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A STUDENT OFFICER QUITS IN C.I.A. RIFT

Says Association Has Not
Made a 'Clean Break'

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WASHINGTON, March 9—A paid staff member of the National Student Association resigned today, charging that the organization's officers have not made "a clean break" with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Larry Rubin, 24 years old, the association's educational affairs director, said at a news conference here that top student officers had held "secret meetings with the C.I.A. and the State Department" on how much to reveal about the group's cooperation with and financing by the intelligence agency.

He said that subsequent association statements about the C.I.A. relationship were "hypocritical" and "lies."

Mr. Rubin, a student on leave from Antioch College, was denied use of the association's headquarters building and met newsmen on the sidewalk outside.

Some association spokesmen said later that Mr. Rubin represented "a faction" that wanted to dissolve the 20-year-old organization and replace it with another. Mr. Rubin could not be reached for comment on that assertion. He was said to be returning to Antioch, at Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Denied by Student Officers

Association officers, including Eugene Groves, this year's president, denied Mr. Rubin's charges.

They recalled that in several published statements spokesmen for the association had reported meetings on the strategy of disclosure with C.I.A. representatives, and they said these statements had accused the agency representatives of "intimidation" in urging their student counterparts not to talk freely.

"Larry must not have read the newspapers," one student spokesman said.

President Johnson was asked at his news conference today about the controversy over the C.I.A.'s role in financing private groups.

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"I regret very much some of the intemperate statements and some of the severe criticisms that have been made of various Government agencies, including the Central Intelligence Agency," he said. "I don't think any of us are happy to see our nation divided and see our country upset about situations such as Mr. Katzenbach is now studying."

Heads Special Inquiry

Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach is heading a special group appointed by Mr. Johnson to investigate the matter.

Mr. Rubin said that association officers had met with C.I.A. officials on four occasions in late January and early February, before the disclosure Feb. 13 by Ramparts magazine that the group had been receiving C.I.A. money.

He said the January meetings were at the Marriott Key Bridge Motel in Rosslyn, Va., just across the Potomac River from Washington.

Richard Stearns, the association's international affairs vice president, said today that there had been meetings then with C.I.A. officials.

He said that agency representatives had proposed a variety of ways of denying the Ramparts report. However, he said, Phillip Sherburne, the association's president 1965-66, persuaded the group to make a public acknowledgment of its involvement, which it did on Feb. 17.