

For Mount appearance

Colby target of mild protest

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William E. Colby, director of the Central Intelligence Agency under both Nixon and Ford, was the target of a protest from about 10 Mount St. Mary's College students Thursday night.

The students calling themselves the Positive Action Coalition, marched in a circle outside the gymnasium, in Emmitsburg with their posters barely readable in the dark, as Colby addressed a warmly receptive group of about 150 inside on "Intelligence Out of the Shadows."

He spoke for the need for continued intelligence, not in the cloak and dagger sense, but a "modern intelligence" whose function is to "clarify and inform both sides so you can solve problems."

Those who work for the CIA need to protect their sources as the journalist Bob Woodward did for "Deep Throat," he said. "We need better rules to protect from defectors."

It was ironic that Colby referred to Woodward, who was among the first to investigate the Watergate scandal which caused the Nixon administration to topple.

Colby's association with former President Richard M. Nixon was one of the reasons cited for the protest.

"We felt Colby shouldn't have been invited here," said Judy Zerhausen, who, as a senior, was participating in her first college protest.

"His beliefs don't coincide with the beliefs of a Catholic college," she added.

Colby appeared neat and slim in a dark business suit and focused most of his remarks on the need for the intelligence agency.

He said that new standards had been

formulated by Congress to guard against some of the questionable CIA activities of the past, such as the attempted assassination of Fidel Castro in Cuba.

"We now have a public set of
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guidelines which say clearly the proper limits for our involvement," Colby said. Assassination was not included as an option, although he mentioned support of foreign leaders and groups, to the point of providing arms, as within the acceptable boundaries.

He referred to the aftermath of Watergate as a "catharsis" which enabled the CIA, as well as other parts of the government, to re-evaluate its standards.

But even before Watergate, modern intelligence has suffered from a misapplied image, taken from isolated examples of CIA activity which surfaced during his directorship or from James Bond movies.

He compared it to the six blind men who had never seen an elephant. Each held a part of the elephant, a leg, for one, a trunk, for another.

"Each projected the image of an elephant from the part he happened to touch," Colby said. In the same way, he said, one piece of modern intelligence has been projected as the whole.

Colby, who is now practicing law in a small firm in Washington, said in an interview before his speech, that the Watergate episode served to prove that the constitution worked. "I'm not worried about this country. Very few countries could go through something as rending as that. The constitution worked," he said.