

Bills Offer Substitute for CIA Funds

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Both branches of Congress are to receive bills Monday to provide for open, congressionally supervised financing of certain American activities overseas, displacing the clandestine support hitherto provided by the CIA.

A bipartisan House group plans to ask creation of a publicly controlled corporation to finance various activities, outside the intelligence-gathering field, which have been covertly supported by the CIA in the past.

In the Senate, Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.) plans to offer a bill to establish a fund to be financed by private foundations. They would be required to contribute an amount equal to 15 per cent of the grants they make. Failure to contribute to the funds, he said, would mean loss of tax exemption.

Both measures would be aimed at assisting openly the overseas undertakings of student groups, educational and trade union organizations such as have been revealed recently as secret recipients of CIA funds.

Under the House proposal the various activities would be entrusted to an institute of international affairs. It would be managed by a nine-member board of directors composed of private citizens and government officials.

The nine board members would be appointed by the President, and would be subject to Senate confirmation. The majority would come from the private sector.