

7/19/67 Newspaper Guild Got CIA Subsidy

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The American Newspaper Guild has accepted nearly \$1 million in CIA subsidies for a broad international program since 1961.

The CIA money was provided to Charles A. Perlik Jr., the union's secretary-treasurer, and deposited in a special "International Affairs Fund" by four mystery-shrouded private foundations that do not file public tax records.

At least one of them, the Andrew Hamilton Fund, of Philadelphia, was identified yesterday by Government officials as a CIA front. Spokesmen for the remaining three either were unavailable for comment or else refused to say whether they were conduits for the Government's clandestine intelligence arm.

In an interview, Perlik said that these revelations "will make our ability to function [abroad] useless."

"I have no doubt of their attitude if they learn that the money was coming from the CIA," the union official added. Never Asked

Perlik said he was "unfamiliar" with the background of any of the foundations with which the Guild has dealt in the last six years. Asked whether he knew CIA funds were involved, Perlik replied: "It was not a question that I

ever asked. It never concerned us. All I know is that I was never asked to do anything."

The Guild, a member of the AFL-CIO, represents editorial, commercial and some maintenance employes on newspapers, magazines, wire services and some broadcasting media. Guild locals function in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

The Guild's international activities are channeled through two organizations: the International Federation of Journalists, headquartered in Brussels, and the Inter-American Federation of Working Newspapermen's Organizations in Panama.

The Brussels-based unit was formed in 1952 as a counterweight to the Communist-dominated International Organization of Journalists. Its sole international representative is Ronald A. Watts, a former president of the Rochester, N.Y., Guild local.

Watts, who has held the post since its creation in 1962, has traveled extensively in Asia and Africa, forming new affiliations with the International Federation. His salary and expenses are met by the Guild through its International Affairs Fund.

The Latin-American group is more commonly known, by its Spanish initials, as FIOPP. It is affiliated with 29 news-

paper trade union organizations from 24 countries in the Western Hemisphere. Only Chile, Uruguay, Costa Rica and Communist Cuba are not represented.

FIOPP, formed in 1960, receives virtually all of its funds from the Guild. "The Guild runs the show," Perlik said, "because the Guild has the dough. It's as simple as that."

Perlik has served as co-chairman of the Latin group since its creation. Its Panama-based international representative is John K. Sloane, a long-time Guild employee.

For the nine months ended Jan. 31, 1967, the entire \$202,000 income of the Guild's International Affairs Fund has come from the Broad-High Foundation of Columbus, Ohio, and the Chesapeake Foundation of Baltimore. Neither of these donors is listed in any foundation directory.

The Chesapeake Fund, which provided \$102,000, is administered by George W. Constable, partner in a Baltimore law firm. The Broad-High Fund is administered by Darold I. Greek, partner in a Columbus lay firm. Neither man was willing to comment last night.

Perlik said that after the Guild decided to start an extensive international program in 1960, he wrote about 50 foundations seeking financial aid.

The first outside source to

respond, according to the union's official reports, was the Granery Fund of Philadelphia. In 1963, Granery said it had to terminate its aid but put Perlik in touch with the Andrew Hamilton Fund as well as the two foundations that now support the Guild programs.

Perlik said the various CIA-linked foundations have contributed more than \$900,000 to the Guild since 1961. In recent years, he said, the overseas programs have been maintained at an annual cost of about \$200,000.

Perlik reported that he was the sole Guild officer that deals with the two foundations. Richard Davis, the Guild's director of international affairs, said he did not even know the names of the two foundation lawyers.

Perlik noted that the Guild's international programs had repeatedly been questioned at the union's annual conventions. But he said, the delegates lifted their objections when they were assured that they were almost entirely funded through payments by non-Guild foundations.

Perlik said he expected to attend a FIOPP executive committee meeting in April "assuming there's one to go to."

"When this all over," Perlik said, "I doubt that anyone will ever again accept another penny from a foundation."