

C.I.A. Aide Declines To Answer Queries Of Vassar Students

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POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y., Feb. 23—Several Vassar College students tried today without success to have questions answered about the Central Intelligence Agency's use of information and its methods of gathering it.

Max Wiecks, a recruiter from the agency's personnel office, refused during a meeting on campus to answer any questions that did not pertain to employment opportunities. This was his 10th annual recruiting visit here, and he said that the 70 students present represented the best turnout ever.

Students had been told of Mr. Wiecks's visit in a letter signed by 22 faculty members and published in *The Miscellany News*, the weekly campus newspaper, on Feb. 15.

The letter said the agency was involved in research projects at numerous universities and that American scholars abroad were thus viewed with suspicion. It urged students who planned academic careers "to consider how such careers may be affected by prior employment with the C.I.A."

The Vassar chapter of the Students for a Democratic Society publicized the recruiting meetings in a pamphlet circulated this morning in dormitories and in the campus post office. The pamphlet urged the students to attend the meeting to ask questions concerning agency activities.

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