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CIA controls NSA

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WASHINGTON — The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has controlled the National Student Association (NSA) by helping select some of its officers and giving them secret assignments, code names and draft deferments since the Truman administration.

These details were contained in advance copies made available yesterday of the March issue of Ramparts magazine. Both the state department speaking for the CIA, and the student association have acknowledged Ramparts' charges that the CIA often provided half the student association's \$815,000 annual budget.

Ramparts says the CIA worked with five or six NSA officers and staff members each year who were given top-secret clearances and signed pledges never to reveal their activities.

Code "Witty"

For code purposes, the CIA was known as "the firm." Students cooperating with the agency were known as "being witty" — in on the secret. Regular CIA agents were "the fellas" or "the boys."

Phillip Sherburne, last year's NSA president, was called "Mr. Grants" because of his fundraising ability.

Ramparts says that trusted NSA leaders were recruited at luncheons with "witty" staff members and one of "the fellas" from "the firm." The NSA worked with the Covert Action Division Number Five of the CIA's plans divisions.

Secrecy Oath

The student being recruited was asked if he would work on international affairs for the NSA, particularly on matters affecting national security. If he

agreed, he was asked to sign a national security oath to remain silent about this work.

Only after signing the oath, Ramparts says, was the student told he was working for the CIA. The espionage agency promised "severe legal penalties" if the student violated the oath.

As Ramparts, a new liberal magazine published in San Francisco, gave its version of the CIA's student activities, President Johnson called for a "careful review" of any government activities affecting the "integrity and independence" of educational institutions.

He ordered Nicholas Katzenbach, acting secretary of state; Richard Helms, CIA director; and John W. Gardner, secretary of health, education and welfare, to develop policies to guide "government agencies in their relationship to the international activities of American educational organizations."

Leaders of the student association, which represents student governments on 300 college and university campuses, say they told Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey of the CIA funding last year. They further discussed it last month with Douglass Caser, a White House assistant.

Neither the vice president nor Caser was able to suggest ways to completely sever the tie, the youngsters say, although the vice president helped find financing from foundations and other private sources.

The CIA's contribution dwindled to about 5 per cent of the NSA's budget last year. Some students say it had been terminated this year.

The Ramparts article charges that most of the CIA's student funds were channeled to the NSA through the Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs in New York. Its director is Harry Gunn, a former NSA president, who says the foundation is "not a CIA front."

The foundation also allegedly applied CIA funds to the U.S. Youth Council of New York, a group of 3 organizations; the International Student Conference of Leyden, the Netherlands, a confederation of 69 organizations, and the World Assembly of Youth of Brussels, Belgium, representing student groups from 54 nations.

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