

Jack Anderson Criticized

NEW YORK—The National News Council has criticized columnist Jack Anderson for what it said was harassment when it investigated a complaint about a column.

The council said it had asked Anderson by mail to respond to the complaint and shortly afterward Les Whitten, Anderson's associate, called the council seeking the names of individuals and foundations that had contributed to it.

The council, founded in 1973 as a voluntary monitor of complaints against the media, said it responded to Whitten's request "down to the last penny." It has an annual budget of about \$300,000 funded by the Twentieth Century Fund, the Market Foundation, several newspapers and by individuals.

The complaint against Anderson was brought by Ian R. MacKenzie, director of the Nicaragua Government Information Service, who said a March 19 column attacked the president of Nicaragua in an "unfair and inaccurate manner."

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