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Say CIA Aid Helped NSA Counter Reds

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WASHINGTON — A defense of the CIA infiltration of the National Student Association was offered today by former officials of each organization. Robert Amory Jr., former CIA deputy director, declared: "If we hadn't done this, we just would have been run over by the Commie-front organizations."

Amory said CIA money made it possible for American students to attend the world-wide student conference at the Helsinki World Youth Festival in 1962 and the Vienna Youth Festival in 1959.

Paul Potter, an NSA vice-president in 1961, said in Boston that NSA became the main student force behind the coordinating secretariat of the

International Student Conference with headquarters in Leyden in the Netherlands.

This group is the Western counterpart of the Red-dominated International Union of Students in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Potter said that former NSA President Edward Garvey was top officer of the Leyden group for several years at the peak of the cold war.

Potter, formerly affiliated with the left-leaning Students for a Democratic Society, said that in 1961 NSA officers "collaborated more and more with the State Department and the CIA and were known as people willing to work in some sense as covers for the CIA."

But he declined to name these officers.

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