

CIA Accused of Threat To Force Aid Secrecy

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Warning Of Forgery Involved

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP). —Michael Wood, who revealed the Central Intelligence Agency's financial support of the National Student Association, charged Sunday that the CIA threatened to forge psychiatric records to discredit an NSA officer.

He said the threat was one of various moves by the CIA to pressure NSA officers into silence about CIA involvement.

Eugene Groves, president of the NSA, said, however, he was unaware of the alleged incident.

Wood, former director of development in charge of fund raising for the NSA, declined to reveal the source of his information, or the target of the alleged forgery threat "for obvious personal reasons."

3-WAY INTERVIEW

Wood made the accusation during a three-way interview in which he was joined by Groves and the NSA vice president for international affairs, Richard Stearns.

The three appeared on the ABC radio-television program "Issues and Answers."

Wood's charges ran counter to the view of Groves and Stearns that the CIA—although its support may have resulted in some subtle influence on NSA overseas activities—did not exercise any direct influence on NSA policy.

ANTI-RED MOVE

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) said Sunday that the CIA-student alliance in the 1950s was a strikingly successful anti-Communist move and would have been impossible without the secrecy with which it was carried out.

Jackson spoke on the Metro-

media television-radio program "Opinion in the Capital."

The entire CIA-NSA debate was reviewed in still another mass interview Sunday, an hour-long appearance by two Senators, one of them Sen. Jackson, two student leaders, and a former CIA Official.

SHARP DISAGREEMENT

The net result: General Agreement that the purpose of the controversial involvement was worthy—or at least acceptable—but sharp disagreement on whether the methods adopted were justified.

Secret involvement was not justified in a free, democratic society, said Sen. Joseph S. Clark, (D-PA.) and Sam Brown, chairman of the NSA's supervisory board. It was, unfortunately, both necessary and justified, argued Jackson, former NSA President Dennis Shaul, and Robert Amory Jr., former deputy director of the CIA.

They appeared on a special edition of the NBC program "Meet the Press."

Former Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona said he sees nothing wrong with the CIA using foundations and student and labor organizations in its intelligence-gathering operations. But he complained because, he said, all the money went to "left-wing organizations" and he thinks some should have been channeled to the conservative groups.