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Two Senators Support CIA

But They Differ About Secret Subsidizing

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Both Nebraska Senators voiced support for the Central Intelligence Agency Saturday, but took somewhat different views of its secret subsidizing of a variety of private organizations.

Senator Roman Hruska said he was "not inclined to criticize," unless it could be shown the CIA deliberately sought to subvert the organizations.

So long as the organizations remained faithful to their objectives and membership, he elaborated, he would not fault the operation.

Senator Carl Curtis said:

"I am not critical of the CIA for recognizing the need, for their objectives or for their concern that the Communists would use every student organization they could put their hands on."

Errors in Judgment

But Senator Curtis said he thought the CIA, or Government officials in positions of authority, had made "some errors in judgment and procedure."

He said he believed that in dealing with student and other groups, the Government "could have used the front door instead of the back door."

It could have acted more openly through Government officials identified as such, he contended.

He emphasized, however, that he considered the CIA's goals "sound and in the public interest."

Senator Hruska said the agency is in the business of spying, which cannot be done openly.

Highly Necessary

"That type of activity has been going on ever since this republic came into being," he said.

"Fundamentally, the CIA is highly necessary to our national security and even our survival."

He said private organizations that operate abroad obviously could be very useful as conduits for information.

The Administration's dis-

closure that the CIA's subsidizing activities were in keeping with National Security Council policies established in 1952 through 1954 puts the agency "in a more solid position," according to Senator Hruska.

He said he was opposed to any investigation of the CIA by Congress and had confidence in the present Congressional supervision of the intelligence unit.

He is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, some of whose members are on the CIA "watchdog" committee.

Senator Curtis said the CIA obviously was operating under higher Government authority in financing private groups.

He said he felt it was up to the Congressional panel that deals with the CIA to decide whether its supervision was adequate.

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