### <u>A moral dilemma</u>

# Spy recalls days of intrigue agencies." A journalist in Chile at the turne, Phillips said he was contacted by a CA agent because he had three of the four requirements an intelligence agent needs in a foreign country. He had a cover, access to influential people and spoke the language. The only thing he lacked was experience.

"It's not the boy scouts," was the way David Atlee Phillips, former chief of Latin American Operations for the Central Intelligence Agency, describe the CIA to a Troy Town Hall audience

last week
Phillips said intelligence work performed by the CIA poses many pressing moral problems but he defended
the system. "Intelligence operations
are having problems in our country
because there are certain values more because there are certain values more important than anything else. Certainly more important than having a capable intelligence service, especially after Watergate. But the

intelligence operation is working hard... to protect these values." Phillips was the third speaker in Troy's first Town Hall series. The final speaker is Barbara Howar, noted writer, who will talk on her observa-tions of Washington D. C. on March 29 at 11 a.m.

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Ms. Howar's talk will be open to the public. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. The talk will be in the Troy Hilton Inn.

A polished storyteller, Phillips recounsed now he was recruited by the CIA in 1850 when, "The CIA was one of the least known of government

IT NEVER occurred to me to say mo; he added.

During his 25 years serving under presidents with the CIA. Phillips led a nomadic existence. From Chile he moved in succession to Cuba, Lebanon, back to Cluba, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Brazil and Venezuela. "Leading a double life is tough," he said. "When you come back to the U.S. you have to do the same. I lied to my neighbors, to my banker and I lied on an application to become a boy sout master. What do you write where it asks occupation—spy?"

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an application to occurse a soly accom-master. What do you write where it asks occupation—spy? — myth that it alliers of files of control tell their wives and children what they're ching." he continued. "It's a myth. Could you imagine telling you with you're leaving and will be back at 4 a.m. without an explanation?" — Phillips said that when he told his first four children that he worked for the CIA, hey reacted. "Oh wow, James Bond," but his fifth child said, "That's dirty." After retiring from the CIA in 1975, one of Phillips's first civil-in a accomplishments was the formation of an association of former

WHILE HE REFUSES to reveal American intelligence secrets, he has strong opinions about controversial subjects which he shared with the Town Hall audience.

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\*Detente: "A French word, when translated to Russian it means unloaded gun, not unload the gun and melt the bullets. Until it does, we have to be careful."

\*Bay of Pigs: "The original plan was a classic, guerilla warfare plan. It was changed to a military plan calling for landing tanks on a Carribean beach. There's an old axiom that you can't hide an elephant and you can't hide a tank on a Carribean that of words to strength of the country because one tried to recruit its rute there are Soviets all over the country because one tried to recruit me not too long ago."

\*John Kennedy assassination plot: "I happen to be one of the 15 per Compsinery."

\*Panama Canal treaties: "I belive it's absolutely essential we ratify the reaties. The truth is, and I can assure you it's the truth, that every Latin American country says we should ratify the treaties. The routry says we should ratify the treaties. The routry says we should ratify the treaties. The routry says we should ratify the treaties. The readies. The readie

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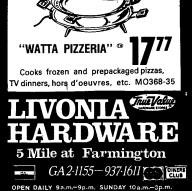


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