

Foundations Linked to C. I. A. Are Found

FUNDS IDENTIFIED AS GO-BETWEENS

One Student Group, a Rival
of Soviet-Controlled Body,
Was Established in 1950

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Foundations that have been channeling Central Intelligence Agency funds to the National Student Association have also been helping to subsidize at least four other youth organizations.

It could not be determined what portion of the money came from the C.I.A. and what portion was given by private sources, either independently or at the request of the intelligence agency.

The four other youth organizations are the International Student Conference of Leyden, the Netherlands; the Independent Research Service of New York; the United States Youth Council of New York, and the World Assembly of Youth of Brussels.

Officers of the two foreign-based organizations could not be reached for comment.

Eugene A. Theroux, a graduate of the Pratt Institute and director of the Independent Research Institute, said in a telephone conversation that his group had received funds from the Independence Foundation. He said, however, that he had not been able to talk to officers of the foundation to ask whether the funds came from the C.I.A.

James D. Fowler, president of the United States Youth and Student Council, acknowledged in a telephone interview that his organization had obtained money from the foundation for Youth and Student Affairs, but he said he had no reason to believe that his group had been "covertly unded." Neither he nor the other officers have a "relationship with the C.I.A.," he said.

All, according to officers of those organizations and records uncovered today, have been receiving funds from the Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs of New York, the Independence Foundation of Boston and the San Jacinto Foundation of Houston.

The three foundations have been identified by student officers as conduits of C.I.A. money to the association.

Funds to Women's Group

A fourth foundation with apparent C.I.A. connections, the J. Frederick Brown Foundation of Boston, Mass., has been making contributions to a New York-based women's group called the Committee of Correspondence. The committee works with women's groups in foreign countries.

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The most important of the four organizations is the International Student Conference, a confederation of student unions from 80 non-Communist countries. It has served as a counter-poise in international student affairs to the Soviet-controlled International Union of Students.

The organization was founded in 1950, shortly after the outbreak of the cold war when it became apparent that without an effective rival, the Communist organization would dominate international student politics.

It finances international student conferences, such publications as the multi-lingual magazine *The Student*, holds student seminars and funds student exchange and scholarship programs.

It has taken a liberal but almost always pro-Western position on world issues.

Analysis of Support

According to a study of the International Student Conference's financial statements for 1964-66 made by the Canadian Union of Students, the organization received most its support during this time from the Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs and the San Jacinto fund.

In this period, only about \$45,000 of the conference's yearly income came from dues and contributions of member student unions, while about \$650,000 a year was supplied by foundations, most of the funds by the two C.I.A.-connected foundations.

The San Jacinto Fund, for example, paid the \$125,000 yearly costs of the magazine, *The Student*, and half of the expenses of the organization's conferences in 1964 and 1966, which cost about \$270,000 each.

The Canadian Student Union estimated that between 80 and 90 per cent of the total conference programs were financed by funds from American foundations.

Officers of the International Student Conference could not be reached today for comment.

Arthur Houghton Jr., president of Steuben Glass of New York and also president of the Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs, obliquely acknowledged in a statement issued today by his office that the foundation had cooperated with the "Government," but he refused to elaborate.

"If at any time I have cooperated with our Government on matters affecting the national interest, that is my own affair," he statement said.

Mr. Houghton asserted that the foundation had "never placed conditions on the grants that it has made."

Denies Work for C.I.A.

Harry H. Lunn, executive director of the foundation and a president of the National Student Association in the mid-fifties, denied today that he was

an employe of the C.I.A. but declined to say whether he had served as an intermediary between the intelligence organization and student groups.

Mr. Lunn has been identified by student association officers as one of the principal contacts with the C.I.A.

He also denied that the foundation's funds came from the C.I.A. and said that "all the money has come from the Houghton family and members of the board." The Houghton family has a major financial interest in the Corning Glass Company of Corning, N. Y.

Mr. Lunn acknowledged that the foundation had made "substantial contributions" for many years to the four youth and student organizations.