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Only a Few Knew About CIA Money

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Madison, Wis.—Only the top one or two officers of the National Student Association (NSA) knew that the central intelligence agency (CIA) was secretly providing funds for the group's activities, according to former association officials now studying at the University of Wisconsin.

For other student leaders connected with the NSA, the disclosure Tuesday that the CIA was giving money to their organization was as much of a surprise to them as it was to the general public.

NSA President Eugene Groves, Washington, D. C., said Tuesday that the NSA's last tie with the CIA had been broken and that the bulk of the aid ended in 1965.

Denies Intelligence Work

Groves said officers and employees of the organization had neither carried out intelligence functions nor provided information of a sensitive nature to any government agency.

On the Madison campus, where the NSA was founded in 1947, an ex-president of the group, Edward R. Garvey, Burlington, a UW law school student, confirmed that the organization was getting CIA funds while he was president from August, 1961, through October, 1962.

NSA presidents serve full time at a salary of \$4,000 a year. Garvey served between his graduation from UW and his enrolment in law school.

Few Knew of Money

Although Garvey said he had no "second thoughts" about money coming from the CIA, he said he would have terminated all money from the agency if "strings had been attached to it."

Garvey would not comment on how the CIA transferred its

funds to NSA, but said only one or two of the organization's top officers knew where the money was coming from.

Garvey said he was told about the CIA funds by an outgoing officer, who suggested that word about where the money was coming from be kept quiet.

Although he said NSA members conferred with state department officials before embarking on their annual summer world tours to meet other students, he said the briefings were routine. He said no mention ever was made of special intelligence instructions to the students.

While he was president, Garvey said, he never met any CIA agents and received no instructions from the agency.

Donald A. Hoffman, 830 Shadow Lawn dr., Elm Grove, served as NSA president in 1959-'60. Still a UW student, he could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Another NSA official, Roland Liebert, Madison, who was head of the group's education office from June, 1964, until August, 1966, said he had heard rumors about where NSA money was coming from, but "nobody had any proof."

He said some officials and workers were suspicious because "certain foundations gave so much money when NSA didn't do much to benefit the donor."

Much of the speculation

about the source of NSA funds came from left wing students, Liebert said. But he added that the leftists were more concerned about student resolutions so they left the financial picture alone.

The rumors about outside money coming from federal sources "like the state department or CIA" were commonplace among workers, Liebert said, but no one ever tracked any of them down.

Sharing Liebert's unawareness of the arrangement are

two current NSA delegates from UW and one former delegate to the 1965 national NSA congress, held at UW that summer.

Michael Fullwood, Madison, a delegate, said he had no idea that funds for NSA were coming from the CIA. He said, however, that the disclosure could only hurt the NSA and its influence abroad.

Marvin Levy, Madison, a delegate to the 1965 NSA convention, said there was no discussion of funds with his delegation.

Levy and Rheins, both UW student senators, plan to introduce a bill in the UW student senate demanding a full explanation by the NSA of the CIA funding situation.

Joseph Kauffman, UW dean of student affairs and a member of the NSA advisory board, said he had not heard anything about the CIA money and that he had been inactive in NSA work for months.