

MSU Accused of Aiding CIA Front

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Michigan State University was accused in a magazine article Thursday with having provided a front for Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) operatives in Viet Nam.

The university acknowledged the CIA presence, but said the article contained inaccuracies and distortions.

The accusation was made in the April issue of the monthly

magazine Ramparts, which said MSU also bought guns and ammunition for South Vietnamese security forces during the regime of President Ngo Dinh Diem, who was deposed and slain in 1963.

Terming the article "full of distortion and plan fabrication," an MSU official said the university's Viet Nam project was undertaken merely to provide ad-

vice for setting up police organizations and establishing a civil service program.

"We did not knowingly hire any CIA men — and when we found out about their role, we dropped them," said James Denison, director of university relations and assistant to MSU President John Hannah.

Denison denied guns and ammunition were purchased by MSU for the Vietnamese government. However, in its capacity as adviser, the university sometimes made recommendations on what equipment might be needed by security forces, he said.

MSU's international programs have ranged around the world in such areas as Nigeria, Turkey, Brazil, and Okinawa.

Most of the overseas operations are designed to help governments get started on projects such as agricultural planning, po-

lice administration and school programs.

The magazine said by advising the Diem government on police and security measures, MSU violated the 1954 Geneva agreement which limited the military capability of both North and South Viet Nam.

Ralph Smuckler, acting dean of the university's international programs, commented:

"The International Control Commission is the enforcement agency for the Geneva agreement. The ICC was aware of what we were doing in Viet Nam and never filed any complaints."

Although the article says that the six-year Viet Nam project—which ended in 1962—was worth \$25 million to MSU, Smuckler said the basic contract did not exceed \$1 million in any one year.

The article was endorsed in an introduction by Stanley Shienbaum, who was campus coordinator of the project for more

than three years and is now with the Center for Democratic Studies in Santa Barbara, Calif.

The article, by Shienbaum and Robert Scheer, said the MSU project showed "the decay of traditional academic principles found in the modern university on the make."

Stadium Plans Group Named

The Central Lane Planning Council (CLPC), a group of 10 local municipal agencies, has appointed a five-man committee to work with the University in the planning of the proposed North Bank stadium.

Named were CLPC Chairman Kenneth Kohnen, Gerald Attig of the Lane County Department of Public Works, Eugene City Manager Hugh McKinley, L. E. George of the Oregon Highway Dept., and Lynn McCready, the retired Eugene banker who headed the fund drive that raised more than \$1 million for the stadium.

University President Arthur S. Flemming agreed last week to have University planners of the stadium work closely with such a committee.

Schuyler to Speak At Sheldon High

George Schuyler, noted Negro columnist, will address a public audience in Eugene on Monday, April 18 at 8 p.m. Schuyler will speak at Sheldon High School auditorium, 2455 Willakenzie St., sponsored by the Emerald Empire Speakers Bureau.

The Negro columnist has climbed steadily in national prominence as a conservative leader. His recent speech at the University of New Hampshire was typical of his firm stand for free enterprise and the capitalist system. Schuyler said, "We must lead a crusade for freedom, and a return to the principles that made this country great. . . . We must not accept the alibis that all that is wrong is due to 'human nature' or the vicissitudes of urbanism or the inevitable workings of capitalism."

"People in the future," Schuyler has pointed out, "will look back upon the free enterprise capitalist system as the golden age of humanity which provided mankind for the first time with the mass means for the well-being of all."

Schuyler has also taken a firm stand against many of the current Negro "civil rights" tactics. "Proud of his race, he has fought all of his life for the betterment of the Negro in the United States and everywhere in the world," editorialized the Manchester Union-Leader.

Schuyler has taken the position that "the road to progress for the Negro in the United States was not to be found in street demonstrations, in riots, in Communist and Socialist led racial movements" (Union-Leader).

A staff editor of the Pittsburgh Courier, Schuyler is a much traveled reporter, having filled writing assignments as a foreign correspondent in South and Central America, West Africa, Angola, Rhodesia and Mozambique, as well as many European countries.

His impressive biography has appeared in every Who's Who in America since 1934.

The George Schuyler speech is open to the public and tickets will be available at the door. Prices are \$1.25 for adults and \$1 for students.

Alaska Cultures Study Continues

A University study of the pre-history of south central Alaskan cultures will continue this year under the direction of Albert C. Spaulding, former head of the department of anthropology at the University.

Spaulding's study will focus on the Athabaskan Indians in the Knik Arm region 60 miles from Anchorage. The study will be financed by a \$13,900 National Science Foundation grant.

Since 1960, University research teams have been doing field studies in the Katmai National Monument and other areas on the Alaskan peninsula, probing for evidence which would help to describe the cultural development of the people of the area through as much time as possible.

The previous University studies were concerned with Eskimo cultures on the peninsula. There are two distinct groups found in the area who were living in close proximity.

This year's study will extend further inland to the head of Cook Inlet in the vicinity of Knik Arm. Evidence has been found here of a group of Athabaskan speaking Indians. They are the only known Indian group to have migrated to the coast in southern Alaska.

The Athabaskans have never been the subject of a major archaeological study, and have rarely been mentioned in previous investigations of the area. It has been noted in past studies that they were inhabiting Knik Arm at the time of European contact but no further effort to pinpoint a date or define the culture that has been made.

Spaulding and two graduate students from the University will make the effort when they begin a 10-week field study in June.

Magazine Accepts Drake's Poems

Albert Drake, teaching assistant in English at the University, has had a poem accepted for publication: "For Monica Durrell, Daughter," in the Wormwood Review of Drake's other. Two of his poems, "Crap Game" and "Odyssey Beun," have been published in The Goodly Company.

Two of Drake's other poems, "Memory; I" and "Conversation With My Father," have been published in Trace, the Anglo-American Villiers quarterly.

ASUO Petitions Available Now

Petitions for 26 ASUO offices are now available in room 310 of the Student Union.

The following offices may be petitioned this term for the general student body election in May:

For the student body—president and vice-president;

For the Senate—six senators-at-large, three class representatives (one from each); one fraternity representative, one sorority representative, one men's co-op representative, one women's co-op representative, one men's off-campus representative, one women's off-campus representative, one married student representative, one upperclass men's dorm representative, and one upperclass women's dorm representative;

For class officers — sophomore, junior, and senior class presidents, and sophomore, junior, and senior class vice-presidents.

All persons petitioning must pick up a copy of the ASUO election rules when submitting petitions.

Faculty Members Publish Works

Two English department faculty members at the University have recently had works accepted for publication.

"The Hired Woman," a poem by Ralph J. Salisbury, associate professor of English, has been accepted by the Wascana Review of the University of Saskatchewan.

An article by Dudley L. Hascall, NDEA Fellow and part-time instructor in English, will be published in the William Morris Society Journal. It is called "Volsungasga and Two Transformations."

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