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Ex-agent brands CIA as outlaw in covert Third World activities

By Sandra Curry
 Staff Writer

The United States has been operating illegally in foreign countries during every presidency since 1932, a former CIA agent said Wednesday night at Rudder Theater in a program sponsored by MSC Political Forum.

John Stockwell, a former CIA employee and author of "In Search of Enemies," addressed an almost full theater.

Stockwell, a former member of the Marine Corps, served on the National Security Council as coordinator of the covert war in Angola, a position he describes as similar to the one Lt. Col. Oliver North held on the council. He said that like North, he too was involved in illegal operations, but charges were never brought against him.

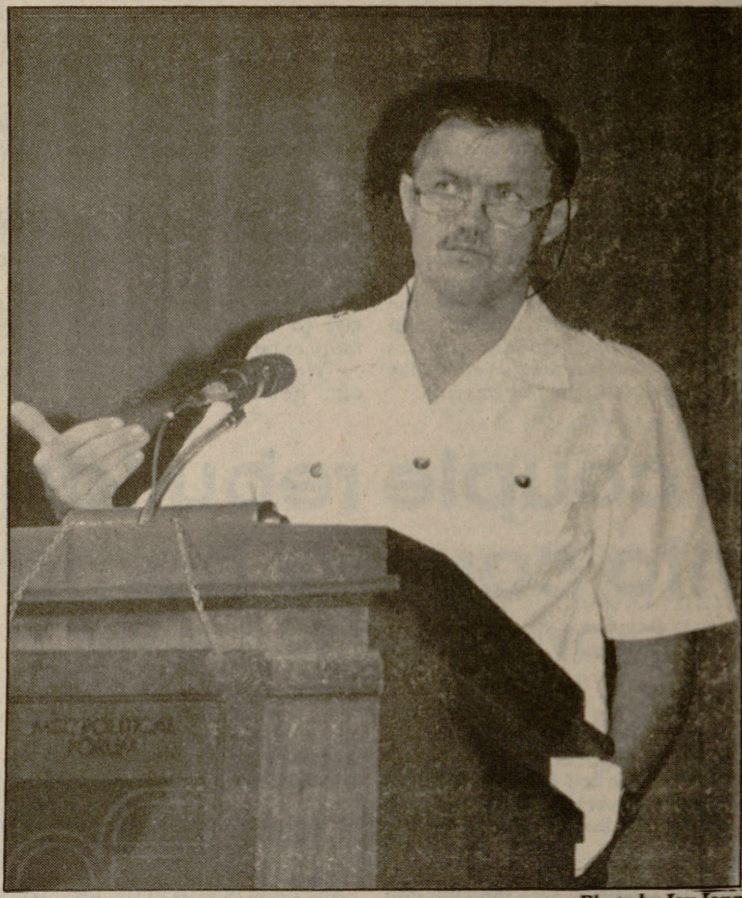
"We were breaking the law," Stockwell said. "I was twice vindicated for my actions and received no jail term. If I had, then the present crew on the council would have learned a lesson, and wouldn't be going through this."

Stockwell said that in the covert operations the CIA runs, the main objective is to destabilize a country. Currently, there are 50 covert operations being conducted within the CIA, he said.

"That means that they are destabilizing one third of the countries in the world right now," he said. "When there is a government they don't like, they put pressure on it by ripping apart the social and economic fabric of the country. They make it to where the farmer can't get his goods to market, or the children can't go to school."

According to a brochure handed out at the program, the CIA seeks to increase global tension by supporting military dictatorships.

Stockwell said most destabilizing operations are aimed at Third World countries like Nicaragua, Vietnam, Sri Lanka and Laos. However, he said, the government hasn't carried out any destabilizing operations in the Soviet Union since 1954.



Ex-CIA agent, John Stockwell, speaks at the MSC Political Forum in Rudder Theater Wednesday night.

Photo by Jay Janner

"In 1954, we realized that they had the power to drop an atomic bomb on us and retaliate," he said. "It's in these Third World countries that the governments aren't strong enough to defend themselves. If there's any heroism in this, I fail to see it."

Stockwell used the current situation in Nicaragua as an example of

U.S. dealings in covert operations. After the problems in Nicaragua began in 1981, President Reagan gave \$19 million to the CIA to begin destabilizing the country, he said. "Funding these operations has since then been coming in both legally and illegally," Stockwell said. There are many aspects to destabilization, such as assassinations,

propaganda and creating... said. In Nicaragua, assassinations played an important part in the disposal of political leaders, religious figures and other CIA has trained the Contras in assassination techniques and permitted this in a 1984 document. Walter Mondale, Stockwell said, was inconclusive about another method used in the investigation. Terrorists have been defended villages and men, raped women and children, he said.

"All while other families are forced to watch," he said.

The United States also uses negative propaganda tactics to gain public support in Nicaragua, Stockwell said. He said that the CIA launched a campaign to discredit Sandinistas won by a large margin.

"This was after an intelligence observance team said that some of the fairest elections ever seen," Stockwell said.

Stockwell said the United States also has charged that the government censors public figures. Before U.S. involvement in Nicaragua, he said, there was censorship, and he added that the types of censorship there are similar to the ones in the United States.

Throughout his speech, Stockwell challenged the audience to all the information. He presented a small bibliography of recent material, cited several works throughout the program, released an address where material can be obtained.

"I encourage you to read yourselves," Stockwell said. "I encourage you to take my word for it. The abundance of information on this subject."

"There have been thousands of covert actions over the years that are illegal interference in other countries' affairs, all of them mockery of democracy and they raise questions of U.S. news."

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60 parents call to support pediatrician carrying AIDS

DALLAS (AP) — A pediatrician who feared he would be forced from his practice when angry parents reacted to the news he carried the AIDS virus now finds others rallying to his support.

Dr. Robert J. Huse of suburban Mesquite said more than 60 parents had called by Wednesday supporting him and his practice in the Dallas suburb.

"It makes me feel very good," he said. "It's quite a significant number."

Pamela Shouse of Mesquite said she took her 9-year-old daughter to see Huse Wednesday morning knowing he carried the AIDS virus.

"Dr. Huse has taken us through a few crises, and I have as much faith in him as I do in my own priest," she said. "He's a cut above a regular doctor."

Martha Wheeler, also of Mesquite, said her two children have been Huse's patients since he started his practice 12 years ago.

"I don't think he would do anything to harm any children," Wheeler said. "If he was a danger to the public, I think he would step out of his practice before he would hurt anyone."

"I think he was just treated dirty by this," she said. "News reports in connection with a lawsuit filed by the doctor surfaced late last week that the 44-year-old

pediatrician was diagnosed as having HIV, a designation given the acquired immune deficiency syndrome virus in July 1985.

Tuesday, Huse said he saw 10 patients when he normally treats 25. "That is quite a substantial drop and if this continues I will have to leave my practice," he said.

Some parents said they were angry that Huse had not told them he carried the virus and talked about forming a group to seek mandatory AIDS tests for doctors and a requirement that doctors must tell their patients if they test positive.

Jennifer Skinner, whose two children were Huse's patients, told the *Dallas Times Herald*, said, "I want him crucified. I really don't care if it ruins his practice. I don't want him to go somewhere else to treat other little babies."

Huse published a letter in the *Mesquite News* asking his patients not to leave him. "I hope that my patients and their parents will not be irrationally fearful of coming back to me for pediatric care," the letter stated.

Huse said he never told his patients he carried the virus because he felt he wasn't a threat to their health.

Dr. Charles Ginsburg, Southwestern Medical School pediatrics department chairman, said Wednesday that concern about patients contracting acquired immune deficiency syn-

drome in the course of treatment by Huse was unjustified.

"This is not the mechanism by which AIDS is transmitted," said Ginsburg, who also is medical director of Children's Medical Center in Dallas. "Children are not at risk, and there is no medical justification for testing of children because of this."

"This has prompted a great deal of parental anxiety not limited to Dr. Huse's practice. A number of pediatricians are being bombarded with calls about this."

Ginsburg said parents should be more concerned about their children in other ways, such as their motor skills development, day-care situations and quality of education.

"I would have no problem whatsoever in Dr. Huse taking care of either of my children," he said.

Shouse said she felt the reaction against Huse comes from ignorance. "I feel that they have judged and condemned the man without hearing all the evidence," she said.

Huse's three-doctor practice in Mesquite lists between 3,000 and 4,000 patients. While he may have to leave his practice, Huse said, he is considering starting another pediatric practice in the Dallas area as well as working with AIDS patients.

Shouse said, "If he moved his practice anywhere within reasonable distance, I would continue to take my daughter to him."

Sheriff hopes says lawman assaulted

PECOS (AP) — A jailer who claims he was assaulted by a Reeves County Sheriff's Office guard is running for the job.

"I have been considering some time," Eddy Martinez said.

"I think it's time for me to run," he said. "The only reason I have chosen to go into politics is to make my campaign district this will give me an opportunity not only to get some money but to prepare my campaign raise some funds."

Florez was charged with a misdemeanor assault after he claimed he was struck by a guard in July while Markham was on duty at the Reeves County Enforcement Center.

Warren Heagy, Flores' attorney, has said Flores did not alter the altercation and that the guard was merely defending himself.

Florez was arrested and freed on a \$500 personal bond set by Reeves County Court at Law Judge Lee. He is scheduled to go to court next week. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of a year and a \$2,000 fine.

Markham, who was appointed to his job by Flores in May, is the controller and enforcement officer at the Reeves County Enforcement Center.

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