

# Students Tell CIA Approach Money, Draft Deferments

WASHINGTON — (AP)—With money, draft deferments and the threat of jail, the Central Intelligence Agency laid "an ethical trap for young men of great integrity," say leaders of the National Student Association.

To the CIA it was a valuable weapon in the back-alley struggle of international espionage.

But to the students involve it became an agony and horror.

In the end, the moral strain on the students became too great and it shattered the 15-year secret relationship between the government spy agency and the nation's largest student organization.

## STATEMENT

That was the story told last night by leaders of the NSA as they emerged from three days and nights of discussion of the crisis.

But they plan to continue the student organization.

In a statement read by Samuel Brown, chairman of the 10-member supervisory board of the NSA, leaders said they received between \$1 and \$2 million in hidden CIA funds through 21 foundations and individuals.

Brown named six — Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs, Catherwood Foundation, San Jacinto Fund, Independence Foundation, Sidney and Esther Rabb Foundation and a individual, R. A. Smith.

This was the first mention of the Catherwood Foundation's involvement.

Brown also said last year's president, Philip Sherburne, told the board there were 15 other foundations and individuals that had channeled smaller amounts of CIA funds to NSA.

## 15 OTHERS

For its part, the CIA got strong U.S. student representation at world conferences, information about politics and student activities in foreign lands and a line on their rising young leaders.

The information was given to CIA agents in informal meetings in restaurants or on the street, Brown said.

The selected individual was given a security check

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by the CIA without his knowledge, Brown said, and if he passed, was called in for a discussion with NSA leaders.

Usually only one or two top leaders were aware of the CIA's role.

## CLASSIFIED

"He was told there were certain things about the NSA that he was not aware of," said Brown, "and that it would be helpful to him in his job to have certain information that was available only from classified sources.

"So he was told he would have to sign a security oath, and at that point, after he had signed, he was told about the CIA involvement. He couldn't get out without breaking his oath. He was trapped."

Brown said the CIA told the students that if they broke the oath and disclosed the spy agency, they might go to jail for as long as 20 years.

"I feel it was disgusting, horrible, that a person could be duped into such a relationship with no way out," said Brown.

## OUTSIDE AID

Eugene Groves, NSA president, said the decision to end the relationship was reached last summer and that since then efforts have been made to obtain independent financing so the CIA involvement could be ended.

"That involvement has been ended," he said, but added the rent-free headquarters building remains a problem.

The NSA either will move or try to find a non-CIA source to pick up the payments, he said.

One thing is certain, Groves said, and that is that NSA will stay in business.

It most likely will get out of international activities, however, he said, and concentrate on its domestic programs and services to 1.3 million students at the 300 affiliated colleges.

Brown said the NSA would withdraw from two international youth organizations — the International Student Conference in Leyden, Holland, and the World Assembly of Youth in Brussels. Unless they disavow ties with the CIA.

## 90 PERCENT

An NSA member said the CIA has paid up to 90 percent of the two organizations' costs.

In other developments:

• A House subcommittee questioned CIA Director Richard Helms and later issued a statement praising the agency for giving the undercover aid "to counter



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**SAMUEL BROWN**  
Tells CIA activity

Communist attempts to take over foreign student organizations . . ."

• Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.) said the decision for the CIA to aid the NSA was "that of the government itself acting through a representative of the President." But he did not make clear which President he was discussing.

• New York University said the CIA canceled a scheduled recruiting drive at NYU's Greenwich Village campus because it was swamped with student applications.