

NSA Leaders Vow to Sever Ties

'Trapped' by CIA, Students

WASHINGTON (AP) — With money, draft deferments and the threat of jail, the Central Intelligence agency laid "an ethical trap for young men of great integrity," says leaders of the National Student Association.

To the CIA it was a valuable weapon in the back-alley struggle of international espionage. But to the students involved it became an agony and a horror.

In the end, the moral strain and the students became too great and it shattered the 15-year secret relationship between the government spy agency and the nation's largest student organization.

THAT WAS THE story told last night by leaders of the NSA as they emerged from three and nights of nearly continuous discussion of the crisis that disclosure of the relationship had created for them. But they plan to continue the student organization.

Much of what they said already had come out in the days since Ramparts Magazine spotlighted the undercover link early this week.

In a statement read by Samuel Brown, chairman of the of the NSA, NSA leaders said they received between \$1 million and \$2 million in hidden CIA funds through 21 foundations and individuals.

BROWN NAMED six—Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs, Catherwood Foundation, San Jacinto Fund, Independence Foundation, Sidney and Esther Rabb Foundation and an individual, R. A. Smith. This was the first mention of the Catherwood Foundation's involvement.

In addition, Brown said, last year's president, Philip Sherburne, told the board there were 15 other foundations and individuals that had channeled smaller amounts of CIA funds to NSA through the years.

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Brown said he did not know their names.

The money went into NSA's overseas activities, seminars for foreign students and operating expenses, including rent on the four-story Washington headquarters of the organization. In some years, CIA money made up 80 per cent of NSA's, budget Brown said.

He said the CIA also helped "negotiate" draft deferments for top NSA officials. An NSA spokesman earlier had denied there were any strings pulled to get draft deferments, but it turned out that he was talking only of the present officials.

FOR ITS PART, the CIA got strong U.S. student representation at world student conferences, information about politics and student activities in foreign lands and a line on their rising young leaders.

The information brought back by NSA overseas representatives was given to CIA agents in informal meetings in restaurants or on the street, Brown said.

What came out with fresh impact last night was the reaction of the present NSA leaders to the CIA's penetration of their

organization when they learned of it for the first time a few weeks ago.

Brown, a 23-year-old divinity student at Harvard, expressed it when he was asked how the CIA recruited students to spy for it.

THE SELECTED individual was given a security check by the CIA without his knowledge, Brown said, and if he passed, was called in for a discussion with NSA leaders. Usually only one or two top leaders were aware of the CIA's role.

"He was told there were certain things about the NSA that he was not aware of," said Brown, "and that it would be helpful to him in his job to have certain information that was available only from classified sources.

"So he was told he would have to sign a security oath, and at that point, after he had signed, he was told about the CIA involvement. He couldn't get out without breaking his oath. He was trapped."