

# A Growing Roster Of CIA Subsidies

## Business Leaders Involved

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### Washington

There was mounting evidence yesterday that leaders of American business establishments have been deeply involved in the covert operation of the Central Intelligence Agency in the United States.

In Dallas, Texas, a charitable foundation intimately associated with the Republican National Bank and other major companies, apparently has served as a channel for at least \$580,700 in CIA funds since 1958.

One of the foundation trustees is Federal Judge Sarah T. Hughes, who administered the oath of office to President Johnson following the assassination of President Kennedy.

### HOUSTON

In Houston, another foundation closely identified with the Texas business community, has apparently passed on \$655,000 in CIA funds since 1953.

The foundation's principal assets are in the form of stocks and bonds. It has been reported that the time to be taken for the payment is to be made through the U.S.

In New York, Ed Whitney Debevoise, a distinguished lawyer who served as deputy U.S. High Commissioner in Germany from 1952 to 1953, was identified as the principal officer of the American Council for the International Commission of Jurists which has received, under another name, \$655,000 from known

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CIA front groups. One of Debevoise' law partners in Francis P. Plimpton, an intimate of the late Adlai Stevenson and a former U.S. delegate to the United Nations.

### BOSTON

In Boston, Paul Hellmuth, partner in a leading New England law firm, has been identified as a trustee of two foundations that have received and passed on regular contributions from four CIA fronts.

In New York, Arthur A. Houghton Jr., president of Steuben Glass and a director of its parent company, Corning Glass Works, has been associated with still another alleged CIA-supported organization — the Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs.

From a review of the names of the trustees between the CIA, the parent establishment, the American legal community and other legal organizations will be surfaced in the days ahead.

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National City Bank in Houston. The foundation had assets of \$43.6 million in 1964 and owned major blocs of stock in the Bank of the Southwest of Houston, Anderson, Clayton & Co. of Houston, and Texas Foundries in Lufkin, Texas.

Beginning in 1958, the Anderson Foundation's tax returns showed receipts ranging from \$45,000 to \$170,000 a year from the Gotham Foundation, Borden Trust, the Beacon Fund, the Price Fund, the Tower Fund, Williford-Telford Fund, and San Miguel Fund.

### RECEIPTS

The total receipts from these sources between 1958 and 1964 was \$655,000, a sum that precisely matched the Anderson Foundation's grant to an organization called the American Fund for Free Jurists, Inc., in New York. The fund is now called the American Council for the International Commission of Jurists.

The Gotham, Borden, Beacon, Price and Tower foundations have been identified publicly by the Patman subcommittee as CIA fronts and that identification has been confirmed by officials in the Anderson Administration who are at a point to show the links. The San Miguel fund and the Williford-Telford fund are also believed to be fronts for the transport of CIA

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The beneficiary of the foundation's apparent CIA disbursements — formerly known as the American Fund for Free Jurists, Inc. — is located in New York at 730 Third avenue. Its executive secretary Ronald Levin expressed shock at the question of CIA financing.

"I've only been here about a year," he said, "and I have absolutely no knowledge of CIA involvement."

### GRANT

Levin said he believed that his organization has received a grant in 1966 from the Anderson foundation, which would have been in addition to the 655,000 dollars the foundation had reported in the years through 1964.

The main function of his organization, said Levin, is to raise funds for the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva. He described the commission as a group of 31 eminent legal scholars and lawyers from 29 non-Communist countries. One of the commission members is Debevoise, a partner in the prestigious New York firm, Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons & Gates.

The commission, according to Levin, publishes studies concerned with "the protection of individuals from arbitrary government." He said it has not been a philosophical partisan in the cold war and has published critical studies of legal conditions in both Communist and non-Communist countries.

### FINANCING

As for the financing of the American branch, Levin referred all questions to Debevoise, who was identified as the organization's board chairman.

Efforts to reach Debevoise failed.

The second Texas foundation with links to CIA channels is the Hohlitzelle foundation, named for the family of Karl Hohlitzelle, board chairman of the Republic National Bank, president of Texas Consolidated Theatres, Inc. and president of Interstate Circuit, Inc. It had assets of \$21.7 million in April, 1965.

### FUNDS

Beginning in 1953, the Hohlitzelle foundation began making major grants to the International Cooperative Development Funds, about

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