

Humphrey Brands As 'Sad' C.I.A. Aid To Student Groups

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PALO ALTO, Calif., Feb. 20 — Vice President Humphrey said today the financing of student groups by the Central Intelligence Agency represented "one of the saddest times, in reference to public policy, our Government has had."

He voiced hope for a "reformation of the C.I.A. that would confine the agency to 'intelligence-gathering purposes.'"

Mr. Humphrey answered questions in Memorial Auditorium on the Stanford University campus before a capacity audience of 1,700. About 250 students and faculty members walked out, by prearrangement during the session, drawing this observation from the Vice President:

"The first sign of immaturity, dogma and doctrine and intellectual tyranny is a person's unwillingness to stay and listen."

His comment brought a standing ovation from some or the remaining crowd.

'Not At All Happy'

Mr. Humphrey visited Stanford at the invitation of the University Political Union. He appeared at an hour-long question-and-answer session with a panel of students and faculty members putting questions to him.

On the issue of the intelligence agency giving financial aid to the National Student Association and other groups, he said "These student organizations should remain free and independent."

He said he was "not at all happy about what the C.I.A. has been doing" and said he was glad President Johnson had asked for a full investigation.

Some in the audience laughed when, asked to differentiate between President Johnson's views on Vietnam during the campaign in 1964 and those of Barry Goldwater, the Republican Presidential nominee, Mr. Humphrey replied:

"First, President Johnson is a man of restraint. He seeks to achieve limited objectives..."

After the meeting, a brief scuffle among students and policemen took place as Mr. Humphrey entered his car and headed for San Francisco.