

Former CIA Chief Offers to Head Berkeley Campus Investigation

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in McCone, former Central Intelligence Agency director, said today he is willing to lead up an investigation of the University of California if the work is free of political interference.

This would be a "blue ribbon commission" inquiry into faculty and student affairs omitted by Ronald Reagan, Republican nominee for governor, who said in a television film that if elected he will remove the University from politics.

In the meantime, however, the 55-year-old actor has made the University a major issue in one of the Nation's hottest political battles of the year. Democratic Governor Edmund "Pat" Brown accused Reagan of "hunting for headlines at the expense of one of the world's truly great centers of learning."

McCone is a member of Reagan's campaign committee.

Investigated Watts

Months before he joined the Reagan camp, the Governor picked him to investigate the August 1965 riots in the Watts district of Los Angeles.

"That was different," Brown said.

"It is incredible to suggest the CIA investigative approach to the University."

Student demonstrations reached a peak on the Berkeley campus in the fall semester of 1964. Academic life was practically back to normal last year under the new chancellor, Roger Heyns.

Yet last spring, months after Heyns's arrival from Michigan, Reagan told a GOP rally at the San Francisco Cow Pal-

ace that if elected he will demand a legislative investigation of the University.

He may have been unaware that a joint committee of the State Senate and Assembly, chaired by Democratic Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh, already was reviewing the entire university and state college structure.

Overruled Himself

When Reagan recently announced his plan to "draft" McCone, he was asked what had happened to his legislative committee proposal.

"I have overruled myself on that one," he replied.

This weekend, Reagan got the endorsement of Dr. Max Rafferty, California's controversial Superintendent of Public Instruction. Reelected in June to what is officially a non-partisan post, Rafferty said he would support Reagan because Reagan can do more for education than Brown.

Rafferty, an educational

fundamentalist, has submitted identical questionnaires to both candidates. Brown resented this approach and charged that the questions were loaded to favor Reagan. Among other things, Rafferty asked:

"If elected will you meet with the University of California regents and exert the leadership necessary to persuade them to adopt regulations which prevent treasonable and immoral conditions from existing within the University?"

Former Democratic State Chairman Roger Kent declared, "This questionnaire is a phony, based on the assumption that there were treasonable and immoral activities on the Berkeley campus. Would you believe that Reagan and Rafferty wrote the questionnaire together?"

Reagan denied collusion, said he had no advance knowledge of Rafferty's endorsement.