

MEANY TO STUDY C.I.A.-LABOR TIES

A.F.L.-C.I.O. Head Opposed to Subsidies by Agency

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BAL HARBOUR, Fla. Feb. 24—George Meany said today that he would look into the allegations that some A.F.L.-C.I.O. unions received financial support from the Central Intelligence Agency.

The president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations was responding to a question at a news conference after reasserting his opposition to the subsidization of trade union activities by the Federal agency.

Mr. Meany said that he had no knowledge of any affiliated union's having received any funds, directly or indirectly, from the agency. But he said later that "I can assure you that I will look into it."

The labor leader said he would investigate by "asking questions here and there." He said he did not "think it will take too long to get what information I want to get."

But he declined to elaborate on how he would go about the investigation. He said he would not make the results public.

Mr. Meany heatedly denied that Jay Lovestone, the labor federation's director of international affairs, had ever been involved with the intelligence agency.

He called the columnist Drew Pearson a "liar" for having alleged that Mr. Lovestone had taken orders from the agency.

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