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## On-Campus Talks By CIA Defended

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NEW YORK — President Grayson Kirk of Columbia University defended Monday the university's right to permit oncampus recruiting by the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, in a face-to-face dialogue with over 500 protesting students.

Last week a protest by over 100 Columbia students caused the university to cancel a series of discussions on employment opportunities between a personnel recruiter for the CIA and about 25 students.

Monday's confrontation, organized by the Columbia chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, came after the students had filed two-by-two into the law library, chanting "CIA must go."

The president said that "in making facilities of the university available for this kind of discussion, the university does not attempt to make value judgments about the organizations concerned."

The students maintained that by permitting the agency to hold employment discussions on the campus, the university

was implicitly endorsing the agency's activities.

Kirk said that the university had permitted the CIA recruiter to visit the campus because "a university is a place where free discussion on all matters affecting society is practiced." He added that "no student is obliged or urged to discuss such opportunities" and that "no government agency is specifically invited to send representatives."

In answer to a student's question about Columbia's relationship to the department of defense, the president said the university engages in a "small amount" of classified research, when, "in our judgment, the national interest is to be served."

Cries of "value judgment! value judgment!" were heard in the room after the president made this remark.

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