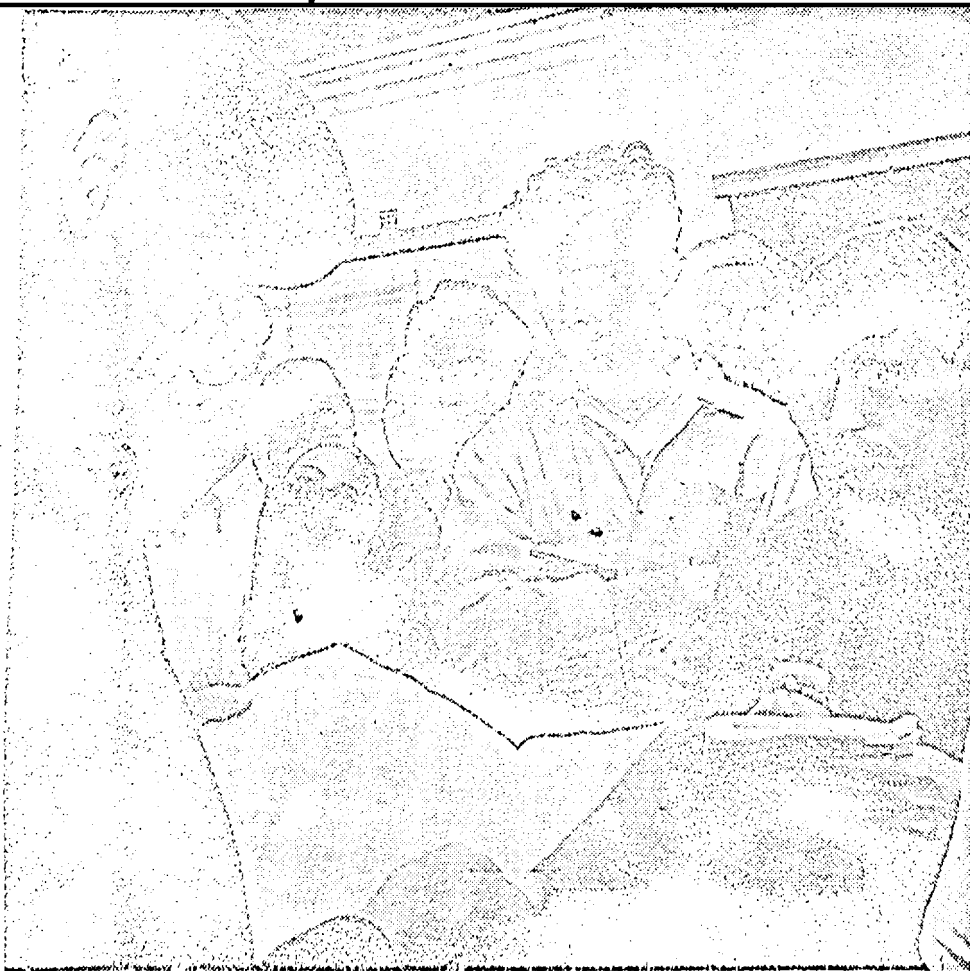


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Protesters On Campus Balk CIA

About 20 students disrupted a Central Intelligence Agency recruiter's interview schedule yesterday at the University of Maryland by sitting in front of the door to the interview cubicle.

The students, who said they were members of Students for a Democratic Society, dispersed in mid-afternoon after a Maryland State Police officer threatened them with arrest under the trespassing laws.

The loosely organized demonstration was staged on the first floor of the engineering building. One student said the group felt that the CIA helps rich corporations exploit poor people around the world. Another summarized, saying the CIA represents "basic evil."

Arnold Dammen of the CIA began interviewing job applicants about 9 a.m. The SDS members gathered on the floor outside the door about 11 a.m.

At noon, Bruce Ritter, University Director of Placement, and Dammen made their way out of the room, stepping over the students, and went to lunch. The students told him they would let the CIA man back into the room—"but it should be clear we might not let him out," one said.

Ritter told reporters then that he would not have Dammen continue the interviews "until it is safe for him to return."

As Ritter and other University officials discussed the problem in an office up the hall, the students sitting on the floor debated their strategy, disagreeing over whom to let in or out of the room, which since noon had been occupied only by a man who refused to identify himself.

About 3 p.m. the students began to leave. One explained: "The reason we are leaving is that this is no longer a confrontation or a disruption, it is just protest and we (SDS) have moved away from protest to resistance."

Whereupon, in the space of a few minutes, Ritter and the CIA man re-entered the cubicle; the students, seeing this, resumed their seats on the floor outside; the police officer told them to leave or face arrest; the students left.

At least three interviews were canceled during the time of the demonstration.

The CIA is scheduled to be recruiting on campus again Wednesday through Friday. SDS members again are expected to demonstrate.