

Mrs. Gandhi Alleges CIA Activities

NEW DELHI, Oct. 3 (UPI)—Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's attack on the activities of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency in India raised fears in U.S. embassy circles here today of further damage to Indian-American relations.

Mrs. Gandhi told a local Congress Party meeting yesterday that she had information that the CIA had become active in India.

She asked the party workers to be vigilant and to counteract the CIA's activities.

Mrs. Gandhi did not say precisely what the CIA was doing in India. "It is not for us to prove that this agency is working in our country," she said. "It is for the CIA to prove that it is not active in India."

Sniping at the CIA has become traditional in India. Shankar Dayal Sharma, president of the Congress Party, resurrected the issue on Sept. 21 at a news conference. He accused the CIA of involvement in recent civil disturbances here.

At the time, a U.S. embassy spokesman said "Such accusations are outrageous and have no basis in fact." But the embassy declined to comment on Mrs. Gandhi's remarks.

In Washington, State Department officials denied her charges. Department spokesman Charles W. Bray was asked: "Are you privy to what the CIA is doing?"

"We are quite satisfied," he replied.