

Socialist Party suit names FBI

WASHINGTON — The Socialist Workers Party (SWP) still intends to continue its \$40 million suit against the FBI, even though the Justice Department has decided after 38 years to drop its fruitless investigation of the group.

The Justice Department yesterday announced that the FBI was ending its long probe, which had failed to produce any criminal charges. Department spokesman Robert Havel said Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi had determined in a

routine review that the party was not a serious and immediate threat to the country.

Justice Department standards set last spring permit intelligence-gathering investigations of domestic organizations only when the FBI has determined that the group presents a serious and immediate threat of harm to the country.

Party officials say they oppose violence and are working for a socialist system by running candidates for office and other peaceful means.

In New York, Cathy Perkus, a

spokeswoman for the Political Rights Defense Fund, which is financing the party's suit, said, "We don't believe that this was done routinely. It's no coincidence that they picked the one organization that has been laying bare all the FBI's abuses and illegalities. We think they did it in hopes that we would end the suit."

She said the SWP has no intention of dropping the suit, which was filed in 1973 and seeks \$40 million in damages and a permanent injunction against future harassment.

The lawsuit uncovered evidence which prompted the Justice Department to conduct an inquiry into allegations that the FBI carried out at least 92 illegal burglaries against suspected "extremists" during the past five years. Some of these break-ins were directed against SWP offices, the FBI acknowledges.

Levi's action was disclosed to the judge hearing that case, Thomas Griesa, in a letter Monday from Asst. U.S. Atty. William Brandt.

The party's presidential candidate, Peter Camejo, said Levi's order "is an historic victory for the democratic rights of all Americans. It's the first step in bringing to a halt the government's program of political spying and harassment."

Ms. Perkus said, "We think this is a tremendous concession they have made, an admission that the FBI has been wrong for 40 years."

"We're making no such admission," responded Havel, the Justice Department spokesman. "Levi is saying that under the guidelines it should be discontinued. This is not saying it was illegal over all these years."

Program begins; gifted seniors chosen

By KATHY HENDERSON
Texas A&M University will begin a career development program for gifted and talented high school seniors the last week in September. The University is working in conjunction with A&M Consolidated High School.

The department of Educational Psychology here has received a \$60,000 federal grant from the U.S. Office of Education for the project. Dr. Christopher Borman and Dr. William Nash are in charge of the program. Also working with them are Sharon Colson, principal investigator for the project, and three graduate students.

High school students interested in entering the program were nominated by students, parents, and teachers, Dr. Borman said. Fifteen students along with five alternates will be selected out of the 45 nominees, he said.

The screening process for nominees started August 1, Borman said. "We're not just talking about the top seniors in scholastics but those gifted in the arts and music," he said.

The nominees will take a series of tests covering intelligence, achievement and creativity this Wednesday through Friday.

Next week Borman and his staff will interview teachers and faculty at A&M Consolidated about the students' abilities. School records of

the students may also be used to select the twenty students.

The program itself consists of three phases. The first phase is the Guidance Lab which lasts six weeks, Borman explained. "They (the students) explore their interests, abilities, and various career areas in depth," he said.

The next phase is the Mentorship phase and lasts six to eight weeks. "Students will be assigned to a professor at the University and work with them in their respective departments," he said.

During the third phase students will serve internship with various career related businesses and industries, and be paid for their work through the project funds, Borman said.

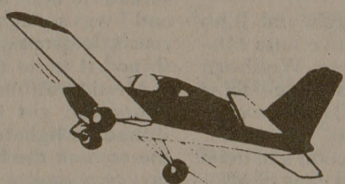
The students will spend two hours a day with the project and will receive high school elective credit for participation in the program.

The Department of Educational Psychology will be submitting reports on this project to the U.S. Office of Education during the program.

"We hope to publish a booklet on this program for schools around the country," Borman said. Many schools may start programs like this one, he added.

Borman also mentioned the possibility of these type programs extending from elementary school through high school in the future.

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Hughes' cousins say billionaire was Nevadan

HOUSTON — Three cousins of Howard Hughes have changed their minds and now contend the mystery billionaire was a Nevada resident when he died.

Anges Roberts, Elspeth Depould and Barbara Cameron earlier had claimed Hughes was a Texas resident.

They sent written answers to questions by Texas Atty. Gen. John Hill. Hill had asked them to explain why a petition they filed last May in Nevada said Hughes lived in Texas at the time of his death April 5.

The three replied that certain news articles and statements by

former Hughes aides led them to believe he lived in Texas. Shortly after they were included in a settlement between other Hughes relatives the three changed their minds and now say that Hughes lived in Nevada.

Harris County Probate Judge Pat Gregory has instructed all attorneys to proceed expeditiously with compiling information of legal residence.

The Houston Post said Tuesday it had learned that some leaders of the Hughes' empire have tried to limit information available to their attorneys who are trying to settle the estate.

An official of Summa Corp., the Hughes holding company, declined

to comment on the Post's story. Hill has said Texas possibly can collect more than \$300 million in inheritance taxes if Texas is determined to have been the legal residence of Hughes. Nevada has no state inheritance tax.

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