

THE PEOPLE'S SPIES: GLIMPSES OF GEORGIA'S COVERT ACTIVITIES DURING THE MID-1950s*

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The first two papers in the session dealt with the American Revolution and set the stage for a 175-year leap to Georgia in the 1950s, when the Civil Rights Movement threatened to disrupt aspects of southern society as surely as had the war for independence. More blatant (or at least more documentable) than those activities described during the Revolution, those reported by Dr. Dubay showed how elected Georgia officials used state police and investigatory agencies to collect information and harass those involved in civil rights activities. His paper made it clear that "dirty politics," a long established tradition in Georgia, may still lurk just below the surface of our political system.