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Philip Agee was arrested as he waited for a Brazilian woman at Boulogne



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France Expels Ex-CIA Agent

Paris

French police arrested former U.S. Central Intelligence Agency agent Philip Agee in the coastal port of Boulogne Wednesday night and ordered him expelled to Belgium, the government announced yesterday.

The presence of Agee, who quit the CIA in 1969 and wrote a book identifying co-workers and exposing covert American operations, was "undesirable" and could harm France's relations with "friendly countries," the announcement said.

A spokesman for the American embassy here denied that the United States had discussed Agee's presence here with the French or had brought any pressure to get him expelled.

The 41-year-old former undercover operative was expelled from Britain in June after a six-month court battle to keep his residence there. He had lived in Britain for four years before his expulsion as a security risk.

Agee, evidently traveling under his own name, arrived in France three weeks ago on a tourist visa valid for three months. He had been living in The Netherlands, where he is seeking a residence permit to enable him to finish a second book on the CIA.

In an interview in this week's edition of Newsweek International, which went on sale here 24 hours before his arrest, Agee vowed to continue exposing organizations and people with CIA associations. He indicated his next book would deal in detail with the agency's work in Europe.

Agee traveled from Paris to Boulogne Wednesday to meet Angela Camargo-Seizas, a Brazilian with whom he lived in Britain, who was arriving by boat from Britain.

French police were waiting for her and took her into custody when she landed at Boulogne. She was released after Agee had been arrested by frontier police.

Agee's book, "Inside the Company: CIA dairy," was published in translation here two years ago. The American embassy said there are no outstanding charges against Agee in the United States.

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