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## **New CIA Financial Aid**

By Richard Harwood Washington Post Staff Writer The Central Intelligence Agency was at the center yesterday of a new furor over its financial infiltration of private organizations here and abroad. These were the developments:

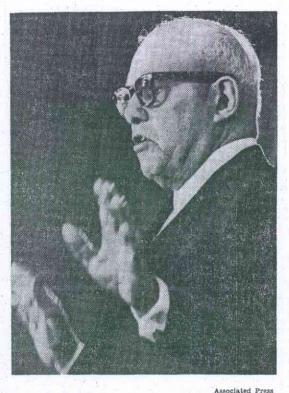
• The agency, it was learned, attempted in recent days to suppress portions of a Saturday Evening Post article by former CIA official Thomas W. Braden. The article contained details about the CIA's financial support of American labor officials, of a European tour by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and of the activities of the Paris-based Congress for Cultural Freedom.

 George A. Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, denounced Braden's article as "a damn lie" insofar as it dealt with the channeling of CIA funds-to the big labor Federation. Meany said the AFL-CIO had never taken money from the CIA and had never worked with the agency through the Federation's international experts, Jay Lovestone and Irving Brown.

• A trustee of the Boston Symphony, Henry B. Cabot, said the CIA "had nothing to do" with the orchestra's overseas tours. It was supported by State Department funds, he said.

• An editor of the Anglo-American magazine, Encounter, admitted in London for the first time that the publication had received CIA money prior to 1964. Melvin Lasky said Encounter was "an unwitting recipient" of CIA money supplied by the Congress for Cultural Freedom, which Lasky helped to organize in the late 1940s. Another editor of the magazine, British poet Stephen Spender, announced his resignation because of the CIA tie.

• Other sources revealed that CIA money had found its way into PEN, an international organization of poets, playwrights, editors, essayists and



George Meany at news conference over CIA activity.

novelists. About one half of PEN's budget, it was reported, was contributed as recently as 1965 by Radio Free Europe, a recipient of CIA aid. PEN also received funds through the Farfield Foundation, which in turn obtained money from a CIA conduit, the Sidney and Esther Rabb Foundation.

On its reported brush with Saturday Evening Post officials over the Braden article, the CIA had no comment yes-

## **Furor Erupts**

CIA payment to United Auto|only once-prior to the AFL Workers President Walter CIO merger-to pass on funds workers President Walter Reuther for labor organiza-tions in Germany, and close relationships between CIA and other American labor of-ficials operating in Europe, among them Lovestone and David Dubinksy's Intermetican David Dubinksy's International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Heavy subsidies for the nonin by the CIA through Love-stone, Brown and ILGWU, from CIA. Braden said.

Meany, at a press confer-Neither the old AFL nor the paper Guild continue its inter-Lovestone or Brown had ever had any dealings with the agency or had used any of its money.

The executive commission of the Force Ouvriere also issued a denial yesterday and protested "completely false reports which are obviously aimed at hurting free trade unionism."

Alleged Recipients

Despite Meany's denial there has been strong circumstantial evidence that CIA money has been used on a broad scale by American labor organizations including the Braden stated in the article the Retail Clerks, State, Coun-

put to Braden, who was un-American supplies could be these unions it was without available for comment. Alsop unloaded against the opposi-CIA "asked us to withdraw ers." He described a \$50,000 He said he had been asked

the agency had not seen the print." article until it was "in print".

terday. But a spokesman said the article. It was already in

Stewart Alsop, Washington that while serving as a CIA ty and Municipal Employees, editor for the magazine, said questions about the CIA's ef, forts to suppress portions of the article would have to be put to Braden, who was un-A merican spunlies could be these unions it was without to Braden, who was un-A merican spunlies could be these unions it was without said he could not say that the tion of Communist dock work- ostensibly private foundations.

Dubinsky, who attended Meany's press conference, also

denied any CIA involvement. The ILGWU, he said, used its Heavy subsidies for the non-Communist French union, Force Ouvriere, were pumped in by the CIA through Love-working man" in America, not

Meany announced at the meeting that the AFL-CIO ence yesterday, strongly de has agreed to put up \$27,900 nied Braden's allegations. to help the American Newspresent AFL-CIO ever re-national activities. The Guild, ceived CIA funds, Meany de-he said, no longer receives clared. He further denied that