

CIA Activity Disturbs Humphrey

Hopes Latest Furor Will Bring Tighter Control of Agency

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Vice President Humphrey declared yesterday that he was "not at all happy" about the Central Intelligence Agency's secret involvement in student organizations.

He said he hoped the furor arising from disclosure that the Agency has spent millions of dollars in secret subsidies to the National Student Association and other groups would lead to tighter Government control over the CIA.

In the strongest statement yet made by a high Administration official on the situation, Humphrey told a student and faculty meeting at Stanford University at Palo Alto, Calif.: "This is one of the saddest times our Government has had in relation to public policy."

"Out of this," he continued, "I hope will come an agreement to keep the CIA out of student affairs."

He recalled that he had tried without success to help the NSA raise money from private sources. He said the association had accepted the CIA money only after it found it could not finance from private means its efforts to combat Communist propaganda in international youth forums.

Humphrey did not say whether he had informed President Johnson of the NSA's financial problems or of the CIA's role in providing money for it.

The situation drew milder comment from John W. Gardner, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. He is a member of the three-man panel appointed by President Johnson and headed by Under Secretary of State Nicholas

deB. Katzenbach which is looking into CIA activities. The third member is CIA Director Richard Helms.

Gardner told the Associated Press he has "little respect for critics who give themselves airs of moral superiority in attacking an activity they know to be necessary," he added:

"But it was a mistake for the CIA ever to entangle itself in covert activities close to the field of education or scholarship or the Universities."

On Capitol Hill, Sens. John Stennis (D-Miss.) and Milton R. Young (R-N.D.) added their voices to those who have spoken earlier in behalf of the intelligence agency. Both are members of the special Senate subcommittee that oversees the Agency.

In Miami Beach, President George Meany of the AFL-CIO replied "absolutely not" when asked at a news conference whether his organization had ever received a subsidy from the CIA. He said he did not know whether or not any AFL-CIO affiliates had taken Government money.

The American Newspaper Guild has received about \$1 million since 1960 from foundation sources believed to be conduits for CIA funds. The Guild has said it accepted the money without knowing of the CIA connection.

Jay Lovestone, head of the International Affairs Department of the AFL-CIO, like Meany, told Washington Post Reporter Frank Porter that none of the central bodies of the organization receive CIA support.