

NEA Is Challenged On Issue of CIA Funds

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President Charles Cogen of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, invited the arch-rival National Education Association yesterday to join his group in joint disclosure of any Central Intelligence Agency activities in either organization.

The AFT, said Cogen, "has never engaged in any covert activities." Nor, he added, has the union accepted funds covertly from the CIA. Cogen cited press reports that indicate the NEA and the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession have received such funds.

William G. Carr, executive secretary of NEA and secretary-general of the WCOTF, replied that the Association "has been paid no money by the Central Intelligence Agency."

Carr added: "I have no reason to question the independence of the foundations which have made grants to the National Education Association." He said NEA's accounts were audited yearly, and the auditor's report was "widely available" to its members.

The Cogen-Carr exchange was one of at least three instances yesterday of further fallout in the academic community stemming from disclosure of the CIA's covert funding operations.

Two professors of Government at American University, Daniel M. Berman and C. Dale Story, circulated a letter protesting "a serious conflict of interest" because two officials of the American Political Science Association were also officials of an independent research group that has received money from foundations used by the CIA.

The letter called for officials of the APSA to terminate "any financial ties with governmental intelligence agencies."

The pair involved, APSA Executive Director Evron M. Kirkpatrick and Treasurer Max M. Kampelman, are president and vice president, re-

spectively, of Operations and Policy Research, Inc., a Washington concern that has received grants from the United States Information Agency as well as from foundations linked to CIA activities.

Neither Kirkpatrick nor Kampelman were available for comment on the letter yesterday.

A panel of four former APSA presidents, named recently to investigate CIA activities within the academic community, said yesterday a preliminary review shows Kirkpatrick's work with OPR "violated no policy of the Association with respect to outside activities of its staff."

The panel added: "We are informed, moreover, that all of the work of OPR was open, factual, and intended for publication, and that the organization performed no intelligence functions."

In a third development yesterday, the New York-based Collegiate Council for the United Nations called for establishment of an independent agency chartered by Congress, through which both public and private funds could be channeled for the time being to finance such things as the international activities of student groups.