

THE EMPTY PEW

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The furore over the CIA is not merely a question of loyalty to the United States. It is a serious question of our loyalty to the cause of freedom. It challenges the great American tradition of respect for individual privacy.

D. Howard Ady, a former captain in the British Intelligence Corps, has pointed out that the CIA and FBI not only compile files on people to make them look suspect, but that they send the questionable material to foreign countries in order to keep their victims harrassed. The purpose does not seem to be the protection of America's national sovereignty, but the eradication of anyone who might question the current political atmosphere.

When one considers the Christian concept of man as always possible of being corrupted, and the Judeo-Christian belief that God endows man with the right of freedom, the whole affair becomes intensely a religious confrontation.

One official told this author, "Whoever controls the CIA controls this country." A young man who quit the CIA said, "When I joined the CIA, I expected to be involved in a battle of wits between professions of the opposition. It wasn't until they taught me to kill citizens and to recruit foreign students to spy on their own country, that I realized what the CIA was all about. Of course, I had to quit."

The great tragedy is that America's struggle for national protection needs the CIA more than ever. But, when that arm of protection becomes the Gestapo and MKVD of tyranny, it is necessary for free men to dissolve it.

Already, the government has voted any President the power to throw people into Concentration Camps without any recourse whatsoever to due process of law. All the President would have to do is get scared that he was going to lose power, and he could obliterate any vestige of freedom. And there are SIX Concentration Camps already standing by to hold thousands of Americans who might disagree with the power structure.

The real question is not whether the law protects criminals more than good citizens, but WHO defines what a "criminal" is!