

C.I.A. IS CRITICIZED BY CONSERVATIVES

Many Are Puzzled by Help
to Liberal Association

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Conservative politicians and youth leaders have been puzzled and outraged by the exposures that the National Student Association received about \$3-million from the Central Intelligence Agency in the last 15 years.

Leaders of such groups as Young Americans for Freedom and the Young Republicans, and such individuals as Fulton Lewis 3d, the radio commentator, have frequently attacked the student association for its liberal views. The disclosures about the association's financing came, all agreed yesterday, as a "great shock."

In general, conservative leaders interviewed here and in Washington reiterated their opposition to the student association. But they had even harsher words for the intelligence agency.

Representative Donald E. Lukens of Ohio, a former political chairman of the Young Republicans, and Representative John E. Hunt, Republican of New Jersey, called for a Congressional investigation of "how much C.I.A. money has been channeled to private organizations which was used for leftist purposes having nothing to do with the conduct of the cold war."

Agency Assured

Representative James B. Utt, a conservative Republican from California, implied last week that the intelligence agency might even be responsible for the views of the student association. He observed that the association had called for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, supported the admission of Communist China to the United Nations and opposed American policy in Vietnam.

Reports of agency contributions, Mr. Utt asserted in a House speech, "raises grave questions as to whether or not N.S.A., in calling for the many questionable things which it has called for, was speaking for the American college students or one of its principal financial sponsors, the C.I.A."

Some right wingers favored closer Congressional supervision of intelligence agency operations. Such outspoken liberals as Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, Democrat of Minnesota, have been demanding improved supervision for years without great success.

"This should point out that something needs to be done about greater overseeing of the C.I.A." declared David Franke, editor of The New Guard, the magazine of Young Americans for Freedom.

Mr. Lewis, who has spoken on about 850 college campuses in the last five years, often against the student association's policies, said Congress should "sit down and consider whether its relationship with the C.I.A. should be revamped."

Charles Lichenstein, director of publications for the Free Society Association, said:

"It strikes me that the C.I.A.'s operations were very ineptly run. It is an obvious article of faith in the intelligence business that you don't inform a handful of students year after year about highly delicate operations and expect to maintain security."

Others were particularly upset that the agency had subsidized such a liberal organization.

J. Daniel Mahoney, state chairman of the Conservative party in New York, declared:

"I think that the C.I.A. choosing N.S.A. to further American foreign policy throws

the political acuity of the C.I.A. into grave question."

Mr. Fanke added:

"I wouldn't be surprised to see picket lines manned by both ends of the political spectrum the next time the C.I.A. recruits on a campus."

The reaction of the conservatives comes as some political observers are saying that the intelligence agency was a "haven for liberals" during the early nineteen-fifties, when the agency's link with the student association was first forged.

McCarthy Cited

The observers assert that the agency was more willing than the State Department and other Government agencies to defend its employees against the anti-Communist crusades of the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin.

The conservative politicians unanimously opposed agency subsidies to conservative youth

groups working in the international field. Mr. Mahoney suggested that subsidies could be made openly by the Government to worthy groups.

Some found a wry humor in the disclosures.

"We knew we were fighting the policies of a liberal Government all those years," said Mr. Franke. "But we didn't know we were fighting the Government so directly."