

'Unfortunate'--Hart

Check of CIA Sought

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich., called yesterday for closer congressional supervision of the Central Intelligence Agency because of its role in subsidizing the National Students Association.

"I don't pretend this will guarantee against either stupidity or worse," Hart said in an interview. "But we certainly should know to a degree more fully than we do what CIA is going to do with this money."

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Hart suggested regular reviews of CIA activity by congressional watchdog groups.

The Michigan Democrat was strongly critical of the secret CIA contributions to

the student organization to finance NSA representation at international conferences attended by Communist student groups.

"If private money was not available," he said, "then I have no quarrel with public money being made available. But of all the agencies of government which would be the least desirable, in my book, would be the CIA."

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Labeling the CIA involvement with the student organization as "unfortunate" and "regrettable," Hart said "whether true or false, it will now be assumed by our neighbors around the world that these young people were not speaking their minds but were speaking a party line."

"That" he added, "is what

we think of the Communist delegations that come here."

Further, Hart said he felt the CIA involvement had destroyed "the confidence of student campus leaders across the country in their own organization."

Hart acknowledged that "the nation does need for its survival, (intelligence) operations that must never get in the newspaper and must never be debated on the floor of Congress." But he said that was no defense for the CIA using the student organization.