

Officers Bid Student Group Cut Its Links to Overseas 'Coldwar'

**Urge 'Unilateral Withdrawal'
From Leiden Conference—
Anti-Johnson Drive Hailed**

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COLLEGE PARK, Md., Aug. 14—Officers of the National Student Association called today for "unilateral withdrawal" of the group from the "cold war of international student politics."

In reports to the association's annual congress meeting here at the University of Maryland, the officers recommended that the group end its ties with the International Student Conference in Leiden, the Netherlands, and stay independent of the International Union of Students in Prague.

The International Student Conference was organized in 1950 by the United States and Western European nations when they believed the International Union of Students had become an agent of Soviet foreign policy.

The student conference, like the National Student Association, received a large percentage of its operating revenue from the Central Intelligence Agency. Richard G. Stearns, the association's international affairs vice president, said the student conference might collapse anyway because of financial troubles.

Association officers disclosed that the International Student Conference also received small contributions from the Foundation for International Student Cooperation in Britain. The officers said they believed that the foundation was a front for the British intelligence agency.

The disillusionment of many of the 1,200 delegates with the cold war in general, and American foreign policy in particular, was illustrated further this afternoon at a symposium. A former president of the association received an ovation when he called on students to campaign against the re-election of President Johnson on the issues of the war in Vietnam and the draft.

Allard K. Lowenstein, a New York lawyer who was president of the association in 1951, urged the students to organize "Nonpartisans against the President." Speaking on a panel that was discussing the future role of the student association, Mr. Lowenstein declared:

"This Congress can be a launching pad for a decision to make 1968 the year when students help change a society almost everyone agrees is headed for destruction."

Mr. Lowenstein is the only former president of the association who has appeared at the congress. Many former officers appeared in previous years, often as formal or informal representatives of the C.I.A. A vice chairman of Americans for Democratic Action, Mr. Lowenstein was president the year before the association started receiving funds from the C.I.A.

Association officers also said



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W. Eugene Groves, president of the association, presenting its views during the meeting yesterday.

they would have serious doubts about accepting money from any foundation established on the recommendation of a committee headed by Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Mr. Rusk was appointed chairman of the committee by President Johnson last spring, after it was disclosed by Ramparts magazine that the C.I.A. had been financing the international activities of numerous student, labor and political groups.

W. Eugene Groves, president of the association, said the Rusk committee would reportedly recommend a foundation with a board of directors composed of both Government and private officials. The foundation would use Government funds to finance the kinds of programs formerly financed by the C.I.A.

"I don't see how such a foundation could be anything but an appendage of the State Department committed to the immediate goals of American foreign policy," Mr. Groves said.

He noted that association had not been consulted by the Rusk committee.

However, the officers acknowledged that they had had virtually no success in attracting private funds to finance an international program. The Ford Foundation and other sources have rejected applications for about \$300,000 to run a Peace Corps for foreign students in this country and an exchange program with Latin-American students, Mr. Stearns said.