

C.I.A. STUDENT AID ASSAILED IN SPAIN

Falangist Paper Scores Use
of 'Funds of Reptiles'

Special to The New York Times

MADRID, Feb. 23—The Falangist newspaper Arriba said in an editorial today that Spaniards who had accepted United States scholarships or travel grants that might have been financed by the Central Intelligence Agency had demonstrated that "more than one intelligence has prostituted itself under the impact of the dollar."

The editorial, which called C.I.A. funds the "funds of reptiles," referred to a statement by an official of the Netherlands-based International Students Conference that the so-called "democratic unions" of Spanish students had been financed by the United States intelligence agency.

A dispatch from Arriba's New York correspondent also quoted Ramparts magazine today to the effect that an official of the National Student Association in the United States traveled to Spain last year to meet Spanish students and to participate in anti-regime demonstrations.

Both the National Student Association and the International Students Conference were identified last week as groups that had been receiving subsidies from the intelligence agency.

News Agency Suggestion

A suggestion that Frederick E. Berger, the student association's director for Spain and Latin America, was sent to Barcelona last March by the C.I.A. was made here earlier this week by Cifra, semi-official Spanish news Agency.

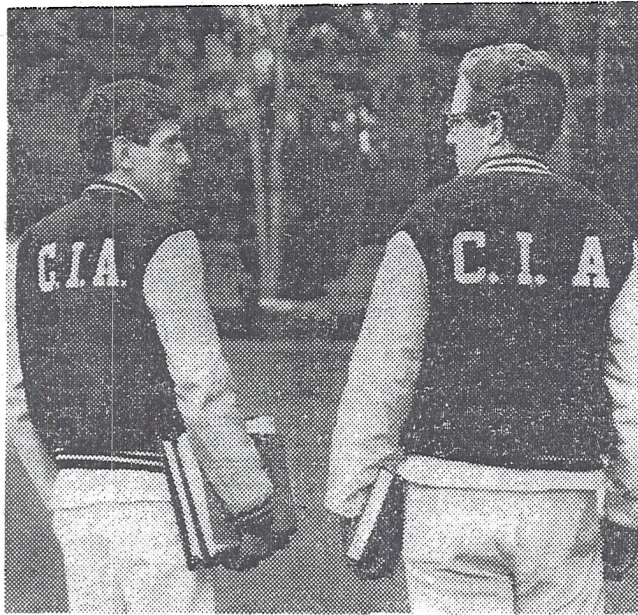
Mr. Berger and Wilfred Rutz, a Swiss citizen representing the International Students Conference, took part in a three-day sit-in at a Capuchin monastery in Barcelona last March when university students set up the antiregime "democratic union."

Both were subsequently arrested and expelled from Spain.

There has been no official protest thus far from the Spanish Government to the United States over the alleged involvement of the C.I.A. in this country's politics.

But officials privately have expressed surprise over reports that the intelligence agency may have sought to contribute to the subversion of a regime with which the United States has cordial relations.

There was no comment from American officials here, but concern was known to exist that the disclosures involving the intelligence agency might hamper Fulbright exchange programs of scholars, professors and students as well as other American-Spanish cultural programs.



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NO SECRET ON THEIR CAMPUS: While some universities disclaim any association with C.I.A., these two young men wear the initials proudly. They are students at the Culinary Institute of America, New Haven.

Free Trade Unions Deny Link

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BRUSSELS, Feb. 23 — The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions denied today that it ever had links "either directly or indirectly" with the Central Intelligence Agency or had received any funds from the organization.

A spokesman for the confederation said it had never received financial assistance from the Foundation of Youth and Student Affairs, as was reported in The New York Times last Sunday.

The information had been obtained from a brochure issued by the Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs of 1 East 54th Street, New York.

Harry H. Lunn Jr., the foundation's executive secretary, has been identified by officers of the National Student Association as a principal contact with the intelligence agency.

The brochure outlined the group's program and listed the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions among "a number of organizations which have received grants from the Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs."

Friends of Middle East Denial

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 — The American Friends of the Middle East, Inc., which student

leaders have described as a conduit for funds obtained from foundations connected to the Central Intelligence Agency, has denied knowing where the money originated. A statement released from the organization's headquarters here said:

"The American Friends of the Middle East has had no indications from any of its contributors that the funds contributed to A.F.M.E. originated from other than private sources or that the contributors are motivated for purposes other than the programs openly undertaken by A.F.M.E. which are matters of public record. A.F.M.E. is investigating to insure that this, in fact, is the case."