

Who helped ex-CIA
terror organiser?
Duncan Campbell reports

Top Cop in links probe

METROPOLITAN POLICE Commissioner Sir David McNea received a few days ago the report of an investigation of allegations that one of his senior staff regularly met with a now-convicted gunrunner who was the architect and supplier of terror and torture equipment to Idi Amin and Colonel Gaddafi, among others. The Home Office last week announced that Assistant Commissioner Jock Wilson, who formerly headed the Special Branch and then the criminal department of Scotland Yard, would be retiring in May. Wilson was claimed by Frank Terpil to have been his 'chief London contact'. Terpil made the allegation during filming for a recent Central TV film. Neither Scotland Yard nor Assistant Commissioner Wilson de-

Jock Wilson



nied the allegations which they say have 'a bearing on national security'.

Two senior officers, Detective Chief Superintendent Colin Wood and Superintendent Peter Langley have been asked to investigate how Terpil and some of his colleagues, who have now been accused of crimes ranging from smuggling to conspiracy to murder, got access to Scotland Yard, Home Office and Defence Ministry offices and officials. One of Terpil's associates, Kevin Mulcahy, has told investigators that Terpil and friends were able to use England as long as they did because they felt they had 'protection'. Their protection and access extended, he claimed, to the services of one of Jock Wilson's friends, an arms dealer called Walter MacGowan, who 'opened the doors to MI5 and MI6 for Frank (Terpil) and Ed (Wilson) whenever they wanted them'.

The preliminary investigation, which has been instigated following a Home Office investigation, is expected to be completed soon. Police sources were unwilling to say whether or not the report would confirm the Americans' claims about their links within Scotland Yard. □

Julian Warner reports

Degrees of moral values

THE HONG KONG businessman, whose offer of £500,000 at Wadham College Oxford in return for places for his children has led to the resignation of a don, stipulated that his donation must remain secret. News of the deal was leaked to the local press two weeks ago, before the press statement which the college had finally agreed to issue.

The businessman is Mr Lee Shau Kee, a Hong Kong property dealer. His two children have been offered places provided they get two grade 'E' passes at 'A' level, the minimum conditional entrance requirement. Neither will have to sit the Oxford entrance exam.

The agreement was negotiated last June by Mr Peter Carter, Wadham's ex-Estates bursar. The measure was endorsed at a hastily assembled meeting of the college's governing body at the end of last June. It was then presented as a *fait accompli* to a full meeting in October.

The tight net of secrecy surrounding the arrangement was threatened, however, with the arrival of Mr Peter Gwyn, a temporary research fellow in history. Gwyn was so outraged when he heard about the deal that he threatened resignation and exposure unless Wadham publicised the matter. After several unsuccessful attempts to persuade him to change his mind, the governing body reluctantly voted to issue a press statement. In return, Gwyn agreed to remain quiet about the details behind the deal.

Then a senior English don, Dr Terry Eagleton, sent a circular to his students dissociating himself from the decision 'on the grounds that University places are not for sale'. According to sources outside the college, Eagleton was then advised not to make any further comments. More embarrassment followed when one of Mr Kee's business aides publicly denied all knowledge of the offer.



The decision was strongly defended by one don: 'The general feeling amongst most of us was that, on balance the college needed the extra money. No breach of principle was really felt because the students are foreign and therefore not in competition for places established by the local authority quota system'.

Mr Gwyn was clearly not impressed: 'It's ludicrous morally. If you have an institution which stands for certain intellectual values it must stick by them.'

Mr Gwyn made his point of view clear in a television interview. His stand was then denounced by Sir Stuart Hampshire, Warden of the college, as a campaign of self-advertisement. Mr Gwyn resigned, believing he has probably sacrificed his entire academic career. Meanwhile, Wadham anxiously awaits the reaction from Hong Kong. □