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LOS ANGELES (AP)-THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IS TRYING TO HIRE THE BEST STUDENTS IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, A FORMER CIA DIRECTOR SAYS.

RETIRED VICE ADM. WILLIAM F. RABORN JR., WHO HEADED THE AGENCY IN 1965 AND 1966, TOLD THE COLLEGE FEDERAL COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FRIDAY:

"THE CIA IS RECRUITING THE CREAM OF THE CROP IN U.S. COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE ASHAMED THAT THEY WORK IN A DIFFICULT AREA."

HE SAID THE CIA IS "A NECESSARY PART OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE AND IS SOMETHING TO BE SUPPORTED."

THE FORMER DIRECTOR REFUSED TO DISCUSS WHETHER CIA FUNDS EVER WENT TO TOP AFL-CIO UNION OFFICIALS.

A UNITED AUTO WORKERS OFFICIALY RECENTLY SAID AGENCY MONEY DID GO INTO THE AFL-CIO.

RABORN SAID ONLY, "THE PRINCIPALS HAVE SPOKEN," TO A QUESTION ON THE MATTER.

THE RETIRED OFFICER URGED ALL-OUT SUPPORT OF THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY IN VIETNAM.

"THERE ARE INCIPIENT SIGNS OF DISLOYALTY TO THE PRINCIPLES WHICH HAVE MADE US GREAT," SAID RABORN OF SOME CURRENT AMERICAN OPINION.

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