americans sought to organize a military overthrow of the nonaligned government of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

The accusation was contained in an excerpt from a book written by the defector, John Smith, whose hometown was Quincy, Mass. The excerpt, the second printed here, is in the latest issue of Literaturnaya Gazeta, weekly publication of the Union of Soviet Writers.

Smith wrote last month that he had been recruited by the C.I.A. while working as a code clerk for the United States Foreign Service. He alleged that his former wife, Mary, also was an agent.

After publication of the first excerpt, officials in Washington said they could find no record showing that Smith had ever worked for the C.I.A.

Sabotage of Farming Alleged

Smith asserted that in the late nineteen-fifties American agents penetrated deeply into military and governmental circles in India, using money and coercion to obtain secret information.

Besides striving to bring the Government into alliance with the United States, Smith alleged, the C.I.A. sought to sabotage agricultural development and make India dependent on United States food supplies. The agency also supplied weapons

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and money to the insurgent Naga tribesmen, he said.

The defector, who has taken Soviet citizenship, asserted that high Indian officers were in the pay of the intelligence agency when he was working in New Delhi.

"Washington continually instructed us that it was necessary to organize a strong pro-American group of officers who, at the proper moment, could take power into their hands," he wrote.

Code Name Plutarch

He also alleged that a present high official in the Indian Government had collaborated with the C.I.A. under the code name Plutarch. He did not identify the official.

"Thanks to Plutarch, the C.I.A. was always informed of the actions that the Indian Government planned to take," Smith said.

He said that Manuel Alsate, who went to India in 1959 as Ambassador of the Philippines,

established close relationships with officers and Government leaders on a mission to obtain information for the C.I.A.

The defector wrote last month that he had left the Foreign Service because of disillusionment with United States Policy.