

SENATORS STUDY C.I.A.'S SUBSIDIES

Ex-Student Aides Heard at
3-Hour Secret Session

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The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in closed session, inquired for three hours today into the relationship of the Central Intelligence Agency with the National Student Association.

Details of what went on during the executive session were difficult to come by, although committee sources confirmed that there had been two witnesses.

They were Philip Sherburne, immediate past president of the student group, and Michael Wood, formerly a fund-raiser for the group.

It was Mr. Wood who first charged publicly that the intelligence agency had been subsidizing the international activities of the association and a number of other student groups.

The chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator J. W. Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas, refused to discuss today's inquiry other than to tell reporters:

"It's none of your business. We had an executive meeting, and I do not care to comment."

In another development today relating to the intelligence agency's ties with nongovernment organizations, an American student group urged Congress to create an independent agency that would openly continue Government financial aid to private organizations that

had received secret funds from the agency.

Student directors of the Collegiate Council for the United Nations, an organization with chapters on 400 American college campuses, said the "duplicitous" of the secret funding of ostensibly independent, nongovernment student groups had done "grievous damage to the international goodwill, close working relationship and mutual trust that has been painstakingly built over the past years between United States student groups and their counterparts overseas."

In a statement, officials of the student group, which is affiliated with the United Nations Association of the United States, declared that it was vital that groups that had renounced assistance from the intelligence agency now be "funded by means which do not call into question their credibility as independent organizations."

The collegiate council, founded in 1946, said it had received no funds from the intelligence agency and called for the "complete cessation" of secret funding of private organizations by that agency.

A statement signed by 12 of the council's 14 student directors said it was the responsibility of individuals, private foundations and corporate donors to support worthwhile international and cultural exchange activities of student, labor and other American associations.

But the statement said that the experience of student groups during the 1950's, when there was popular suspicion and "McCarthyite fear and mistrust of liberal groups, particularly of youth and students," indicated that private philanthropies probably would be slow to fill the void caused by withdrawal of intelligence agency funds.

"Until the private sector fulfills this responsibility," the students' statement said, "we recommend the establishment of

a new agency charged with funding these valuable operations."

The agency should receive private as well as Government funds, the statement said, and a majority of its directors should represent private groups, such as students, the press and organized labor.

The Collegiate Council strongly supported the National Student Association and the United States Youth Council, the country's largest student organizations. Both of them are reported to have received money from the intelligence agency.

It was learned today, how-

ever, that the youth council was in a dispute with officers of the National Student Association and the United States Student Press Association, two of its constituent groups, over the youth council's decision to continue accepting funds from a foundation identified as a conduit for the intelligence agency.

W. Eugene Groves, president of the National Student Association, said today that his group was "suspending relations" with the youth council "until we are satisfied that all its relations with and receipt of money from C.I.A. have been terminated."