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BOSTON, FEB. 15 (AP)-A FORMER PUBLIC RELATIONS AIDE FOR THE NATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION SAID TODAY ITS FINANCIAL TIE WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY UNWITTINGLY PLACED THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN COLLEGE STUDENTS IN DANGER WHEN THEY VISITED COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

"ANY ONE OF THESE YOUNGSTERS COULD HAVE BEEN PICKED UP AS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ESPIONAGE APPARATUS AND BEEN COMPLETELY INNOCENT," SAID MISS MARGARET A. MURPHY, OF BOSTON, WHO WORKED FOR NSA IN 1955-58.

"IN 1959," HE SAID, "I WENT TO RUSSIA MYSELF IN ALL INNOCENCE." SHE SAID SHE THOUGHT IT WAS "SAFE TO ASSUME" THAT RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE WAS AWARE OF THE STUDENT GROUP'S AFFILIATION WITH THE CIA.

MISS MURPHY RECALLED A TOUR BY HUNGARIAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN 1956 AND A TOUR BY A RUSSIAN EXCHANGE GROUP IN 1958.

"BOTH TIMES I WAS THE PUBLIC RELATIONS PERSON SUPPOSED TO HANDLE THE VISITORS," SHE SAID, "BUT IN EACH INSTANCE OUTSIDERS WERE BROUGHT IN TO DO THE JOB. IT SEEMS OBVIOUS NOW THEY WERE CIA."

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