

U.S. student group financed by CIA

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CUP)—The largest student organization in the U.S. has been financed secretly for more than ten years by the Central Intelligence Agency.

The disclosure Feb. 14 by the American State Department has threatened the future of the National Student Association, especially in the U.S.-backed International Student Conference, and has promised a new storm in academic circles over the spy agency's operations.

The NSA plays a prominent role in the ISC, the American counterpart of the Russian-dominated International Union of Students.

By accepting CIA funds, the American student association is by implication under CIA control, and thus a mouthpiece for the CIA instead of a voice for the one million American college students it represents.

NSA president Eugene Groves revealed the financial connection after Ramparts magazine said in newspaper advertisements it would expose "how the CIA has infiltrated and subverted the world of American student leaders."

"The relationship apparently originated because the CIA believed that a strong American national union of students acting internationally was in the national interest," Groves said.

Meanwhile, in Ottawa, Canadian Union of Students officials have been flooded with calls from news agencies trying to find out whether CUS receives money from the Canadian government or even the RCMP.

"We'll be lucky if we can get money from industry," laughed CUS president Doug Ward.

In saying CUS is an independent voluntary organization, Ward suggests the CIA grants to NSA "should help to destroy the myth that only Russians back hockey teams or student organizations."

"This further justifies our disengagement from international organizations—something I have been working for for the past three years. This is not to be confused with our involvement in international political affairs," cautioned Ward.

CUS has associate membership status and no vote in both the International Student Conference and the International Union of Students.

Student organizations of this type have been made "conscious instruments of a rather pathetic cold war," the CUS chief said.

Council faced with shake-up

Reorganization group plans executive, legislative split

Students' council will have its face lifted within the next year if the council reorganization committee has its way.

Monday, reorganization committee chairman Dick Low was to recommend to council that the present council be split into separate executive and legislative bodies.

The executive members would sit in the assembly (legislature), but the assembly would choose its own president and conduct business on its own schedule.

The executive would be organized along the lines of a modern large scale business.

It would consist of a president and five vice-presidents—finance, academics, public affairs, programs, and organizations.

Each vice-president would be responsible to the president for his department; the chairmen of various committees within a department would be responsible to their vice-presidents.

The system is designed to have more specialization at the executive level, and to have more delegation of responsibility from the executive down. Executive members would not ordinarily sit on any committee meetings; the chairman of that committee would report results to his vice-president.

NEW GOVERNMENT

The reorganization committee is making the recommendations after studying student council systems at the universities of British Columbia, Toronto, Washington, Oregon, Brigham Young and Utah.

"This basic system has proven effective in all universities of 12 to 20 thousand students," said Low. "It is an efficient system. I think it will work for us."

The system would tend to decentralize student government, he said.

"It would be possible for groups like the Campus Involvement Association and the Student Union for Peace Action to work within the framework of student government. They would become the responsibility of a vice-president to whom they could report," said Low.

"I would like to see this instituted by next year's election. The new building will not be properly operated under the current system.

"The present system was instituted when we had 5,000 students.

CUS involved with CIA

By Canadian University Press

OTTAWA—The Canadian Union of Students is among 25 organizations identified as receiving contributions from foundations connected with the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

The New York Times reported Sunday CUS was one of the student organizations receiving contributions from CIA-connected foundations.

And a Progressive Conservative member of parliament promised Sunday night he would renew questioning of Prime Minister Pearson on alleged CIA grants to Canadian university groups.

Eric Winkler (PC, Grey-Bruce) claimed in a telephone interview that \$220,000 had been made available to student groups in Canada under CIA auspices "to carry on surveillance work of red infiltration in university organizations."

NFCUS GRANTS

The Times report included the National Federation of Canadian University Students, as CUS was known until late 1963, in a list of groups receiving grants from the New York-based Foundation for Youth and Students' Affairs (FYSA), allegedly a CIA-front organization.

CUS past-president Pat Kenniff, contacted in Quebec City, said CUS had applied for and received a grant from FYSA to sponsor two seminars on international affairs—one in 1964-65 and the other in 1965-66. CUS received about \$1,500 from FYSA.

CUS president Doug Ward in Ot-

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—Lynn Hugo photo

LET DELTA SIGMA PHI PUT YOU IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT — Little Billy Bubblegum seems intrigued with the Delta Sigma Phi entry in this year's VGV ice statue competition. He should, because they won the grand aggregate trophy—they had the weirdest conglomeration of sticks, bailing wire, ice and demented genius. The vehicle is not too safe though, for as anyone can see, there are no tail lights.

'Canada needs more dreamers' claims B of G's Desrochers

Canada should be made up of dreamers who heed the admonitions of the realists without adopting their attitudes.

Louis Desrochers, vice-chairman of the Board of Governors, presented this view in a somewhat unorthodox but effective speech at the Appreciation Banquet in the Jubilee Auditorium Thursday.

Speaking on "Canada and the University Student," Mr. Desrochers approached his topic by relating imaginary dreams of some Canadian figures "who we all agree existed."

One of these was Chomedey de Maisonneuve whose subconscious "operated at a breathtaking pace." He dreamt, among other things, of Expo 67.

"The most striking image of his dreams was that of thousands upon thousands of young Canadians—mostly from universities—becoming justifiably proud of their country," said Mr. Desrochers.

Mr. Desrochers also dealt with Francois Montmorency - Laval whose dream occurred shortly after he launched post secondary education in Canada, two years before Confederation.

"In his dream," said Mr. Desrochers, "he saw James McGill, Marshall Tory and many others carry on the same work in all parts of Canada."

POPULATION EXPLOSION

"He saw the multiplication of universities and their population explosion.

"He squirmed a little in his sleep when he saw the astronomical capital and operating budgets of all these universities," said Mr. Desrochers, "particularly those of The University of Alberta."

"He squirmed even more when he felt the impact of the governmental reaction to these budgets," he added.

According to Mr. Desrochers,

William Lyon Mackenzie could also be classified as a great Canadian dreamer. He visualized university students of 1967 as a more dedicated and less materialistic and carefree group than most of their predecessors.

But not all the dreams Mr. Desrochers cited were optimistic.

"Stephen Leacock," he said, "saw that in 1967, university structures at all levels would become so complex that all those attached to universities would be less able to laugh at themselves."

"The nightmare became even worse when he saw his (Leacock's) application for an appointment as lecturer in creative writing refused for lack of academic qualifications... a literary lapse."

In closing, Mr. Desrochers said, "As I imagined each dream, I came to realize that all the Canadians I singled out were, in fact, great dreamers."

"Thank God they were."