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THERE IS
A GREAT
DEBATE

International Debates Dates Definite

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CIA MONEY BACKS STUDENTS

CUS Received \$3,000 - No Strings Attached

(CUP)--The American State Department revealed Tuesday (Feb. 14) that the Central Intelligence Agency has been a secret financial backer of the National Student Association for more than ten years.

The NSA plays a prominent role in the International Student Conference (ISC), the American counterpart of the Russian-dominated International Union of Students. By accepting CIA funds, it was implied the American student association was under CIA control, and thus a mouthpiece for the CIA instead of the voice for the one million American college students it represents.

NSA president Eugene Groves said 'The relationship apparently originated because the Central Intelligence Agency believed that a strong American national union of students acting internationally (in the ISC) was in the national interest'.

Philip Weddell, editor of the U.S. student magazine Moderator, has accused the CIA of using threats to keep the NSA from publicizing the fact that it was receiving CIA financial aid.

By Monday, Feb. 19, the Canadian Union of Students, along with 25 other organizations, had also been identified as receiving contributions.

In 1965 and 1966, CUS received twin \$1,500 payments from the Foundation of Youth and Student Affairs (FYSA), an alleged CIA front organization.

The money went toward financing two student conferences, Doug Ward, president of CUS said, and at no time did FYSA or the CIA attempt to influence the course those meetings took.

Ward and past president Pat Kenniff said that they hadn't known FYSA was connected with CIA until last week.

Monday, Feb. 20, CUS asked Prime Minister Pearson 'to protest strongly the covert intrusion of the CIA' into CUS affairs and to provide 'assurance that the RCMP is not engaged in any similar operations'.

On Tuesday Feb. 21, it was revealed that the RCMP have conducted annual interviews with leaders of Canada's largest student organizations, but haven't yet offered money in exchange for information gained.

Ward described as 'friendly' an interview he had last summer with an RCMP official at CUS headquarters. A request from Ward that the talk be 'considered public and non-confidential' was met by the RCMP.

'In addition to expressing interest in receiving information on the traditional eastern European student politics, the officer mentioned that he was particularly interested in knowing about subversion in Canada.

'I refused to involve myself or the union (CUS) in such activities,' Ward said. 'Since then, there has been no further communication with the RCMP.'

Canada's solicitor general Law-

rence Pennell on Wednesday Feb. 23, supported RCMP questioning of Canadian Union of Students officials.

It is essential that the RCMP question persons from all walks of life if it is to discharge its responsibility for national security, he told the Commons.

This includes students, he said. Mr. Pennell said that he had been advised the RCMP does not supply funds to students or student organizations to induce them to act on behalf of the force.

The Great Debate is to be held-- positively, absolutely, and finally on March 31, April 1 and April 2nd.

This was announced on Tues. Feb. 28th at an emergency meeting of the Debating Society by International Debate Co-ordina-

The York U. choir won three firsts and one second at last weekends Kiwanis International Music Festival.

Sixty singers, under Dr. McCauley, won in these divisions: the 'All women's choir', the 'Open choir', and the 'University choir'.

They will compete at Expo during early May.



DAVIES RECOMMENDS BETTER STUDENT AID

The Report of the Special Committee on Student Awards has been made public by Hon. William G. Davis, Minister of Education and University Affairs. The special committee was appointed last fall to review the provincial student aid program as a result of protests from students and university officials across the province. Its recommendations were made with only 1967-68 in mind. Following are some of the main points of the report.

The Committee has recommended that need be given priority over course year as the basis of any sliding scale or other scheme for a differential grant-to-loan ratio. Additional funds that can be provided for improving the grant-to-loan ratio in 1967-68 should be used to enable the placement of an absolute ceiling (preferably \$500, otherwise \$600) on the loan component of the award. Further funds should be used to increase the proportion of grant money as recommended by the Committee. For 1967-68 the first \$150 of any award received by a student from another source should not be deducted from the OSAP amount.

For married students it recommended the institution of a special loan fund which would allow them to obtain assistance for family maintenance without meeting the criteria of the Canada Student Loans Plan, in this regard. As a substitution it recommended a variation in the basic maintenance allowance em-

ployed in assessing financial need in accordance with the cost of living index in the area concerned. It also recommended an increase in the allowance for baby-sitting charges where wives are employed; freedom of the institutions to supplement assistance without reporting; a review of the existing maintenance allowance for married students; and a study of the costs to be met by their married students by universities and other post-secondary institutions.

Recommendations were also made in the area of parental responsibility. The report stated that any full-time student who is registered in a program leading to a degree or a diploma and who has completed successfully three academic years of his program should be considered to be an 'independent' student. It also should be made clear that in case of doubt the student should consult the Student Awards Officer in his institution. It further recommended that the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education should be asked to study the question of parental contribution.

Concerning the application form, the Committee advised that it be simplified considerably. Included in this was the deletion of any reference to family assets other than annual income.

Finally it recommended the creation of a continuing committee with broad representation to advise the Minister of Education

tor Mr. Harry Lipskar.

Telegrams have been sent to all participating teams concerning the change and already most universities have reconfirmed their appearance.

Among the American Universities competing are Harvard, Princeton, U.C.L.A., Michigan State and Columbia. Michigan State are presently ranked No. 1 in U.S. debating rankings and the No. 2 & 3 teams Augustina College & Bowling Green University will also be in attendance.

A spokesman for one of the American teams said that never before had so many top Universities been assembled for one debate.

Mr. Lipskar commented that interest at some American schools was so high that they had withdrawn from their own National Championships scheduled for the same weekend. At Harvard for example, he said 96 students had already signified their intention to compete for the two places on the Harvard team.

Mr. Lipskar stressed that interest in tickets from Metro area High Schools was extremely heavy and therefore tickets would be available to York students exclusively for one week only Monday March 6 to Friday March 10.

The price of the tickets will be \$6.00 which includes two days of round-robin debates, the final debate featuring the Russians on Sunday, a folk concert on Friday evening and a dance Saturday night. A total of four bands will play at the dance, three of the animal variety and one 'normal' dance band.

Tickets will be on sale each day in both dining rooms from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Atkinson students may obtain their tickets from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. nightly in either Burton auditorium or the lecture hall.

After March 10, tickets will be sold to Metro Area High Schools and nearby universities and York students who have not purchased a ticket by that time may find themselves without one.

Further details concerning the debate are expected to be released at a Friday March 3rd meeting of the debating society.

and University Affairs upon matters related to student awards.

The report shows that the Committee complied to some extent with the demands, of students and university officials. These included the recognition that financial aid be made available to students largely on the basis of need; an increase in the proportion of grants in the award; simplification of the means test; removal of the mandatory parental support stipulation; and the right of campus financial aid officers to adjust individual awards. It was also complained that no consideration is given for geographical location or low-paying summer jobs.

Mr. Davis is expected to announce details of next year's SAP shortly, and it is expected that he will accept most of the recommendations of the Committee.