

2 Teacher Units Got CIA Funds

National and World Groups Received More Than \$1 Million

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More than \$1 million has flowed to two major teachers organizations through foundations linked to the CIA.

Recipients were the 983,000-member National Education Association (NEA) and the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession (WCOTP).

William G. Carr, who is both executive secretary of the NEA and secretary general of the WCOTP, confirmed yesterday that both organizations had received funds from the Vernon Fund. All available evidence points to the conclusion that the Vernon Fund is a creation of the CIA.

Carr did not confirm or deny that the Vernon Fund

was a CIA front. His office issued a short statement admitting the receipt of Vernon grants but Carr himself was unavailable for comment.

Other sources estimated that the NEA received more than \$60,000 from the Vernon Fund to bolster its Committee on International Relations. The Committee acts as a host to foreign educators who visit

Washington and represents the NEA in the WCOTP.

Nearly all the WCOTP budget comes from the Vernon Fund. For at least the last two years, it has received \$500,000 a year out of total budget of \$555,000.

It sponsors a wide range of programs to develop leadership among educators abroad.

A source said yesterday that exposure of the Vernon Fund "may cause the whole organization to fall apart. Many of the people we have dealt with abroad are now education ministers or hold other important government posts. That could be very embarrassing to them and to us."

In its publications, the organization emphasizes that it is "non-governmental" and "non-American." Its president and vice president are foreigners, and so is its governing board. But Carr has long been the key director of the organization.

The WCOTP has sponsored numerous seminars, particularly for educators in developing countries. It held a meeting in Singapore last fall for Asian educators and more recently sponsored a conference on illiteracy in Mwanza, Tanzania.

At its 1966 world-wide convention in Seoul, Korea, 355 delegates came from 50 countries. Sixty-one nations were represented in the 1965 gathering at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The WCOTP pays expenses for delegates from many countries.

L. Morgan Bates, adminis-

trative officer of the WCOTP, refused to furnish any details about the Vernon Fund without Carr's permission. Asked if he knew its address, Bates said he had "gotten in touch with" a representative of the Vernon Fund only by letter or telephone.

Bates, 52, said he had joined the WCOTP only a year and a half ago after a 30-year career in government. His last

job, he said, was a "sensitive post" at the Defense Department.

The Vernon Fund, listed only as a Washington foundation in tax records, does not show up in any of the usual directories.

The Vernon Fund has also received \$20,000 from the Cleveland H. Dodge Foundation, which in turn received funds secretly from the CIA-linked Edsel Fund.