

CIA's Hand In Unions' Operations

Involvement Since
World War II Being
Traced in Records

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AN AMERICAN TRADE UNION agent walked into the American Bar in Helsinki three years ago with several friends. A stranger stepped up, addressed him by name, identified himself as an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency, and asked the union man to take a CIA assignment.

"How do you know me?" the union man asked.

"By this picture," the stranger said, producing a photograph.

The likeness had been clipped from a group picture of a dozen union leaders who had attended the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., the previous year on fellowships supposedly provided by a Texas oil millionaire.

The Post-Dispatch disclosed this week that the money actually came from the CIA. The Texas philanthropy, the Marshall Foundation, was used for five years as a "pass through" for CIA funds from dummy foundations into organizations and programs that the CIA financed.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas B. Marshall of Houston, Tex., distributed modest amounts of their own. In addition, they passed along as much as \$120,500 in one year to the Cornell school as well as substantial amounts to such other CIA projects as anti-Castro propaganda broadcasts to Latin America. Cornell now is investigating its CIA involvement.

THE CONVERSATION at the American Bar in Helsinki went on from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m. The CIA agent wanted the union man to leave his union assignment that week and start a three-month course at the workers school at the University of Wisconsin in preparation for an unspecified CIA assignment. Another CIA agent would get in touch with him there, he was told.

"We're both fighting the same enemy,"

the CIA man said.

"We're doing a pretty good job fighting the Communists on our own," the union man replied.

He turned down the offer. Later, after returning to the United States, he was telephoned by a representative of the American Institute for Free Labor Development, which carries on union organization work, welfare projects and political activities in Latin America with the support of private industry, the AFL-CIO and the Agency for International Development.

There have been many indications but no proof that AIFLD is a creature of the CIA. In addition to aiding in housing projects across Latin America, its representatives helped overthrow Dominican President Juan Bosch in 1963 and helped the military dictatorship in Brazil bring labor unions there under government control after the overthrow of President Joao Goulart.

Graduates of the Cornell school often went to work for AIFLD or for one of the international trade union secretariats, federations that in some cases have been infiltrated by CIA agents and funds.

ARNOLD ZANDER, former president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, has confirmed the main facts of a New York Times report this week that CIA men and money were used under cover of the union to help defeat Cheddi Jagan, the leftist prime minister of the former British Guiana. Zander denies having known that CIA money or agents were involved and indicates that the objectives of the CIA and the union were, in any case, parallel.

The Times reported that two CIA agents, ostensibly employees of the union, helped organize strikes in 1962 and 1963 against the Jagan regime. Zander had arranged for the union's international affiliate, the Public Services International in London, to receive contributions from 1959 to 1964 from the Gotham Fund, now known to be a conduit for CIA money.

CIA involvement in union affairs began shortly after World War II, in the period of sharp ideological conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union. Just as youth conferences and festivals were ideological battlegrounds, so were trade union activities.

Trade union and CIA sources say that the interests in the international movement are directed by Cord Meyer, who long entered the CIA after heading the Communist Party.

American unions that appear to be ranked by CIA funds for their activities are the Retail Merchants Association, the International Association of Petroleum and Chemical Workers, and the American Federation of Labor.

The American Federation of Labor sets attorney General Ramsey Clark's "ordinary Fund," which is a "pass through" for contributions to the "making contribution" to the "purpose to the" amount in 1965 was