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# DULLES BACKS CIA SUBSIDIES

## Says Cold War Made Aid To Students Necessary.

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Washington, Feb. 15—"That's when the cold war really was a war."

Thus Allen W. Dulles, the 73-year-old man who served longest as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, tonight justified use of CIA funds to counter Soviet activity among the world's student groups.

Interviewed in the book-clustered study of his Georgetown home, Dulles, who resigned from the CIA in 1961 after serving there under three Presidents — Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy—refused to get upset over congressional howls about the disclosure that its funds once financed activities abroad of the nation's largest college student organizations.

### Soviet Festivals

He recalled that in the early post-war era the Soviet Union was spending large sums on student front organizations which organized in Eastern Europe many world youth festivals.

Such festivals, attended by large delegations from the Soviet Union, drew youngsters not only from Western Europe, but from the emerging nations of Asia and Africa. In many cases the Kremlin picked up the tab for such travel.

It was a costly proposition for American college youth to cross the ocean and attend affairs of this kind, and American viewpoints often were unrepresented or represented only by Americans with a Russian travel subsidy.

### Private Financing

Private foundations, it was said, were chary about financing trips abroad and related activities by American youth, believing it was "political" and that it might put in jeopardy other work by the foundations.

"Are we to leave the whole field entirely to the Russians?" Dulles asked.

"That's when the cold war really was a war. Those early post-war years.

"That's when President Truman, and President Eisenhower realized how serious was the Soviet pressure against the Western world. That's when we had the Truman program to save Greece and Turkey and the Marshall Plan to rehabilitate and save Europe.

### "Worth Every Penny"

"If we had sat down and done nothing in those days, where would we be today. I think what we did was worth every penny."

"If we turned back the Communists and made them milder and easier to live with, it was because we stopped them in certain areas and the student area was one of them."

Dulles entered the CIA as deputy director in 1951, serving in that capacity under W. Bedell Smith, a Truman appointee. In 1953, after Eisenhower's election, Dulles was made director and served in that post until late in the first year of the Kennedy Administration, resigning after the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

Although President Kennedy acknowledged full responsibility for that affair, some of his White House lieutenants freely bandied about Dulles's name in an effort to absolve the President and themselves of blame.

### The Two Dulleses

Dulles is a brother of the late John Foster Dulles, who was Eisenhower's Secretary of State and was noted for the very firm line he took against international Communist activity.

Senator McCarthy (D., Minn.) suggested today, as he proposed a special Senate inquiry into CIA involvement with student and other domestic groups, that the role of the big intelligence agency had "become confused" when the two Dulleses were serving in their respective posts.

There has long been a school of thought in Congress and elsewhere that the CIA role should have been confined solely to collection of intelligence.

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